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John R. Petty and Margaret E. Thomas

John R. Petty married Margaret E. Thomas on 20 September 1857 in Whitfield County, Georgia, although neither of them likely lived there.¹ Margaret's parents, Jesse Thomas and Rebecca Baker, lived in Murray or Lumpkin County in Georgia.² John R.'s father, John Petty, lived in Bradley County, Tennessee.³

Margaret was born about 1836 in Georgia.⁴ In 1840 and 1860, her family lived in Murray County, Georgia, which borders Whitfield County to the east.⁵ They lived in Lumpkin County, Georgia, two counties east of Murray, in 1850.⁶ Margaret's siblings were Mary, William, Nancy A., Oliver P., and Daniel W.⁷ Based on apparent children in Jesse's 1840 U.S. census record, Margaret may have had another brother and two other sisters.⁸

John R. was born about 1835 in Tennessee.⁹ His mother is unknown, but DNA evidence points to a maiden name of Rose.¹⁰ John R. had nine siblings, and he was the oldest son.¹¹ The youngest child was born in February 1851.¹² The family has not been found in the 1850 U.S. census when the unknown wife of the elder John should have been with him and the children.¹³ John R.'s siblings were Caroline, Charlotte, Martha J., Rash P., James, Joseph A., Angeline, Mary Elizabeth, and one unidentified sister who was one of the older children.¹⁴

John R.'s middle name may have been Rubin. His grandson Luther Petty, son of Daniel, gave Rubin Petty as the name of Daniel's father on his death certificate.¹⁵ No other record indicating his middle name has been found.

John R. and Margaret's first two children—Melissa A. (born abt. 1858) and Henry Milton (born 1860)—were born in Tennessee, likely in McMinn County where they lived in 1860. That census reports John R. as a renter whose personal estate was valued at \$200.¹⁶ He had no real estate and was not listed on the 1860 census agriculture schedule.¹⁷

They moved to Dalton in Whitfield County, Georgia, before their third child, Samantha Angeline, was born in April 1861.¹⁸ Two more children were born while they lived in Dalton—Mary E. in 1865 and Daniel B. in 1867.¹⁹

Whitfield shares a border with Bradley County and John R. returned there to join the Confederacy with his brothers. On 13 November 1861 at Charleston, John R. and brothers James and Joseph joined Gillespie's Regiment Volunteers, which later became Company I of the Confederate 43rd Tennessee Infantry.²⁰ His remaining brother, Rash, joined the same unit at Charleston on 1 December 1862.²¹ John R.'s initial rank was 1st Corporal. By June 1862 and for the remainder of his service, he was a 5th Sergeant. The four brothers were captured on 4 July 1864 at Vicksburg, Mississippi, and released five days later after taking the oath of allegiance to the United States.²² Rash, James, and Joseph later joined the Union 10th Tennessee Cavalry, but no record exists of John R. doing so.²³

Between 1867 and 1869, John R. and Margaret moved to Logan County, Kentucky.²⁴ It is possible they moved back to Tennessee from Dalton for a short time before the move to Kentucky.²⁵

Their son Joseph Bunyan, born in 1869, was likely born in Logan County. They lived in the Keysburg District at the time of the 1870 U.S. census. John R.'s occupation was listed as farmer, but he owned no real

estate. His personal estate was valued at \$150.²⁶ Logan County tax lists for the period he was there only exist for 1869 and he was not listed.²⁷

Margaret's mother, Rebecca Thomas, also moved to Logan County and lived nearby with her son, Daniel, and two grandsons--Mary's son, John Echols, and one of William's sons James Thomas.²⁸ John R.'s brother Joseph married Margaret's sister Nancy in Logan County in June 1869.²⁹ John R. and Margaret's son Oliver Perry was born in Logan County in 1871.³⁰

John R. and Margaret moved to Hopkins County, Kentucky, after Perry's birth and before Nathaniel was born in Madisonville in 1873.³¹ Their youngest two children, John Franklin and W. O., were born in Hopkins County in 1874 and 1876.³²

As with the other locations where they lived, John R. did not own property in Hopkins County.³³ He appears on the tax list in 1875, showing he owned two horses/mares, two cattle, and had 400 bushels of corn.³⁴ He was not on the Hopkins County tax lists for 1870–1874 and their lists for 1876–1878 do not survive.³⁵

Their infant son W. O. died on 30 June 1876 after living less than a month.³⁶ Margaret died a few weeks later on 28 July 1876 from complications of his birth.³⁷ Margaret and W. O. died in Hopkins County, but their burial locations are unknown.

It is unclear if John R. still lived with Margaret and the children when she died. According to family stories, he was an alcoholic and possibly abandoned the family even before Margaret and their youngest child died.³⁸ Margaret's sister Mary took five of the six youngest children (Mary, Daniel, Joseph, Nathaniel, and John) to live with her in Forsyth County, Georgia.³⁹ Perry also lived in Forsyth County but with an unrelated couple named Tribble.⁴⁰ Samantha and Henry Milton remained in Hopkins County.⁴¹ Melissa's whereabouts are unknown.

Whether John R. left before or after Margaret died, he had returned to Whitfield County, Georgia, where his father and three of his sisters lived, by 1878.⁴² He married Mary C. Bohannon there on 26 April 1878.⁴³

Mary, the daughter of Thomas Bohannon of Whitfield County, was born about 1852.⁴⁴ When she married John R., she had a four-year-old son named James Charles Bohannon from an earlier relationship.⁴⁵

John R. and Mary had one son, Benjamin W., born in 1879 in Georgia, probably in Whitfield County.⁴⁶ By 1880, Mary, Benjamin, and Mary's older son lived with her father, Thomas Bohannon, in Whitfield County. John R. may have died by then although Mary's marital status of widow does not rule out him living elsewhere.⁴⁷ Mary married William Hall on 11 December 1886 in Whitfield County.⁴⁸

No further records for John R. have been found. The details of his death and burial are unknown.

Endnotes for John R. Petty & Margaret E. Thomas

¹ Whitfield Co., GA, Marriages, A: 132, Petty–Thomas, 1857; Whitfield Co. Probate Clerk, Dalton.

² 1850 U.S. census, Lumpkin Co., GA, population schedule, Auraria, p. 36 [stamped], dwelling 91, Jesse Thomas; digital images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/8054> : accessed 5 Nov 2009); from NARA microfilm M432, roll 76. 1860 U.S. census, Murray Co., GA, population schedule, Militia District #824; Spring Place Post Office, p. 10, dwelling 62, family 62, Jesse Thomas; digital images, *Ancestry* (<http://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/7667> : accessed 5 Nov 2009); citing NARA microfilm M653, roll 132.

³ 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.

⁴ 1850 U.S. census, Lumpkin Co., GA, pop. sch., Auraria, p. 36, dwell. 91, Jesse Thomas.

⁵ 1840 U.S. census, Murray Co., GA, population schedule, District #872, p. 5 (handwritten), line 31, Jesse Thomas; digital images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/collections/search/8057> : accessed 5 Nov 2009); citing NARA microfilm M704, roll 47. 1860 U.S. census, Murray Co., GA, pop. sch., Militia District #824, p. 10, dwelling 62, family 62, Jesse Thomas.

⁶ 1850 U.S. census, Lumpkin Co., GA, pop. sch., Auraria, p. 36, dwell. 91, Jesse Thomas.

⁷ 1850 U.S. census, Lumpkin Co., GA, pop. sch., Auraria, p. 36, dwell. 91, Jesse Thomas; William, Margaret, Nancy, Oliver and Daniel living with their parents. "Marriage Records from Microfilm," digital image, *Georgia Archives Virtual Vault* (<https://www.vault.georgiaarchives.org/digital/collection/countyfilm> : accessed 25 May 2012); Forsyth County, A: 203, Echols-Thomas, 16 Jan 1845; from Georgia County marriage records on microfilm, Georgia Archives, Morrow; Mary's maiden name Thomas. 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, five of Margaret's living with Mary, listed as niece and nephews.

⁸ 1840 U.S. census, Murray Co. GA, pop. sch., District #872, p. 5, Jesse Thomas.

⁹ 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.

¹⁰ Linda F. McCauley, "Who Was John R. Petty's Mother," *Documenting the Details*, 8 May 2021 (<https://documentingthedetails.com/john-r-pettys-mother/> : accessed 3 Sep 2021).

¹¹ 1840 U.S. census, McMinn Co., TN, population schedule, p. 527, line 29, John Petty; digital images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/collections/search/8057> : accessed 6 Sep 2010); from NARA microfilm M704, roll 125; indicates a son and four daughters, only one of the daughters was among the six children listed with John in 1860. 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; Martha, Rash, James, Joseph, Angeline, and Mary living with their father.

¹² 1900 U.S. census, Whitfield Co., GA, population schedule, Militia District 631, enumeration district (ED) 103, sheet 7A, dwelling 119, family 123, John Cooper; digital images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/7602> : accessed 6 Mar 2011); citing NARA microfilm T623, roll 228; Mary Petty Cooper born Feb 1851.

¹³ Searched 1850 U.S. census on *Ancestry* for John Petty and the children by name, also used wildcard for any surname beginning with Pet, searched McMinn and Bradley counties in Tennessee and Whitfield County, Georgia, specifically and Tennessee, Georgia, and North Carolina. None were found.

¹⁴ Linda McCauley, "John Petty was the father of John R. Petty," rev. 27 Jun 2021, proof argument, held privately by author. 1860 U.S. census, Bradley Co., TN, pop. sch., District #1, p. 157, dwelling 1309, family 1309, John Petty; Martha, Rash, James, Joseph, Angeline, and Mary living with John. 1840 U.S. census, McMinn Co., TN, pop. sch., p. 527, line 29, John Petty; indicates one son and four daughters, based on age ranges, the son was John R and one daughter was Martha, the two daughters are identified by other evidence and one remained unidentified. Webster Co., KY, Marriages, 4: 147-148, Cooper-Petty, 1869; microfilm #568133, Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives, Frankfort; permission given by Mary's sister Caroline Young. 1860 U.S. census, McMinn Co., TN, population schedule, District #16, p. 142 (penned), 341 (stamped), dwelling 1045, family 1045, Charlotte Hambright; digital images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.comsearch/collections/7667> : accessed 30 November 2011); from NARA microfilm M653, roll 1262; living near John R. And across the Hiwassee River from John. 1900 U.S. census, Murray Co., GA, population schedule, Militia District #874, enumeration district (ED) 70, sheet 2B, dwelling 37, family 39, William Thompson; digital images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.comsearch/collections/7602> : accessed 5 December 2011); from NARA microfilm T623, roll 213, listed next to John Petty and daughters Martha and Angeline; born Dec 1830 would make her the oldest of John's children.

¹⁵ “Georgia, U.S., Deaths Index, 1914-1940,” digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2562> : accessed 20 Jun 2021), death certificate no. 32-26507 (1932), Daniel Bivins Petty; from Georgia Department of Health and Vital Statistics, Atlanta.

¹⁶ 1860 U.S. census, McMinn Co., TN, pop. sch. Dist. #16, p. 146, dwell. 1068, fam. 1068, J. R. Petty.

¹⁷ Searched McMinn Co., TN, deed book M, Jan. 1858–Feb 1862 on *FamilySearch* <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSQQ-VSCN-W?i=331&cat=278841>; John Petty not found. Searched 1860 U.S. Census Agriculture Schedule, McMinn Co., TN on *Ancestry* <https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/1276/>; John Petty not found.

¹⁸ “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.

¹⁹ *Find A Grave* (<https://www.findagrave.com> : viewed 23 Nov 2012), memorial 34924113, for Daniel Boone Petty, (Hopewell Baptist Church Cemetery, Ball Ground, Cherokee Co., GA), digital image, 6 Feb 2011, by P Hawkins; birthdate 4 Apr 1867. Friendship Cemetery (Forsyth County, Georgia), Mollie E. Hawkins marker, photographed by Linda McCauley, 10 Nov 2011; born 1865. 1870 U.S. census, Logan Co., KY, population schedule, Keysburg Dist., 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; Mary and Daniel born in GA.

²⁰ “Civil War Service Records – Confederate – Tennessee,” digital images, *Fold3* (<https://www.fold3.com> : accessed 22 May 2012), Civil War (Confederate) > Civil War Service Records Confederate-Tennessee > Forty-third Infantry > P > Petty, John R., enlisted 13 Nov 1861, Charleston, TN; Petty, James, enlisted 13 Nov 1861, Charleston, TN; Petty, Joseph A., enlisted 13 Nov 1861, Charleston, TN; from NARA microfilm M268, Record Group 109.

²¹ “Civil War Service Records – Confederate – Tennessee,” digital images, *Fold3* (<https://www.fold3.com> : accessed 22 May 2012), Civil War (Confederate) > Civil War Service Records-Confederate-Tennessee > Forty-third Infantry > P > Petty, R. P., enlisted 1 Dec 1862, Charleston, TN; from NARA microfilm M268, Record Group 109.

²² “Civil War Service Records – Confederate – Tennessee,” John R. Petty, James Petty, Joseph Petty, and R. P. Petty.

²³ “Civil War Service Records – Union – Tennessee,” digital images, *Fold3* (<https://www.fold3.com> : accessed 22 May 2012), Civil War (Union) > Civil War Service Records-Union-Tennessee > Tenth Cavalry > P > Petty, James, enlisted 8 Dec 1863, Knoxville, TN; Petty, Joseph, enlisted 29 Feb 1864, Cleveland, TN; and Petty, Rash P., enlisted 8 Dec 1863, Knoxville, TN; from NARA microfilm M395, Record Group 94.

²⁴ 1870 U.S. census, Logan Co., KY, pop. sch., Keysburg District, p. 33, dwell. 185, fam. 185, John R. Petty; Daniel b. 1867 in GA, Joseph b. 1869 in KY.

²⁵ “Story of Railroad Train That Became War Hero,” undated clipping, ca 1941 from Madisonville (KY) Messenger, privately held by Sue Morgan London, AZ, copy provided to Linda McCauley, Mt. Vernon, KY, 2004; John R Petty’s daughter Samantha Petty Hankins quoted as saying her father moved the family to TN after the war and later to Hopkins County, KY

²⁶ 1870 U.S. census, Logan Co., KY, pop. sch., Keysburg District, p. 33, dwell. 185, fam. 185, John R. Petty. Searched Logan Co., KY, deed grantee and grantor indexes on *FamilySearch* <https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/318268>; John Petty not found.

²⁷ Searched Logan Co., KY, tax lists on *FamilySearch* <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSKW-PSV7-N?i=431&cat=156098>; John Petty not found in 1869, records indicate tax books for 1840–1868 and 1870–1875 are missing.

²⁸ 1870 U.S. census, Logan Co., KY, population schedule, Keysburg District; Russellville Post Office, p. 36 (penned), dwelling 206, family 206, Rebecca Thomas; digital images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/7163> : accessed 5 Nov 2009); from NARA microfilm M593, roll 483.

²⁹ “Kentucky, U.S., County Marriage Records, 1783-1965,” digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/61372> : accessed 1 Oct 2016), Petty-Thomas, 1869, Logan Co.; from Logan Co. Clerk, Russellville.

³⁰ “U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936–2007,” database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/60901> : accessed 3 Oct 2021), Oliver Perry Petty, SSN 259093321; from Social Security Applications and Claims, 1936–2007.

³¹ “U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936–2007,” database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/60901> : accessed 3 Oct 2021), Nathainel T. Petty, SSN 257289974; from Social Security Applications and Claims, 1936–2007.

³² “Kentucky, U.S., Birth Records, 1847–1911,” 1874, Petty male child, father Jno Petty, Hopkins Co. “Kentucky, U.S., Birth Records, 1847–1911,” digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/1213> : accessed 4 Sep 2013); 1876, W. O., father J. R. Petty mother M. E. Thomas, Hopkins Co.; from Kentucky Birth, Marriage and Death Records (1852-1910), microfilm rolls #994027-994058, KY Dept. for Libraries and Archives, Frankfort.

³³ Searched Hopkins Co., KY, deed indexes, 1807–1839 at *FamilySearch* <https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/115197>; John Petty not found.

³⁴ *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/film/007834461> : accessed 6 Sep 2021), digital film 007834481, image 686; Hopkins Co., KY, Tax Books, 1875, Jno Petty.

³⁵ Searched Hopkins Co., KY tax lists for 1870–1874 on *FamilySearch* <https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/155988>; John Petty not found. Tax lists for 1876–1878 missing at FamilySearch and Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives.

³⁶ “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.

³⁷ “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; from microfilm 994027–994058, KY Dept. for Libraries and Archives, Frankfort.

³⁸ Elizabeth McCauley Carver; great-granddaughter of John R. Petty, aunt of the author.

³⁹ 1880 U.S. census, Forsyth Co., GA, pop. sch., Coal Mountain, ED 78, p. 24, dwelling 240, family 240, J. M. Echols; five Petty children listed as niece and nephews.

⁴⁰ 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.

⁴¹ Hopkins Co., KY, Marriages, 11-1877–3-1880: 302, Hankins–Petty, 1879; Hopkins Co. Clerk, Madisonville. 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.

⁴² 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; John Petty with daughters Martha and Angeline. 1880 U.S. census, Whitfield Co., GA, population schedule, East Dalton District, enumeration district (ED) 194, p. 20 (penned), dwelling 171, family 176, C. A. Hambright; digital images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/collections/6742> : accessed 30 November 2011); from NARA microfilm T9, roll 171.

⁴³ Whitfield Co., GA, Marriages, A 1875-1884:168, Petty-Bohanan, 1878; Whitfield Co. Probate Clerk, Dalton.

⁴⁴ 1860 U.S. census, Whitfield Co., GA, population schedule, Dalton, p. 65 (penned), dwelling 483, family 478, Thos Bohannon; digital images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/7667> : accessed 29 November 2011); from NARA microfilm M653, roll 141.

⁴⁵ 1880 U.S. census, Whitfield Co., GA, population schedule, East Dalton District, enumeration district (ED) 194, p. 21 (penned), 51C (stamped), dwelling 182, family 187, Thomas Bohannon; digital images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/collections/6742> : accessed 29 November 2011); from microfilm T9, roll 171.

⁴⁶ “Tennessee, U.S., Death Records, 1908-1965,” digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2376> : accessed 29 Jan 2017), death certificate no. 141 (1917), B. W. Petty; from Tennessee Death Records, 1908-1958, TN State Library and Archives, Nashville. 1880 U.S. census, Whitfield Co., GA, pop. sch., East Dalton District, enumeration district (ED) 194, p. 21 (penned), 51C (stamped), dwelling 182, family 187, Thomas Bohannon; Mary’s youngest son named Benjamin.

⁴⁷ 1880 U.S. census, Whitfield Co., GA, pop. sch., East Dalton District, enumeration district (ED) 194, p. 21 (penned), 51C (stamped), dwelling 182, family 187, Thomas Bohannon.

⁴⁸ “Marriage Records from Microfilm,” digital image, *Georgia Archives Virtual Vault* (<https://www.vault.georgiaarchives.org/digital/collection/countyfilm> : accessed 16 Jun 2013); Whitfield County, B: 104, Hall-Petty, 11 Dec 1886; from Georgia County marriage records on microfilm, Georgia Archives, Morrow.

Melissa A. Petty

The fate of Melissa A. Petty is unknown. She was the oldest of John R. Petty and Margaret E. Thomas's ten children, born about 1858 in Tennessee. In 1860, two-year-old Melissa lived with her parents and three-month-old brother in McMinn County, Tennessee.¹ By 1870, the family lived in Logan County, Kentucky, and had grown to include four more children. Melissa's age was listed as eleven.² Those two census records are the only records found to date identifying Melissa.

The six youngest children moved to Forsyth County, Georgia, after Margaret's death in 1876.³ Milton and Samantha remained in Hopkins County, Kentucky.⁴ Melissa's whereabouts are unknown.

A newspaper article published around 1934 and Samantha's obituary in 1944 both give clues about Melissa, although they conflict. The article was about brothers John and Perry reuniting after forty-four years apart. It states John returned to Madisonville, Kentucky, from Georgia to live with "his oldest sister, Mrs. S. A. Hankins, who is now 73 years of age."⁵ But Melissa was the oldest sister. That implies Melissa died before publication of this article or even before John returned to Kentucky. Samantha's obituary contradicts that theory.

Samantha's obituary says, "Mrs. Hankins was the last one of her immediate family. Three brothers and a sister have died in the last fifteen months."⁶ Samantha died on 7 January 1944, making the last fifteen months October 1942 through January 1944.⁷ Brothers Daniel, Joseph, and W. O. died well before 1942.⁸ But brothers Perry, John, and Nathaniel died during that 1942 to 1944 timeframe, making the "three brothers" part of that statement accurate.⁹ Samantha only had two sisters—Melissa and Mary.¹⁰ Mary died in 1891, leaving Melissa as the only possibility for a sister dying in the previous fifteen months.¹¹

Endnotes for Melissa A. Petty

¹ 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.

² 1870 U.S. census, Logan Co., KY, population schedule, Keysburg Dist., 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.

³ 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; five Petty children listed as niece and nephews. 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.

⁴ Hopkins Co., KY, Marriages, 11-1877–3-1880: 302, Hankins–Petty, 1879; Hopkins Co. Clerk, Madisonville. 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.

⁵ “Brothers Reunited After 44 Years; Cobedn Relatives Celebrate,” undated clipping, ca. 1934, from unidentified newspaper (possibly in Harrisburg, IL), privately held by Steve Petty (great-grandson of John Franklin Petty), copy provided via email to Linda McCauley, Mt. Vernon, KY, 10 Mar 2012.

⁶ “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).

⁷ “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.

⁸ *Find A Grave* (<https://www.findagrave.com> : viewed 23 Nov 2012), memorial 34924113, for Daniel Boone Petty, (Hopewell Baptist Church Cemetery, Ball Ground, Cherokee Co., GA), digital image, 6 Feb 2011, by P Hawkins. “Funeral Notices, Petty,” *The Constitution* (Atlanta, GA), 11 Apr 1937, p 28, col 7; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 20 Jan 2018). “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.

⁹ *Find A Grave*, (<https://www.findagrave.com> : viewed 23 Nov 2012), memorial 83305363, for Oliver Perry Petty, (Marietta City Cemetery, Marietta, Cobb Co., GA), digital image, 11 Jan 2012, by MHardy. *Find A Grave*, (<https://www.findagrave.com> : viewed 23 Jun 2021), memorial 173659800, for John Franklin Petty, (Sunset Lawn Cemetery, Harrisburg, Saline County, IL), digital image, 12 Jan 2021, by Mdeneal. *Find A Grave*, (<https://www.findagrave.com> : viewed 23 Jun 2021), memorial 66621676, for Nath T. Petty, (Four Mile Baptist Church Cemetery, Pickens Co., GA), digital image, 24 Apr 2011, by dgresh.

¹⁰ Linda F. McCauley, “John R. Petty & Margaret E. Thomas,” *Documenting the Details*, 10 Sep 2021 (<https://documentingthedetails.com/jrpetty-methomas> : accessed 10 Sep 2021); children of John and Margaret established.

¹¹ Friendship Cemetery (Forsyth Co., GA), Mollie E. Hawkins marker, photographed by Linda McCauley, 10 Nov 2011.

Henry Milton Petty

Henry Milton Petty was born on 3 April 1860 in Tennessee, probably in McMinn County.¹ He was the second child born to John R. Petty and Margaret E. Thomas.² Milton was sixteen years old when his mother died on 28 July 1876.³ He apparently remained in Hopkins County, Kentucky, when most of his siblings went to Georgia to live.⁴ It is unclear where or with whom he and his sister Samantha lived the first few years after their mother's death. By 1880, Milton was listed as an inmate of the Poor House in Hopkins County.⁵

Milton died on 9 April 1893, probably in Hopkins County.⁶ His burial location is unknown.

Endnotes for Henry Milton Petty

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.

² 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; only children Melissa and Milton in household.

³ “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; from microfilm 994027–994058, KY Dept. for Libraries and Archives, Frankfort.

⁴ 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. 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.

⁵ 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.

⁶ Photograph of Memorial Plaque for Lee Hankins & H. M. Petty.

Mary E. Petty

Mary E. Petty, called Mollie, was born in 1865 in Georgia, probably Whitfield County.¹ She was the fourth child born to John R. Petty and Margaret E. Thomas.² Mollie was one of the children who went to live in Forsyth County, Georgia, after Margaret died in 1876. She lived with her aunt Mary Thomas Echols and her husband.³

Mollie married Benjamin Hill Hawkins on 4 December 1881 in Forsyth County.⁴ They had five children, all likely born in Forsyth County. Robert Lee was born in 1882.⁵ Henry Grady was born on 1 April 1884.⁶ Bertha Bell was born in January 1886.⁷ Velvie Estell was born on 29 February 1888.⁸ Annie Lorena was born in July 1890.⁹

Mollie died in 1891, less than ten years after she married Benjamin and while her children were young. She was buried in Friendship Cemetery in Forsyth County.¹⁰ Benjamin died on 20 December 1938 in Atlanta, Fulton County, Georgia and was buried beside Mollie.¹¹

Endnotes for Mary E. Petty

¹ Friendship Cemetery (Forsyth Co., GA), Mollie E. Hawkins marker, photographed by Linda McCauley, 10 Nov 2011. “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; family lived in Whitfield Co., GA when Samantha was born in 1861.

² 1870 U.S. census, Logan Co., KY, population schedule, Keysburg Dist., 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.

³ 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.

⁴ “Marriage Records from Microfilm,” digital image, *Georgia Archives Virtual Vault* (<https://www.vault.georgiaarchives.org/digital/collection/countyfilm> : accessed 13 Nov 2012); Forsyth Co., E:253, Hawkins-Petty, 4 Dec 1881; from Georgia County marriage records on microfilm, Georgia Archives, Morrow.

⁵ Friendship Cemetery (Forsyth Co., GA), Robert Lee Hawkins marker, photographed by Linda McCauley, 10 Nov 2011.

⁶ 1900 U.S. census, Forsyth Co., GA, population schedule, Cumming District, enumeration district (ED) 36, sheet 2B, dwelling 31, family 34, Benjamin H. Hawkins; digital images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/7602> : accessed 6 Mar 2016); citing NARA microfilm T623, roll 228; son Henry G. *Find A Grave*, (<https://www.findagrave.com> : viewed 8 Sep 2021), memorial 62113808, for Henry Grady Hawkins, (Marietta City Cemetery, Marietta, Cobb Co., GA), digital image, 24 Nov 2010, by Chet Wallace; birthdate.

⁷ 1900 U.S. census, Forsyth Co., GA, pop. sch., Cumming District, enumeration district (ED) 36, sheet 2B, dwelling 31, family 34, Benjamin H. Hawkins; daughter Bertha Belle, born Jan 1886.

⁸ 1900 U.S. census, Forsyth Co., GA, pop. sch., Cumming District, enumeration district (ED) 36, sheet 2B, dwelling 31, family 34, Benjamin H. Hawkins; daughter Velva Estell. “Georgia, U.S., Death Index, 1919-1998,” database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/5426> : accessed 8 Sep 2021), death certificate no. 25187 (1961), Velva H. Bramblett; from Indexes of Vital Records for Georgia: Deaths, 1919-1998, Georgia Health Department, Office of Vital Records, Atlanta.

⁹ 1900 U.S. census, Forsyth Co., GA, pop. sch., Cumming District, enumeration district (ED) 36, sheet 2B, dwelling 31, family 34, Benjamin H. Hawkins; daughter Annie L, born Jul 1890.

¹⁰ Friendship Cemetery (Forsyth Co., GA), Mollie E. Hawkins marker.

¹¹ Friendship Cemetery (Forsyth Co., GA), Benjamin H. Hawkins marker, photographed by Linda McCauley, 10 Nov 2011.

Daniel B. Petty

Daniel B. Petty was born on 4 April 1867 in Georgia, probably Whitfield County, to John R. Petty and Margaret E. Thomas.¹ He was one of the five children who went to live with their aunt, Mary Thomas Echols and her family, in Forsyth County, Georgia, after Margaret died in 1876.²

Daniel's middle name is in question. Most researchers have it as Boone, but the source of that name seems to be "other family members." His son Luther, who provided the personal information for Daniel's death certificate, gave his middle name as Bivins.³ It is unclear which (if either) is correct.

Daniel married Mary Rebecca Cornelison, daughter of James Wilborn Cornelison and Elizabeth Owens, about 1889.⁴ They began their marriage in Cherokee County, where Mollie grew up, and lived there until after 1910. In 1900, Daniel rented land to farm and he worked in retail in 1910.⁵ All seven of their children were born during that time. Milton Perry was born on 6 September 1890,⁶ Sally O. in November 1891,⁷ Ruth V. on 12 August 1894,⁸ Luther John on 24 October 1899,⁹ Annie Estell on 23 March 1902,¹⁰ Olin Delma on 4 January 1906,¹¹ and Leland Clifford on 15 June 1908.¹²

Daniel moved the family to Cobb County, Georgia, by 1920 where he returned to farming.¹³ By 1930, they lived in Fulton County, Georgia, and Daniel worked as a carpenter building houses.¹⁴ Daniel and Mollie lived in Fulton County for remainder of their lives.

Daniel died on 26 November 1932 in Fulton County. He was buried in Hopewell Baptist Church Cemetery in Ball Ground in Cherokee County.¹⁵ Mary died in Fulton County on 6 December 1953 and was buried beside Daniel.¹⁶

Endnotes for Daniel B. Petty

¹ *Find A Grave* (<https://www.findagrave.com> : viewed 23 Nov 2012), memorial 34924113, for Daniel Boone Petty, (Hopewell Baptist Church Cemetery, Ball Ground, Cherokee Co., GA), digital image, 6 Feb 2011, by P Hawkins; birth date 4 Apr 1867. 1870 U.S. census, Logan Co., KY, population schedule, Keysburg Dist., 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; Daniel four years old, born in Georgia.

² 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.

³ "Georgia, U.S., Deaths Index, 1914-1940," digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2562> : accessed 20 Jun 2021), death certificate no. 32-26507 (1932), Daniel Bivins Petty; from Georgia Department of Health and Vital Statistics, Atlanta.

⁴ *Find A Grave* (<https://www.findagrave.com> : viewed 23 Nov 2012), memorial 34924176, for Mary R. Petty, (Hopewell Baptist Church Cemetery, Ball Ground, Cherokee Co., GA), digital image, 6 Feb 2011, by P Hawkins; double stone with Daniel. 1880 U.S. census, Cherokee Co., GA, population schedule, Claytons, enumeration district (ED) 21, p. 44, dwelling 142, family 142, J. W. Cornelison; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/6742> : accessed 3 Sep 2021); from NARA microfilm T9, roll 139.

⁵ 1900 U.S. census, Cherokee Co., GA, population schedule, Clayton District, enumeration district (ED) 11, sheet 10A, dwelling 78, family 79, Dan'l B. Petty; digital images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/7602> : accessed 6 Mar 2016); citing NARA microfilm T623. 1910 U.S. census, Cherokee Co., GA, population schedule, Clayton District 971,

enumeration district (ED) 15, sheet 1A, dwelling 2, family 3, Daniel B. Petty; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/7884> : accessed 20 Apr 2021); from NARA microfilm T624, roll 179.

⁶ 1900 U.S. census, Cherokee Co., GA, pop. sch., Clayton District, ED 11, sheet 10A, dwell. 78, fam. 79, Dan'l B. Petty; son Perry. "U.S., World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918," digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/6482> : accessed 4 Sep 2021), Milton Perry Petty, serial no. 535, Atlanta City, GA; from microfilm M1509, NARA, Washington, D.C.

⁷ 1900 U.S. census, Cherokee Co., GA, pop. sch., Clayton District, ED 11, sheet 10A, dwell. 78, fam. 79, Dan'l B. Petty; daughter Sallie born 11/1891, GA.

⁸ 1910 U.S. census, Cherokee Co., GA, pop. sch., Clayton District 971, ED 15, sheet 1A, dwell. 2, fam. 3, Daniel B. Petty; daughter Ruth V. "U.S., Social Security Death Index, 1935–2014," database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/3693> : accessed 3 Oct 2021), entry for Ruth Murphy, 1978, SS no. 258-08-6787; from Social Security Death Index Master File, Social Security Administration.

⁹ 1900 U.S. census, Cherokee Co., GA, pop. sch., Clayton District, ED 11, sheet 10A, dwell. 78, fam. 79, Dan'l B. Petty; son Luther. "U.S., World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918," digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/6482> : accessed 4 Sep 2021), Luther John Petty, serial no. 2102, Atlanta City, GA; from microfilm M1509, NARA, Washington, D.C.

¹⁰ 1910 U.S. census, Cherokee Co., GA, pop. sch., Clayton District 971, ED 15, sheet 1A, dwell. 2, fam. 3, Daniel B. Petty; daughter Annie Petty, age 7. "Deaths, Mrs. Arrowood," *Atlanta (GA) Journal and Constitution*, 8 Sep 1979, p 32, col 1; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 3 Oct 2021); Annie Estelle Arrowood obituary. "U.S., Social Security Death Index, 1935–2014," database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/3693> : accessed 3 Sep 2021), entry for Annie Arrowood, 1979, SS no. 252-10-6922; from Social Security Death Index Master File, Social Security Administration; dob 23 Mar 1902.

¹¹ 1910 U.S. census, Cherokee Co., GA, pop. sch., Clayton District 971, ED 15, sheet 1A, dwell. 2, fam. 3, Daniel B. Petty; son Olen. "U.S. World War II Draft Cards Young Men, 1940–1947," digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2238> : accessed 3 Oct 2021), Olin Delma Petty, serial no. 2123; from Records of the Selective Service System, 1926–1975, Record Group 147, NARA, St Louis, Missouri.

¹² 1910 U.S. census, Cherokee Co., GA, pop. sch., Clayton District 971, ED 15, sheet 1A, dwell. 2, fam. 3, Daniel B. Petty; son Clifford. "U.S. World War II Draft Cards Young Men, 1940–1947," digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2238> : accessed 3 Oct 2021), Leland Clifford Petty, serial no. 18532; from Records of the Selective Service System, 1926–1975, Record Group 147, NARA, St Louis, Missouri.

¹³ 1920 U.S. census, Cobb Co., GA, population schedule, Fullers District, enumeration district (ED) 43, sheet 2B, dwelling 36, family 39, Daniell Petty; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/6061> : accessed 8 Sep 2021); from NARA microfilm T625, roll 244.

¹⁴ 1930 U.S. census, Fulton Co., GA, population schedule, Center Hill, enumeration district (ED) 170, sheet 76B, dwelling 60, family 60, Dan Petty; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/6224> : accessed 9 Jul 2021); from NARA microfilm T626.

¹⁵ "Georgia, U.S., Deaths Index, 1914-1940," death certificate no. 32-26507 (1932), Daniel Bivins Petty.

¹⁶ *Find A Grave*, memorial 34924176, Mary R. Petty, gravestone photo by P Hawkins. "Georgia, U.S., Death Index, 1919-1998," database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/5426> : accessed 8 Sep 2021), death certificate no. 28100 (1953), Mary R. Petty; from Indexes of Vital Records for Georgia: Deaths, 1919-1998, Georgia Health Department, Office of Vital Records, Atlanta.

Joseph Bunyan Petty

Joseph Bunyan Petty was born on 20 April 1869, probably in Logan County, Kentucky.¹ He was the sixth of John R. Petty and Margaret E. Thomas's ten children.² Joe was one of the five children who went to live with their aunt, Mary Thomas Echols and her family, in Forsyth County, Georgia, after Margaret died in 1876.³

Joe married Fredonia Tyson, called Donnie, on 12 November 1893 in Cherokee County, Georgia.⁴ Donnie was the daughter of Summerfield Francis Tyson and Mary Ann Tippens of Cherokee County. She was born there on 6 October 1878.⁵

In 1900, Joe and Donnie lived in Canton, Cherokee County, Georgia, with their three oldest children.⁶ John Wesley was born on 6 August 1894, Cora L. in June 1896, and Mamie in May 1897.⁷ By 1910, they had moved to Muhlenberg County, Kentucky, and lived in the community of North Boggess. Five more children were born since 1900, all in Georgia before the move to Kentucky.⁸ Joseph Earl was born on 1 July 1900 in Bartow County,⁹ Corrie Jean in 1902,¹⁰ Jackson Buford on 17 June 1904 in Cherokee County,¹¹ Clyde E. in 1908,¹² and Oscar Milton on 24 April 1908 in Gordon County.¹³

Their son Emmett Lee gave his birthdate and place as 22 April 1910, Louisville, Kentucky, when he registered for the World War II draft.¹⁴ He was not listed with the family in the 1910 census in Muhlenberg County, but the census date of 15 April would have precluded him being counted.¹⁵ Emmett's birthplace was listed as Georgia in the 1920 census.¹⁶ If Emmett was born in Louisville, the family lived in Muhlenberg County less than three weeks later.¹⁷

They were back in Georgia before the last four children were born and apparently moved back and forth between Gordon and Bartow counties. Grace Mae, who was born about 1912, was probably born in one of those two counties.¹⁸ A. Z. was born on 6 August 1915 in Gordon County.¹⁹ Wilson was born in Bartow County on 8 May 1916.²⁰ They were still living in Bartow County in 1920 and their youngest child, Doyle Asberry, was born there on 1 July 1920.²¹ They moved back to Gordon County between 1920 and 1924 when Grace died at their home there on 15 February 1924.²²

When they returned to Georgia, Joe became a farmer.²³ He had worked as a coal miner prior to that.²⁴ Joe and Donnie divorced after 1920, and she married Joe Anderson before 15 April 1930.²⁵

Joe died of hypertensive heart disease on 10 April 1937 in Atlanta, Fulton County, Georgia.²⁶ Donnie died on 22 November 1941 in Calhoun, Gordon County, Georgia.²⁷ They are buried together in Scott Cemetery in Plainville, Gordon County, Georgia.²⁸

Endnotes for Joseph Bunyan Petty

¹ Sandra Granger to Linda McCauley, e-mail, 26 Jul 2009, "The Petty Family Tree"; privately held by McCauley; full birthdate. 1870 U.S. census, Logan Co., KY, population schedule, Keysburg Dist., 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; family living in Logan County less than a year after Joseph's birth, his birthplace listed as Kentucky.

² 1870 U.S. census, Logan Co., KY, pop. sch., Keysburg District, p. 33, dwell. 185, fam. 185, John R. Petty; lists five siblings older than Joseph.

³ 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.

⁴ “Georgia, U.S., Marriage Records from Select Counties, 1828-1978,” digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/4766> : accessed 20 Jan 2021), Petty-Tyson, 11 Nov 1893, Cherokee Co.; County Marriage Records 1828-1978, Georgia Archives, Morrow.

⁵ “U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936–2007,” database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/60901> : accessed 3 Oct 2021), Donnie Tyson Anderson, SSN 259077811; from Social Security Applications and Claims, 1936–2007; Donnie married Joe Anderson. 1930 U.S. census, Gordon Co., GA, population schedule, Sonoraville, enumeration district (ED) 13, sheet 9B, dwelling 191, family 195, Joe S. Anderson; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/6224> : accessed 9 Jul 2021); from NARA microfilm T626; Donnie and children A.Z., Wilson, and Doyle Petty living with Anderson.

⁶ 1900 U.S. census, Cherokee Co., GA, population schedule, Canton District, enumeration district (ED) 8, sheet 10B, dwelling 170, family 182, Joseph B. Petty; digital images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/7602> : accessed 4 Sep 2013); citing NARA microfilm T623.

⁷ Sandra Granger to Linda McCauley, e-mail, 26 Jul 2009, “The Petty Family Tree;” John Wesley’s birthdate. 1900 U.S. census, Cherokee Co., GA, pop. sch., Canton District, ED 8, sheet 10B, dwell. 170, fam. 182, Joseph B. Petty; birth month and year for Cora and Mamie.

⁸ 1910 U.S. census, Muhlenberg Co., KY, population schedule, North Boggess, enumeration district (ED) 88, sheet 19A, dwelling 368, family 387, Joe P. Petty; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/7884> : accessed 4 Sep 2013); from NARA microfilm T624, roll 496.

⁹ “U.S. World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918,” digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/6482> : accessed 10 Oct 2021), Joseph Earl Petty, serial no. 20401, Bartow Co., GA; from U.S., World War I Selective Service System Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918, M1509, NARA, Washington, D.C.

¹⁰ 1910 U.S. census, Muhlenberg Co., KY, pop. sch., North Boggess, ED 88, sheet 19A, dwell. 368, fam. 387, Joe P. Petty.

¹¹ “U.S. World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918,” digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/6482> : accessed 10 Oct 2021), Jack Buford Petty, serial no. 1153, Floyd Co., GA; from U.S., World War I Selective Service System Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918, M1509, NARA, Washington, D.C.

¹² *Find A Grave* (<https://www.findagrave.com> : viewed 03 Sep 2021), memorial 65155639, for Clyde Petty, (Scott Cemetery, Plainville, Gordon Co., GA), digital image, 24 Jul 2011, by E. Jones.

¹³ “U.S. World War II Draft Cards Young Men, 1940–1947,” digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2238> : accessed 3 Oct 2021), Oscar Milton Petty, serial no. 443; from Records of the Selective Service System, 1926–1975, Record Group 147, NARA, St Louis, Missouri.

¹⁴ “U.S. World War II Draft Cards Young Men, 1940–1947,” digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2238> : accessed 3 Oct 2021), Emmett Lee Petty, serial no. 3135; from Records of the Selective Service System, 1926–1975, Record Group 147, NARA, St Louis, Missouri.

¹⁵ 1910 U.S. census, Muhlenberg Co., KY, pop. sch., North Boggess, ED 88, sheet 19A, dwell. 368, fam. 387, Joe P. Petty. “1910 Census Instructions to Enumerators,” *United States Census Bureau*, last modified 8 Oct 2021 (<https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/decennial-census/technical-documentation/questionnaires/1910/1910-instructions.html> : accessed 20 Oct 2021).

¹⁶ 1920 U.S. census, Cobb Co., GA, population schedule, Militia District 851, enumeration district (ED) 10, sheet 6B, dwelling 112, family 113, Joe B. Petty; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/6061> : accessed 4 Sep 2013); from NARA microfilm T625, roll 234.

¹⁷ 1910 U.S. census, Muhlenberg Co., KY, pop. sch., North Boggess, ED 88, sheet 19A, dwell. 368, fam. 387, Joe P. Petty.

¹⁸ *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/film/004179254> : accessed 4 Oct 2021), digital film 004179254, image 507, Gordon Co., GA, death certificate no. 4873 (1924), Gracie Mae Petty; from box 60, folders 12-23, Georgia Archives, Morrow; age 12 in 1924, born in Georgia.

¹⁹ *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/film/004577393> : accessed 4 Oct 2021), digital film 004577393, image 523, Hall Co., GA, death certificate no. 10168 (1940), A. Z. Petty; from Georgia Archives, Morrow.

²⁰ “U.S. World War II Draft Cards Young Men, 1940–1947,” digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2238> : accessed 3 Oct 2021), Bill Petty, serial no. 251; from Records of the Selective Service System, 1926–1975, Record Group 147, NARA, St Louis, Missouri; Donnie Petty listed as mother.

²¹ 1920 U.S. census, Cobb Co., GA, pop. sch., Militia District 851, ED 10, sheet 6B, dwell. 112, fam. 113, Joe B. Petty. “U.S. World War II Draft Cards Young Men, 1940–1947,” digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2238> : accessed 3 Oct 2021), Doyle Asberry Petty, serial no. S-3; from Records of the Selective Service System, 1926–1975, Record Group 147, NARA, St Louis, Missouri.

²² *FamilySearch*, digital film 004179254, image 507, Gordon Co., GA, death certificate no. 4873 (1924), Gracie Mae Petty.

²³ 1920 U.S. census, Cobb Co., GA, pop. sch., Militia District 851, ED 10, sheet 6B, dwell. 112, fam. 113, Joe B. Petty.

²⁴ 1900 U.S. census, Cherokee Co., GA, pop. sch., Canton District, ED 8, sheet 10B, dwell. 170, fam. 182, Joseph B. Petty. 1910 U.S. census, Muhlenberg Co., KY, pop. sch., North Bogges, ED 88, sheet 19A, dwell. 368, fam. 387, Joe P. Petty.

²⁵ 1930 U.S. census, Gordon Co., GA, pop. sch., Sonoraville, ED 13, sheet 9B, dwell. 191, fam. 195, Joe S. Anderson.

²⁶ “Georgia, U.S., Deaths Index, 1914-1940,” digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2562> : accessed 20 Jun 2021), death certificate no. 1735 (1937), Joe Petty; from Georgia Department of Health and Vital Statistics, Atlanta.

²⁷ “Mrs. F. D. Petty, 63, Dies Here Saturday,” *Calhoun (GA) Times*, 27 Nov 1941; digital image, *Digital Library of Georgia* (https://dlg.usg.edu/collection/dlg_gco : accessed 3 Oct 2021.)

²⁸ *Find A Grave*, (<https://www.findagrave.com> : viewed), memorial 65155641, for Joe B. Petty and memorial 65155642, (Scott Cemetery, Plainville, Gordon Co., GA), digital image, 24 Jul 2011, by E. Jones; double headstone.

Oliver Perry Petty

Oliver Perry Petty was born on 23 January 1871 in Logan County, Kentucky.¹ He was the seventh child born to John R. Petty and Margaret E. Thomas.²

Perry was one of the six children who went to Forsyth County, Georgia, to live after Margaret's death in 1876. The other five children lived with their aunt Mary Thomas Echols.³ Perry lived with James W. and Angeline Tribble in 1880 with the relationship of adopted son in that census.⁴ It is unclear if this was a legal adoption or if the Tribbles simply took him in. While his surname name in that census was Tribble, no evidence exists that he ever went by anything other than Petty for the rest of his life. The reason Perry lived with the Tribbles, rather than with his aunt Mary and siblings, is unknown. But he apparently had a long-term relationship with them. After the death of Perry's first wife, his son Elmer lived with the Tribbles in 1900.⁵

On 28 August 1890, Perry married Vada L. Bramlett in Forsyth County, Georgia.⁶ Vada was born on 13 April 1875 in Georgia, probably Forsyth County.⁷ James A. Bramlett and Armenda Redd were her parents.⁸

Perry and Vada had a daughter and three sons born between 1891 and 1898. Odell was born about 1891, probably in Forsyth County.⁹ Elmer Washington was born on 10 September 1894 in Forsyth County.¹⁰ Daniel Paul was born on 15 December 1895 in Cherokee County.¹¹ Claud was born on 6 August 1898, probably in Cherokee County.¹² Vada died on 9 August 1899 and was buried in Friendship Cemetery in Forsyth County.¹³

In 1900, Perry boarded with Fred Phillips in Pickens County, Georgia, and worked as a house carpenter.¹⁴ Paul and Claud lived with Vada's parents in Forsyth County and Elmer lived there with the Tribbles.¹⁵ Odell's whereabouts are unknown.

Eliza Duckett also lived in Pickens County in 1900 and worked as a cook in a boarding house run by Mason Fowler.¹⁶ Perry married Eliza between 1900 and 1903.¹⁷ Eliza was born on 18 February 1873 in Georgia to Jacob B. Duckett and Sarah J. Thomas.¹⁸

Perry and Eliza lived in Pickens County in 1910 with their children Oliver, Edward, Eula, and Jennie Mae, along with Perry's sons Paul and Claud.¹⁹ Oliver Cicero was born on 19 June 1903 in Tate in Pickens County.²⁰ James Edward was born on 9 July 1905.²¹ Eula Mae was born on 28 October 1907.²² Jennie Mae was born on 8 July 1909.²³ Edward, Eula, and Jennie were probably all born in Pickens County.

By 1920, the family lived in Fullers in Cobb County, Georgia, and two more children had been born.²⁴ Lou Vada was born on 27 December 1911 and Joe Dorsey was born on 6 July 1915.²⁵ Joe was born in Cobb County and Lou Vada likely was as well.²⁶

Between 1920 and 1929, Perry and Eliza moved to Atlanta in Fulton County, Georgia. They lived on Rt. 7 in Atlanta when Eliza died on 22 September 1929 of an intestinal obstruction.²⁷ She was buried in Marietta City Cemetery in Marietta, Cobb County, Georgia.²⁸

In 1930, Perry and four of the children (Edward, Eula, Lou Vada, and Joe) lived on St. James Drive in Center Hill in Fulton County. Perry had changed occupations from farming, which he was doing in 1910 and 1920, back to carpentry.²⁹

Perry took a trip to Madisonville, Kentucky, around 1934 to visit his sister Samantha. While in the area, he and Samantha also visited their brother John Franklin in Harrisburg, Illinois. According to an undated

newspaper clipping saved by John's family, it had been forty-four years since the brothers had seen each other. Using Samantha's age noted in the article, forty-four years ago would have been about 1890.³⁰

Perry died on 5 February 1943 at his home at 539 Luckie Street in Atlanta. He had been a building contractor for the past eighteen years.³¹ Perry was buried beside Eliza in Marietta City Cemetery.³²

Endnotes for Oliver Perry Petty

¹“U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936–2007,” database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/60901> : accessed 3 Oct 2021), Oliver Perry Petty, SSN 259093321; from Social Security Applications and Claims, 1936–2007.

²1870 U.S. census, Logan Co., KY, population schedule, Keysburg Dist., 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; six older children listed.

³1880 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.

⁴1880 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.

⁵1900 U.S. census, Forsyth Co., GA, population schedule, Settendown, enumeration district (ED) 35, sheet 20A, dwelling 331, family 331, James W. Tribble; digital images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/7602> : accessed 4 Sep 2013); citing NARA microfilm T623.

⁶“Georgia, U.S., Marriage Records from Select Counties, 1828-1978,” digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/4766> : accessed 20 Jan 2021), Petty-Bramblett, 28 Aug 1890, Forsyth Co.; County Marriage Records 1828-1978, Georgia Archives, Morrow.

⁷Friendship Cemetery (Forsyth Co., GA), Vada L. Petty marker, photographed by Linda McCauley, 10 Nov 2012.

⁸1880 U.S. census, Forsyth Co., GA, population schedule, High Tower, enumeration district (ED) 74, p. 7, dwelling 54, family 54, James A. Bramlette; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/6742> : accessed 2 Oct 2021); from NARA microfilm T9, roll 147. “Georgia, U.S., Deaths Index, 1914-1940,” digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2562> : accessed 23 Oct 2021), death certificate no. 01043 (1922), Armina Bramblett; from Georgia Department of Health and Vital Statistics, Atlanta; maiden name Redd.

⁹Jeanette Gilliam McCauley, “Descendants of John Petty;” copy shared with Linda McCauley, Mt. Vernon, KY, 25 Apr 2003; family group sheet for Oliver Perry Petty lists daughter Odell, information provided to Jeanette by Joenne Petty Cathcart, granddaughter of Perry. 1910 U.S. census, Pickens Co., GA, population schedule, Grassy Knob, enumeration district (ED) 129, sheet 3B, dwelling 60, family 60, Edd Thomasony; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/7884> : accessed 22 Oct 2021); from NARA microfilm T624, roll 203; wife Odell age 18.

¹⁰“U.S. World War II Draft Registration Cards, 1942,” digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/1002> : accessed 3 Oct 2021), Elmer Petty, serial no. 438; from Records of the Selective Service System, 1926–1975, Record Group 147, NARA, St Louis, Missouri.

¹¹“Virginia, U.S., Death Records, 1912-2014,” digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/92278> : accessed 23 Oct 2021), Daniel Paul Petty, serial no. 17875; from Virginia Department of Health, Richmond.

¹² 1910 U.S. census, Pickens Co., GA, population schedule, Dug Road, enumeration district (ED) 125, sheet 8A, dwelling 137, family 140, Perry Petty; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/7884> : accessed 3 Sep 2013); from NARA microfilm T624, roll 203; Perry had son named Claud. Friendship Cemetery (Forsyth Co., GA), Claud Petty marker, photographed by Linda McCauley, 10 Nov 2012; birth date.

¹³ Friendship Cemetery (Forsyth Co., GA), Vada L. Petty marker.

¹⁴ 1900 U.S. census, Pickens Co., GA, population schedule, Townsend enumeration district (ED) 112, sheet 6B, dwelling 116, family 116, Fred Phillips; digital images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/7602> : accessed 2 Oct 2021); citing NARA microfilm T623.

¹⁵ 1900 U.S. census, Forsyth Co., GA, population schedule, Settendown, enumeration district (ED) 35, sheet 15B, dwelling 251, family 251, James Bramblett; digital images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/7602> : accessed 2 Oct 2021); citing NARA microfilm T623. 1900 U.S. census, Forsyth Co., GA, pop. sch., Settendown, ED 35, sheet 20A, dwell. 331, fam. 331, James W. Tribble.

¹⁶ 1900 U.S. census, Pickens Co., GA, population schedule, Townsend, enumeration district (ED) 112, sheet 6A, dwelling 103, family 103, Mason Fowler; digital images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/7602> : accessed 2 Oct 2021); citing NARA microfilm T623.

¹⁷ “U.S. World War II Draft Cards Young Men, 1940-1947,” digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2238> : accessed 3 Oct 2021), Oliver Cicero Petty, serial no. 1295; from Records of the Selective Service System, 1926–1975, Record Group 147, NARA, St Louis, Missouri; Perry and Eliza’s oldest son born 19 Jun 1903.

¹⁸ “Georgia, U.S., Deaths Index, 1914-1940,” digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2562> : accessed 23 Oct 2021), death certificate no. 24250 (1929), Mrs. Eliza Perry Petty; from Georgia Department of Health and Vital Statistics, Atlanta; birth date and state, father Jake Duckett, mother Sarah. “Georgia, U.S., Marriage Records from Select Counties, 1828-1978,” digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/4766> : accessed 20 Oct 2021), Jacob B. Duckett and Sarah J. Thomas, 7 February 1872, White Co.; County Marriage Records 1828-1978, Georgia Archives, Morrow.

¹⁹ 1910 U.S. census, Pickens Co., GA, pop. sch., Dug Road, ED 125, sheet 8A, dwell. 137, fam. 140, Perry Petty.

²⁰ “U.S. World War II Draft Cards Young Men, 1940-1947,” Oliver Cicero Petty, serial no. 1295.

²¹ *Find A Grave*, (<https://www.findagrave.com> : viewed 20 Oct 2021), memorial 83249430, for James Edward “Red” Petty, (Marietta City Cemetery, Marietta, Cobb Co., GA), digital image, 10 Jan 2012, by MHardy.

²² *Find A Grave*, (<https://www.findagrave.com> : viewed 20 Oct 2021), memorial 83305456, for Eula Sarah Petty Martin, (Marietta City Cemetery, Marietta, Cobb Co., GA), digital image, 11 Jan 2012, by MHardy; buried in Petty plot with Perry and Eliza.

²³ *Find A Grave*, (<https://www.findagrave.com> : viewed 20 Oct 2021), memorial 136055687, for Jennie Mae Petty Sarratt, (Riverview Memorial Park Cemetery, Smyrna, Cobb Co., GA), digital image, 17 Sep 2014, by Cameracrazy.

²⁴ 1920 U.S. census, Cobb Co., GA, population schedule, Fullers District, enumeration district (ED) 43, sheet 4A, dwelling 60, family 64, Perry Petty; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/6061> : accessed 4 Sep 2013); from NARA microfilm T625, roll 245.

²⁵ *Find A Grave*, (<https://www.findagrave.com> : viewed 10 Oct 2021), memorial 136055594, for Lou Vada Petty Leonard, (Riverview Memorial Park, Smyrna, Cobb Co., GA), digital image, 18 Sep 2014, by Cameracrazy. “U.S. World War II Draft Cards Young Men, 1940–1947,” digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2238> : accessed 3 Oct 2021), Joe Dorsey Petty, serial no. 3468; from Records of the Selective Service System, 1926–1975, Record Group 147, NARA, St Louis, Missouri.

²⁶ “U.S. World War II Draft Cards Young Men, 1940–1947,” Joe Dorsey Petty, serial no. 3468.

²⁷ “Georgia, U.S., Deaths Index, 1914-1940,” death certificate no. 24250 (1929), Mrs. Eliza Perry Petty.

²⁸ *Find A Grave*, (<https://www.findagrave.com> : viewed 23 Nov 2012), memorial 83304711, for Eliza Catherine Duckett Petty, (Marietta City Cemetery, Marietta, Cobb Co., GA), digital image, 11 Jan 2012, by MHardy.

²⁹ 1930 U.S. census, Fulton Co., GA, population schedule, Center Hill, enumeration district (ED) 170, sheet 24A, dwelling 489, family 489, O. P. Petty; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/6224> : accessed 4 Sep 2013); from NARA microfilm T626. 1910 U.S. census, Pickens Co., GA, pop. sch., Dug Road, ED 125, sheet 8A, dwell. 137, fam. 140, Perry Petty. 1910 U.S. census, Pickens Co., GA, pop. sch., Dug Road, ED 125, sheet 8A, dwell. 137, fam. 140, Perry Petty. 1920 U.S. census, Cobb Co., GA, pop. sch., Fullers District, ED 43, sheet 4A, dwell. 60, fam. 64, Perry Petty.

³⁰ “Brothers Reunited After 44 Years; Cobedn Relatives Celebrate,” undated clipping, ca. 1934, from unidentified newspaper (possibly in Harrisburg, IL), privately held by Steve Petty (great-grandson of John Franklin Petty), copy provided via email to Linda McCauley, Mt. Vernon, KY, 10 Mar 2012.

³¹ “Oliver Petty, 72, Contractor, Dies,” *Atlanta (GA) Constitution*, 6 Feb 1943, p 6, col 7; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 3 Oct 2021).

³² *Find A Grave*, (<https://www.findagrave.com> : viewed 23 Nov 2012), memorial 83305363, for Oliver Perry Petty, (Marietta City Cemetery, Marietta, Cobb Co., GA), digital image, 11 Jan 2012, by MHardy.

Nathaniel T. Petty

Nathaniel T. Petty was born in 1873. He gave his birth date as 22 January 1873 when he registered for the World War I draft on 12 September 1918.¹ That form does not include a birth place. When he applied for a Social Security number, Nath gave his birth date as 21 February 1873 and his birthplace as Madisonville, Tennessee.² Since the family lived in either Logan or Hopkins County, Kentucky at that time, his birthplace was Madisonville, Kentucky, which is in Hopkins County.³ His correct birth date is unknown.

Nath was three and a half years old when his mother died in July 1876.⁴ He was one of the five children who went to live with their aunt Mary Thomas Echols in Forsyth County, Georgia, after Margaret died.⁵

On 12 May 1906, Nath married Delia Harmon in Cherokee County, Georgia.⁶ Delia was born on 11 February 1887 in Georgia.⁷ Her parents were James Matison Harmon and Emaline Bennett.⁸

By 1910, Nath and Delia lived on Lowe Avenue in Collins District in Fulton County, Georgia, and Nath worked as an engineer on the railroad. They had two children.⁹ Alma was born on 10 March 1907.¹⁰ Emmett was born on 17 March 1909.¹¹ Both children were born in Georgia, probably in Cherokee or Fulton County.¹²

Delia died on 23 June 1914 at their home in Peachtree Park area of Atlanta in Fulton County.¹³ She was buried in Pleasant Hill Christian Church Cemetery in Cagle, Pickens County, Georgia.¹⁴

Nath married Amanda Kincaid about 1915.¹⁵ Amanda was born on 20 June 1896 in Fannin County, Georgia.¹⁶ Her parents were Calvin Kincaid and Pairlee Lands.¹⁷

Nath and Amanda's son Clifford gave his birthplace as Copperhill, Tennessee, which is in Polk County, when he applied for a Social Security number.¹⁸ He said he was born in Fannin County, Georgia when he registered for the World War II draft.¹⁹ Amanda's parents lived in Sugar Creek in Fannin County, which borders Polk County and is fourteen miles from Copperhill.²⁰ Clifford was also inconsistent about his birth year giving the date as 22 January 1916 to Social Security and 22 January 1917 on his draft registration.²¹

When Nath registered for the World War I draft on 12 September 1918, they lived in Etowah, McMinn County, Tennessee.²² Geneva Harriet was born on 22 June 1919 in Cooperhill.²³

In 1920, Nath and Amanda lived in Fairplay in Cherokee County, Georgia, and he farmed.²⁴ They apparently soon moved as Pauline was born on 2 November 1921 in Whitestone in Gilmer County, Georgia.²⁵

The family lived in Town Creek in Gilmer County in 1930, but it is possible they moved between 1921 and 1928 and then returned to Gilmer County.²⁶ Dorothy was born about 1924 in either Tennessee or Georgia, but the exact location is unknown.²⁷ John William was born on 23 February 1926 in Copperhill, Tennessee.²⁸ Annie Mae was born on 18 November 1928 in Gilmer County.²⁹ In 1930, Nath worked as a fireman in a dolomite mine.³⁰

Nath and Amanda moved to Pickens County, Georgia, by the time their youngest child, Bertha Neel, was born there on 10 August 1933.³¹ Amanda died on 30 June 1936 in Ball Ground in Cherokee County where they lived since at least 1935.³² She was buried in Four Mile Baptist Church Cemetery in Pickens County.³³

Nath lived in the Dug Road District in Pickens County in 1940 and was again farming. The six youngest of his and Amanda's seven children lived with him.³⁴

On 30 October 1942, Nath died in Pickens County.³⁵ He was buried beside Amanda in Four Mile Baptist Church Cemetery.³⁶

Endnotes for Nathaniel T. Petty

¹ “U.S. World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918,” digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/6482> : accessed 10 Oct 2021), Nathaniel T. Petty, serial no. 1680, McMinn Co., TN; from U.S., World War I Selective Service System Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918, M1509, NARA, Washington, D.C.

² “U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936–2007,” database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/60901> : accessed 3 Oct 2021), Nathaniel T. Petty, SSN 257289974; from Social Security Applications and Claims, 1936–2007.

³ 1870 U.S. census, Logan Co., KY, population schedule, Keysburg Dist., 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; Nath’s younger brother John Franklin.

⁴ “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; from microfilm 994027–994058, KY Dept. for Libraries and Archives, Frankfort.

⁵ 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.

⁶ “Georgia, U.S., Marriage Records from Select Counties, 1828-1978,” digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/4766> : accessed 4 Sep 2013), Petty-Harmon, 12 May 1906, Cherokee Co.; County Marriage Records 1828-1978, Georgia Archives, Morrow.

⁷ *Find A Grave*, (<https://www.findagrave.com> : viewed 22 Nov 2012), memorial 33576045, for Delia Petty, (Pleasant Hill Christian Church Cemetery, Pickens Co., GA), digital image, 6 Jan 2011, by dreid2277.

⁸ 1900 U.S. census, Cherokee Co., GA, population schedule, Clayton District, enumeration district (ED) 11, sheet 11B, dwelling 190, family 195, Mat Harmon; digital images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/7602> : accessed 20 Oct 2021); citing NARA microfilm T623; Delia living with her parents. “Georgia, U.S., Marriage Records from Select Counties, 1828-1978,” digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/4766> : accessed 10 Oct 2021), Harmon-Bennett, 10 Feb 1879, Cherokee Co.; County Marriage Records 1828-1978, Georgia Archives, Morrow.

⁹ 1910 U.S. census, Fulton Co., GA, population schedule, Collins District, enumeration district (ED) 126, sheet 8B, dwelling 118, family 130, Nat T. Petty; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/7884> : accessed 4 Sep 2013); from NARA microfilm T624, roll 193.

¹⁰ “U.S., Social Security Death Index, 1935–2014,” database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/3693> : accessed 10 Oct 2021), entry for Alma Darby, 1986, SS no. 258-38-6306; from Social Security Death Index Master File, Social Security Administration.

¹¹ *Find A Grave*, (<https://www.findagrave.com> : viewed 10 Oct 2021), memorial 33576044, for Emmett Petty, (Pleasant Hill Christian Church Cemetery, Pickens Co., GA), digital image, 4 Oct 2012, by dreid2277.

¹² 1910 U.S. census, Fulton Co., GA, pop. sch., Collins District, ED 126, sheet 8B, dwell. 118, fam. 130, Nat T. Petty.

¹³ “Miss Dellie Petty,” *Atlanta (GA) Constitution*, 24 Jun 1914, p 16, col 3; digital image, (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 3 Oct 2021).

¹⁴ *Find A Grave*, memorial 33576045, Delia Petty, gravestone photo by dreid2277.

¹⁵ Their oldest child was born on 22 Jan in either 1916 or 1917. “U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936–2007,” database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/60901> : accessed 3 Oct 2021), Clifford Petty, SSN 258188972; from Social Security Applications and Claims, 1936–2007; oldest child born 22 Jan 1916, parents Nathaniel T. Petty and Amanda Kincade. “U.S. World War II Draft Cards Young Men, 1940–1947,” digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2238> : accessed 3 Oct 2021), Clifford Petty, serial no. 100; from Records of the Selective Service System, 1926–1975, Record Group 147, NARA, St Louis, Missouri; birth date 22 Jan 1917.

¹⁶ *Find A Grave*, (<https://www.findagrave.com> : viewed 10 Oct 2021), memorial 66621718, for Mandy K. Petty, (Four Mile Baptist Church Cemetery, Pickens Co., GA), digital image, 24 Apr 2011, by dgresh; birth date 20 Jun 1896. “Georgia, U.S., Deaths Index, 1914-1940,” digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2562> : accessed 23 Oct 2021), death certificate no. 15773 (1936), Amandy Petty; from Georgia Department of Health and Vital Statistics, Atlanta; birthplace Fannin Co. GA.

¹⁷ “Georgia, U.S., Deaths Index, 1914-1940,” death certificate no. 15773 (1936), Amandy Petty; parents Calvin Kincaid and Pairle Lands.

¹⁸ “U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936–2007,” Clifford Petty, SSN 258188972.

¹⁹ “U.S. World War II Draft Cards Young Men, 1940–1947, Clifford Petty, serial no. 100.

²⁰ 1910 U.S. census, Pickens Co., GA, population schedule, Sugar Creek District, enumeration district (ED) 34, sheet 2B, dwelling 33, family 33, Calvin M. Kincaid; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/7884> : accessed 20 Oct 2021); from NARA microfilm T624, roll 182.

²¹ “U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936–2007,” Clifford Petty, SSN 258188972. “U.S. World War II Draft Cards Young Men, 1940–1947, Clifford Petty, serial no. 100.

²² “U.S. World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918,” Nathaniel T. Petty, serial no. 1680, McMinn Co., TN.

²³ “U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936–2007,” database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/60901> : accessed 3 Oct 2021), Geneva Harriet Petty, SSN 254327986; from Social Security Applications and Claims, 1936–2007.

²⁴ 1920 U.S. census, Cherokee Co., GA, population schedule, Fairplay, enumeration district (ED) 31, sheet 4B, dwelling 73, family 73, Nathaniel T. Petty digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/6061> : accessed 4 Sep 2013); from NARA microfilm T625, roll 243.

²⁵ “U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936–2007,” database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/60901> : accessed 3 Oct 2021), Pauline Petty, SSN 244325531; from Social Security Applications and Claims, 1936–2007.

²⁶ 1930 U.S. census, Gilmer Co., GA, population schedule, Town Creek, enumeration district (ED) 11, sheet 3A, dwelling 49, family 50, Nathaniel Petty; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/6224> : accessed 9 Jul 2021); from NARA microfilm T626.

²⁷ 1930 U.S. census, Gilmer Co., GA, pop. sch., Town Creek, E) 11, sheet 3A, dwell. 49, fam. 50, Nathaniel Petty; Dorothy age 6, born in Tennessee. 1940 U.S. census, Pickens Co., GA, population schedule, Dug Road, enumeration district (ED) 112-2, sheet 11A, household 179, Nathaniel Petty; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2442> : accessed 13 Feb 2021); from NARA microfilm T627, roll 700; Dorothy, age 16, born in Georgia.

²⁸ “U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936–2007,” database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/60901> : accessed 3 Oct 2021), John William Petty, SSN 254328996; from Social Security Applications and Claims, 1936–2007.

²⁹ “U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936–2007,” database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/60901> : accessed 3 Oct 2021), Annie Mae Petty, SSN 259361615; from Social Security Applications and Claims, 1936–2007.

³⁰ 1930 U.S. census, Gilmer Co., GA, pop. sch., Town Creek, E) 11, sheet 3A, dwell. 49, fam. 50, Nathaniel Petty.

³¹ *Anderson-Underwood Funeral Home* (<https://andersonunderwood.com/> : 27 Oct 2021), “Bertha Nell Harkins,” obituary; parents Nathaniel and Amanda Kincaid Petty, born 10 Aug 1933, Pickens Co.

³² “Georgia, U.S., Deaths Index, 1914-1940,” death certificate no. 15773 (1936), Amandy Petty. 1940 U.S. census, Pickens Co., GA, pop. sch., Dug Road, ED 112-2, sheet 11A, household 179, Nathaniel Petty; family lived in Cherokee County in 1935.

³³ *Find A Grave*, memorial 66621718, Mandy K. Petty, gravestone photo by dgresh.

³⁴ 1940 U.S. census, Pickens Co., GA, pop. sch., Dug Road, ED 112-2, sheet 11A, household 179, Nathaniel Petty.

³⁵ “Georgia, U.S., Death Index, 1919-1998,” database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/5426> : accessed 8 Sep 2021), death certificate no. 28827 (1942), N. T. Petty; from Indexes of Vital Records for Georgia: Deaths, 1919-1998, Georgia Health Department, Office of Vital Records, Atlanta.

³⁶ *Find A Grave*, (<https://www.findagrave.com> : viewed 23 Jun 2021), memorial 66621676, for Nath T. Petty, (Four Mile Baptist Church Cemetery, Pickens Co., GA), digital image, 24 Apr 2011, by dgresh.

John Franklin Petty

John Franklin Petty was twenty-two months old when his mother died in 1876.¹ He was born on 15 September 1874 in Hopkins County, Kentucky, to John R. Petty and Margaret E. Thomas.² John was one of the five children who went to live with their aunt Mary Thomas Echols in Forsyth County, Georgia, after Margaret's death.³ He returned to Hopkins County as a teenager to live with his sister Samantha.⁴

John married Elizabeth Jane Givens at her parents' home in Hopkins County on 24 February 1897.⁵ Lizzie was born on 3 November 1878, probably in Hopkins County, where she and her parents lived in 1880.⁶ Her parents were John Lewis Givens and Cecil L. Trigg.⁷

Their first child, Curtis Lyle, was born on 20 May 1898 in Princeton, Caldwell County, Kentucky.⁸ John, Lizzie, and Curtis lived in Hopkins County in 1900 where John worked as a coal miner.⁹

John and Lizzie's only daughter, Lora, was born on 14 June 1901 and died on 22 September 1902.¹⁰ They probably lived in Muhlenberg County then since Lora was buried in Eaves Cemetery at Powderly. They apparently moved to Illinois after Lora's death. Their youngest son, Frank Givens, was born on 17 June 1903 in Marion, Williamson County, Illinois.¹¹

By 1910, John, Lizzie, and the boys were back in Muhlenberg County and lived on Depot Street in Greenville. John continued working as a coal miner.¹²

John and Lizzie next moved to Harrisburg, in Saline County, Illinois, where they lived for the rest of their lives. On 12 September 1918, they lived at 100 E. Walnut Street. John worked for O'Gara Coal Company as a miner.¹³ In 1920, their address was 306 N. Vine Street, but it is possible they had not moved.¹⁴ 100 E. Walnut is on the corner of Walnut and Vine and *Google Maps* identifies both addresses as the same house.

In 1927, they lived at 200 E. Dayton Avenue. John had switched occupations from coal mining to salesman.¹⁵ By 1930, they lived at 402 Ford Avenue, and John worked for an electrical supply company as a sales.¹⁶

John's brother Perry took a trip from Georgia to Madisonville, Kentucky, around 1934 to visit their sister Samantha. While in the area, he and Samantha also visited John in Harrisburg. According to an undated newspaper clipping saved by John's family, it had been forty-four years since the brothers had seen each other. Using Samantha's age noted in the article, forty-four years ago would have been about 1890.¹⁷

John died on 30 June 1943 in Harrisburg.¹⁸ He was buried there in Sunset Lawn Cemetery.¹⁹ Lizzie died in Harrisburg on 22 March 1967 and was buried beside John.²⁰

Endnotes for John Franklin Petty

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 Franklin Petty, serial no. 4536, Saline Co., IL; from microfilm M1509, NARA, Washington, D.C; born 15 Sep 1874. "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; from microfilm 994027–994058, KY Dept. for Libraries and Archives, Frankfort; Margaret died 28 July 1876.

² “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. “U.S., World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918,” John Franklin Petty, serial no. 4536, Saline Co., IL; same birth date as the Petty male child birth record from 1874 in Hopkins County.

³ 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.

⁴ “Brothers Reunited After 44 Years; Cobedn Relatives Celebrate,” undated clipping, ca. 1934, from unidentified newspaper (possibly in Harrisburg, IL), privately held by Steve Petty (great-grandson of John Franklin Petty), copy provided via email to Linda McCauley, Mt. Vernon, KY, 10 Mar 2012.

⁵ *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/film/007720820> : accessed 28 Jun 2021), digital film 007720820, image 150, Hopkins Co., KY, Marriages, Bonds 1896-1897: 270-271, Petty-Givens, 24 Feb 1897.

⁶ *Find A Grave*, (<https://www.findagrave.com> : viewed 20 Oct 2021), memorial 173659846, for Elizabeth J. Givens Petty, (Sunset Lawn Cemetery, Harrisburg, Saline County, IL), digital image, 12 Jan 2021, by Mdeneal. 1880 U.S. census, Hopkins Co., KY, population schedule, Nebo, enumeration district (ED) 194, p. 37, dwelling 329, family 329, Jno L. Givens; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/6742> : accessed 20 Oct 2021); from NARA microfilm T9, roll 420.

⁷ 1880 U.S. census, Hopkins Co., KY, pop. sch., Nebo, ED 194, p. 37, dwell. 329, fam. 329, Jno L. Givens; wife Cecil L. *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/film/007719749> : accessed 28 Oct 2021), digital film 007719749, image 215, Hopkins Co., KY, Marriages, Bonds 1896-1897: 250-251, Givens-Trigg, 18 Oct 1871; Cecil’s maiden name Trigg.

⁸ “U.S. World War II Draft Cards Young Men, 1940–1947,” digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2238> : accessed 3 Oct 2021), Curtis Lyle Petty, serial no. 927; from Records of the Selective Service System, 1926–1975, Record Group 147, NARA, St Louis, Missouri.

⁹ 1900 U.S. census, Hopkins Co., KY, population schedule, Magisterial District #5, enumeration district (ED) 70, sheet 4B, dwelling 66, family 67, John F. Pettie; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/7602> : accessed 4 Sep 2013); from NARA microfilm T623.

¹⁰ *Find A Grave* (<https://www.findagrave.com> : viewed 1 Oct 2021), memorial 74959110, for Lora Petty, (Eaves Cemetery, Powderly, Muhlenberg County, KY), digital image, 15 Aug 2011, by Crystal G; marker inscribed dau of J. F. and L. J. Petty.

¹¹ “U.S. World War II Draft Cards Young Men, 1940–1947,” digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2238> : accessed 2 Oct 2021), Frank Givens Petty, serial no. 85; from Records of the Selective Service System, Record Group 147, NARA, St Louis, Missouri.

¹² 1910 U.S. census, Muhlenberg Co., KY, population schedule, Magisterial District #5, enumeration district (ED) 89, sheet 17B, dwelling 348, family 369, J. F. Petty; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/7884> : accessed 4 Sep 2013); from NARA microfilm T624, roll 496.

¹³ “U.S., World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918,” John Franklin Petty, serial no. 4536, Saline Co., IL.

¹⁴ 1920 U.S. census, Saline Co., IL, population schedule, Harrisburg Ward 1, enumeration district (ED) 127, sheet 4A, dwelling 82, family 92, John F. Petty; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/6061> : accessed 4 Sep 2013); from NARA microfilm T625, roll 395.

¹⁵ *Polk’s Harrisburg (IL) City Directory*, 1927 (St. Louis, MO: R. L. Polk & Co.), p. 121, entry for J. F. and Eliz Petty; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2469> : accessed 2 Oct 2021) > IL > Harrisburg > 1927 > Harrisburg, IL, City Directory, 1927 > image 70.

¹⁶ 1930 U.S. census, Saline Co., IL, population schedule, Harrisburg, enumeration district (ED) 83-13, sheet 6A, dwelling 136, family 139, John F. Petty; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/6224> : accessed 4 Sep 2013); from NARA microfilm T626.

¹⁷ “Brothers Reunited After 44 Years; Cobedn Relatives Celebrate,” undated clipping, ca. 1934, from unidentified newspaper.

¹⁸ *Find A Grave*, memorial 173659800, John Franklin Petty, gravestone photo by Mdeneal.”J. F. Petty Is Dead in Illinois at 68,” *Atlanta (GA) Constitution*, 2 Jul 1943, p 9, col 5; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 3 Oct 2021; died at his home in Harrisburg.

¹⁹ *Find A Grave*, memorial 173659800, John Franklin Petty, gravestone photo by Mdeneal.

²⁰ *Find A Grave*, memorial 173659846, Elizabeth J. Givens Petty, gravestone photo by Mdeneal.

W. O. Petty

W. O. Petty was the last child born to John R. Petty and Margaret E. Thomas. He appears to have two different birth records with different dates and names. One record is for W. O. Petty, born on 5 June 1876.¹ The other is for Osker L. Petty, born on 28 June 1876.² Both births are recorded in Hopkins County, Kentucky. The 5 June entry for W. O. lists his parents as J. R. Petty (born in Tennessee) and M. E. Thomas (born in Georgia).³ The 28 June entry for Osker L. lists parents Jno R. Petty (born in Tennessee) and M. E. Thomison (born in Georgia).⁴

Clearly, Margaret did not give birth to two children twenty-five days apart. Whichever date is correct, the child lived no longer than a few weeks or a few days. He died in Hopkins County on 30 June 1876. His death record gives his age as three weeks, making the 5 June birthdate most likely. It is unclear which name is correct, but the death record also gives his name as W. O.⁵ The cause of his death and his burial location are unknown. Margaret died less than a month later from complications from his birth listed as “woomb disease” on her death record.⁶

Endnotes for W. O. Petty

¹ “Kentucky, U.S., Birth Records, 1847–1911,” digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/1213> : accessed 4 Sep 2013); 1876, W. O., father J. R. Petty, mother M. E. Thomas, Hopkins Co.; from Kentucky Birth, Marriage and Death Records (1852-1910), microfilm rolls #994027-994058, KY Dept. for Libraries and Archives, Frankfort.

² “Kentucky, U.S., Birth Records, 1847–1911,” digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/1213> : accessed 4 Sep 2013); 1876, Osker L., father Jno R. Petty, mother M. E. Thomison, Hopkins Co.; from Kentucky Birth, Marriage and Death Records (1852-1910), microfilm rolls #994027-994058, KY Dept. for Libraries and Archives, Frankfort.

³ “Kentucky, U.S., Birth Records, 1847–1911,” 1874, W.O., father J. R. Petty, mother M. E. Thomas, Hopkins Co.

⁴ “Kentucky, U.S., Birth Records, 1847–1911,” 1874, Osker L., father Jno R. Petty, mother M. E. Thomison, Hopkins Co.

⁵ “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.

⁶ “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; from microfilm 994027–994058, KY Dept. for Libraries and Archives, Frankfort.

Benjamin W. Petty

Sometime around 1876, John R. Petty returned to Whitfield County, Georgia, where his father, John Petty, and three of his sisters lived. He married Mary C. Bohannon there on 26 April 1878.¹

Mary, the daughter of Thomas Bohannon, was born on 12 September 1851 in Georgia.² John R. and Mary had one son, Benjamin W. Petty. He was born on 24 February 1879 in Georgia, probably in Whitfield County.³ It is unknown if Ben was aware that he had Petty half-siblings or if any of John R.'s other children were aware of Ben.

By 1880, Mary and her two sons (one from a previous relationship) were living with her father. John R. was not with them, and Mary was listed as widowed.⁴ When John R. died is unknown, but their marriage record is the last record found for him.

Mary married William Hall on 11 December 1886 in Whitfield County.⁵ By 1900, they lived in Bradley County, Tennessee.⁶

Ben married Maud Alice Collins in Meigs County, Tennessee on 21 February 1900.⁷ Maud was born on 25 November 1882 and was the daughter of James B. Collins and Mary J. Gross.⁸ Their location in 1900 is unknown, but Ben and Maud lived somewhere in Tennessee when their first child, James Clifford, was born on 4 August 1903.⁹

Ben and Maud's son Charles Raymond was born on 3 June 1909 in Cleveland in Bradley County.¹⁰ Ben, Maud, and the two boys lived in Bradley County in 1910 and Ben farmed on rented land.¹¹ Their daughter, Leora, was born on 29 April 1914 in Georgetown, Tennessee.¹² Georgetown is at the junction of Bradley, Hamilton, and Meigs counties.

On 21 May 1917, Ben died in Cleveland. Bright's disease caused his death.¹³ He was buried in Flint Springs Cemetery in Cleveland.¹⁴ Maud died on 26 November 1938 in Chattanooga, Hamilton County, Tennessee.¹⁵ She was buried in Greenwood Cemetery in Chattanooga.¹⁶

Endnotes for Benjamin W. Petty

¹ Whitfield Co., GA, Marriages, A 1875-1884:168, Petty-Bohannon, 1878; Whitfield Co. Probate Clerk, Dalton.

² "Tennessee, U.S., Death Records, 1908-1965," digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2376> : accessed 1 Oct 2021), death certificate no. 95 (1917), Mary Hall; from Tennessee Death Records, 1908-1958, TN State Library and Archives, Nashville; birth date and father's name. 1880 U.S. census, Whitfield Co., GA, population schedule, East Dalton District, enumeration district (ED) 194, p. 21 (penned), 51C (stamped), dwelling 182, family 187, Thomas Bohannon; digital images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/collections/6742> : accessed 29 November 2011); from microfilm T9, roll 171; Mary born in GA.

³ "Tennessee, U.S., Death Records, 1908-1965," digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2376> : accessed 29 Jan 2017), death certificate no. 141 (1917), B. W. Petty; from Tennessee Death Records, 1908-1958, TN State Library and Archives, Nashville.

⁴ 1880 U.S. census, Whitfield Co., GA, pop. sch., East Dalton District, enumeration district (ED) 194, p. 21 (penned), 51C (stamped), dwelling 182, family 187, Thomas Bohannon.

⁵ *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/film/005190938> : accessed 28 Oct 2021), digital film 005190938, image 86, Whitfield Co., GA, Marriages, B: 104, Hall-Petty, 11 Dec 1886.

⁶ 1900 U.S. census, Bradley Co., TN, population schedule, Civil District 04, enumeration district (ED) 10, sheet 15A, dwelling 276, family 282, William Hall; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/7602> : accessed 21 Oct 2021); from NARA microfilm T623.

⁷ “Tennessee, U.S., Marriage Records, 1780-2002,” digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/1169> : accessed 1 Oct 2021); Ben Petty and Maude Collins, 19 Feb 1900, Bradley Co.; from Tennessee State Marriages 1780-2002, Tennessee State Library and Archives, Nashville.

⁸ “Tennessee, U.S., Death Records, 1908-1965,” digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2376> : accessed 2 Oct 2021), death certificate no. 26793 (1938), Maude Petty; from Tennessee Death Records, 1908-1958, TN State Library and Archives, Nashville.

⁹ “U.S., Social Security Death Index, 1935–2014,” database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/3693> : accessed 10 Oct 2021), entry for James Petty, 1967, SS no. 413-03-1617; from Social Security Death Index Master File, Social Security Administration.

¹⁰ “U.S. World War II Draft Cards Young Men, 1940–1947,” digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2238> : accessed 10 Oct 2021), Charles Raymond Petty, serial no. 3769; from Records of the Selective Service System, 1926–1975, Record Group 147, NARA, St Louis, Missouri.

¹¹ 1910 U.S. census, Bradley Co., TN, population schedule, Civil District #4, enumeration district (ED) 17, sheet 21B, dwelling 416, family 445, Benjamin W. Petty; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/7884> : accessed 2 Oct 2021); from NARA microfilm T624, roll 1491.

¹² “U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936–2007,” database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/60901> : accessed 3 Oct 2021), Leora Petty Land, SSN 413038673; from Social Security Applications and Claims, 1936–2007.

¹³ “Tennessee, U.S., Death Records, 1908-1965,” death certificate no. 141 (1917), B. W. Petty.

¹⁴ *Find A Grave* (<https://www.findagrave.com> : viewed 29 Oct 2021), memorial 168911822, for Benjamin W. Petty, (Flint Springs Cemetery, Cleveland, Bradley County, TN), database, memorial created 24 Aug 2016 by Betsy; no image.

¹⁵ “Tennessee, U.S., Death Records, 1908-1965,” death certificate no. 26793 (1938), Maude Petty.

¹⁶ *Find A Grave* (<https://www.findagrave.com> : viewed 29 Oct 2021), memorial 168911410, for Maud Collins Petty, (Greenwood Cemetery, Chattanooga, Hamilton County, TN), digital image 25 Aug 2016 by Betsy.