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John R Knuckles, son of Bobby

It has been thought for a number of years that John Knuckles, son of Bobby from Bell County Kentucky, had died young, possibly of tuberculosis, because it ran in his family and he was never found in the 1880 census records. To this day, he has not been found in the 1880 census.

Let this be a good lesson in genealogy 101 to carefully read all of your documents when you are looking for clues. Finding John R Knuckles was as easy as reading the World War I Draft Registration Card for his son Benjamin Franklin, naming his next of kin as John Knuckles in Madison Indiana. He signed the application in 1918 which confirmed he was alive as late as this application.

There had been an "unconnected" John Knuckles in the 1900, 1910 and 1920 census records which we have now learned that he not only had six more wives after Mattie, as well as additional children, but died

in Jefferson County, Madison Indiana in 1922.



John R Knuckles and Louisa Perkins were the parents of John Riley Knuckles, confirmed by his death certificate who died in Henry Co, Middleton, IN. A marriage record was never found for John and Louisa Perkins., but his namesake was born Jan 17, 1877. We know that Mattie married her second husband Ceborn Chavies Jan 3 1876. (story is also in this issue).

By 1885 John had moved to Decatur County Indiana where he married Sarah Jane Gosnell Sept 24, 1886. They must have met around 1880 because his son by Sarah , Frank Lorenzo Knuckles was born June 17, 1881 in Decatur Co, IN. (His death certificate confirms his parents) John and Sarah were divorced in Sept Of 1887 and John married again to Susan Pavey Dec 22, 1888 in Decatur Co, IN. I might add that all of these marriage certificates name Johns parents as Robert Knuckles and Margaret Hendrickson.

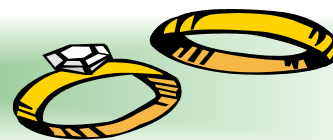
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Martha "Mattie" Hoskins

Martha Hoskins, first wife of John R Knuckles, remarried Ceborn D Chavies. It was difficult to make this connection because the 1880 census writing looked like the surname was "THAYERS". The name Chavies is sometimes mistaken as "Showers" which sent me on a wild goose chase, but later was able to confirm this connection from a descendant. Ceborn Chavies. Ceborn Chavies was the brother of Edward Douglas Chavies, both children of Nicholas P

Chavies and Elizabeth Charles from North Carolina. Edward Douglas Chavies was the father of Bertha who married George Matt Knuckles. This George Matt Knuckles was the son of Gabriel Knuckles and his cousin Martha Knuckles. Further research indicates that George was married prior to Bertha, as he has a son named Marshall born Mar 26, 1904. George and Marshall both moved to Cincinnati Ohio where they died. Marshalls marriage certificate dated 9/6/1926 in Harlan Co, KY names his father as George M Knuckles and his mother as Sarah. (no last name)

John R Knuckles (cont)



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John divorced Susan in Dec of 1898. John wasted no time in marrying Eliza Abbott in Sept of 1899 but divorced her also in June of 1900. He marries again to Mrs Lavonia F Johnson (Mrs Ford) Dec 5 1900. He divorces her Oct 23, 1901 and the following item appears in the local newspaper:

*Greensburg Daily News, Nov 1, 1901
Need Not Apply*

Mrs Lavonia Knuckles has been granted a divorce from her liege lord, John Knuckles, the man of many wives. It will be remembered that they were married in the city last fall and that John had a hard time to secure a preacher to tie the matrimonial knot, as he had so many divorced wives scattered around the country. The next time that John Applies for a marriage license he should be treated to a coat of tar and feathers. Our courts are not organized for the express purpose of unraveling all the matrimonial entanglements of one John Knuckles in order that he can seek other widows by his blandishments.

He evidently "got the message" because in 1903 he deeded his land to his son Frank Lorenzo and moved to Jefferson Co, Madison Indiana. I had thought this land might be from John's cousin Martha, but could not prove the connection.

Deed Book 53 Page 522 Decatur Co, IN
This indenture witnesseth that Martha J Lewis and her husband Theo Lewis of Bell County in the State of Kentucky convey and warrant to John R Knuckles of Decatur County in the State of Indiana for the sum of Four Hundred Dollars the following real estate in Decatur County in the State of Indiana to wit: Lot No. Nine (9) in Burney Indiana. IN witness whereof the said Martha J Lewis and Theo Lewis have hereunto set their hands and seal this 28th day of March A.D. 1903. Martha J Lewis (Seal) Theo Lewis (Seal)
State of Kentucky}

Bell County } SS

Before me E E Hurst , Clerk, i and for said County this the 28th day of March A.D. 1903 Martha J Lewis and Theo Lewis acknowledged the execution of the annexed deed.

Witnessed my hand and seal this the 28th day of March 1903. E E Hurst, Clerk (Seal)
Recorded August 10, A.D. 1903 at 11 a.m.,
Aaron Parker, Recorder.

It seems John had no more children after Frank Lorenzo.

John appeared in both the 1910 and 1920 census in Madison, IN listed as a widower and living alone. We had thought he must have married again because of the information on his death certificate as follows:

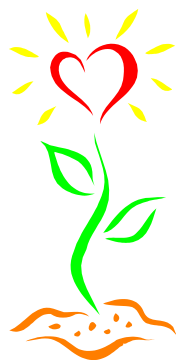
Jefferson Co, Madison, Indiana
John R Knuckles
age about 75
Widower
Date of Death 1/7/1922
Place of death: Jefferson Co, near N Madison, IN
Cause of Death: Cerebral Hemorrhage
Certified by Carol Henning
Place of Burial: Springdale Cemetery
Date of Burial 1/11/1922
Filed 1/7/1922 Bk 8 Pg58
Place of Birth; Kentucky
Occupation-Broommaker
Wife's name: Sallie Knuckles
Fathers name: Robert Knuckles born Virginia
Mother name: Peggie Hendricks born Kentucky.

I had an extensive search done in Jefferson County for the years 1903 thru 1922 and found no additional marriage for John. The only thing I can figure naming a wife Sallie is that he still held a "soft-spot" in his heart for Sarah Gossnel, the mother of Frank.

He is buried in Madison in Springdale Cemetery and I am trying to get a photo of his tombstone, but this is the most recent correspondence that I have:

"The good news is that the Springdale Sexton called me back and he has a record of John R. Knuckles being buried in Plat I, lot 83 in the cemetery book. Now for the bad news – on his plat map, there is no one identified as buried in that location. He and his helper have walked that whole section trying to find a stone with no luck.

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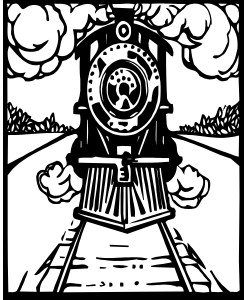


"Should be treated to a coat of tar and feathers"

John R Knuckles (Continued)

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What he would like to know now is: Is there any other individual John Knuckles might be buried beside? He says the book does indicate he was buried 01/11/1922 – which agrees with the information you provided but his plat map (which according to him is the gospel of where people are buried) has no record of him.



John's namesake, John Riley Knuckles, his son by Louisa Perkins moved to Vigo County, Indiana and married Clara May Weaver. They were both killed instantly in an auto accident Jan 3, 1930 in Henry Co, Montgomery, IN

Anderson Daily Record, Madison Co, Anderson, Indiana Jan 4 1930

Two Killed in Crash At Middletown
John Knuckles and Wife Died When Train Struck Automobile

Crossing Signals Were In Operation
Attempt Made By Garage Man To Halt Sedan Before Collision

Funeral Services For Victims Will Be Held Sunday Afternoon At Church in Edinburg, Indiana Middletown, Jan 4- Mr and Mrs John Knuckles, both age 55 residing four miles southeast of Middletown, were instantly killed at 9 p.m. Friday when a Ford sedan driven by Mr Knuckles was struck and demolished by a west-bound Pennsylvania passenger train at the Eighth Street crossing here. The body of Mrs Knuckles hurled under the wheels of the locomotive was badly mangled. The body of Mr Knuckles caught on the pilot of the engine, was carried a distance of 150 feet before dropping off to one side. Mr and Mrs Knuckles, residing on a farm in the White Union neighbor-

hood, two miles east of Mechanicsburg, had visited at the home of Frank Zile on north Eighth Street, here, and were enroute to the local high school building to call for Lucille Knuckles, a daughter, who was attending the Middletown Mt Summitt basketball game. Harry Kerlin, an employee of the Middletown Motor Company, a witness of the crash, stated that he saw the car as it approached the crossing and he made an attempt to attract Mr Knuckles attention and have him stop the machine. Flasher signals at the Eighth Street crossing were in operation, Kerlin stated, and the locomotive whistle was blown as the train approached the crossing. The pilot of the engine was wrecked by the force of the collision and the train was brought to a halt in a distance of about 200 yards. The bodies were first removed to the morgue of Ralph Niblock, Henry county coroner, who investigated the fatal crash. The bodies were later taken to the Elmer S Albright establishment at Anderson. Funeral services will be conducted Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Methodist Episcopal church in Edinburg. The Knuckles family had resided in the south part of Fall Creek township for several years, and Mr and Mrs Knuckles were members of the First M E Church here. Surviving are two daughters, Lucille, at home, and Mary residing at 207 West Twelfth Street, Anderson. View of the Pennsylvania railroad tracks to the southeast of the Eighth street crossing here is reported to be partially obstructed by a coal shed adjacent to an elevator. The crossing has been the scene of several crashes, most notable of which was on Dec 24 1922 when Vernon Edwards, Middletown manufacturer was instantly killed and the late I F Hahn, former superintendent of local schools was seriously injured.

"Killed instantly by west-bound Pennsylvania passenger train"

John Henderson "Hence" Knuckles

Amazing things happen when we receive copies of a death certificate. I had been trying to locate the parents of Robert B Knuckles born KY 1873 who shows up in census record in Chalk Bluff Arkansas from 1900 to 1930. I was trying to connect him using a Knuckles named William who just happened to be in the same County in 1900 and both married the same month in Dunlin Co, MO in 1893., but was never able to confirm the relationship. Robert B Knuckles death certifi-

cate says his father was "Hence" Knuckles and he did not know his mother according to the informant W R Knuckles of Pollard Arkansas. Since Hence was first married to Betsy Honneycutt and their last child was born in 1874, Hence had a son name Robert B Knuckles born Mar 14 1873 in Bell Co, KY. Robert was never located in 1880, probably living with his mother, taking a name of the head of house. Hence married Elizabeth

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Robert B Knuckles son of John Henderson "Hence" Knuckles

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Brock around 1876 as their first child was born Mar 14, 1877, seems these two sons had the same birthday of March 14th....

Robert B Knuckles married S M Massie in 1893 in Dunlin Co, MO. He married a Nellie Jane prior to 1900 and again to a Mary Agnes before 1903. He named all of his sons with names beginning with the letter "R" for some reason. Robert, Raymond, Ralph and Roy. Robert died in Clay Co, Chalk Bluff Arkansas Dec 2 1930 and is buried in Gravel

Hill Cemetery.

My plans are to send to Dunklin Co, Missouri to locate his marriage records. Maybe we will be able to find the name of his mother.

Hence Knuckles had ten children by Elizabeth Brock, six with Betsy Honneycutt and so far one other, Robert B.

Joseph Pryor Nuckols

Recent newspaper articles found in the Dallas Morning news was able to complete the missing information in the family of Joseph Pryor Nuckols. Joseph had a distinguished military history that can be read on the NWKS website. We know he had a son Joseph Jr "Jodi" and a daughter Mary with his second wife Caron Donaldson, and a daughter Lulie with his first wife Linda Carr, but nothing more was known about these children until recently.

Daughter Lulie M married Will A Watkin in Dallas who was a very famous world-known music director and organist. They had children Madie, Robert Nuckols, Shannon Ross and Lucile D Watkin. He left a large estate of \$13,000 to his wife and children, Madie Ingram, Robert N and Lucille McGaffey. Son Shannon Ross died 5/17/1913. Will Watkin died April 14, 1934 in Dallas. Lulie died Sept 9., 1937 in Dallas.

Joseph's son Joseph Jr married Lola Horwell McMillan June 7 1903 in Hillsboro, Texas. She was the daughter of Sterling and Ida McMillan. They are found in the 1910 census with no children, but she filed for divorce on May 10, 1910. He may have died prior to 1920 as no further record is found of Joseph jr.

Joseph's daughter and sister to Joseph Jr was Mary Murrell born Jan 1880 in Barren Co, KY. She married Horace Beckley Wil-

liams June 30, 1900 in Cleburne Texas. He was probably the son of William found in Dallas in the 1880 Census. Mary and Horace moved to Los Angeles, Calif some time before 1910 where they died. Horace died Jan 16 1952 and Mary Murrell died Feb 10, 1933. The following obit was found:

Dallas Moring News 2/13/1933

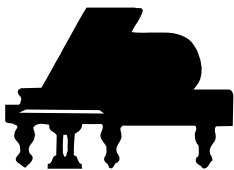
Mrs Horace Williams Dies on West Coast

Word was received in Dallas Sunday of the death Friday in Los Angeles of Mrs Horace Williams, 53, formerly of Dallas. Mrs Williams was a native of Kentucky, daughter of the late Major Gen and Mrs J T Nuckols, but had lived in Dallas before going to California. While in this city she married Horace B Williams, son of the late Col and Mrs W L Williams. Surviving are her husband; a brother, Joseph T Nuckols Jr, San Antonio and a half sister Mrs Will A Watkins, Dallas.

She was found living with her sister Lulie and Will Watkins in Dallas in 1900 just prior to her marriage to Horace.

Madie Watkin married Fred B Ingram and died 10/28/1934.

Robert Nuckols Watkin married Martha Easley Aug 17, 1922 and died Dec 11, 1973. His son was Rev Robert Nuckols Watkin Jr who was pastor for the Presbyterian Church in Dallas.

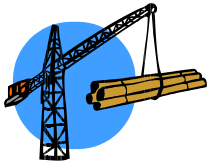


Samuel Nuckolls friend of Andrew Carnegie



FACTS:

1. This Samuel Nuckolls has never been located in any Census
2. There is not Samuel Nuckolls in any census who was born in Scotland
3. The passenger manifest of the ship that Andrew Carnegie came to America on from Scotland shows no person named Samuel or Nuckolls.
4. There is no Samuel Nuckolls born in Scotland who shows up in any US record.
5. No Nuckolls family other than Ezra & Heath Nuckolls family settled in Nebraska.
6. No Nuckolls were found in Pittsburgh Pennsylvania while the Carnegies lived there.



The Morning Herald, Lexington, Kentucky

September 13, 1903 Carnegie's Boy Chum Caught by Swindlers

Among the Nebraska victims of Daniels & Co, the New York "bankers" raided a few days ago by the police is Samuel Nuckolls, of Kenesaw Nebraska, who for old friendship's sake, is given a pension of \$500 a year by Andrew Carnegie. Nuckolls' parents brought him from Scotland when he was a little boy. On the same boat was Andrew Carnegie, at that

time also a small boy. The two children became greatly attached to each other during the voyage and when the parents of each discovered they were bound for Pittsburgh, they also became friends. The boys kept up their friendship after Pittsburg was reached and during the early years when they both were forced to work hard, frequently divided salaries with each other when necessary. The Nuckolls' decided to come west to seek their fortune, locating in Nebraska. He homesteaded a quarter section and for many years prospered. Carnegie remained in the East and in time reached his present position. But the two men continued their friendship and kept up a correspondence. Ten years ago the drouths came and farmers in Western Nebraska met with such reverses that many lost their all. Among these was Mr Nuckolls, Shortly afterwards, in writing to Carnegie, Nuckolls told of his loss. Immediately the steel king arranged to pay his boyhood friend a pension of \$500 per year during the balance of life. It is supposed that newspaper advertizements induced Mr Nuckolls to invest with Daniels & Co, Denver News.

One of these unsolvable mysteries!!

Who Are These Unidentified Folks?

Lewis Nuckles age 27 born Amherst Co, VA married Mary A Powell age 23 born Nelson Co, VA July 14 1860 in Greenbrier WV. Lewis names his mother a Frances and his father as Lewis. Can he be a son of Lewis Nuckles who married Parenthia Tyler? This Lewis was old enough to have been married prior to Parenthia. The 1860 census was enumerated one month later and these two are not found.

The New Mexican, El Capitan NM 12/27/1900

El Capitan, formerly owned by the Alamo-gordo Printing Co and published at El Capitan, Lincoln County, has been sold to C G NUCKOLS who has been its editor for some time..

(Census checked and gave me o clues)

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New Photo Web Site



The MyFamily page was incorporated without our consent into a new site called myheritage. They give you two years to "migrate" to the new site. Since this site costs \$50 per year we require people to be a member of the Nuckolls Society in order to access it with a secure password, I plan on discontinuing the my-family site altogether. The past six months I have taken all of the photos and posted them to our new location.

You can find it at

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~nuck141/Scrapbook.html>

Please continue to submit your photos to me and I will upload them. Rootsweb freepages gives us unlimited storage space.



The tombstone photos located at the my-family site will be transferred to the new web site also, but I have just begun and plan on finishing before our next renewal is due for the myfamily site. It is about 11 months, as it just renewed.

The tombstone photos will be added to the current cemetery page as "pop-ups", just as the family photos. In the past, we have only listed transcriptions for those with the surname Nuckolls, but with the new site, I will also include descendants of Nuckols. If you have any photos of tombstones that are not on the myfamily site, please submit them to me.

**Submit Family Photos and
Tombstone Photos to
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