

Family, LA, Winn, James ASA BRYANT

James ASA BRYANT and Sarah Bedgood BRYANT

LEWIS FRANKLIN BRYANT migrated to the colonies from Ireland about 1729. He left a will made out to his wife and children in 1794, probably about the time of his death. It was recorded in Kershaw district Co. S.C. in 1794. He and his wife had these children: **EDMOND BRYANT, LEWIS BRYANT, WILLIAM BRYANT, AMBROSE BRYANT, RICHARD BRYANT, SUSANNAH BRYANT** and **HANNER BRYANT**.

This Louisiana line descended from his son **AMBROSE** and his wife **MARY BRYANT**, of S.C. **AMBROSE** migrated from S.C. to Monroe Co., Alabama about 1819-20. His children were: **LEWIS FRANKLIN BRYANT, SENTHA BRYANT, ASA B. BRYANT, TRAVIS BRYANT, JAMES BRYANT** and **MARY BRYANT**. Then from **AMBROSE** son, **ASA B. BRYANT** and his wife **EMILEY C. HICKS**, daughter of **JEREMIAH K. HICKS**, came these 18 children, of Ala.: **MARY AMANDA BRYANT, SICILY BRYANT, ANNIE ANGELINA BRYANT, AMBROSE MADISON BRYANT, ASA JONES BRYANT, JEREMIAH W. BRYANT, ARENA REBECCA BRYANT, NANCY BRYANT, JAMES B. BRYANT, SEMENCIA LIVILLIA BRYANT, EDMOND BRYANT, SUSANNA E. BRYANT, ISAIAH BRYANT, AUGUSTINE AMERICUNS BRYANT, HANNER BRYANT, SOFRONA NARCISSA BRYANT, and GOLDEN DELANE LEBERT BRYANT**.

ASA B. BRYANT was a cotton planter and owned many hundreds of acres of land in Monroe County, Alabama. But the civil war took away the Bryant's wealth in money and slaves, and left him land poor. **ASA B.** (1800-1863) and Emily (1805-1875) were both born in South Carolina and died in Alabama. **ASA B.**'s son **ASA JONES BRYANT** (born 1829, Alabama - died 1869, Louisiana) was married to **MARY DRUNETTA STEVENS** on April 12, 1853 in Alabama. She was from Georgia. **ASA JONES BRYANT, AMBROSE MADISON BRYANT** and **JEREMIAH W. BRYANT** came to Louisiana in 1850.

JAMES ASA MADISON BRYANT (called Jim) born October 20, 1858, died December 29, 1928. He was born in Winn and died at Hargis, Louisiana in Grant Parish. He was married to **SARAH ELIZABETH ANN BEDGOOD**, of Goldonna, Louisiana, on January 23, 1879. She was the daughter of **JOHN BEDGOOD** and **SARAH TAYLOR**. She was born February 22, 1859 and died April 4, 1926. **JAMES ASA MADISON BRYANT** had a brother that died very young. His father, **ASA JONES BRYANT**, and uncle, **AMBROSE MADISON BRYANT** were Civil War veterans. They enlisted at Monroe, Louisiana. **ASA JONES BRYANT** died soon after the war and his brother **AMBROSE MADISON BRYANT** (called Mat) of Coldwater raised his son **JAMES ASA MADISON BRYANT**.

JAMES ASA MADISON BRYANT and **SARAH E. ANN BEDGOOD** had ten children: **JAMES WILLIAM BRYANT**, born October 15, 1881 in Winn Parish, died November 24, 1961 at Hargis, married **OLLIE MCLLWAIN**; **FANNIE BRYANT**, who died very young; **JOHN HENRY BRYANT**, born March 18, 1884, died January 18, 1957, Hargis, Louisiana, married **AUDIE LOVELL**; **GEORGE HARRISON BRYANT**, born January, 1886, died May 14, 1906, Hargis - married **MINNIE BOX**; **LETHIA BRYANT**, born September 19, 1888, died July 29, 1961 at Winnfield, married **RAY ALLEN**; **NIECIS BRYANT**, born September 22, 1890, died February 23, 1975 at Pineville - married **SIDNEY G. WILLIAMS**; **VISIE ELIZABETH BRYANT**, born September 1, 1894, died December 18, 1979 - married **WILLIAM L. REEVES**; **JESSIE LEE BRYANT**, born September 1, 1896, died November 16, 1960 at Hargis - married **ADDIE LOU GATLIN**; **VIVIAN BRYANT**, born December 8, 1899, died 1982 at Colfax - married **JIM JACKSON**; and **EDWARD DELEON BRYANT**, born August 4, 1902, died February 1984, Hargis - married **LOTTIE BROWN**.

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JAMES ASA and **SARAH BRYANT**'s eighth child, **JESSIE LEE**, and his wife, **ADDIE LOU GATLIN**, had four children: **HERSHEL LEE BRYANT**, born April 28, 1918, married **EDNA MAE VAIL** on October 5, 1940 at Atlanta, Louisiana in Winn Parish; **J. W.**, born November 15, 1920, married **RUTH RACINE**; **BESSIE LOUISE**, born November 6, 1925, married **OSCAR LONNIE YOUNG**; **DAVID GAIL**, born December 18, 1939, married **LAVERNE CORMAN**.

The oldest son of **JESSIE LEE BRYANT** and **ADDIE LOU BRYANT** was **HERSHEL LEE BRYANT**, and he married **EDNA M. VAIL** and they had five children: **GERALD LEE BRYANT**, born October 9, 1942, Winnfield – married **LINDA ANN WILLIAM** of Houston, Texas; **LESSIE MAE BRYANT**, born December 6, 1943, Winnfield, married **CHARLES S. CARPENTER**, Winnfield; **WILLIAM DALE BRYANT**, born January 1, 1950, Winnfield – married **DEE ORFANOS**, New Jersey; **MARY NELL BRYANT**, born May 27, 1951, Winnfield – married **DAVID MERLE GODWIN**, Natchitoches, Louisiana; **JEFFERY LEN BRYANT**, Born January 18, 1963, Winnfield, not married.

HERSHEL BRYANT and **EDNA BRYANT** have seven grandchildren: **STACY BRYANT** and **WENDY BRYANT**; **ROBIN CARPENTER**, **TROY CARPENTER** and **RANCE CARPENTER**; and **MICHELLE GODWIN** and **SEAN GODWIN**. They have one great-grandchild, **TIFANY DAWN HAILEY**, born July 28, 1983, the daughter of **DAVID HAILEY** and **ROBIN CARPENTER HAILEY**.

by **EDNA MAE VAIL BRYANT**