

Thomas Leander Hankins & Samantha Angeline Petty



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Thomas Leander Hankins and Samantha Angeline Petty



Left: Lee, Jimmy, Samantha, & Perry (standing); Right: Samantha & Lee

My father's maternal grandparents, Thomas Leander "Lee" Hankins and Samantha Angeline Petty, lived in Hopkins County, Kentucky.¹ Daddy was not yet three years old when Lee died, but he had one vivid memory of him. He remembered seeing his grandfather propped up in bed by a straight-back chair turned over to make a wedge and covered in pillows.² He did not talk much about his grandmother, but several of his sisters and their Uncle Jimmy called her strict.³

Lee, born on 13 June 1858 in Hopkins County, was son of Albert Hankins and Isabella Jane Goodloe.⁴ His siblings, two brothers and one sister, were John H., James W., and Mollie.⁵ Albert died when Lee and his siblings were children. The exact date of Albert's death is unknown, but Lee was probably seven or eight years old.⁶ The family lived near Albert's parents, Houston and Mary Hankins, prior to his death.⁷ Isabella Jane and the children moved near her father, John Emerson Goodloe, by 1870.⁸ She remarried twice—first in 1874 when Lee was fifteen years old and second in 1879 when he was twenty-one.⁹

Unlike Lee, Samantha lived in several locations during her childhood. She was born on 3 April 1861 in Dalton, Whitfield County, Georgia, to John R. Petty and Margaret E. Thomas.¹⁰ After the Civil War ended, the family moved back to Tennessee where they had lived before Samantha was born.¹¹ They likely went to Bradley County, where John's family lived, or neighboring McMinn County where they had previously lived.¹² By 1870, they lived in Logan County, Kentucky, and a few years later moved to nearby Hopkins County.¹³ Samantha was the third of John and Margaret's ten children. Her siblings were Melissa A., Henry Milton, Mary, Daniel, Joseph, Oliver Perry, Nathaniel, John, and W. O.¹⁴

Margaret died in Hopkins County on 28 July 1876 of complications from giving birth to her tenth child, who also died.¹⁵ Samantha was fifteen years old when her mother died, and she lost her father about the same time. According to family stories, John was an alcoholic and possibly abandoned the family even before Margaret and their youngest child died.¹⁶ Whether John left before or after Margaret died, he had

returned to Whitfield County, Georgia, where his father and some of his sisters lived, by 1878 when he remarried.¹⁷ It is doubtful Samantha or her siblings ever saw him again.

Samantha and her older brother, Henry Milton, stayed in Hopkins County, but the six younger children went to live in Forsyth County, Georgia.¹⁸ Five of them lived with Margaret's sister, Mary Thomas Echols, in Coal Mountain and one lived with a Tribble family in Cumming.¹⁹ Where and with whom Samantha lived during the nearly three years between her mother's death and her marriage is unknown. The fate of Samantha's oldest sister, Melissa, after 1870, is also unknown.

Lee and Samantha married on 14 May 1879 at the Hopkins County Courthouse in Madisonville.²⁰ The County Court named J. E. Day as Samantha's guardian on that day, probably because someone had to give permission for her to marry since she was not twenty-one years old.²¹ John Day, likely the same man, acted as surety for Lee and Samantha's marriage bond.²² Any further connection to Day beyond this remains unknown.

Lee and Samantha started their marriage in Earlington but lived in several towns and communities in Hopkins County. They lived in Earlington when Samantha gave birth to their first child, Thomas Richard, in 1880.²³ By 1882, when son Albert Elvie was born, they lived in Dalton—a community in Hopkins County, not Samantha's birthplace in Georgia.²⁴ Their other five children, all born while they lived in Dalton, were—Verda Waller (1884), Aggie Lee (1889), John Corum (1893), William Perry (1898), and James Bailey (1901).²⁵

The family returned to Earlington in 1903 but moved to Daniel Boone in 1905.²⁶ In 1908, they moved to Grapevine.²⁷ At some point between 1912 and 1920, they returned to Earlington and lived on McEuen Avenue.²⁸

Death hit Lee and Samantha's family hard. Three of their children died young—Aggie Lee at only twenty months old, Perry at 24 years, and John at 29 years.²⁹ Thirteen-month-old grandson Herbert—son of Elvie and his first wife, Ella—died in 1908.³⁰ Dick's first wife, Bettie, and their younger daughter, Roxie, died in 1909 leaving Dick with three-year-old Garah.³¹ Lee and Samantha and Bettie's parents, Robert A. and Amanda Smith, shared responsibility for Garah.³² John and his wife's second child, William Perry, died in 1916, before he was three months old.³³ Less than two years after John died in 1923, his widow, Gertie, died, leaving their two young children orphaned.³⁴ Lee and Samantha took Helen and Jewel to live with them.³⁵ In 1933, a third grandchild Ralph Raymond McCauley (son of their daughter Verda) died as an infant.³⁶ Samantha was still living when their daughter, Verda, died at age 57 in 1942.³⁷

Lee worked most of his life as a farmer, but he also spent years as a General Baptist minister.³⁸ He organized the Union Grove Church in Hopkins County in 1895 and Frederick's Chapel Church in neighboring Webster County in 1904. Lee served as minister for the 1st General Baptist Church of Tildon in Webster County, Union Temple General Baptist Church in Hopkins County, and Concord Church in Hopkins County.³⁹ He became the minister at Earlington General Baptist Church in April 1903 but had also preached there in 1897.⁴⁰

In August 1926, Lee and Samantha made their final move, which was to 704 West Broadway in Madisonville.⁴¹ Their daughter-in-law Gertie bought that house in 1923, two years before she died.⁴² In the settlement of her estate, the property was sold at public auction and purchased by Lee and Samantha.⁴³ This is the only property Lee and Samantha ever owned except for a one-fourth interest with his siblings in property they inherited from their mother's estate and sold.⁴⁴

Lee died on 23 April 1929 at their home in Madisonville of complications from diabetes which had kept him bedridden for some time.⁴⁵ Rev. W. D. Rich, pastor of the Earlington General Baptist Church where Lee had served as pastor, officiated his funeral at Grapevine Church the next day. Burial followed in the

Grapevine Cemetery. Lee belonged to the Beulah and Dalton Masonic lodges and the Earlington Masons conducted Masonic rites at the cemetery.⁴⁶

Lee's obituary, published in the Madisonville Messenger on 23 April, has several errors. It lists "surviving descendants" as four children and three grandchildren. Of those seven people, four of the names are wrong. Plus, Lee had fifteen, not three, living grandchildren at the time of his death. Son Albert Elvie was listed as A. G. Hankins, daughter Verda as Virgie, and granddaughters Garah and Helen as Vera and Ella. The three grandchildren listed were the ones Lee and Samantha helped raise, but they had other grandchildren.⁴⁷ Dick and Perry each had a son, Elvie had a daughter, and Verda had nine children at that time.⁴⁸ A second obituary, published the next day, did not name the children and grandchildren but did reference the same erroneous numbers.⁴⁹

About 1941, Samantha visited two of her nieces in Atlanta, and the story made the newspapers in Georgia and back home in Madisonville. The nieces took Samantha sight-seeing, including a visit to the Cyclorama, an Atlanta museum. Samantha was surprised to see "The Texas," a Civil War locomotive, on display there. She told her nieces about seeing the famous locomotive as a child during the war.⁵⁰

Samantha explained that when she was "a tot of five" a man came to their house and told her mother to hurry and take the children down to the railroad tracks. She said her father was away at the time fighting for the south. The man told her mother that "The Texas" was making a triumphant run through Dalton after re-capturing another Confederate locomotive, "The General," which had been taken by a band of Yankees. Samantha said they walked a half-mile to the station, and she remembered the crowd lined up as far as she could see on both sides of the track.⁵¹

Some of Samantha's memories about this event were a bit off. The Texas recaptured The General on 12 April 1862.⁵² Samantha was only one year old, not a tot of five.⁵³ Whether she remembered this happening or had simply heard the story often as a child, she clearly enjoyed seeing the old locomotive and even climbed up on it to pose for a picture for *The Journal* photographer.⁵⁴

At age 80, Samantha could read and thread a needle without glasses but wore them for "dress up" and to keep the wind out of her eyes. She still lived alone and did her own cooking, canning, and housework. Claiming three meals a day were too many, she had two—one at 9 a.m. and one at 3 p.m.⁵⁵

Samantha died on 7 January 1944 of influenza at the Hopkins County Hospital in Madisonville.⁵⁶ She had outlived all her siblings, four of her children, four of her grandchildren, and her husband.⁵⁷ Samantha was buried next to Lee in Grapevine Cemetery, following a funeral service officiated by Oscar L. Duncan at Barnett Funeral Home.⁵⁸

Endnotes for Thomas Leander Hankins & Samantha Angeline Hankins

¹ KY Cabinet for Health and Family Services, birth certificate (short form), 34938 (1926), David Hankins McCauley; Office of Vital Statistics, Frankfort; mother Verda Hankins; born 12 Jul 1926. “Kentucky, U.S., Death Records, 1852–1965,” digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/1222> : accessed 4 Sep 2013), death certificate no. 12255 (1942), Verda McCauley; from microfilm 7016130–7041803, KY Dept. for Libraries and Archives, Frankfort; Verda’s parents’ names. “Kentucky, U.S., Death Records, 1852–1965,” digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/1222> : accessed 4 Sep 2013), death certificate no. 12076 (1929), Thomas Lee Hankins; from microfilm 7016130–7041803, KY Dept. for Libraries and Archives, Frankfort, died 1929. 1860 U.S. census, Hopkins Co., KY, population schedule, p. 196, dwelling 1190, family 1190, Albert Hankins; digital images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/7667> : accessed 14 Feb 2010); from NARA microfilm M653, roll 374; Lee listed as Leander. “Kentucky, U.S., Death Records, 1852–1965,” digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/1222> : accessed 4 Sep 2013), death certificate no. 1387 (1944), Samantha Angeline Hankins; from microfilm 7016130–7041803, KY Dept. for Libraries and Archives, Frankfort; full name.

² “Kentucky, U.S., Death Records, 1852–1965,” 12076, 1929, Thomas Lee Hankins; died 23 Apr 1929. David Hankins McCauley, grandson of Thomas Leander Hankins and Samantha Angeline Petty, father of author.

³ Elizabeth McCauley Carver, Lois McCauley Dockins, Kathryn McCauley Tomes, and Jimmie McCauley Knight; grandchildren of Thomas Leander Hankins and Samantha Angeline Petty, aunts of the author. James Bailey Hankins, son of Thomas Leander Hankins and Samantha Angeline Petty, great-uncle of the author.

⁴ “Kentucky, U.S., Death Records, 1852–1965,” 12076, 1929, Thomas Lee Hankins.

⁵ “Died of Malaria,” *Bee* (Earlington, KY), 27 Jul 1905, p. 1, col. 5; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 4 Sep 2013); Isabella Jane Goodloe Hankins Devault’s obituary names her children.

⁶ Family story, passed down through the family from Albert’s granddaughter, Aggie Ann Hankins (daughter of Lee’s brother, James W. Hankins), is that Albert was found with a friend in a barn in the company of Confederate deserters, was accused of desertion, and shot.

⁷ 1860 U.S. census, Hopkins Co., KY, population schedule, p. 196, dwelling 1189, family 1189, H. G. Hankins and dwelling 1190, family 1190, Albert Hankins; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/7667> : accessed 14 Feb 2010); from NARA microfilm M653, roll 374.

⁸ 1870 U.S. census, Hopkins Co., KY, population schedule, Precinct #2, p. 20A, dwelling 18, family 18, John E. Goodloe and dwelling 19, family 19, Jane Hankins; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/7163> : accessed 14 Feb 2010); from NARA microfilm M593, roll 471.

⁹ Hopkins Co., KY, Marriages, 5-1874–8-1875: 212–213, Yates-Hankins, 1875; Hopkins Co. Clerk, Madisonville. Hopkins Co., KY, Marriages, 11-1877–3-1880: 405, Devault-Yates, 1879; Hopkins Co. Clerk, Madisonville.

¹⁰ “Kentucky, U.S., Death Records, 1852–1965,” 1387 (1944), Samantha Angeline Hankins.

¹¹ “Story of Railroad Train That Became War Hero,” undated clipping, ca 1941 from *Madisonville (KY) Messenger*, privately held by Sue Morgan London, Arizona, copy provided to Linda McCauley, Mt. Vernon, KY, 2004.

¹² 1860 U.S. census, McMinn Co., TN, population schedule, District #16, p. 146, dwelling 1068, family 1068, J. R. Petty; digital images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/7667> : accessed 5 Nov 2009); from NARA microfilm M653, roll 1262. 1860 U.S. census, Bradley Co., TN, population schedule, District #1, p. 157, dwelling 1309, family 1309, John Petty; digital images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/7667> : accessed 6 Sep 2010); from NARA microfilm M653, roll 1241.

¹³ 1870 U.S. census, Logan Co., KY, population schedule, Keysburg District, p. 33, dwelling 185, family 185, John R. Petty; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/7163> : accessed 5 Nov 2009); from NARA microfilm M593, roll 483. “Kentucky, U.S., Birth Records, 1847–1911,” digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/1213> : accessed 4 Sep 2013); 1874, Petty male child, father Jno Petty, Hopkins Co.; from Kentucky Birth, Marriage and Death Records (1852-1910), microfilm rolls #994027-994058, KY Dept. for Libraries and Archives, Frankfort.

¹⁴ 1860 U.S. census, McMinn Co., TN, pop. sch. Dist. #16, p. 146, dwell. 1068, fam. 1068, J. R. Petty; Melissa and Henry. 1870 U.S. census, Logan Co., KY, pop. sch., Keysburg District, p. 33, dwell. 185, fam. 185, John R. Petty; Melissa A., Milton (same child as Henry in 1860), Mary, Daniel, Joseph. 1880 U.S. census, Forsyth Co., GA, population schedule, Coal Mountain, enumeration district (ED) 78, p. 24, dwelling 240, family 240, J. M. Echols; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/6742> : accessed 5 Nov 2009); from NARA microfilm T9, roll 147; Mollie (Mary), Daniel, Joseph, Nathaniel, John.

“Oliver Petty, 72, Contractor, Dies,” *Constitution* (Atlanta, GA), 6 Feb 1943, p. 6, col. 7; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com>) : accessed 7 Jan 2021); identified Samantha and John as his surviving siblings. “Kentucky, U.S., Death Records, 1852–1953,” digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/1222>) : accessed 4 Sep 2013), 1876, W. O. Petty; from microfilm 994027–994058, KY Dept. for Libraries and Archives, Frankfort.

¹⁵ “Kentucky, U.S., Death Records, 1852–1953,” digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/1222>) : accessed 4 Sep 2013), 1876, M. E. Petty and W. O. Petty; from microfilm 994027–994058, KY Dept. for Libraries and Archives, Frankfort.

¹⁶ Lois McCauley Dockins and Vashti McCauley Wells, granddaughters of Thomas Leander Hankins and Samantha Angeline Petty, aunts of author.

¹⁷ Whitfield Co., GA, Marriages, Book A, 1852–1886: 132, Petty-Thomas, 1857; Whitfield Co. Probate Clerk, Dalton. 1880 U.S. census, Whitfield Co., GA, population schedule, Dalton, enumeration district (ED) 194, p. 50B, dwelling 170, family 175, M. J. Martin; digital images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/6742>) : accessed 15 March 2011); from NARA microfilm T9, roll 171; M.J. Martin was John R.’s sister, Martha J., household members included John Petty (John R.’s father), Angeline Petty Long (John R.’s sister).

¹⁸ 1880 U.S. census, Hopkins Co., KY, population schedule, Court House Dist #2, enumeration district (ED) 191, p. 308D, dwelling 231, family 231, Milton Petty; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/6742>) : accessed 3 Sep 2010); from NARA microfilm T9, roll 420. Hopkins Co., KY, Marriages, 11-1877–3-1880: 302, Hankins-Petty, 1879; Hopkins Co. Clerk, Madisonville.

¹⁹ 1880 U.S. census, Forsyth Co., GA, pop. sch., Coal Mountain, ED 78, p. 24, dwelling 240, family 240, J. M. Echols; Mollie (Mary), Daniel, Joseph, Nathaniel, John. 1880 U.S. census, Forsyth Co., GA, population schedule, Cumming, enumeration district (ED) 73, p. 357B, dwelling 49, family 52, James W. Tribble; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/6742>) : accessed 3 Sep 2010); from NARA microfilm T9, roll 146; Oliver P listed as adopted son.

²⁰ Hopkins Co., KY, Marriages, 11-187–3-1880: 302, 1879, Hankins-Petty.

²¹ Hopkins Co., KY, Guardian Bonds 1874-1885: 131, Miss S. A. Petty, 14 May 1879; Hopkins Co. Clerk, Madisonville.

²² Hopkins Co., KY, Marriages, 11-187–3-1880: 302, 1879, Hankins-Petty.

²³ AL Dept. of Public Health, death certificate no. 816 (1965), Thomas Richard Hankins; AL Vital Records, Montgomery; born 1880, birthplace Erlington [sic], KY.

²⁴ “Texas, U.S. Death Certificates, 1903–1982,” digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2272>) : accessed 25 Dec 2012), death certificate no. 31916 (1959), Albert E. Hankins; from TX Death Certificates 1903–1982, TX Dept. of State Health Services, Austin; born 1882, birthplace Dalton, KY.

²⁵ “Kentucky, U.S., Death Records, 1852–1965,” 12255, 1942, Verda McCauley; DOB 1 Dec 1884. Hopkins Co. Genealogical Society, editor, Hopkins County, Kentucky Cemeteries, Vol. IV (Utica, KY: McDowell Publications), p. 11; Prospect Cemetery, Dalton, Aggie Lee, dau of S. A. Hankins; DOB 3 Nov 1889. “U.S., World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918,” digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/6482>) : accessed 4 Sep 2013), John Corum Hankins, serial no. 2717, Hopkins Co., KY; from microfilm M1509, NARA, Washington, D.C.; John’s DOB 22 Dec 1893. Hopkins Co., KY, Marriages, 12-1920–6-1921: 79, Hankins-Hill, 1921; Hopkins Co. Clerk, Madisonville. “California, U.S., Death Index, 1940–1997,” database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/5180>) : accessed 10 Jan 2010), James B. Hankins, 1974, San Diego Co.; from California Death Index, 1940-1997, Dept. of Health Services, Sacramento; DOB 27 Mar 1901.

²⁶ “Short Locals,” *Bee* (Earlington, KY), 19 Mar 1903, p. 2, col. 1; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com>) : accessed 4 Sep 2013); notes Rev. Lee Hankins moved to Earlington from Dalton. “Church News,” *Bee* (Earlington, KY), 8 Jun 1905, p. 7, col 2; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com>) : accessed 4 Sep 2013), references Rev. Hankins of Daniel Boone.

²⁷ “Pumpkin Center Items,” *Hustler* (Madisonville, KY), 21 Feb 1908, p. 4, col. 2; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com>) : accessed 5 Mar 2021); Rev T. L. Hankins moved to Grapevine.

²⁸ “Local News of Interest,” *Hustler* (Madisonville, KY), 26 Apr 1912, p. 5, col. 1; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com>) : accessed 20 Jan 2021); lived in Grapevine. 1920 U.S. census, Hopkins Co., KY, population schedule, Earlington, enumeration district (ED) 93, sheet 3B, dwelling 62, family 74, Tom Hankins; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/6061>) : accessed 8 Jan 2010); from NARA microfilm T625, roll 576.

²⁹ Hopkins Co. Genealogical Society, Hopkins County, Kentucky, Cemeteries, Vol IV, p. 11, Aggie Lee, dau of S. A. Hankins. Earlington Cemetery (Oakwood Ave., Earlington, Hopkins Co., KY), Perry Hankins marker, photographed by Linda McCauley, 13 Sep 2018. “Kentucky, U.S., Death Records, 1852–1965,” digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/>

[collections/1222](#) : accessed 4 Sep 2013), death certificate no. 23559 (1923), John C. Hankins; from microfilm 7016130–7041803, KY Dept. for Libraries and Archives, Frankfort.

³⁰ “Nortonville Items,” *Hustler* (Madisonville, KY), 21 Jul 1908, p. 2, col. 2; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com>) : accessed 10 Feb 2021).

³¹ Grapevine Cemetery (Grapevine, Hopkins Co., KY), Daughter, Roxie & Mother, Bettie Hankins marker, photographed by Linda McCauley, Oct 2004. “Kentucky, U.S., Death Records 1852–1965,” digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/1222>) : accessed 15 Nov 2020), death certificate no. 26594 (1961), Garah Emma Gamblin; from microfilm 7016130–7041803, KY Dept. for Libraries and Archives, Frankfort.

³² 1900 U.S. census, Hopkins Co., KY, population schedule, Kitchen, enumeration district (ED) 73, sheet 15A, p. 286 (stamped), dwelling 278, family 282, Robert A. Smith; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/7602>) : accessed 16 Jun 2020); from NARA microfilm T623, roll 528; Bettie living with her parents. 1910 U.S. census, Hopkins Co., KY, population schedule, District #5, enumeration district (ED) 88, sheet 13A, dwelling 244, family 226, Robert Smith; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/7884>) : accessed 10 Jan 2021); from NARA microfilm T624, roll 481; Garah living with her maternal grandparents. Elizabeth McCauley Carver, Lois McCauley Dockins, Kathryn McCauley Tomes, and Jimmie McCauley Knight; grandchildren of Thomas Leander Hankins and Samantha Angeline Petty, aunts of the author.

³³ Grapevine Cemetery (Grapevine, Hopkins Co., KY), William P., son of J. C. & Girtie Hankins marker, photographed by Linda McCauley, 30 Oct 2004.

³⁴ “Kentucky, U.S., Death Records, 1852–1965,” digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/1222>) : accessed 4 Sep 2013), death certificate no. 14187 (1925), Gertie Hankins; from microfilm 7016130–7041803, KY Dept. for Libraries and Archives, Frankfort.

³⁵ 1930 U.S. census, Hopkins Co., KY, population schedule, Madisonville, enumeration district (ED) 11, sheet 18A, dwelling 362, family 480, Samantha Hankins; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/6224>) : accessed 8 Jan 2010); from NARA microfilm T626, roll 751; Helen and Jewell living with Samantha.

³⁶ “Kentucky, U.S., Death Records, 1852–1965,” digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/1222>) : accessed 4 Sep 2013), death certificate no. 17341 (1933), Ralph Raymond McCauley; from microfilm 7016130–7041803, KY Dept. for Libraries and Archives, Frankfort.

³⁷ “Kentucky, U.S., Death Records, 1852–1965,” 12255 (1942), Verda McCauley.

³⁸ 1880 U.S. census, Hopkins Co., KY, population schedule, Earlington, enumeration district (ED) 198, p. 40, dwelling 338, family 364, Lee Hankins; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/6742>) : accessed 21 Nov 2009); from NARA microfilm T9, roll 421; occupation farmer. 1900 U.S. census, Hopkins Co., KY, population schedule, Dalton, enumeration district (ED) 70, sheet 4A, p. 215 (stamped), dwelling 63, family 61, Lee Hankins; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/7602>) : accessed 8 Jan 2010); from NARA microfilm T623, roll 528; occupation farming. 1910 U.S. census, Hopkins Co., KY, population schedule, District #3, enumeration district (ED) 90, sheet 7A & B, dwelling 143, family 146, Tom L. Hankins; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/7884>) : accessed 8 Jan 2010); from NARA microfilm T624, roll 481; occupation farming. 1920 U.S. census, Hopkins Co., KY, pop. sch., Earlington, ED 93, sheet 3B, dwelling 62, family 74, Tom Hankins; occupation minister. “Histories of The General Baptist Churches of the Union Association 1953,” *Western Kentucky History and Genealogy* (<http://www.westernkyhistory.org/kentucky/church/church.html>) : accessed 9 Oct 2007); from *History of Union Association of General Baptist 1840–1953* by M. D. McDonald; Lee minister at Concord Church, Fredericks Chapel, Tilden Church, Union Grove Church and Union Temple Church.

³⁹ “Histories of The General Baptist Churches of the Union Association,” *Western Kentucky History and Genealogy*.

⁴⁰ “Church Directory,” *Bee* (Earlington, KY), 27 May 1897, p. 4, col. 2; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com>) : accessed 4 Sep 2013). “Short Locals,” *Bee* (Earlington, KY), 16 Apr 1903, p. 2, col. 1; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com>) : accessed 4 Sep 2013); General Baptist church of this place (Earlington) called Lee Hankins to be pastor.

⁴¹ No title (Rev. Lee Hankins and family), *Hustler* (Madisonville, KY), 10 Aug 1926, p. 1, col. 2; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com>) : accessed 1 Feb 2021); Rev. Lee Hankins and family of Earlington moved to West Broadway, Madisonville. “Rev. Hankins, Baptist Minister, Dies at 71,” *Madisonville (KY) Messenger*, 23 Apr 1929, p. 1, col. 5; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com>) : accessed); residence W. Broadway. “Kentucky, U.S., Death Records, 1852–1965,” 1387, 1944, Samantha Angeline Hankins; residence 704 W. Broadway. Note: Houses were renumbered at some point and this house is now 440 W. Broadway.

⁴² Hopkins Co., KY, Deed Book 112: 598, U. K. and Renner Adcock to Gertie Hankins, 10 Oct 1923; Hopkins Co. Clerk, Madisonville.

⁴³ Hopkins Co., KY, Deed Book 122: 226, Gertie Hankins (estate) to T. L. and S. A. Hankins, 5 Jul 1926; Hopkins Co. Clerk, Madisonville.

⁴⁴ Hopkins Co., KY, Deed Book 78: 384, James and Media Hankins, T. L. and S. A. Hankins to W. C. McLeod, 23 Apr 1907; Hopkins Co. Clerk, Madisonville. Hopkins Co., KY, Deeds Book 79: 91, J. H. and Mattie Hankins, James and Media Hankins, T. L. and S. A. Hankins, Mollie and Henry Clements to T. H. Goodloe, 22 Apr 1907; Hopkins Co. Clerk, Madisonville.

⁴⁵ “Kentucky, U.S., Death Records, 1852–1965,” 12076, 1929, Thomas Lee Hankins.

⁴⁶ “Masonic Service,” *Madisonville (KY) Messenger*, 24 Apr 1929, p. 4, col. 4; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com>) : accessed 18 Aug 2020).

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⁵⁵ “Story of Railroad Train That Became War Hero,” *Madisonville Messenger*, date unknown. Jean Chalmers, “Reunion After 70 Years! Mrs. Hankins Once Again Meets Famous Texas,” *Journal*, date unknown.

⁵⁶ “Kentucky, U.S., Death Records, 1852–1965,” 1387, 1944, Samantha Angeline Hankins.

⁵⁷ “Mrs. Samantha Hankins Influenza Victim,” *Madisonville (KY) Messenger*, 7 Jan 1944, p. 2, col. 4; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com>) : accessed 18 Aug 2020), notes she outlived all her siblings. “Kentucky, U.S., Death Records, 1852–1965,” 12255, 1942, Verda McCauley. Note: Her three grandchildren and other three children were covered earlier.

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Thomas Richard Hankins



Left: Dick & Rhea; Right: Forrest, Garah, & Dick

Thomas Richard Hankins, the oldest of Lee and Samantha's seven children, was born on 13 February 1880 in Earlington in Hopkins County, Kentucky.¹ Some sources, including his amended death certificate, give his birth year as 1881. But he was four months old at the time of the 1880 U.S. census, listed as born in February of that year. Dick's original death certificate had the correct birth year of 1880, but his son Forrest, who had provided the original information, submitted an amendment to change the year to 1881.²

Dick married Bettie M. Smith, daughter of Robert Alexander Smith and Amanda A. Oldham, on 1 March 1905 in Hopkins County.³ Bettie was born in April 1883, probably in Hopkins County.⁴ Dick and Bettie had two children—Garah Emma born on 24 July 1906 and Roxie born in 1907.⁵

Roxie died of spinal meningitis on 12 July 1909 in Hopkins County.⁶ Bettie died of tuberculosis in Earlington on 21 December 1909.⁷ They were both buried in Grapevine Cemetery in Hopkins County.⁸

As a young man, Dick worked in coal mines in Hopkins County before beginning a career with the Louisville and Nashville Railroad. L&N took him to Nashville, Tennessee, and then Birmingham, Alabama.⁹ His daughter, Garah, remained in Hopkins County, living with both Dick's parents and Bettie's.¹⁰ In 1911 and 1912, Dick was boarding at 310 12th Avenue South in Nashville and working as a fireman for the railroad.¹¹

Dick married Edith Rhea Jackson on 3 October 1912 in Davidson County.¹² Rhea was the daughter of William Jackson and Susan Pope of Robertson County, Tennessee, born there on 26 September 1883.¹³ Their only child, Forrest Payne Hankins, was born in Nashville on 11 January 1914.¹⁴

Dick may have had another wife between Bettie and Rhea. This blurb ran in the Earlington newspaper, *The Bee*, on 16 May 1911. "Mrs. Dick Hankins, of Nashville, is visiting friends here."¹⁵ That was about two years after Bettie died and more than a year before he married Rhea. "Visiting friends" indicates she may have been from Hopkins County, but no other evidence of another wife has surfaced.

Dick and Rhea lived at 1113 Division Street in Nashville until moving to Birmingham about 1917, where they remained for the rest of their lives.¹⁶ In Birmingham, they lived in three locations in the Inglenook area (524 Terrace Blvd, 29 Water St, and 4229 Jackson St) before moving to 1317 28th N about 1935.¹⁷

They lived at the Terrace Blvd address when Dick registered for the World War I draft in Birmingham on 12 September 1918. He was an engineer with L&N by that time and was described as tall with a medium build, brown eyes, and black hair.¹⁸

During Dick's career with L&N, he worked as a fireman and an engineer.¹⁹ He retired in 1951, two months short of having forty-two years of service.²⁰

Dick and Rhea still lived at the 28th Street address when she died on 29 August 1959 in Birmingham.²¹ Rhea was buried in Elmwood Cemetery in Springfield, Robertson County, Tennessee.²²

Dick died on 11 January 1965 at St. Vincent Hospital in Birmingham of inanition (exhaustion caused by lack of nourishment). He was just over a month from turning eight-five years old. Arteriosclerosis, pulmonary fibrosis in both lungs, and a fractured left leg, which he suffered in a fall at home eleven days earlier, contributed to his death. He was living with Forrest at 8005 9th Avenue South when he died.²³ Dick was buried in Elmwood Cemetery in Springfield, Robertson County, Tennessee.²⁴

Garah Emma Hankins

Garah was born 24 July 1906 in Hopkins County, Kentucky, and lived there all her life. She married George "Jack" Gamblin in 1929 and they had eight children.²⁵ Jack was born on 20 May 1905 in Hopkins County, the son of S. H. Gamblin and Sarah Ann Furlow.²⁶ He worked for St. Bernard and West Kentucky Coal Companies.²⁷

Garah died of a cerebral hemorrhage on 9 December 1961 at the Hopkins County Hospital in Madisonville.²⁸ Jack died there of a heart attack on 18 June 1962.²⁹ They were both buried in New Suthards Cemetery in Hopkins County.³⁰

Roxie Hankins

Roxie was born in 1907 and died of spinal meningitis on 12 July 1909 in Hopkins County. She was buried in Grapevine Cemetery in Hopkins County.

Forrest Payne Hankins

Forrest was born on 11 January 1914 in Nashville, Davidson County, Tennessee. He married Lillian Irene Turk and they had one daughter.³¹ Lillian was born on 6 April 1918, the daughter of Emmett Little Turk and Lillian Gertrude Parker.³² Like his father, Forrest worked for the Louisville & Nashville Railroad in Birmingham.³³

Forrest died in 1981 and was buried in Jefferson Memorial Gardens East in Trussville, Jefferson County, Alabama.³⁴ Lillian died on 9 May 2010 and was buried next to Forrest.³⁵

Endnotes for Thomas Richard Hankins

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⁷ “Death of Mrs. Dick Hankins,” *Hustler* (Madisonville, KY), 28 Dec 1909, p. 7, col. 1; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 10 Feb 2021).

⁸ Grapevine Cemetery (Hopkins Co., KY), Roxie and Bettie Hankins marker.

⁹ Elizabeth McCauley Carver, Lois McCauley Dockins, Kathryn McCauley Tomes, and Jimmie McCauley Knight; grandchildren of Thomas Leander Hankins and Samantha Angeline Petty, aunts of the author.

¹⁰ 1910 U.S. census, Hopkins Co., KY, population schedule, District #5, enumeration district (ED) 88, sheet 13A, dwelling 244, family 226, Robert Smith; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/7884> : accessed 10 Jan 2021); from NARA microfilm T624, roll 481; Garah with her maternal grandparents. Elizabeth McCauley Carver, Lois McCauley Dockins, Kathryn McCauley Tomes, and Jimmie McCauley Knight; grandchildren of Thomas Leander Hankins and Samantha Angeline Petty, aunts of the author.

¹¹ *Nashville City Directory 1911* (New York, NY: Marshall-Bruce-Polk Company Publishers), p. 441, entry for Richard Hankins; digital images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2469> : accessed 2 Nov 2020) > Tennessee > Nashville > 1911 > Nashville, Tennessee, City Directory, 1911 > image 264. *Nashville City Directory 1912* (New York, NY: Marshall-Bruce-Polk Company Publishers), p. 434, entry for T. Richard Hankins; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2469> : accessed 2 Nov 2020) > TN > Nashville > 1912 > Nashville, TN, City Directory, 1912 > image 234.

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¹⁴ “U.S. World War II Draft Cards Young Men, 1940–1947,” digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2238> : accessed 4 Nov 2020), Forrest Payne Hankins, serial no. 307; from Records of the Selective Service System, 1926–1975, Record Group 147, NARA, St Louis, Missouri.

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¹⁶ *Nashville City Directory 1914* (New York, NY: Marshall-Bruce-Polk Company Publishers), p. 347, entry for Thos. R. Hankins; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2469>) : accessed 2 Nov 2020) > TN > Nashville > 1914 > Nashville City Directory, 1914> image 118. *Nashville City Directory 1915* (New York, NY: Marshall-Bruce-Polk Company Publishers), p. 338, entry for Thos. R. Hankins; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2469>) : accessed 2 Nov 2020) > TN > Nashville > 1915 > Nashville, TN, City Directory, 1915> image 173. *Nashville City Directory 1916* (New York, NY: Marshall-Bruce-Polk Company Publishers), p. 317, entry for Thos. R. Hankins; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2469>) : accessed 2 Nov 2020) > TN > Nashville > 1916 > Nashville, TN, City Directory, 1916> image 533.

¹⁷ *Birmingham City Directory 1918* (Birmingham, AL: R. L. Polk & Company), p. 806, entry for Thos. R. Hankins; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2469>) : accessed 2 Nov 2020) > Alabama > Birmingham > 1918 > Birmingham, Alabama, City Directory, 1918> image 402; 524 Terrace Blvd, Inglenook. Also 524 Terrace Blvd, 1919 > Birmingham, Alabama, City Directory, 1919 > image 424. *Birmingham City Directory 1920–1921* (Birmingham, AL: R. L. Polk & Company), p. 844, entry for Thos. R. Hankins; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2469>) : accessed 2 Nov 2020) > Alabama > Birmingham > 1920 > Birmingham, Alabama, City Directory, 1920 > image 456, 29 Water, Inglenook. Also 29 Water, 1922 > Birmingham, Alabama, City Directory, 1922 > image 339; 1924 > Birmingham, Alabama, City Directory, 1924 > image 389; 1925 > Birmingham, Alabama, City Directory, 1925 > image 299. *Birmingham City Directory 1928* (Birmingham, AL: R. L. Polk & Company), p. 529, entry for Thos R Hankins; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2469>) : accessed 2 Nov 2020) > Alabama > Birmingham > 1928 > Birmingham, Alabama, City Directory, 1928> image 267; 4229 Jackson, Inglenook. Also 4229 Jackson, 1929 > Birmingham, Alabama City Directory, 1929 > image 267; 1930 > Birmingham, Alabama, City Directory, 1930 > image 191. *Birmingham City Directory 1935* (Birmingham, AL: R. L. Polk & Company), p. 348, entry for Thos R Hankins; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2469>) : accessed 2 Nov 2020) > Alabama > Birmingham > 1935 > Birmingham, Alabama, City Directory, 1935> image 175; 1317 N 28th St.

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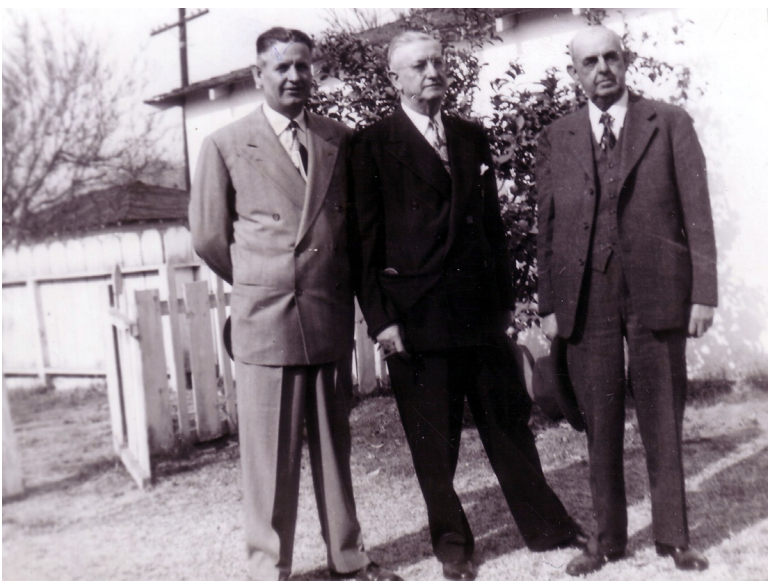
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³⁴ *Find A Grave*, memorial 112409381, digital image, Forrest Payne Hankins, gravestone photo by Essex.

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Albert Elvie Hankins



Left: Jimmy, Elvie, & Perry; Right: Jimmy, Elvie, & Dick

Uncle Elvie was a bit of a mystery man in my family. He left Hopkins County, Kentucky, as a young man and rarely returned. His sister Verda's children knew little about his life. When I first became interested in genealogy nearly twenty years ago, four of Verda's daughters told me what they knew about him. And that was not much.

They said that Elvie lived in Idaho, worked as an insurance salesman, and married seven times but had no children. They knew the first name of one wife—Harriet. They said he had a heart attack on a plane while returning home to Idaho from a trip. They said the plane landed in Arizona and he died there.¹ Some of that is true, some of it is not, but Elvie and his wives left a trail in newspapers and other records that tells much more. Elvie's story relies heavily on newspaper articles and "personals" columns, which are not always completely accurate. But in many instances, they are the only window to his life.

Elvie was named for his paternal grandfather, Albert Hankins, who died when his father was a young boy.² His full name was Albert Elvie Hankins, but family and friends called him Elvie, Ey, or Al.³ He was the second of Thomas Leander Hankins and Samantha Angeline Petty's children, born on 16 October 1882 in Dalton in the western part of Hopkins County.⁴

The family still lived in Dalton in 1900, and seventeen-year-old Elvie worked as a farm laborer.⁵ He worked for St. Bernard Coal Company when he married for the first time on 26 June 1901.⁶ His bride, Mary Ella Edmonds, lived in Earlington in Hopkins County with her sister and brother-in-law, Clara and Frank Richardson, who hosted the wedding.⁷

Ella was born on 1 January 1879 in Richland County, Illinois, to Joseph Edmonds and Mary Van Meter.⁸ In 1900, she worked as a telephone operator but was the bookkeeper for John M. Victory and Company when she married Elvie.⁹

Little blurbs in the Earlington newspaper over the next few years give a glimpse of Elvie's life. Sometime between the wedding in June 1901 and March 1902, Elvie moved to Kansas City, Missouri, to work for the

railroad.¹⁰ Ella advertised their furniture for sale in late March and left Hopkins County on 31 March to join Elvie.¹¹

When *The Bee* reported Elvie was visiting his parents in the summer of 1903, Ella was not mentioned. Between July 1903 and April 1904, Elvie moved to East St. Louis, Illinois, to work for the Louisville and Nashville (L&N) Railroad as a switcher and brakeman.¹² Elvie and Ella may have separated for a time. She apparently returned to Hopkins County and went back to work for J. M. Victory but again resigned her position and moved to St. Louis in April 1904.¹³ Whether or not that move was to re-join Elvie is not known, but they appear to be together a few years later.

Elvie resigned from the L&N in March 1905 and returned to Hopkins County.¹⁴ He lived in Nortonville, a community in the southern part of the county, and was reported in *The Bee* in May, June, and July 1905 as conducting business in Earlington and Madisonville.¹⁵ During this time he worked for a coal mine company in Nortonville.¹⁶ In August 1905, Elvie again accepted a position with the L&N Railroad—this one in the transportation department.¹⁷

The next mention of Elvie in any of the Hopkins County newspapers was three years later. On 17 July 1908 in *The Hustler* reported “The one-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elvy Hankins, of near Nortonville, died Wednesday morning of summer complaint. The little one was laid to rest at New Salem that afternoon.”¹⁸

Four days later, on 21 July, *The Hustler* published this under “Nortonville Items.”¹⁹

“A large crowd of sorrowing relatives and friends attended the funeral of little Herbert Hankins Wednesday.

Herbert, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Elvy Hankins, ages 13 months and 15 days, departed this life July 15th. He was a bright child and loved by all who knew him. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. S. B. Presley and interment occurred at New Salem.”

Based on the details from the 21st, the child was a boy, but were Elvie and Ella the parents? That is impossible to say for sure, but they likely were. Hopkins County birth records for 1907, when Herbert was born, and death records for 1908 do not have a Hankins child with a father named Elvie or a mother named Ella. They also do not have a child who died on 15 July 1908 under any name.²⁰ No other Elvie/Elvy Hankins has been identified in Hopkins County in this period.²¹ Ella’s 1910 census record indicates that she had lost a child. The answer to the question “Number of Children Born” was one and “Number of Children Living,” was zero.²²

If Elvie and Ella were still together in 1908, they soon divorced as she married Edgar Leo Willis in 1909.²³ Ella and Edgar had one child—a son named Lyle who was born in 1916.²⁴ Ella died of breast cancer on 26 July 1930 at her sister’s, home in Greenville, Muhlenberg County, Kentucky. She was buried in Evergreen Cemetery in Greenville.²⁵

Elvie left Hopkins County again, this time for good. In 1910 he lived at 16 4th Avenue East in Hutchinson, Reno County, Kansas. He was a roomer in Dick Garrison’s household. Garrison was a conductor and Elvie a brakeman.²⁶ From Hutchinson, Elvie moved to Anthony in Harper County, Kansas, for a few months. He visited friends in Spivey in nearby Kingman County in February and March 1910 and moved to Spivey by May of that year to work as brakeman on a local train run (probably for the Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe Railway Company which had a depot in Spivey).²⁷ If Elvie resumed visiting his parents in Hopkins County after moving out of state again, it did not make the newspaper over the next ten years.

Elvie married Frances McDavitt on 17 October 1910 in Wichita, Sedgwick County, Kansas.²⁸ Frances, the daughter of John L. McDavitt and Frances Thompson, of Spivey, was born on 2 December 1892.²⁹ Elvie and Frances moved to Hutchinson in November 1910 and by March 1911 lived in Thief River Falls in Pennington County, Minnesota.³⁰ Elvie worked for the railroad in both places.³¹

Frances arrived back in Spivey in November 1912 to spend the winter with her parents.³² She was pregnant but returned to Thief River Falls in time to give birth to their daughter, Ella Louise, on 24 March 1913.³³ While Ella Louise is the name on their daughter's birth certificate, her name always appears as Eloise in newspaper personals.³⁴

Elvie, Frances, and Eloise spent a month with Frances's parents in Spivey starting 9 March 1914.³⁵ They returned to Thief River Falls around 6 April 1914.³⁶ Frances and Eloise again visited her parents in Spivey at the end of November that year.³⁷ It is unclear if they ever returned to Minnesota. By 1 March 1915 when the Kansas state census was taken, Frances and Eloise lived with Frances's parents in Kingman County without Elvie.³⁸ Frances soon moved to Hutchinson but left Eloise with her parents.³⁹ In May, Elvie visited the McDavitts, likely to see his daughter, and in July Frances visited her parents and her daughter.⁴⁰ Frances's mother and Eloise visited Frances in Hutchinson in August.⁴¹

When and where Elvie and Frances divorced is unknown, but she probably married George Roland Clark in 1915, although a marriage record has not been found. When Frances's mother and daughter visited her in Hutchinson in August 1915, her last name reported in the Kingman newspaper was still Hankins, but she was four months from giving birth to George's daughter.⁴² Frances and George had two children—Beatrice Faye born 14 December 1915 and Jack Roland born 24 February 1919.⁴³

Eloise remained with the McDavitts, but Frances visited them, and they visited her.⁴⁴ Elvie visited Eloise at her grandparents' home on 26 May 1916.⁴⁵ If Elvie ever visited his daughter after that, the Kingman newspapers did not report it.

Frances and George divorced at some point, and by 1930 she married Alfred E. Romine.⁴⁶ Frances died on 8 April 1961 in Los Angeles County, California, and was buried in Olivewood Cemetery in Riverside, California.⁴⁷

On 29 May 1916, three days after visiting his daughter, Elvie married Kathryne "Katie" Wilcox Harmon in Winfield, Cowley County, Kansas. Elvie still lived in Thief River Falls, Minnesota, and Katie lived in Wichita.⁴⁸ Katie, born 10 March 1891 in Illinois, was the daughter of Joseph Wilcox and Emma Peterson.⁴⁹ But she had lived with her mother's sister, Alice Peterson Simmons, and her husband, J. F., in Spivey since at least 1900.⁵⁰

Katie was married twice and had two children before she married Elvie. Her first husband was James Earl Van Landingham. They married at her Aunt Alice's home in Spivey in April 1908 and had a son named Carl.⁵¹ Katie filed for divorce in April 1911 in Kingman County District Court, and it was granted in June.⁵² She married George Harmon, who was a dentist, on 20 December 1911, and they had a daughter named Maxine. Katie's divorce from George, filed in December 1914 in Sedgwick County, Kansas, was granted in May 1915.⁵³

Elvie and Katie lived in Thief River Falls until late 1917.⁵⁴ They moved to Herington in Dickinson County, Kansas, in December 1917 for Elvie to work for the Rock Island Railway Company.⁵⁵ Less than three months later, Spivey was their address when Elvie enlisted in the U.S. Army on 20 March 1918. He joined Company B of the 62nd Engineer's 4th Railway Division.⁵⁶ This unit, which included railroad men from practically every state, trained at Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Indiana, starting in May 1918.⁵⁷

Elvie served in France during World War I. He left New York City on 14 July 1918 aboard the *Zeelandia*, headed to Europe in a convoy of thirteen vessels.⁵⁸ Traveling thirteen knots per hour, the crossing took thirteen days. They arrived in Liverpool, England, on 26 July 1918. Two days later, they boarded the channel boat *Antrim* and departed for Cherbourg, France. The Regiment disembarked at Cherbourg on the 29th.⁵⁹

On 31 July, they reached the camp at St. Pierre Des Corps, which consisted of only a few barracks. Most of the men stayed in pup tents pending the arrival of barracks. The camp, constructed almost entirely by the 62nd Engineers, included a large Y.M.C.A. While at St. Pierre Des Corps, the Regiment operated the round-house and car repair shops for the P and O Railroad.⁶⁰

Starting in October, detachments were sent to several locations, including the “Advance Section” (to run the Est Railroad communication line), St. Florentine, Chatillon sur Seine, and Connantre.⁶¹ Exactly where Elvie was during this time is unknown but, at some point in 1918, he was with his two youngest brothers, Perry and Jimmy, who were also in France. How or where the brothers were together is not known, but it was at least long enough for a photo.⁶²

Members of the Regiment handled railroad operations from several months starting on 8 November 1918. Operations ceased on 31 May 1919 in anticipation of the formal end of the war, and the companies prepared to return to the United States.⁶³

After Elvie left for the service, Katie started nursing training at Kingman Hospital in Kingman, Kansas, in August 1918.⁶⁴ By January 1919, she again lived in Wichita and continued her training there.⁶⁵ Her daughter Maxine lived with her aunt, Alice, in Spivey, while Katie trained to become a nurse. Katie visited them several times over those months, and Alice and Maxine visited her at least once.⁶⁶

Elvie returned to the United States onboard the *Aeolus* on 17 June 1919 from St. Nazaire, France, and arrived in Hoboken, New Jersey, on the 28th.⁶⁷ He was discharged from the army on 11 July 1919.⁶⁸

After his discharge from the army, Elvie returned to Katie in Kansas, and they left at the end of July to live in Denver, Colorado.⁶⁹ Less than three months later, they moved to Idaho.⁷⁰ By 10 January 1920, Elvie lived in Elmore County, Idaho, and was again single. He worked as a yardmaster for Oregon Short Line Railroad and lived on Idaho Avenue in Glenns Ferry in the home of Effie M. Mesinnell. Elvie and another railroad employee, Edward Masterson, were lodgers in Mrs. Mesinnell’s home.⁷¹ Katie was back in Kansas, working as a nurse in Wichita and lodging with John and Orvetta Henley. She was listed as married.⁷²

Katie filed for divorce from Elvie in April 1920 in Butler County, Kansas.⁷³ She eventually married William Denver Sweet.⁷⁴ In 1940, Katie and Denver lived with her daughter Maxine and her husband, Adren Redman, in Los Angeles, California.⁷⁵ Katie died on 30 July 1975 in Los Angeles and was buried beside Denver in Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery, San Diego, California.⁷⁶

On 23 December 1921, Elvie married Harriet Edna Ellis Massey in Caldwell, Canyon County, Idaho.⁷⁷ He lived in the Canyon County town of Nampa at the time and was still working as a yardmaster for Oregon Short Line Railroad. Harriet also lived in Nampa and taught school.⁷⁸ She was born in Illinois about 1890, the daughter of John R. and Mary Ellis.⁷⁹ Harriet was a divorced mother of two daughters, Harriett Edna and Maryetta Massey.⁸⁰ She married Charles F. Massey on 5 October 1911 in Jerome, Idaho, which was in Lincoln County at that time.⁸¹ They divorced before 1920 after Charles went to prison in 1915.⁸²

Elvie and Harriet still lived in Nampa a year after their marriage. They made at least one trip together to Kentucky. According to the 22 December 1922 edition of the *Idaho Statesman*, they stopped to visit Harriet’s parents “while en route from Kentucky to their home in Nampa.”⁸³

In 1929, Elvie and Harriet moved to Livingston in Park County, Montana and lived at 104 N. E. Street, Apartment 1. Elvie had changed careers from the railroad to insurance sales, and Harriet was no longer teaching school.⁸⁴ The family moved several times in Livingston living at 118 S. 6th Street in 1931, 215 S. 3rd Street in 1935, and 206 S. Yellowstone in 1937.⁸⁵

Harriet's daughters lived with them when they moved to Livingston.⁸⁶ It is unclear if Elvie adopted the girls, who were seven and nine years old when he married their mother, but they started using Hankins as their last name at some point. In the 1930 census, their last name was Massey and each girl's relationship to Elvie was step-daughter.⁸⁷ However, mentions later in newspaper personals call them Hankins and daughters of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Hankins.⁸⁸ Edna went to work for U.S. Congressman James F. O'Connor as an office assistant and stenographer in December 1936. The article about that published in *The Independent-Record* identifies her as Edna Hankins.⁸⁹ Maryetta gave Hankins as her name for the record when she married Kyle Henry Leveau on 4 October 1936 in Rapid City, South Dakota.⁹⁰

Elvie and Harriet moved to Spokane, Spokane County, Washington, between May 1938 and December 1939.⁹¹ In 1940, they lived in an apartment building at 2216 W. 1st Avenue, and Elvie was a supervisor for Health and Accident Insurance Company.⁹²

They moved several times in Spokane. In 1942 they lived at 714 E. 33rd Street and Elvie worked as the northwest supervisor for Continental Casualty Company.⁹³ They moved to 1311 6th Avenue, Apartment B by 1943 and lived at 618 W. 25th Street in 1945.⁹⁴

Harriet was an active member of the El Karnak temple, Daughters of the Nile, serving as queen of that temple from March 1946 to March 1947.⁹⁵ The Daughters of the Nile is an international organization for women related by birth or marriage to a Shriner, Master Mason, a Daughter of the Nile, or a former patient at a Shriners Hospital for Children.⁹⁶ Elvie's membership in the El Katif Shrine in Spokane gave Harriet the eligibility for membership.⁹⁷

After more than twenty-five years together, Harriet filed for divorce in Superior Court in Spokane in April 1947.⁹⁸ The court granted their divorce on 9 May.⁹⁹ Elvie lived at 514 W. 1st Avenue, which was the Ridpath Hotel, in 1947 and worked for Aetna Life Insurance Company.¹⁰⁰ But Harriet was not with him or elsewhere in that year's city directory. Harriet's whereabouts after the divorce are unknown, but she apparently left Spokane or quickly remarried as she is not listed in later city directories.¹⁰¹

Elvie married Ethel Mayalvora Alvord Powers on 1 August 1948 in Spokane.¹⁰² Ethel, the daughter of Frank Alvord and Katherine Kleckner, was born on 4 May 1895 in Seattle, and grew up in Montana.¹⁰³

Elvie was Ethel's fourth husband. She married Ernest P. Williamson on 11 June 1913 in Kootenai County, Idaho.¹⁰⁴ Ernest worked for the railroad and died in a railroad accident on 24 February 1918 in Teton County, Montana.¹⁰⁵ Ethel married James B. Powers on 2 July 1919 in Kootenai County, Idaho.¹⁰⁶ She and James apparently divorced, and she married Arthur Raymond Riefhoff on 18 August 1933 in Powell County, Montana.¹⁰⁷ Ethel's marriage to Arthur ended by 1940 when she lived alone in Spokane, was listed as divorced, and worked as a saleslady. Her surname was back to Powers, which she was still using when she married Elvie eight years later.¹⁰⁸

Ethel died less than five months after marrying Elvie. On 30 December 1948, she fell from the 3rd floor window at Sacred Heart Hospital in Spokane. Her injuries were fatal.¹⁰⁹ Detectives were told she felt faint, walked to the window for fresh air, and fell out.¹¹⁰ Her death was ruled an accident.¹¹¹ Her obituary mentioned her parents, a sister Mrs. Frankie Shindle of Whitefish, Montana, and Elvie.¹¹² Ethel was buried in Greenwood Memorial Terrace in Spokane with a headstone that also has Elvie's name on it, but he was not buried there.¹¹³

In 1949, Elvie still lived at the Ridpath Hotel at 514 W. 1st Avenue in Spokane and worked for Aetna Life Insurance Company.¹¹⁴ A fire started in the hotel's basement on 28 February 1950 and quickly spread throughout the building. Most residents lost everything. The *Spokane Daily Chronicle* interviewed Elvie along with other residents. He said, "I don't mind losing my guns and hunting equipment and things like that, but I hate to lose things I can't replace, old newspaper clippings about my football days in the 1890s, old photographs and things like that." Elvie walked out of the hotel with only the clothes on his back. He said the smoke was so thick on the second floor he could hardly get through.¹¹⁵

Family lore says that Elvie married seven times. That may or may not be true, but he married at least six times, and Bernice Jackson Gamble was his last wife. Elvie married Bernice on 1 July 1951 in Spokane.¹¹⁶ She was the daughter of James Jackson and Fannie Sturtevant, born on 28 February 1897 in Mankato, Jewell County, Kansas.¹¹⁷ She was the widow of Vernon W. Gamble, whom she married on 27 August 1914 in Spokane.¹¹⁸ Bernice and Vernon had two sons, Vernon Jackson and James Thomas Gamble, and Vernon died in Tacoma, Washington, on 10 January 1940.¹¹⁹ Their son James died at Iwo Jima during World War II.¹²⁰

At the time of Elvie and Bernice's marriage, he lived in the Palmerston Hotel in Spokane. She lived at E. 3408 17th Street, and that is where they lived during their marriage.¹²¹

After a twilight garden ceremony followed by a buffet supper, Elvie and Bernice left for a wedding trip which crossed the country and lasted about three weeks. They drove south along the Pacific coast with plans to visit Bryce Zion and the Grand Canyon.¹²² After spending time in San Antonio, Texas and New Orleans, Louisiana, they visited Elvie's brothers in Birmingham, Alabama, and Louisville, Kentucky. They also visited Bernice's son Jack in Cleveland, Ohio before heading back to Spokane through Jackson Hole, Wyoming, and Yellowstone National Park.¹²³

In thirty years of selling insurance, Elvie received fifteen expense-paid convention trips because of his sales record. He joined the Lincoln National Life Insurance company in 1952 and became one of their top salesmen.¹²⁴ In August 1955, he won their nationwide sales contest.¹²⁵ In November 1956, he won membership in the company's top honorary sales organization, the Minute-Men Club.¹²⁶

Bernice taught piano and organ for over 50 years. She traveled in the summers in Europe studying music and languages in France, Italy, and Greece. She also taught French and Italian classes at the local YWCA.¹²⁷ In 1953, Bernice spent three months in Europe attending music festivals in Holland, France, Italy, Switzerland, Austria, Germany, and Scotland.¹²⁸ In 1955, she studied at the Sorbonne in Paris.¹²⁹

In May 1959, Bernice left for her fourth European trip since 1953. She planned to visit Greece, Turkey, Italy, and Yugoslavia before taking courses in French history and France today at the University of Marseilles and Aix at Nice on the French Riviera.¹³⁰ In late May, Bernice and Elvie spent several days in Cleveland with her son Jack and his family. When Bernice left for Europe on 29 May, Elvie went to Birmingham, Alabama, to visit his brother, Dick.¹³¹

Elvie left Birmingham on 5 June heading to Hollywood, California, no doubt to visit his brother, Jimmy.¹³² He ended up in Providence Memorial Hospital in El Paso, Texas, where he died two days later on 7 June of acute pulmonary edema.¹³³

Bernice flew home 10 June on Pan American Airlines from London, England, to Seattle.¹³⁴ Elvie was buried in Pines Cemetery in Spokane on 12 June after a funeral service at the Hazen and Jaeger Funeral Home.¹³⁵

Bernice died of cancer on 20 February 1972 in Spokane and was buried next to Elvie.¹³⁶

Herbert Hankins

Herbert lived thirteen months and fifteen days. He was likely the son of Elvie and his first wife, Ella. Herbert died on 15 July 1908 in Hopkins County and was buried in New Salem Cemetery. He apparently did not have a marker, or it did not survive until 1970 when the cemetery was documented by the Hopkins County Genealogical Society.¹³⁷

Ella Louise “Eloise” Hankins

Eloise was born on 24 March 1913 in Pennington County, Minnesota.¹³⁸ After her parents, Elvie and Frances, divorced when she was about two years old, she lived with her maternal grandparents, John L. and Frances McDavitt, in Spivey, Kansas.¹³⁹

She died of a cardiovascular accident on 18 January 1964 at the Nevada State Hospital in Sparks, Washoe County, Nevada. Eloise had married a Sheldon at some point, as the name on her death certificate is Louise Sheldon. Her death certificate correctly identifies her mother as Frances McDavitt but lists Frances’s third husband, A. E. Romine, as her father.¹⁴⁰

Eloise was buried in Our Mother of Sorrow Cemetery in Reno, Nevada.¹⁴¹

Endnotes for Albert Elvie Hankins

¹ Elizabeth McCauley Carver, Lois McCauley Dockins, Kathryn McCauley Tones, and Jimmie McCauley Knight; grandchildren of Thomas Leander Hankins and Samantha Angeline Petty, aunts of the author.

² “Kentucky Death Records, 1852–1965,” digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/1222> : accessed 4 Sep 2013), death certificate no. 12076 (1929), Thomas Lee Hankins; from microfilm 7016130–7041803, KY Dept. for Libraries and Archives, Frankfort. Family story, passed down through the family from Albert’s granddaughter, Aggie Ann Hankins (daughter of Lee’s brother, James W. Hankins), is that Albert was found with a friend in a barn in the company of Confederate deserters, was accused of desertion, and shot.

³ 1900 U.S. census, Hopkins Co., KY, population schedule, Dalton, enumeration district (ED) 70, sheet 4A, p. 215 (stamped), dwelling 63, family 61, Lee Hankins; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/7602> : accessed 8 Jan 2010); from NARA microfilm T623, roll 528; named listed as Albert El. James Bailey Hankins (California) to (his cousin) Thomas Hankins, Letter (copy), Nov 1956; privately held by Linda McCauley, Mt. Vernon, KY, 2002; Jimmy named his siblings, including Elvie, whom he also called Ev in the letter. “Al Hankins, brother of local resident,” *Birmingham (AL) News*, 8 Jun 1959, p. 7, col. 6; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 10 Jan 2021).

⁴ 1880 U.S. census, Hopkins Co., KY, population schedule, Earlington, enumeration district (ED) 198, p. 40, dwelling 338, family 364, Lee Hankins; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/6742> : accessed 21 Nov 2009); from NARA microfilm T9, roll 421; Dick 4 mos. old, living with parents. “Texas, U.S. Death Certificates, 1903–1982,” digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2272> : accessed 25 Dec 2012), death certificate no. 31916 (1959), Albert E. Hankins; from TX Death Certificates 1903–1982, TX Dept. of State Health Services, Austin; Elvie’s DOB 16 Oct 1882 and parents’ names.

⁵ 1900 U. S. census, Hopkins Co., KY, pop. sch., Dalton, ED 70, p. 215, dwell. 63, fam. 61, Lee Hankins.

⁶ “Edmonds-Hankins,” *Bee* (Earlington, KY), 27 Jun 1901, p. 2, col. 2; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 4 Sep 2013); Elvy employee of St. Bernard Coal Company. Hopkins Co., KY, Marriages, 5-1901–9-1902: 34-35, Hankins-Edmonds, 1901; Hopkins Co. Clerk, Madisonville.

⁷ “Edmonds-Hankins,” *Bee*, 27 Jun 1901; notes the wedding was at the home of the bride’s sister, Mrs. F. M. Richardson in Earlington. 1900 U.S. census, Hopkins Co., KY, population schedule, Earlington, enumeration district (ED) 64, sheet 8B, dwelling 144, family 177, Frank Richardson; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/7602> : accessed 10 Nov 2020); from NARA microfilm T623, roll 528; Frank’s wife’s name is Clara.

⁸ “Kentucky, U.S., Death Records, 1852–1965,” digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/1222> : accessed 10 Jan 2021), death certificate no. 18075 (1930), Ella Edmunds Willis; from microfilm 7016130–7041803, KY Dept. for Libraries and Archives, Frankfort.

⁹ 1900 U.S. census, Hopkins Co., KY, pop. sch., Earlington, ED 64, sheet 8B, dwell. 144, fam. 177, Frank Richardson; Ella’s occupation telephone operator. “Edmonds-Hankins,” *Bee*, 27 Jun 1901; Ella bookkeeper for John M. Victory and Co.

¹⁰ “Mrs. Ella Hankins,” *Bee* (Earlington, KY) 3 Apr 1902, p. 1, col 3; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 4 Sep 2013); Ella moved to Kansas City, MO to join her husband who is employed in a powerhouse; specific railroad not mentioned.

¹¹ “Furniture for Sale,” *Bee* (Earlington, KY), 27 Mar 1902, p. 2, col 1; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 4 Sep 2013). “Personal,” *Bee* (Earlington, KY), 3 Apr 1902, p. 2, col. 2; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 4 Sep 2013); date she left.

¹² “Personals,” *Bee* (Earlington, KY), 18 Jun 1903, p. 2, col 4; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 4 Sep 2013); notes Elvy, from Kansas City, was visiting friends and relatives, did not mention his wife. “Personals,” *Bee* (Earlington, KY) 23 Jul 1903, p. 2, col. 3; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 4 Sep 2013); Elvy returned to Kansas City, did not mention his wife.

¹³ “Personals,” *Bee* (Earlington, KY), 28 Apr 1904, p. 2, col. 4; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 10 Jan 2021); Ella resigned from J. M. Victory to go to St. Louis.

¹⁴ “Locomotive Blasts,” *Bee* (Earlington, KY), 30 Mar 1905, p. 1, col. 3; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 4 Sep 2013).

¹⁵ “Mining Notes,” *Bee* (Earlington, KY), 25 May 1905, p. 8, col. 6; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 4 Sep 2013). “Mining Notes,” *Bee* (Earlington, KY), 8 Jun 1905, p. 8, col. 4; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 4 Sep 2013).

www.newspapers.com : accessed 4 Sep 2013). “Mining Notes,” *Bee* (Earlington, KY), 20 Jul 1905, p. 3, col 3; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 4 Sep 2013).

¹⁶ “Mining Notes,” *Bee* (Earlington, KY), 10 Aug 1905, p. 3, col. 5; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 4 Sep 2013).

¹⁷ “Mining Notes,” *Bee*, 10 Aug 1905.

¹⁸ “Additional Locals,” *Hustler* (Madisonville, KY), 17 Jul 1908, p. 6, col 3; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 10 Feb 2021).

¹⁹ “Nortonville Items,” *Hustler* (Madisonville, KY), 21 Jul 1908, p. 2, col. 2; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 10 Feb 2021).

²⁰ Browsed “Kentucky, U.S., Birth Records, 1847–1911” and “Kentucky, U.S., Death Records, 1852–1965” page by page on *Ancestry* for a Hankins child born in 1907, a Hankins child who died in 1908, and any child who died on 15 July 1908 in Hopkins County. None were found.

²¹ Searched 1900 and 1910 U.S. censuses on *Ancestry* for Elvie/Elvy Hankins, Hankin, and Hank* (wildcard for any surname beginning with Hank) in Hopkins County. None were found.

²² 1910 U.S. census, Muhlenberg Co., KY, population schedule, Magisterial District #2, enumeration district (ED) 79, sheet 13A, dwelling 73, family 73, Ed L. Willis; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/7884> : accessed 10 Jan 2021); from NARA microfilm T624, roll 496.

²³ 1910 U.S. census, Muhlenberg Co., KY, pop. sch., Mag. Dist. #2, ED 79, sheet 3A, dwell. 73, fam. 73, Ed L. Willis.

²⁴ 1930 U.S. census, Muhlenberg Co., KY, population schedule, Greenville, enumeration district (ED) 89, stamped 216, sheet 3B, dwelling 59, family 73, Frank Richardson; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/6224> : accessed 14 Feb 2021); from NARA microfilm T626, roll 751.

²⁵ “Kentucky Death Records, 1852–1965,” 18075 (1930) Ella Edmunds Willis. 1930 U.S. census, Muhlenberg Co., KY, pop. sch., Greenville, ED 89, stamped 216, sheet 3B, dwell. 59, fam. 73, Frank Richardson; address is West Cross St which is where Ella died per death certificate.

²⁶ 1910 U.S. census, Reno Co., KS, population schedule, Hutchinson, enumeration district (ED) 171, sheet 1B, dwelling 10, family 12, Dick S. Garrison; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/7884> : accessed 4 Sep 2013); from NARA microfilm T624, roll 453.

²⁷ “Spivey Department,” *Leader-Courier* (Kingman, KS), 24 Feb 1910, p. 3, col. 1 and 17 Mar 1910, p. 14, col. 2; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 1 Feb 2021); both note A. E. Hankins of Anthony was visiting friends in Spivey. “Spivey,” *Zenda* (KS) *Citizen*, 6 May 1910, p. 1, col 2; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : 1 Feb 2021); Elvie moved to Spivey to work as brakeman on a local train run.

²⁸ *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/film/004665233> : accessed 1 Feb 2021), digital film 004665233, image 1196, Sedgwick Co., KS, Marriages Sep 1909–Nov 1910: pages not numbered, Albert Hankins-Francis McDavid (sic), 17 Oct 1910; Hankins indexed as Hawkins.

²⁹ *Find A Grave* (<https://www.findagrave.com> : viewed 2 Jan 2021), memorial 148123462, for Frances Joan Lillian McDavitt Romine, (Olivewood Cemetery, Riverside, CA), digital image, 21 Jun 2015, by K. B; DOB. “Spivey,” *Kingman (KS) Journal*, 8 Mar 1912, p. 3, col. 2; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 1 Feb 2021); identifies Mrs. Albert Hankins’s parents as Mr. and Mrs. J. L. McDavitt of Spivey. *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/film/004661388> : accessed 10 Feb 2021), digital film 1301880, image 596, Edgar Co., IL, Marriage Records, 1-A: 5, McDavitt-Thompson, 14 Jan 1875; mother’s maiden name.

³⁰ “Spivey Department,” *Leader-Courier* (Kingman, KS), 17 Nov 1910, p. 4, col. 2; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 1 Feb 2021); moved to Hutchinson. “Spivey Department,” *Leader-Courier* (Kingman, KS), 9 Mar 1911, p. 4, col. 2; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 1 Feb 2021); Frances returned home to MN. “Spivey,” *Kingman (KS) Journal*, 22 Nov 1912, p. 10, col. 2; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 1 Feb 2021); Frances visiting Spivey from Thief River Falls, MN.

³¹ “Spivey Department,” *Leader-Courier*, 17 Nov 1910; noted he “will brake on the H & S out of that place” (Hutchinson). MN Division of Vital Statistics, birth certificate no. 22007 (1913), Ella Louise Hankins; digital copy, Minnesota Historical Society (<https://www.mnhs.org>).

³² “Spivey,” *Kingman Journal*, 22 Nov 1912; arrived from Thief River Falls, MN last Tuesday, expects to spend the winter with relatives.

³³ MN Division of Vital Statistics, birth certificate no. 22007 (1913), Ella Louise Hankins.

³⁴ “Spivey,” *Kingman (KS) Journal*, 27 Nov 1914, p. 3, col. 5; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 1 Feb 2021); Frances and Eloise visiting her parents. “Spivey,” *Kingman (KS) Journal*, 26 May 1916, p. 4, col. 1; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 1 Feb 2021); Albert visiting his little daughter, Eloise, and McDavitts.

³⁵ “Spivey Department,” *Leader-Courier* (Kingman, KS), 12 Mar 1914, p. 7, col. 1; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 1 Feb 2021); arrived to visit Frances’s parents on previous Monday.

³⁶ “Spivey Department,” *Leader-Courier* (Kingman, KS), 9 Apr 1914, p. 4, col. 4; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 1 Feb 2021); returned to MN first of the week.

³⁷ “Spivey,” *Kingman Journal*, 27 Nov 1914.

³⁸ 1915 Kansas state census, Kingman Co., population schedule, Chikaskia, p. 5, dwelling 21, family 21, for Francis and Eloise Hankins in J. L. McDavitt household; *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/1088> : accessed 1 Feb 2021); from Kansas State Historical Society, Topeka, roll ks1915_115.

³⁹ “Advertised Letters,” *Hutchinson (KS) Gazette*, 2 Apr 1915, p. 6, col. 5; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 1 Feb 2021); letter at PO for Mrs. Frances Hankins. “Advertised Letter List,” *Hutchinson (KS) Gazette*, 30 Apr 1915, p. 7, col. 4; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 1 Feb 2021); letter at PO for Mrs. A. E. Hankins.

⁴⁰ “Spivey,” *Kingman (KS) Journal*, 28 May 1915, p. 11, col. 3; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 1 Feb 2021); Albert Hankins visiting McDavitts. “Spivey,” *Kingman (KS) Journal*, 2 Jul 1915, p. 7, col. 1; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 1 Feb 2021); Mrs Albert Hankins from Hutchinson visiting her baby, Eloise.

⁴¹ “Spivey,” *Kingman (KS) Journal*, 6 Aug 1915, p. 2, col. 2; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 1 Feb 2021); Mrs. McDavitt and Eloise visiting Mrs. F. Hankins in Hutchinson.

⁴² “Spivey,” *Kingman Journal*, 6 Aug 1915; Mrs. McDavitt and Eloise visiting Mrs. F. Hankins in Hutchinson. “U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936–2007,” database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/60901> : accessed 19 Jan 2021), Beatrice Faye Clarke, SSN 510108243; from Social Security Applications and Claims, 1936–2007; Beatrice gave her parents as Geo. R. Clarke and Frances L. McDavitt.

⁴³ “U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936–2007,” Beatrice Faye Clarke, SSN 510108243; born 14 Dec 1915. “California, U.S., Death Index, 1940–1997,” database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/5180> : 10 Feb 2021), Jack R. Clarke, 1962, Riverside, CA; from California Death Index, 1940–1997, Dept. of Health Services, Sacramento; born 24 Feb 1919.

⁴⁴ “Spivey,” *Leader-Courier* (Kingman, KS), 18 Aug 1916, p. 5, col. 2; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 1 Feb 2021); Frances visiting her parents. “Spivey,” *Kingman (KS) Journal*, 25 Jul 1919, p. 2, col. 2; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 1 Feb 2021); Mr. & Mrs. J. L. McDavitt and Eloise Hankins visited their daughter, Mrs. Clark, in Topeka.

⁴⁵ “Spivey,” *Kingman Journal*, 26 May 1916; Elvie visiting the McDavitts and his daughter Eloise.

⁴⁶ 1930 U.S. census, Sedgwick Co., KS, population schedule, Wichita, enumeration district (ED) 87, sheet 17B, dwelling 242, family 453, Alfred E. Romine; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/6224> : accessed 10 Feb 2021); from NARA microfilm T626; Frances and Beatrice in the household.

⁴⁷ *Find A Grave*, memorial 148123462, Frances Joan Lillian McDavitt Romine, gravestone photo by K.B.

⁴⁸ No title (Albert E. Hankins, Thief River Falls, Minn), *Evening Free Press* (Winfield, KS), 1 Jun 1916, p. 6, col. 5; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 1 Feb 2021); Albert E. Hankins, Thief River Falls, Minn, age 33 and Catherine Harmon, Wichita, age 24, married by Probate Judge Guy.

⁴⁹ “California, U.S., Death Index, 1940–1997,” database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/5180> : accessed 13 Feb 2021), Kathryn W. Sweet, 1975, Los Angeles Co.; from California Death Index, 1940–1997, Dept. of Health Services, Sacramento; DOB and birthplace. *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/film/005204693> : accessed 10 Feb 2021), digital film 005204693, image 567, Warren Co., IL, Marriage Records, D: 117, no. 1502, Wilcox, Peterson, 9 Aug 1885; Emma J. Peterson, daughter of Hiram Peterson and Emily Smith, married Joseph Wilcox. *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/film/005203008> : accessed 10 Feb 2021), digital film 005203008, image 10, Warren Co., IL, Marriage Records, E: 5, Simmons-Fee, 17 Apr 1894; Alice Peterson Fee, daughter of Hiram Peterson and Emily Smith, married J. F. Simmons. 1900 U.S. census, Warren Co., KS, population schedule, Roseville Township, enumeration district (ED) 95, sheet 3B, dwelling 53, family

53, John F. Simmons; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/7602> : accessed 2 Feb 2021); from NARA microfilm T623; nine-year-old Katie Wilcox lived with John and Alice Simmons and was listed as niece.

⁵⁰ 1900 U.S. census, Warren Co., KS, pop. sch., Roseville Twnshp, ED 95, sheet 3B, dwell. 53, fam. 53, John F. Simmons; Katie lived with Alice and John.

⁵¹ “Wilcox-VanLandingham,” *Leader-Courier* (Kingman, KS), p. 4, col. 4; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 12 Mar 2021); wedding. “No. 6694, Katie VanLandingham vs Earl VanLandingham,” *Leader-Courier* (Kingman, KS), 27 Apr 1911, p. 2, col. 4; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 12 Mar 2021); divorce filing lists child Carl.

⁵² “No. 6694, Katie VanLandingham vs Earl VanLandingham,” *Leader-Courier* (Kingman, KS), 27 Apr 1911. “In District Court,” *Leader-Courier*, 29 Jun 1911, p. 1, col. 6; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 12 Mar 2021).

⁵³ “Divorce Cases Filed,” *Wichita (KS) Eagle*, 22 Dec 1914, p. 9, col 1; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 12 Mar 2021); wedding date, daughter’s name, divorce filing. “Caught on the Wing,” *Wichita (KS) Eagle*, 14 May 1915, p. 8, col. 2; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 12 Mar 2021); divorce granted.

⁵⁴ “Spivey,” *Kingman (KS) Journal*, 6 Jul 1917, p. 3, col. 1; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 1 Feb 2021); Alice visiting Katie in Minnesota. “Spivey,” *Kingman (KS) Journal*, 14 Dec 1917, p. 3, col. 3; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 1 Feb 2021); Albert, Katie, and Maxine visiting Alice from Their River Falls, MN.

⁵⁵ “Spivey,” *Kingman (KS) Journal*, 28 Dec 1917, p. 3, col. 2; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 1 Feb 2021).

⁵⁶ “U.S., Headstone Applications for Military Veterans, 1925–1970,” digital images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2375> : accessed 21 December 2012), Albert E. Hankins, serial no. 891559; from Records of the Office of the Quartermaster General, 1774–1985, Record Group 92, NARA, Washington, D.C.

⁵⁷ *Roster of 62nd Engineers, American Ex. Forces France 1918–1919*, (Auxerre, France, 1919); digital images, *Indiana Memory* (<https://indianamemory.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/collection/scc/id/213> : accessed 26 Dec 2012); from Sullivan County Community Collection, Sullivan County Public Library; p. 1.

⁵⁸ “U.S., Army Transport Service Arriving and Departing Passenger Lists, 1910–1939,” digital images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/61174> : accessed 12 Dec 2020), Outgoing > Zeelandia > 30 Jun 1918–12 Nov 1919 > image 150, entry for Albert E. Hankins, serial no. 891559; from Records of the Office of the Quartermaster General, 1774–1985, Record Group 92, NARA, College Park, MD; ship name, departure port and date. *Roster of 62nd Engineers, American Ex. Forces France 1918–1919*; *Indiana Memory*; p. 1, convoy of 13 vessels.

⁵⁹ *Roster of 62nd Engineers, American Ex. Forces France 1918–1919*; *Indiana Memory*; p. 1.

⁶⁰ *Roster of 62nd Engineers, American Ex. Forces France 1918–1919*; *Indiana Memory*; p. 1–2.

⁶¹ *Roster of 62nd Engineers, American Ex. Forces France 1918–1919*; *Indiana Memory*; p. 2.

⁶² James Bailey, Albert Elvie, and William Perry Hankins photograph, 1918, from James Bailey Hankins’s album, privately held by Martha Carver Abbott, Greenville, KY; abt. 1972, Jimmy gave his photo album to his McCauley nieces in Greenville during one of his last trips to KY, Elizabeth McCauley Carver held it, Martha received it from Elizabeth (her mother) abt. 2003; image digitized by Linda McCauley 23 Jul 2013; annotated AEF-1918. AEF = American Expeditionary Forces.

⁶³ *Roster of 62nd Engineers, American Ex. Forces France 1918–1919*; *Indiana Memory*; p. 2.

⁶⁴ “Spivey,” *Kingman (KS) Journal*, 9 Aug 1918, p. 9, col. 2; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 1 Feb 2021). “Spivey,” *Kingman (KS) Journal*, 15 Nov 1918, p. 7, col. 3; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 1 Feb 2021).

⁶⁵ “Spivey,” *Kingman (KS) Journal*, 10 Jan 1919, p. 3, col. 1; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 1 Feb 2021).

⁶⁶ “Spivey,” *Kingman Journal*, 2 Aug 1918; Alice & Maxine visiting Katie. “Spivey,” *Kingman (KS) Journal*, 15 Nov 1918, p. 7, col. 3; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 1 Feb 2021), Katie visiting. “Spivey,” *Kingman Journal*, 10 Jan 1919.

⁶⁷ “U.S., Army Transport Service Arriving and Departing Passenger Lists, 1910–1939,” digital images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/61174> : accessed 12 Dec 2020), Incoming > Aeolus > 30 May 1919–15 Aug 1919 > Image 439, entry for Albert E. Hankins, serial no. 891559; from Records of the Office of the Quartermaster General, 1774–1985, Record Group 92, NARA, College Park, MD.

⁶⁸ “U.S., Headstone Applications for Military Veterans, 1925–1970,” Albert E. Hankins, serial no. 891559.

⁶⁹ “Spivey,” *Kingman (KS) Journal*, 1 Aug 1919, p. 11, col. 1; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com>) : accessed 1 Feb 2021).

⁷⁰ “Spivey,” *Kingman (KS) Journal*, 10 Oct 1919, p. 7, col. 1; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com>) : accessed 1 Feb 2021); Katie & Maxine visiting Alice from Idaho.

⁷¹ 1920 U.S. census, Elmore Co., ID, population schedule, Glenns Ferry, enumeration district (ED) 145, sheet 8B, dwelling 159, family 184, Effie M. Mesinnell; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/6061>) : accessed 4 Sep 2013); from NARA microfilm T625, roll 291.

⁷² 1920 U.S. census, Sedgwick Co., KS, population schedule, Wichita, enumeration district (ED) 133, sheet 6B, dwelling 45, family 169, John D. Henley; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/6061>) : accessed 10 Feb 2021); from NARA microfilm T625, roll 549.

⁷³ “Publication Notice, Kathryn Hankins vs Albert Hankins,” *Douglass (KS) Tribune*, 30 Apr 1920, p. 9, col. 6; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com>) : accessed 1 Feb 2021).

⁷⁴ 1940 U.S. census, Los Angeles Co., CA, population schedule, Los Angeles, enumeration district (ED) 60-931, sheet 62B, household 358, Adren Redman; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2442>) : accessed 13 Feb 2021); from NARA microfilm T627, roll 412; Katie & Denver Sweet living with her daughter Maxine. *Find A Grave* (<https://www.findagrave.com>) : viewed 13 Feb 2021), memorial 3434456, for Denver Sweet, (Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery, San Diego, CA), digital image, 10 Jan 2020, by Jon Verdick; plot A-C 4. *Find A Grave* (<https://www.findagrave.com>) : viewed 13 Feb 2021), memorial 76036763, for Kathryn W Sweet, (Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery, San Diego, CA), digital image, 4 Jun 2015, by Harold Barraclough; plot A-C 4, “his wife Kathryn W.” “California, U.S., Death Index, 1940–1997,” database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/5180>) : accessed 13 Feb 2021), William D. Sweet, 1964, Los Angeles Co.; from California Death Index, 1940–1997, Dept. of Health Services, Sacramento; Denver’s first name William.

⁷⁵ 1940 U.S. census, Los Angeles Co., CA, pop. sch., Los Angeles, ED 60-931, sheet 62B, hshld. 358, Adren Redman.

⁷⁶ *Find A Grave*, memorial 76036763, Kathryn W Sweet, gravestone photo by Harold Barraclough.

⁷⁷ *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/film/004173127>) : accessed 6 Jun 2019), digital film 004173127, image 197, Canyon Co., ID, Marriages, 11: 170, Hankins-Massey, 23 Dec 1921.

⁷⁸ No title (marriage announcement for Albert E. Hankins and Harriet E. Massey), undated clipping, 1921, from unidentified newspaper, privately held by Sue Morgan London, AZ, copy provided to Linda McCauley, Mt. Vernon, KY, 2004; about the marriage of Albert E. Hankins and Harriet E. Massey on 24 Dec 1921; note date on marriage record is 23 Dec 1921.

⁷⁹ “Idaho, U.S., Birth Index 1861–1917, Stillbirth Index, 1905–1967,” digital images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/8973>) : accessed 2 Jan 2021); birth certificate no. 9563 (1912), Harriet Edna Massey; from State Birth Index, ID Bureau of Vital Records and Health Statistics, Boise; identified mother as Harriet Edna Ellis, age 22, birthplace IL. No title (marriage of Albert E. Hankins and Harriet E. Massey), undated clipping from unidentified newspaper; identifies Harriet’s parents as Mr. & Mrs. John R. Ellis. 1900 U.S. census, McHenry Co., ID, population schedule, Grafton Township, enumeration district (ED) 155, sheet 1B, dwelling 17, family 17, John Ellis; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/7602>) : accessed 10 Feb 2021); from NARA microfilm T623; Harriet’s mother’s name Mary.

⁸⁰ 1920 U.S. census, Jerome Co., ID, population schedule, Jerome, enumeration district (ED) 184, sheet 15A, dwelling 331, family 339, Harriet E. Massey; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/6061>) : accessed 8 Jan 2010); from NARA microfilm T625, roll 293; daughters Edna and Mary E. Massey. “Idaho, U.S., Birth Index 1861–1917, Stillbirth Index, 1905–1967,” birth certificate no. 9563 (1912), Harriet Edna Massey; full name for Edna. 1930 U.S. census, Park Co., MT, population schedule, Livingston, enumeration district (ED) 6, sheet 18A, dwelling: not listed, family: not listed, Albert E. Hankins; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com/search/collections/6224) : accessed 20 Jan 2010); NARA microfilm T626, roll 1259; Maryetta’s full name.

⁸¹ *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/film/004533527>) : accessed 10 Feb 2021), digital film 004533527, image 224, Lincoln Co., ID, Marriage Register, (book not numbered) p. 6, no. 124, Massey-Ellis, 5 Oct 1911.

⁸² 1920 U.S. census, Jerome Co., ID, pop. sch., Jerome, ED 184, sheet 15A, dwell. 331, fam. 339, Harriet E. Massey; Harriet’s marital status divorced. “Idaho, U.S., Old Penitentiary Prison Records, 1882–1961,” digital images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/61475>) : accessed 2 Feb 2021), Charles F. Massey, no. 2299; from Old Penitentiary Prison Records, 1882–1961, ID State Archives and Historical Society, Boise; nearest relative in 1915 Mrs. Harriet E. Massey, wife.

⁸³ “Jerome News Items,” *Idaho Statesman* (Boise, ID), 26 Dec 1922; digital image, *Genealogy Bank* (<https://www.genealogybank.com/>) : accessed 2 Aug 2010).

⁸⁴ *Polk's Livingston (Montana) City Directory 1929* (Butte, MT: R. L. Polk & Company of Montana), p. 48, entry for Albert E. and Harriet E. Hankins; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2469> : accessed 10 Jan 2021) > Montana > Livingston > 1929 > Livingston, Montana,, City Directory, 1929> image 24. 1930 U.S. census, Park Co., MT, pop. sch., Livingston, ED 6, sheet 18A, no dwell. or fam. #, Albert E. Hankins; no occupation listed for Harriet; Elvie was salesman for sick and accident insurance.

⁸⁵ *Polk's Livingston (Montana) City Directory 1931* (Butte, MT: R. L. Polk & Company of Montana), p. 46, entry for Albert E. and Harriet E. Hankins; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2469> : accessed 10 Jan 2021) > Montana > Livingston > 1931 > Livingston, Montana,, City Directory, 1931> image 23. *Polk's Livingston (Montana) City Directory 1935* (Salt Lake City, UT: R. L. Polk & Company of Montana), p. 44, entry for Albert E. and Harriet E. Hankins; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2469> : accessed 10 Jan 2021) > Montana > Livingston > 1935 > Livingston, Montana,, City Directory, 1935> image 24. *Polk's Livingston (Montana) City Directory 1937* (Salt Lake City, UT: R. L. Polk & Company of Montana), p. 47, entry for Albert E. and Harriet Hankins; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2469> : accessed 10 Jan 2021) > Montana > Livingston > 1937 > Livingston, Montana,, City Directory, 1937> image 24.

⁸⁶ 1930 U.S. census, Park Co., MT, pop. sch., Livingston, ED 6, sheet 18A, no dwell. or fam. #, Albert E. Hankins; Edna and Maryetta Massey listed in household.

⁸⁷ 1930 U.S. census, Park Co., MT, pop. sch., Livingston, ED 6, sheet 18A, no dwell. or fam. #, Albert E. Hankins; Harriet's daughters last name Massey.

⁸⁸ "Miss Hankins Arrives," *Spokesman-Review* (Spokane, WA), 22 Oct 1942, p. 7, col. 4; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 1 Feb 2021); Edna Hankins visiting her parents. No title (Miss Marietta Hankins), *Billings (MT) Gazette*, 3 Sep 1933, p. 11, col. 5; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 1 Feb 2021); Maryetta Hankins visiting her parents.

⁸⁹ "James F. O'Connor Leaves for D.C. To Take Up His Work," *Independent-Record* (Helena, MT), p. 6, col. 1; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 1 Feb 2021).

⁹⁰ "South Dakota, U.S., Marriages, 1905–2017," digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/8561> : accessed 2 Feb 2021); Kyle H. Leveau-Maryetta Hankin (sic), 4 Oct 1936, Pennington Co.; from SD Marriage Records, 1905–2016, SD Dept. of Health, Pierre; Maryetta Hankin (sic) of Livingston, MT.

⁹¹ "Dinner Club Meets," *Montana Standard* (Butte, MT), 8 May 1938, p. 44, col 6; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 1 Feb 2021); Elvie and Harriet won a prize at "Dinner Club" in Livingston, MT. No title (Members of Esther Reed chapter), *Spokesman-Review* (Spokane, WA), 11 Dec 1939, p. 7, col. 1; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 1 Feb 2021); Harriet transferred her D. A. R. membership to the Spokane chapter.

⁹² 1940 U.S. census, Spokane Co., WA, population schedule, Spokane, enumeration district (ED) 41-54, sheet 1A, household 14, Albert E. Hankins; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2442> : accessed 13 Feb 2021); from NARA microfilm 627, roll 4386.

⁹³ *Polk's Spokane City Directory 1942* (Spokane, WA: R. L. Polk & Company), p. 308, entry for Albert E and Harriet Hankins; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2469> : accessed 1 Feb 2021) > Washington > Spokane > 1942 > Spokane, Washington, City Directory, 1942> image 157. "U.S. World War II Draft Registration Cards, 1942," digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/1002> : accessed 4 Nov 2020), Albert E. Hankins, serial no. 2731; from Records of the Selective Service System, Record Group 147, NARA, St Louis, Missouri.

⁹⁴ *Polk's Spokane City Directory 1943* (Spokane, WA: R. L. Polk & Company), p. 314, entry for Albert E and Harriet Hankins; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2469> : accessed 1 Feb 2021) > Washington > Spokane > 1943 > Spokane, Washington, City Directory, 1943> image 162. *Polk's Spokane City Directory 1945-46* (Spokane, WA: R. L. Polk & Company), p. 382, entry for Albert E and Harriet E. Hankins; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2469> : accessed 1 Feb 2021) > Washington > Spokane > 1945 > Spokane, Washington, City Directory, 1945> image 194.

⁹⁵ "Nile Induction Colorful Event," *Spokesman-Review* (Spokane, WA), 31 Mar 1946, p. 12, col. 1; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 1 Feb 2021).

⁹⁶ *Daughters of the Nile*, (<https://daughtersofthenile.com> : accessed 2 Feb 2021).

⁹⁷ "Albert Hankins Is Dead," *Spokesman-Review* (Spokane, WA), 9 Jun 1959, p. 5, col. 4; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 26 Dec 2012); notes he was a member of the Spokane consistory of Scottish Rite Bodies, El Katif Shrine.

⁹⁸ “New Suits Filed in Superior Court,” *Spokane (WA) Daily Chronicle*, 4 Apr 1947, p. 5, col. 2; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 1 Feb 2021); Harriet E. Hankins vs Albert E. Hankins, divorce filed.

⁹⁹ *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/film/007406872> : accessed 2 Feb 2021), digital film 007406872, images 325 and 330, Spokane Co., WA, Civil Recording Superior Court 278: 324 and 329, divorce decree no. 119106, Hankins-Hankins, 9 May 1947; from Eastern Washington Regional Archives, Cheney.

¹⁰⁰ *Polk's Spokane City Directory 1947* (Seattle, WA: R. L. Polk & Company), p. 432, entry for Albert E. Hankins; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2469> : accessed 1 Feb 2021) > Washington > Spokane > 1947 > Spokane, Washington, City Directory, 1947> image 194. “Red Cross Assisting Victims of Blaze in Hotel,” *Spokane (WA) Daily Chronicle*, 1 Mar 1950, p. 1, col. 4 and p. 13, col. 8; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 1 Feb 2021); notes the address of the Ridpath Hotel as W514 1st.

¹⁰¹ Searched Spokane, WA city directories for 1947, 1949, and 1950 on *Ancestry* for Harriet Hankins. She was not found.

¹⁰² “Washington, U.S., Marriages, 1854–2013, digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2378> : accessed 4 Sep 2013); Albert E. Hankins-Ethel May Powers, 1 Aug 1948, Spokane Co.; from WA Marriage Records, 1854–2013, WA State Archives, Olympia. “U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936–2007,” database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/60901> : accessed 3 Feb 2021), Ethel Mayalvora Powers, SSN 536053730; from Social Security Applications and Claims, 1936–2007, Social Security Administration; middle name. *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/film/004223208> : accessed 21 Sep 2019), digital film 004223208, image 1446, Spokane Co., WA, death certificate no. 21880 (1948), Ethel May Hankins; from WA Bureau of Vital Statistics, Olympia; born 4 May 1895, WA, father's name Alvord.

¹⁰³ *FamilySearch*, digital film 004223208, image 1446, death certificate no. 21880 (1948), Ethel May Hankins; born 4 May 1895, WA, parents Frank Alvord and Katherine Kleckner. “Montana, U.S., County Marriages, 1865–1987,” digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/61578> : accessed 2 Feb 2021); Arthur Raymond Riebhoff-Ethel May Powers, 18 Aug 1933, Powell Co.; from MT County Marriages 1865–1987, MT State Historical Society, Helena; Ethel born in Seattle, King County, WA. 1900 U.S. census, Flathead Co., MT, population schedule, Troy Township, enumeration district (ED) 38, sheet 1B, dwelling 25, family 27, Frank E. Alvord; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/7602> : accessed 3 Feb 2021); from NARA microfilm T623. 1910 U.S. census, Lincoln Co., MT, population schedule, School District #13, enumeration district (ED) 45, sheet 9B, dwelling 106, family 109, Frank E. Alvord; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/7884> : accessed 3 Feb 2021); from NARA microfilm T624, roll 833.

¹⁰⁴ *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/film/004533541> : accessed 2 Feb 2021), digital film 004533541, image 24, Kootenai Co., ID, Marriages 9: 376, Williamson-Alvord, 11 Jun 1913.

¹⁰⁵ “Montana, U.S., County Births and Deaths, 1830–2011,” digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/61255> : accessed 2 Feb 2021); death certificate no. 2099 (1918), Earnest P. Williamson; from MT County Births and Deaths, 1830–2011, MT State Historical Society, Helena.

¹⁰⁶ *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/film/004533542> : accessed 2 Feb 2021), digital film 004533542, image 689, Kootenai Co., ID, Marriages 14: 86, Powers-Williamson, 2 Jul 1919.

¹⁰⁷ *FamilySearch*, digital film 004533541, image 24, Williamson-Alvord.

¹⁰⁸ 1940 U.S. census, Spokane Co., WA, population schedule, Spokane, enumeration district (ED) 41-97, sheet 61A, household 127, Ethel Powers; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2442> : accessed 13 Feb 2021); from NARA microfilm T627, roll 4387. “Washington, U.S., Marriages, 1854–2013,” Albert E. Hankins-Ethel May Powers, 1 Aug 1948.

¹⁰⁹ *FamilySearch*, digital film 004223208, image 1446, death certificate no. 21880 (1948), Ethel May Hankins.

¹¹⁰ “Fall Proves Fatal to Spokane Woman,” *Spokane (WA) Daily Chronicle*, 30 Dec 1948, p. 1, col. 3; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 22 Sep 2019).

¹¹¹ *FamilySearch*, digital film 004223208, image 1446, death certificate no. 21880 (1948), Ethel May Hankins.

¹¹² “Funerals - Hankins, Ethel May,” *Spokane (WA) Daily Chronicle*, 31 Dec 1948, p. 41, col. 3; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 22 Sep 2019).

¹¹³ *Find A Grave* (<https://www.findagrave.com> : viewed 3 Feb 2021), memorial 182218317, for Ethel May Alvord Hankins, (Greenwood Memorial Terrace, Spokane, WA), digital image, 9 Aug 2017, by Barbie Gant.

¹¹⁴ *Polk's Spokane City Directory 1949* (Seattle, WA: R. L. Polk & Company), p. 436, entry for Albert E. Hankins; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2469> : accessed 1 Feb 2021) > Washington > Spokane > 1949 > Spokane, Washington, City Directory, 1949> image 223.

¹¹⁵ “Reactions of Hotel ‘Refugees’ Vary” *Spokane (WA) Daily Chronicle*, 1 Mar 1950, p. 1, col. 4 and p. 13, col. 2; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 1 Feb 2021).

¹¹⁶ “Washington, U.S., Marriage Records, 1854–2013,” digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2378> : accessed 25 May 2012); Albert E. Hankins-Bernice Gamble, 1 Jul 1951, Spokane Co.; from Washington Marriage Records, 1854–2013, WA State Archives, Olympia.

¹¹⁷ 1900 U.S. census, Jewell Co., KS, population schedule, Center Township, enumeration district (ED) 47, sheet 9B, dwelling 209, family 210, James C. Jackson; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/7602> : accessed 16 Jun 2020); from NARA microfilm T623; Bernice living with parents James and Fannie Jackson, Fannie’s parents with last name Sturdevant also in household. *Find A Grave* (<https://www.findagrave.com> : viewed 26 Dec 2012), memorial 77785066, for Bernice Jackson Hankins, (Pines Cemetery, Spokane, WA), digital image, 8 Feb 2013, by Sue Tanner. *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/film/005015331> : accessed 6 Jun 2019), digital film 005015331, image 312, Spokane Co., WA, Marriage Applications 1951 B8001-B9000, no. B8297, Hankins-Gamble, 25 Jun 1951; Bernice born in Mankato, KS.

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Verda Waller Hankins



Left: Vernon, Verda, Gladys, & Will; Right: Will and Verda

Verda was my paternal grandmother, but I never met her.¹ My father did not talk much about his mother and when he did, it always seemed that it was painful for him. She died two months before Daddy turned sixteen years old while he was alone with her at the hospital. His father and several siblings had left to get something to eat, not realizing she was that close to death.²

Verda Waller Hankins was born on 1 December 1884 in Dalton, Hopkins County, Kentucky, to Thomas Leander Hankins and Samantha Angeline Petty.³ Her middle name, Waller, was the maiden name of her third great-grandmother Dorothy Waller Goodloe and had been used as a middle name for several of Dorothy's descendants.⁴

Verda rarely used her middle name, although the middle initial W appears in 1880 and 1920 U.S. census entries for her. She adopted Jane instead, apparently in honor of her paternal grandmother, Isabella Jane Goodloe, whose sister Mary had Waller as her middle name.⁵ Some of Verda's children did not know she had named herself Jane. J is even on her headstone as her middle initial.⁶ However, Waller apparently appears on one child's birth certificate. The Kentucky birth index entry for her son John lists his mother's name, which should be her maiden name, as Verdie Waller.⁷

Verda often went along with her father when he was fulfilling his duties as a General Baptist minister, riding cross-country on horseback. She loved meeting people and always made those around her feel welcome with a kind word and a smile.⁸

Verda was ill with Typhoid during the summer and fall of 1903.⁹ She was so ill that she could not feed herself, so neighbors and relatives volunteered to help her mother care for her. Around that time, her brother Dick made friends with a fellow coal miner named John William McCauley and invited him to Sunday dinner at their parents' home. Soon Will started coming by to feed Verda her dinner.¹⁰

Verda married Will on 27 September 1904, at her parents' home in Earlington.¹¹ The local newspaper referred to the groom as an industrious miner and the bride as an estimable young lady.¹² They began their life together at Daniel Boone in Hopkins County, probably in coal company housing.¹³ Their first three children were born in Hopkins County—Golden Gladys in 1905, Icy Vernon in 1906, and Lillie Vashti in 1909.¹⁴ Eight more children were born in Muhlenberg County between 1913 and 1932—Joseph Lee, Elizabeth Angeline, Lois Marie, John William Jr., Kathryn Louise, David Hankins, Jimmie Nell and Ralph Raymond.¹⁵

On 27 July 1908, Will bought a lot on the corner of College Street and Madisonville Road (now Depot Street) in Greenville in neighboring Muhlenberg County for \$100. Exactly when they moved to Greenville is unknown, but they may have already lived there when they bought that lot as the deed notes the Post Office for all parties was Greenville.¹⁶ Regardless, they did not move to the College Street property until they had a house built.

Will continued working in the coal mines while they lived in Greenville.¹⁷ Will and Verda sold the College Street property for \$1,350.00 on 6 October 1919.¹⁸ On 22 November 1919, they bought a 112 acre farm about three miles from town for \$2,000.¹⁹ Will was still working in the mines in 1920 but eventually turned to farming full time.²⁰

The original house on the farm, located on what is now Oppossum Lane, burned to the ground in 1924. They lost almost everything. With seven children ranging from nineteen years to a few months old at home, the family had to temporarily split up to stay with neighbors. They moved into an empty store building that had been used to store tobacco and corn until they could build another house. It was a big open building that had a worn out wood floor.²¹

They built the new house in a different location on the farm, facing what is now Kennedy-Brasher Road. That house was smaller and not as nice as the original, which had nice cabinets and furniture.²² It had four rooms downstairs with two attic rooms upstairs. The living room ran the width of the house facing the road. Besides a front door, it had two exterior doors on the right side of the house. One went into the living room, the other to the bedroom behind it. Beyond that bedroom was a second bedroom, and off that bedroom was the kitchen. They also had a back porch off the kitchen (behind the first bedroom with the outside door).²³

The family attended Pleasant Hill Methodist Church, where Will led the singing for many years and Verda was active in the Women's Society of Christian Service. As the older children married and had families, they often came to Sunday dinner. It was not unusual for Will to invite several others from church to join them, even as Verda's health declined.²⁴

Verda and Will's youngest child, Ralph, died of colitis on 29 June 1933, a few weeks before his first birthday.²⁵ He was buried in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery behind the church.²⁶

Verda suffered from heart problems from a relatively young age, likely caused by the lingering effects of Typhoid compounded by the stress of having eleven children over twenty-seven years.²⁷ She had been ill for several years when she died at the Greenville Hospital from chronic myocarditis on 16 May 1942 at fifty-seven years old.²⁸

They held her funeral at the church. According to Verda's obituary, "Crowding the church and ground to pay a last tribute to Mrs. McCauley was one of the largest gatherings ever to attend a service of any kind at Pleasant Hill Church."²⁹ Verda was buried in the church cemetery beside Ralph.³⁰

Will married Pearl Gertrude Fitzhugh Joins on 10 April 1943 in Muhlenberg County.³¹ He died on 29 July 1959 and was buried beside Verda.³² Eight of Verda and Will's eleven children were buried in Pleasant Hill Cemetery.³³

Golden Gladys McCauley

Gladys was born on 28 June 1905 in Daniel Boone.³⁴ She married William Ferman Dukes on 27 September 1922 in Muhlenberg County.³⁵ Ferman's parents were James William Dukes and Elvira Jane Dockins.³⁶ He was born in Greenville on 25 January 1901.³⁷

Gladys and Ferman lived in Greenville until 1940 then moved to Louisville, Kentucky, where they lived for the rest of their lives.³⁸ They had twelve children.³⁹ In October 1942, they lived at 244 E. St. Catherine Street.⁴⁰ By 1946 they moved to 1463 S. 1st Street, where they lived for many years.⁴¹ Ferman worked as a machine repairman for American Radiator and Standard Sanitary Corporation.⁴²

Ferman died on 29 November 1958 in Owensboro, Daviess County, Kentucky, from injuries sustained in a car accident.⁴³ He was buried in Woodland Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery in Greenville.⁴⁴

Gladys moved to Baptist Towers Retirement Community at 1014 S. Second Street a few years before she died. She died on 25 April 1978 in Louisville and was buried next to Ferman in Greenville.⁴⁵

Icy Vernon McCauley

Vernon was born on 4 September 1906 in Hopkins County.⁴⁶ She married Jason Gordon Lucas on 28 May 1925 in Muhlenberg County, and they spent their lives there.⁴⁷ Gordon, born on 2 May 1902 in Smith County, Tennessee, was the son of Jason G. Lucas and Callie Mary Denny.⁴⁸ Vernon and Gordon had three children.⁴⁹

They owned a farm outside Greenville on what is now Gordon Lucas Road.⁵⁰ After Gordon retired from farming, they moved to 204 Carolyn Street in town.⁵¹

Gordon died on 22 May 1982 in Greenville.⁵² Vernon died there on 8 February 1989.⁵³ They are both buried in Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Greenville.⁵⁴

Lillie Vashti McCauley

Vashti was born on 28 May 1909 in Hopkins County.⁵⁵ She married Shelby Rhea Wells, son of Robert L. Wells and Mallie Finley, in October 1928 in Rockport, Spencer County, Indiana.⁵⁶ Rhea was born on 14 March 1896 in Muhlenberg County.⁵⁷

Vashti and Rhea lived in Muhlenberg County all their lives and had two children.⁵⁸ Rhea farmed and when he retired, they sold their farm and moved into town to 415 N. Cherry Street.⁵⁹

Rhea died on 30 August 1992 in Greenville.⁶⁰ Vashti died there on 3 April 2001.⁶¹ They are both buried in Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Greenville.⁶²

Joseph Lee McCauley

Joe was born on 26 January 1913 in Greenville.⁶³ In 1937, he graduated from Union College in Barbourville, Knox County, Kentucky, where he met Jeanette Rankin Gilliam.⁶⁴ Joe married Jeanette on 19 June 1937 in Gray, Knox County, Kentucky.⁶⁵ Jeanette was born 15 September 1918 in Cumberland, Harlan County, Kentucky, to Bruner Gilliam and Leona Johnson.⁶⁶ Joe and Jeanette had five children.⁶⁷

Before his graduation and marriage to Jeanette, Joe taught in 1934 at Pond Creek School in Muhlenberg County. Among his students were four of his siblings and several nieces and nephews.⁶⁸

Joe served in both the U.S. Army and Navy.⁶⁹ He enlisted in the army on 30 June 1943.⁷⁰ He joined the navy after that.⁷¹

Joe and Jeanette lived in Lexington (Fayette County), Cumberland and Benham (Harlan County), Middlesboro (Bell County), Pikeville (Pike County) and Auxier (Floyd County) all in Kentucky. Joe taught school in Fayette and Harlan counties.⁷² They ran an office supply business in Middlesboro, and Joe served a term as mayor from 1961 to 1965.⁷³ When he became the executive director for the Big Sandy Area Development District in 1966, they moved to Pikeville and later Auxier.⁷⁴

Joe died on 21 February 1985 in Louisville, Jefferson County, Kentucky, and was buried in John Gilliam Cemetery in Cumberland.⁷⁵ Jeanette died on 2 September 2014 in Lexington and was buried beside Joe.⁷⁶

Elizabeth Angeline McCauley

Liz was born on 23 November 1915 in Greenville.⁷⁷ She married Kenneth Mel Carver on 2 July 1933, and they had three daughters.⁷⁸ Mel, the son of Elmer O. Carver and Winnie Vick, was born on 19 January 1907 in Muhlenberg County.⁷⁹ Liz and Mel lived their entire lives in Greenville, making their home for many years at 406 Hayes Street.⁸⁰

Liz worked for Hahn-Oates & Co, and for William & Wells Drug Store.⁸¹ Mel worked in the taxi and bus line service driving for Greyhound and later Greenville Transportation Company.⁸²

Mel died on 27 October 1991 in Greenville and was buried in Pleasant Hill Cemetery.⁸³ Liz died on 20 November 2003 in Greenville and was buried beside Mel.⁸⁴

Lois Marie McCauley

Lois was born on 27 July 1918 in Greenville.⁸⁵ She married George Estill Dockins, son of Estelle Dockins and Sarah Florence Jernigan, on 11 August 1935 in Muhlenberg County.⁸⁶ George was born on 14 June 1912 in East St. Louis, Saint Clair County, Illinois.⁸⁷

Lois and George lived in Greenville and had four children.⁸⁸ Their last home was at 1311 Kentucky 181 South.⁸⁹ George worked for P. & M. Coal Company for twenty-three years.⁹⁰

George died on 27 November 1996 in Greenville.⁹¹ Lois died there on 1 March 2006.⁹² They were buried in Pleasant Hill Cemetery.⁹³

John William McCauley, Jr.

John was born on 8 February 1921 in Greenville.⁹⁴ In June 1942, he joined the U.S. Navy and was assigned as a naval gun crewman on merchant ships. By 1944, he had crossed the Atlantic eighteen times and made one full trip around the world. He was discharged from the Navy in February 1947.⁹⁵

John enrolled at Union College in Barbourville, Kentucky, in September 1947 and graduated with a B.S. degree in education in August 1950. After he graduated, he joined the merchant marines and spent almost two more years at sea before returning to Greenville in April 1952.⁹⁶

He married Elsie Marie Harper, daughter of Robie Harper and Velma Orene Bivins, in 1960.⁹⁷ Marie was born on 27 August 1930 in the Muhlenberg County community of Beech Creek.⁹⁸ John and Marie had four sons.⁹⁹

John worked as a coal miner and farmer.¹⁰⁰ He also ran the Greenville Pool Room and Restaurant for seventeen years.¹⁰¹

John died on 15 January 1992 in Madisonville, Hopkins County, Kentucky.¹⁰² Marie died on 31 March 2013 in Greenville.¹⁰³ They were both buried in Pleasant Hill Cemetery.¹⁰⁴

Kathryn Louise McCauley

Katie was born on 7 February in Greenville.¹⁰⁵ She married Adrian Stinson Tones on 16 November 1942 in Omaha, Douglas County, Nebraska, where Adrian was stationed in the U.S. Army.¹⁰⁶ Adrian was born on 24 November 1918 in McLean County, Kentucky, to William Coda Tones and Mary Elizabeth Stinson.¹⁰⁷

Katie and Adrian had three children. They lived in Calumet City, Illinois, for many years.¹⁰⁸ Adrian worked for Inland Steel in Gary, Indiana.¹⁰⁹ Katie worked for Animated Manufacturing in Dolton, Illinois, from which she retired in 1988.¹¹⁰ They both returned to Greenville after retirement. Katie lived next door to her sister, Jimmie, on Mellwood Drive.¹¹¹

Adrian died on 3 March 1987 in Greenville and was buried in Pleasant Hill Cemetery.¹¹² Katie died on 3 May 2011 in Princeton, Bureau County, Illinois, where she had been in assisted living for several years.¹¹³ She was buried next to Adrian in Pleasant Hill Cemetery.¹¹⁴

David Hankins McCauley

David was born on 12 July 1926 in Greenville.¹¹⁵ He left home at age sixteen and went to live with his sister Gladys in Louisville when Will remarried less than a year after Verda's death. David worked at American Radiator and Standard Sanitary Corporation until he joined the U.S. Navy on 20 January 1944.¹¹⁶ He was discharged on 22 April 1946.¹¹⁷

After his discharge, David moved to Cumberland, Kentucky, to live with his brother, Joe, and his family. Joe wanted him to finish high school, even though he had earned a GED while in the navy. After graduating from Cumberland High School, David attended Union College for a year before going to work for Joe and Jeanette in Middlesboro selling office equipment.¹¹⁸

At Union, David met Uta Faye Hopkins, daughter of Elmer Dennis Hopkins and Emma Ewers Taylor of Loyall, Harlan County, Kentucky.¹¹⁹ David married Faye in Loyall on 18 February 1950.¹²⁰ They had four children.¹²¹

For almost a year, David and Faye lived in hotels in Cookeville, Johnson City, and Crossville, Tennessee, while he sold stoves for Qualified Range Company. They moved to Middlesboro about January 1951, and he went back to work for Joe and Jeanette selling office equipment. Several months later, David started working for The National Life and Accident Company, and he and Faye moved to Louisville.¹²²

They moved to Mt. Vernon, Rockcastle County, Kentucky, in 1952 where they lived for the rest of their lives. David initially ran a service station for Faye's father and later opened a used car lot next to the service station. In 1953, he started McCauley Egg Company, which he ran until retiring in 1994. His son still runs the business today.¹²³

David died on 16 June 2000 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky.¹²⁴ He was buried next to Faye's parents in Elmwood Cemetery in Mt. Vernon. Faye is still living.¹²⁵

Jimmie Nell McCauley

Jimmie was born on 6 August 1929 in Greenville.¹²⁶ She married David Johnson Knight there on 31 December 1948.¹²⁷ David was born on 29 July 1922 in Daviess County, Kentucky, to Griffin E. Knight and Lena Johnson.¹²⁸

After starting their life together in Greenville, Jimmie and Dave moved to Louisville. She worked for Stewart's, a regional department store chain.¹²⁹ Dave served as a Naval Air Force pilot during World War II and worked as a civilian pilot for James Cash Machine Company for thirty-two years.¹³⁰

Jimmie and Dave had two children. After they both retired, Jimmie and Dave returned to Greenville and lived at 214 Mellwood Drive.¹³¹

Dave died on 27 April 1996 in Greenville.¹³² Jimmie died there on 15 December 2018.¹³³ They were both buried in Pleasant Hill Cemetery.¹³⁴

Ralph Raymond McCauley

Ralph was born on 7 August 1932 in Greenville and lived less than one year. He died on 29 June 1933. The official cause of his death was colitis, but the family story is that Will let him eat strawberries off the vine, and they made him sick.¹³⁵ Ralph was buried in Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

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¹⁵ “Kentucky, U.S., Birth Index, 1911–1999,” database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/8788> : accessed 2 Mar 2021), birth certificate no. 4421 (1913), Joseph L. McCauley; from Kentucky Birth, Marriage, and Death Databases: Births

1911-1999, Dept. for Libraries and Archives, Frankfort; DOB and birthplace. "Joseph McCauley," *Greenville (KY) Leader-News*, 27 Feb 1985, p. A8, col 2; microfilm, Muhlenberg County Public Library, Genealogy and Local History Annex, Greenville; full name. "Elizabeth Carver," *Greenville (KY) Leader-News*, 26 Nov 2003, p. A6, col 4; Greenville Leader-News microfilm, Muhlenberg County Public Library, Genealogy and Local History Annex, Greenville; DOB and birthplace. Jeanette Gilliam McCauley, "Descendants of John Petty," p. 3; Angeline given as Elizabeth's middle name. "Lois Marie McCauley Dockins," *Messenger-Inquirer* (Owensboro, KY), 3 Mar 2006, p. 10, col. 2; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 6 Jun 2019); DOB, birthplace, and full name. "U.S. World War II Draft Cards Young Men, 1940–1947," digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2238> : accessed 3 Dec 2016), John William McCauley, Jr., serial no. 137; from Records of the Selective Service System, Record Group 147, NARA, St Louis, Missouri; DOB, birthplace, and full name. "Kathryn Louise (McCauley) Tomes," *Messenger-Inquirer* (Owensboro, KY), 5 May 2011, p. B2, col. 3; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 6 Jun 2019); DOB, birth place and full name. KY Cabinet for Health and Family Services, birth certificate no. 34938 (1926), David Hankins McCauley; DOB, birthplace, and full name. *Gary's Funeral Home, Inc.* (<https://garysfuneralhome.net> : accessed 19 Dec 2018), "Jimmie Nell Knight, 89, of Greenville," obituary; DOB, birthplace, and full name. "Kentucky, U.S., Death Records, 1852–1965," digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/1222> : accessed 31 Oct 2003), death certificate no. 17341 (1933), Ralph Raymond McCauley; from microfilm 7016130–7041803, KY Dept. for Libraries and Archives, Frankfort; DOB, birthplace, and full name.

¹⁶ Muhlenberg Co., KY, Deed Book 75: 29, C. B. Wickliffe, Jr. and Robert and Minnie Wickliffe to J. W. McCauley, 27 Jul 1908; Muhlenberg Co. Clerk, Greenville.

¹⁷ 1910 U.S. census, Muhlenberg Co., KY, population schedule, Greenville, enumeration district (ED) 89, sheet 4A, dwelling 71, family 73, J. W. McCauley; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/7884> : accessed 1 May 2009); from NARA microfilm T624, roll 496.

¹⁸ Muhlenberg Co., KY, Deed Book 107: 306, J. W. and Verdie McCauley to Melvin Murphey, 6 Oct 1919; Muhlenberg Co. Clerk, Greenville.

¹⁹ Muhlenberg Co., KY, Deed Book 103: 205–297, C. G. and Maggie Newman to J. W. McCauley, 22 Nov 1919; Muhlenberg Co. Clerk, Greenville.

²⁰ 1920 U.S. census, Muhlenberg Co., KY, pop. sch., Greenville, ED 93, sheet 1A, dwell. 8, fam. 8, John W. McCauley; occupation coal miner. 1930 U.S. census, Muhlenberg Co., KY, population schedule, Mag. Dist. #3, enumeration district (ED) 89-18, stamped 276, sheet 6A, dwelling 120, family 120, J. W. McCauley; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/6224> : accessed 5 Dec 2008); from NARA microfilm T626, roll 771; occupation farming.

²¹ Kathryn McCauley Tomes (Illinois), phone interview by Pam Tomes Rumer, 2009.

²² Kathryn McCauley Tomes (Illinois), phone interview by Pam Tomes Rumer, 2009.

²³ Uta Faye Hopkins McCauley, wife of David Hankins McCauley, mother of author.

²⁴ David Hankins McCauley, son of Verda Hankins McCauley, father of author. Kathryn McCauley Tomes (Illinois), phone interview by Pam Tomes Rumer, 2009.

²⁵ "Kentucky, U.S., Death Records, 1852–1965," 17341 (1933), Ralph Raymond McCauley.

²⁶ Pleasant Hill Cemetery (Greenville, Muhlenberg Co., KY), Ralph Raymond McCauley marker, photographed by Linda McCauley, 14 Sep 2011.

²⁷ Elizabeth McCauley Carver, Lois McCauley Dockins, Kathryn McCauley Tomes, and Jimmie McCauley Knight; daughters of Verda Hankins McCauley, aunts of the author.

²⁸ "Kentucky, U.S., Death Records, 1852–1965," 12255 (1942), Verda McCauley.

²⁹ "Mrs. J. W. McCauley," *Greenville (KY) Leader*, 21 May 1942, p. 1, col. 1; microfilm, Genealogy and Local History Annex, Muhlenberg Co. Public Libraries, Greenville.

³⁰ Pleasant Hill Cemetery (Greenville, Muhlenberg Co., KY), McCauley, John W. and Verda J. marker, photographed by Linda McCauley, 14 Sep 2011.

³¹ Muhlenberg Co., KY, Marriages, 91: 380, McCauley-Joins, 1943; microfilm 7030301, item 2, KY Dept. for Libraries and Archives.

³² "Kentucky, U.S., Death Records, 1852–1965," digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/1222> : accessed 2 Oct 2006), death certificate no. 14089 (1959), John William McCauley; from microfilm 7016130–7041803, KY Dept. for Libraries and Archives, Frankfort. Pleasant Hill Cemetery (Greenville, Muhlenberg Co., KY), McCauley, John W. and Verda J. marker.

³³ Pleasant Hill Cemetery (Greenville, Muhlenberg Co., KY), Lucas, Gordon and Vernon marker, Wells, Rhea and Vashti marker, Carver, Elizabeth W. and Kenneth Mel marker, Dockins, George E. and Lois M. marker, McCauley, John W., Jr. and Marie Harper marker, Tomes, Adrain S. and Kathryn L. marker, Knight, David J. and Jimmie M. marker, and Ralph Raymond McCauley marker, photographed by Linda McCauley, 14 Sep 2011.

³⁴ “U.S., Social Security Death Index, 1935–2014,” database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/3693> : accessed 10 Mar 2018), entry for Gladys Dukes, 1978, SS no. 405-52-1171; from Social Security Death Index Master File, Social Security Administration; DOB.

³⁵ Muhlenberg Co., KY, Marriages, 53: 31, Dukes-McCauley, 1922; Muhlenberg Co. Clerk, Greenville.

³⁶ “Kentucky, U.S., Death Records, 1852–1965,” digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/1222> : accessed 15 Aug 2020), death certificate no. 25773 (1958), William Ferman Dukes; from microfilm 7016130–7041803, KY Dept. for Libraries and Archives, Frankfort; parents Will Dukes and Elvira Jane Dockins. 1920 U.S. census, Muhlenberg Co., KY, population schedule, Dist. #3 Courthouse, enumeration district (ED) 93, sheet 1B, dwelling 13, family 13, James W. Dukes; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/6061> : accessed 8 Jan 2010); from NARA microfilm T625, roll 593; Ferman’s father’s first name James.

³⁷ “U.S. World War II Draft Cards Young Men, 1940–1947,” digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2238> : accessed 4 Nov 2020), William Ferman Dukes, serial no. 1544; from Records of the Selective Service System, 1926–1975, Record Group 147, NARA, St Louis, Missouri.

³⁸ Verda McCauley (Greenville, KY) to her daughter-in-law, Jeanette Gilliam McCauley (Benham, KY), Letter, 6 Dec 1940; privately held by Jeanette Gilliam McCauley (deceased), copy provided to Linda McCauley, 4 Mar 2005; Verda said Gladys and the children left Greenville that day on the train to live in Louisville.

³⁹ Personal knowledge of author; for ten children who survived infancy. “Kentucky, U.S., Death Records, 1852–1965,” digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/1222> : accessed 2 Oct 2006), death certificate no. 19212 (1924), still born, parents Ferman Dukes and Gladdis McCauley and death certificate no. 22484 (1942), infant of Wm. F. Dukes; from microfilm 7016130–7041803, KY Dept. for Libraries and Archives, Frankfort.

⁴⁰ *Caron’s Louisville (Kentucky) City Directory, 1942* (Cincinnati, OH: Caron Dictory Company), p. 568, entry for Wm F and Gladys Dukes; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2469> : accessed 2 Nov 2020) > KY > Louisville > 1942 > Louisville, Kentucky, City Directory, 1942 > image 278.

⁴¹ *Caron’s Louisville (Jefferson County, KY) City Directory, 1946-47* (Cincinnati, OH: Caron Dictory Company), p. 284, entry for Wm S (sic) and Gladys Dukes; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2469> : accessed 2 Nov 2020) > KY > Louisville > 1946 > Louisville, Kentucky, City Directory, 1946 > image 143.

⁴² “Ex-County Resident, William Dukes, Dies From Auto Accident Injuries,” *Greenville (KY) Leader*, 4 Dec 1958; microfilm, Genealogy and Local History Annex, Muhlenberg Co. Public Libraries, Greenville.

⁴³ “Kentucky, U.S., Death Records, 1852–1965,” death certificate no. 25773 (1958), William Ferman Dukes.

⁴⁴ Woodland Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery (Greenville, Muhlenberg Co., KY), Dukes, W. Ferman and Gladys M. marker, photographed by Linda McCauley, 14 Sep 2011.

⁴⁵ “Mrs. Gladys M. Dukes,” *Courier-Journal* (Louisville, KY), 26 Apr 1978, p. 22, col. 1; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : 31 Mar 2020).

⁴⁶ “Mrs. Vernon Lucas,” *Greenville (KY) Leader-News*, 15 Feb 1989, p. B15, col. 1; microfilm, Genealogy and Local History Annex, Muhlenberg Co. Public Libraries, Greenville.

⁴⁷ Muhlenberg Co., KY, Marriages, 59: 36, Lucas-McCauley, 1925; Muhlenberg Co. Clerk, Greenville.

⁴⁸ “Gordon Lucas,” *Greenville (KY) Leader-News*, 26 May 1982, p. A4, col. 2; microfilm, Genealogy and Local History Annex, Muhlenberg Co. Public Libraries, Greenville; DOB and birthplace. 1910 U.S. census, Muhlenberg Co., KY, population schedule, Magisterial District #3 Courthouse, enumeration district (ED) 81, sheet 1B, dwelling 12, family 13, Richard H. Lyon; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/7884> : accessed 2 Nov 2020); from NARA microfilm T624, roll 497; Gordon living with his mother, Callie M. Lyon, and step-father. “Lyon, Mrs. Callie Lucas,” *Courier-Journal*, Louisville, KY, 20 Dec 1944, pg. 21, col. 3; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 2 Nov 2020); Gordon listed as her son in obituary. *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/film/005731728> : accessed 2 Nov 2020), digital film 005731728, images 552-553, Smith Co., TN, Marriages, Boxes 11–15 (loose papers), Jason G. Lucas and Callie, 1 Jan 1888; Callie married Jason Lucas.

⁴⁹ Personal knowledge of author.

⁵⁰ Personal knowledge of author.

⁵¹ “Gordon Lucas,” *Greenville Leader-News*, 26 May 1982.

⁵² “Gordon Lucas,” *Greenville Leader-News*, 26 May 1982.

⁵³ “Mrs. Vernon Lucas,” *Greenville Leader-News*, 15 Feb 1989.

⁵⁴ Pleasant Hill Cemetery (Greenville, Muhlenberg Co., KY), Lucas, Gordon and Vernon marker.

⁵⁵ “Vashti McCauley Wells,” *Greenville (KY) Leader-News*, 11 Apr 2001, p. B14, col. 2; microfilm, Genealogy and Local History Annex, Muhlenberg Co. Public Libraries, Greenville.

⁵⁶ “Married at Rockport,” *Owensboro (KY) Inquirer*, 10 Oct 1928, p. 5, col. 3; *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : 10 Mar 2021); Shelby R. Wells and Miss Vashti McCauley, Rockport, ID, date not noted. 1900 U.S. census, Muhlenberg Co., KY, population schedule, Rosewood, enumeration district (ED) 645 sheet 7A, dwelling 110, family 115, Robt. L. Wells; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/7602> : accessed 10 Nov 2020); from NARA microfilm T623, roll 545; 4-yr-old Shelby R living with parents Robert and Mallie. *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/film/004706073> : accessed 10 Feb 2021), digital film004706073, image 319, Muhlenberg Co., KY, Marriages, 19: 520, Wells-Finley, 31 Jan 1894; Mallie’s maiden name.

⁵⁷ “Shelby Rhea Wells,” *Greenville (KY) Leader-News*, 2 Sep 1992, p. B14, col. 1; microfilm, Genealogy and Local History Annex, Muhlenberg Co. Public Libraries, Greenville.

⁵⁸ Personal knowledge of author.

⁵⁹ 1930 U.S. census, Muhlenberg Co., KY, population schedule, District #4, enumeration district (ED) 23, sheet 9B, dwelling 183, family 185, Ray Wells; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/6224> : accessed 20 Jan 2010); from NARA microfilm T626, roll 772; occupation farmer. 1940 U.S. census, Muhlenberg Co., KY, population schedule, Mag. Dist. #2, enumeration district (ED) 89-17, sheet 35B, household 641, Ray Wells; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2442> : accessed 13 Feb 2021); from NARA microfilm 627, roll 1344; occupation farmer. Personal knowledge of author; address in Greenville.

⁶⁰ “Shelby Rhea Wells,” *Greenville Leader-News*, 2 Sep 1992.

⁶¹ “Vashti McCauley Wells,” *Greenville Leader-News*, 11 Apr 2001.

⁶² Pleasant Hill Cemetery (Greenville, Muhlenberg Co., KY), Wells, Rhea and Vashti marker.

⁶³ “U.S. World War II Draft Cards Young Men, 1940–1947,” digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2238> : accessed 3 Dec 2016), Joseph Lee McCauley, serial no. 593; from Records of the Selective Service System, Record Group 147, NARA, St Louis, Missouri.

⁶⁴ “Joseph McCauley,” *Greenville (KY) Leader-News*, 27 Feb 1985, p. A8, col. 2; microfilm, Genealogy and Local History Annex, Muhlenberg Co. Public Libraries, Greenville; graduated in 1937 from Union College. *Clark Legacy Center* (<https://clarklegacycenter.com/> : 9 Sep 2014), “Jeanette Gilliam McCauley,” obituary; notes Jeanette met Joe in 1936 at Union College.

⁶⁵ Jeanette Gilliam McCauley, wife of Joseph Lee McCauley, aunt of author.

⁶⁶ *Clark Legacy Center*, “Jeanette Gilliam McCauley.”

⁶⁷ Personal knowledge of author.

⁶⁸ Pond Creek, Mr. J. L. McCauley photograph, 1934, privately held by Faye Hopkins McCauley, Mt. Vernon, KY; photo of Joseph Lee McCauley, teacher at Pond Creek School, and 33 students, including four of his siblings and five nieces and nephews.

⁶⁹ Jeanette Gilliam McCauley, wife of Joseph Lee McCauley, aunt of author.

⁷⁰ “U.S., World War II Army Enlistment Records, 1938–1946,” digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/8939> : accessed 22 Mar 2018), Joseph L. McCauley, enlisted 30 Jun 1943, Cincinnati, OH; from NARA, Record Group 64, College Park, MD.

⁷¹ Jeanette Gilliam McCauley, wife of Joseph Lee McCauley, aunt of author.

⁷² “U.S., World War II Army Enlistment Records, 1938–1946,” Joseph L. McCauley, enlisted 30 Jun 1943, Cincinnati, OH; residence Fayette Co., KY. 1940 U.S. census, Harlan Co., KY, population schedule, Benham, enumeration district (ED) 48-77, sheet 17A, household 253, Joe L. McCauley; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2442> : accessed 13 Feb 2021); from NARA microfilm 627, roll 1314. David Hankins McCauley, son of Verda Hankins McCauley, father of author; David lived with Joe and Jeanette in Cumberland after WWII. Personal knowledge of author; they lived in Middlesboro, Pikeville, and Auxier.

⁷³ “Joseph McCauley,” *Greenville Leader-News*, 27 Feb 1985; Middlesboro mayor 1961 to 1965. Personal knowledge of author; office supply store.

⁷⁴ “Joseph McCauley,” *Greenville Leader-News*, 27 Feb 1985; executive director Big Sandy Area Development District. *Clark Legacy Center*; “Jeanette Gilliam McCauley,” moved to Pikeville 1966. Personal knowledge of author; lived in Auxier.

⁷⁵ “Kentucky, U.S., Death Index, 1911–2000,” database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/3077> : accessed 10 Jan 2010), death certificate no. 6545 (1985), Joseph L. McCauley; from KY Dept. for Public Health, Frankfort. *Clark Legacy Center*; “Jeanette Gilliam McCauley,” name and location of cemetery.

⁷⁶ *Clark Legacy Center*; “Jeanette Gilliam McCauley.”

⁷⁷ “Kentucky, U.S., Birth Index, 1911–1999,” database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/8788> : accessed 2 Mar 2021), birth certificate no. 630 (1916), Elizabeth McCauley; from Kentucky Birth, Marriage, and Death Databases: Births 1911–1999, Dept. for Libraries and Archives, Frankfort.

⁷⁸ McCauley Family Bible, *The Holy Bible* (n.p.: n.d.), privately held by Jimmie Nell McCauley Knight (now deceased), copy provided to Linda McCauley, Mt. Vernon, KY, 10 Mar 2009; date Liz and Mel married. “U.S. World War II Draft Cards Young Men, 1940–1947,” digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2238> : accessed 4 Nov 2020), Kenneth Mel Carver, serial no. 136; from Records of the Selective Service System, 1926–1975, Record Group 147, NARA, St Louis, Missouri; full name. Personal knowledge of author; three daughters.

⁷⁹ “Elmer O. Carver,” *Messenger-Inquirer* (Owensboro, KY), 10 May 1965, p. 8, col 2; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 19 Mar 2021); Mel’s father. *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/film/004706076> : accessed 19 Mar 2021), digital film004706076, image 608, Muhlenberg Co., KY, Marriages, 25: 295, Carver-Vick, 6 Feb 1904. *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/film/004706076> : accessed 19 Mar 2021), digital film004706076, image 608, Muhlenberg Co., KY, Marriages, 25: 295, Carver-Vick, 6 Feb 1904; Mel’s mother’s maiden name. “U.S. World War II Draft Cards Young Men, 1940–1947,” Kenneth Mel Carver, serial no. 136; Mel’s DOB and birthplace.

⁸⁰ “Kenneth Mel Carver,” *Greenville (KY) Leader-News*, 30 Oct 1991, p. A6, col 1; microfilm, Genealogy and Local History Annex, Muhlenberg Co. Public Libraries, Greenville.

⁸¹ “Elizabeth Carver,” *Greenville (KY) Leader-News*, 26 Nov 2003, p. A6, col 4; microfilm, Genealogy and Local History Annex, Muhlenberg Co. Public Libraries, Greenville.

⁸² “Kenneth Mel Carver,” *Greenville Leader-News*, 30 Oct 1991.

⁸³ “Kenneth Mel Carver,” *Greenville Leader-News*, 30 Oct 1991; DOD and place. Pleasant Hill Cemetery (Greenville, Muhlenberg Co., KY), Carver, Elizabeth W. and Kenneth Mel marker; burial place.

⁸⁴ “Elizabeth Carver,” *Greenville Leader-News*, 26 Nov 2003. Pleasant Hill Cemetery (Greenville, Muhlenberg Co., KY), Carver, Elizabeth W. and Kenneth Mel marker; burial place.

⁸⁵ “Kentucky, U.S., Birth Index, 1911–1999,” database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/8788> : accessed 2 Mar 2021), birth certificate no. 44025 (1918), Lois M. McCauley; from Kentucky Birth, Marriage, and Death Databases: Births 1911–1999, Dept. for Libraries and Archives, Frankfort.

⁸⁶ Muhlenberg Co., KY, Marriages, 80: 78, Dockins-McCauley, 1935; Muhlenberg Co. Clerk, Greenville; marriage information. “U.S. World War II Draft Cards Young Men, 1940–1947,” digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2238> : accessed 4 Nov 2020), George Estill Dockins, serial no. 760 from Records of the Selective Service System, 1926–1975, Record Group 147, NARA, St Louis, Missouri; full name. “Estil Dockins,” *Messenger-Inquirer* (Owensboro, KY), 29 Dec 1962, p. 6, col. 5; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 19 Mar 2021); parents’ names; father’s first name misspelled based on other records. *Find A Grave* (<https://www.findagrave.com> : viewed 19 Mar 2021), memorial 175759224, for Estill Dockins, (Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Greenville, KY), digital image, 11 Feb 2017, by D. L. Lee; father’s first name spelled Estelle on headstone.

⁸⁷ “George E. Dockins,” *Greenville (KY) Leader-News*, 4 Dec 1996, p. B8, col. 2; microfilm, Genealogy and Local History Annex, Muhlenberg Co. Public Libraries, Greenville.

⁸⁸ Personal knowledge of author.

⁸⁹ “George E. Dockins,” *Greenville Leader-News*, 4 Dec 1996. “Lois Marie McCauley Dockins,” *Messenger-Inquirer*, 3 Mar 2006.

⁹⁰ “George E. Dockins,” *Greenville Leader-News*, 4 Dec 1996.

⁹¹ “George E. Dockins,” *Greenville Leader-News*, 4 Dec 1996.

⁹² “Lois Marie McCauley Dockins,” *Messenger-Inquirer*, 3 Mar 2006.

⁹³ Pleasant Hill Cemetery (Greenville, Muhlenberg Co., KY), Dockins, George E. and Lois M. marker, photographed by Linda McCauley, 14 Sep 2011.

⁹⁴ “Kentucky, U.S., Birth Index, 1911–1999,” birth certificate no. 09071 (1921), John W. McCauley.

⁹⁵ Don Locke, “John McCauley: His first sea voyage took him around the world,” *Greenville (KY) Leader-News*, 26 Feb 1986, p. C1 and C5; original clipping saved by David H. McCauley (deceased), privately held by Linda McCauley, Mt. Vernon, KY.

⁹⁶ Don Locke, “John McCauley: His first sea voyage took him around the world,” *Greenville Leader-News*, 26 Feb 1986.

⁹⁷ Don Locke, “John McCauley: His first sea voyage took him around the world,” *Greenville Leader-News*, 26 Feb 1986; married Marie in 1960. *Gary’s Funeral Home, Inc.* (<https://garysfuneralhome.net> : accessed 1 Apr 2013), “Marie Harper McCauley;” parents’ names.

⁹⁸ *Gary’s Funeral Home, Inc.*, “Marie Harper McCauley.”

⁹⁹ Personal knowledge of author.

¹⁰⁰ “John W. McCauley,” *Greenville Leader-News*, 22 Jan 1992, p. 13, col. 1; microfilm, Genealogy and Local History Annex, Muhlenberg Co. Public Libraries, Greenville.

¹⁰¹ Don Locke, “John McCauley: His first sea voyage took him around the world,” *Greenville Leader-News*, 26 Feb 1986.

¹⁰² “John W. McCauley,” *Greenville Leader-News*, 22 Jan 1992.

¹⁰³ *Gary’s Funeral Home, Inc.*, “Marie Harper McCauley.”

¹⁰⁴ Pleasant Hill Cemetery (Greenville, Muhlenberg Co., KY), McCauley, John W., Jr. and Marie Harper marker.

¹⁰⁵ “Kentucky, U.S., Birth Index, 1911–1999,” database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/8788> : accessed 2 Mar 2021), birth certificate no. 09895 (1924), Katherine L. McCanley [sic]; from Kentucky Birth, Marriage, and Death Databases: Births 1911-1999, Dept. for Libraries and Archives, Frankfort.

¹⁰⁶ Jeanette Gilliam McCauley, “Descendants of John Petty,” p. 6; marriage date and location. “U.S. World War II Draft Cards Young Men, 1940–1947,” digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2238> : accessed 4 Nov 2020), Adrian Stinson Tomes, serial no. 1430; from Records of the Selective Service System, 1926–1975, Record Group 147, NARA, St Louis, Missouri; full name.

¹⁰⁷ “U.S. World War II Draft Cards Young Men, 1940–1947,” Adrian Stinson Tomes, serial no. 1430; DOB and birthplace. Pam Tomes Rumer, daughter of Adrian Tomes and Kathryn McCauley; provided names of Adrian’s parents.

¹⁰⁸ Personal knowledge of author.

¹⁰⁹ “Adrian S. Tomes,” *Greenville (KY) Leader-News*, 11 Mar 1987, p. B13, col 1; microfilm, Genealogy and Local History Annex, Muhlenberg Co. Public Libraries, Greenville.

¹¹⁰ “Kathryn Louise (McCauley) Tomes,” *Messenger-Inquirer*, 5 May 2011.

¹¹¹ Personal knowledge of author.

¹¹² “Adrian S. Tomes,” *Greenville Leader-News*, 11 Mar 1987.

¹¹³ “Kathryn Louise (McCauley) Tomes,” *Messenger-Inquirer*, 5 May 2011.

¹¹⁴ Pleasant Hill Cemetery (Greenville, Muhlenberg Co., KY), Tomes, Adrain S. and Kathryn L. marker, photographed by Linda McCauley, 14 Sep 2011.

¹¹⁵ KY Cabinet for Health and Family Services, birth certificate no. 34938 (1926), David Hankins McCauley.

¹¹⁶ David Hankins McCauley, son of Verda Hankins McCauley, father of author; left home to live with sister Gladys when his father remarried. Notice of Separation from the U.S. Naval Service, David Hankins McCauley, serial no. 6353027, original in possession of Linda McCauley, Mt. Vernon, KY; employer American Radiator, enlisted 20 Jan 1944.

¹¹⁷ Notice of Separation from the U.S. Naval Service, David Hankins McCauley, serial no. 6353027.

¹¹⁸ David Hankins McCauley, son of Verda Hankins McCauley, father of author.

¹¹⁹ Uta Faye Hopkins McCauley, wife of David Hankins McCauley, mother of author.

¹²⁰ Certificate of Person Performing Marriage Ceremony (to be delivered to partied married), David Hankins McCauley and Uta Faye Hopkins, 11 Feb 1950; privately held by Uta Faye Hopkins McCauley.

¹²¹ Personal knowledge of author.

¹²² Uta Faye Hopkins McCauley, wife of David Hankins McCauley, mother of author.

¹²³ Personal knowledge of author.

¹²⁴ KY Cabinet for Health and Family Services, death certificate no. 018880 (2000), David Hankins McCauley; Office of Vital Statistics, Frankfort.

¹²⁵ Personal knowledge of author.

¹²⁶ “Kentucky, U.S., Birth Index, 1911–1999,” database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/8788> : accessed 2 Mar 2021), birth certificate no. 36761 (1929), Jimmie N. McCauley; from Kentucky Birth, Marriage, and Death Databases: Births 1911-1999, Dept. for Libraries and Archives, Frankfort.

¹²⁷ “McCauley-Knight,” *Greenville (KY) Leader-News*, 6 Jan 1949; clipping saved by Jeanette Gilliam McCauley, copy provided to Linda McCauley, Mt. Vernon, KY, 2003.

¹²⁸ “U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936–2007,” database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/60901> : accessed 10 Nov 2020), David Johnson Knight , SSN 571-22-7013; from Social Security Applications and Claims, 1936–2007, Social Security Administration.

¹²⁹ Personal knowledge of author.

¹³⁰ “David J. Knight,” *Messenger-Inquirer* (Owensboro, KY), 29 Apr 1996; online archive (<http://www.newslibrary.com/sites/omib/> : accessed 29 Sep 2011).

¹³¹ Personal knowledge of author.

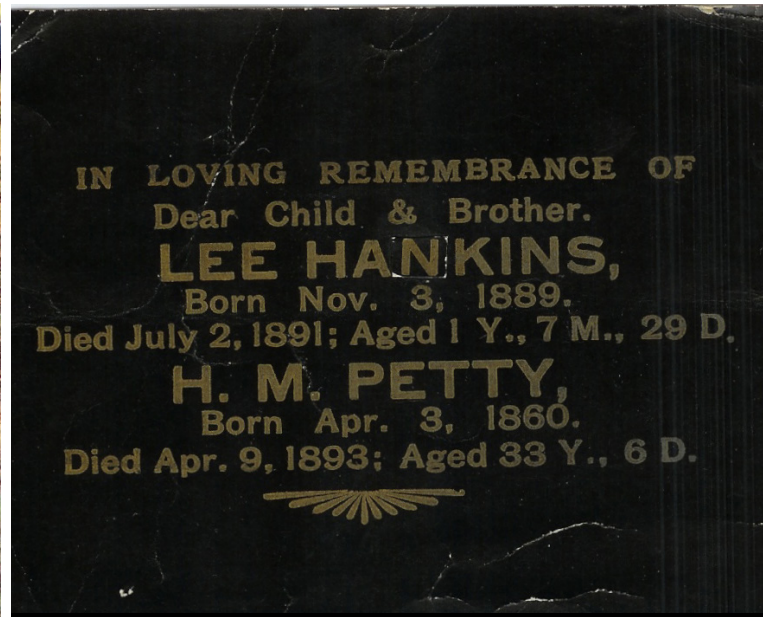
¹³² “David J. Knight,” *Messenger-Inquirer*, 29 Apr 1996.

¹³³ *Gary’s Funeral Home, Inc.* “Jimmie Nell Knight, 89, of Greenville,”

¹³⁴ Pleasant Hill Cemetery (Greenville, Muhlenberg Co., KY), Knight, David J. and Jimmie M. marker; photo taken years before Jimmie died. Personal knowledge of author; attended Jimmie’s burial.

¹³⁵ Elizabeth McCauley Carver, Lois McCauley Dockins, Kathryn McCauley Tomes, and Jimmie McCauley Knight; daughters of Verda Hankins McCauley, aunts of the author.

Aggie Lee Hankins



Left: Aggie Lee's Headstone; Right: Memorial Plaque

Aggie Lee Hankins lived one year, seven months, and twenty-nine days. She was born on 3 November 1889 to Thomas Leander Hankins and Samantha Angeline Petty, probably in Hopkins County, Kentucky.¹ No record of Aggie Lee's birthplace exists, but her parents lived in Dalton in Hopkins County when she was born. They moved to Dalton before their son Elvie was born in October 1882 and moved from Dalton to Earlington in 1903.²

She died on 2 July 1891.³ The cause of Aggie Lee's death is unknown, but Dr. Mike Brown's ledger shows he visited a "child of Lee Hankins" several times during June 1891. The dates were the 12th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, and 21st. The charge for the visit on the 12th was \$1.50, all the others were \$1.00.⁴ Those visits were likely for Aggie Lee since she died eleven days after the last recorded visit.

Samantha had a memorial plaque made in memory of Aggie Lee and Samantha's brother Henry Milton Petty at some point after Milt died in 1893. The location of this plaque and whether it still exists is unknown. Based on the wording, Aggie Lee was apparently called Lee.⁵

In Loving Remembrance of Dear Child & Brother. Lee Hankins, Born Nov. 3, 1889, Died July 2, 1891; Aged 1 Y., 7M., 29 D. H. M. Petty, Born Apr. 3, 1860. Died Apr. 9, 1893; Aged 33 Y., 6 D.

Aggie Lee was buried in Prospect Cemetery in Dalton in Hopkins County.⁶

Endnotes for Aggie Lee Hankins

¹ Photograph of Memorial Plaque for Lee Hankins & H. M. Petty; privately held by Sue Morgan London, Az, copy provided to Linda McCauley, Mt. Vernon, KY, 2004; plaque apparently created by Samantha Petty Hankins (since she was the mother of Aggie Lee Hankins and the sister of Henry Milton Petty); location of the actual plaque is unknown. *Hopkins Co. Genealogical Society, Hopkins County, Kentucky, Cemeteries, Vol IV*, p. 11, Aggie Lee, dau of S. A. Hankins.

² “Texas, U.S. Death Certificates, 1903–1982,” digital image, Ancestry (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2272> : accessed 25 Dec 2012), death certificate no. 31916 (1959), Albert E. Hankins; from TX Death Certificates 1903–1982, TX Dept. of State Health Services, Austin; Elvie’s birthplace. “Short Locals,” *Bee* (Earlington, KY), 19 Mar 1903, p. 2, col. 1; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 4 Sep 2013); notes Rev. Lee Hankins moved to Earlington from Dalton.

³ Hopkins Co. Genealogical Society, *Hopkins County, Kentucky, Cemeteries, Vol IV*, p. 11, Aggie Lee, dau of S. A. Hankins.

⁴ Dr. Michael Brown, “Ledger,” Hopkins Co., KY; copy privately held by Rick Thorpe, Earlington, KY, 2004.

⁵ Photograph of Memorial Plaque for Lee Hankins & H. M. Petty.

⁶ Hopkins Co. Genealogical Society, *Hopkins County, Kentucky, Cemeteries, Vol IV*, p. 11, Aggie Lee, dau of S. A. Hankins.

John Corum Hankins



Left: John & Gertie; Right: Helen, Gertie, & Jewel at John's burial

John Corum Hankins, son of Thomas Leander Hankins and Samantha Angeline Petty, was born on 22 December 1893 in Hopkins County, Kentucky.¹ His father, who was the informant on his death certificate, gave his birth date as 8 December 1894, but other evidence indicates that date is incorrect.² John gave the 1893 date when he registered for the World War I draft, his wife recorded that date in her Bible, and that is the date used in John's obituary.³ Two other sources offer the most compelling evidence to support the 1893 date. Dr. Michael Brown's ledger lists an "obst. visit" to wife of Lee Hankins on 22 Dec 1893," and the 1900 census lists John as six years old, born in December 1893.⁴

At age 16, John worked as a farm laborer and was baptized after joining the Concord General Baptist Church.⁵ He married Gertie Tapp, daughter of Abner Tapp and Amanda W. Riddle, on 28 December 1910 in Hopkins County.⁶ Gertie was born on 8 August 1887 in Kentucky, probably in Hopkins County.⁷

John and Gertie had three children, all born in Hopkins County. Helen Lee was born on 25 August 1913.⁸ William Perry was born on 24 August 1916 and lived less than three months.⁹ He died on 15 November 1916 and was buried in Grapevine Cemetery in Hopkins County.¹⁰ Jewel Franklin was born on 4 August 1920.¹¹

John registered for the World War I draft on 5 June 1917 in Hopkins County. The registrar described him as tall and slender with brown eyes and hair. He gave his occupation as self-employed farmer.¹²

At the time of the 1920 U.S. census, John, Gertie, and Helen lived on Hanson Road in Hopkins County, which is north of Madisonville. John worked as a cemetery sexton.¹³

John died on 7 September 1923 in Madisonville at age twenty-nine. The cause of his death on his death certificate is unreadable, but heart lesions were a contributory cause.¹⁴ According to his obituary "While departing this life he pointed toward heaven and seemed to pass to the beyond in a spirit of prayer."¹⁵ He was buried in Grapevine Cemetery next to his and Gertie's infant son, William.¹⁶

Gertie lived less than two years after John's death. She died on 13 June 1925 in Hopkins County of uremic poisoning. She was also buried in Grapevine Cemetery, likely by John and their infant son, but she does not have a marker.¹⁷ Their children, Helen and Jewel, went to live with John's parents.¹⁸

Helen Lee Hankins

Helen was born on 25 August 1913 in Madisonville.¹⁹ She married Oden Liberty Morgan on 22 January 1939, and they had one daughter.²⁰ Oden's parents were Frank N. Morgan and Verdie J. White. He was born 12 July 1919 in Christian County, Kentucky.²¹

Helen and Oden settled in Mortons Gap in Hopkins County, but because of Helen's health issues, the family moved to Arizona in the late 1940s.²² By 1951, they lived at 3822 N 32nd Place in Phoenix, Maricopa County, Arizona, and Oden worked as an auto mechanic.²³

Helen died on 20 February 1993 in Sun City, Maricopa County, Arizona.²⁴ Oden died on 30 October 1997 in Peoria in Maricopa County.²⁵ They are both buried in National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona in Phoenix in Maricopa County.²⁶

William Perry Hankins

William was born 24 August 1916. He lived less than three months, dying on 15 November 1916.²⁷ William likely was born and died in Hopkins County. The cause of his death is unknown. He was buried there in Grapevine Cemetery.²⁸

Jewel Franklin Hankins

Jewel was born on 4 August 1920 in Hopkins County, Kentucky.²⁹ He worked as a salesclerk when he joined the U.S. Army on 6 January 1941 in Madisonville. He was a staff sergeant in the 563d Signal Company and served in Algeria-French Morocco, Tunisia, Sicily, Naples, and Rhineland. He was discharged on 24 July 1945.³⁰

He married Thelma Christina Ottoson on 2 September 1949 in Pima County, Arizona.³¹ Thelma was born on 7 May 1915 in Jamestown, Chautauqua County, New York, to Thorwald M. Ottoson and Ida C. Carlson.³² In 1952, Jewel and Thelma lived at 67 1/2 E. Thomas Road in Phoenix, Arizona. He worked as a radio tech.³³

Thelma died on 10 April 1998. Jewel died on 5 February 2005. They are both buried in National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona in Phoenix.³⁴

Endnotes for John Corum Hankins

¹ “U.S., World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918,” digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/6482> : accessed 4 Sep 2013), John Corum Hankins, serial no. 2717, Hopkins Co., KY; from U.S., World War I Selective Service System Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918, M1509, NARA, Washington, D.C.; John’s DOB 22 Dec 1892 and full name.

² “Kentucky, U.S., Death Records, 1852–1965,” digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/1222> : accessed 4 Sep 2013), death certificate no. 23559 (1923), John C. Hankins; from microfilm 7016130–7041803, KY Dept. for Libraries and Archives, Frankfort.

³ “U.S., World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918,” John Corum Hankins. Gertie Tapp Hankins Bible, The New Testament (New York: American Bible Society, 1914), privately held by Sue Morgan London, AZ, copy provided to Linda McCauley, Mt. Vernon, KY, 2004. “J. C. Hankins,” undated clipping, ca. Sep 1923, from unidentified newspaper (probably *Madisonville (KY) Messenger*), privately held by Sue Morgan London, AZ, copy provided to Linda McCauley, Mt. Vernon, KY, 2004.

⁴ Dr. Michael Brown, “Ledger,” Hopkins Co., KY; copy privately held by Rick Thorpe, Earlington, KY, 2004, “obst. visit” to wife of Lee Hankins on 22 Dec 1893. 1900 U.S. census, Hopkins Co., KY, population schedule, Dalton, enumeration district (ED) 70, sheet 4A, p. 215 (stamped), dwelling 63, family 61, Lee Hankins; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/7602> : accessed 8 Jan 2010); from NARA microfilm T623, roll 528.

⁵ 1910 U.S. census, Hopkins Co., KY, population schedule, District #3, enumeration district (ED) 90, sheet 7A & B, dwelling 143, family 146, Tom L. Hankins; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/7884> : accessed 8 Jan 2010); from NARA microfilm T624, roll 481. “J. C. Hankins,” undated clipping from unidentified newspaper.

⁶ Hopkins Co., KY, Marriages, 12-1910–12-1911: 52, marriage bond and certificate, Hankins-Tapp, 1910; Hopkins Co., Clerk, Madisonville. “Kentucky, U.S., Death Records, 1852–1965,” digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/1222> : accessed 4 Sep 2013), death certificate no. 14187, 1925, Gertie Hankins; from microfilm rolls 7016130–7041803, KY Dept. for Libraries and Archives, Frankfort; parents.

⁷ Gertie Tapp Hankins Bible.

⁸ Gertie Tapp Hankins Bible.

⁹ Gertie Tapp Hankins Bible.

¹⁰ Grapevine Cemetery (Grapevine, Hopkins Co., KY), William P., son of J. C. & Girtie Hankins marker, photographed by Linda McCauley, 30 Oct 2004.

¹¹ Gertie Tapp Hankins Bible.

¹² “U.S., World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918,” John Corum Hankins.

¹³ 1920 U.S. census, Hopkins Co., KY, population schedule, Mill Precinct, enumeration district (ED) 108, sheet 13B, dwelling 275, family 282, John Hankins; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/6061> : accessed 20 Jan 2010); from NARA microfilm T625, roll 576.

¹⁴ “Kentucky, U.S., Death Records, 1852–1965, 23559 (1923), John C. Hankins.

¹⁵ “John C. Hankins,” undated clipping from unidentified newspaper.

¹⁶ Grapevine Cemetery (Grapevine, Hopkins Co., KY), J. C. Hankins marker, photographed by Linda McCauley, 30 Oct 2004.

¹⁷ “Kentucky, U.S., Death Records, 1852–1965,” 14187 (1925), Gertie Hankins.

¹⁸ 1930 U.S. census, Hopkins Co., KY, population schedule, Madisonville, enumeration district (ED) 11, sheet 18A, dwelling 362, family 480, Samantha Hankins; digital images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/6224> : accessed 8 Jan 2010); from NARA microfilm T626, roll 751.

¹⁹ Gertie Tapp Hankins Bible, dob. “Helen Lee Morgan,” *Arizona Republic* (Phoenix, AZ), 23 Feb 1993, p.33, col 3; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 2 Jan 2021), birth place.

²⁰ Sue Morgan London, daughter of Helen Hankins Morgan. “U.S. World War II Draft Cards Young Men, 1940–1947,” digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2238> : accessed 4 Nov 2020), Oden Liberty Morgan, serial no. 1576; from Records of the Selective Service System, 1926–1975, Record Group 147, NARA, St Louis, Missouri; full name.

²¹ “U.S. World War II Draft Cards Young Men, 1940–1947,” Oden Liberty Morgan.

²² “Mortons Gap,” *Madisonville (KY) Messenger*, 7 Mar 1944, p.3, col 6; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 2 Jan 2021), lived in Mortons Gap. Sue Morgan London, daughter of Helen Hankins Morgan;

health information. “Arizona, U.S., County Marriage Records, 1865–1972,” digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://ancestry.com/search/collections/60873>) : accessed 10 Jan 2021), Jewel F. Hankins-Thelma C. Ottoson, 2 Sep 1949, Pima County; from County Marriage Records. AZ History and Archives Division, Phoenix, AZ; moved to AZ before Jewel married there.

²³ *Phoenix Arizona City Directory 1951* (Chillicothe, OH: Baldwin ConSurvey Company), p. 1867, entry for Oden L. Morgan; imaged in “U.S., City Directories, 1822–1995,” digital image, *Ancestry*, (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2469>) : accessed 10 Jan 2021) > AZ > Phoenix > 1951 > Phoenix, AZ, City Directory, 1951 > image 476.

²⁴ “Helen Lee Morgan,” *Arizona Republic*, 23 Feb 1993.

²⁵ “Oden Morgan,” *Messenger* (Madisonville, KY), 1 Nov 1997, p.3, col 1; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com>) : accessed 2 Jan 2021).

²⁶ *Find A Grave* (<https://www.findagrave.com>) : viewed 2 Jan 2021), memorial 1011306, for Helen L. Hankins Morgan gravestone and memorial 10111630, for Oden L. Morgan gravestone, (National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona, Phoenix, AZ), digital image, 17 Feb 2012, by D & J Altman.

²⁷ Gertie Tapp Hankins Bible; full name William Perry, DOB and DOD.

²⁸ Grapevine Cemetery (Grapevine, Hopkins Co., KY), William P, son of J. C. & Girtie Hankins marker.

²⁹ Gertie Tapp Hankins Bible, full name and DOB. “Kentucky, U.S., Birth Index, 1911–1999,” database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/8788>) : accessed 28 Jan 2021), birth certificate no. 40677 (1920), Jewel F. Hankins; from Kentucky Birth, Marriage, and Death Databases: Births 1911–1999, Dept. for Libraries and Archives, Frankfort; birth location.

³⁰ “U. S. Army Enlistment Record and Report of Separation,” Jewel F. Hankins, serial no. 20 544 240, original in possession of Sue London Morgan, AZ, copy provided to Linda McCauley, Mt. Vernon, KY, 2021.

³¹ “Arizona, U.S., County Marriage Records, 1865–1972,” Jewel F. Hankins-Thelma C. Ottoson, 2 Sep 1949. “U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936–2007,” database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/60901>) : accessed 19 Jan 2021), Thelma Christina Ottoson, SSN 094012055; from Social Security Applications and Claims, 1936–2007, Social Security Administration; middle name.

³² “U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936–2007,” Thelma Christina Ottoson.

³³ *Phoenix Arizona ConSurvey Directory 1952* (Phoenix, AZ: Mullin-Kille Co. and Baldwin ConSurvey Co.), p. 1756, entry for Jewel F. Hankins; imaged in “U.S., City Directories, 1822–1995,” digital image, *Ancestry*, (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2469>) : accessed 10 Jan 2021) > AZ > Phoenix > 1952 > Phoenix, AZ, City Directory, 1952 > image 452.

³⁴ *Find A Grave* (<https://www.findagrave.com>) : viewed 2 Jan 2021), memorial 36491619, for Jewel F. Hankins and memorial 748060, for Thelma C. Hankins, (National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona, Phoenix, AZ), digital image, 29 Sep 2009, by D & J Altman.

William Perry Hankins



Left: Perry; Right: Perry & Margaret

William Perry Hankins was the only one of Thomas Leander Hankins and Samantha Angeline Petty's children not born in Hopkins County, Kentucky.¹ He was born on 17 October 1898.² According to information provided for his marriage bond twenty-two years later, he was born in Webster County, Kentucky.³ When Perry was born, the family lived in Dalton in Hopkins County, which is only a few miles from the Webster County line. While there is no explanation for why he would have been born in Webster County, that marriage bond is the only record located to date that identifies Perry's birthplace.

Eleven-year-old Perry worked as a farm laborer while attending school in 1910.⁴ In April 1912, when Perry was thirteen and his youngest brother, Jimmy, was eleven, their best bird dog contracted rabies and attacked them. On 20 April, the boys were out on the road with the dog in the Grapevine area of Hopkins County where they lived. The dog had been acting strange for several days before it turned on them. According to the report published in *The Hustler*, one of the boys carried a shotgun and was able to shoot and kill the dog after a desperate fight.⁵

Six months before the United States entered World War I, Perry enlisted in the U.S. Army on 3 October 1916 at Madisonville, Kentucky.⁶ When he sailed to France on 2 October 1918, Perry was with the 149th Infantry, 38th Division. They left New York City aboard the RMS *Aquitania*, an ocean liner in the Cunard Line used to transport troops during World War I.⁷ Brothers Jimmy and Elvie also joined the U.S. Army and the three brothers all spent time in France during the war. They were together there in 1918, at least long enough to have a picture taken.⁸

Perry returned from France aboard the USS *Pretoria*, sailing from Brest on 24 May 1919. He arrived in Hoboken, New Jersey, on June 6th.⁹ After his discharge on 31 July 1919, Perry re-enlisted on 5 August. At the time of his discharge, he was in the 144th Infantry, 36th Division. During his second enlistment, Perry served as a corporal in the 15th Recruit Company, G.S.I.¹⁰ He was discharged on 4 or 5 August 1920 in Oteen, North Carolina.¹¹

Perry went to work for the railroad when he returned to Hopkins County.¹² He was probably the Perry Hankins boarding with William Johnson in Williamson, Mingo County, West Virginia in 1920. Perry was not listed in his father's household in Hopkins County. The Perry Hankins in Johnson's household was the right age, was born in Kentucky, had served in the World War, and worked for the railroad as a car repairer.¹³

On 12 April 1921, Perry married Margaret Hill in Earlington. Father L. E. Clements, Catholic Priest for the Immaculate Conception Church, performed the ceremony.¹⁴ Margaret was born on 19 November 1895 in Earlington to George Hill and Ollie Coomes.¹⁵ She had worked for the H. D. Coward store.¹⁶

Perry and Margaret had little time together. Two weeks after their wedding, Perry required treatment for tuberculosis (TB). He entered the Mountain Branch of the U.S. National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers in Johnson City, Tennessee, on 26 April.¹⁷ The influenza epidemic during World War I resulted in many soldiers developing TB. Soldiers who were gassed also became victims of the disease. The constant damp and rainy weather in France often resulted in the development of pneumonia, another factor in activating TB.¹⁸

Perry returned home to Hopkins County after his release from the Johnson City facility on 27 July 1921.¹⁹ His and Margaret's only child, William Perry, Jr., was born on 11 January 1922 in Hopkins County.²⁰ By February 23rd, Perry was again receiving treatment, this time as a patient at the U.S. General Hospital #19 in Oteen, North Carolina. On that day, he wrote a letter to his eight-year-old niece Helen, who was back home in Hopkins County.²¹

In that letter, Perry urged Helen and her brother to visit Bill, who was not yet two months old. He asked her to write to him after they saw the baby, adding, "I think he is the stuff." He said the weather there was beautiful, just like a spring day at home. Perry talked about plans for when he returned home that summer, telling Helen to tell her daddy (his brother John) to plant a big watermelon patch and they would "tear it up for him." He said he could see the Blue Ridge Mountains "every way you look," and that he spent most of his time in bed writing letters.²² By early October 1922, Perry was continuing TB treatment at Fitzsimons General Hospital (formerly known as U.S. General Hospital #21) in Aurora, Colorado, near Denver.²³ This facility and the one at Oteen were the main army hospitals for tuberculosis treatment at that time.²⁴ Whether Perry had been home between his stay at Oteen and entering Fitzsimons or moved directly from one facility to the other is unknown. If he got to go home, it was not for more than a few months.

Perry had been in Denver about seven weeks when he died on 1 December 1922.²⁵ His body was returned to Earlington from Colorado on the train.²⁶ Perry was buried in Earlington Cemetery (then called Catholic Cemetery) near Margaret's father.²⁷

By 1928, Margaret had married Arvin Garnet Bixler. They lived in Frankfort, Kentucky, and had a daughter together.²⁸ Arvin died on 21 January 1953 and was buried in Frankfort Cemetery.²⁹ Margaret died on 8 December 1971 in Orange County, Florida.³⁰ She was buried beside Arvin in Frankfort Cemetery.³¹

William Perry Hankins, Jr.

Bill was born on 11 January 1922 in Earlington, Hopkins County, Kentucky.³² By 1928, his father had died, and his mother had remarried. He grew up in Frankfort, living with his mother, step-father, Arvin Garnet Bixler, and half-sister.³³

On 21 May 1940, Bill enlisted in the U.S. Army. He was discharged on 1 April 1943.³⁴ Bill married Lucy Ford, and they had five children.³⁵ They divorced in December 1966 in Lake County, Florida, and Bill married twice more.³⁶ He married Marjorie Naomi Lundgren in March 1967 and later married Iwana Jane Boggess on 26 February 1980. Both weddings took place in Osceola County, Florida.³⁷

Bill died on 12 December 1997 in Lake County, Florida, and was buried there in Umatilla Cemetery.³⁸

Endnotes for William Perry Hankins

¹ Hopkins Co., KY, Marriages, 12-1920–6-1921: 79, Hankins-Hill, 1921; Hopkins Co. Clerk, Madisonville; Perry's full name, birthplace Webster Co., and parents' names.

² "U.S., Headstone Applications for Military Veterans, 1925–1970," digital images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2375> : accessed 21 December 2012), Perry Hankins, serial no. 1556832; from Records of the Office of the Quartermaster General, 1774–1985, Record Group 92, NARA, Washington, D.C.

³ Hopkins Co., KY, Marriages, 12-1920–6-1921: 79, Hankins-Hill.

⁴ 1910 U.S. census, Hopkins Co., KY, population schedule, District #3, enumeration district (ED) 90, sheet 7A & B, dwelling 143, family 146, Tom L. Hankins; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/7884> : accessed 8 Jan 2010); from NARA microfilm T624, roll 481.

⁵ "Local News of Interest," *Hustler* (Madisonville, KY), 26 Apr 1912, p. 5, col. 1; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 20 Jan 2021).

⁶ "U.S. Headstone Applications for Military Veterans 1925–1963," Perry Hankins.

⁷ "U.S., Army Transport Service Arriving and Departing Passenger Lists, 1910–1939," digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/61174> : accessed 10 Jan 2021), Outgoing > Aquitania > 12 Sep 1918–10 Oct 1918 > image 515, entry for Perry Hankins, serial no. 1556832; from Records of the Office of the Quartermaster General, 1774-1985, Record Group 92, NARA, College Park, MD.

⁸ James Bailey, Albert Elvie, and William Perry Hankins photograph, 1918, from James Bailey Hankins's album, privately held by Martha Carver Abbott, Greenville, KY; abt. 1972, J. B. gave his photo album to his McCauley nieces in Greenville during one of his last trips to KY, Elizabeth McCauley Carver held it, Martha received it from Elizabeth (her mother) abt. 2003; image digitized by Linda McCauley 23 Jul 2013; annotated AEF-1918. AEF = American Expeditionary Forces.

⁹ "U.S., Army Transport Service Arriving and Departing Passenger Lists, 1910–1939," digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/61174> : accessed 10 Jan 2021), Incoming > Pretoria > 28 Apr 1919–25 Aug 1919 > image 198, entry for Perry Hankins, serial no. 1556832; from Records of the Office of the Quartermaster General, 1774-1985, Record Group 92, NARA, College Park, MD.

¹⁰ "U.S. Headstone Applications for Military Veterans 1925–1963," Perry Hankins.

¹¹ "U.S. Headstone Applications for Military Veterans 1925–1963," Perry Hankins; discharge date 4 Aug 1920. "U.S., National Homes for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, 1866–1938," digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/1200> : accessed 22 Mar 2010), Perry Hankins, no. 12603, Johnson City; from Records of the Dept. of Veterans Affairs, Record Group 15; NARA, Washington, D.C.; discharge date 5 Aug 1920 at Oteen, NC.

¹² Hopkins Co., KY, Marriages, 12-1920–6-1921: 79, Hankins-Hill.

¹³ 1920 U.S. census, Mingo Co., WV, population schedule, Williamson, enumeration district (ED) 118, sheet 17A, dwelling 265, family 320, William Johnson; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/6061> : accessed 5 Sep 2019); from NARA microfilm T625, roll 1965.

¹⁴ Hopkins Co., KY, Marriages, 12-1920–6-1921: 79, Hankins-Hill.

¹⁵ "Florida, U.S., Death Index, 1877–1998," database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/7338> : accessed 10 Oct 2010), Margaret Bixler, 1971, Orange Co.; from FL Death Index, 1877–1998, FL Dept. of Health, Office of Vital Records; Margaret's DOB. "Mrs. Margaret Bixler," *Orlando (FL) Sentinel*, 10 Dec 1971, p. 7-B, col. 2; digital images, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 10 Jan 2021); Margaret's birthplace and parents' names.

¹⁶ "News of the Town," *Bee* (Earlington, KY), 27 Jun 1916, p. 3, col. 1; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 10 Mar 2021); mentioned Margaret worked at the H. D. Coward store.

¹⁷ "U.S., National Homes for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, 1866–1938," Perry Hankins.

¹⁸ "Army Treatment of Tuberculosis," *New York (NY) Times*, 27 Jun 1920, Editorial Section, p. 3, col. 1, online archives (<https://timesmachine.nytimes.com/timesmachine/1920/06/27/96360108.html?pageNumber=23> : accessed 23 Mar 2010).

¹⁹ "U.S., National Homes for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, 1866–1938," Perry Hankins.

²⁰ "Kentucky, U.S., Birth Index, 1911-1999," database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/8788> : accessed 28 Jan 2021), birth certificate no. 02438 (1922), William P. Hankins; Kentucky Birth, Marriage, and Death Databases: Births 1911-1999, Dept. for Libraries and Archives, Frankfort.

²¹ Perry Hankins (Oteen, NC) to his niece, Helen Hankins (Madisonville, KY), Letter, 23 Feb 1922; privately held by Sue Morgan London, AZ, copy provided to Linda McCauley, Mt. Vernon, KY, 2004.

²² Perry Hankins to Helen Hankins, Letter, 23 Feb 1922.

²³ “Perry Hankins Dies At Denver, Colorado,” undated clipping, ca. Dec 1922, from unidentified newspaper (possibly *Bee* (Earlington, KY) or *Madisonville (KY) Messenger*), privately held by Sue Morgan London, AZ, copy provided to Linda McCauley, Mt. Vernon, KY, 2004; Perry was in Denver seven weeks before he died. Encyclopedia Staff, “Fitzsimons General Hospital,” *Colorado Encyclopedia*, last modified 8 Feb 2020 (<https://www.https://coloradoencyclopedia.org/article/fitzsimons-general-hospital> : accessed 10 Mar 2021); facility originally General Hospital No. 21, changed to Fitzsimons General Hospital in 1920, located in Aurora, CO near Denver.

²⁴ “Army Treatment of Tuberculosis,” *New York (NY) Times*, 27 Jun 1920.

²⁵ “Perry Hankins Dies At Denver, Colorado,” undated clipping from unidentified newspaper; in Denver seven weeks. “U.S. Headstone Applications for Military Veterans 1925–1963,” Perry Hankins; Perry’s DOD.

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²⁸ *Caron’s Directory of the City of Frankfort, KY for 1928-1929-1930* (Louisville, KY: Caron Directory Co.), p. 54, entry for Arvin G and Margaret Bixler; digital image, *Ancestry*, (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2469> : accessed 2 Nov 2020) > Kentucky > Frankfort > 1928 > Frankfort, Kentucky, City Directory, 1928> image 29. 1930 U.S. census, Franklin Co., KY, population schedule, Frankfort, enumeration district (ED) 37-5, sheet 13A, dwelling 299, family 299, A. G. Bixler; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/6224> : accessed 10 Jan 2021); from NARA microfilm T626, roll 751; daughter.

²⁹ “Kentucky, U.S., Death Records, 1852–1965,” digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/1222> : accessed 10 Jan 2021), death certificate no. 548 (1953), Arvin Garnett; from microfilm 7016130–7041803, KY Dept. for Libraries and Archives, Frankfort.

³⁰ “Florida, U.S., Death Index, 1877–1998,” Margaret Bixler.

³¹ *Find A Grave* (<https://www.findagrave.com> : viewed 2 Jan 2021), memorial 59764361, for Margaret H. Bixler, (Frankfort Cemetery, Frankfort, KY), digital image, 18 Oct 2010, by Tina Toles Wingate.

³² “Kentucky, U.S., Birth Index, 1911-1999,” birth certificate no. 02438 (1922), William P. Hankins.

³³ 1930 U.S. census, Franklin Co., KY, pop. sch., Frankfort, ED 37-5, sheet 13A, dwelling 299, family 299, A. G. Bixler. “William Perry Hankins,” undated clipping, ca. 1940, from unidentified newspaper (possibly *The State Journal* (Frankfort, KY), privately held by Sue Morgan London, AZ, copy provided to Linda McCauley, Mt. Vernon, KY, 2004.

³⁴ “U.S., Department of Veterans Affairs BIRLS Death File, 1850–2010,” database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2441> : accessed 10 Jan 2021), William Hankins, SSN 406097392; from Beneficiary Identification Records Locator Subsystem (BIRLS) Death File, U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs, Washington, D.C.

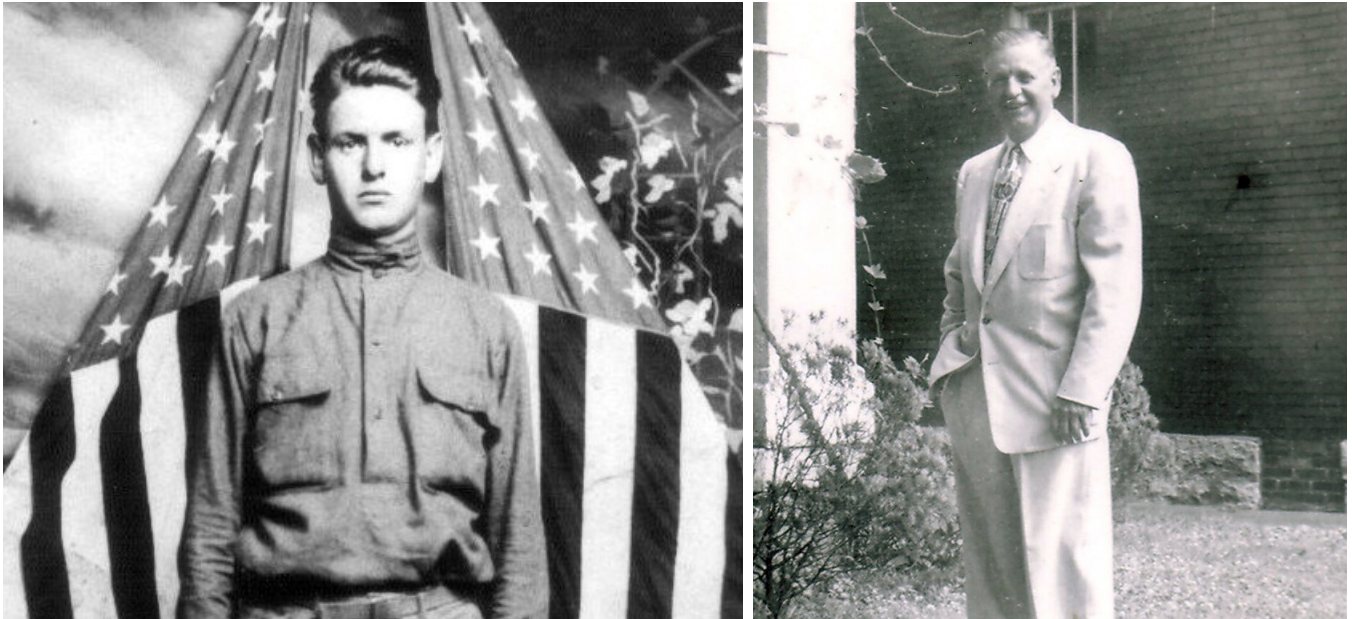
³⁵ “Lucy Ford Hankins,” *Times Advocate* (Escondido, CA), 12 Oct 1986, p. 11, col. 3; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 10 Jan 2021).

³⁶ “Florida, U.S., Divorce Index, 1927–2001,” digital images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/8837> : 10 Jan 2021), William P. Hankins, Sr. and Lucy L. Ford, vol 1212, certificate no. 25861, Dec 1966; from Florida Divorce Index, 1927–2001, FL Dept. of Health, Jacksonville.

³⁷ Florida, U.S., Marriage Indexes, 1822–1875 and 1927–2001, database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/8784> : 10 Jan 2021), William Perry Hankins Sr.-Marjorie Naomi Lundgren, Mar 1967, Osceola Co., and William Perry Hankins Sr.-Iwana Jane Boggess, 26 Feb 1980, Osceola Co.; from Florida Marriage Index, 1927-2001, FL Dept. of Health, Jacksonville.

³⁸ *Find A Grave* (<https://www.findagrave.com> : 10 Jan 2021), database, memorial 101283517, for William P. Hankins Sr., (Umatilla Cemetery, Umatilla, FL); no image.

James Bailey Hankins



Left: Jimmy during WWI; Right: Jimmy

When Uncle Jimmy arrived in Kentucky from his home in California most every summer in the 1950s and 60s to visit his nieces and nephews, it was an event. Jimmy was the youngest and last surviving brother of my paternal grandmother. My father and his siblings adored him, and Jimmy returned the feelings.

James Bailey Hankins was born on 27 March 1901 at his Uncle John Hankins's house near Dalton in Hopkins County, Kentucky.¹ He was the youngest of Thomas Leander Hankins and Samantha Angeline Petty's seven children.²

In April 1912, when Jimmy was eleven and his brother Perry was thirteen, their best bird dog contracted rabies and attacked them. On 20 April, the boys were out on the road with the dog in the Grapevine area of Hopkins County where they lived. The dog had been acting strange for several days before it turned on them. According to the report published in *The Hustler*, one of the boys carried a shotgun and was able to shoot the dog after a desperate fight.³

On 30 March 1917 at Earlington, Kentucky, just three days after his sixteenth birthday, Jimmy enlisted in the U.S. Army.⁴ The United States was only days away from entering World War I. Jimmy's brother Perry had joined the Army five months earlier, and their brother Elvie joined a year later.⁵ Jimmy, Elvie, and Perry all went to France, and they were together there in 1918, at least long enough to have a picture taken.⁶

Jimmy sailed for France from Hoboken, New Jersey, aboard the USS *Great Northern* on 2 May 1918.⁷ Before he left, he wrote a letter to his parents that was published in a local newspaper, probably *The Bee* (Earlington) or *Madisonville Messenger*.⁸ That letter shows the somber side of a young soldier heading into war.

"Camp Merritt, N. J.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Hankins.

Dear Father and Mother: – I write you my farewell letter. I received your kind letters. I was so glad to hear from you all. Mother, you ask me why I had to go to France. They wanted some good men over there and I thought it was my duty to go. I didn't have to go. Just wanted to go, and when you

are reading this letter I will be sailing across the briny deep. But don't grieve or worry about me. If I never get back you can say I died fighting for my country and nobody can say I was a slacker, and if I get back, like I feel I will, I can tell you something of this war. So do the best you can and have a good time. Don't grieve for me. I will be back some day if I live, and if we never meet here on earth any more we will meet some day where parting is no more and there are no more goodbyes, for there is a better land than this, and if we never meet here we will meet up there. So I will close [my] farewell letter in the good old U. [S. A.] Good-bye.

Your loving son,
James Hankins"

Jimmy returned from France, on the USS Mount Vernon, leaving from the port of Brest on 28 June 1919 and arriving in Hoboken on 5 July.⁹ He was discharged from the Army on 29 July 1919 in Louisville, Kentucky.¹⁰

Jimmy returned home to Hopkins County. In 1920, he lived with his parents on McEuen Avenue in Earlington and worked as a car repairer for the railroad.¹¹

On 16 March 1923, Jimmy entered the Pacific Branch of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers at Sawtelle in Los Angeles County, California, for tuberculosis treatment.¹² His brother Perry had died of the same disease the previous year.¹³ Another brother, John, died while Jimmy was hospitalized, and he could not return home for the funeral.¹⁴

Jimmy recovered and was discharged on 20 March 1924. The hospital record reports Jimmy's residence after discharge as Denver, Colorado, but he lived at 112 S. Oliver Street in Los Angeles and registered to vote in Los Angeles County sometime that year.¹⁵ He made his home in California for the rest of his life.

Jimmy married Rachel Lesh on 26 March 1927 in Glendale, California. He worked as an electrician for a studio, probably Warner Brothers where he worked for many years. Rachel worked as a bookkeeper for an electrical contractor. Jimmy still lived at 112 S. Olive Street in Los Angeles. Rachel lived at 515 S. Middleton in Huntington Park.¹⁶

Rachel, who went by Rae, was the daughter of James R. Lesh and Gay Reagan.¹⁷ She was born on 16 June 1903 in Aberdeen, Washington, which is on the west coast in Grays Harbor County.¹⁸ Her family moved to Kettle Falls in Stevens County, Washington by 1910 and to Spokane by 1920.¹⁹ According to Jimmy and Rae's marriage record, she was single, and this was her first marriage.²⁰ However, she had married John Chalenor on 2 September 1925 in Spokane.²¹ John did not die until 1977, so they apparently divorced or had the marriage annulled.²²

Jimmy and Rae moved many times over the years, mostly in the Los Angeles area, until Jimmy retired. In addition to moving often, Jimmy and Rae also changed their party affiliation on voter registration records numerous times. Jimmy was a Democrat in 1924, 1928–1930, 1942, 1944, and 1948.²³ He was a Republican in 1930, 1932, 1934, 1936, 1938, 1950, 1952, 1956, and 1958.²⁴ Rachel was a Democrat in 1938, a Republican in 1928–1930, and refused to state a preference in 1932 and 1934.²⁵ She was registered the same as Jimmy in the other years.²⁶

In 1928 Jimmy and Rae lived in the Morongo Precinct in San Bernardino County.²⁷ They lived at 748 N. Dillon Street in Los Angeles according to 1930 voter registration records but at 1344 West 4th Street based on their 1930 U.S. census record.²⁸ Their address was 1168 Bellevue Avenue in 1932.²⁹ In 1934, Rachel was still at the Bellevue Avenue address, but Jimmy was at 318 1/4 North New Hampshire.³⁰ It is unclear if they were separated or if Rachel simply had not updated her voter registration information after a move.

They lived on Twenty Nine Palms in San Bernardo County in 1936 and 10833 Blix Street in Los Angeles in 1938.³¹ From 1939 to 1942 they lived at 814 North Pass Avenue in Burbank, then moved to 4823 Satsuma Avenue in Los Angeles by 1944.³² They remained on Satsuma Avenue until at least 1948 but lived at 3003 Riverside Drive in Los Angeles in 1950.³³ 4140 Franklin Avenue was their address from 1952 to 1958.³⁴

Jimmy and Rae did not have children. When Jimmy retired from Warner Brothers Studios, they moved farther south to Carlsbad in San Diego County.³⁵ Rae died there on 9 May 1967³⁶. Her final resting place is unknown.

Jimmy married Lucille Goldie McCord Favor on 11 October 1967 at the 1st Baptist Church in Phoenix, Maricopa County, Arizona.³⁷ His nephew, Jewel Hankins, and his wife Thelma hosted the wedding reception at their home.³⁸ After a honeymoon in Hawaii, Jimmy and Goldie settled in Carlsbad.³⁹

Goldie was born on 16 November 1903 in Christian County, Kentucky, to David Fletcher McCord and Eugenia Boyd.⁴⁰ Jimmy and Goldie had known each other growing up in Hopkins County.⁴¹ She married Roy S. Favors on 13 October 1929, and they lived in Earlington.⁴² Roy died on 22 September 1958.⁴³ Like Jimmy and Rae, Goldie and Roy did not have children.⁴⁴

Jimmy and Goldie spent time in California and Kentucky. Before their marriage, Goldie had a trailer near Kentucky Lake, and they spent summers there for several years.⁴⁵

Jimmy died on 26 November 1974 in Carlsbad.⁴⁶ He was cremated, and his ashes were scattered over the Pacific Ocean off the coast of southern California.⁴⁷

Goldie returned to Kentucky to live after Jimmy's death. She died on 20 February 1997 at Versnick Health Care Center in Madisonville.⁴⁸ She was buried beside Roy in Oakwood Cemetery (now known as Earlington Cemetery) in Earlington.⁴⁹

On a Personal Note

Uncle Jimmy had a hand in naming me. A few months before I was born, he was in Kentucky working on the movie "The Tanks Are Coming" at Fort Knox for Warner Brothers. The cast and crew stayed in Louisville. Since my parents lived there at that time, they saw him often.

One evening when Daddy got home from work, he told Mom he thought of a name for the baby if it is a girl. He told her they should name a girl Linda Faye. Then they drove downtown to pick up Uncle Jimmy for dinner.

When Uncle Jimmy got in the car, he told them that, while setting up lighting in a field at Fort Knox that day, he thought of a girl's name. He said they should name a girl Linda Faye.

I have heard that story many times over the years. From the time I was old enough to think for myself, I thought it was likely something Uncle Jimmy and Daddy cooked up in advance. But they never admitted to that. Regardless, Linda Faye is my name.

Endnotes for James Bailey Hankins

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² 1910 U.S. census, Hopkins Co., KY, population schedule, District #3, enumeration district (ED) 90, sheet 7A & B, dwelling 143, family 146, Tom L. Hankins; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/7884> : accessed 8 Jan 2010); from NARA microfilm T624, roll 481.

³ "Local News of Interest," *Hustler* (Madisonville, KY), 26 Apr 1912, p. 5, col. 1; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 20 Jan 2021).

⁴ "U.S., National Homes for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, 1866–1938," digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/1200> : accessed 22 Mar 2010), James Hankins, no. 20612, Sawtelle; from Records of the Dept. of Veterans Affairs, Record Group 15; NARA, Washington, D.C.

⁵ "U.S., Headstone Applications for Military Veterans, 1925–1970," digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2375 : accessed 21 December 2012), Perry Hankins, serial no. 1556832 and Albert E. Hankins, serial no. 891559; from Records of the Office of the Quartermaster General, 1774–1985, Record Group 92, NARA, Washington, D.C.

⁶ James Bailey, Albert Elvie, and William Perry Hankins photograph, 1918, from James Bailey Hankins's album, privately held by Martha Carver Abbott, Greenville, KY; abt. 1972, J. B. gave his photo album to his McCauley nieces in Greenville during one of his last trips to KY, Elizabeth McCauley Carver held it, Martha received it from Elizabeth (her mother) abt. 2003; image digitized by Linda McCauley 23 Jul 2013; annotated AEF-1918. AEF = American Expeditionary Forces.

⁷ "U.S., Army Transport Service Arriving and Departing Passenger Lists, 1910–1939," digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/61174> : accessed 10 Jan 2021), Outgoing > Great Northern > 2 May 1918–26 Jul 1918 > image595, entry for James Hankins, serial no. 1555795; from Records of the Office of the Quartermaster General, 1774–1985, Record Group 92, NARA, College Park, MD.

⁸ "James Hankins' Farewell Letter Before Sailing," undated clipping, ca 1918, from unidentified newspaper, privately held by Sue Morgan London, AZ, copy provided to Linda McCauley, Mt. Vernon, KY, 2004.

⁹ "U.S., Army Transport Service Arriving and Departing Passenger Lists, 1910–1939," digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/61174> : accessed 10 Jan 2021), Incoming > Mount Vernon > 20 Jun 1919–5 Jul 1919 > image 967, entry for James Hankins, serial no. 1555795; from Records of the Office of the Quartermaster General, 1774–1985, Record Group 92, NARA, College Park, MD.

¹⁰ "U.S., National Homes for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, 1866–1938," James Hankins.

¹¹ 1920 U.S. census, Hopkins Co., KY, population schedule, Earlington, enumeration district (ED) 93, sheet 3B, dwelling 62, family 74, Tom Hankins; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/6061> : accessed 8 Jan 2010); from NARA microfilm T625, roll 576.

¹² "U.S., National Homes for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, 1866–1938," James Hankins.

¹³ "Perry Hankins Dies At Denver, Colorado," undated clipping, ca. Dec 1922, from unidentified newspaper (possibly the *Bee* (Earlington, KY) or *Madisonville (KY) Messenger*), privately held by Sue Morgan London, AZ, copy provided to Linda McCauley, Mt. Vernon, KY, 2004; cause of Perry's death. "U.S. Headstone Applications for Military Veterans 1925–1963," Perry Hankins; Perry's DOD.

¹⁴ "Kentucky, U.S., Death Records, 1852–1965," digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/1222> : accessed 4 Sep 2013), death certificate no. 23559 (1923), John C. Hankins; from microfilm 7016130–7041803, KY Dept. for Libraries and Archives, Frankfort.

¹⁵ "U.S., National Homes for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, 1866–1938," James Hankins; discharge date and subsequent residence. "California, U.S., Voter Registrations, 1900–1968," digital images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/61066> : accessed 15 Nov 2013), Los Angeles County > 1924 > Roll 015 > image 178, entry for James B. Hankins; from Great Register of Voters, CA State Library, Sacramento.

¹⁶*FamilySearch*, digital film 005698452, images 2441 and 2442, Los Angeles Co., Marriage, Hankins-Lesh. Personal knowledge of author; Jimmy worked for Warner Brothers Studio.

¹⁷*FamilySearch*, digital film 005698452, images 2441 and 2442, Los Angeles Co., Marriage, Hankins-Lesh; parents' names. Personal knowledge of author; Rachel went by Rae.

¹⁸ "California, U.S., Death Index, 1940–1997," database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/5180> : accessed 10 Jan 2010), Rachel Hankins, 1967, San Diego Co.; from California Death Index, 1940–1997, Dept. of Health Services, Sacramento; Rachel's DOB. "Washington, U.S., Marriage Records, 1854–2013," digital images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2378> : accessed 3 Dec 2016), John Chalenor-Rachel Lesh, 2 Sep 1925, Spokane Co.; from Washington Marriage Records, 1854–2013, WA State Archives, Olympia; Rachel's birthplace.

¹⁹ 1910 U.S. census, Stevens Co., WA, population schedule, Kettle Falls, enumeration district (ED) 4, sheet 5A, dwelling 102, family 103, James Lesh; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/7884> : accessed 8 Jan 2010); from NARA microfilm T624, roll 1672. 1920 U.S. census, Spokane Co., WA, population schedule, Spokane City, enumeration district (ED) 170, sheet 6B, dwelling 144, family 147, James R. Lesh; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/6061> : accessed 8 Jan 2010); from NARA microfilm T625, roll 1940.

²⁰ *FamilySearch*, digital film 005698452, images 2441 and 2442, Hankins-Lesh.

²¹ "Washington, U.S., Marriage Records, 1854–2013," John Chalenor-Rachel Lesh, 2 Sep 1925.

²² "U.S., Department of Veterans Affairs BIRLS Death File, 1850–2010," database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2441> : accessed 10 Jan 2021), John Chalenor, SSN 531169650; from Beneficiary Identification Records Locator Subsystem (BIRLS) Death File, U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs, Washington, D.C.

²³ "California, U.S., Voter Registrations, 1900–1968," 1924, entry for James B. Hankins. "California, U.S., Voter Registrations, 1900–1968," digital images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/61066> : accessed 15 Nov 2013), San Bernardino County > 1928-1930 > Roll 005 > image 220, entry for James B. Hankins; from Great Register of Voters, CA State Library, Sacramento; also Los Angeles County > 1942 > Roll 052 > image 426, entries for James B. Hankins; Los Angeles County > 1944 > Roll 063 > image 669, entry for James B. Hankins; Los Angeles County > 1948 > Roll 075 > image 429, entry for James B. Hankins.

²⁴ "California, U.S., Voter Registrations, 1900–1968," digital images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/61066> : accessed 15 Nov 2013), Los Angeles County > 1930 > Roll 026 > image 436, entry for James B. Hankins; from Great Register of Voters, CA State Library, Sacramento; also Los Angeles County > 1932 > Roll 030 > image 728, entry for James B. Hankins; Los Angeles County > 1934 > Roll 034 > image 982, entry for James B. Hankins; San Bernardino County > 1936 > Roll 008 > image 1371, entry for James B. Hankins; Los Angeles County > 1938 > Roll 045 > image 899, entry for James B. Hankins; Los Angeles County > 1950 > Roll 076 > image 541, entry for James B. Hankins; Los Angeles County > 1952 > Roll 083 > image 622, entry for James (sic) B. Hankins; Los Angeles County > 1956 > Roll 100 > image 191, entry for James B. Hankins; Los Angeles County > 1958 > Roll 116 > image 180, entry for James B. Hankins.

²⁵ "California, U.S., Voter Registrations, 1900–1968," digital images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/61066> : accessed 15 Nov 2013), Los Angeles County > 1938 > Roll 045 > image 899, entry for Mrs. Rachel Hankins; from Great Register of Voters, CA State Library, Sacramento; also San Bernardino County > 1928-1930 > Roll 005 > image 220, entry for Mrs. Rachel Hankins; Los Angeles County > 1932 > Roll 030 > image 728, entry for Mrs. Rachel Hankins; Los Angeles County > 1934 > Roll 034 > image 796, entry for Mrs. Rachel Hankins.

²⁶ "California, U.S., Voter Registrations, 1900–1968," digital images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/61066> : accessed 15 Nov 2013), Los Angeles County > 1930 > Roll 026 > image 436, entry for Mrs. Rachel Hankins; from Great Register of Voters, CA State Library, Sacramento; also San Bernardino County > 1936 > Roll 008 > image 1371, entry for Rachel Hankins; Los Angeles County > 1942 > Roll 052 > image 426, entry for Mrs. Rachel Hankins; Los Angeles County > 1944 > Roll 063 > image 669, entry for Mrs. Rachel Hankins; Los Angeles County > 1948 > Roll 075 > image 429, entry for Mrs. Rachel Hankins; Los Angeles County > 1950 > Roll 076 > image 541, entry for Mrs. Rachel Hankins; Los Angeles County > 1952 > Roll 083 > image 622, entry for Mrs. Rachel Hankins; Los Angeles County > 1956 > Roll 100 > image 191, entry for Mrs. Rachel Hankins; Los Angeles County > 1958 > Roll 116 > image 180, entry for Mrs. Rachel Hankins.

²⁷ "California, U.S., Voter Registrations, 1900–1968," 1928-1930, entry for James B. Hankins & Mrs. Rachel Hankins.

²⁸ "California, U.S., Voter Registrations, 1900–1968," 1930, entries for James B. Hankins and Mrs. Rachel Hankins. 1930 U.S. census, Los Angeles Co., CA, population schedule, Los Angeles, enumeration district (ED) 419, sheet 3A, dwelling 26 family 54, James B. Hankins (sic); digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/6224> : accessed 10 Jan 2021); from NARA microfilm T626, roll 148.

²⁹ "California, U.S., Voter Registrations, 1900–1968," 1932, entries for James B. Hankins and Mrs. Rachel Hankins.

³⁰ “California, U.S., Voter Registrations, 1900–1968,” 1934, entry for James B. Hankins and 1934, entry for Mrs. Rachel Hankins.

³¹ “California, U.S., Voter Registrations, 1900–1968,” 1936, entries for James B. Hankins and Mrs. Rachel Hankins and 1938, entries for James B. Hankins and Mrs. Rachel Hankins.

³² *Burbank City Directory 1939* (Los Angeles, CA: Los Angeles Directory Co.), p. 118, entry for Jas B Hankins; digital image, *Ancestry*, (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2469> : accessed) > CA > Burbank > 1939 > Burbank, CA, City Directory, 1939 > image 58. Also 1940, p. 163, entry for Jas B Hankins, CA > Burbank > 1940 > Burbank, CA, City Directory, 1940 > image 80; “California, U.S., Voter Registrations, 1900–1968,” 1942, entries for James B. Hankins and Mrs. Rachel Hankins and 1944, entries for James B. Hankins and Mrs. Rachel Hankins.

³³ “California, U.S., Voter Registrations, 1900–1968,” 1948, entries for James B. Hankins and Mrs. Rachel Hankins and 1950, entries for James B. Hankins and Mrs. Rachel Hankins.

³⁴ “California, U.S., Voter Registrations, 1900–1968,” 1952, entries for James B. Hankins and Mrs. Rachel Hankins; 1956, entries for James B. Hankins and Mrs. Rachel Hankins; 1958, entries for James B. Hankins and Mrs. Rachel Hankins.

³⁵ James Bailey Hankins, son of Thomas Leander Hankins and Samantha Angeline Petty, great-uncle of the author.

³⁶ “California, U.S., Death Index, 1940–1997,” Rachel Hankins, 1967.

³⁷ “Lucille Goldie Hankins,” *Messenger* (Madisonville, KY), 22 Feb 1997, p. 3, col. 1; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 12 Nov 2020); Goldie’s full name. “News from Earlington,” *Messenger* (Madisonville, KY), 27 Oct 1967, p. 8, col. 4; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 12 Nov 2020); wedding date and location; Note: Jimmy’s nephew Jewel Hankins is incorrectly identified as his father in this article.

³⁸ Sue Morgan London, AZ to Linda McCauley, Mt. Vernon, KY, *Facebook Messenger*, note dated 2 Feb 2021; details about Jimmy and Goldie’s wedding and reception, which she attended.

³⁹ “News from Earlington,” *Messenger*, 27 Oct 1967.

⁴⁰ “Lucille Goldie Hankins,” *Messenger*, 22 Feb 1997.

⁴¹ James Bailey Hankins, son of Thomas Leander Hankins and Samantha Angeline Petty, great-uncle of the author.

⁴² “Death Claims Roy S. Favors at Earlington,” *Madisonville (KY) Messenger*, 23 Sep 1958, p. 10, col. 3; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 12 Nov 2020).

⁴³ “Kentucky, U.S., Death Records, 1852–1965,” digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/1222> : accessed 4 Sep 2013), death certificate no. 19357, 1958, Roy Sanford Favors; from microfilm 7016130–7041803, KY Dept. for Libraries and Archives, Frankfort.

⁴⁴ “Death Claims Roy S. Favors at Earlington,” *Madisonville Messenger*, 23 Sep 1958; no children mentioned.

⁴⁵ Personal knowledge of author.

⁴⁶ “California, U.S., Death Index, 1940–1997,” James B. Hankins, 1974.

⁴⁷ Personal knowledge of author.

⁴⁸ “Lucille Goldie Hankins,” *Messenger*, 22 Feb 1997.

⁴⁹ *Find A Grave* (<https://www.findagrave.com> : viewed 12 Nov 2021), memorial 99351047, for Lucille Favors, (Earlington Cemetery, Earlington, KY), digital image, 21 Oct 2012, by Lorna; double headstone with Roy.