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VIRGINIA P. LIVINGSTON

Virginia P. Livingston (called Jennie) was born in Hart County, Kentucky on March 15, 1848. She was one of thirteen children born to Daniel Livingston (1807-1864) and Parthenia Parish (1811-1894). **The children were:**

1. Mary Jane Livingston 1833-1909 m. William Shelton Watkins

2. William Noe Livingston 1835-1909 m. Mary I. Castleman

3. John T. Livingston 1836-1896 m. Mary McCubbin

4. Joseph B. Livingston 1838-1910 m. ?

5. Henry B. Livingston 1840-1869 m. Jane Castleman

6. Elizabeth Ellen Livingston 1842-1922 m. Zadoc Casey

7. Richard Livingston 1844- ? m. Emily Womack

8. Peter Livingston 1844- ? m. Albertine Gover (twin to Richard)

9. Martha Susan Livingston 1846- ? m. Joseph Hanks

10. Virginia P. Livingston 1848-1932 m. 1- Benjamin Castleman

2- Henry Bear

11. Lucy Ann Livingston 1850-1872 m. Lewis Castleman

12. Laura E. Livingston 1852-1900 m. Simeon Casey

13. Benjamin F. Livingston 1855-1876 m. Martha Cooper

Virginia/Jennie first married Benjamin A. Castleman who died in 1880. On May 7, 1885, she married Henry Bear in Miller County. Henry Bear was first married to Lucinda Spearman who bore him a daughter, Lucinda Ann Bear in 1868. The mother evidently died a couple of days after the birth of her only child. He then married Geraldine Robinson with whom he had 4 daughters: Eva Bear Umstead b. 1872, Dora Bear Mitchell b. 1874, Anna Bear Ihmels b. 1878 and Olive Bear Reed b. 1880.

Henry Bear was a son of George Bear (1806-1876) and Elizabeth Vogt (1811-1887) and was born in Hocking County, Ohio. **The children of George and Elizabeth Bear were:**

1. John Bear 1834-1912 m. 1- Laura Birdsong

2- Delilah Dobson

2. Mary Ann/Polly Bear 1836-1877 m. (single)

3. Henry Bear 1837-1915 m. 1- Lucinda Spearman 1868

2- Geraldine Robinson 1871

3- Virginia Livingston-Castleman 1885

4. Catherine Bear 1838-1905 m. (single)

5. Andrew Bear 1840-1874 m. Catherine Loveall

6. Absolem Bear 1842-1932 m. Mary C. Spearman

7. Simeon Bear 1843-1918 m. Louisa Cleveland McDonald

8. Madison Bear 1845-1882 m. (died in Arizona Territory)

9. unknown child died in infancy

10. George Bear 1849-1918 m. Jennie Curry

11. Benjamin F. Bear 1851-1879 m. (single)

12. David Christian Bear 1853-1942 m. Mary Samantha Winfrey

During the Civil War, Henry Bear served with the Union Army in Capt. Capp's Company H, Osage Regiment of the Missouri Home Guards; in Capt. Brumley's Company I in the 47th Regiment of the Enrolled Missouri Militia; and in Company E of the 48th Regiment of the Missouri Infantry. He joined in 1861 and served until 1865. Henry died on December 23, 1915 at the age of 78 years and was buried at Hickory Point Cemetery in the Little Richwoods of southern Miller County.

In early life, Virginia Livingston-Bear joined the Hickory Point Baptist Church and later she joined the Ulman church by letter in November 1914 and according to her obituary, 'she lived a consistent Christian life and attended her church as long as she was able.' She was the last of her large family of 13 children to survive and died just

3 days past her 84th birthday on March 18, 1932. Her death was attributed to pneumonia fever.

She was the mother of 4 children by Henry Bear including 2 children who died young and a son, Willard Bear who died 28 Feb 1928. She was survived by a daughter, Lucy Bear Ratliff, 5 step-daughters: Lucinda Bear of Iberia; Eva Bear Umstead of Tuscumbia; Dora Bear Mitchell and Olive Bear Reed of Alberta, Canada; and Anna Bear Ihmels of Colville, Washington.

Her funeral services were held at the Hickory Point Baptist Church with the Rev. W. W. Bunch officiating and then she was laid to rest in the cemetery nearby.