

CHAPTER 17
WILLIAM NELSON GARDNER
AND
HIS DESCENDANTS

1. William Nelson Gardner was the first child of Lemuel and Missouris Peel Gardner. He was born August 20, 1868. He married Martha Jane Woodard February 3, 1897. I do not have the date of her birth. (See the family chart on page 296). They had eight children:

- A. Mary Adelia Gardner - born January 1, 1898.
- B. Nellie Ruth Gardner - born November 1, 1899.
- C. William Henry Gardner - born December 1, 1901.
- D. Albutt Lorain Gardner - born May 7, 1904.
- E. Annie Missouris Gardner - born June 11, 1906.
- F. Thomas Rudolph Gardner - born November 11, 1907.
- G. William Nelson Gardner, Jr. - born March 21, 1910.
- H. Martha Woodard Gardner - born December 15, 1915.

(See the family chart on page 329)

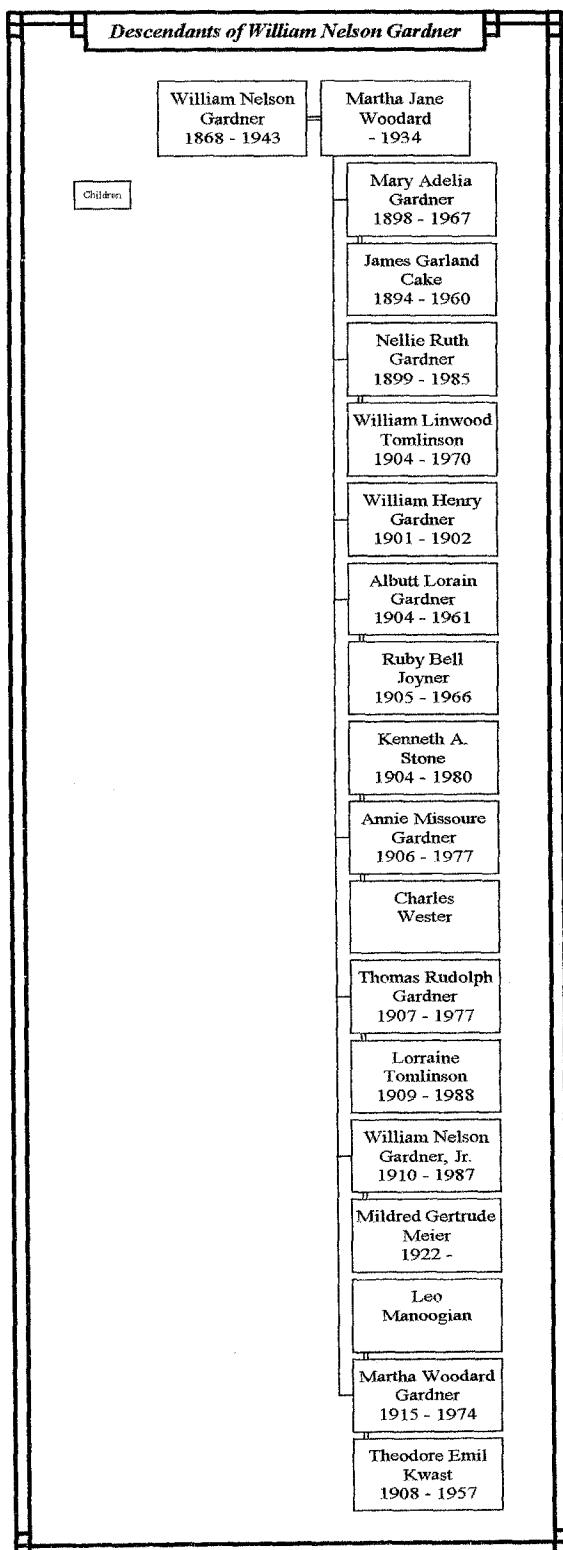
Martha Jane Woodard Gardner died February 18, 1934 and William Nelson Gardner died in 1943. I do not have the exact date of his death. He was a farmer all his life but never owned a farm. He always worked as a tenant farmer. As a young man, his father hired him out to another farmer in order to have more income for the entire family. After William and Martha were married they lived on a farm on Barnes Rd. in Nansemond County, Virginia (now Suffolk, Virginia). This farm was within a mile of Elwood, Virginia and also close to where William's father had grown up. Several of

their children were born while they were living there. My father, Alburt, used to tell about walking from there to South Quay School, which was three or four miles away. On the following pages you will see several family pictures and also a family chart for William Nelson and Martha Jane Woodard Gardner and their family.

I will address the children of William and Martha one at the time in the order in which they were born. In doing so, I will follow each of these children's families to the present time before going to another child.

I never knew my grand mother Gardner as she died before I was born. However, I do remember my grand father Gardner. He lived with my mother and father for a while when I was a child. He loved to sit on the poach on the south side of the house in the sun shine and whittle. I was less than six years old at the time and I would beg him to let me use his knife to whittle also. Once in a while he would take me between his knees and let me whittle a little, but would not let me leave his reach. I guess this is the reason I like to carve things from wood now. He lived with us for some time - I do not remember just how long. Then he went to live with my Aunt Nell and Uncle Lin in Norfolk, Virginia. He died while living with them in 1943. There are a lot of stories I could relate about him and his life but I will not take the space to do so. His mind was not to good when he was living with us (at that time they called his condition Harding of The Arteries). This did not make any difference to me. I thought the world of him and missed him when he went to live with my Aunt in Norfolk. On several occasions we were called to Norfolk because he was near death. Some of these times it would be in the middle of the night. You have to understand that in 1943 our country was in the middle of world war two, gas was rationed as well a lot of other things such as tires, sugar and other food products. Late at night one could drive from Franklin to Norfolk and maybe meet one or two cars. This was a distance of about forty five miles. My father saved his gas ration coupons to use for these occasions.

Descendants of William Nelson Gardner





The above picture is (from left to right front row) William Nelson Gardner, Albutt L. Gardner, Nellie Gardner, Mary Gardner, and Martha Jane Gardner.

THE NEXT SECTION WILL BE ABOUT
MARY ADELIA GARDNER AND HER FAMILY

A. Mary Adelia Gardner was the first child of William Nelson and Martha Woodard Gardner. She was born January 1, 1898. She married James Garland Cake August 6, 1919. James Garland Cake was born March 16, 1894. They had three children:

1. George Herbert Cake - born July 15, 1920.

2. Martha Louise Cake - born May 27, 1923.
3. James Garland Cake, Jr. - born June 5, 1934.

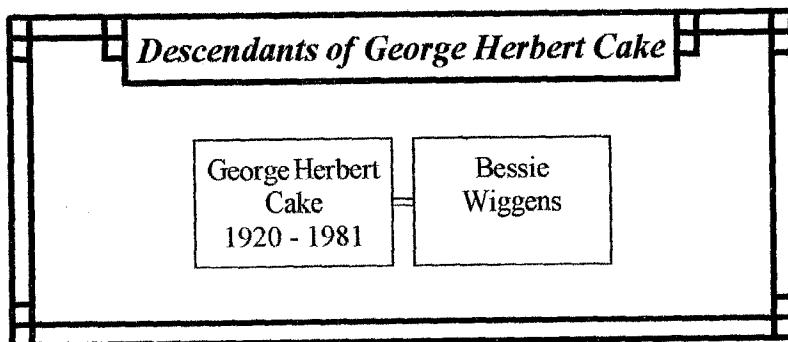
(See the family chart on page 332)

They lived in Norfolk, Virginia all the years which I knew them. Uncle Garland ran a lumber yard which was beside his home as I remember. However, I could be wrong about that. James Garland Cake died December 17, 1960. Mary Adelia Gardner Cake died October 26, 1967.

1. George Herbert Cake married Bessie Wiggens September 23, 1960. George H. Cake died December 25, 1981. I have no other information on his family. (See the family chart on page 331)

2. Martha Louise Cake married L. T. Jones June 7, 1958. They have one child, Diane Mary Jones - born September 27, 1961. L. T. Jones died July 2, 1961. Martha Louise Cake Jones is now married to Herman C. Broegler, Jr. They were married August 6, 1965 and live near Zuni, Virginia now. I have no other information on this family (see the family chart on page 333).

3. James Garland Cake, Jr. married Anna Belle Langley January 29, 1954. They had one child, John Albert Cake - born June 3, 1963. Anna Belle has passed away but I do not have the date of her death. This all the information I have on this family (see the family chart on page 333).



Descendants of James Garland Cake

James Garland
Cake
1894 - 1960

Mary Adelia
Gardner
1898 - 1967

Children

George Herbert
Cake
1920 - 1981

Bessie
Wiggins

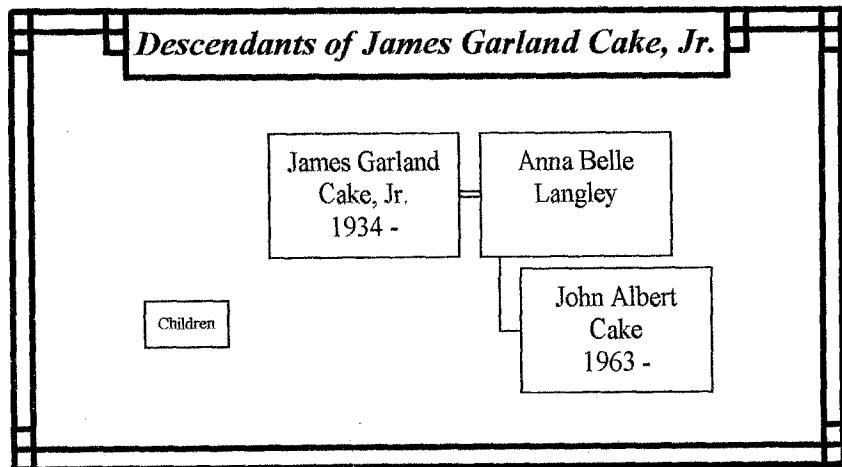
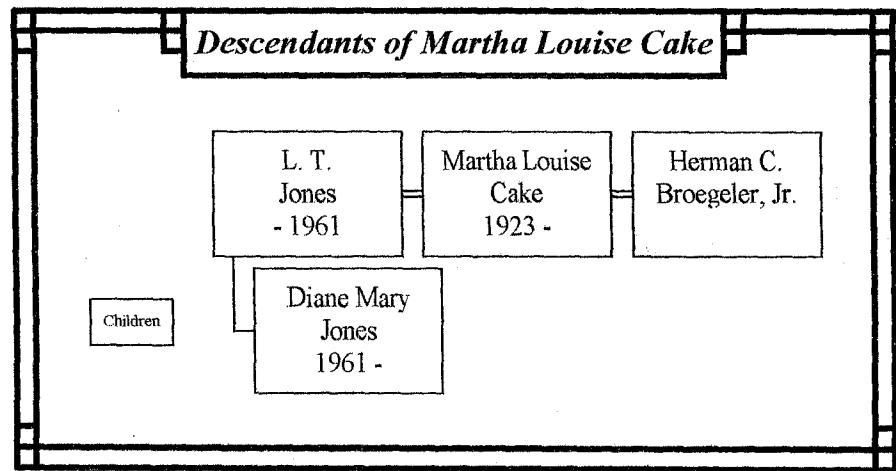
L. T.
Jones
- 1961

Martha Louise
Cake
1923 -

Herman C.
Broegeler, Jr.

James Garland
Cake, Jr.
1934 -

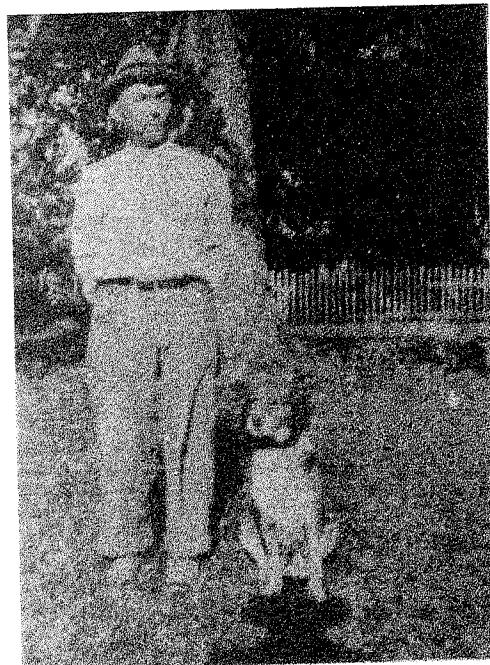
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Langley



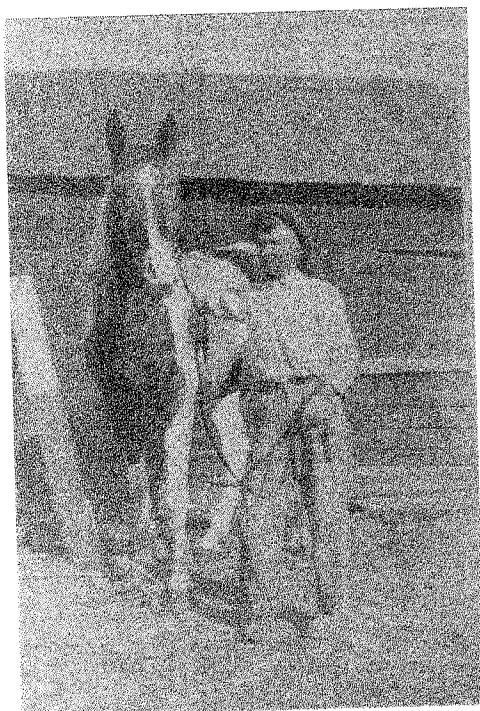


This a picture of the house in which
William N. and Martha Gardner
lived on Bond Road

Barnes



William N. Gardner & his dog



William N. Gardner & his horse



William N. Gardner, Martha, & ?



William N. Gardner
&
Ruby Joyner Gardner -
Albutt's wife



William N. Gardner
&
Martha Woodard Gardner



Martha Woodard Gardner



Martha and Ted 1936



Nellie Gardner & Frances



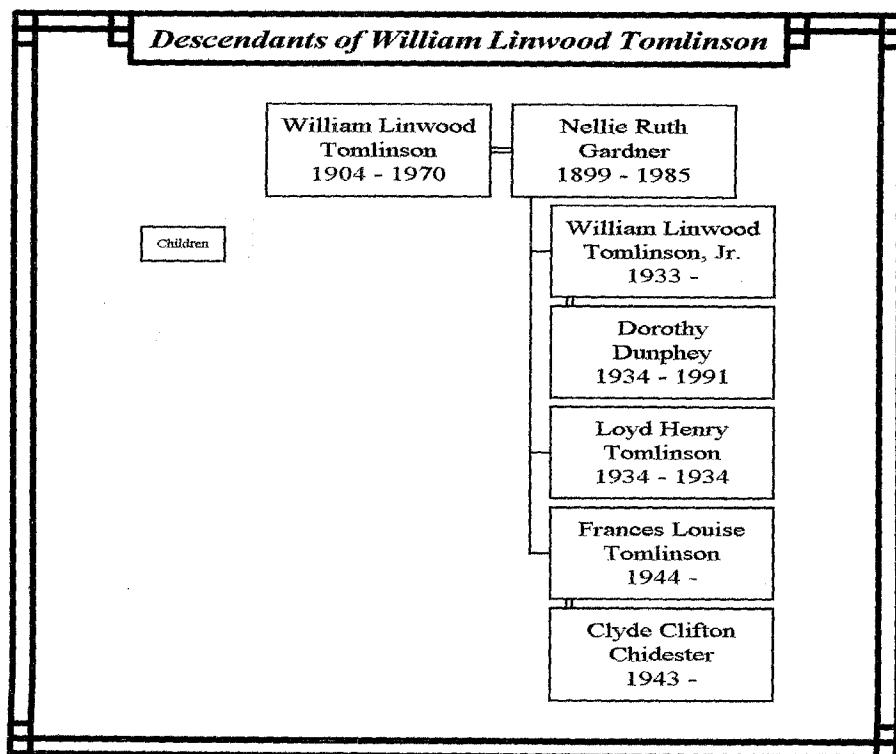
Martha Gardner

NELLIE RUTH GARDNER
AND
HER DESCENDANTS

B. Nellie Ruth Gardner was born April 18, 1904. She was the daughter of William N. and Martha W. Gardner. She married William Linwood Tomlinson January 17, 1932. William N. Tomlinson was born April 18, 1904 (see the family chart on page 329). They had three children:

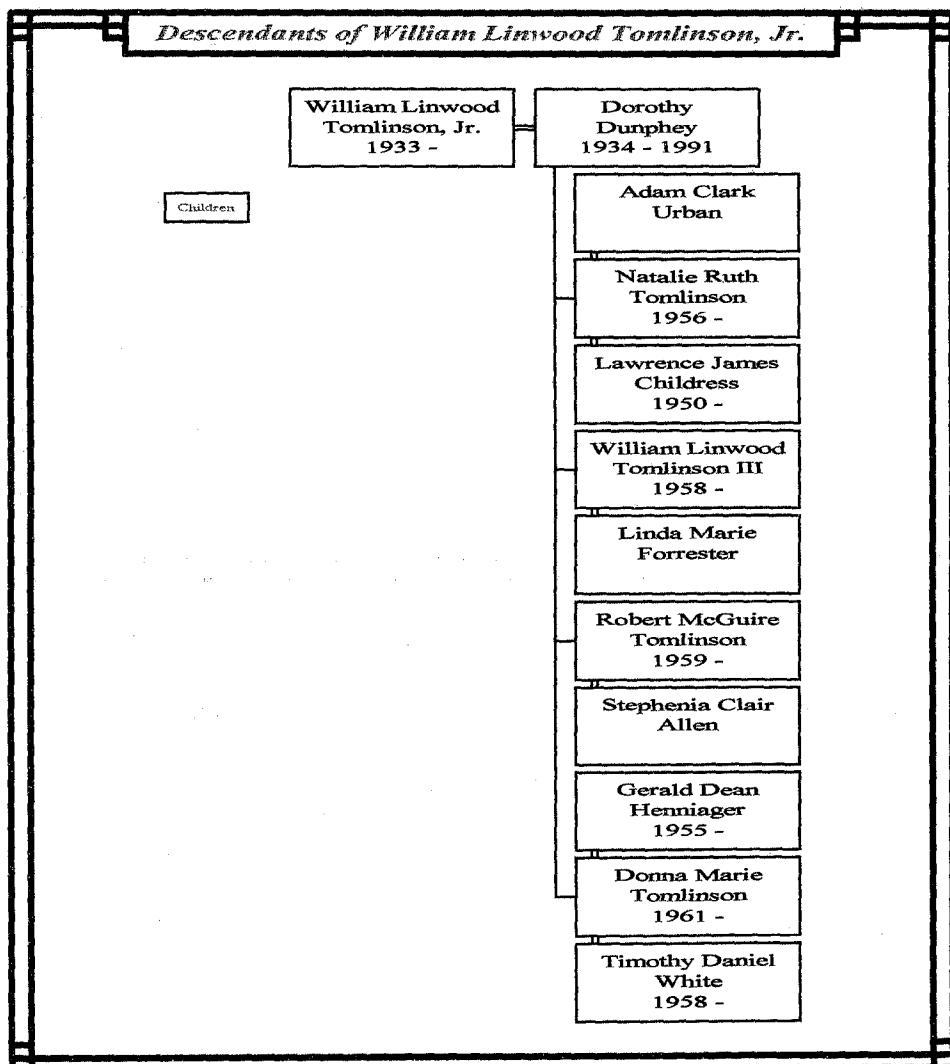
1. William Linwood Tomlinson, Jr. - born March 20, 1933.
2. Loyd Henry Tomlinson - born March, 1934 - died May, 1934.
3. Frances Louise Tomlinson - born January 21, 1944.

(See the family chart on this page)



1. William Linwood Tomlinson, Jr. married Dorothy Dunphey December 12, 1960. Dorothy Dunphey was born September 24, 1934. They had four children:
- A. Natalie Ruth Tomlinson - born September 22, 1956.
 - B. William Linwood Tomlinson III - born October 31, 1958.
 - C. Robert McGuire Tomlinson - born November 16, 1959.
 - D. Donna Marie Tomlinson - born March 1, 1961.

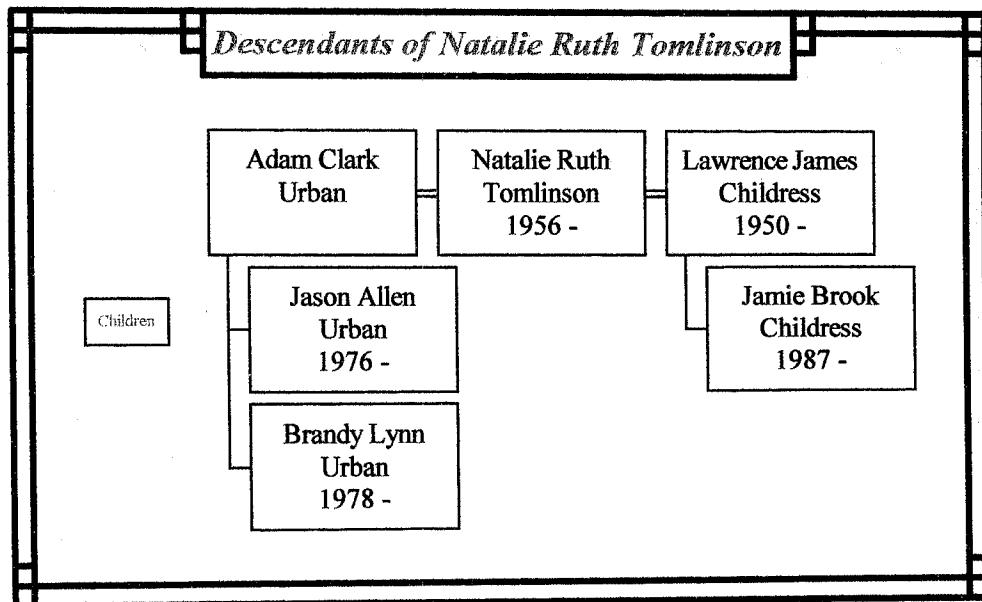
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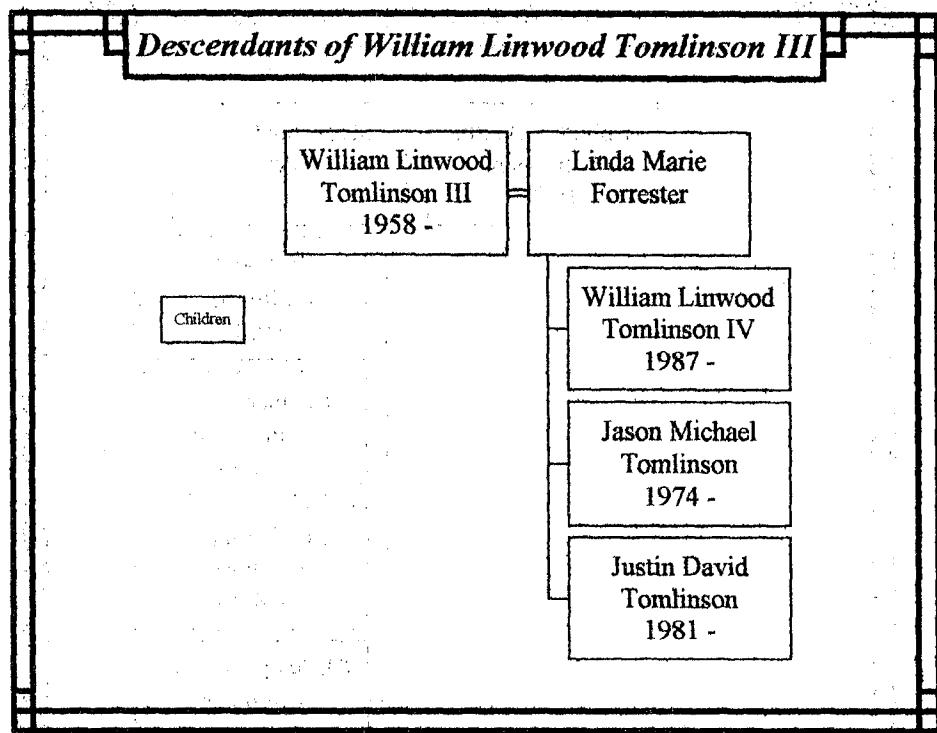
Dorothy Dunphey Tomlinson died November 7, 1991.

A. Natalie Ruth Tomlinson married Adam Clark Urban November 7, 1975. They have two children, Jason Allen Urban - born December 11, 1976 and Brandy Lynn Urban - born July 18, 1978. Natalie Ruth and Adam are divorced. She is now married to Lawrence James Childress. They have one child. Jamie Brook Childress - born in 1987.

(See the family chart below)



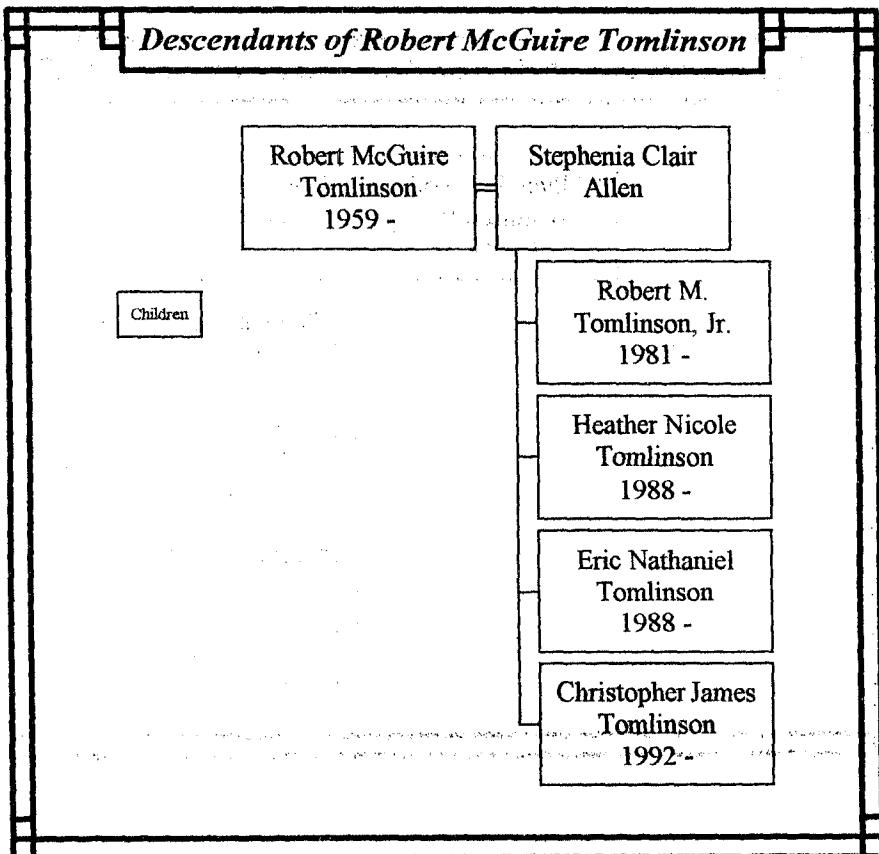
B. William Linwood Tomlinson III married Linda Marie Forrester December 1, 1983. They have three children, William Linwood Tomlinson IV - born March 30, 1987, Jason Michael Tomlinson - born November 15, 1974, and Justin David Tomlinson - born May 8, 1981 (see the family chart on page 339).



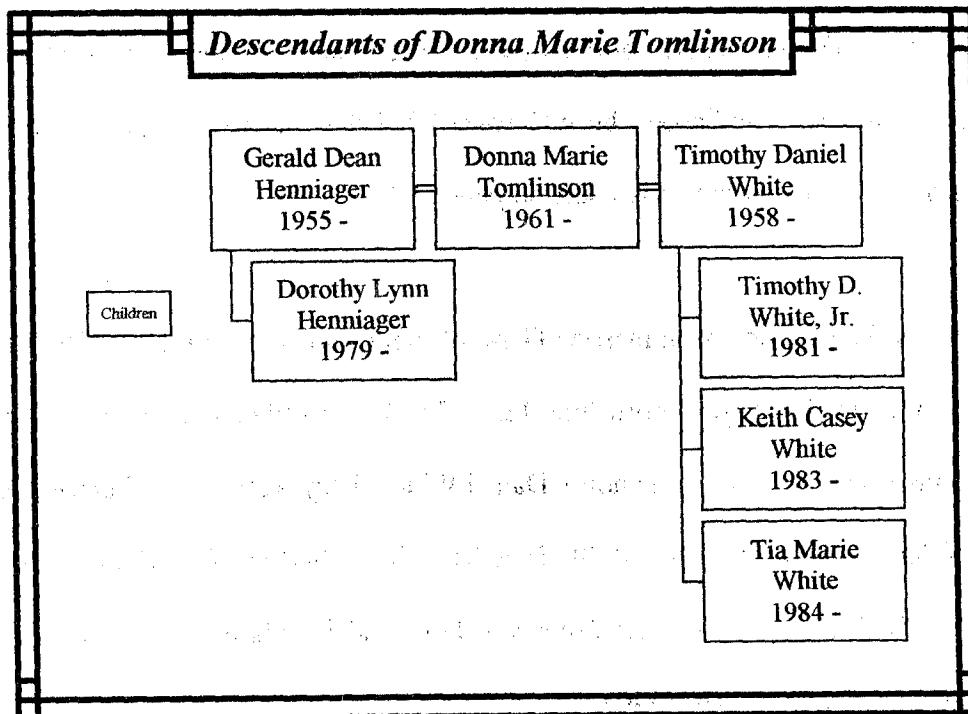
C. Robert McGuire Tomlinson married Stephenia Clair Allen June 13, 1963. They have four children, Robert M. Tomlinson, Jr. - born July 27, 1981, Heather Nicole Tomlinson - born January 27, 1988, Eric Nathaniel Tomlinson - born October 27, 1988, and Christopher James Tomlinson - born February 4, 1992 (see the family chart on page 340).

D. Donna Marie Tomlinson married Gerald Dean Henniager June 28, 1976. They have one child - Dorothy Lynn Henniager - born June 18, 1979. Donna and Gerald Henniager are no longer together. Donna is now married to Timothy Daniel White. They were married December 29, 1981. Timothy D. White was born June 30, 1958. They have three children, Timothy D. White, Jr. - born April 21, 1981, Keith Casey White - born January 4, 1983, and Tia Marie White - born December 24, 1984 (see the family chart on page 340).

Descendants of Robert McGuire Tomlinson



Descendants of Donna Marie Tomlinson

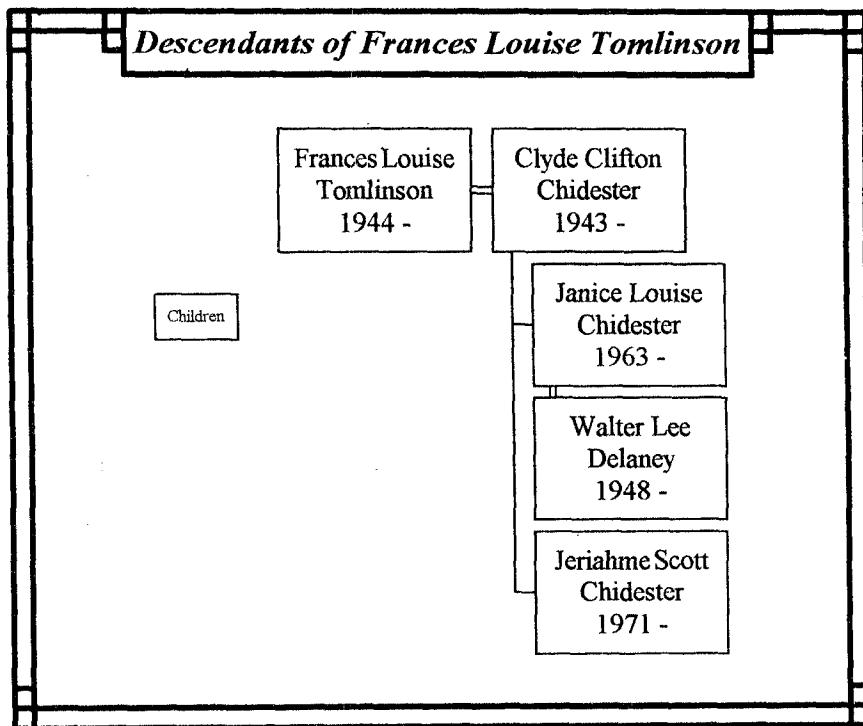


3. Frances Louise Tomlinson married Clyde Clifton Chidester March 31, 1962. Clyde Clifton Chidester was born December 17, 1943. They make their home in Chesapeake, Virginia. They have two children:

A. Janice Louise Chidester - born May 29, 1963.

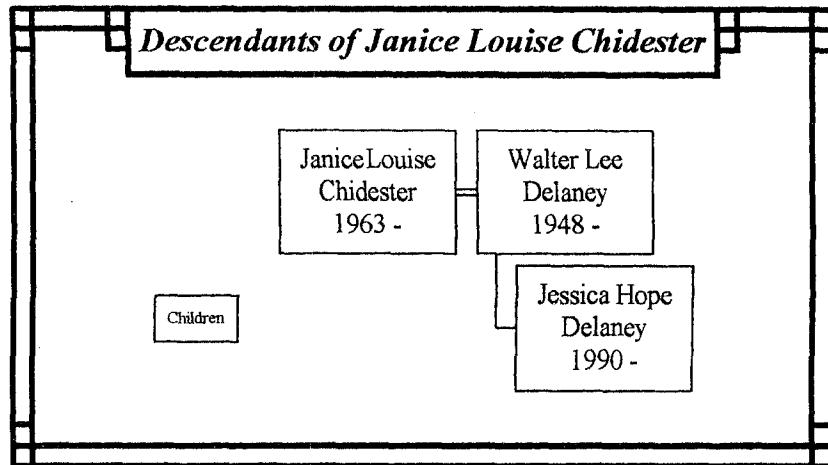
B. Jeriahme Scott Chidester - born October 1, 1971.

(See the family chart on this page)



A. Janice Louise Chidester married Walter Lee Delaney September 2, 1989. Walter Lee Delaney was born October 1, 1948. They make their home in Chesapeake, Virginia. They have one child, Jessica Hope Delaney - born January 29, 1990 (see the family chart on page 342).

Nellie Ruth Gardner Tomlinson died May 25, 1985 and William Linwood Tomlinson died April 21, 1970. This concludes all the information I have on this family.



WILLIAM HENRY GARDNER

C. William Henry Gardner was born December 1, 1901 and died the next month - January 14, 1902. He was the third child of William Nelson and Martha Jane Woodard Gardner. He is buried at South Quay Baptist Church (see the family chart on page 329).

ALBUTT LORAIN GARDNER

D. Albutt Lorain Gardner was the fourth child of William Nelson and Martha Jane Woodard Gardner. He was born May 7, 1904 (see the family chart on page 329). He married Ruby Bell Joyner March 10, 1923. They lived in and around Franklin, Virginia all their married life. They had six children:

1. Effie Jane Gardner - born September 25, 1925.
2. Ruby Mae Gardner - born February 18, 1928.
3. Albutt Lorain Gardner, Jr. - born September 13, 1929.
4. Warren Joyner Gardner - born November 5, 1931.
5. Edward Calvin Gardner - born February 15, 1934 - died June 24, 1934.
6. Norman Lorain Gardner - July 3, 1937.

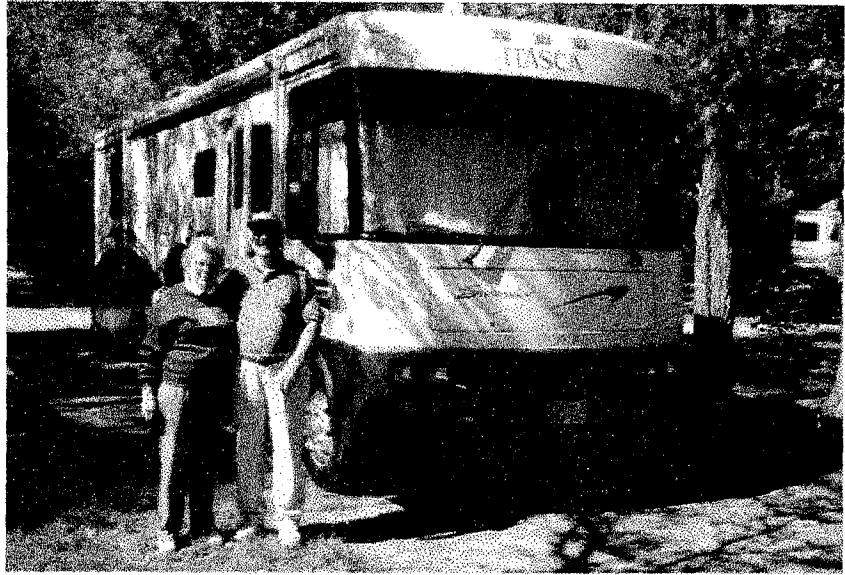
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Albutt Lorain and Ruby Bell Joyner Gardner



Albutt & Ruby's children - front row left to right Effie Jane & Ruby Mae
Back row left to right Albutt L., Jr., Norman L. & Warren J. Gardner



Norman L. & Emma Harrell Gardner in front of their Motor Coach
1999 in Bismarck, North Dakota



Norman L. Gardner being installed as Grand Sentinel
of the Grand Chapter of Virginia
Order of The Eastern Star



Norman L. Gardner just installed as
Worshipful Master of McAlister Masonic
Lodge # 185 A. F. & A. M. - Dec., 1999



Norman L. Gardner - installation as Grand Sentinel



Anne Adams, W. G. M. & Norman L. Gardner



Norman L. Gardner & Emma Harrell Gardner



Norman Gardner, Patty Landrum, & Brenda Gardner Peace



Fr. Row - Jean Eason, Christine Ward, Betty Cowan, Sharon March, June Johnson & Gladys Jordan. Back Row - Morris Ward, Emma Gardner, Maybelle Jakeman, Barbra White, Genevieve Hewitt, Carl Eason, Edward Cowan, Vicky, Brenda Peace, Norman Gardner, & Forest Jordan - Officers of Whaleyville Chap. 137 O. E. S. 1994



Norman L. Gardner, Audrey Well,
and Emma H. Gardner

Descendants of Albutt Lorain Gardner

Children

Albutt Lorain
Gardner
1904 - 1961

Ruby Bell
Joyner
1905 - 1966

Linwood Bailey
Maddrey
1924 - 1985

Effie Jane
Gardner
1925 - 1996

William Lawrence
Corbett
1929 -

Ruby Mae
Gardner
1928 - 1991

George Lee
Story
1925 - 1995

Albutt Lorain
Gardner, Jr.
1929 -

Ruth Elizabeth
Hines
1928 -

Warren Joyner
Gardner
1931 -

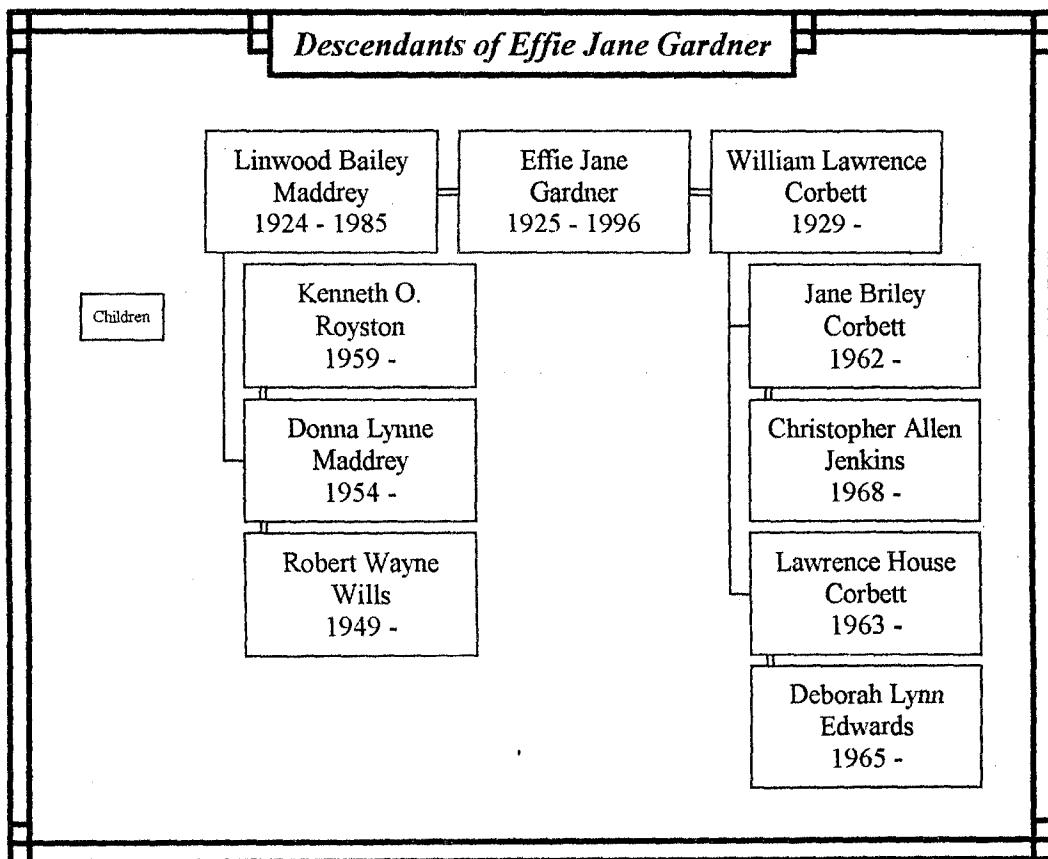
Sandra Jean
Collins
1939 -

Edwaed Calvin
Gardner
1934 - 1934

Norman Lorain
Gardner
1937 -

Emma Claudine
Harrell
1938 -

1. Effie Jane Gardner was born September 25, 1925 and was the first child of Alburt and Ruby Gardner. She married Linwood Bailey Maddrey January 28, 1944. Linwood Maddrey was born May 31, 1924. He was in the Navey when he and Effie Jane were married. They had one child, Donna Lynne Maddrey - born March 22, 1954 in Norfolk, Virginia. (see the family chart on this page).



Donna Lynne Maddrey married Kenneth O. Royston December 28, 1978. Kenneth was born May 9, 1959. They are now divorced.

Donna is now married to Robert Wayne Wills. They were married March 3, 1984 and make their home in Suffolk, Virginia. They have no children (see the family chart on this page).

Effie Jane and Linwood divorced after Donna was born. She then married William Lawrence

Corbett August 20, 1961. William Corbett was born July 11, 1929. They had two children from this union:

B. Jane Briley Corbett - born November 28, 1962.

C. Lawrence House Corbett - born June 27, 1963.

(See the family chart on page 347)

Effie Jane and William lived in Norfolk, Virginia Beach, Gates County, N.C., and Suffolk, Virginia during their marriage. They were living in Suffolk, Virginia when Effie Jane died December 24, 1996. William Corbett now lives with his daughter, Jane Briley Corbett Jenkins in Suffolk, Virginia.

Linwood Bailey Maddrey died January 28, 1985.

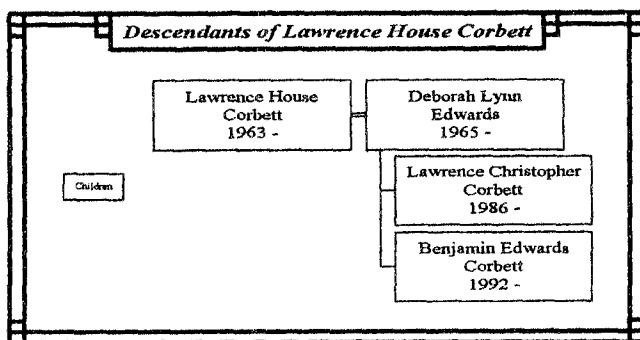
B. Jane Briley Corbett married Christopher Allen Jenkins August 31, 1996. Christopher was born May 4, 1968. They have no children and make their home in Suffolk, Virginia (see the family chart on page 347).

C. Lawrence House Corbett married Deborah Lynn Edwards March 9, 1985. Deborah was born November 10, 1965. They make their home in Suffolk, Virginia and have two children:

1. Lawrence Christopher Corbett - born December 11, 1986.

2. Benjamin Edwards Corbett - born May 16, 1992.

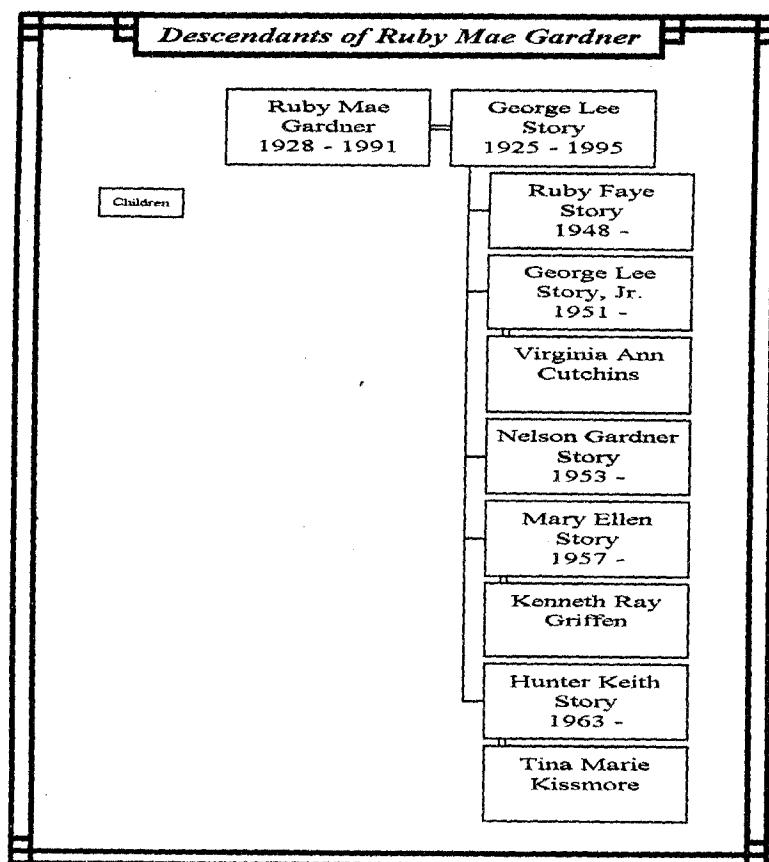
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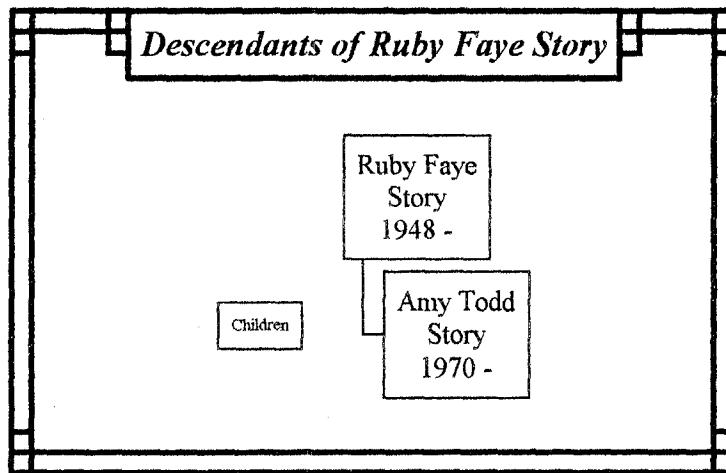
2. Ruby Mae Gardner was born February 18, 1928 and was the second child of Albutt L. and Ruby Joyner Gardner. She married George Lee Story November 11, 1947. George L. Story was born April 25, 1925. They lived in and around Franklin, Virginia all their life (see the family chart on page 346). They had five children:

- A. Ruby Faye Story - born October 26, 1948
- B. George Lee Story, Jr. - born February 25, 1951.
- C. Nelson Gardner Story - born March 12, 1953.
- D. Mary Ellen Story - born April 28, 1957.
- E. Hunter Keith Story - born January 19, 1963.

(See the family chart on this page)



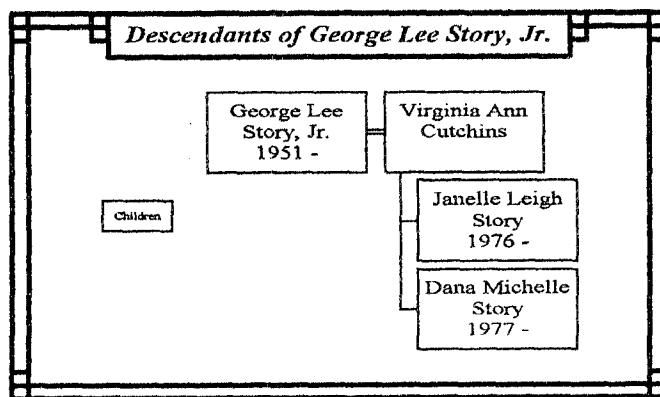
A. Ruby Faye Story is the first child born to Ruby Mae and George L. Story. She has one child, Amy Todd Story - born August 21, 1970. Amy is now married and living in Germany. Her husband is in the service. I do not have the date of her marriage. R. Faye lives and works in Franklin, Virginia (see the family chart on this page).



B. George Lee Story, Jr. is the second child of Ruby Mae and George L. Story. He married Virginia Ann Cutchins. They live in Southampton County, Virginia and have two children:

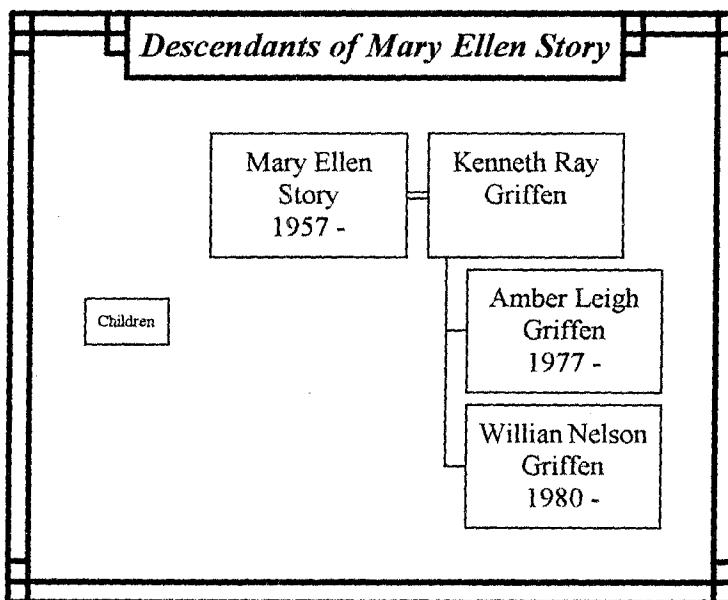
1. Janelle Leigh Story - born April 26, 1976.
2. Dana Michelle Story - born July 7, 1977.

(See the family chart on this page)



C. Nelson Gardner Story is the third child of Ruby Mae and George L. Story. He has never married and lives and works in Franklin, Virginia (see the family chart on page 349).

D. Mary Ellen Story is the fourth child of Ruby Mae and George L. Story. She married Kenneth Ray Griffen. They have two children, Amber Leigh Griffen - born September 27, 1977 and William Nelson Griffen - born September 18, 1980. They live in Southampton County, Virginia (see the family chart on this page).



E. Hunter Keith Story is the 5 th. Child of Ruby Mae and George Lee Story. He married Tina Marie Kissmore May 26, 1984. He and Tina live and work in Franklin, Virginia. I have no other information for him and his family (see the family chart on page 349).

Ruby Mae Gardner Story died May 6, 1991 and George Lee Story died February 2, 1995. They are both buried in Franklin, Virginia in the same plot as Ruby Mae's parents. This is all the information I have on tis family.

3. Albutt Lorain Gardner, Jr. was born September 13, 1929 and is the third child of Albutt L. and Ruby Joyner Gardner. He is a college graduate and an ordained minister. He is now retired and lives in Philadelphia, Penn. (See the family chart on page 346). He married Ruth Elizabeth Hines August 19, 1951. They had five children:

A. Ruth Elizabeth Gardner - born September 18, 1952.

B. Randolph Gregory Gardner - born August 8, 1955.

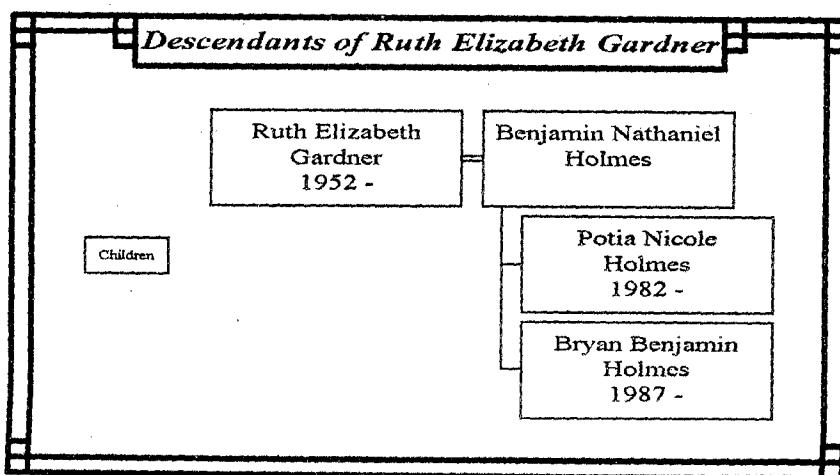
C. Albutt Lorain Gardner III - born June 28, 1956.

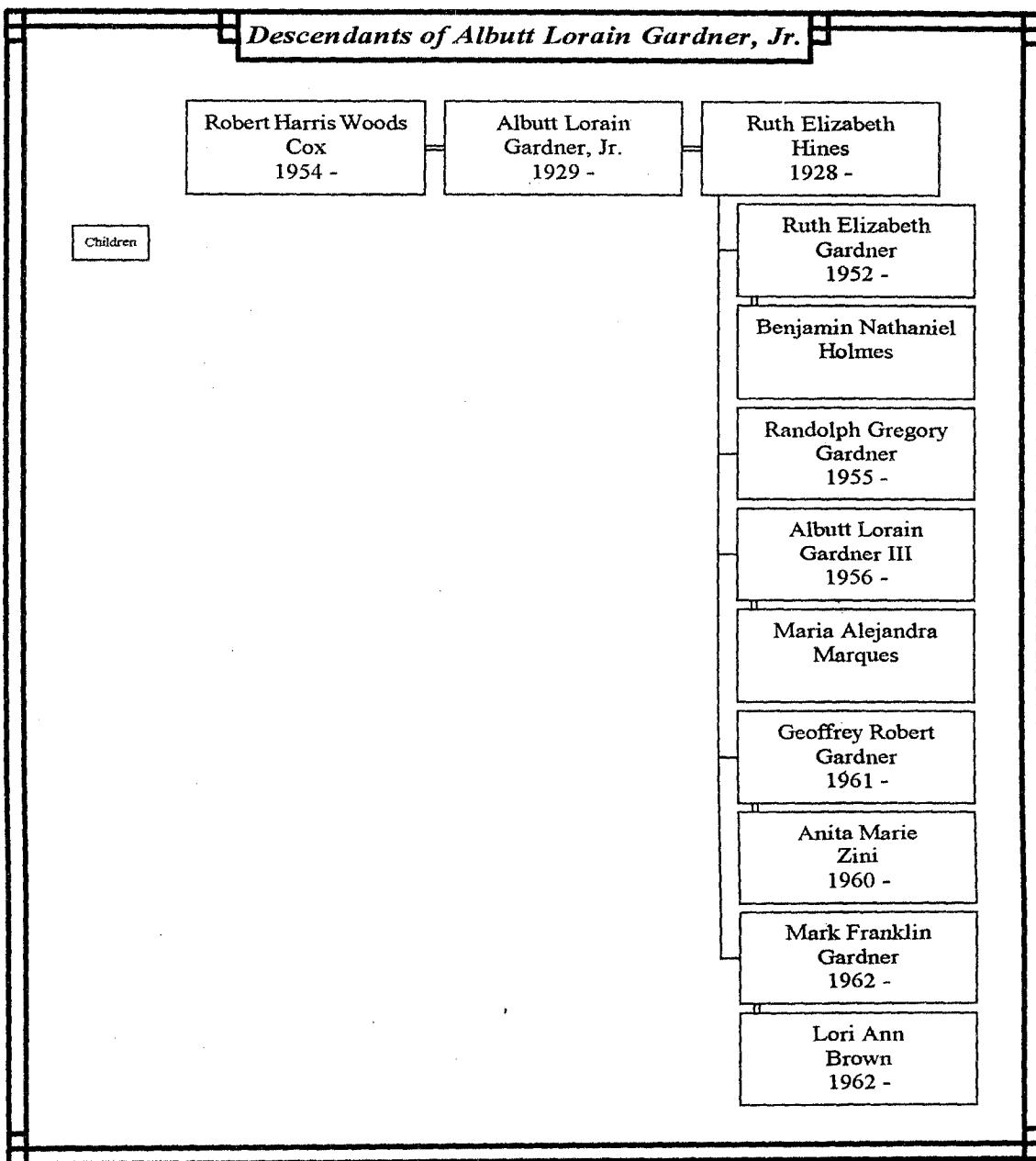
D. Geoffrey Robert Gardner - born March 26, 1961.

E. Mark Franklin Gardner - July 12, 1962.

A. L. (Albutt L. Gardner, Jr.) and Ruth are now divorced. Ruth lives in New Castle, Delaware. A. L. now lives with his friend Robert Harris Woods Cox. Robert was born April 24, 1954 in Alabama (see the family chart on page 353).

A. Ruth Elizabeth Gardner married Benjamin Nathaniel Holmes. They have two children, Potia Nicole Holmes - born February 7, 1982 and Bryan Benjamin Holmes - born September 3, 1987. They make their home in the Washington, D.C. area (see the family chart below).

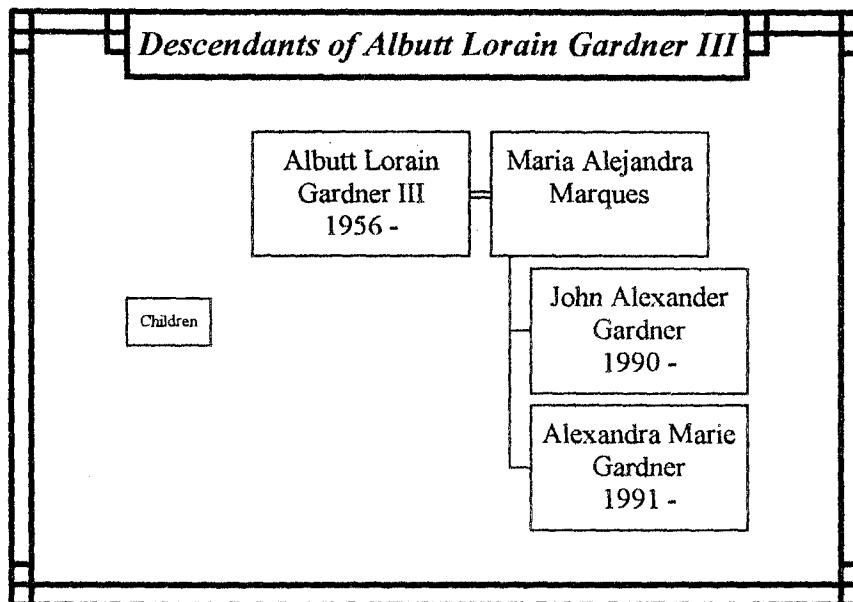




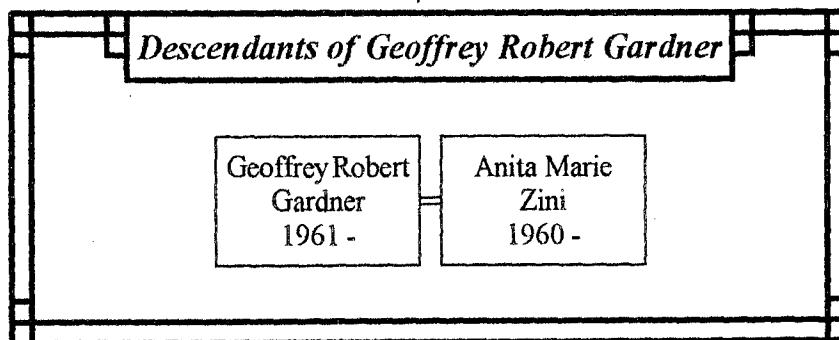
B. Randolph Gregory Gardner was born August 8, 1955. He has never married and now lives in San Francisco, California (see the family chart on this page). He works for a hotel there.

C. Albutt Lorain Gardner III was born June 28, 1956. He married Maria Alexandra Marques June 10, 1989. They make their home in Texas. They have two children, John Alexander Gardner -

born March 18, 1990 and Alexandra Marie Gardner - born October 1, 1991. Al teaches at a college in Texas. (for his family see the family chart on this page)

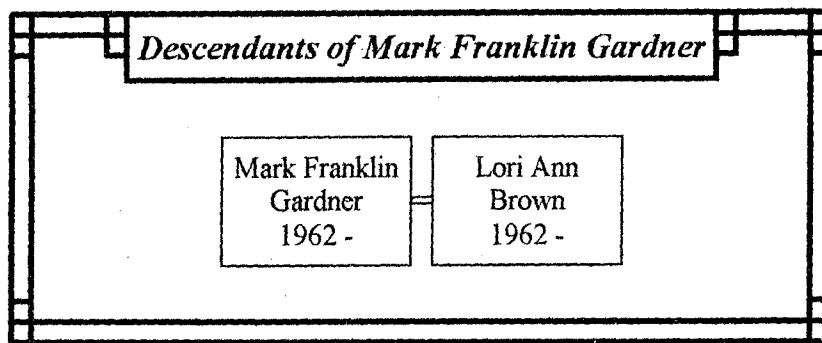


D. Geoffrey Robert Gardner was born March 26, 1961. He married Anita Marie Zini October 21, 1995. Anita was born June 20, 1960. They have no children. They live and work in the Philadelphia area (see the family chart on this page).



E. Mark Franklin Gardner was born July 12, 1962. He married Lori Ann Brown November 14, 1981. They have no children and are now divorced. Lori was born April 9, 1962. Mark lives and

works in the Philadelphia area also (see the family chart on this page).



This concludes the information I have on the family of Rev. Albutt Lorain Gardner, Jr.

4. Warren Joyner Gardner is the fourth child of Albutt L. and Ruby Joyner Gardner. He was born November 5, 1931 (see the family chart on page 346). He married Sandra Jean Collins June 30, 1956. Sandra was born June 4, 1939. They have four children:

- A. David Warren Gardner - born February 26, 1958.
- B. Carol Lynn Gardner - born January 30, 1959.
- C. Lori Ann Gardner - born July 8, 1961.
- D. Sandra Jean Gardner - born December 9, 1965.

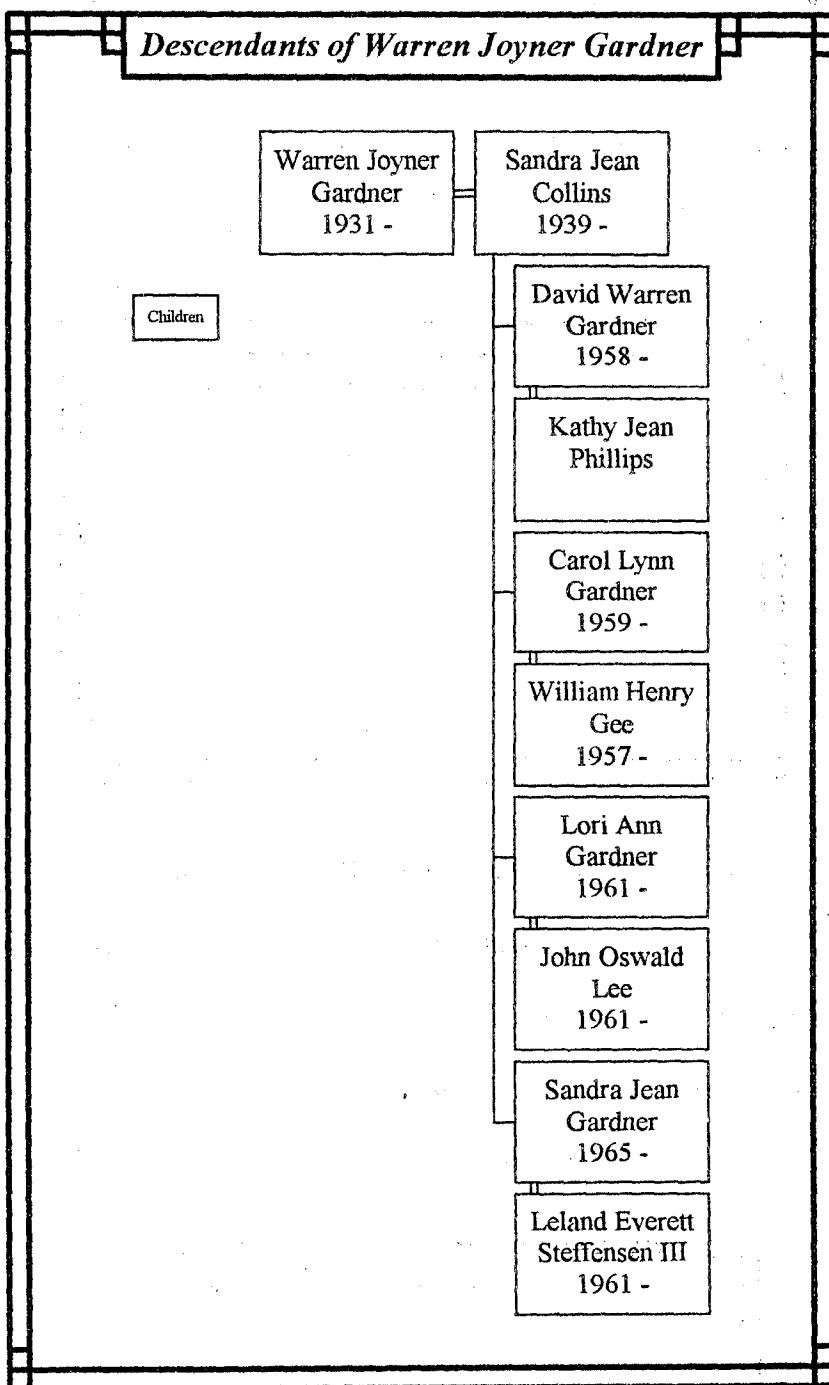
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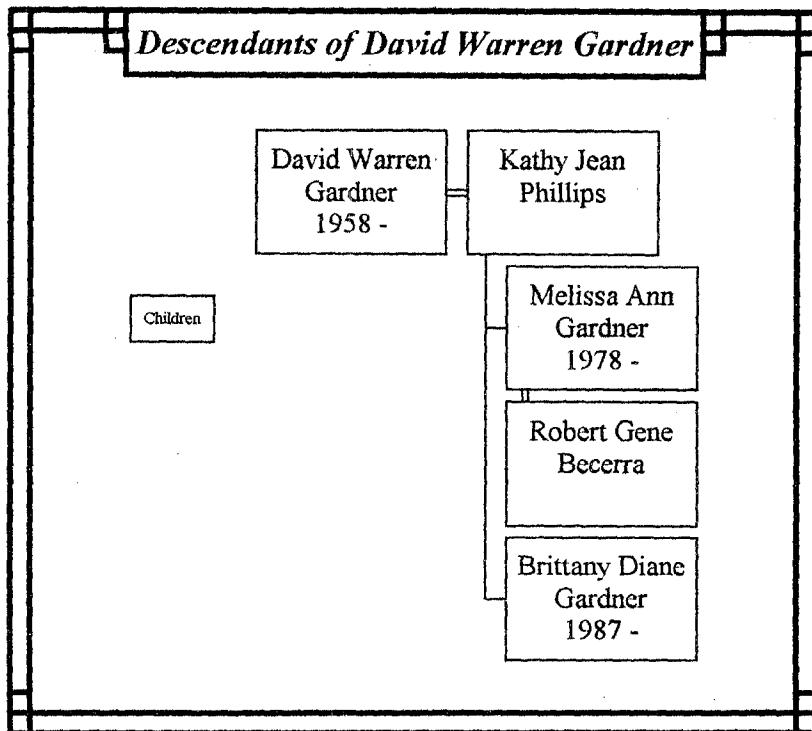
Warren and Sandra now live in Colonial Heights, Va. and are both retired.

A. David Warren Gardner married Kathy Jean Phillips January 22, 1977. They have two children, Melissa Ann Gardner -born September 20, 1978 and Brittany Diane Gardner - born October 6, 1987.

Melissa Ann Gardner married Robert Gene Becerra June 6, 1998. They have one child. However I do not have the name or date of birth for this child (see the family chart on page 357).

Descendants of Warren Joyner Gardner



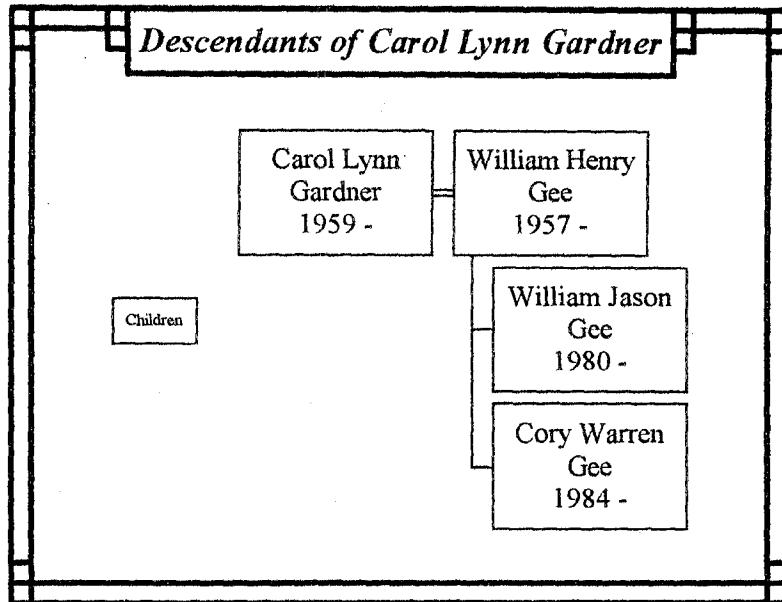


David and Kathy's second child, Brittany Diane Gardner is not married. David and Kathy make their home in Colonial Heights, Virginia.

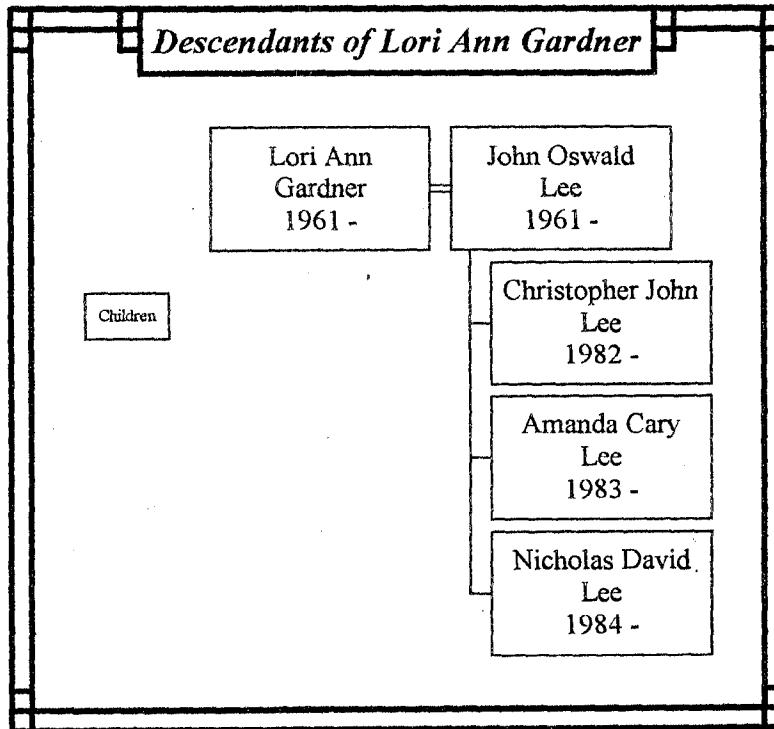
B. Carol Lynn Gardner is the second child of Warren J. and Sandra Collins Gardner. She married William Henry Gee January 1, 1978 (see the family chart on page 356). They have two children, William Jason Gee - born September 18, 1980 and Cory Warren Gee - born September 24, 1984 (see the family chart on page 358). They live near Blackstone, Virginia.

C. Lori Ann Gardner is the third child of Warren J. and Sandra Collins Gardner. She married John Oswald Lee July 14, 1979. John was born September 23, 1961 (see the family chart on page 356). They have three children, Christopher John Lee - born January 23, 1982, Amanda Cary Lee - born April 18, 1983, and Nicholas David Lee - born December 27, 1984 (see the family chart on page 358). Lori and John O. Lee are now separated. Lori lives in the Blackstone area also.

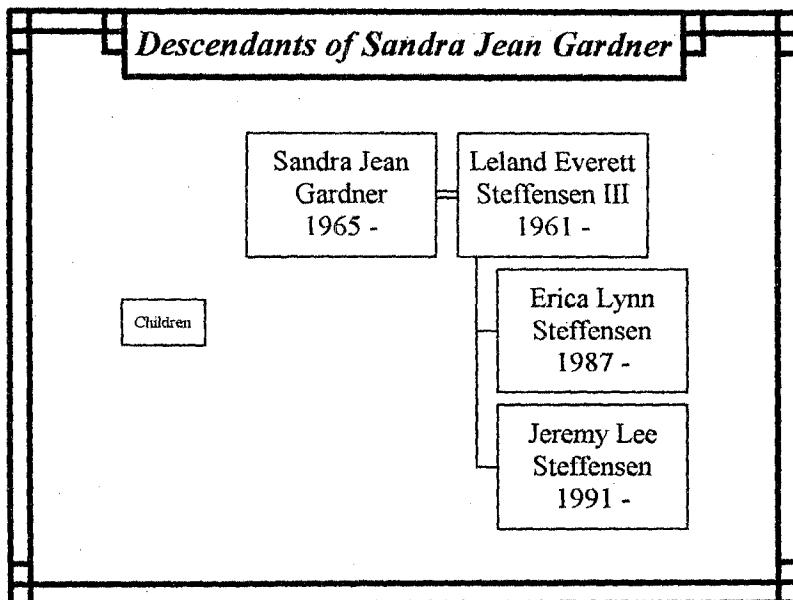
Descendants of Carol Lynn Gardner



Descendants of Lori Ann Gardner



D. Sandra Jean Gardner is the fourth child of Warren J. and Sandra Collins Gardner. She married Leland Everett Steffensen III January 11, 1986 (see the family chart on page 356). Leland was born November 21, 1961. They have two children, Erica Lynn Steffensen - born February 9, 1987 and Jeremy Lee Steffensen - born May 3, 1991 (see the family chart on this page).



Sandra Jean and Leland E. Steffensen now make their home in the Gordonsville, Virginia area.

This all the information I have on the family of Warren J. and Sandra Collins Gardner.

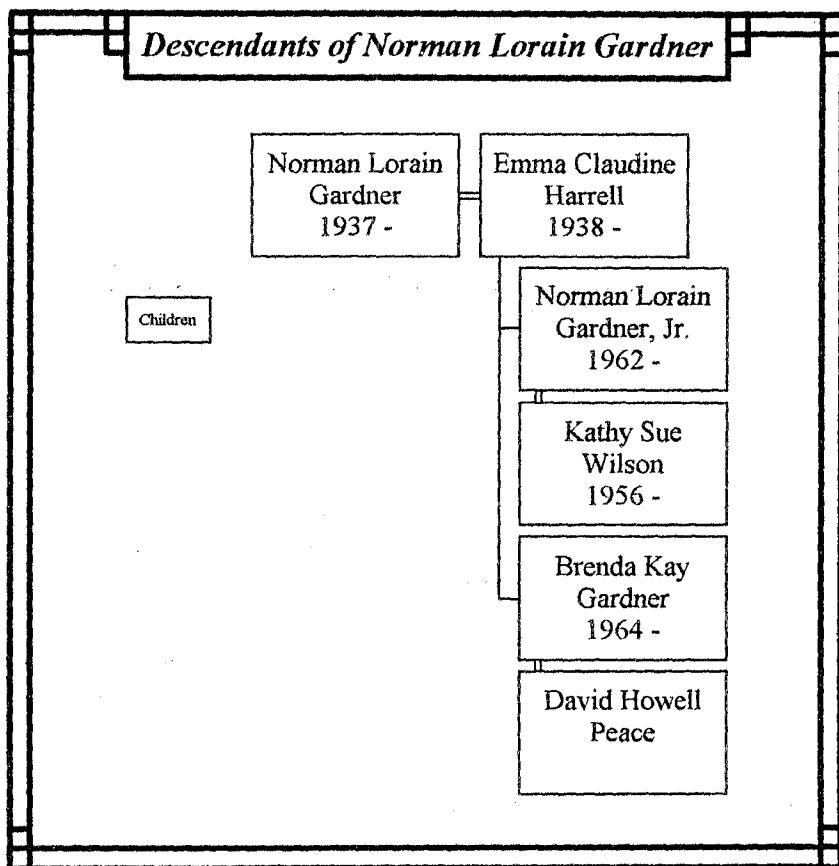
5. Edward Calvin Gardner was the 5 th. Child of Albutt L. and Ruby Joyner Gardner. He was born February 15, 1934 and died June 24, 1934 (see the family chart on page 346). He is buried in the same plot as are his parents in Franklin, Virginia.

6. Norman Lorain Gardner is the sixth child of Albutt L. and Ruby Joyner Gardner. He was born July 3, 1937 (see the family chart on page 346). He married Emma Claudine Harrell June 28, 1958. Emma was born January 8, 1938. They have two children:

A. Norman Lorain Gardner, Jr. - born August 26, 1962.

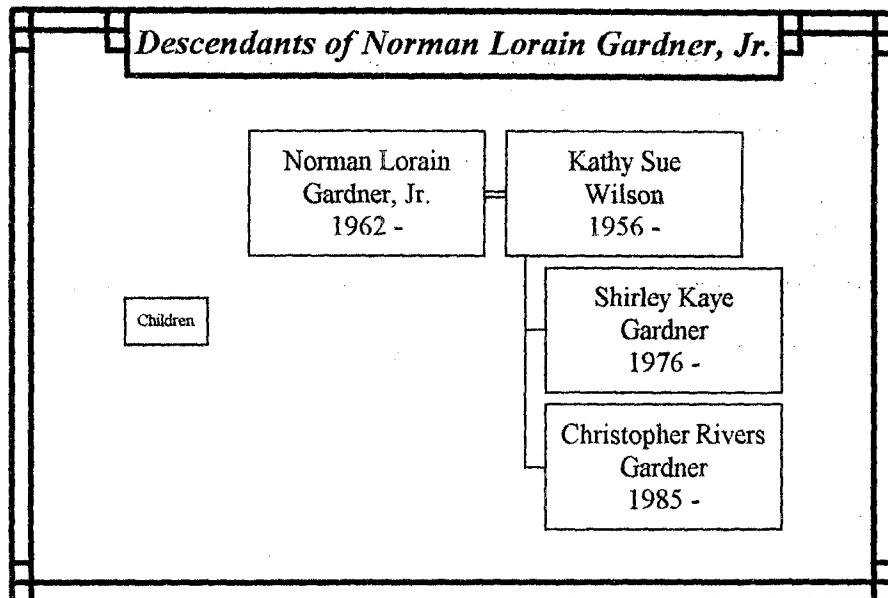
B. Brenda Kay Gardner - born November 23, 1964.

(See the family chart on this page)

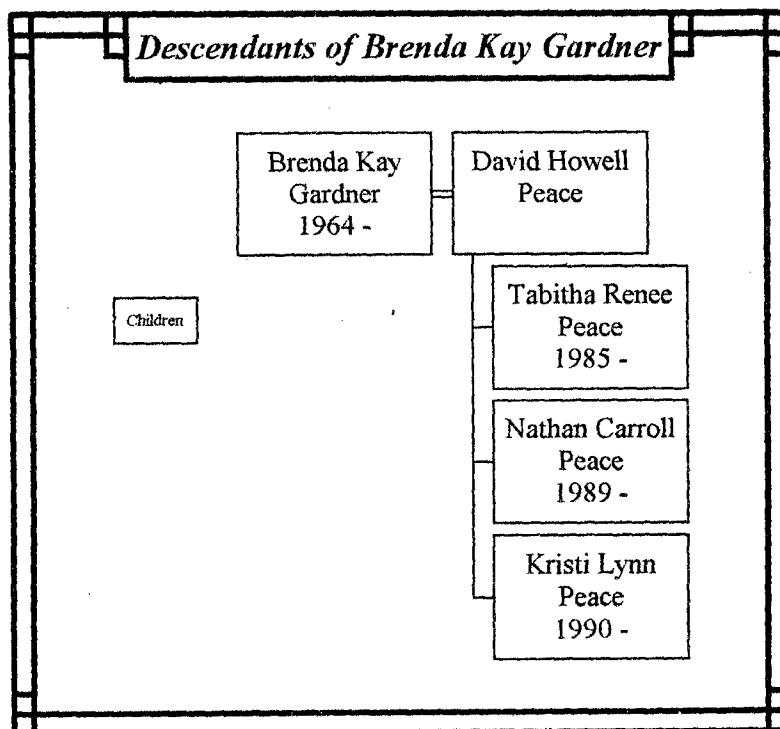


A. Norman Lorain Gardner, Jr. married Kathy Sue Wilson November 16, 1984 (see the family chart on this page). Kathy was born March 23, 1956. Kathy has one child by a previous marriage - Shirley Kaye Gardner - born December 14, 1976. Shirley Kaye had her name changed to Gardner. Norman Lorain and Kathy have one child from their union - Christopher Rivers Gardner - born October 3, 1985 (see the family chart on page 361). N. Lorain and Kathy make their home in Suffolk, Virginia. They built a house on the farm which Norman L. and Emma Harrell Gardner own.

B. Brenda Kay Gardner married David Howell Peace July 27, 1985 (see the family chart on this page). They have three children, Tabitha Renee Peace - born August 16, 1985, Nathan Carroll



born March 26, 1989, and Kristi Lynn Peace - born October 20, 1990 (see the family chart on this page).



Brenda Gardner Peace and David H. Peace make their home in Suffolk, Virginia. They built

their house on Emma Harrell Gardner's mother and father's farm.

Norman L. and Emma H. Gardner are both retired and live in Suffolk, Virginia. Emma taught school for 25 years and Norman worked for Union Camp Paper Corp. (now International Paper) for 41 ½ years. They enjoy traveling and being involved with The Order of The Eastern Star and Masonic Lodge.

This concludes the information I have on Albutt Lorain and Ruby Joyner Gardner and their family.