

Robert Reed & Elizabeth Gentry Virginia-Rutherford-Bedford TN

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Here is some information that I have collected on my wife's Reed/Reid family. I would like to find the parentage of Robert Reed and Elizabeth Gentry.

Following is a brief of what has been gathered thus far on the Reid/Reed/Read family, late of Virginia, up to this point. A great portion of this information was given to me, Joe Mode, by Margaret Flury Manneschmidt on a CD. I do not know who the author of the Reid material is at this time, but have added to it through my own research. **According to Elwyn Reid Flury, her grandfather wanted his children by each of his marriages to be divided, so the spelling for the first set was "Reed" and the spelling for the second set was "Reid." She said she didn't know why he wanted them divided that way.**

The progenitor of the Reid family, until further notice, appears to be Robert Reed/Reid who was born in Virginia on 28 October 1796 and died circa 1883. He came to Tennessee in 1802. Robert most likely died in Rutherford County, Tennessee as he is listed there in 1880 at the age of 83. This census lists Virginia as his birthplace, and his parent's birthplace as well.

1. Robert Reed was born in Virginia on 28 October 1796 and died in Rutherford County, Tennessee circa 1883. He married first to Elizabeth Gentry on 16 January 1817 in Williamson County, Tennessee. She was born circa 1802 and died circa 1841. To this union was born seven children. I am not certain of the names of these children, but the 1850 Rutherford County, Tennessee census lists Robert Reed 54, the name of his second wife, Elvina Carson 36, and the following children: Martha 20, Jane 10, James 8, Elisha 6, Henry 4, Jurusha 1, Mary Reed 76 VA, and William 45 TN (Idiotic) I believe Martha is from his first marriage, Mary is most likely Robert's mother and William a brother. Robert married second to Elvina Carson on 27 March 1842 in Williamson County. To this union was born six children. Unfortunately the 1860

Rutherford County census only listed initials for many of the children, i.e. Robt. Reed 63, E. 46, E.J. 21, Jas 17, E. (Elisha Crawford) 15, H. 13, J. 11, M. 8, S. 6, Sam 4, J. 2, and Mary Reed (See census listings below)

2. Elisha Crawford Reid was born in Rutherford County, Tennessee on 23 September 1844 and died in Unionville, Bedford County, Tennessee at the age of 76 years of heart problems on 24 April 1921. He is buried at the Reid Graveyard according to his death certificate (#283) Not confirmed at this time, but I have found a reference to an Elisha C. Reed/Reid serving with Co. E, 10th Tennessee Infantry, U.S. Elisha married first to Susanna Lovia/Lovage Ralston on 25 January 1871 in Rutherford County (S.L. Ralston to E.C. Reid) She was born on 15 March 1854 and died on 11 August 1878 in Rutherford County, Tennessee She is buried at the Reed Cemetery in Rutherford County. Her stone inscription reads "Wife of E.C. Reid." Her parents were Robert Ralston and Minerva Manier. To this union was born three children:

A. Mary Tennessee "Tennie" Reid was born on 27 July 1872 and died at the age of 77 from a Cerebral Hemorrhage in Lewisburg, Marshall County on 8 December 1948. She is buried at McCurdy Cemetery and according to informant, Clayton Long, her parents are listed as Elisha C. Reid and Susanna Lovie Ralston (Death Certificate #49-27846) She married Robert "Bob" L. Long on 26 April 1891 in Bedford County, Tennessee. They had one adopted son, Clayton Long (Referred to as "Aunt Tennie" by Elwyn Reid Flury)

B. Josephine E. Reid was born circa 1875. She is in the 1880 Bedford County census with father Elisha C. Reid and step-mother Mary C. Reed (Elwyn Reid Flury stated she did not recall a Josephine)

C. Octava Lassifine Reid was born circa 1876 and married Albert Cooper on 8 February 1893 in Bedford County. Two this union was born three children. 1. Oliver "Ollie" Stephenson Cooper was born on 26 March 1894 and died from an explosion at the age of 50 in Lewisburg, Marshall County on 25 November 1944. He was buried at the Swanson Cemetery in Lewisburg. He was a shoemaker and was married to Lucy Forsythe. His parents are listed as Albert Cooper and Lassie Reed. 2. Mary Lytle Cooper (died age 13) 3. Cecil Cooper (died in infancy) Octava Reid Cooper married second to Wilburn R. Garrett on 2 April 1908 in Bedford County (listed as W.R Garrett & L.O. Cooper) Two children were born to this union, Ernest and Nonnie Modena Garrett. They are listed in the 1920 Bedford County census as Wilburn R. and Lassie A. Garrette (Referred to as "Aunt Lassie" by Elwyn Reid Flury)

Elisha Crawford Reid married second to Mary Catherine “Kitty” Ralston on 11 December 1887 in Rutherford County, Tennessee. She was born in Tennessee on 6 January 1857 and died at the age of 68 of Myocarditis in Unionville, Bedford County on 26 June 1925(Death Certificate #291) Her parents were Robert Ralston and Minerva Manier. She is a sister to Susanna L. Ralston. To this union was born eight children:

D. Susanna Washington Reid was born in Bedford County on 24 September 1879 and died at the age of 67 at the Bedford County Hospital of “Malignant Hypertension/Chronic Myocarditis/Malignant Bladder on 8 March 1947. She is buried at Cedar Grove Cemetery (Death Certificate #4136) She married J. Ed Osteen on 5 September 1901 in Bedford County. To this union was born seven children: Leslie Reid Osteen, Herman Osteen, Theodore Francis Osteen, John Richard Osteen, Paul Osteen (died about 1943 in the service) Margaret Osteen, and Neal Osteen.

E. Dora Jane Reid was born on 29 August 1881 and died at the age of 86 in May 1967 in Parsons, Decatur Tennessee. She married George Wortham and to this union was born three children: Herbert Patterson Wortham, Charles Brister Wortham, and George Landis Wortham.

F. Lillie Pearl Reid was born circa 1884 and departed this life on Sunday, 20 September 1885 (Reid bible)

G. Alta Rebecca Reid was born was born on 19 April 1886 and died on 1 December 1977in Shelbyville. She married William Oscar Eads. They had an infant child who died at birth (See biography on Wm. O. Eads above)

H. Robert Crawford Reid was born on 1 February 1888 and died of a “Cerebral Hemorrhage-Hypertension” in Franklin County at the Emerald-Hodgson Hospital on 4 January 1954.

I. Emma Lee Reid was born on 14 February 1890 and died on 10 January 1981 and is buried at the Unionville Cemetery in Bedford County. She married Jason Landis Dickens (28 April 1890) and to this union was born three children: Beatrice Dickens, Edith Dickens, and Karen Dickens.

J. Maggie Madena Reid was born on 14 December 1891 and died in Bedford County, Tennessee at the age of 99 in February 1990. She married Amos Green and to this union was born three children: William Crawford Green, Benjamin Harold Green (d. December 1969) and Betty Ruth

Green.

K. William Arthur Reid was born 2 May 1896 and died circa 1932. He died at the age of 36.

3. Robert Crawford Reid was born on 1 February 1888 and died of a "Cerebral Hemorrhage-Hypertension" in Franklin County at the Emerald-Hodgson Hospital on 4 January 1954 (Death Certificate 54-02632) He married Margaret "Maggie" Eads on 18 June 1911 in Bedford County. He was a Methodist preacher. To this union was born eight children: Lewis Winston Reid, Dorothy Rebecca Reid, Mary Elwyn Reid, Gerald Crawford Reid, Clarice Pauline Reid, Emma Jean Reid, Robert Marion Reid, and William Elisha Reid (See biography of Maggie Eads and this family above)

Letter written by the Reverend Robert Crawford Reid describing his service years as a preacher

Dear Bother,

In answer to your letter received concerning my service years in the Methodist Presbyterian Church. I joined the Annual Conference of the Methodist Presbyterian Church in (the) fall of 1911. (I) served (the) Liberty Circuit in Rutherford County, Tennessee 2 years. In (the) fall of 1913 I went to Westminster, MD and attended grad school at Western, Maryland College. June 1914. Then in September (I) entered W.M. College, but did not stay the entire year as I became sick so (I) came back to Tennessee. In 1915 I was sent to the Backland Circuit in Kentucky, which belonged to (the) Tennessee Conference. At the end of that year I went under the direction of the Board of Home Missionary Methodist Presbyterian Church and was sent to Idabel, Oklahoma. It was there I was ordained Elder and sent to Mansfield, Arkansas in 1917-18; from there to Cauthron, Arkansas 1919. These appointments belong (the) Oklahoma Conference. In 1920 I served Bethlehem Church in Kansas; at that time near Pab (?) Kan. My father became ill. I returned to Tennessee and joined the M.E.S. (Methodist Episcopal Church South) in 1923. It appears he lists the number of years of service as follows: 2 years in Mansfield, Arkansas, 1 year in Cauthron, Arkansas, both which were in the Oklahoma Conference. 1 year at Bethlehem Church in the Kansas Conference.

Some Reid/Reed Census Information

The 1850 Rutherford County, Tennessee census, family #165 shows Robert Reed 54, Martha 36, Jane 20, Elisha 6, Henry 4, and Jerusha 1. Next door, family #166, is Mary Reed 76, born in Virginia, and William Reed 45, born in Tennessee and is listed as "Idiotic." This may be

Robert's mother and brother as she is living with him in 1860.

The 1860 Rutherford County, Tennessee census, Versailles P.O. shows Robt Reed 63, E. 46, E.J. 21, Jas/James 17. E. 15, H. 13, J. 11, M. 8, S. 6, Sam 4, J. 2, and Mary Reed 87.

The 1870 Rutherford County, Tennessee census, p. 382, family #168 shows Robert Reed 73 VA, Elvira 55 TN, James M. 27, Elisha C. 26, Harry P. 23, Minas C. 18, Syrena 15, Samuel C. 13, Jasper E. 11, and Mary J. Carson 32. Robert is listed as a farmer. His real estate is valued at \$15,000 and his personal estate is valued at \$6,000. I suppose that Mary J. Carson is Elvira's sister.

The 1880 Bedford County, Tennessee census, district 10, p 275 shows Elisha C. Reed 35, Mary C. 23, Mary T. 7, Josephine E. 5, and Susanna W. 8. Elisha is listed as a farmer.

The 1890 Census lists, for most states, were lost in a fire. An 1890 Veteran's Census was conducted to make up for the loss. On Ancestry.com there is a listing for an Elishe C. Reed from Bedford County, Tennessee. He may have served with Co. E, 10th Tennessee Infantry-U.S.

The 1900 Bedford County, Tennessee census, district 11, family #122 shows Elisha C. Reed 55, Mary C. 42, Susie W. 20, Dora J. 18, Alta B. 14, Robert C. 12, Emma L. 10, Maggie M. 8, and William A. 4. Both Elisha and Mary Catherine Ralston list their and their parent's place of birth as Tennessee. Mary states that at this time she is the mother of 8 children, with 7 living.

The 1910 Bedford County, Tennessee census, district 11, p. 3, family #53 shows Elisha C. Reed 65, Mary C. 53, Altarduca 24, Robert C. 22, Emma L. 20, Maggie M. 18, and William A. 13.

The 1920 Bedford County, Tennessee census, sheet 8 shows Elisha C. Reid 75, Mary C. 62 and William A. 23. Neither Elisha nor Mary is in the 1930 census as they both have passed away by that time.

The 1930 Franklin, Tennessee, Huntland census, sheet 2B, family #54 shows Robert C. Reid 42, Marguerite E. 38, Lewis W. 14, Dorothy R. 12, Mary E. 10, Gerald C. 7, Clarice P. 6, and Emma J. 2.

The 1920 Scott County, Arkansas census, sheet 1 shows Robert C. Reid 31, Margaret 28, Lewis W. 4, Dorothy R. 2, and Mary E. 1