

# The Summitt Family Quarterly

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## From The Editor

Welcome to the eighth year of publication of this newsletter. Eight years ago I put together the first issue and mailed it out to a few members of my family and told them that if I didn't get ten subscribers I would not continue it. Well, I got exactly ten subscribers.

We now have about seventy-five active subscribers and around fifty who will join for a year, let their subscription lapse, and then rejoin. And we love having them back.

This eighth year of publication sees more reunions and Bob Shuping in North Carolina has a few words to say about their get together for this year. We have a discussion of the Indiana Jacob Summitt(s) and who they might have been as well as births, birthdays, deaths, and lots of pictures.

As I said when I started this column, we started out with ten subscribers and charging \$12.00 per year for a subscription but by the end of the first year we knew that wasn't going to cover the cost of supplies, postage, and copying. The second year we went up to \$15.00 per year for the subscription.

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## The Jacob Summitt(t) Story

*(Editor's Note: As I see it, one of the most important purposes of this Quarterly is to bring to light for the rest of the family some of the research that our family researchers are uncovering. A work in progress such as the current research of Glen Summitt and Kathy Sullivan fits this description ever so well. Let's keep in mind, however, that a research project in progress is just that — in progress. Much of what follows is conjecture supported by census data but even census data can be interpreted and therefore can sometimes be disagreed with. The material gathered here is the product of such researchers as Kathy Sullivan, Glen Summitt, John Allen Summitt, Paul C. Summitt, and myself and I'm sure others that I have accidentally overlooked. So qualifying what comes next with those words, let's begin by looking at what the SFQ Family Database has in regard to Jacob Summitt(t)s.)*

The earliest Jacob I have in my database is Jacob Sammett, born about 1730 in Germany and arrived here in the colonies on board Captain Thomas Arnot's ship "The Two Brothers" in Pennsylvania from Rotterdam on September 15, 1752. From Glen Summitt's notes we have the following supporting this:

*Full Context of Pennsylvania Foreign Oaths of Allegiance*

*LIST OF FOREIGNERS IMPORTED IN THE SHIP TWO BROTHERS, THOMAS ARNOT. CAPTAIN. FROM ROTTERDAM, LAST FROM COWES. QUALIFIED SEPT. 15, 1752.*

*Names of Foreigners Who Took the Oath of Allegiance to the Province and State of Pennsylvania [the "list of passengers" is also given including those marked "Newlander."]*

*Names of Foreigners Who Took the Oath of Allegiance to the Province and State of Pennsylvania*

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### 6th Annual A. C. Summitt Reunion Slated

Bob Shuping

The families of Alexander Commodore & Laura Dora Bollinger Summitt will hold their 6th annual reunion on June 22, 2002, and you are invited!

For 6 years now, we have been gathering at Salem Lutheran Church in Salisbury, North Carolina. The church is easy to reach.

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Since that time we haven't felt the need to raise the cost of a subscription until now. Postage has gone up and we've heard a rumor that it will be going up again. The per page cost of having the copies made went up last issue. The new double page format is actually cheaper to have printed than the single page format we've had previously. As a result, as of April 2002, the cost of a subscription will be raised to \$20.00 per year and the cost of back issues will be \$7.50. We hope you will continue exploring the common history of this family with us when your subscription expires.

We hope you continue to enjoy receiving this newsletter as much as we enjoy putting it together and distributing it.

Till next time

paul

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## TAX LISTS

Here's a listing of tax lists Glen Summitt found on the Internet.

### ***Bourbon County Kentucky Tax Lists 1787-1799***

<http://www.shawhan.com/taxlist.html>

- Year Of Tax Collection: 1787  
Summet, Christian
- Year Of Tax Collection: 1788  
Summet, Christen  
Summett, Christian
- The Tax Year of 1789  
Summitt, Christian
- Year of Tax Collection: 1790  
Summet, George  
Summett, Christian
- Tax List of 1791  
Summet, Christen  
Summet, Christian  
Summet, George  
Summet, George  
Summit, Christopher  
Summit, George
- Year of Tax Collection: 1792  
Summet, George  
Summitt, Cristian
- Year of Tax Collection: 1793  
Summit, Christen  
Summit, George
- Year of Tax Collection: 1795  
Sumit, Cristian  
Sumit, George
- Year of Tax Collection: 1796  
Sumit, Christian  
Sumit, George
- Year of Tax Collection: 1797  
Sumet, Christian  
Sumet, George
- Year of Tax Collection: 1799  
Sumatt, Andrew  
Sumet, Chritham.  
Sumet, George

And don't forget you can find Glen Summitt's family history files at <http://worldconnect.rootsweb.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?db=glen>. Of course the SFQ Family History files are located at <http://www.summittfamilyquarterly.com/FamHistIndex.htm>.

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*LIST OF FORRIGNRRS IMPORTED IN THE TWO BROTHERS, THOMAS ARNOT, MASTER, FROM ROTTERDAM.*

*Jacob Sammett*

Another Jacob Sammet arrived in Philadelphia on the ship "Beulah" with Capt. Richey, from Rotterdam and Cannes. This is in 30,000 Names of immigrants from Germany and other European Countries by I.D. Rupp. Most of the men on the ship were Lutherans.

*Sept 10, 1753 - "Jacob Sammit" arrives in Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania on the Ship Beulah, captained by \_\_\_\_\_ Richey from Rotterdam, last from Cowes, England. Cowes is on the Isle of Wight which lies just two miles off the southeastern coast of England, across a narrow stretch of water called the Solent. The original notation is in German: "Sept. 10, 1753 Schiff Beulah, Capitain Richey, von Rotterdam uber Cowes."*

Therefore, there were apparently two Jacob Sammetts who came into Pennsylvania during the same period of time. We have good evidence, as provided in a previous article by Glen Summitt concerning the Jacob Summitt confusion, that one of these two was the father of Rosannah Summitt Swank of Kentucky. It is most often assumed that the Jacob who came in on the Beulah was the father in question but to my knowledge we have no concrete evidence. All of us have assumed that both of these Jacobs were at least twenty years old (hence the 1730 birth date) when they arrived but have no concrete evidence as to this assumption either.

Some of us have suspicions that Francis Summitt, Sr. (Johan Franz Sammet), was related to one if not both of these Jacobs as indicated by the large number of Jacobs in his children and grandchildren.

The first of these is Jacob Summitt, son of Johan Franz Sammet (Francis Summitt, Sr.) and Dolly Abernathy, born about 1770 in Lincoln County, NC and died sometime after 1850. He married

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## We're Every Where!

*(Editor's Note: Received this in an email from Asnley just the other day.)*

Funny thing happened....I was sitting in a seminar about retail marketing and the presenter used another of his clients, Melissa Summitt of Thomasville Ga as an example. Of course, I perked up. Another branch of the family located. Hope everyone is well. Ashley

----- Original Message -----

From: <xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

To: <xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

Sent: Monday, March 29, 2004 9:22 AM

Subject: Relations

Dear Ashley,

My name is Jay Henry Summitt, and I live in Thomasville, GA, although I was born and raised in Tallahassee, FL. As you said in your letter, all of us Summitts most likely are related, and my Dad's predecessors were from East Tennessee which puts us in pretty close proximity to each other. My Mom and Dad have done quite a bit of research also into the family roots so I think I need to put you in touch with them. I failed to mention that Melissa is my wife and that is how your letter to her got into my hands. Anyway my parents are: H. C. & Frances Summitt, 4751 Fred George Rd, Tallahassee, FL 32304. I am always interested in family ties, so keep me informed.

Sincerely, Jay Summitt

*(Editor's Note: Jay is a descendant of Peter Summitt. For more on Jay's ancestors see the chart on page 13.)*

Happy birthday to both my daughters and,  
of course to myself.

Cathy was 30 on March 9th.

Jackie was 20 on March 19th

and I was 48 on April 7th.

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Elizabeth (Polly) Cloninger on December 25, 1805. Shortly after marrying Polly, however, Jacob was sued for paternity by Susanna Brougher.

January 1806 Session -- [Jacob Summitt married Polly (Mary) Cloninger on December 25, 1805], suit brought entitled Susanna Brougher vs. Jacob Summitt. The Court ordered Jacob to pay Susanna Brougher the sum of L15 for the first year, L10 for each of two other years for the maintenance of a base begotten child on the body of Susana of which said Jacob is the reputed father. Execution was ordered for the first year. Susanna subsequently married Joseph Like--marriage bond issued May 22, 1806. Joseph Like and Susanna thereafter continued court action to collect for damages and support. (April Court 1808) Note: No Joseph Like listed in the 1850 Catawba County, North Carolina Census, but a number of Likes are found in Knox County Indiana.

Jacob and Elizabeth may have had as many as eleven children. The 1810 census has this Jacob listed in Lincoln County, North Carolina (Roll 40, Page 468):

two males under the age of 10  
one male 26 to 45 years  
one female under the age of 10  
one female 26 to 45 years

The 1820 census lists Jacob still in Lincoln County, North Carolina (Roll 83, page 380):

five males under the age of 10  
one male 10 to 16 years  
one male over 45 years  
three females under the age of 10  
one female 10 to 16 years  
one female 26 to 45 years

Let's look at his age for a moment. If, as indicated in the 1810 census, Jacob was at most 44 years old, then his date of birth could have been at the earliest 1776. His children's names listed in age order would be John, Joseph E., Eliza, an unknown male, Nancy Sobinah, Polly, Rebekah, Jacob, Alexander, Anna, and Lawson M. According to the information we have in our file,

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Salisbury is between Charlotte and Winston Salem, North Carolina, on I-85. The Church is between Salisbury and Statesville, which is on I-77. Those of you who came to the National Meeting will remember the vicinity.

Alexander (Mr. Alex) and Dora Summitt moved from Catawba County (the site of the first national reunion), North Carolina, to Rowan County in 1917. All of their children were born, except for the last; Dora was pregnant when they moved.

They had thirteen children in all; 10 married, and 9 had children. They have 43 grandchildren, and we are still counting the great grandchildren.

Our event occurs on a Saturday afternoon with a covered dish meal at 5:00 PM. The time of the year is perfect: Warm, but not hot.

We meet early in the afternoon so that we can peruse any shared documents or photos or just reminisce. Our parents started this many years ago, and we decided to keep the tradition.

Our theme this year is "Those who stayed with Grandmother and Granddad and their stories."

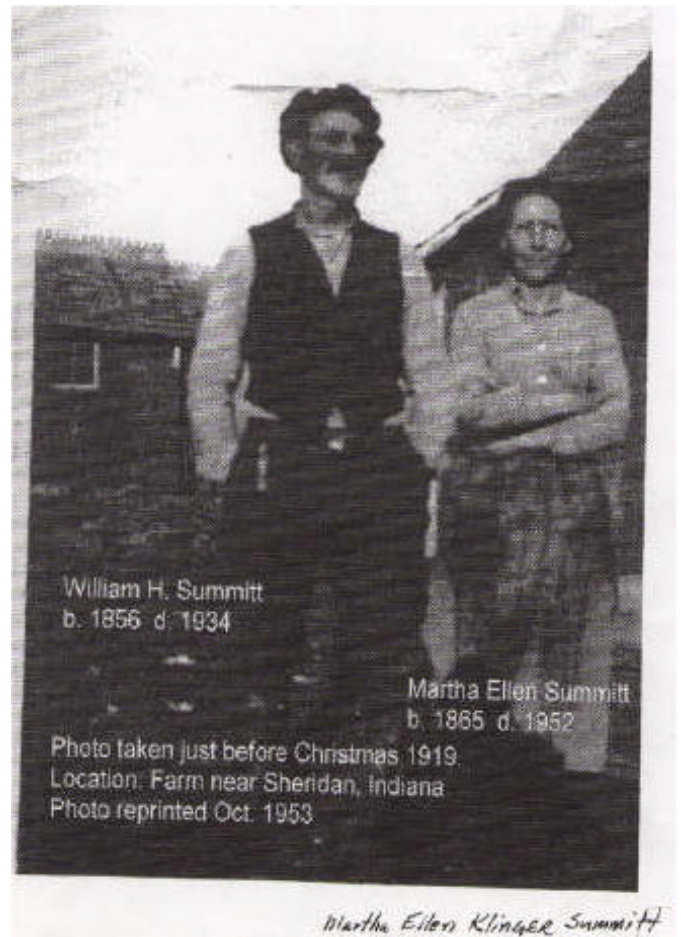
Please come and join us. We would love to have you. You may contact me at 704-786-5252 or bobshup@bigfoot.com.

We love for our cousins to come and share our day.

Bob Shuping  
3201 Irish Potato Road  
Concord, NC 28025

### **A New Summitt!**

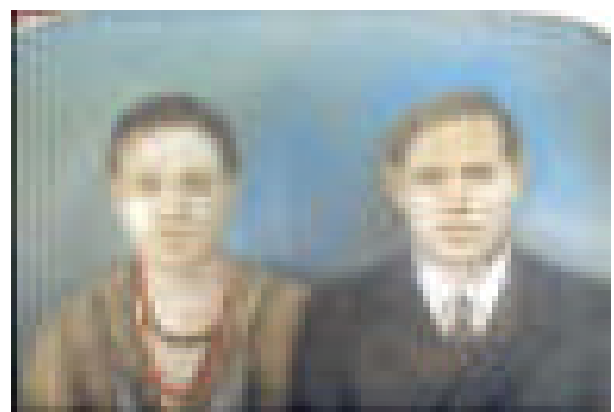
Gordon Thornton Summitt, IV, was born March 19, 2002, to Gordon Thornton Summitt, III, and Anne Wooten Summitt in Dallas, Texas.



### **Jeriel Summitt has a new grand-daughter!**

Grey and Robin (Summitt) Thomas and their four year old son Justin welcome into their family Alyson (Aly) Jane Thomas. Aly joined the family on March 13, 2002 and weighed five pounds and twelve ounces.

Robin is the great grand daughter of Chester Alba Summitt, the grand-daughter of Herbert Alison Summitt, and the daughter of Jeriel Allen Summitt.



Julia Ann Summitt and John Edmond Willard



## Rosa-Summitt

Sonya Leigh Summitt and Wayne Joseph Rosa, both of Salisbury, were married Saturday, Sept. 22, 2001, at Salem Lutheran Church.

The Rev. Don Newman and the Rev. Thomas Clements officiated at the 4 p.m. ceremony, which was followed by a reception at Salisbury Depot. Lynn Summitt of Greensboro was her sister's maid of honor.

Serving as bridesmaids were Amy Hanson of Jefferson, Wisc., and Dawn Pinkston of Salisbury.

The father of the bridegroom was best man.

Ushers were brother of the bridegroom Ryan Rosa of Charlotte, and Danny Troutman and Will Swink, both of Concord.

Greg Summitt and Ryan Summitt, both of Salisbury, were acolytes.

Cameron Thomas of Rockwell was ring bearer.

The bride, daughter of Judy K. Summitt and James B. Summitt, both of Salisbury, is a graduate of West Rowan High School. She received a bachelor's degree in dental hygiene from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and is employed by Drs. Wilbert Blackman and Steve W. Yang, and by Dr. David



Sonya Summitt Rosa

Mayberry.

The bridegroom, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tino Rosa of Salisbury, graduated from North Hills Christian School. He received a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from North Carolina State University and is employed by SESCO, Kernersville.

After a wedding trip to Barbados, the Rosas will live in Salisbury.



Here is Glen with his sister's new son, Matthew Robert Kieth, born in Pennsylvania in December. Matthew is the son of Darlene Ann Summitt and Douglas Stanton Kieth who live in North Wales, Pennsylvania. The picture was taken Easter morning. Matthew was baptized at a vigil on Easter Eve.

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the son Jacob was born about 1812 in North Carolina and died in Missouri. He's listed in the 1850 Missouri Census (27) with the following information:

Jacob Summitt	M	38	Mechanic	Born NC
Nancy	F	20		Born Virginia
Mary C.	F	13		Born Indiana
John W. (or H.)	M	11		same
James W. (or H.)	M	6		Born Missouri

There has been some suspicion that the Nancy listed here is an older daughter rather than his wife and also that the state of her birth was listed incorrectly. Given that if his great-grandfather is the father of Rosannah Summitt Swank of Kentucky and this Jacob is listed as living in Virginia (what's now West Virginia) during the late 1700's, it is not inconceivable that this Jacob could have lived for a time in Virginia. It is readily seen, however, that this Nancy is probably not be the mother of the other children.

In 1851 and 1852 this 1776 Jacob bought three tracts of land in Franklin County, Missouri. The first in 1851 is listed below:

### Legal Land Descriptions

Nr. Aliquot Parts Sec/Blk Township Range Fract. Sect. Meridian Acres Counties

1 SESE 4/ 41-N 1-W Y 5TH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN  
1.5 FRANKLIN

The second in 1852 is listed below:

### Legal Land Descriptions

Nr. Aliquot Parts Sec/Blk Township Range Fract. Sect. Meridian Acres Counties

1 SESW 15/ 41-N 1-W N 5TH PRINCIPAL  
MERIDIAN 0 FRANKLIN  
2 NENW 22/ 41-N 1-W N 5TH PRINCIPAL  
MERIDIAN 80 FRANKLIN

Now, we have to jump back a generation again to a Jacob Summitt in Kentucky, the son of George Summitt and Rosannah Graham. This Jacob was born January 23, 1790 and married Minerva Story on October 24, 1819. They had four children.

Another Jacob Summitt was born in North Carolina on

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## ELDERLY WOMAN STRUCK BY CAR

### Mrs. Violet Sharrett, 73, Receives Broken Leg.

Mrs. Violet Sharrett, 73, widow, living at 916 North Thirteenth street, was hit by an automobile, knocked down and seriously injured at 6:20 p. m. Tuesday on Wabash avenue near Fourteenth street.

The driver of the car, Maurice Cochran of 1020 North Ninth street, was exonerated of blame in the accident.

Rain and light snow was falling at the time and visibility was poor. Mrs. Sharrett, according to reports made to police officers, was walking on the pavement when she was struck by the car. She received a broken leg. She was taken to the Good Samaritan hospital for treatment.

FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 1939

## AUTO-INJURIES PROVE FATAL

### Mrs. Sharrett, 73, Dies at Hospital.

Injuries received when she was struck by an automobile six weeks ago were fatal to Mrs. Violet Sharrett, 73. She died at 8:30 p. m. Thursday in the Good Samaritan hospital.

Mrs. Sharrett, who lived at 916 North Thirteenth street, was hit as she walked down the pavement of Wabash avenue, near Fourteenth street, during a snowstorm on the evening of Feb. 14. She received a fractured leg and was taken to the hospital where she remained until her death Thursday.

The driver of the automobile, Maurice Cochran, 1020 North Ninth street, was exonerated of blame by officers after they investigated the accident.

Mrs. Sharrett was a native of this county. She was born Aug. 9, 1865, a daughter of David and Violet Summitt. Her husband, David J. Sharrett, died in 1931.

Survivors include four children, W. D. Williams, Noah Williams, Mrs. Lenora Lamb and Mrs. Bonnie Hawkins, all of Vincennes, and a brother, W. C. Summitt, also of this city.

The body was taken Friday afternoon to the residence of W. D. Williams, 2125 North Sixth street, where it will remain until noon Sunday. Then it will be returned to Gardner's Chapel, where funeral services will be conducted at 2:30 p. m. The Rev. Ogle Chastain, pastor of the First Baptist church, of which Mrs. Sharrett was a member, will officiate. Interment will be in Mt. Zion cemetery on the Vincennes-Monroe City road.

COAL PRODUCTION UP

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September 30, 1807 to Christian Summitt (son of Francis Sr.) and Elizabeth Master. He married Esther R. Kisby on March 3, 1832 in Monroe County, Indiana and had six children.

The next Jacob was the son of Francis Summitt, Jr. and Elizabeth Shook and was born around 1809 in Lincoln County, North Carolina. Married to Maria J. Perry, this Jacob may have had at least six children; Mary E., William E., Nancy C., John W., Sarah E., and Solomon. Let's look at the Census entries for this Jacob.

In the 1840 Monroe County, Indiana Census (Page 185, also marked as Page 63) we find the following:

Jacob Summitt:

Male 20-30

Female 20-30; Female 0-5

Interestingly enough, this entry is found in a different township than other Summitt households in this census.

The first thing we notice is that Jacob has to be born between 1810 and 1820

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### George H. Summitt

Findlay Courier

<http://www.thecourier.com/>

Tuesday, July 20th 1999

UPPER SANDUSKY -- Funeral services for George H. Summitt, 92, formerly of Mifflin Township in Wyandot County and Carey, will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Bringman-Clark & Co. Funeral Home, Upper Sandusky, the Rev. Jerry Elsholz officiating. Burial will be in Old Mission Cemetery, Upper Sandusky. Visitation will be held from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. today at the funeral home. Mr. Summitt died at 8:38 p.m. Sunday, July 18, 1999 at Fairhaven Health Care Community, Upper Sandusky, where he had resided since 1993. He was born May 10, 1907 in Mifflin Township to William F. and Mary M. (Kraus) Summitt. He married Florence Kimmerly on June 9, 1935, and she died Feb. 10, 1965. He later married Virginia Greeno Billock on May 7, 1977 in Carey, and she survives in Upper Sandusky. Also surviving are a son, Robert E. of Upper Sandusky; two stepdaughters, Mrs. James (Diana) McDonald and Elaine Borkosky, both of Upper Sandusky; four grandchildren; nine step-grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and 10 step-great-grandchildren. He also was preceded in death by a daughter, Janice; an infant son, Leonard D.; a brother, Ira; and two sisters, Inez Summitt and Anna Frank. Mr. Summitt was a retired Mifflin Township farmer. He also hauled fertilizer for the Farm Bureau in Upper Sandusky. He was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Upper Sandusky and the Marion Moose Lodge. He was a former social member of the Carey American Legion. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Wyandot County or to a charity of the donor's choice.

## Hazel Summitt Qualls

Hazel Summitt Qualls  
(daughter of Thomas  
Summitt and Carrie Lackey)  
passed away on January  
12, 2002. She was buried  
on January 18, 2002 at the  
Masonic Cemetery in  
Fallbrook, California.

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 02,  
2002 12:57 PM

**Subject:** Leonard Summet/  
South Carolina

I looked in our library in  
the "South Carolina His-  
torical and Genealogical  
Magazine" index and came  
up with the following from  
Vol. 25, 1924. This deals  
with Marriage and Death  
notices from the City  
Gazette in the late 1700's:  
(from the other dates listed  
believe this to be for  
Sunday, May 6, 1798)

*Married, on Sunday  
evening, by the Rev. Mr.  
Fabre, Mr. Leonard  
Summet, to the amiable  
Miss Rebecca Koffskey,  
both of this city.*

Believe the "city" is  
Charleston, SC, though it  
does not specify.

You may already have this,  
but hope this may be of  
some help. This was the  
only reference to the  
Summits or other spellings  
I could find.

Sincerely,  
Gary Brightwell

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**Ononymatological Research Report of the surname:**

## S A M M E T

**Forward:** The name SAMMET, as spelled, is not a word or a part of a word in any of the members of the Indo-European languages. The closest name in spelling is SAMMETH a name of the Bavarian dialect of Middle High German circa 15<sup>th</sup>. Century. [There is an heraldic achievement given to a Heinrich Sammeth of Munich in 1437]

It should be noted that even though there is no word base for SAMMET and therefore has no meaning as a word; it is, apparently, a name. Sammet is a nickname for a velvet dealer or tailor of velvet or delicate cloth.

The name SAMMET has been found in three registries. They are:

**Le Populeux pour du neme de Alsacia [Alsace] Dated .. 24 June 1556,  
Book vii-vol. II, pg. 128**

**Johannes Sammet of Saarbrucken (Alsace-Lorraine) \***

**Der Bayerisch Neugestaltung Rolle: January 23, 1808, Munich**

**A translation of this Bavarian list indicates that an Albrecht  
Sammet owned a small area of land near Augsburg in Upper  
Bavaria.**

**Registry of Immigration, Ellis Island, New York, September 16, 1888  
Debarkation list of the steamship S.S.Mannerreich out of Kiel:**

**Frederich Sammet , wife and three children.**

It is not known if any of these people were related. There is evidence that supports the theory that those who originated in Alsace-Lorraine may have been the progenitor group. That the root name was SAMMETH and that there have been many variations of that spelling. Other spellings found for this name root are: SAMET, SAMETH, as well as SAMMET and SAMMETH.

Records of the Royal Genealogical Society, London; have numerous listings of the name Sammert. A name that underwent differential spelling in the British Isles.

\*Note: Alsace-Lorraine has been a province of both France and Germany.

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so where does our file come up with a birth date of about 1809? Checking the source of this information in our data file we find that this was imported from another researcher's file sometime in 2000 so it is old information. We also notice that he has a daughter born between 1835 and 1840 yet the history file doesn't have a child listed that is born during this time frame.

There's no entry found by an researcher for this Jacob Summitt for the 1850 census so let's now turn our attention to the 1860 Knox County Indiana Census. Here we find the following:

Jacob Sumet	M	51	Carpenter	NC
Jamie Sumet	F	22		IN
Mary Sumet	F	2		IN
William Sumet	M	1		IN

Notice that now Jacob's age is listed as 51 and this would place his birth during 1809. Also, his wife is gone. Jamie, 22, would have been born about 1838 so this is probably the daughter listed in the 1840 census. We also now show Mary C. (age 2, DOB abt 1858) and William J (age 1, DOB abt 1859) indicating that Jacob's first wife may have died sometime about 1859.

Turning to the 1870 Knox County, Indiana, Harrison Township, Lovely Dale P. O., June 10, 1870, Census we find the following information:

Jacob Summitt	M	61	Farmer	North Carolina
Maria J.	F	31	Housekeeper	Indiana
Mary C.	F	12	School	same
William J.	M	10	At home	same
Nancy C.	F	8	At home	same
John W.	M	5	At home	same

Here Jacob's age agrees with the 1809 birth date. Jacob's second wife, Maria J. (birth date about 1839) has now joined the family. Mary C. and William J. are now 12 and 10 respectively. Nancy C. is now listed with a birth date of about 1862 and John W. with a birth date about 1865.

The 1880 Indiana Census for Harrison, Knox County, Indiana (Source: FHL Film 1254289: National Archives Film T9-0289 Page 274B) shows the following for Jacob:

Jacob Summitt	Self	W	68	NC	NC	NC
Maria J.	Wife	W	40	IN		
Nancy	Dau	W	17	IN	NC	IN
John W.	Son	W	15	IN	NC	IN
Sarah E.	Dau	W	5	IN	NC	IN
Solomon	Son	W	2	IN	NC	IN

Here we have a problem. An age of 68 puts Jacob's birth date around 1812 again. Jacob and Maria have two new children also; Sarah E (born about 1875) and Solomon (born about 1878).

The 1900 Census entry for Jacob Summitt in Knox County, Harrison Twp, Indiana finds him living in the household of William F. Ashcroft and family.

William F. Ashcroft	Head	Mar 1832	68	Marr.	49	IN	OH	NJ
Nancy	Wife	Sep 1831	68	Marr.	49	IN	IN	IN
Joseph	Son	Dec 1875	35	Sin.		IN	IN	IN

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Levi	Son	Jul 1873	26	Marr. 6	IN	IN	IN
Saha E.	Dau in Law	Jan 1875	25	Marr. 6	IN	IN	IN
Jacob Summitt	Fa in Law	Feb 1808	92	Wid.	NC	Ger	Ger
Clide	GSon	Jul 1895	4	Sin	IN	IN	IN

Now we have what may be an accurate date of birth for this Jacob of February 1808. Unfortunately, this date doesn't seem to match those of the approximate dates we've computed from the ages listed in the previous census reports.

Glen proposes that the 1812 Jacob listed as a son of the 1776 Jacob is actually this 1809 Jacob, son of Francis Jr. The 1776 Jacob and Francis Jr. were brothers. The 1776 Jacob never left North Carolina and as far as anyone can tell, neither did any of their children. Glen also suggests that there is no evidence that the 1776 Jacob even ever had a son named Jacob.

After looking at the information I don't think that I can agree. I think these very probably were two different individuals. There are enough discrepancies between dates and information, including children's names, that while there are similarities, I hold that until we have better information these two be treated as two individuals.

As Glen points out, while there is a census listing in 1840, 1860, 1870, 1880, and 1900, there is no 1850 Indiana listing for Francis Jr's son Jacob. Kathy Sullivan says "You don't have 1810, 1820, or 1830 censuses. This guy had to be somewhere."

If this Jacob is Francis Jr's son, and if he was born in 1809, we find a male child under ten listed in the 1810 census in North Carolina with Francis Jr. If Jacob was born in 1812 then we find two males under ten listed in the 1820 census with Francis Jr. in North Carolina. And Francis shows up in Knox county Indiana in 1830 so the fact that his son Jacob is in Indiana in 1840 is really no surprise

Glen also rightfully points out, there are no listings for Jacob's son Jacob in Missouri either before or after 1850. Glen suggests that Francis Jr.'s son Jacob married a woman in Indiana.. Kathy responds "Whoever the Jacob Summitt couple is on the 1840 Monroe county census, they did not marry in Indiana."

Glen: *"If we follow the census records we can see that as a young man, at about 28 in 1840, he is married to a woman the same age and has a young girl under five years old, indicating he probably married in the mid 1830's."*

How old Jacob is at this point in time is arguable depending on if you take the 1809 or the 1812 birth date as we saw earlier in the discussion of the moving date of birth and age with these census reports.

But what about Jacob's son Jacob? Glen is right, we have no real evidence that there even existed a son of Jacob named Jacob. Most of the researchers have believed that this individual did exist though. If he existed, and if he was born in 1812 as is suggested by the 1850 census, he should show up in the 1820 North Carolina Census with his father. In the 1820 North Carolina Census, Jacob is found with five male children under the age of ten. I haven't seen any Census data for Jacob in 1830 or 1840.

If we accept Glen's premises that the Missouri Jacob is Francis Jr's son the *"By 1850, it looks like we find this same Jacob in Missouri. He is now 38 years old; however, he has a very young bride of age 20 and three children ages 13, 11, and 6. The first two born in Indiana to his previous wife and the third born in Missouri. So, we now know that Jacob left Indiana approximately between 1839 and 1846, give or take a year."*



Elijah Lidge Summitt, son of James Layton Summitt and Sarah Ellen Gearries

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## Wrestling News May 3, 2001

### *The 'Summitt' Of Wrestling Accomplishments*

#### Newkirk Grappler Takes 4th Place At World Nationals

Trevor Summitt experienced the thrill of a lifetime recently, and he's only six years old. The youngster, who won a State title this winter in his third season with the Newkirk Takedown Club, travelled across the country with his family to compete in the three-day World National Wrestling Tournament in Reno, Nevada. And Summitt fared well, snaring the fourth-place position in his Division I, Heavyweight field. He posted a 3-2 mark in the event with his two losses by a total of five points. Summitt suffered a 6-4 setback to a California wrestler in the opening round but bounced back to win three straight consolation bouts, pinning his New Mexico opponent in just :20, then dispatching a Utah foe by a 10-3 score, and completing the triumphant run to the consolation finals with a third-period fall of a Pennsylvania wrestler. In vying for third, the Newkirk grappler encountered the Tulsa Nationals champion from Texas and battled valiantly only to endure a 13-10 defeat in the final :10 of mat action.

*(EDITOR'S NOTE: Anyone know who this young future WWF star belongs to?)*

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As suggested earlier, we know that Nancy is not the mother of the other children. With Jacob at 38 and Nancy at 20 she could be an older daughter. Again, as suggested earlier, since his great-grandfather may have been in Virginia during the 1830 time frame, it is not unreasonable to assume that Jacob may have been in Virginia during the 1930 census. Further examination of the Virginia Census seems needed, especially during the 1830 period.

But Glen brings up some excellent point that this may indeed be a young wife in his discussion of Jacob's purchase of property in Missouri. Glen: *"Anyway, Jacob buys government land in Missouri in 1837 and 1839, per bureau of land management. ...Interestingly, I have in my notes that Jacob and Nancy Summitt, as a couple, are selling their land in 1846 and then under Nancy's name only purchasing land in 1848. At first, I thought Nancy a daughter, but the sale seems to indicate they are indeed a couple."*

"Heinrich Weidner 1717-1792 Catharina Mull Weidner 1733-1804 Through Four Generation". An entry in the back reads: "13 November 1846 Cape Girardeau County, Missouri Deed Book Jacob and Nancy Summet of Cape Girardeau County conveyed to Sampson Hawn 40 A, for \$125. \* \* \* Wit: Henry Hawn , Reuben Smith."

Glen continues: *"Then only Nancy Summet acquires land by a Federal land patent in Cape Girardeau, MO dated February 2, 1848. In 1851, I have a land grant for Jacob Summitt of Franklin County Missouri, but acrossed it is written "Canceled." I also see a grant notation for August 1852. No more land grants after this point."*

Let's return to the children before we look at what may or may have not been wives any further. The 1840 Indiana Census show a female less than five years old belonging to Jacob and his wife. That would make the child born between 1835 and 1840. The 1850 Missouri Census has a Mary C. age 13, making her birth date about 1937. So far so good. But now we have a son, John W. born about 1939 but no male child under five was noted in the 1840 census. Kathy does concede that this child could have been born after the census. The 1860 Indiana Census has another Mary, this time age two. The 1837 Mary C. is no longer with the family and is probably married. Then, the 1870 Indiana Census refers to the child Mary as Mary C. again and has her age 12 during this Census. I question a second child with the name Mary C., even if by different mothers. The John W. from the 1850 Missouri census is also no longer with the family and being about age 21 that would be plausible. But again in 1870 there is a listing for a now age five John W. The now about age 16 James W. is also no longer with the family in the 1860 census either.

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Isabelle Summitt July 10, 1918

## WOMEN, 92, EXPIRES ON HER BIRTHDAY

SENILITY CAUSES DEATH OF  
MRS. ISABELLE SUMMITT AT  
WESTPORT—THREE SONS SUR-  
VIVE.

Mrs. Isabelle Summitt passed away this morning in Westport, in her ninety-second birthday, at the home of her son, Elijah Summitt, with whom she has made her home for several years.

Death was due to senility. She is survived by three sons, William, of Sheridan; James, North Vernon, and Elijah, of Westport.

The funeral services will be conducted at Lower Union tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock by Rev. J. W. Gilley.



PHOTO to the Right: Ethel Gearries, Nell Summitt, Rose Summitt, William Summitt, and Jose Summitt.



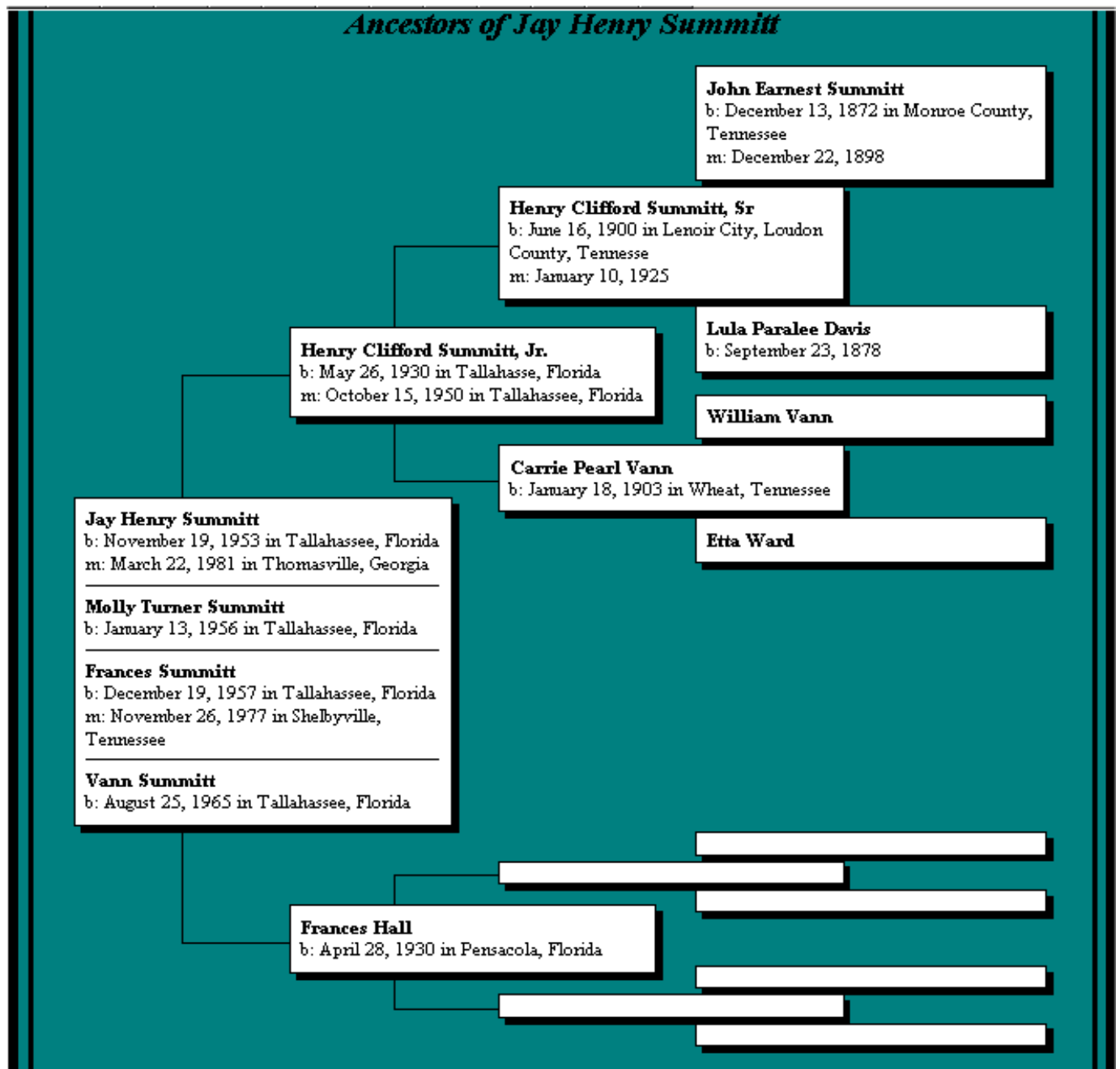
**Wilma Ethel Gearries**

Daughter of Serena Belle Summitt and  
George Elvin Gearries



**James Layton Summitt and Sarah Ellen (Nell) Gearries**





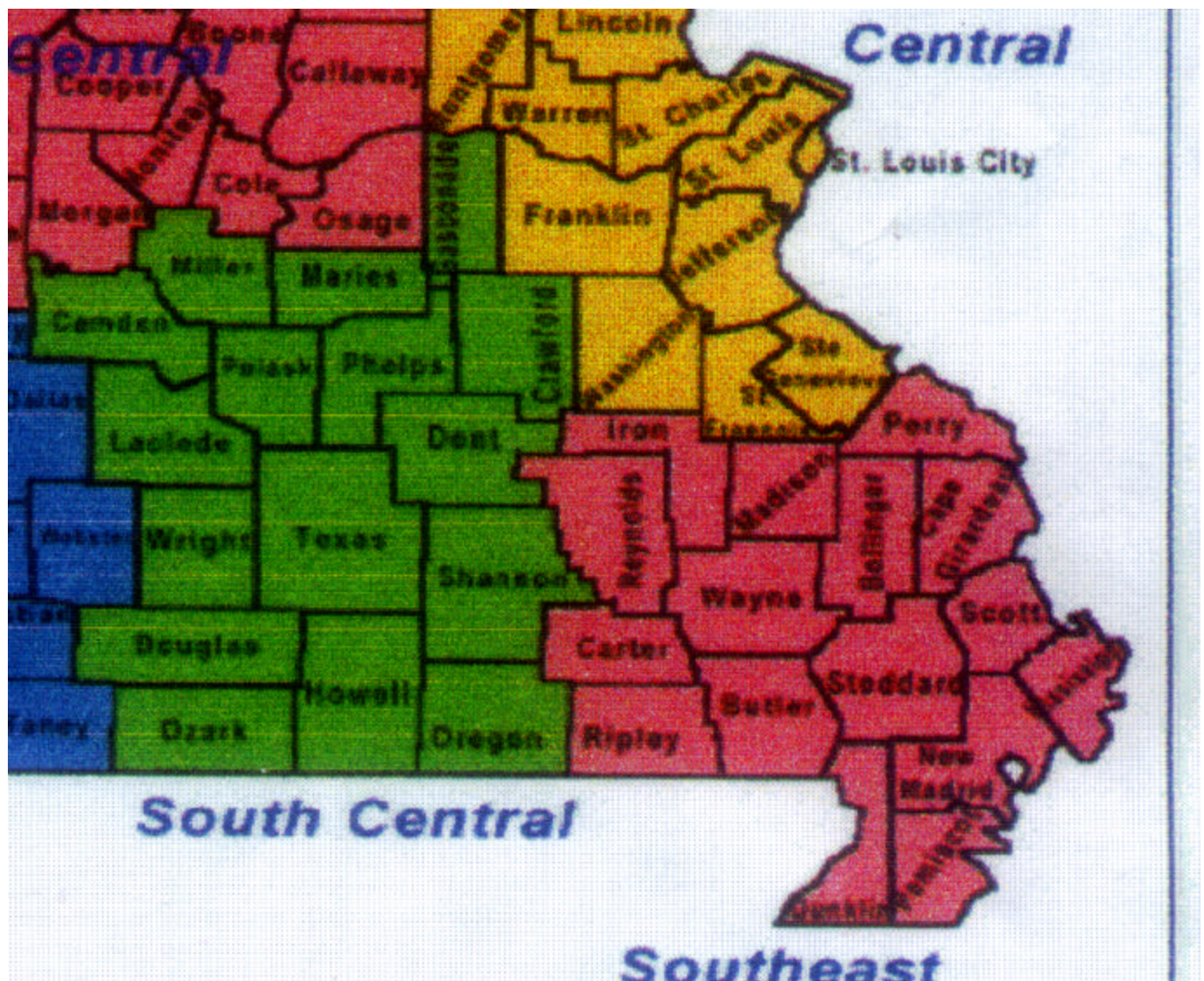
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It is now a part of France, but was a department of the Prussian German Empire [Rhennish-Saar Palatinate] from 1432-1610.

The English and Americans have a predilection for changing the spelling of names that have a "foreign" sound or look. The name Sammet has the sound that is very much like the English summit and there are numerous listings for that name [Summit] both in the British Isles and in the United States.

The German variations are not as easy to explain, as the meaning of the nickname Sammet as a velvet tailor is completely lost. The German word for velvet is samt and their word for tailor is the name Schneider.

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Now let's look at the wives of these Jacobs. While not knowing her name, we know that the 1840 Indiana Jacob's wife was about the same age as he. The twenty year old Nancy associated with the 1850 Missouri Jacob may or may not have been his wife, although the purchase of property tends to suggest that it is indeed his wife. The 1860 Indiana Jacob is again without a wife unless the 51 year old is now married to a twenty-two year old Jamie. In 1870 the Indiana Jacob now has a housekeeper named Maria J. who is very likely his wife at this point because the 1880 Census lists her as such.

Perhaps I'd rather not believe this ancestor the cad that Glen paints him to be in leaving wives and children in at least two states but I just believe this Jacob is not the same Jacob. Remember, John Francis Summit, son of Francis Sr. turns up in this same 1850 Missouri Census in Madison County, just two counties south of the Franklin County where Jacob is found.

Interestingly, the land sale in 1846 by Jacob (34 at the time) and Nancy (an 18 year old at this time) lists Jacob and Nancy as being from Cape Girardeau County. This is just one county over to the east from Madison County.

Kathy Sullivan in her email discussing the Jacob question with Glen suggested that this question will be best answered by following the children born in Missouri into the 1900's in search of death records and perhaps proof of who their parents were and where they were from. In addition, I believe it's time to contact the genealogy organizations in Cape Girardeau, Franklin, and Madison Counties and find out more about these people. I think it's also time to take a trip to all three counties and visit the cemeteries.

Thanks to Glen and Kathy and others who contributed information to this discussion.

## "CLIFF SUMMITT RETIRES FROM INSURANCE FIRM"

"H.C. "Cliff" Summitt, Sr. today retired as manager of the Gulf Life Insurance Company's ordinary agency and will be succeeded by his son, H.C. Summitt, Jr.

Summitt, who has been with the Company for 30 years, was honored last night at a dinner attended by company officials. He received several gifts from his employees.

At the banquet, Summitt recalled the "old days" when Tallahassee was headquarters for an area from Lake City to Marianna. "To reach Apalachicola," he said, "I had to leave Sunday morning because the sand roads could only be safely negotiated by daylight. I would arrive Sunday night and then be ready to go to work with our salesmen Monday morning. There were cable ferries between here and Apalachicola, both of which have now been replaced by bridges."

Summitt has been in the life insurance field for 36 years, the past 30 with Gulf. He came to Tallahassee in 1928 and has been here since. He managed the local office for 26 years and is the company's oldest manager in point of service.

Active in civic affairs, Summitt has been on the City Commission for six years and served as mayor in 1955. His present term on the Commission - his second - has two more years to run.

Asked about future plans, Summitt said he intends to devote more time to City work and "fishing." H.C. Summitt, Jr., who will take over the manager's post, has been with Gulf for the past five years." -- Tallahassee Democrat, March 1957

*(Editor's Note: Glen Summitt provided us with this tribute to Jay Summitt's grandfather.)*



**James Layton Summitt's children**

Rose, Lidge, Jose, James, William



Bruce A. Summitt—2002

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