

# Ozark County Reader

## The Willhoit Family

By Mrs. Clemmie Jones  
"My grandfather Willhoit was named Alfred and he married Lydia Phillips and to this union were born Tom and James (my father). When my grandmother died, grandfather married again and to this union were born John, who was later a minister and at last report was in California, and Jane (Willhoit) Blair, Catherine (Willhoit) Mullins, and Martha (Willhoit) Echem. Uncle Tom married and had one girl, Gladys (Willhoit) Leighton. Uncle Tom's wife died and he married again and lived on a farm close to Nashville. All of the children of grandfather Willhoit were born near Chat-

anooga, Tenn.

"James Washington Willhoit, my father, was born in 1850 and he was married to Elizabeth Griffith who was born in Ark. To this union were born John Robertson, Alfred Rolla, Thomas Benton, George Washington, Clemmie, and Joseph Sherman. All were born near Lufkin and lived there most of their lives.

"John married Janie Wallace and to them were born Alta (Mrs. Sanford), Allie (Mrs. Michelena), Cora (Mrs. Miller), Etzel, and Clemmie (Mrs. Miller).

"Alfred was married to Budie Reich and to them was born one son, Louis.

"Thomas was married to Mary Ann Jones and to them were born Palmer, Herschel and Alma. Herschel and Alma died while young. Palmer married Murrill Roberts and to them was born

one son, Tom.

George was married to Clara Brewer and to them were born Beulah, Opal, Willard, Conley, Howard, Mildred, Helen and Joan. Beulah married Carl Herndon and they have a daughter, Juanita. Opal married Joe Young and they have a son, Donald. Willard married and had one girl. He had to go to service and was killed in France. His wife and daughter live in St. Joseph. Conley was married in California and has two children, Norma and Tommy. Howard married Mae Sallee and they have a son, George. Howard was a minister and died young. Mildred married Earl Watson. Helen married in California and they have two children. Joan married Mr. Livingston and they have two boys, Dennis and Douglas.

"Clemmie was married to Charles E. Jones April 14, 1904, and to this union were born Tilford, Gladys, Muriel, Paul, Alton, Ruth, Hazel, and Veri. Tilford married Flossie Derrick and has a son, Gary. Gladys married Dallas Roberts and has the following children, Harold, Kay, Betty (Mrs. Ciger), Joan, Sonja (Mrs. Burgener), and Don. Muriel married Elmo Parker and has one son, Charles. Paul married Opal Roberts and has three sons, Kendall, Wendell, and Darrell. Alton married Letha Chapman and has three children, Lynn, Vonda and Connie. Ruth married Jack Brewer and to them were born Bill, Muriel, Carol. Hazel married Hughie Penrod and to them were born Lana and Martha. Vera married Lloyd Wallace and they have three sons, Ronald, Randy and Reginald.

"My uncle Joseph Sherman Willhoit married Beatie Fulton and to them were born Lowell, Lois (Mrs. Blackburn) and Vera (Mrs. Ashford).

"My father, James Washington Willhoit, left Chattanooga, Tenn., when he was sixteen years old and came to Missouri to homestead. He never went back to Tennessee to live but did go on visits. Once he took all of his family (except Joe and me, for we were not born yet), in a new Springfield wagon, pulled by a team of big mules. He told me that when he would

he was coming to a river, I would scare him so much. He would spend a miserable time getting across because there were no bridges, though there were some ferries.

"He used to speak of the waist high grass and he told us about one time when a black snake got after him when he went out to catch the mules so he could plow. The snake got after him and he threw rocks at it but it got so close that he ran and then every so often he would stop and try to kill it but he did not succeed. One morning when he went to get his mules and was carrying a halter with a black leather rein, he looked back and saw what he thought was a black snake so he ran and then when he looked back again he saw it was only the halter rein.

"My mother and father would walk fifteen miles to Mt. Lebanon to church. They would go up on Saturday and come back on Sunday or Monday. It was the first General Baptist Church organized in the area. My father loved to sing and knew lots of songs like "Six Feet of Earth Makes Us All One Sae," and "Little Log Cabin" and lots of others."

## CHARITY Pearlie Poe

We had some showers but need more.

James L. Anderson is here visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jim Morrow and being about the ranch. He has been having more fencing done.

Claude Robbins is working at Oakland, Ark.

Dean Shaw has returned home from California.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Poe, Judy and Linda Wallace visited the Cleo Poe home recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Toney Jenkins have gone to Michigan to visit their son, Rex and family, also Toney's brother, Quincy and Willie and families.

Pearlie Poe visited Mollie

# PUBLIC SALE

On Randall Yet Leftis Place. Go north from Galmsville on E Highway 9 miles, then 2 1/2 miles on N Highway and 3/4 mile east on county road, follow signs,

## SATURDAY, JULY 2

SALE CALLED AT 10 A. M.

### — HOUSEHOLD ITEMS —

- 15-FT. COLDSPOT DEEP FREEZER
- 12 CU. FT. HOT POINT REFRIGERATOR
- HOT POINT ELECTRIC STOVE
- GAS COOK STOVE AND 150 GAL. TANK
- CHEROME DINETTE TABLE AND 6 CHAIRS
- 2-PIECE LIVING ROOM SUITE
- 2 END TABLES AND 2 LAMPS
- 3 COFFEE TABLES
- 21-INCH AIRLINE TV WITH 40-FT. MAST
- 3-PIECE WALNUT BEDROOM SUITE WITH BOX SPRINGS AND AIR FOAM MATTRESS
- HOLLOWWOOD BED WITH SERTA MATTRESS
- SPEED QUEEN RINGER WASHER

### — STOCK —

- 6-YR.-OLD JERSEY COW WITH CALF
- 18-MONTH - OLD HEIFER; FAT SW; FEEDER PIG

### — FISHING, GEER AND GUNS —

- 14-Ft. Marine Plywood Boat and Trailer. Jigs, Lanterns, Rods and Reels and Fishing Geer.
- 22 GAUGE SAVAGE AUTOMATIC SHOTGUN
- 22 CALIBER WINCHESTER 63 RIFLE
- Garden Equipment and a Number of Items too Numerous to Mention.

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