

Chariton County Missouri
'Rescued Photos from the old RW Files'

Miles Peery Vaught



This is a picture of my grandfather , Miles Peery Vaught b.
May 09, 1857 in Blacksburg, Montgomery (Ford) co. VA. d.
Mar 8, 1935 in Grady Co., Ok. and is buried in Woodlawn Cemetary.

His wife Ann Elizabeth Elliott b. Sep. 26, 1860 in Chariton Co., Mo. d. Oct. 17, 1893 in Chariton
Co., Mo. buried in Hazel Ridge Cemetary.

Pictured with them are children Della, Donnie and Lillie. This picture was made between 1888 and 1890.
They then had another child, Rosalie. After Ann died, Miles tood his family and moved to Ok and lived
in the Enid area about 4 yr. then moved to Grady county and owned a farm there.

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## Miles Peery Vaught



Miles Peery Vaught married a 2nd time after he moved to Grady Co., Ok. He married my grandmother, Elnora Ethel Jeter aka Nora on Sep 13, 1903 in Marlow, Stephens Co., Ok.

Elnora was born Feb. 13, 1882 in Wills Point, VanZandt Co., Tx. d. July 03, 1949 in the Amherst Hospital, Amherst, Tx. and was buried in the Littlefield, Tx. Cemetery.

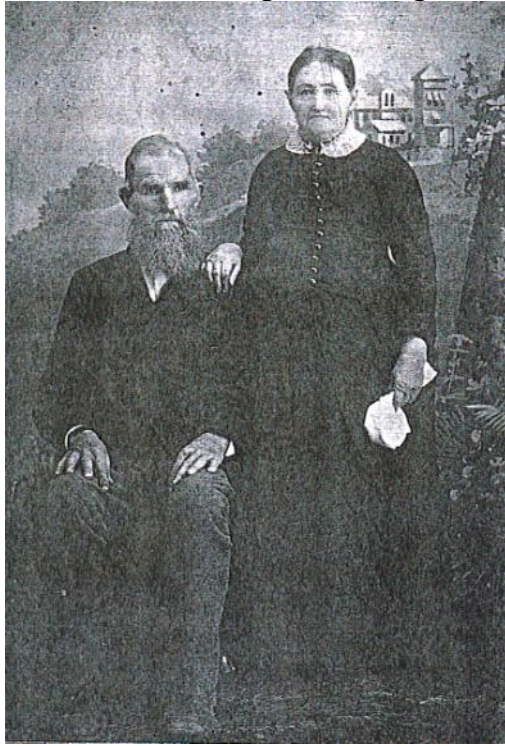
This picture is their wedding picture, and the obit. is of course, for Miles in 1935

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James & Virginia Vaught



This is a picture of my ggrandparents, James Lewis Vaught and Virginia Perry Vaught. It is supposed to have been made between 1860 and 1866. James was b. June 20, 1828, in or near Blacksburg (Ford) Va. and d. Nov. 26, 190 in Perry Co. Ar. He is buried in May Cemetary there which I have verified.

Virginia was b. Sep. 16, 1833 in Montgomery Co. Va. D. in 1866. I do not know where she is buried, but I think either Hazel Ridge or Bixby cemetary in Chariton Co., Mo.

She and James Lewis married on Nov. 10, 1851 in Montgomery Co, Va.

As I stated before, I have hit a dead end on James Lewis, can't find his parents or siblings. I have been told by the Vaught Assoc. that he is from the Christian Vaught/Hannah Crum line, but have found several discreptities in their information, so am not convinced

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Below is a photo of a cousin of General Sterling Price, Fannie Lee Price and her husband Benjamin Luther Hayes shortly after their marriage in Keytesville in 1901. They lived in Chariton County in the 1890s. Benjamin Hayes was a blacksmith in Mendon. Ben and Fannie left Chariton County for Missoula Montana after 1901.

The Price family traces its origins to Prince Edward County in 1750 and before that to Henrico County with the arrival of John Price I in 1610.

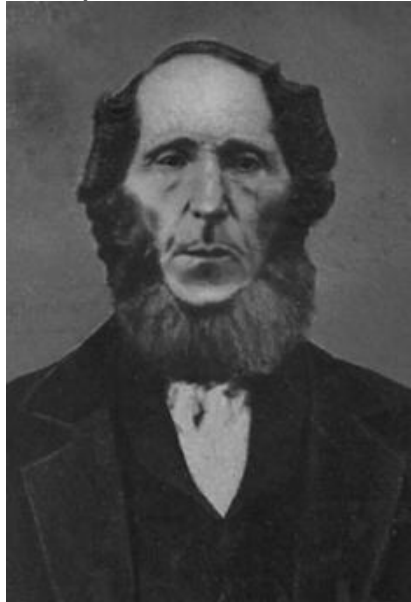




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## Captain Abner Finnell



He served under General Sterling Price, Confederate, during the Civil War. Abner Finnell was killed by carpetbaggers at the end of the war. One story has that he was hiding from them in cornstalks when a wounded militia man found him. His daughter, Diantha, went to the house to get the wounded man a drink of water and when she returned her father was dead. According to one story Abner was then hung from a tree.

Somehow Abner Finnell's family ended up with the wardrobe of Gen. Price. It was passed down to Peterson Finnell and then to Peterson's daughter, Louella Finnell Edwards. Louella passed it to her daughter, Lou Edna Edwards Guilford, who donated it to the Keytesville Museum at her death.

The bed of Gen Price is in the museum in Salisbury and the wardrobe is in Keytesville.  
Donated by: Billie Helmich



## Peterson & Amanda Finnell



Amanda Forrest is a granddaughter of Jemima Winn Hurt. The Winn family can be traced back to the King of Wales while the Finnells can be traced back to the Pilgrims (not the Mayflower).

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Inventor

**BENJAMIN HICKEN**

Donated by: Benny & Mary McCune

Benjamin E. Hicken, who is successfully engaged in the manufacturing business at Prairie Hill, was born in Jefferson County, Neb., in 1886, the son of Peter J. and Dinah H. (Saaijenga) Hicken, and moved with his parents to Missouri in 1898.

Peter J. Hicken was a native of Germany, as also was his wife. He died in October, 1916, and his wife died Feb. 6, 1914. They were the parents of the following children: Peter J. Jr., deceased; Hauka D., deceased; Anna, deceased; Emma Malady, lives in Nebraska; Louis C., lives at Prairie Hill; Rosa C. Sears, deceased; Benjamin E., the subject of this sketch; Carl F. in the garage business with his brother at Prairie Hill; and Minnie H., deceased.

Benjamin E. Hicken received his education in the public schools and came to Chariton County in 1907 and operated a farm for several years, after which he engaged in blacksmithing at Prairie Hill. He operated a garage for seven years and manufactured several of his own inventions. Among them is an oxyacetylene welding, cutting, lead-burning and decarbonizing torch, and the garageman's need for a light efficient oxy-acetylene torch has been met in the "Hot Baby," and "Sod-Tor-Lite" which he manufactures. Mr. Hicken has an extensive manufacturing business at Prairie Hill and ships his goods extensively throughout the country.

On July 11, 1907, Mr. Hicken married Miss Elizabeth B. Saville, (both pictured below)



a native of Chariton County, born March 11, 1891, and the daughter of Benjamin and Martha (Mathis) Saville. (pictured below)



Mr. Saville resides at Prairie Hill; his wife died May 9, 1914. They were the parents of the following children: Anna Grigsby, Salisbury; Mae E. Vaughan, Prairie Hill; Mrs. Hicken; Jennie, deceased; Elsie Krager, Huntsville; and two children died in infancy.



Mr. and Mrs. Hicken have six children, as follows: Opal Minnie, born Oct. 7, 1909; Ernest B., born Nov. 9, 1911; Helen E., born Feb. 16, 1913; Ruby Mae, born Oct. 8, 1916; Emerald W., born July 31, 1919; and Jewel G., born Oct. 18, 1921. In politics Mr. Hicken is a Democrat. He is a member of the Methodist Church and is a progressive and enterprising citizen.

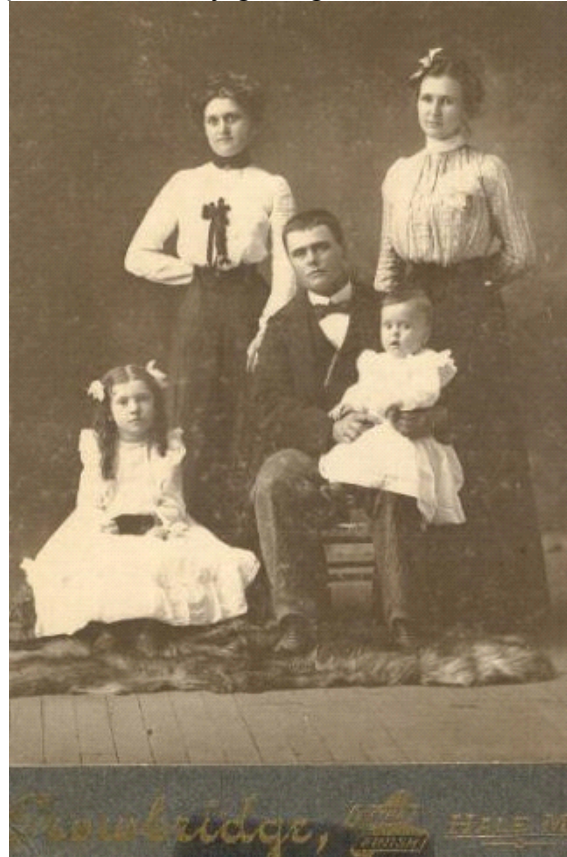
Added note

Later in life Ben and Elizabeth had another son

David Kenneth Hicken born Oct 21 1925.



A picture from my greatgrandmothers album.



front row:

Nellie Beatrice Miller (my grandmother) b 1895 in Sumner

Harry Miller, b 1875 in Carroll Co. To William B & Eliza (Boulware) Miller, holding his son my great Uncle Curtis b 1901 in Sumner.

back row: Gertrude Miller, daughter of James & Birdie Miller of Hale (cousin to Harry) and my greatgrandmother Sarah Tennessee(Bruce)Miller, daughter of Daniel & Angeline(Linscott)Bruce.

Donated by: Barbara Marron





Emma Dowell Veal, Simeon Horace Dowell and Willie Dowell  
Picture taken late 1890's.



Franz & Charlotta WILTMAN, and their children:

Mary (Wiltman) Klaus, Amelia (Wiltman) Klaus), and Elizabeth (Wiltman) Harkelroth.



Franz Heinrich Wiltman born 11 Feb. 1848, Luxenberg, Germany

naturalized 24 Oct. 1884 Chariton County

m. Charlotta Anna Imgarten, 20 April 1876,

Salem Lutheran Church in Forest Green, Mo.

Charlotta was born on 8 April 1857

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