

Welcome . . .

. . . to the first issue of the Summitt Quarterly Newsletter. This is a project that I have wanted to do for quite a long while. I began researching the Summitt family history in 1969. With the help of my dad, who provided me with access to Betty S. Butler Summitt's family Bible (my great-great-grandmother), and my distant cousin Paul C. Summitt, who helped steer me in the right direction on more than one occasion, I've managed to gather quite a bit of information on the various members of the family tree. There is, however, still so much to know and learn.

It is my hope that we can use this newsletter to fill in the holes in our own family tree, as well as find out who we all are. I was called less than a month ago by a man researching his family tree and found out that he had quite a bit of information about our line. I've met members of our family on-line, too. When I took the faculty position here at PSU I met a woman who's maiden name was Summitt. How do we all connect?

Here's a short tree of who I am and where I came from:

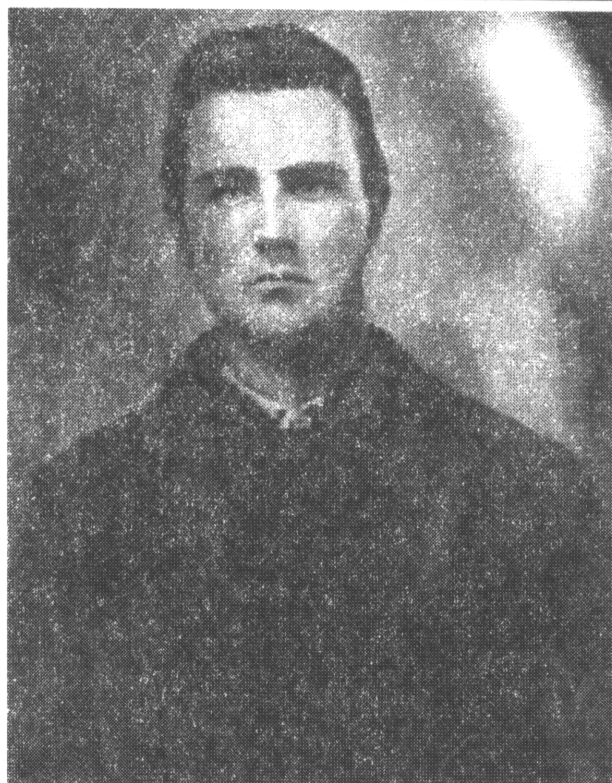
Paul Moody Summitt

*Chester Moody Summitt (and
Shirley Francis Frie Summitt)*

*Chester Alba Summitt (and Katy
Okalona Darden Summitt)*

*James Lee Summitt (and Lucy White
Young Summitt)*

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James Lee Summitt

Portrait owned by Moody Summitt. Photograph of portrait taken by Paul M. Summitt using 400 ASA Tri-X 35mm film. The photograph was scanned using a Genius ColorPage I, 24 bit True Color Flatbed Scanner and then sized and retouched using PhotoShop 2.5 for Windows. Saved as a TIFF file and printed in this newsletter using PageMaker 4.0 for Windows using a Fargo Primera Color Printer. For more information on James Lee Summitt see other parts of this newsletter.

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*Jonathan Summitt (and Betty S. Butler
Summitt)*

*Daniel Summitt (and Sarah Moser
Summitt)*

Francis Summitt (and Dolly ?)

Each issue of this newsletter will focus on at least one individual somewhere in our tree. I hope each of you will write and provide information that we can share in these issues about past and current events. For instance, Mary and I wrote five chapters that were published in the recent book *Cyberlite!* from SAMSpublishing. We also became grandparents in November last year. I plan on including a Current Events section that will include information about things going on in the Summitts but in order to do that I've got to hear from you, each and every one.

So write me, call me, or e-mail me. I look forward to hearing from you.

FOCUS: JAMES LEE
SUMMITT

Birth date: October 14, 1840
Birth place: Monroe County, TN
Death: January 13, 1927
Place of Death: Cardwell, Dunklin County, MO
Buried: Cardwell, Dunklin County, MO

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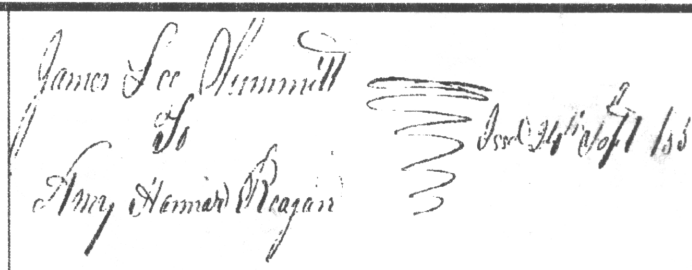
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The first wedding

James Lee Summitt married Amy Hannah Ragains (Reagans or Regans) on September 25, 1858. The information above was photocopied from the Monroe County, TN, marriage records for 1856-68. The record was found in the Monroe County Clerk's office and the copy made on August 3, 1988. Amy was born in Indiana according to the 1870 census (shown in the figure below). James Lee and Amy were married in Monroe County, TN, by Rev. John Crofford. Their children were William Henry Summitt (September 29, 1859), Jonathan Lee Summitt (March 15, 1862), Nancy Jane Summitt (November 10, 1864), Nathan H. Summitt (January 26, 1868), John Franklin Summitt (September 26, 1874), and Robert Francis Summitt (February 2, 1874). Amy died July 22, 1882 near Dyersburg, TN.

Military Service

James Lee served in Company M, 5th Tennessee Infantry, Union Army, during the War between the States. According to what records that I have been able to find, he enlisted in 1862, the same year that his son, Jonathan Lee Summitt was born. According to photocopied information from his Civil War Pension file, Jonathan was born dead that year. The 1870 census, however, (as shown in information listed in the figure, lists Jonathan Lee as eight years old.

The substance of James Lee's pension claim was that "in the line of duty at Franklin, TN, on or about November 30, 1864, he contracted rheumatism from being without shoes while on march from Pulaski to Nashville, TN, in severe cold weather. It first settled in his right shoulder which had been wounded by a piece of spent shell. It has since affected his right side, hip and leg so that he is disabled a good portion of his time from performance of manual labor." The claim was rejected December 9, 1897 for failure to furnish the necessary evidence to establish the claim within a reasonable amount of time.

It's my understanding that James Lee was granted bounty land in Allen County, Kansas, after the war but I haven't been able to find any information on what happened to this land or where it was.

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19			Peter	29	1st	1st		Endicott	1
20			John	30	1st	1st		Endicott	1

James Lee Under Arrest

Apparently, around Christmas of 1863 (see the Company Muster Roll to the right on this page) James Lee deserted and went home. Although I can't find any specific reason, there are indications that he and Amy had as many as three children born dead. This may have been one of those times. Apparently, James Lee returned on his own around January 24, 1864, and was placed under arrest. He was fined and sentenced to serve out the time he was AWOL. Other than his mustering out records, I can find no further mention of this event in any of the files I have.

His Second Marriage

James Lee married Lucy Francis White Young on January 10, 1883. Elder Ellihugh Scott of Crockett County, TN, performed the ceremony and the marriage was recorded at the county clerk's office in Alimo, Crockett County, TN. The copy at the bottom of the previous column was made August 4, 1988 by Phillip Kail, Crockett County Register of Deeds.

Lucy had been married to Charles Young previously. Together, they had as many as nine children before Young died February 6, 1881, in Idlewild, Gibson County, TN.

5 | Tenn.
 James L. Summit
 Co. H, 8 Reg't Tennessee Infantry.
 Appears on
 Company Muster Roll
 for Jan & Feb, 1864
 Present or absent Present
 Stoppage, \$ 500 for
 Due Gov't, \$ 100 for
 Remarks: Woodgraves
 from Jan. 27, 1864
 NEXT ROLL ON FILE, AUG 1864
 Book mark:
 (368)

5 | Tenn.
 James L. Summit
 Co. H, 8 Reg't Tennessee Infantry.
 Appears on
 Company Muster Roll
 for July & Aug, 1864
 Present or absent Present
 Stoppage, \$ 500 for
 Due Gov't, \$ 100 for
 Remarks: To forfeit one month's
 pay & allowances for drunken
 & to make good the time lost
 By order Gen. Cox.
 Book mark:
 (368)

James Lee and Lucy had the following children: James A. Summitt (November 30, 1883), Chester Alba Summitt (March 4, 1887), Cordelia Elisabeth Summitt (September 2, 1885), Joseph Homer Summitt (January 26, 1889), George Weekly Summitt (April 1, 1891), and Virgil Anderson Summitt (October 4, 1893). Again, I have been told that as many as three other children were born dead. Amu died June 29, 1922.

See the marriage license on page 4.

5TH TENNESSEE VOLUNTEER INFANTRY

On or about April 26, 1862, James Lee enlisted in the Union Army at Boston, Kentucky. According to the muster records, he joined for duty and was enrolled on April 16, 1862, at Camp Boston, and was mustered into Company H, 5th TN, on May 21, 1862 at Pine Knot. The captains of this company were Willis E. Hedgecock and James L. Dungan. The men from the company were mainly from Blount County, TN.

In 1863 the regiment was involved in the Battle for Chattanooga. Later, in 1864, it was sent, as garrison troops, to Loudon, TN. The unit was mustered out March 29th through June 30th, 1865, at Nashville, TN. James Lee's final muster roll sheet lists him as a private and, incorrectly, 21 years of age. He owed the government \$58.37 for clothing or money advanced. He hadn't been paid since June 30, 1863. The Union owed him \$100.00 from which what he owed was taken. There is a notation concerning the desertion that states while the charge of desertion "no longer stands against him," the record of fact that he was absent in desertion from on or about December 24, 1863, to on or about January 24, 1864, cannot, however, be expunged."

CENSUS INFORMATION

1850 Monroe County, TN
Age 9 Listed with Jonathan Summitt, his father. My information suggests that he was in Monroe County from 1840 till 1866.

1860 Monroe County, TN
Census not found.

State of Tennessee,
CROCKETT COUNTY.

To any Regular Minister of the Gospel having the care of Souls, or to any Justice of the Peace for said County--Greeting:

These are to Authorize You to solemnize the RITES OF MATRIMONY between

James L. Summitt and Mrs. Mary J. Young
of your County, agreeably to an Act of Assembly, in such cases made and provided:
Provided always, that the said James L. Summitt be
an actual resident of this County; otherwise these shall be null and void, and shall not
be accounted any license or authority to you or either of you, for the purpose aforesaid,
more than though the same had never been prayed or granted.

Given under my hand, at the Clerk's office, this 6 day of January, 1883

W. R. Brown
Clerk of Crockett County.

Know all Men by these Presents, That James L. Summitt
and Mary J. Young
all of the County of Crockett, and State of Tennessee, are held and firmly bound unto
the State of Tennessee in the sum of FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS, which payment,
well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, and each and
every one of us and them, jointly and severally by these presents.

Witness our hands and seals, this 6 day of January, 1883

The Condition of the above Obligation is such, That whereas, the above named
James L. Summitt has this day prayed and
obtained a license to marry Mary J. Young

Now, if the said James L. Summitt be an actual resident
of the aforesaid County, and there shall not appear any lawful cause why the said
James L. Summitt and Mary J. Young
should not be joined in Holy Matrimony as husband and wife, then this Obligation
to be void; otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

James L. Summitt
Mary J. Young

I solemnized the Rites of Matrimony between the within named parties, on the
10th day of January, 1883

T. B. Scott M. C.

1870 Orange County, IN Age 29 Listed with his family. My information suggests that he was in Washington, County, IN from 1866 to 1869 and in Orange County from 1869 to 1871. Records suggest that he was in Allen County, KS, from 1871 to 1872, somewhere in Tennessee from 1872 to 1873, and in Green County, IN from 1873 to 1877.

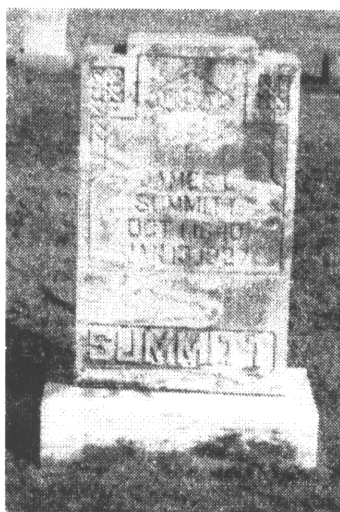
1880 Dyer County, TN Census not found. My information suggests that he was in Dyer County from 1877 till 1925.

1890 Dyer County, TN Census not found

1900 Dyer County, TN Age 59 Listed with his family

1910 Dyer County, TN Age 69 Listed with his family

1920 Dyer County, TN Census not found. My information suggests that he arrived in Cardwell, Dunklin County, MO, in 1925 and lived with Chester Alba till his death in 1927.



His Death

James Lee came to live with Chester Alba sometime shortly after Amy died. He died on January 13, 1927, in Cardwell, MO. The death certificate (right) gives the cause of death as heart failure and senility. He was buried in Cardwell, MO (see photograph above).

Epilogue

Well, that's it for this issue. We hope you have enjoyed reading it as much as we have enjoyed putting it together. We hope to hear from you with information about the family history soon. That includes information about what's going on now. Let us know who you are and how we're related. If you don't know what the connection is, send us a copy of your tree and we'll see if we can connect it up to the lines that we already know about.

Till next issue...

Paul and Mary

MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF HEALTH BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS CERTIFICATE OF DEATH		To not on the space
1. PLACE OF DEATH Cardwell, Mo.		283
2. FULL NAME James Lee Summitt		1662-8
3. SEX Male		1662-8
4. DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) 10-14-1840		1662-8
5. AGE 86 3 13		1662-8
6. OCCUPATION OF DECEASED Retired		1662-8
7. BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR TOWN) Cardwell, Mo.		1662-8
8. NAME OF FATHER Johnathan Summitt		1662-8
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13. PLACE OF BURIAL, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL Pinnacle Cemetery		1662-8
14. UNDERTAKER Pinnacle Cemetery		1662-8
15. DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) Jan 13 1927		1662-8
16. I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above is a true and correct statement of the facts as they occurred, as far as stated above, at the time of death.		1662-8
17. THE CAUSE OF DEATH WAS AS FOLLOWS: Heart failure and senility		1662-8
18. CONTRIBUTORY (SECONDARY) None		1662-8
19. WHERE WAS PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION MADE? At place of death		1662-8
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SUMMITT FAMILY REUNION

Received the following from my dad:

It's time for the Summitts to get together and get acquainted or reacquainted as the case may be.

We will be meeting on Saturday, July 1, 1995, in the community building in Cardwell, MO. You can come as early as you like and stay as long as anyone will stay with you.

We will try to have one big meal about noon. This will be a catered meal. The cost per person will be sent later.

There are two motels in Paragould, AR, which is eleven miles from Cardwell. There is a Ramada Inn, Phone (501) 239-2121, and a Best Western Rustic Inn, (510) 235-2161.

For any who are campers, there is Crowley's Ridge State Park near Paragould. Camp sites have electrical hook-ups.

Please tell anyone you know who might be interested in coming. Everyone will be welcome.

Please let us know as soon as possible how many will be coming so we will be able to prepare for you.

Send your response to:

Mary Jo Fry

7206 Tory Lane

Paragould, AR 72450

Sincerely Yours

Mary Jo Summitt Fry

Jeanne Summitt Peel