

The Family of John Wesley Jacobs

For years people have been trying to unravel the mystery: who is John Wesley Jacobs? All that is actually known is that during 1850, he reportedly married Nancy Ann Harper in Carroll County, Tennessee. The mystery evolves from the facts that no birth or death records have been found, he is not referred to within any records other than his application for a marriage license, and he disappeared without a trace during the late 1850s or early 1860s. Further complicating the matter is that family lore has been handed down providing two stories about how he died: if one is descended from his eldest son, Alway Echols Jacobs, John Wesley Jacobs was killed when a stone fireplace fell on him while building a house in Tennessee; however, if one is descended from his second son, James Franklin Jacobs, John Wesley Jacobs was killed in the Civil War – no record has been found to support either tradition. The following information details the family of John Wesley Jacobs and it should be noted that when a name is listed in ***“Bold Italic”*** it is written as transcribed within the Ancestry.com database for the record mentioned; likewise, family member names have also been written as they have been transcribed from the census reports.

Nancy Harper was born about 1828, to the parents John and Jane (Gardner) Harper, in Tennessee. During May 1847, when Nancy was about 19 years of age, she gave birth to Haskell Harper out of wedlock. During July 1847 a paternity suite was heard in the Carroll County Court, Tennessee, and Nancy was awarded three years of support payments from a John McCollum. According to Jacobs family researcher Tanya Greaves, the July Term 1847 Carroll County Quarterly Court Report states:

State of Tennessee vs. John C. McCollum, Bastardy. This day came on this cause to be tried and the defendant says nothing why judgement shall not be rendered up against him. It is therefore considered by the Court that the said defendant pay twelve dollars for the first year and ten dollars for the second year and eight dollars or the third year for the support of said Bastard child begotten of one, Nancy Harper, and thereupon the defendant came into Court and entered into bond with Aaron McCollum as his security, condition for the maintenance of said Bastard child begotten as aforesaid, and it is further ordered by the Court that execution issue in the name of the State for the several sums and the money when made or collected pay over to said Nancy Harper.

On August 8, 1850, ***“John Wesly Jacobs”*** obtained a license to marry Nancy Harper, however, no record is found regarding an actual marriage date. The 1850 US Census documents ***“Nancy Jacobs”*** living in District 5, Carroll County, Tennessee, in the home of her parents, John and Jane Harper, and her son Haskell, 3 years of age; however, Nancy’s husband, John Wesley Jacobs is thought to be the ***“Wesley Jacobs”*** recorded living in the household of ***“G.P. Jacobs”*** and his wife Rachel in District 8, Carroll County, Tennessee. A possible explanation for the two living in different households may be that

the 1850 census was to reflect residency on June 1, 1850, but was not enumerated until October 29, 1850, whereas John W. Jacobs and Nancy Harper were married between the two dates, and although recorded where they had been living on June 1, 1850, Nancy was listed by her married name. It is uncertain what happened to her husband, John W. Jacobs, as on October 23, 1858, Hugh Robinson obtains a license to marry Nancy Jacobs and the two are married on October 31, 1858, in Carroll County, Tennessee; likewise, it is unknown what happened to Hugh Robinson as "**Nancy Jacobs**" is found on the 1860 US Census living in District 8, Carroll County, Tennessee, appears to be single, and has again taken Jacobs as her family name. Nancy is recorded as the head of household and she has four children: Alvis, 9 years of age; James, 7 years of age; Mary, 5 years of age, and Alice, 2 years of age. The 1870 US Census finds "**Nancy Jacobs**" still living in District 8, Carroll County, Tennessee, where her eldest son, Alvis Jacobs is recorded as head of household and farming property valued at \$400.00, and they possess \$400.00 worth of personal property, additionally, there are four other children living in the household: Jas, 17 years of age, who is working on the farm; Mary, 14 years of age; Alice, 12 years of age; and 9 year old Henderson, who also is working on the farm. Sometime following the 1870 census, Nancy moves her family to Arkansas. Nancy Jacobs died during 1876 and is buried in the Walnut Grove Cemetery, Walnut Grove, Van Buren County, Arkansas. Nancy (Harper) Jacobs gave birth to the following children:

Haskell Harper	b. May 1847	Carroll County, Tennessee
*Alvay Echols Jacobs	b. abt. 1851	Carroll County, Tennessee
James Franklin Jacobs	b. Aug 1853	Carroll County, Tennessee
Mary Jacobs	b. 31 Aug 1857	Carroll County, Tennessee
Alice Jacobs	b. 7 Jan 1859	Carroll County, Tennessee
Henderson Hays Jacobs	b. abt. 1861	Carroll County, Tennessee

"**Haskell Harper**" was born out of wedlock during May 1847, and was raised by his grandparents, John and Jane (Gardner) Harper, where, at 3 years of age, he is found on the 1850 US Census living in District 5, Carroll County, Tennessee. On the 1860 US Census, "**Haskell Harper**," 13 years of age, is still residing with his grandparents, John and Jane Harper, in District 8, Carroll County, Tennessee. In January 1870, Haskell T. Harper married Harriet A. McKinney and on the 1870 US Census "**Haskell Harper**," 22 years of age, and Honner Harper, 18 years of age, are found living in District 5, Carroll County, Tennessee, in the home of Calvin and Mallie McKiney, where Haskell is working as a farm laborer. "**Haskell Harper**" is 33 years of age on the 1880 US Census, is residing with his 28 year old wife, Harriet, their two children: Verdie, 7 years of age; and Willie, 5 years of age; along with 12 year old Wm. F. Woodall who is a hireling working on the farm, and a boarder, Napoleon McAlexander, 26 years of age. The 1900 US Census records "**H.T. Harper**," 53 years of age, farming in Civil District 5, Carroll County, Tennessee, and he is living with his wife of 30 years, Harriet A., 48 years of age, and they share their home with 25 year old boarder, John Rust, a farm laborer, and a 30 year old servant, Julia McLeod, who cooks for the family; furthermore, the census states that neither of the two children born to Haskell and Harriet Harper are currently living. "**Hach T. Harper**" is found on the 1910 US Census, now 62 years of age and still farming in Civil

District 5, Carroll County, Tennessee, and he shares his home with his wife, Harriet A., 58 years of age, and their niece, Mary H. McKinney, who is 8 years of age. Haskell T. Harper dies sometime between 1910 and 1920 as the 1920 US Census finds his widow, "**Marriet Marter,**" 68 years of age, sharing a home with her 72 year old widower brother, William McKinney, and his 19 year old daughter, Mary Henry McKinney, in Civil District 5, Carroll County, Tennessee. The 1930 US Census records 78 year old "**Harriett A. Harper**" living in the home of her niece, Mai H. McReynolds, 28 years of age, and her husband, Dewey S. McReynolds, 31 years of age, in District 5, Carroll County, Tennessee. Like her husband, Haskell T. Harper, it is not known when or where Harriet A. (McKinney) Harper died, but it can be assumed that both their deaths and burials occurred in Carroll County, Tennessee.

According to research completed by Curt Gronner, James Franklin Jacobs was born August 31, 1853, in Carroll County, Tennessee. James is first identified on the 1860 US Census as "**James Jacbs,**" 7 years of age, and then on the 1870 US Census as "**Jas Jacobs,**" 17 years of age, living with his mother, Nancy Jacobs, in District 8, Carroll County, Tennessee. Following the 1870 census, James moved with his mother and siblings to Arkansas where, according to Curt Gronner, on February 6, 1877, James married Martha Ellen Williams, born September 22, 1856, in Arkansas. "**James Jacobs**" is found on the 1880 US Census farming in Craig, Van Buren County, Arkansas. James is 27 years of age, he is living with his wife Elen, who is 23 years of age, and they have two children: William H., 2 years of age; and Lonna J., who is 4 months old. On the 1900 US Census, "**James F. Jacobs**" is still living in Craig, Van Buren County, Arkansas, where he is still farming. James is now 46 years of age and resides with his wife Ellen, 43 years of age, six children: William H., 22 years of age; Lonnie J., 20 years of age; Bettie A., 17 years of age; Thomas V., 14 years of age; Sarah A., 10 years of age; and Brown C., 7 years of age; additionally, Julia E. Williams, 14 years of age, and Minnie A. Williams, 10 years of age, are also living with the Jacobs family. On the 1910 US Census "**James F. Jacobs**" is 56 years of age and has relocated to Griggs, Van Buren County, Arkansas, where he is farming and resides with his wife Martha E., who is 53 years of age, a son, Brannon C., 17 years of age, a daughter, Sarah (Jacobs) Cates, 23 years of age, and her husband, Ab, 23 years of age, and their 6 month old grandchild, Opal T. James Franklin Jacobs died during 1914 and is buried in the Walnut Grove Cemetery, Walnut Grove, Van Buren County, Arkansas. The 1920 US Census records "**Martha E. Jacob,**" 63 years of age, living in the home of her eldest daughter, Bettie A. (Jacobs) Lay, in Griggs, Van Buren County, Arkansas. There is a double headstone marking the grave of James F. Jacobs and M.E. Jacobs, however, no date of death is engraved for Martha. Published in "*A History of Van Buren County,*" by the Van Buren County Historical Society is the following biography of James Jacobs:

James Franklin Jacobs came to Arkansas with his widowed mother, Annie Harper Jacobs, from Carroll County, Tennessee. Her husband, John Wesley Jacobs, had been killed in the Civil War. The mother brought her sons by boat up the Mississippi and Arkansas Rivers and

settled near Point Remove Creek later moving to the Scotland area. The sons worked in the timber. James Franklin met and married Martha Ellen Williams, daughter of Riley and Melinda Akin Williams. They had six children: Willie Haskell, Lonnie Jackson, Bettie Ann, Sarah Alice, Thomas Virgil, and Brannon Cargile. They also reared three children of Martha Ellen Williams' brother and wife: Jane, Julia and Minnie, when their parents died. J.F. Jacobs operated a hotel in Shirley when it was a boom town, and it was exciting to watch the M&NA go through. Later they moved to Clinton where they operated the Jacobs Hotel and managed the wagon yard and corral.

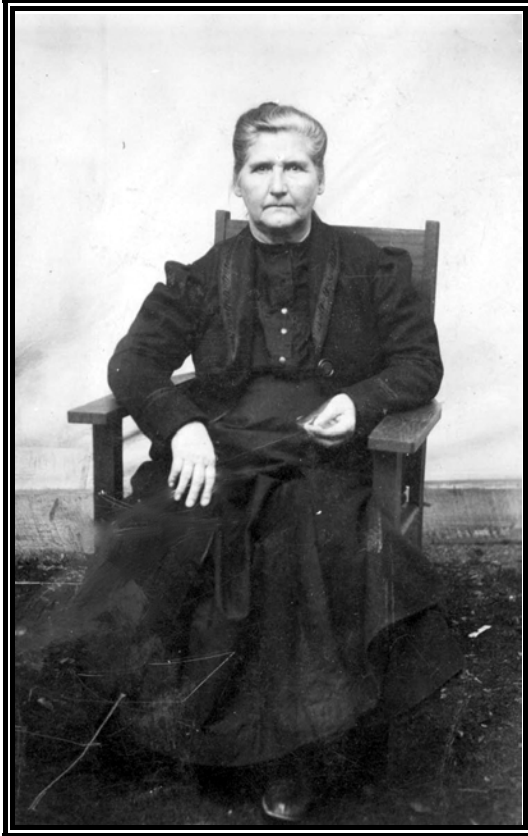
Mary Jacobs was born August 31, 1857 (according to her tombstone) in Carroll County Tennessee, and is first identified on the 1860 US Census as "**Mary Jacobs**," 5 years of age, and then on the 1870 US Census as "**Mary Jacobs**," 14 years of age, living with her mother, Nancy Jacobs, in District 8, Carroll County, Tennessee. Sometime following the 1870 census, the Jacobs family moved to Arkansas where during about 1880, Mary Jacobs married Nathan Williams, born November 12, 1854. On the 1880 US Census, "**Mary Williams**," 22 years of age, is living in Liberty, Van Buren County, Arkansas, with her new husband, Nathan Williams, a 24 year old farmer, and her younger brother Henderson Hays, 18 years of age, who is recorded as being a servant within the Williams' household. "**Mary William**," 44 years of age, is found on the 1900 US Census, where her family is still farming in Liberty, Van Buren County, Arkansas, and she lives with her husband, Nathan, 45 years of age; a son, H. Nathan, 14 years of age; a daughter, Minnie, 11 years of age; and an adopted daughter, Susan Price, 14 years of age. The 1910 US Census lists "**Mollie A. William**," 54 years of age, and her husband, Nathan, 55 years of age, still farming in Liberty, Van Buren County, Arkansas. According to the 1910 census, Mary and Nathan have been married for 32 years and she has given birth to six children, however, only two survived and are living in the home, they are: Minnie, 22 years of age; Nattie, 25 years of age, and his wife, Grace, 20 years of age. Mary E. Williams died August 30, 1917, and she is buried in the Foster Cemetery, Scotland, Van Buren County, Arkansas, along with her husband, Nathan H. Williams, who died December 24, 1919.

Alice Jacobs was born January 7, 1859 (according to her tombstone), in Carroll County, Tennessee, and is first identified on the 1860 US Census as "**Allice Jacobs**," 2 years of age, and then on the 1870 US Census as "**Allice Jacobs**," 12 years of age, living with her mother, Nancy Jacobs, in District 8, Carroll County, Tennessee. As with the rest of the Jacobs family, sometime following the 1870 census, Alice moved to Arkansas where, according to Curt Gronner, on December 30, 1875, she married William Carroll Griggs, born August 17, 1853, in Arkansas. The 1880 US Census records "**Alace Griggs**," 21 years of age, living in Craig, Van Buren County, Arkansas, with her husband William, 24 years of age, who is employed as a farmer. Alice and William have two children, John, 3 years of age; and Thomas, 1 year of age; additionally, 14 year old John Marrow, is also living with the Griggs family. On the 1900 US Census "**Alice Griggs**" is 41 years of age and living with her husband, 46 year old William C. Griggs, who is farming, and they are

living in Craig, Van Buren County, Arkansas. The Griggs have seven children living with them: Harvey, 15 years of age; George, 13 years of age; Maude, 11 years of age; Lilly, 9 years of age; Jennie, 8 years of age; Fannie, 6 years of age; and Lonnie, 4 years of age. **"Alice B. Griggs"** is recorded on the 1910 US Census as being 51 years of age and still residing with her husband, William C. Griggs, 57 years of age, in Craig, Van Buren County, Arkansas. William is farming, and they have the following children in their household: Maudie F., 21 years of age; Jennie E., 17 years of age; Fannie M., 16 years of age; Louie H., 14 years of age; and Lorn W., 13 years of age. Alice's husband, W.C. Griggs died August 9, 1913, and is buried in the Walnut Grove Cemetery, Walnut Grove, Van Buren County, Arkansas, subsequently, the 1920 US Census records his widow **"Alice Griggs,"** 60 years of age, still living in Craig, Van Buren County, Arkansas, along with her son Lonnie Griggs, 23, years of age, his wife, 20 year old Daolia, and their daughter, Irene, 1 year of age. Alice is not found on the 1930 census but her tombstone records her death as March 3, 1941, and she is buried next to her husband in the Walnut Grove Cemetery, Walnut Grove, Van Buren County, Arkansas.

Henderson Hays Jacobs, according to the research of Curt Gronner, was born July 4, 1861, in Carroll County, Tennessee, and had the nickname "Dink Jacobs". **"Heneterson Jacobs,"** 9 years of age, is first identified on the 1870 US Census living in District 8, Carroll County, Tennessee, in the home of his mother, Nancy Jacobs. Along with the rest of his family, Henderson moved to Arkansas sometime after the 1870 census and is recorded on the 1880 US Census as **"Henderson Hayes,"** 18 years of age, and he is working as a servant in the home of his sister, Mary (Jacobs) Williams in Liberty, Van Buren County, Arkansas. In Curt Gronner's research he documents that on February 10, 1884, Henderson Jacobs married Rebecca Jane Harrington, who was born April 28, 1869. According to Curt Gronner, Henderson and Rebecca (Harrington) Jacobs had two children: Vinnie, born October 1888; and Margaret Ann, born July 28, 1893. Henderson died during 1897, and he is buried in the Walnut Grove Cemetery, Walnut Grove, Van Buren County, Arkansas, with a tombstone that reads: *"Henison-Haze Jacobs 1861 - 1897."*

The eldest son of John Wesley and Nancy Ann (Harper) Jacobs, Alway Echols Jacobs, is an enigma – he marries possibly three times, and the outcome of his first two wives and all his marriages is unknown; he is seldom found on any census; he uses a multitude of ages and dates of birth; and, in his later years, he became institutionalized. According to Curt Gronner, Alway Jacobs was born May 20, 1851, in Carroll County, Tennessee. Like his siblings, Alway is first found on the 1860 US Census as **"Alvis Jacobs,"** 9 years of age, and again on the 1870 US Census as **"Alvis Jacobs,"** 18 years of age, and he is living with his mother, Nancy Jacobs, in District 8, Carroll County, Tennessee. Sometime following the 1870 census, the Jacobs family moves to Arkansas. On January 11, 1872, records document an **"A.E. Jacobs"** marrying a Mary Emmerson in Conway County, Arkansas. It is not known if Alway and Mary (Emmerson) Jacobs had any children together, and no record is found of their cohabitation. On July 3, 1879, records document an **"Alva Jacobs"** marrying a Millie Jamison in Pope County, Arkansas, but as before, no further records are found. No records of Alway Jacobs and/or either of his first two wives are found on the 1880 census, however, there is a record of an **"A. Jacobs"** marrying Mary



Mary Margaret (Barrett) Jacobs

(Barrett) Webb, the widow of John H. Webb. According to the marriage record, A. Jacobs, as principle, and Henry Jacobs, as security, filed for a marriage license on January 3, 1881, in Conway County, Arkansas; furthermore, the application lists Alvay as 29 years of age, Mary as 27 years of age, and both residing in Howard Township, Conway County, Arkansas. On January 4, 1881, A. Jacobs and Mary Webb were joined in marriage by George W. Fagg, Justice of the Peace, Conway County, Arkansas.

According to property tax records, Alvay was living in Van Buren County, Arkansas, between 1877 and 1890, so it must be assumed that is where he and Mary first made their home as almost all of the 1890 census reports were destroyed in a fire and no records are available which might document their family composition. With any certainty, neither Alvay or Mary Jacobs can be found on the 1900 US Census; however, there is what appears to be an **“Adam Jacobs,”** 55 years of age, and a **“Nancy Jacobs,”** 53 years of age, listed as being from Missouri, married for 30 years, living in Eagle Gap, Polk

County, Arkansas, with two daughters, Matte, 9 years of age [note: an examination of the actual census report will show that the name listed is actually “Mirtle” not “Matte”]; and Hattie, 7 years of age . What makes the names **“Adam”** and **“Nancy”** suspect is no record was located on the 1880 or 1910 census documenting an Adam and/or Nancy Jacobs; that the names and birth dates of the two daughters listed match the two youngest children known to be born to Alvay and Mary; the fact that on July 22, 1902, Alvay Jacobs submitted a Homestead application listing his home to be **“Eagleton”** [which Eagle Gap is next to or part of] stating that he, his wife, and four children had settled the property during October 1895. Possibilities may be that census enumerator made errors when annotating the names on the census report; Alvay and Mary Jacobs may have separated prior to the enumeration of the 1900 census, Alvay is living with a woman named Nancy and Alvay provided the census enumerator family information to support his active Homestead application, or it may be possible that Alvay had already began to display symptoms of **“Senile psychosis, Delirious and Confused Type”** as explained later.

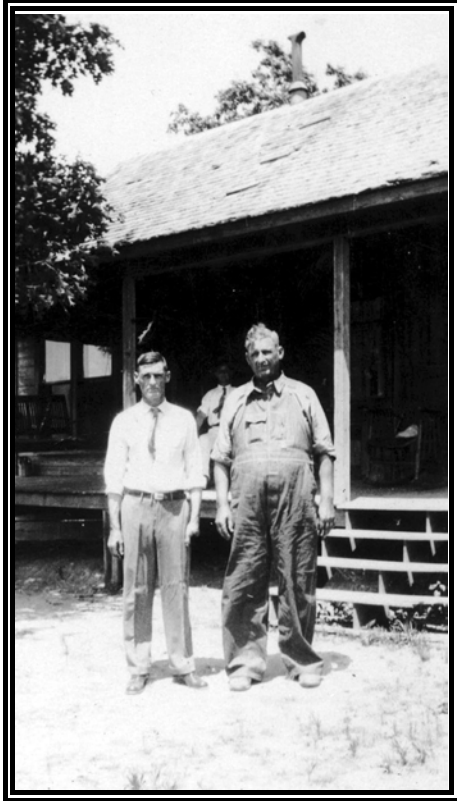
On July 22, 1902, Alvay Jacobs executed the document *Homestead Proof - Testimony of Claimant*, where he attested to being 55 years of age; having a Post Office address of Rich Mountain, Arkansas [which is about two miles from Eagleton & Eagle Gap]; that he made the Homestead entry on November 20, 1895, and **“In Oct. 1895, I moved onto this land and established actual residence thereon...”** and that **“Of myself, wife and four**

children they have resided continuously on the land ever since settlement.” If the Adam and Nancy Jacobs are in actuality Alva and Mary Jacobs, the whereabouts of their second son, Arthur Roy Jacobs, is unknown, however, their eldest son, Eugene Jacobs, is living with his half-brother, James A. Webb, in Justice Precinct 3, Lamar County, Texas. Sometime prior to 1910, Alva and Mary separate. The 1910 US Census records **“Alva E. Jacobs”** as being 71 years of age, and living in the home of his son, Arthur Roy Jacobs, in Cauthron, Logan County, Arkansas. **“Mary Webb”** is found on the 1910 US Census, and she is listed as 56 years of age and living in the home of her son, Joseph Webb [thought to be Allen J. Webb] in Cravens, Latimer County, Oklahoma. Mary Margaret (Barrett) (Webb) Jacobs died November 22, 1917, and is buried in the Old Bokoshe Cemetery, Bokoshe, Le Flore County, Oklahoma.

Alva Jacobs is not found on the 1920 census, however, he is identified on September 12, 1918, as being the nearest relative by his son, Eugene Jacobs, on Eugene’s World War I Draft Registration Card which lists **“Alvy Jacobs”** living in Page, Le Flore County, Oklahoma. The next record of **“Alva Echols Jacobs”** is from June 1926, when Alva submitted an **“Application for Pension for Confederate Soldier or Sailor.”** At the time of his application, Alva Jacobs is living in Cartersville, Le Flore County, Oklahoma, and listed himself as 95 years of age; additionally, Alva claims to have lived in Oklahoma for 10 years, being born in Carroll County, Tennessee; he states he is in good physical condition, but unable to work or do manual labor and is without occupation; he states that he enlisted at Huntington, Tennessee, during 1863 [he would have been 12 years of age], and served both in the infantry and cavalry until captured at Huntsville, Alabama. There being no record found of his service by the War Department Adjutant General’s Office, coupled with his inability to provide more specific or additional information to the War Department, Alva’s application for pension was denied. The next record of Alva Jacobs comes from the Eastern Oklahoma Hospital, Haskell County, Oklahoma, where on April 26, 1927, he was institutionalized. According to hospital records, Alva reports himself as 96 years of age, being born May 10, 1831, in Carroll County, Tennessee, to the parents **“Wes Jacobs”** and **“Nancy Harper,”** and, although his color is listed as **“white,”** his race is listed as **“mixed;”** he is reported as first being married at 20 years of age, a widower with two sons and two daughters, farming as his occupation, and having current residence in Cartersville, Haskell County, Oklahoma; he reports having only completed a first grade education but can read and write; additionally, he reports to having **“had disposition to filthy habits”** and admits to **“having drunk considerable whisky during his younger days but hasn’t drunk for twenty-five years; he uses tobacco.”** The summary of his condition was provided by Dr. Herron, at a staff meeting on April 26, 1927, where Alva was diagnosed as suffering from **“Senile psychosis, Delirious and Confused Type”**. Dr. Herron’s report follows:

This patient has been quiet since he has been in the institution. Today he answers questions fairly well, part of the answers seem to be correct. He states last September he wanted to go to California and didn’t have money enough to pay his way so he decided he would walk

thru and catch rides in automobiles. He went to the Mayor of Davenport, Louie Rodewid [Louis E. Roddewig was the mayor of Davenport from April, 1924, to April, 1928], and asked him for a letter that would protect him in case he should be taken for a party of a hold-up gang. The Mayor also sent a letter of introduction to the Mayor of Phoenix, Arizona, which he delivered as he passed through there. He states he stayed in California until some time in March when he came back to Davenport, Iowa. He says his wife died just before his return. From that time until now he knows very little about what has happened to him. He was sent to this institution from Sequeyah County. The officers told us he was picked up unable to give an account of himself. He states he did not know he was in Oklahoma and thought he was still in Iowa. He admits his memory has been failing for several months but will not admit to any delusions and hallucinations.



Eugene Jacobs (on right)

Alvay Echols Jacobs died November 29, 1928, while institutionalized in the Eastern Oklahoma Hospital, Haskell County, Oklahoma, and was buried in the hospital grave yard. During their marriage, Alvay Echols and Mary Margaret (Barrett) (Webb) Jacobs gave birth to the following children:

Eugene Henry Jacobs	b. 02 Dec 1882	Arkansas
*Arthur Roy Jacobs	b. 22 May 1889	Arkansas
Hattie Jacobs	b. 08 Oct 1890	Arkansas
Myrtle Jacobs	b. 21 Aug 1893	Arkansas

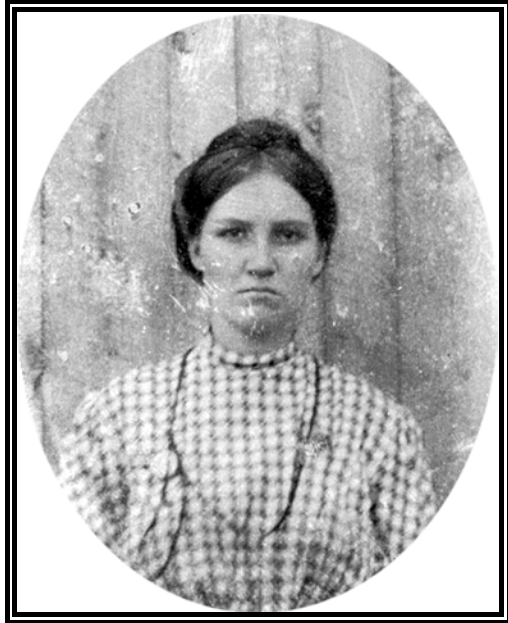
According to his World War I Registration Card, Eugene Henry Jacobs was born December 2, 1882, possibly in Van Buren County, Arkansas, as that is where his father, Alvay Echols Jacobs was paying property taxes at the time. On the 1900 US Census, "**Eugene Jacob**," 18 years of age, is working as a farm laborer in Justice Precinct 3, Lamar County, Texas, on the farm of his half-brother, James A. Webb, 26 years of age, and the Webb family: James' wife, Ella R., 22 years of age; Delia, 7 months old; and Thomas J. Sheppard, Ella's 71 year old grandfather. Sometime during 1902, Eugene Jacobs marries Martha "Mattie" L. Barker, born January 1883, in Arkansas, to the parents John E. and Missouri Barker, who, during 1900, resided in Belva, Scott County, Arkansas. A 27 year old "**Ugene Jacob**" is found on the 1910 US Census living in Cravens, Latimer

County, Oklahoma, where he is employed as a laborer in a Plains Mill. Eugene lives with his wife, Mattie, 27 years of age, and their two children, Luther, 5 years of age and May, 1 year of age, and the family is living just six households away from his mother, Mary Webb, who is residing with her son Joseph Web and his family. The last record found regarding "**Eugene Henry Jacobs**" is his World War I Registration dated September 12, 1918, where he lists his home as being in Howe, Le Flore County, Oklahoma, being 35 years of age with a birth date of December 2, 1882, and his nearest relative being "Alvy Jacobs," who resides in Page, Le Flore County, Oklahoma. It is assumed that Eugene's wife, Mattie, died prior to 1918, based on the fact that Eugene lists his father, Alvy, as his nearest relative, coupled with the fact that his son, "**Luther Jacobs**," 14 years of age, is found on the 1920 US Census living with his grandparents, John E. and Missouri Barker, in Glenpool, Tulsa County, Oklahoma; furthermore, according to research completed by Curt Gronner, Eugene's daughter May died during infancy.

According to Curt Gronner, Hattie Jacobs was born October 8, 1890, in Mena, Polk County, Arkansas, the third child of Alvy Echols and Mary Margaret (Barrett) (Webb) Jacobs. It is of an opinion that "**Hattie Jacobs**" is first found on the 1900 US Census living Eagle Gap, Polk County, Arkansas, although the enumerator possibly crossed the birth dates of her and her sister Myrtle. On March 28, 1909, in Milton, Le Flore County, Oklahoma, Hattie Jacobs married Ode Edker Long, who was born October 18, 1888, in Hackett, Sebastian County, Arkansas, to the parents Levi and Mary (Shandy) Long. The 1910 US Census records "**Hattie Long**," 19 years of age, living in Bokoshe, Le Flore County, Oklahoma, with her husband, Oda E., who is a 20 year old farmer, and they have one child, Ettie O., who is 2 months old. "**Hattie Long**" is living in Milton, Le Flore County, Oklahoma, on the 1920 US Census, and is recorded as being 29 years of age. Hattie is residing with her husband, Oda E., 31 years of age, who is a farmer, and they have three children, Eltie O., 9 years of age; Stella B., 8 years of age; and Bernice E., 5 years of age; in addition, Hattie's mother-in-law, 65 year old Mary W. Long, is also living with the family. On the 1930 US Census, "**Hattie Long**" is recorded as being 39 years of age and living in Panama, Le Flore County, Oklahoma. Hattie's husband, Ada E., is now 41 years of age, and is a merchant for a general store, and they have in their household six children: Elton O., 20 years of age; Stellas B., 18 years of age; Bonnie E., 16 years of age; Wenona M., 7 years of age; Grace E., 4 years of age; and Arion D., who is 9 months old; in addition, Ode's mother, 76 year old Mary W. Long still resides with the family. According to Curt Gronner, Hattie (Jacobs) Long died June 13, 1948, in Panama, Le Flore



Hattie Jacobs



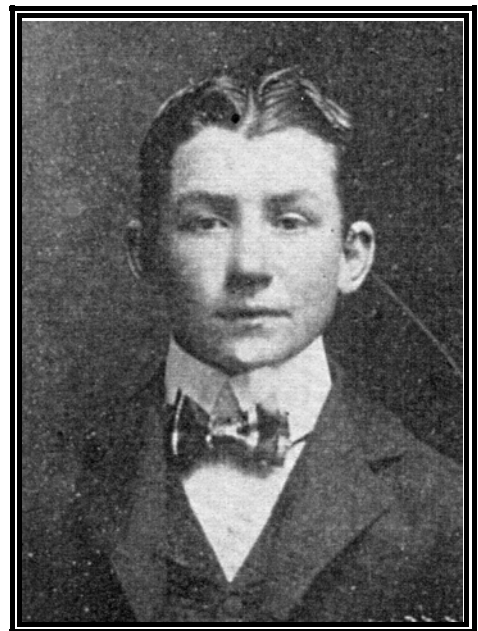
Myrtle Jacobs

County, Oklahoma, and her husband, Ode Edker Long, died September 20, 1962, in Poteau, Le Flore County, Oklahoma.

To date, no information has been located regarding the life and/or family of Myrtle Jacobs.

According to his World War I Registration Card, Arthur Roy Jacobs was born May 22, 1884, possibly in Van Buren County, Arkansas, as that is where his father, Alvay Echols Jacobs was paying property taxes at the time. On May 2, 1903, Arthur Jacobs executed a Bond for Marriage License in Logan County, Arkansas, with himself as the principle, W.S. Grayson as security, and Nancy Finney as the bride. Arthur lists that both he and Nancy are ages 18 and reside in Belva. It is opined that "W.S. Grayson" is the 66 year old William S. Grayson found on the 1900 US Census

farming in Belva, Scott County, Arkansas, furthermore, W.S. Grayson's relationship to the Jacobs family may be that he is married to Arthur's half sister, the former Emma F. Webb. An examination of the census reflects that Emma F. (Webb) Green appears to have been widowed and married W.S. Grayson during 1897, bringing with her a daughter, 6 year old Ida Green; also residing in the Grayson household is Emma's younger brother (Arthur's half-brother) 21 year old Allen J. Webb, who is working as a farm hand. Following the application for marriage, Arthur Roy Jacobs and Nancy Finney were married May 3, 1903, in Logan County, Arkansas.



Arthur Roy Jacobs

The 1910 US Census records "**Arthur Jacobs**," 25 years of age, working his own farm in Cauthron, Logan County, Arkansas, and he is living with his wife, Nancy L. Jacobs, 27 years of age, and four children: Mary R., 5 years of age; Lonnie H., 3 years of age; Melvin T., 2 years of age; and 1 month old Myrtle O., in addition, Arthur's father, Alva E. Jacobs, 71 years of age, and a 25 year old boarder, Johnny C. Wisely, who is a farmer. On September 12, 1918, the same day as his brother Eugene Jacobs, "**Arthur R. Jacobs**" completed his World War I Registration where he lists his home as Bokoshe, Le Flore County, Oklahoma, being 34 years of age with a birth date of May 22, 1884, and his nearest relative being his wife, "*Nancy Louise Jacobs*." Still a farmer and 35 years of age, the 1920 US Census records "**Arthur R. Jacobs**" living in

Milton, Le Flore County, Oklahoma, along with his wife, Nancy L., 36 years of age, and five children: Ruby M., 15 years of age; Lonnie H., 13 years of age; Melvin T., 11 years of age; Opal M., 9 years of age; and Julia D., 1 year of age. Not to much is really known about Arthur Jacobs except that he was involved in his community. In the book Cartersville, Route 1: History, Autobiography, Legend and Lore, in a section titled ***“My Kind of People,”*** the author, Dr. J.M. Gaskin, writes: ***“Pete and Bertha Goddard were among the others in the community who were known for their leadership in singing schools, conventions, and regular community singing. Arthur Jacobs worked with them in community singing and Ode Long from Panama was a regular at these occasions.”*** About Nancy L. Jacobs: On a family photograph picturing Alway, Arthur, Nancy and their children, my father, Arley Wayne Jacobs (grandson of Arthur and Nancy Jacobs) wrote

regarding Nancy ***“the meanest woman I ever knew.”*** It is not known why such a statement was made, but one can assume that it may be a contributor to the fact that sometime prior to 1942, Arthur Roy and Nancy Liewizia (Finney) Jacobs divorced.



Arthur & Ila (Harrison) Jacobs

On July 9, 1942, in Fort Smith, Sebastian County, Arkansas, Arthur Jacobs married Ila Marie Harrison. On the marriage license, both Arthur and Ila are recorded as living in Poteau, Le Flore County, Oklahoma, Ila is listed as 22 years of age, and Arthur is listed as 42 years of age – an interesting fact considering he completed his WWI draft registration using a birth year of 1884, which would make 58 years of age on the date of his second marriage. Just two months following their marriage, Arthur and Ila had their first child, Arthur Roy Jacobs, Jr., born September 22, 1942, in Poteau, Le Flore County, Oklahoma. Shortly after Arthur Jr.’s birth, the Arthur Jacobs family moved to Bakersfield, Kern County, California, where March 31, 1947, they had their second son, Paul David Jacobs. On Paul’s birth certificate it is recorded that Arthur and Ila had resided in Bakersfield, Kern County, California,

for five years, Arthur was employed as a carpenter, and they list their age as Arthur, 50 years and Ila, 30 years. Arthur Jacobs died March 26, 1952, in Bakersfield, and he is buried in Shafter Memorial Park, Shafter, Kern County, California. Nancy Jacobs died December 22, 1967, in the Saint Edwards Hospital, Fort Smith, Sebastian County, Arkansas, and is buried in the Old Bokoshe Cemetery, Bokoshe, Le Flore County, Oklahoma. During the marriage of Arthur Roy and Nancy Liewizia (Finney) Jacobs, the following children were born:

Mary Ruby Jacobs	b. abt. 1904	Arkansas
*Lonnie Hershell Jacobs	b. 04 May 1906	Logan County, Arkansas
Melvin Ted Jacobs	b. 12 Feb 1908	Logan County, Arkansas
Myrtle Opal Jacobs	b. 30 Mar 1910	Arkansas
Geroldine Jacobs	b. 12 Oct 1918	Le Flore County, Oklahoma



The Jacobs Family

Adults (Left to Right): Alway Echols, Nancy Liewizia & Arthur Roy
 Children (Left to Right): Mary Ruby, Myrtle Opal, Melvin Ted & Lonnie Hershell

Lonnie Hershell Jacobs was born May 4, 1906, in Carland, Logan County, Arkansas, the second child born to Arthur Roy and Nancy Liewizia (Finney) Jacobs. The 1910 US Census is the first record found for **“Lonnie H. Jacobs”** who is 3 years of age and living with his parents in Cauthron, Logan County, Arkansas. By the time of the 1920 US Census, the 13 year old **“Lonnie H. Jacobs”** had moved with his family to Milton, Le Flore County, Oklahoma. On February 19, 1924, 18 year old Lonnie Jacobs of Cartersville, Haskell County, Oklahoma, obtained a license to marry 18 year old Etta Choate of Bokoshe, Le Flore County, Oklahoma, and on February 20, 1924, the two were married by, and in the home of Minister J.R. Staughton, in Cartersville, Haskell County, Oklahoma. I remember when I was a young boy my grandmother, Etta (Choate) Jacobs telling me that her’s and grandpa’s house had once been destroyed by a tornado. I had forgotten about her story until reading the book *Cartersville, Route 1: History, Autobiography, Legend and Lore*, by Dr. J.M. Gaskin. When placing a time period to the story, Dr. Gaskin writes **“We were on the fringe of the Great Flood of 1927,”** when he related the following memory:

... the three of us watched the tornado. ... A calm such as one cannot

describe settled over us. Hardly a wisp of wind could be detected. Suddenly I remember Dad said “There goes Lonnie Jacobs’ house!” As we watched, the shingles from the roof went swirling into the air. Then various pieces of lumber from the house’s structure followed. Bedding went up, and white sheets waved like a friend’s handkerchief in the breeze. But there was nothing friendly about that thing!

Concerning Lonnie Jacobs, Dr. Gaskin further writes: “... **A good fight was just the icing on the cake for a good baseball game at Cartersville on a summer’s Sunday afternoon. Some of the team’s star players included Lonnie Jacobs, Luke Vaught, ‘Goat’ Bates as pitchers, ... All the players wore regulation uniforms, Pie suppers, cake walks, and ‘collections’ at games, provided the funds for uniforms and equipment. The excitement of anticipation and attendance at those gala events does not wear from one’s memory.** Dr. Gaskin expounded his sentiment about Lonnie Jacobs’ abilities as a baseball pitcher with a letter he wrote to Gloria Jacobs on August 4, 2003:

Dear Gloria,

Art Choate called and requested that I send you a copy of my last book – the last of 21 I wrote.

I am doing this before inscribing the book – in memory of Lonnie Jacobs.

In my boyhood, I thought he was the greatest baseball pitcher in the world. He was my boyhood hero in baseball.

I hope you can make something of what I write – on this typewriter and in the inscription. I am blind. I cannot see a word of what I write. After all, I am 86, and due to have these ills befall me.

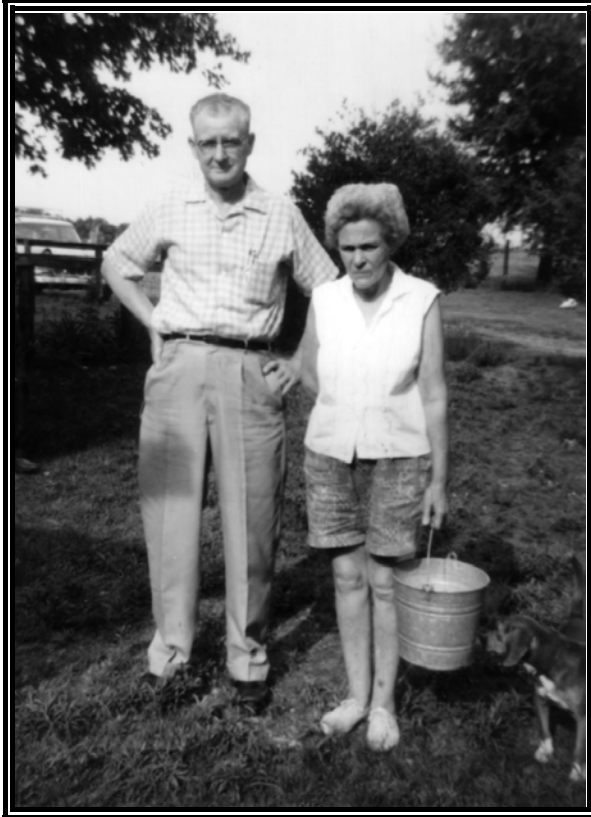
I am grateful for the life I have had. I cherish memories such as you will find in this book.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

J.M. Gaskin

Dates and information obtained from the birth records of Lonnie and Etta Jacobs’ children



Lonnie Herschell & Clara Etta (Choate) Jacobs

provides most of the following account. Following April 30, 1929, and prior to April 1, 1930 [the effective date of the 1930 census], the Jacobs family relocates to Bokoshe, Le Flore County, Oklahoma; subsequently, the move, a possible reaction to the Great Depression, finds "**Louie H. Jacobs**" on the 1930 US Census, at 23 years of age, working as a laborer, and living with his wife, Etta, 23 years of age, two children: Arlie W., 5 years of age; and Betty Joe, 1 year and 11 months of age; along with a 24 year old boarder, Elzie Ferrell, who works as a laborer. Shortly following the enumeration of the 1930 census, and prior to July 11, 1930, the Jacobs family makes another move, this time to Keota, Haskell County, Oklahoma, where they continued to live at least through February 6, 1932, and during this time Lonnie is farming. By July 6, 1935, the Jacobs family has moved again and is living in Panama, Le Flore County, Oklahoma, where Lonnie Jacobs is still farming. Prior to August 31, 1940, although still living in Panama, Lonnie is no longer farming but is

a laborer doing creosote work. No information was found indicating what the Lonnie Jacobs family may have done through World War II, however, according to my father, Arley W. Jacobs, Lonnie Jacobs became a butcher, and during 1943, he purchased a butcher shop in Miami, Ottawa County, Oklahoma, which he operated for many years. Clara Etta Jacobs died September 7, 1976, in Miami, Ottawa County, Oklahoma, and is buried in the Ottawa Indian Cemetery, Miami, Ottawa County, Oklahoma. Lonnie H. Jacobs died February 8, 1977, in Tulsa, Tulsa County, Oklahoma, and he is also buried in the Ottawa Indian Cemetery. During their marriage, Lonnie Herschell and Clara Etta (Choate) Jacobs gave birth to the following children:

*Arley Wayne Jacobs	b. 03 Sep 1924	Haskell County, Oklahoma
Living Daughter		
Living Daughter		
Arthur Ray Jacobs	b. 06 Feb 1932	Haskell County, Oklahoma
Regina Margaret Jacobs	b. 06 Jul 1935	Le Flore County, Oklahoma
Living Daughter		