

The Nicholas Horn Family

Nicholas Horn was born in Tennessee about 1815. Some believe his father was another early Itawamba County settler named Zacheus Horn. Both men were on tax lists there in the mid-to-late 1830s, and both had ties to Tennessee. All records found indicate Nicholas was born there. Although census records list North Carolina as the birthplace of Zacheus, Tennessee was once part of that state. He was on tax lists in White Co, TN (1811-1815) and census records in Franklin Co, TN (1830), so he lived there for quite a while. Sometime after 1830 he went into Alabama; probably the extreme northwestern corner. He was on Itawamba County's tax list in 1836, however, so he wasn't in Alabama very long. Zacheus was a stage driver and was often found near the Natchez Trace.

SPELLING OF THE NAME: Although old American records usually spell the name Horn, ancestors of both men probably used the English spelling (Horne) because records and migration patterns indicate they were from England. Of course, other people had a lot to do with spelling found on old documents. In modern times, most descendants of Nicholas living in the area spell the name Horne. Both spellings are used in this report, depending upon the source or person referenced.

More on Nicholas Horn

Records indicate Nicholas was an honorable man. He lived with the same wife for over 60 years; reared 9 children; cared for his land and stock; was an "ole-time" Methodist; and defended his home with the 4th MS during the Civil War.

MARRIAGE

On March 25, 1841, Nicholas married Jane Hill, daughter of Abel Hill and Leah (maiden name possibly Kyle or Davis). Jane Hill was born August 6, 1824 in Wayne Co, TN. She had one full brother named John Alexander Hill.

BURIAL SITE

Nicholas and Jane were alive in August of 1902 when he applied for a Confederate pension and stated he "...lived with his wife," but court papers indicate they both died before 1907 and were buried in Hopewell Methodist Cemetery.

LAND COORDINATES

Nicholas and Jane owned land southeast of Tilden and southwest of Tremont. This area came to be known as Horn's Crossing, and there is a road sign to that effect today off the Nita Lake Road in the Tilden Community. Land description:

100 acres, north side NE qtr, Section 36, Township 10, Range 9E
60 acres, south FM Rd, SW qtr, Section 25, Township 10, Range 9E
15 acres, NE corner, NW qtr, Section 36, Township 10, Range 9E

According to court papers dated 1907, aforementioned land was bought by Andrew Horn, and proceeds were divided among descendants after Nicholas and Jane died.

All of SE 1/4 of Section 25, T10, R9E. All of SW 1/4 of Section 25, T10, R9E north of Fulton Rd to mouth of (?); then up Spring Branch and intersect said road on top of

hill, running east and west, being in all 200 acres, more or less, and lying in Itawamba County, Mississippi.

According to recorded deeds, Nicholas and Jane bought this second section of land from their son, Houston, in 1885 and sold it to their son, Steve, in 1900. The only descendant who owns land at Horn's Crossing today is Doug Horne, Nicholas' great-grandson through sixth son, Gaines, and his son, Clyde Porter.

MILITARY DUTY

On his Confederate pension application (dated Aug, 1902) Nicholas stated he served with the 4th MS, Company H, under Captain John McDonald and Colonel Carol Brumley. He joined in 1862 and was discharged after 7 months with pneumonia. When recovered, he rejoined the same unit and was still active at its surrender at Corinth, MS in 1865. (Two questions on the application were, "Have you any sons over 18 and under 21?" "If so, how many?" His answer was "Nary one.")

Nicholas' oldest son, James, as well as Zacheus Horn and his son, Henry, served with the 10th MS. James, another of Zacheus' sons, was in a cavalry unit attached to the 2nd MS. Zacheus joined the 10th MS in Saltillo in Feb 1861 before the unit was even officially formed in April of that year. He was 70+ years old at the time he joined! In April of 1861, he was discharged, probably due to his age. His military record indicates he may have been with the 10th again later in the war for a period of at least a year. Toward the end of the war, the South was desperate and began using anyone willing to fight, including old men and boys. NOTE: The 10th MS was part of the Army of Tennessee and saw action from Florida to Kentucky, particularly at the battles of Shiloh, Murfreesboro, Atlanta, and Munfordville.

CHILDREN OF NICHOLAS HORN AND JANE HILL

Nicholas and Jane had ten children, nine of whom lived to adulthood. They lost their oldest to the Civil War and three more to the great Texas migration after the war. Two of their children had no descendants, and most of the others didn't have overly-large families. At least five of their grandchildren never married. Most of their children didn't live as long as Nicholas and Jane, but their son, Andrew, and daughter, Mary, both lived to be nearly 100 years old!

1. James T. Horn was born in 1843 in Itawamba County. He joined the 10th MS in 1861 when he was just 18 and never married or had children because he died at the Battle of Atlanta in July of 1864. His body was not returned to Itawamba County but was probably given some sort of military burial in Atlanta, Georgia.

2. Mary Emmaline Horn was born February 12, 1846 in Itawamba County and died July 22, 1944 in El Campo, Texas. On December 29, 1870 she married George Davison, son of James and Narcisse Stafford Davison. Mary and George moved to Itasca, Hill Co, Texas in 1891, and George died there in 1893. Sometime after his death, she and her children moved to El Campo, Wharton County, Texas. Mary and all of her children except the youngest, Clifford, are buried in a family plot in the ODHS Cemetery in El Campo.

Children of Mary Emmaline Horn and George Davison

1) James Terry was born September 24, 1871 in Itawamba County and died May 6, 1921 in El Campo, Texas. He never married and worked in the family businesses, Davison Brothers Garage and Davison Brothers Grain Company.

2) L. Etta Davison was born September 7, 1874 in Itawamba County and died July 24, 1964 in El Campo, Wharton Co, Texas. She married Samuel Wigginton August 26, 1894 in Itawamba County and had nine children. Sam died in 1933 in El Campo.

3) George Lee Davison was born February 18, 1878 in Itawamba County and died July 15, 1964 in El Campo, Texas. Lee also never married and worked in the family grain and garage businesses.

4) Nicholas Davison was born 1881 in Itawamba County and died in El Campo, Texas in 1927. Nick also never married and worked in the family businesses.

5) William Van Davison was born January 31, 1884 in Itawamba County and died January 6, 1966 in El Campo, Texas. Van was a barber.

6) Lena Jane "Lulu" Davison was born April 7, 1887 in Itawamba County and died May 24, 1961 in San Antonio, Texas. Lena also never married.

7) Clifford Davison was born in Itawamba County and died in the hill country of Texas; probably Kerrville or Fredericksburg. His birth and death dates are not known. He was a pharmacist in El Campo, as well as Chicago, Illinois before returning to Texas. He and his wife, Marjorie, had two sons.

3. Martha J. Horn was born March 8, 1848 in Itawamba County and died there on April 3, 1923. Her death certificate states she was "found dead in bed." On December 17, 1874, Martha married Andrew Davison Leech, son of Edward and Cynthia Leech. Andrew's Confederate pension application of 30 Aug 1910 stated he served three years with the 4th MS Cavalry Regiment under a Captain Silas. He stated he had no sons, and his home was valued at \$575. Andrew was born in 1843 and died just three months after Martha on July 21, 1923. All records indicate they had no children. Both are buried in Hopewell Methodist Cemetery.

4. Alexander Houston Horn was born September 13, 1850 in Itawamba County and died January 25, 1928 in Whitney, Hill Co, Texas. He married his first wife, Frances McKeon, on January 11, 1872 in Itawamba County. She was born October 19, 1842 in Itawamba County and died there June 5, 1884.

In Charleston Co, Arkansas on January 1, 1891, he married a second time to Hattie Caroline McMath, daughter of Winder Hillman McMath and Martha Jane Hickman. Hattie was born October 30, 1852 in Tuscaloosa Co, AL and died March 11, 1937 in Whitney, Hill Co, Texas. She had no natural children.

Children of Alexander Houston Horn and Frances McKeon:

1) George L. Horn was born October 28, 1874 in Itawamba County and died in 1961 in Branch, Arkansas. His wife's name was Carrie (1869-1929).

2) Edna Arvie Lou Horn was born February 14, 1877 in Itawamba County and died February 3, 1951; possibly in Texas. On January 27, 1898 in Hill Co, Texas, she married William Edgar Carter (1877-1964). He died in Lubbock, Texas. (NOTE: At the time of her step-mother's obit in 1937, Edna Arvie Lou Horn Carter was, apparently, living in New Mexico.)

3) Vera Idellia Horn was born May 8, 1879. Vera never married.

4) James Nicholas Horn was born March 6, 1881.

5. Andrew Jackson Horn was born December 8, 1855 in Itawamba County and died there March 26, 1952. At one time he was written up in the local paper as the county's oldest citizen. When he was a teenager, he spent some time in Texas working as a cowboy, but returned to Itawamba County before 1879. On February 6, 1879, Andy married Eliza R. Patterson, daughter of Alfred and Eliza Patterson. She was born January 5, 1846 in Itawamba County and died there July 14, 1930. They are both buried in Hopewell Methodist Cemetery.

Children of Andy and Eliza Patterson Horn

1) Ova Horn was born December 24, 1886 in Itawamba County and died there January 23, 1975. Ova married John C. Humphrey (1873-1933). They are both buried in Hopewell Methodist Cemetery.

2) Ora V. Horn was born November 22, 1891 in Itawamba County and died there September 10, 1949. She never married and is buried near her parents in Hopewell Methodist Cemetery.

6. Nicholas Perry Horn was born January 11, 1858 in Itawamba County and died there of emphysema August 3, 1930. On September 22, 1880, he married Mattie Minerva McFadden, daughter of Beverly Bulah McFadden and Almina J. Medley. Mattie was born October 9, 1862 in Itawamba County and died there in 1932. They; all of their children; some grandchildren; and at least one great-grandchild are buried in Union Grove Baptist Cemetery in the Tilden Community.

Children of Nicholas Perry Horn and Mattie Minerva McFadden:

1) Oscar Grover Horn was born August 16, 1884 in Itawamba County and died November of 1948 in Gulfport, MS. On November 20, 1904, he married Cora Ann Cantrell, daughter of James Cantrell and Mary Elizabeth Friday. Cora was born January 26, 1887 and died December 17, 1967. Oscar and Cora are buried in Union Grove Baptist Cemetery. They had a son named Edgar and daughter named Earline.

2) Viola C. Horn was born March 26, 1889 in Itawamba County. On December 9, 1910, she married Juddie James Cantrell, son of James Cantrell and Mary Elizabeth Friday. Viola died in April of 1912 while giving birth to their first child, and the child also died. Juddie Cantrell was born October 4, 1888 in Itawamba County and died there August 3, 1973. He and Viola are both buried in Union Grove Baptist Cemetery.

3) Billy Mell Horn was born August 15, 1895 in Itawamba County and died

there August 30, 1964. He married Clara Pierce who was born December 25, 1899 in Itawamba County and died in Monroe County on June 1, 1999. Mell and Clara had six children (Broward, Charlene, Herbert, Maxine, Mell Jr., and Bobby).

4) Esker Horn was born January 8, 1887 in Itawamba County and died there in early childhood on April 2, 1888.

5) Infant (born dead 1901).

6) Relda Verde Horn was born May 27, 1902 in Itawamba County and died August 10, 1965 in Monroe Co, MS. He married Ruby Jewel Anthony who was born February 1, 1905 in Itawamba County and died in Monroe County June 11, 1999. Relda and Jewel had eight children (Marion, Marcelle (Medley), Jimmie Lou, Martha (Holland), Jack, Jerry, Linda (Cadden), and Carolyn (Murphy)).

7. Stephen Horn was born January 27, 1862 in Itawamba County and died there February 3, 1907. On December 27, 1886, he married Almina Jane Ford, daughter of Thomas Middleton Ford and Emily F. Medley. Janey was born October 12, 1858 in Itawamba County and died there October 12, 1914. Steve and Janey are buried at Union Grove Baptist Cemetery near his brother, Perry.

Only Child of Stephen and Janey Ford Horn:

Terry Wilson Horn was born July 17, 1894 in Itawamba County and died there November 4, 1978. He was a veteran of World War I. Terry married Luna Stevens May 14, 1927. She was born in Itawamba County November 25, 1901 and died in Tupelo, MS May 24, 1991. They had no children.

8. Lemuel Gaines Horn was born October 2, 1864 in Itawamba County and died there March 26, 1930. He married Delia Sanders January 15, 1891 in Itawamba County. Delia was born in Itawamba County August 17, 1870 and died there September 14, 1938. They are both buried at Hopewell Methodist Cemetery.

Children of Lemuel Gaines Horn and Delia Sanders:

1) Clyde Porter Horn was born November 18, 1891 in Itawamba County and died there February 14, 1966. He married Ruby Ballard about 1919. She was born in Itawamba County on March 10, 1902 and died in Tupelo February 10, 2004. They had two children (Doug and Dot).

2) Esther Horn was born March 12, 1894 in Itawamba County and died January 12, 1986 in Tupelo, Lee Co, MS. She married Guyle Jaeston Robinson (1892-1966). Esther had no natural children, but helped rear her husband's son from another marriage. They're buried at Asbury Methodist.

3) Jennie Horn was born December 25, 1896 in Itawamba County and died there July 30, 1978. About 1914, she married William Dailey Stevens who was born in 1887 and died in 1964. They're both buried at Asbury Methodist Cemetery.

4) John D. Horn was born about 1901 in Itawamba County.

5) Lelia Myth Horn was born October 22, 1904 in Itawamba County and died there September 8, 1906. She is buried at Hopewell Methodist Cemetery.

9. Ellis Wilson Horn was born August 24, 1867 in Itawamba County and died May 11, 1937 in Hillsboro, Hill Co, TX. Wilson was a barber and owned his own shop in Hillsboro. He married a woman named Carrie about 1896; probably in Texas. She was born about 1866 in Mississippi and died in Texas. Wilson had no natural children, but his wife had two daughters from a former marriage. His obituary gave their names as Mrs. Lem Mills and Mrs. Tom Westbrook.