



# William Preston Nuckols

Very little has been known about General William Preston Nuckols. I have been on the search for his connection to the family for years. My recent searching of the Nationwide Newspapers at ancestry.com has provided some great additional information to almost make the connection. I will begin by reprinting his biography which was in Bertha's book, and then add the information I have found.

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William Preston Nuckols was born in Atlantic City, New Jersey, April 13, 1905. He attended Swarthmore College and the University of Virginia Law School.

He entered the Air Corps as a flying cadet in June 1931. A year later he was graduated from flying school and was assigned to France Field, Panama Canal Zone, where he served as a pilot of a bombardment squadron. He is a Command Pilot He was assigned to Randolph Field, Texas, in 1938 as Flight Instructor and later was instrumental in a public relations program for aviation cadet procurement. In 1942 He was transferred to Washington, D. C., as Deputy Director of the War Department Bureau of Public Relations for Air.

General Nuckols was transferred to the European Theatre of Operations in 1943, as a member of the Plans Division of the Allied Expeditionary Air Force under Lieutenant General Hoyt S. Vandenberg. AEAFF coordinated the Air effort in connection with the Normandy invasion. General Nuckols returned to the U. S. in August, 1945, and in September, 1947, he was appointed Director of the Air Informational Division, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force at Washington, D. C. In August, 1949, he entered the Air War College at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama, and was graduated in July, 1950. General Nuckols was then assigned to the Far East Air Forces, Tokyo, Japan. As the Military Armistice Conference began in July 1951, in Kaesong, Korea, General Nuckols was appointed by General Matthew B. Ridgway as Official Spokes-

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**WWI DRAFT REGISTRATIONS UNKNOWN CONNECTIONS NEED HELP TO IDENTIFY**

CHARLES NUCKOLS born 9-22-1875 living 4/11/ Kingston Ave, Charlotte NC- Presiden of American Hardware Co at 215 W First St Charlotte, NC, name Mrs Charles Nuckols next of kin - signed 9/12/1918

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man, United Nations Command (Advance) in Korea He continued to serve in this capacity until designated by General Ridgway to attend the Japanese Peace Treaty Signing Conference in San Francisco as a Special Advisor to the U. S. Delegation. With the Korean Armistice negotiations stalemated, General Nuckols left the Far East in February, 1953, and rejoined General Ridgway at Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE). He assumed his present Command of the 33rd Air Division (Defense) On 28 July 1954.

General Nuckols has been awarded the Legion of Merit with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Bronze Star Medal with one Cluster, the French Crois de Guerre with palm, and the Belgian Croix de Guerre, the latter two for his services during World War II

He was married in 1933 to Miss Alice Browne, of Karnes City, Texas. He was promoted to First Lieutenant on 20 March 1939; to Captain on 1 February 1941; to Major on 1 February 1942; to Lieutenant Colonel on 20 July 1942; to Colonel on 12 December 1942; to Brigadier General on 4 October 1950.

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## **Trenton Evening Times Trenton New Jersey 13 Dec 1912**

### **Nuckols Divorce Is Recommended**

Advisory Master Joseph Thompson has filed his conclusions in the Court of Chancery is the divorce suit of William Preston Nuckols from his wife Amy Campbell Nuckols. He recommends that Mr Nuckols be granted the divorce on the grounds of infidelity and that his wife was unfit to care for their children by reason of her neglect and immoral conduct and excessive use of intoxicating liquors. The marriage was performed in New York but in 1904 moved to Atlantic City, where they now reside. Nuckols is 72 years old. Mrs Nuckols denied all of the charges of her husband and alleged that he was the backer of gambling houses in Atlantic City and that he was also backing race horses. Advisory Master Thompson recommends that the children of Mr and Mrs Nuckols be given to the care of the father, although the mother shall be afforded an opportunity to see them under proper regulations and at proper times. Mr Nuckols in his divorce suit named three correspondants, among them two musicians.

## **Trenton Evening Times Trenton New Jersey 10 Oct 1912**

### **Barred From Convent**

Atlantic City-In the endeavor to comply with an order of the court directing her to deliver her 4 year old daughter Muriel at the Convent of St Mary's in Plainfield, under penalty of contempt, Mrs Amy C Nuckols went there with the child at night. She now reports that the mother superior declined to receive the child. Mrs Nuckols, with the little girl arrived at a Plainfield hotel in a taxi-cab and had an altercation with the clerk, the result of which was the arrest of the mother and the confiscation of her pearl handled revolver. Mrs Nuckols and Muriel spent

the night in the captian's office in the police station. Mrs Nuckols was sued for divorce by W Preston Nuckols and the court ordered the two children taken to the convent during the litigation

**Atlantic City NJ- Mar 23, 1913** Mrs Amy Nuckols, divorced wife of W Presston Nuckols, wealthy sportsman, was jailed here Monday after she had been cited in contempt by Vice Chancellor Leamang for disobeying the court's order and kidnapping her four year old daughter Muriel from a convent at Marion, PA.... more

## **Elyria Evening Telegram Elyria Ohio 25 March 1913**

**Woman Trounces Officer of the Law- Divorced Wife of Wealthy Sportsman Is Taken Into Custody for Disobeying Court's Order in Kidnapping Her Child-Unable to Furnish Bail**

Mrs Amy Nuckols, divorced wife of W Preston Nuckols, wealthy sportsman, was jailed here Monday after she had been cited in contempt by the Vice Chancellor Leamang for disobeying the court's order and kidnapping her four year old daughter Muriel from a convent at Marion, PA. She was taken to the county jail at Mays Landing when nobody appeared to furnish her bail of \$500. Before she had been taken into custody, Mrs Nuckols defied a detail six deputy sheriffs. They finally surrounded the "Idyl Hour," her cottage in an exclusive section here. One of their number who was in charge stormed the front door. He found it locked and forced his way in. He was confronted by the aroused divorcee, who towered almost a foot above him. She was just reaching for a gun brought at her command by a maid. The sheriff grappled with her but he did not effect a capture until he had been subjected to a sound trouncing. She finally acknowledged service of the writ and was taken in a bus to headquarters and later on to the county prison. According to her story, Mrs Nuckols took advantage of the court's provision that she could see the two children, Presston Jr aged 8 and the daughter at a convent in Merion, Pa once a week and kidnapped the girl by slipping away from the sister who had her in charge and scaling the wall with the aid of a ladder. Then she boarded a milk wagon and drove for some distance until she came to an automobile that was waiting for her. In this she was driven to Philadelphia. This was on Friday night last. Saturday morning she boarded a train for New York and then to avoid suspicion left the train at its first stop and doubled on her tracks, taking a train for Atlantic City. The child had been hidden at "Idle Hour" since then.

## **Elyria Evening Telegram Elyria Ohio 07 June 1913**

**Racing Kings Wife Dies-Atlantic City NJ-**

Mrs Amy Nuckols, wife of the racing king was stricken with an attack of heart failure and died shortly after the arrival of

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her attending physician.

### **Stevens Point Daily Journal (Stevens Point, Wisconsin) 7 June 1913**

Death Takes Mrs Nuckols-Wife of Former Racing King Who Gained Much Notority in Divorce Suit, DiesAtlantic City New Jersey

-Mrs Amy Nuckols, wife of the former racing king, was stricken with an attack of heart failure and died shortly after the arrival of her attending physician. A report was circulated that Mrs Nuckols had ended her life with poison, but both her doctor and housekeeper, who were present at her bedside, deny this most emphatically. About five moths ago Mrs Nuckols gained much notoriety during the sensational divorce suit brought be her husband W Preston Nuckols

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1910 Atlantic City NJ

William P Nuckols, 60, married 3 times VA VA VA real estate business md 7y

Amy C, wife, 31, md 1x, 2 childre 2 living IRE IRE IRE

William P Nuckols, Jr, 5 NJ

Muriel 1 NJ

This is the only census (1910) I was able to find William Preston Sr. Since the newspaper gave his age as 72 in 1912 and the census as age 60 in 1910, we can only guess he was born between 1840 and 1850.

I believe this to be him in the 1880 Census:

1880 Henrico Co, Richmond, VA pg244c

**Preston Nuckols**, other, living in rooming house, age 35, VA VA VA

If his age of 72 in 1912 is correct, then he is the son of William H Nuckolls and Ann W Shearn who were married 11/6/1832 in Henrico Co, Va and appeared in the 1850 census as **William P Nuckolls** age 9. The problem now remains we do not know the parents of William H, b c1813. William H and a possible brother Thomas b c1813 both settled and lived side by side in Henrico Co, VA. So now that I found his parents and grandparents, I still don't have the connection. .... and the search continues.....

## ULMER JACKSON NUCKOLS

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Sent by Reita Childers. She found this in the Descendants of Johann Nicholas, Heinrich Kress 1978 Rowan Co, NC

Delma C Hall b 8/9/1910 married 3/6/1929 Verlon Jackson Griffin who died 1/13/1932. She then married Ulmer Jackson NUCKOLS 8/15/1935. Delma was the child of William Cyrus Hall and Fannie Clyde Poe

After some research, I was able to identify this person.

**ULMER JACKSON NUCKOLS** was born 10/10/1898 and was the child of Pouncey Nuckols and his third wife Mrs Mary L Page. (Pouncey was the son of Virgil Poet Nuckols and Agnes Griffin. ) Ulmer died 2/1987 in Taylor Co, Abeline, TX.

(He was emumerated in the census as Elmer J Nuckols)

## CD Project



This year we have added hundreds of new files to our CD. Thank you for the continued efforts of our members to send us documents.

You can see what is available on the version due out in Jan 2005 at <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~evilsizer/Cdcontents2.html>

We ask that you continue to send copies of Wills, Deeds, Letters, Probate, Indentures, Death Certificates, Marriage Certificates, and old family photos.

I have just finished scanning all of the available WWI Draft Registration Applications to the new CD

This CD project is really helpful for those needing documentation for their family.

## More Ship Arrivals

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Name: Mrs W C Nuckles  
Arrival Date: Mar 31 1885  
Age; 24  
Gender: Female  
Port of Departure: Haytian Corts & Port Lorndse  
Destination: USA  
Place of Origin: USA  
Ship Name: Alvo  
Port of Arrival: New York  
Line: 4  
Microfilm Roll: 484  
List No: 350

Name: Mr W Nuckolls  
Arrival Date: Nov 1, 1881  
Age; 25  
Gender: Male  
Port of Departure: Liverpool, Eng & Queenstown, Eng  
Destination: USA  
Place of Origin: England  
Ship Name: England  
Port of Arrival: New York  
Line: 17  
Microfilm Roll: 444  
List No: 1531

Name: W B Nuckles  
Arrival Date: Aug 4 1885  
Age; 52  
Gender: Male  
Port of Departure: Cathagena and Lemon  
Destination: Brooklyn, USA  
Place of Origin: USA  
Ship Name: Albano  
Port of Arrival: New York  
Line: 1  
Microfilm Roll: 488  
List No: 966

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### IRVING CHRISTIAN NUCKOLS

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Can someone help identify this Mary NUCKOLS?  
Mary E Nuckols born 12/1/1852 and died 6/30/1919 in Allen Co, KY.  
The informant was Irving Nuckols from Scottsville, KY.  
The known Irving Christian Nuckols does not seem to be connected.....  
(Next issue—news article on Irving Christian Nuckols)

### WWI Draft Registrations– Unidentified

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Dan Charles NUCKOLLS– Muskogee GA-Born 4-26-1895,  
single, no next of kin born GA

Delade NUCKOLLS-Fayette Co, PA-Born 3-4-1877 Nearest  
relative Phoebe Nuckolls, works Coal Co. (found in Fayette  
Co, VA 1920 Census born OH OH OH, wife Phoebe 40)

Frank Lorenzes KNUCKLES-Marion Co, IN-Born 6/17/1881  
living Indianapolis, carpenter for M J Roach Co, next of kin  
Mrs May Knuckles. (See 1930 Census Marion Co, IN on web  
site-children Oretha, Carl, Grace, and Lucille)

Luther D NUCKLES-Marion Co, IN-born 10/5/1892 Wash-  
ington Co, TN lives 125 McLean Place, Indianapolis. street  
car conductor, married, wife and child .

Joseph NUCKLES-Allegheny Co, PA-Born 2/13/1890 born  
Boughterhio?, PA lives on Dixon Ave East Pittsburgh, PA,  
machine helper for Westinghouse, single, one child. Probably  
the husband of Celia Nuckles in 1920 Allegheny Co, PA cen-  
sus , divorced, living with her brother Augusta Rogers and her  
daughter Ruth age 13.

Ray (or Roy) Everett NUCKOLLS-DeKalb Co, GA-Born  
1/17/1895 lives in stone mountain Ga, born Marietta Ga,  
farmer, single

# William Nuckles

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Portrait and biographical Album of Vermillion and Edgar Co, Illinois. Chicago; Chapman Bros 1889 pg 1048-1049-1050

William NUCKLES- There is nothing in the world more pleasant to contemplate than a well-spent life- the career of a man who has done good as he has had opportunity and who presents an example worthy of emulation. These thoughts involuntarily arise in reviewing the career of Mr Nuckles, a man scarcely having an enemy in the world and who is well spoken of by the people of his community. He is one of the pioneer settlers of this county, coming within its limits when it had been invaded by comparatively few white men and the greater portion of its land lay in its primitive condition. He came hither without resources other than his own resolute will and the habits of industry which had been taught to him from his childhood, but these proved the qualities most needed and which have enabled him to secure a good homestead and spend his later years in comparative ease. His farm comprises 160 acres of well-cultivated land on section 16, where Mr Nuckles has effected good improvements and added measurably to the taxable property of his township. Our subject is the offspring of an old New England family and the son of Robert Nuckles, a native of Virginia who, when a young man, emigrated to Mercer County Kentucky, where he was married. Later he removed to Vermillion County Indiana where he purchased land and sojourned a few years, then sold out and came to this county. Here he became the owner of land in Ross township, where he opened up a farm and was one of the first settlers in his neighborhood. Later he removed to a point on the State road north of Chrisman, where in connection with farming he opened his home to travelers and for several years officiated as "mine host". Finally selling out he removed to Ridge Farm and established a grocery business in connection with a meat market, which he conducted until once more selling out and removing to the vicinity of Urbana. In that vicinity he purchased another farm upon which he remained until his death, several years ago. He was for many years a member of the Presbyterian Church and prior to the war affiliated with the Democratic party. During the conflict between the North and the South, he considered that he had reason to change his political views and wheeled over into the Republican ranks. Mrs Rachel (Martin) Nuckles, the mother of our subject was a native of Rhode Island and died in Ross Township, this county, prior to the decease of her husband. They were the parents of eight children- Fanny, deceased; Jefferson, now a resident of Kansas; Elijah, deceased; William, the subject of this notice; John, living in Oregon; Rhoda, Mrs Loop of Metcalf; Rachel, living in Ridge Farm, this state; and James, a resident of Missouri. Jefferson and Elijah served as Union soldiers during the late Civil War. William, our subject was born in Montezuma, Vermillion County, Ind, Dec 9, 1829, and lived there with his parents until a lad of ten years. He then came with them to this county and was reared to manhood in Ross township. He remembers the time when wild game was plentiful and when he traveled with a sack of grain on his horses' back. He remained under the home roof until a youth of nineteen years, then starting out for himself, worked by the month for several years. IN 1849, our subject crossed the Mississippi into Jackson County Iowa, making the journey by team and purchased a claim. This subsequently he traded for a horse and resumed his labors of farming for other parties one year, then went south into Mississippi. He chopped wood there during one winter and in the spring came up the river prepared to establish a home of his own. On the 7th of Feb 1850, he was married in Ross township to Miss Elizabeth Pierce; this lady was born in Vermillion County Ind and only survived her marriage but a brief time; dying in 1853. Of this union there were born two children- Caroline who is now the wife of Mr Brownfield of Missouri and Lucretia who died when about fourteen years old. From this time on until 1859 Mr Nuckles engaged in farming on rented land in this township, but that year purchased his present farm which was then a tract of school land without any improvements. In the meantime, he had been married again. Nov 8, 1855 in Prarie township to Miss Elizabeth, daughter of Edmund Clark, a native of Vermont. Mr Clark left the Green Mountain State at an early day, emigrating to Fleming County Kentucky, where he sojourned until 1831. That year, coming to Illinois, he entered a tract of land in Prarie township, this county, upon which he labored very successfully and became well-to-do and the owner of a large extent of land. He had married Miss Nancy Graves a native of Virginia and whose father emigrated to Kentucky, where he engaged in farming and met his death at the hand of Murrell's gang, who at the time were committing many acts of violence in that region. Mrs Nuckles father died in Prarie township, and the mother some years after in the same place. She was a woman of many estimable qualities and a member of the Baptist Church. Her family consisted of eight children- Alex, deceased; Mary, a resident of Oregon; Marinda, in Kentucky; Susan living in Edgar Co, ILL; Elizabeth, Mrs Nuckles; Emily, deceased; James, a resident of Chrisman and Lucy, residing in Prarie township. Mrs Nuckles was born in Fleming County Kentucky April 4, 1827 and was four years old when her parents came to this state. She remained under the home roof until her marriage and by her union with our subject has become the mother of nine children. The eldest, a daughter Mary is the wife of H Wood, a well-to-do farmer of Ross Township; Dorinda is at home with her parents; Charles married Miss Laura Womack and is farming in Bruelett township; Edgar married Miss Jennie Blackburn and is engaged in hop-raising in Oregon; John died when a child; William is farming in Ross township; Albert, Nannie and James H remain under the parental roof. ON the 7th of March 1865 Mr Nuckles laid aside his personal interests in order to assist in the preservation of the Union. Enlisting in Company G, 28th Illinois Infantry, he was mustered into service at Danville, soon after which the regiment was sent south to Mobile. Next they were ordered to Ft Balkely and from there into Texas. At Brady's Island, our subject was taken ill and confined in the hospital for some time. Upon his recovery he was assigned to the duty of a nurse in the hospital at Sedgwick, LA and was thus occupied until being mustered out at Springfield, Ill. He received his honorable discharge in April 1866. Upon his return from the army, Mr Nuckles resumed in earnest the cultivation of his land and effecting the much-needed improvements



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Nuckles, Knuckles***

## William Nuckles (continued)

around his homestead. He is a warm advocate of temperance and some since time allied himself with the Prohibition Party. Both he and his excellent wife are active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Mt Olive and Mr Nuckles contributed liberally toward the erection of a church office. He has officiated as Steward and Trustee, also as Class-Leader and for some time has been Superintendent of the Sunday School. Although his life has been comparatively uneventful, he has ever maintained that uniform regard to duty and principle which have had a sensible influence upon those around him. His land is largely devoted to the raising of grain and he is especially interested in god horses, of which he owns about fifteen head, mostly draft animals. He uses two teams in his farm operations

NUCKLES, William - Absent, sickness Enlisted as a Private on 08 March 1865 Enlisted in Company G, 28th Infantry Regiment Illinois on 08 March 1865 absent sick at m. o. of regt. Pension App#980532 filed 12/20/1890 Widow Elizabeth Nuckles app# 55140 filed 7/12/1892 Attested H Stubbs

**(William is grandson of Robert Nuckles who md Fannie Whitten born c 1780 and died 9/13/1826 in Mercer Co, KY. Robert has not been identified and connected to our family tree.**

The following clues have been found:

Amherst Co, VA

**6 Sep 1805.** Heirs of JER. WRITTEN dec'd, AC WM NOWELL & wife LUCINDA, ROB. NUCKLES and wife FRANCES, JAS FRANKLIN & wife NANCY, JAS. BIAS & wife ELIZ., TABITHA WRITTEN, Mercer Co, KY and her guadian WM WRITTEN, to BENJ NOWELL same Co. & state" for \$83.33 50 acres Thomas Mill Creek; survey of 11 oct 1802. Lines: SAML NICELY. Part of Tract. Wit: THOS. N. EUBANK, THOS. GOODRICH, CHAS. DAVIS, BENJ. SHAKELFORD pg 300

**30 Sep 1806** JAS. FRANKLIN, acting for EDMD. BOLES & wife TABITHA, to RO. NUCKLES, AC, for 58 pounds. part of tract of JER. WRITTEN, dec'd. Lines: CHAS. DAVIES, BENT? SHAKELFORD, JNO SLEDD. 90 acres by division at WHITTEN's death to daughter, TABITHA. Pg 475

**28 July 1806** EDM BOLES and wife Tabitha, Mercer Co, KY, Power of Atty to James Franklin, AC- to convey to RO KNUCKLES, AC 90 acres, Liner? Charles Davies N, Jno Sled on N. Bequeathed to Tabith by father Jer WHITTEN. Wit: Ro B Wafer, J Woods, Jno Hoggin, Arbd Bilbo, JP's Thomas Allen, Clk, 9-15-1806