

**The Book about BRYANT**  
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**LEWIS B. BRYANT (1):** **LEWIS** was married Jan 21, 1830 to **JENNETT NARCISSA HEMPHILL**. She was born Feb 08 1809 death date unknown. They lived in Clover, York, SC and Waco, Cleveland, NC. **LEWIS B. BRYANT** was born Sep 4, 1805 and d. Mar 20, 1847. They had a house full of children, nine of them, five girls and four boys. I don't know what he did for a living. But they had to be happy to have such a big family.

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LEWIS B. BRYANT (1)  
JENNETT NARCISSA HEMPHILL

**MARGARET A. BRYANT (2)**      b. Jul 08, 1831  
d. Feb 13, 1925

**AUGUSTUS J. BRYANT**      b. Sep 08, 1833 York, SC  
d. Sep 28, 1856

**JOHN BRYANT** b. 1835  
d. York, SC

**JAMES ANDREW BRYANT**                  b. Feb 10, 1836  
d. Jun 27, 1862

**MARY ELIZABETH BRYANT**      b. Apr 2, 1839  
d. Oct 9, 1923

**SAMUEL ALEXANDER BRYANT**      b. Sep 16, 1841

**WILLIAM PRESSLEY BRYANT**      b. Dec 31, 1843, Cleveland, NC

**MARTIN S. BRYANT** b. 1845 Cleveland, NC

**MATILDA SUSANNAH BRYANT** b. Mar 3, 1846, Cleveland, NC

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**THE SECOND GENERATION**

**MARGARET A. BRYANT (2), LEWIS B. BRYANT (1):**

**MARGARET** was the first child of **LEWIS**. She was married Sep 12, 1852 to **CHRISTOPHER COSTNER**. He was born in 1829, the death date is unknown. They lived around York, SC and Cleveland, NC. They had four children two boy and two girls. **MARGARET A. BRYANT** was born on Jul 08, 1831 and on Feb 13, 1925.

**MARGARET A. BRYANT (2)  
CHRISTOPHER COSTNER**

<b>ELIZABETH J. COSTNER (3)</b>	b. May 25, 1853, NC d. Jun 05, 1936, Cleveland, NC
<b>MARY M. COSTNER</b>	b. 1855 d. NC m. Dec 9, 1880 to <b>JOHN W. P. DAVIS</b> (Cleveland, NC)
<b>JOSEPH COSTNER</b>	b. Jun 05, 1857 d. Jul 17, 1929 m. Dec 22, 1887, <b>MALINDA RUFF</b> d. 1866
<b>ELPHUS S. COSTNER</b>	b. 1859, NC

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**JAMES ANDREW BRYANT (2), LEWIS B. BRYANT (1)**

**JAMES** was the fourth child of **LEWIS**. He was married in 1859 to **SARAH ELIZABETH WEATHERS** she was born in 1836, her death date is unknown. They lived in and around Cleveland, NC and had two children one boy and one girl. He had a good life but was killed in the civil war during the seven day Battle of Gains' Mill. He was born on Feb 10, 1836 and died on Jun 27, 1862.

**JAMES ANDREW BRYANT (2)**  
**SARAH ELIZABETH WEATHERS**

**EMILY E. (Aunt Etta) BRYANT** b. 1859  
d. 1952 (age 93)  
m. **GEORGE HENDERSON**

**RUFUS T. BRYANT** b. 1860  
d. 1940  
m. **AMARDA J. HENDERSON**  
b. 1864

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**MARY ELIZABETH BRYANT (2), LEWIS B. BRYANT (1)**

**MARY** was the fifth child of **LEWIS**. She was married, the first time, to **WILLIAM RODGERS** b. 1835 d. Jul 13, 1862. They lived in and around Cleveland, NC and Richmond, Henrico, VA. They had three children. According to the time of **WILLIAM**'s death I would say that he died in the Civil war. She remarried On Aug 7, 1864 **JAMES JACKSON MOSS**, born Nov 9, 1839 and died in 1909. They lived around Waco, Cleveland, NC and Gastonia, Gaston, NC. They had two children.

**MARY ELIZABETH BRYANT (2)**  
**WILLIAM RODGERS**

**AUGUSTUS JAMES RODGERS (3)** b. May 4, 1856, Waco, Cleveland, NC  
d. Feb 19, 1927, Clovis, Curry, NM  
m. Apr 25, 1879 **QUINCY LOU JOHNSON**  
b. 1861  
m. **SALLIE JACKSON**  
m. **MARTHA WATKINS**  
m. May 10, 1908, Roosevelt, NM  
**MARY ELIZABETH CLARK**  
b. Dec 24, 1883 Knobs, Lee, TX  
d. Dec 29, 1947 Las Vegas, San Miguel, NM

**ELMIRA JANE RODGERS** b. May 26, 1859, Waco, Cleveland, NC  
d. Jan 25, 1948  
m. Jul 4, 1877 **STEPHEN DOUGLAS NORMENT**  
b. Oct 4, 1857 Charlotte, Mecklenburg, NC  
d. Dec 30, 1934 Charlotte, Mecklenburg, NC

**JAMES JACKSON MOSS**

**WILLIAM WEBSTER MOSS** b. Apr 27, 1865, Waco, Cleveland, NC  
d. 1918

**NOAH HAMPTON MOSS** b. Jan 23, 1868, Waco, Cleveland, NC  
d. Dec 23, 1935

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**SAMUEL ALEXANDER BRYANT (2), LEWIS B. BRYANT (1)**

**SAMUEL** was the sixth child of **LEWIS**. He was born Sep 16, 1841 in Cleveland, NC, his death is date is unknown. He was married to **ROSA**, born 1849 in NC.

**SAMUEL ALEXANDER BRYANT(2)**  
**ROSA**

**JAMES BRYANT**  
**ANNIE BRYANT**

b. 1867, NC  
b. Feb, 1870, NC

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**THE THIRD GENERATION**

**RUFUS T. BRYANT** (3), **JAMES ANDREW** (2), **LEWIS B.** (1)

**RUFUS** was married to **AMANDA J. HENDERSON**, born in 1864, died in 1907. **RUFUS** and his sister **EMILY E. BRYANT** married each other's brother and sister. That made their children double first cousin. **RUFUS** and **AMANDA** lived in Green Creek, Polk, NC. They had five children. He was a farmer. **RUFUS** and his wife **AMANDA** are buried at Green River Cemetery.

**RUFUS** was b. 1860 and d. 1940.

**RUFUS T. BRYANT** (5)  
**AMANDA J. HENDERSON**

<b>SUDIE BRYANT</b> (4)	b. Jan 31, 1885 d. Oct, 14, 1969
<b>NANCY BRYANT</b>	b. Apr 20, 1886 d. Mar 16, 1972
<b>JAMES T. BRYANT</b>	b. Apr 30, 1888 d. Jan 3, 1969
<b>FURMAN BRYANT</b>	
<b>ADDIE BRYANT</b>	b. Oct 17, 1897 d. May 14, 1959

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**JAMES T. BRYANT (4), RUFUS T. (3), JAMES ANDREW (2), LEWIS B. (1)**

**JAMES** was married to **LOLLIE W. WILSON** born Jan 28, 1888 and died July 16, 1969. They were married Dec 23, 1910. They had eight children, five boys and three girls. **JAMES** lived in Polk, NC where he was a farmer and blacksmith. He grew a lot of cotton. This was my grandfather. He and my grandmother were wonderful people. We all called them Granny and Papa **BRYANT**. **JAMES** and his wife are buried at Grays Creek Cemetery, Polk, NC.

**JAMES** was b. Apr 30, 1888 and d. Jan 3, 1969.

**JAMES T. BRYANT (4)**  
**LOLLIE W. WILSON**

<b>JAMES RUFUS BRYANT (5)</b>	b. Oct 20, 1911 d. Mar 28, 1973
<b>AMANDA EUDORA BRYANT</b>	b. Jan 29, 1913
<b>GUYNELL O. BRYANT</b>	b. Jan 12, 1915
<b>FANNY LUCILLE BRYANT</b>	b. Mar 3, 1917 d. Oct 20, 1918
<b>CLAUDE CHARLES BRYANT</b>	b. Mar 2, 1920
<b>MARGARET LOIS BRYANT</b>	b. Sep 9, 1921
<b>PAUL RAY BRYANT</b>	b. Dec 13, 1923 d. Feb 28, 1997
<b>BENJAMIN EDGAR BRYANT</b>	b. Feb 10, 1928



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**THE FOURTH GENERATION**

**JAMES RUFUS BRYANT (5), JAMES T. (4), RUFUS T. (3), JAMES ANDREW (2), LEWIS B. (1)**

**JAMES RUFUS BRYANT** went by **RUFUS**. He was married to **ADA GREGG**. They had eight children. **ADA** died with cancer and **RUFUS** remarried. **RUFUS** was in the army and was one of the last horse soldiers. Then he worked in textiles.

**RUFUS** was b. Oct 20, 1911 and d. Mar 28, 1973.

**JAMES RUFUS BRYANT (5)**  
**ADA GREGG**

**JAMES BRYANT (6)**

**TOMMY BRYANT**

**GAIL BRYANT**

**RONNIE BRYANT**

**BRENDA BRYANT**

**DORIS BRYANT**

**CAROLYN BRYANT**

**GENERAL BRYANT**

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**AMANDA EUDORA BRYANT (5), JAMES T. (4), RUFUS L. (3), JAMES ANDREW (2), LEWIS B. (1)**

She was better know as Dora. She was married to **HARRY JOLLY**. They had seven children, four boys and three girls. She did a lot for the community. She worked in the water district helping people get water. She lived in and around Spartanburg. Dora is buried in Green River Cemetery. Dora was born Jan 29, 1913.

**AMANDA EUDORA BRYANT (5)**  
**HARRY JOLLY**

<b>NAIL JOLLY (6)</b>	b. Feb 8, 1932
<b>BEN JOLLY</b>	b. Jul 4, 1933
<b>J.C. JOLLY</b>	b. Sep 16, 1935
<b>ANN JOLLY</b>	b. May 22, 1937
<b>WILLIS JOLLY</b>	b. Sep 10, 1941
<b>HARRY JOLLY</b>	b. Jan 2, 1945 d. Dec 16, 1998
<b>LOUISE JOLLY</b>	b. June 21, 1947

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**GUYNELL O. BRYANT (5), JAMES T. (4), RUFUS T. (3), JAMES ANDREW (2), LEWIS B. (1)**

**GUYNELL** was called **GUY BRYANT**. He was married to **MARIE LYLES**. They lived in VA for a long time but when he retired they moved back home where he died. They had seven children, four boys and three girls. He worked in textiles.

He was born Jan 12, 1915.

**GUYNELL O. BRYANT (5)**  
**MARIE LYLES**

<b>ELLEN BRYANT (6)</b>	b. Mar 14, 1934
<b>BETTY SUE BRYANT</b>	b. Mar 7, 1940
<b>JERRY BRYANT</b>	b. Jul 22, 1941 d. Sep 25, 1959
<b>KENNY BRYANT</b>	b. Mar 9, 1944
<b>LOUIS BRYANT</b>	b. Jan 9, 1946
<b>BOBBY BRYANT</b>	b. Aug 8, 1951
<b>DEBBIE BRYANT</b>	b. Apr 4, 1955

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**CLAUDE CHARLES BRYANT (5), JAMES T. (4), RUFUS L. (3), JAMES ANDREW (2), LEWIS B. (1)**

**CLAUDE** was married to **KATHLEEN THOMPSON**, born Aug 30, 1924 and died Nov 3, 1983. They had two children, one boy and one girl. **KATHLEEN** died and he remarried. **CLAUDE** lived around Chesnee, Spartanburg, SC. He worked in textiles and farmed.

He was born Mar 2, 1920.

**CLAUDE CHARLES BRYANT (5)**  
**KATHLEEN THOMPSON**

**LARRY BRYANT(6)**  
**JUNE BRYANT**

b. Dec 28, 1948  
b. Oct 31, 1946

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**MARGARET LOIS BRYANT (5), JAMES T. (4), RUFUS L. (3), JAMES ANDREW (2), LEWIS B. (1)**

**MARGARET** was married to **DEXTER EZELL**, born July 3, 1918 and died Jul 7, 1972. They had four children, one girl and three boys. They lived around Chesnee. They worked in textiles.

**MARGARET** was born Sep 9, 1921.

**MARGARET LOIS BRYANT (5)  
DEXTER EZELL**

<b>JUDITH CAROL EZELL (6)</b>	b. Oct 2, 1942 d. Feb 13, 1972
<b>WINSTON DEXTER EZELL</b>	b. Nov 27, 1945
<b>MICHAEL JAMES EZELL</b>	b. Apr 4, 1951
<b>GARY WAYNE EZELL</b>	b. Sep 18, 1952

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**PAUL RAY BRYANT (5), JAMES T. (4), RUFUS L. (3), JAMES ANDREW (2), LEWIS B. (1)**

**PAUL** was married to **ALVELDA SPENSER**, born Feb 23, 1924. They lived around Chesnee and had three children, two boys one girl. **PAUL** was in the automotive business.

He was born Dec 13, 1923 and died Feb 28, 1997.

**PAUL RAY BRYANT (5)**  
**ALVELDA SPENSER**

<b>DAVID BRYANT (6)</b>	b. Jun 9, 1947
<b>ELAINE BRYANT</b>	b. Jul 28, 1949
<b>PAUL RAY BRYANT</b>	b. Oct 14, 1955

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**BENJAMIN EDGAR BRYANT (5), JAMES T. (4), RUFUS L. (3), JAMES ANDREW (2), LEWIS B. (1)**

**BENJAMIN EDGAR BRYANT** was know as **EDGAR BRYANT**. He was married to **FLOY ABRHAM**, born Apr 21, 1928. **THEY** had only one child, a girl. **EDGAR** lived around Grays Creek. **EDGAR** worked in textiles.

He was born Feb 10, 1928.

**BENJAMIN EDGAR BRYANT (5)**  
**FLOY ABRHAM**

**PEGGY ANN BRYANT**

b. Jul 22,1961

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**THE SIXTH GENERATION**

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