

Descendants of William Shelton Watkins

I William Shelton Watkins b: 1829 in Kentucky d: 13 Oct 1861 in Pulaski County, Missouri
 .. +Mary Jane Livingston b: 23 Nov 1833 in Kentucky d: 1909
 **2 James Bowlin Watkins** b: 23 Oct 1855 d: 12 Mar 1916
 +Barthonia B. McCubbin b: 14 Dec 1853 d: 20 Aug 1943
 3 Fred Pinkney Watkins b: 26 Oct 1879 in Miller County, Missouri d: 14 Apr 1952 in Miller County, Missouri
 +Georgia L. Rowden b: 22 Dec 1881 in Miller County, Missouri d: 23 Sep 1952 in Moniteau County, Missouri
 **3 Gilbert E. Watkins** b: 20 Sep 1877 in Iberia, Missouri d: 14 Dec 1961 in Centralia, Missouri
 +Flora M. Gott b: 04 Sep 1879 in Brumley, Missouri d: 19 Dec 1962
 4 Gilbert Byron Watkins b: 10 Oct 1908 in Iberia, Missouri d: 08 Dec 1910 in Tavern Township, Pulaski County, Missouri
 4 Sarah Ann Watkins b: 23 Jul 1922 in Watkins, Missouri d: 19 Feb 1960 in Jefferson City, Missouri
 +Carrol J. McCubbin
 5 Brenda McCubbin
 5 Becky Ann McCubbin
 5 Twyla McCubbin
 5 Beth McCubbin
 5 Gregory McCubbin
 4 Dorsey Watkins
 4 Drexel Watkins
 4 Jesse Watkins
 4 Roy Watkins
 4 **Fleeta Lucille Watkins** b: 12 Dec 1908 in Iberia, Miller County, Missouri d: 08 May 1988 in St. Elizabeth, Miller County, Missouri
 +Lewis Arthur Jarrett b: 21 Feb 1904 in Miller County, Missouri d: 21 May 1950 in Miller County, Missouri
 5 Donald Jarrett
 4 Carol Watkins b: 18 May 1916 in Iberia, Missouri d: 22 Mar 2003 in Lake Ozark, Missouri
 +Mario Torreti d: Jun 1997
 5 Joseph D. Torreti
 5 Ronald W. Torreti
 4 Robert Watkins
 4 Lucy Watkins
 +? McDaniel
 4 Unnamed Watkins b: 16 Jul 1912 in Miller County Missouri d: 16 Jul 1912 in Miller County Missouri
 3 Orthor K. Watkins b: Aug 1881
 3 Lucy P. Watkins b: Aug 1893
 **2 Perry M. Watkins** b: 7 Nov 1856 in Miller County, Missouri d: 7 Nov 1942 in Hickory County, Missouri **Farmer**
 **2 Bird Taylor Watkins** b: 07 May 1858 in Watkins, Missouri d: 03 Aug 1934 in Ulman, Miller County, Missouri **Farmer**
 +Mary Ann Hughes b: 16 Dec 1862 in Maries County, Missouri d: 17 Dec 1938 in Miller County, Missouri
 3 Clara Watkins b: 18 Aug 1891 in Missouri d: 21 Jan 1965
 +Adrian Bernard Clark b: 13 Sep 1894 in Ulman, Miller County, Missouri d: 19 Nov 1980 in East Stroudsburg, Monroe County, Pennsylvania
 4 Clare Rosemary Clark b: 23 Feb 1920 in Watkins, Miller County, Missouri d: 11 Oct 1941 in Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan
 +John Javor
 5 Janet Dawn Javor b: 07 May 1937 in Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan d: 23 Apr 2003 in Springfield, Delaware County, Pennsylvania
 3 Stella Blanche Watkins b: 28 May 1881 in Maries County, Missouri d: 07 Dec 1971
 +Lewis Preston Pemberton b: 06 Nov 1874 in Iberia, Miller County, Missouri d: 25 Apr 1953 in Ulman, Miller County, Missouri
 4 Hilary H. Pemberton b: 01 Feb 1905 d: 15 Jan 2002

..... +Gertrude Hedge b: 01 Nov 1905 in Iberia, Miller County, Missouri d: 14 Dec 1989 in Iberia, Miller County, Missouri
..... 5 Becky Pemberton
..... +? Ellingson
..... 5 William Preston Pemberton b: 05 May 1930 d: 19 Jul 2007 in Houston, Texas
..... +Lillian ?
..... 6 Sherri Pemberton
..... 6 David Pemberton
..... 6 Daniel Pemberton
..... 5 Linda Sue Pemberton b: 24 Sep 1939
..... +? Powell
..... 5 Elizabeth Ann Pemberton b: 04 Jan 1941
..... 4 Phyllis Pemberton
..... 4 Glennis Pemberton
..... 3 Herbert Watkins b: 25 Mar 1886 d: 25 Mar 1886
..... 2 **Laurette S. Watkins** b: 25 Dec 1861 in Missouri d: 25 Jan 1956
..... +William Staines Irwin b: 12 Dec 1851 in Pennsylvania d: 01 Jan 1939 in Miller County, Missouri **Farmer**
..... 3 George H. Irwin b: 10 Sep 1883 in Missouri d: 15 Mar 1963
..... 3 Edith Irwin b: Apr 1885 in Missouri
..... +Frank P. Moore
..... 3 Ethel I. Irwin b: 16 Dec 1890 in Iberia, Missouri d: 19 May 1975 in Jefferson City, Cole County, Missouri
..... +Isaac Lindsey Lawson, Jr. b: 16 Jun 1889 d: 12 May 1976
..... 4 Edith Wilma Lawson b: 19 Jun 1910 in Miller Co., Missouri d: 16 Jun 2005 in Jefferson City, Missouri
..... +R. Mason Link b: 22 Mar 1913 in New Bloomfield, Missouri d: 25 Aug 2006 in Jefferson City, Missouri
..... 5 Larry Bryan Link
..... +Carolyn Louise ?
..... 4 Winston Irwin Lawson b: 04 Dec 1914 in Miller County, Missouri d: 19 Dec 1997 in Jefferson City, Missouri
..... +Eunice Fay Lewis b: 21 Dec 1917 in Iberia, Miller County, Missouri d: 03 May 1991 in Jefferson City, Missouri
..... 5 Mary Ann Lawson
..... +? Wilson
..... 5 J. Douglas Lawson b: 03 Jun 1942 d: 11 Jan 1993
..... +Lemoine S. ? b: 07 Oct 1946
..... 3 Ray Watkins Irwin b: 28 Dec 1896 in Iberia, Missouri d: 06 Jan 1985 in Tuscumbia, Miller County, Missouri
..... +Edna Mary Williams b: 07 Apr 1894 in Iberia, Miller County, Missouri d: 26 Nov 1991 in St. Elizabeth, Missouri
..... 2 **Emmet G. Watkins** b: 07 Nov 1859 in Missouri d: 11 Oct 1921 in Maries County, Missouri **Farmer**
..... +Louisa Jane Bradley b: 25 Sep 1852 in Brown Branch, Taney County, Missouri d: 11 May 1914 in Miller Township, Maries County, Missouri
..... 3 Fremont Watkins b: 18 Sep 1887 in Brown Branch, Taney County, Missouri d: 1919 in Boston, Mass.
..... 3 Clinton C. Watkins b: 06 Mar 1889 in Missouri d: 01 Sep 1910 in Springfield, Greene County, Missouri
..... 3 Henry Patrick Watkins b: 16 Jul 1890 in Watkins, Missouri d: 12 Jan 1968 in Lebanon, Missouri
..... +Ruby C. Haines b: 22 Dec 1903 d: 11 Feb 1983
..... 4 Bradley Watkins
..... 5 Bruce Watkins
..... 5 Valerie Watkins
..... 3 Emmett G. Watkins, Jr. b: 1892 d: 1894
..... *2nd Wife of Emmet G. Watkins:
..... +Joe Ann Steen b: 11 Oct 1872 in Camden County, Missouri d: 12 Nov 1955 in Miller Township, Maries County, Missouri
..... 3 Spurgeon Watkins b: 14 Dec 1916 in Missouri d: 10 Mar 1945 in Fulton, Callaway County, Missouri

Obituary, December 1961

Funeral services were held Sunday for **Gilbert Edwin Watkins** of the Iberia community. Mr. Watkins, 84, died last Thursday at a rest home in Centralia. Mr. Watkins, son of James and Bathonia Watkins, was born in rural Miller County on Sept. 20, 1877.

On June 3, 1904, he was married to Flora M. Gott, who survives. They were the parents of 11 children. He was preceded in death by two sons and one daughter in infancy, and another daughter, Mrs. Sarah McCubbin, in 1960.

Early in life Mr. Watkins united with the Hickory Point Baptist Church near Iberia where he retained his membership at the time of his death. Mr. **Watkins taught school for several years and also was a farmer in the Iberia area.**

In addition to his wife, Flora, of the home near Iberia, he is survived by five sons, Dorsey of Warrensburg, Drexel of Etterville, Robert of Bellflower, Calif., Jesse of Pendleton, Ore., and Roy of Parkville; two daughters, Mrs. Fleeta Jarrett of Iberia and Mrs. Carroll Torreti of New Providence, N.J.; one sister, Mrs. Lucy McDaniel, of Eldon; one foster sister, Mrs. Bonnie Meyer of St. Louis; 21 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

The Rev. August E. Williams officiated at the services at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at the First Baptist Church in Iberia. Interment was in the Iberia Cemetery under the direction of Scrivner-Stevinson Funeral Home of Iberia.

Window to the Past

By Peggy Smith Hake

William Shelton Watkins was a Confederate soldier, born in Kentucky in 1829. As a young man, in his early 20s, he went to the state of California at the time of the Gold Rush about 1849-50. On his return home, he boarded a ship and sailed around Cape Horn and visited with relatives in Virginia when the ship was docked. In 1853, he moved westward and settled in Miller County, Missouri. The same year he married Mary Jane Livingston in Kentucky (Perhaps Hart County where the Livingston family lived) and they became parents of five children...four sons and one daughter.

Their children included:

1. James Bolin Watkins 1855-1916 m. Barthonia B. McCubbin 1877
2. Perry M. Watkins b. 1856-1942
3. Bird Taylor Watkins 1858-1934 m. Mary A. Hughes
4. Emmett G. Watkins 1859-1921 m. Louisa Jane Bradley
5. Loretta S. Watkins 1861-1956 m. William S. Irwin 1881

During the early days of the Civil War, William joined a military company called "W.R. Wright's Company." This man was known throughout the country as Rankin Wright. William Watkins served in John Ray's regiment of the Wright Company and the men of this company were ready to defend southern institutions to the bitter end. William Rankin Wright was the leader of Confederate troops in the central Missouri area during the Civil War, but some family legends say that William Shelton Watkins fought for the Union Army.

William Shelton Watkins was killed in a skirmish on Oct. 13, 1861. The skirmish took place near the source of the Tavern Creek just over the line in Pulaski County to the south. At the time of his death, he was 32 years old. William was a Mason and he was a member of the Baptist Church which was probably the old Hickory Point Church because it was in that area that he settled and lived before the war.

NOTE: Once again, family records say William Watkins was killed at his home by bushwhackers. He was buried in the yard of his homestead and a marble slab was placed at his gravesite. This happened in the Hickory Point community and many years later, he was moved to the Hickory Point Cemetery and buried beside his wife, Mary Jane.

It is legend that William Watkins brought gold back from California and secretly buried it on his land before going off to fight in the rebellion. He did not tell anyone where it was hidden, not even his wife. For years many people have searched for his treasure, but if it existed, it is still safe somewhere under our Miller County soil!