

Family of William Lawson Hays

Generation 1

1. **Edward L. Hays-1** was born about 1810 in North Carolina. He died after 1860 in Alabama.

Notes for Edward L. Hays:
General Notes:

William L. Hays stated in his Civil War Veteran Questionnaire that Edward L. Hays was his father and that he was born in Georgia. He said that his father was a farmer, did not own land and that his parents occupied a log house with 4 rooms. He mentions other sons of Edward that went to the war, Richard and Hardy and Marion. Transcriber had a hard time reading.

Further research finds that Edward L. Hays was actually born in North Carolina but that he and his wife early in their marriage moved to Georgia where 10 of the 11 known children were born. The family was in Georgia from 1835 (when the first known child was born) until the 1850 census when the family is found in Cherokee County, Alabama. They were still there in the 1860 census.

When William Hays in his Civil War Pension application stated that other sons also went to war, research finds that to be true. Richard, James, Lovely, Levi and William all enlisted on August 17, 1861. So of the known sons of Edward Hays, all went to war and enlisted in the 19th Regiment, Alabama Confederate Army on the same day. You wonder if they were all trying to get away from their father, because William stated in his pension application that his father worked them hard.

One son, Richard, died in the Civil War.

After the 1860 census, no further records could be found for Edward Hays.

Elmira Fields was born about 1812 in North Carolina.

Edward L. Hays and Elmira Fields married. They had the following children:

- i. **Richard Hays** was born about 1834 in Georgia. He died on 17 Jan 1863 in Civil War.

Notes for Richard Hays:
General Notes:

Richard enlisted in the 19th Reg't Alabama Infantry, Company H August 17, 1861. He was dangerously wounded on December 21, 1862 and died while still in service on January 17, 1863.

- ii. **Lovely Rutherford Hayes** was born in Sep 1834 in Georgia. He died on 06 Oct 1934 in , Comanche, Texas, USA.

Notes for Lovely Rutherford Hayes:
General Notes:

Lovely Rutherford Hays enlisted on August 17, 1861, along with his brothers, in the 19th Alabama Infantry, Company H. He enlisted as a Private and was discharged as a Sargent on May 2, 1865 at Salisbury, North Carolina. He was wounded in the shoulder at 10 a.m. April 7, 1862 near Shiloh.

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- iii. **Susan Hays** was born about 1839 in Georgia.
- iv. **Lucinda A. Hays** was born about 1840 in Georgia.
- v. **Levi Marion Hays** was born in Jul 1840 in Georgia. He married Elizabeth Phillips in 1866. He died after 1900 in , DeSoto, Louisiana.

Notes for Levi Marion Hays:
General Notes:

Levi Marion Hays enlisted with his brothers on August 17, 1861. He was paroled at the same time as his brother, Lovely Hayes, on May 2, 1865 Salisbury, North Carolina.

- 2. vi. **William Lawson Hays** was born on 13 Apr 1843 in Georgia. He married Mary Eliza Peal on 08 Aug 1867 in Haywood County, Tennessee. He died on 11 Sep 1923 in Crockett County, Tennessee.
- vii. **James Knox Polk Hays** was born on 14 Dec 1845 in Georgia, United States. He married Charlcie Ann Shew in 1867. He died in Aug 1924 in Shelby, Alabama, United States.

Notes for James Knox Polk Hays:
General Notes:

James Knox Polk Hays enlisted on August 17, 1861, with his brothers, and during the first year of his service was sick. He did get well and serve until he was captured on May 15, 1864 near Resaca Georgia. He was taken as a prisoner of war in Louisville, Ky., then transferred for exchange on 2/26/1865 to Camp Morton Indiana and then taken to City Point, Virginia. He was furloughed on 3/13/1865 from General Hospital, Howards Grove, Richmond, Virginia.

- viii. **Mary J. Hays** was born about 1846 in Georgia.
- ix. **Sarah L. Hays** was born about 1848 in Georgia.
- x. **Cynthia H. Hays** was born on 26 Jul 1847 in Georgia. She died on 05 Jul 1917 in ?.
- xi. **Martha Palestine Hays** was born on 01 Jan 1856 in Alabama. She died on 08 Jun 1943 in Walker County, Georgia.

Generation 2

- 2. **William Lawson Hays-2** (Edward L.-1) was born on 13 Apr 1843 in Georgia. He died on 11 Sep 1923 in Crockett County, Tennessee.

Notes for William Lawson Hays:
General Notes:

William Lawson (Losson) Hays was born in Georgia according to his Civil War pension papers, Cass County. He was a farmer all his life plus doing a little carpentry. He belonged to the 19th Alabama Infantry, Company H and fought in Shiloh, Chickamauga, ? Ridge, Franklin, Northville, Perrysville and other battles. Some of the most ferocious battles of the Civil War. He was wounded on his left side at the battle in Atlanta. At the time of his pension. it was iust his wife of 65 vears and himself

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He was wounded on his left side at the battle in Atlanta. At the time of his pension, it was just his wife or 65 years and himself at home, but he and his wife had raised 8 children, 4 boys and 4 girls. He did not drink intoxicants. He was suffering from chronic cystitis, mitral lesion of the heart and frequent attacks of renal colic. (1907)

On his Veteran Questionnaire form he stated that his father was Edward L. Hays born in Georgia. He knew nothing of his mother. His parents did not own slaves or property. He was raised in a log house with 4 rooms. He started working on the farm when he was six years old. He stated that his "father was a s ----- and wee boys had to work lik thunder. I was the first one of the boys that went in the war, Richard, then Hardy? he come next. Martion? L., L.M. ? Hay Wm? my youngest brother." He walked 4 miles to school, he attended 5 years from 4 to 9 months. (Per the transcriber of these papers, writing was very hard to read and spelling terrible.)

Reviewing the service records for William Lawson Hays, we find that he enlisted along with his brothers, Richard, James, Levi and Lovely on August 17, 1861. He was wounded and at the end of his service worked in a hospital.

William L. Hays' death certificate gives his birth date as 19 April 1843 and his death date as 11 September 1923, Maury City, Crockett County, Tennessee. He was buried in Robertson Cemetery, Crockett County, on the 12th of September. He son Losson Hays of Memphis provided the information.

The couple was married August 8, 1867 in Haywood County, Tennessee and is first found in the 1870 Haywood County, Tennessee census. William is 26 years old (already fought in the Civil War) a farmer and this census states he was born in Alabama; his wife Mary is 24 years old born in North Carolina, their son William is 2 years old born in Tennessee.

1880 Greene County Arkansas census. William Hays is now 37 years a farmer born in Alabama; his wife Mary E. is 35 years old born in Tennessee. Children: Eliza is 9 born in Tennessee; Sarah L. is 7 born in Tennessee, James T. is 4 born in Alabama, Mary E. is 2 born in Tennessee and Richard A. is 3 months born in Arkansas. William, a son from the 1870 census, is not listed and it is assumed that he passed. Reviewing all the states the children were born in, this family moved several times in ten years. They lived in Tennessee and moved to Alabama sometime between 1873 and 1876, moving back to Tennessee by 1878 and than to Arkansas by 1880.

1900 Crockett County, Tennessee census. Hays William, born April 1843 in Georgia a farmer-has been married 33 years; his wife Mary E. born April 1845 in North Carolina. She has had 8 children and 6 are living at the time of this census. Children: Sallie born September 1872; Richard born April 1880; Losson born December 1882 and Ethel M. born January 1887.

1910 Crockett County, Tennessee census. William L. Hays is now 66, married once born in Georgie a house carpenter; wife Mary E. is 65 married once, she has had 8 children and 5 are living at the time of this census.

1920 Crockett County, Tennessee census. William L. Hays is now 76 years old and is not working; his wife Mary L. is 74 years old. The couple is living with daughter Sallie (Sarah) and her husband Dan Standley.

Mary Eliza Peal daughter of James F. Peel and Mary Elizabeth Robinson was born on 17 Apr 1845 in North Carolina. She died on 23 Nov 1927 in Crockett County, Tennessee.

Notes for Mary Eliza Peal:

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General Notes:

Mary Eliza Peal Hays-- born in North Carolina 17 April 1845 and died in Crockett County, Tennessee 23 November 1927 per her death certificate. Her parents were James Peal and Eliza Peal. Information provided by daughter Sallie Stanley of Maury City, Crockett County, Tennessee.

The following was taken from her first application for a widow's pension, 13 October 1923. Eliza states that her husband was born in Georgia and that he died near Maury City Tennessee on 11 September 1923. She also states that she and her husband raised 8 children, 4 boys and 4 girls, all dec'd but 3 and they are over 35 years old. In 1923 Eliza was living with her son in law, Daniel Standley. At the time of this writing she had no real or personal property. She did not remarry after the death of her husband. This application gives her marriage date as 10 August 1867.

Mary Eliza is found with parents and siblings in the 1850 and 1860 Haywood County, Tennessee census.

William Lawson Hays and Mary Eliza Peal were married on 08 Aug 1867 in Haywood County, Tennessee. They had the following children:

- i. **William Hays** was born about 1868 in Haywood County, Tennessee. He died between 1870-1880.

Notes for William Hays:
General Notes:

Sadly the only time we see William is in the 1870 census as a two year old. There is a headstone for a William Hays in Robertson Cemetery Crockett County, Tennessee, where his parents are buried, but no dates are engraved.

3. ii. **Eliza E. Hays** was born on 20 Aug 1872 in Crockett County, Tennessee. She married John E. (Jack) Hunt on 23 May 1892 in Crockett County, Tennessee. She died on 24 Aug 1917 in Crockett County, Tennessee.
- iii. **Sarah L. Hays** was born in Sep 1872 in Tennessee. She married Daniel Standley on 19 Aug 1900 in Crockett County, Tennessee.
- iv. **James F. Hays** was born about 1876 in Alabama. He died between 1880-1900.

Notes for James F. Hays:
General Notes:

Again, we get only a glimpse of James T. as he is listed only once in the census records and no further records could be found. He was 4 years old when he appears in the 1880 census with his parents.

4. v. **Mary E. Hays** was born about 1878 in Tennessee.
- vi. **Richard A. Hays** was born in Apr 1880 in Arkansas.

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5. vii. **Robert Lawson "Losson" Hays** was born on 22 Dec 1882 in Tennessee. He married Corie Barker on 09 Aug

1914 in Gibson County, Tennessee. He died in 1937 in Memphis, Tennessee.

6. viii. **Ethel M. Hays** was born in Jan 1887 in Tennessee. She married Charles H. Forsythe on 06 Sep 1905 in Crockett County, Tennessee. She died on 09 Mar 1951 in Memphis, Tennessee.

Generation 3

3. **Eliza E. Hays-3** (William Lawson-2, Edward L.-1) was born on 20 Aug 1872 in Crockett County, Tennessee. She died on 24 Aug 1917 in Crockett County, Tennessee.

Notes for Eliza E. Hays:
General Notes:

This family is found only in the 1900 and 1910 Crockett County Tennessee census. Both John and Eliza died young, 1914 and 1917 respectively. John was 44 and Eliza 45 years old. Poor Eliza lost a son, Ira in 1913 and then in 1914 lost her husband, John, to typhoid fever. A young daughter, Lee R. born in 1902, wasn't seen after the 1910 census. John, Eliza and Ira are buried in Floyd's Chapel Cemetery, Crockett County, Tennessee.

John E. (Jack) Hunt was born in Nov 1870 in Tennessee. He died on 15 Jul 1914 in Crockett County, Tennessee.

Notes for John E. (Jack) Hunt:
General Notes:

John E. (Jack) Hunt and Eliza E. Hays were married on 23 May 1892 in Crockett County, Tennessee. They had the following children:

- i. **Mary Lou Hunt** was born in Aug 1893 in Crockett County, Tennessee. She married John Avery on 02 Dec 1911 in Crockett County, Tennessee.
 - 7. ii. **Aubre Hunt** was born on 18 Aug 1895 in Crockett County, Tennessee. He married Shirley Agee on 12 Dec 1920 in Crockett County, Tennessee. He died on 18 Dec 1966 in Crockett County, Tennessee.
 - 8. iii. **Eva Jean Hunt** was born on 07 Sep 1898 in Crockett County, Tennessee. She married Auburn Troy Dobbins on 01 Oct 1916 in Crockett County, Tennessee. She died on 22 May 1981 in Winterhaven, Florida.
 - iv. **Lee R. Hunt** was born about 1902 in Crockett County, Tennessee.
 - v. **Ira Hunt** was born on 14 Jul 1905 in Crockett County, Tennessee. He died on 16 Mar 1913 in Crockett County, Tennessee.
4. **Mary E. Hays-3** (William Lawson-2, Edward L.-1) was born about 1878 in Tennessee.

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Notes for Mary E. Hays:
General Notes:

1920 Bemis, Madison County, Tennessee census. Mary E. "Ella" as she was called is found living with her second husband Newton M. Butler. She is 44 years old born in Tennessee.

Sometime between the death of Ella's first husband, Francis Carter, and the 1920 census; Ella met and married Newton Butler. Newton was approximately 20 years older than Ella and in her letters to her sister, she referred to him as Mr. Butler.

September 13, 1921

Bemis, Tennessee

Dear Sister and Mother,

Will write you a few lines to let you all no we get home all ok and found everything all right but I am not well. I didn't do a think Monday, I lay on the bed nearly all day. I couldent hardly stand on my feet my heart was so dizzie. Mr. Butler went to se Dr. Brown, he sent me some med. I feel some better today but are not ----- (missing a page) what is left make me 1 Par. I think there will be plenty for 2 Par (pair) one for me and one for you. Well I am looking for some company Mr. B - sister and bro siad they would be here some time this week. I hope I will get well before they get here, well it sure is hot. Tell Aunt Sis not to get mad. I couldent et a round this time but will think of her next time I get down there. Well Sallie I want to write Bessie a few lines and I ought to write to Cora and Ethel and I can't do all in one day. I hope you will get the cloth all right guess he can put it in the mail box so hoping to here from you all soon As ever your loving Sis, Ella
PS Mr. Butler is up but not well he is not doing much of anything, hope we will both be all right soon.

March 10, 1922

My Dear Sister and family

Will write you a few lines today hope you all are well. Both are up but I am not well, have been sick ever since we been move. We move last Monday had Doc Easons out to see me Wednesday was in bed and he examine my lungs and siad I had a bad bronchial turble. I am afriad I will take the TB, he siad we must stop that cough I have had it ever since the frist Sunday in Dec and didn't get no better of it. I am take medicine every 4 hours apart. I am so weak and so nervers to I can't hardly write. I ask him if it was any thing serous he siad no not now but would be if I didn't stop the cough he siad I was so yellow. he sent my medicine out to me and I guess I am feeling a little better. Today not hardly so sore had fever for to days don't think I have any to day. Hope I will soon be all right agian I no he thought something when he examine me, he sit down by the window and look out I not there was something to matter with my right lung it hurt me so much if I don't get better I am sure going out west before I go to long but still if may not do any good. I don't think I will stay here long in these to little old rooms. I want to get out in the open air, my rooms are so small Sallie I couldnt put up ?? one ?? have to rocking shair a dresser a trunk and little table, a stove boot as big as a gallon buckett. I cant unpack anything. My room is on the south side I get plenty of sun shine when ever it shine. I no think hard of me for taking Ma Sallie but we doing the best we could for house rent is so high. Mr. Butler siad we would not stay here long, I don't like out here we are all most in the country have dirt roads and muddy when it rians, how is Ma getting a long. I hope she will get better I wrote to Bessie told her to take her for a while is she at home or not I would like to see you all and I am coming if I don't get better for I think it will do me good

September 11, 1922

My Dear Sister and All

Will write you a few lines this morning as it is cool and pleasant had a nice rian yesterday and it has turn so cool hope it will stay this way for a while well Sallie the racket is all most over or I hope so I think Georgia and her boy is going to leave Thursday but Cora has taken her brother girl to llive with her so I guess Cora will stay here. I think she say thing she don't mean, say she don't remember everything she say. I told her the way she talk I though we would have been gone, it is all talk. I think but I do hate for Lason to do that way. Cora siad Ethel told her Ma just weighed 60 ponds and she told me that she look mighty bad and had a bad spell while she was there. I sure do hope she will get better do she sleep good at night. Well Frank and William started to school this morning so there is not so much noise today. Well Sallie I haven't been to church since I move down here. How is Aunt Sis and all getting a long. Well I dont no much to write so I will close hoping to here from you all soon. We are both well and hop you are the same.

As ever your Sis Ella

PS tell Ma I hope she is well and feeling good this cool morning. Sure would like to see you all I am crazy to see Bessie and the kids. Ethel siad Bessie has the sweetest baby she very did see. I sure would like to see her guess the watter mellons is all gone. Cora siad she was going out there but she backed out cause I didn't go but I would go then hope to see you all soon

Last page of a letter - to go and not sit shut up in the house all the time. I notie this month I wasn't unwell like I have been but didn't think nothing about it. Well Sallie Mrs. Giddes and Emmer both were in bed when I move haven't heard from them, hope they are better lots of sickness and deaths up here. Mr. Butler has gone to town today siad he would go and see Doc Easons, he siad let him no know I was getting a long. haven't done any washing this week, will Sallie I don't no where I will ever get your letter or not hope so for I want to here you all so bad. hope you all are well and hope I will get better when have you ever heard from Cora and Ethel haven't heard in a long time, will I will close hoping to hear from you soon as ever your loving Sis and Bro

Mr. & Ella Butler my address is Lanoir Ave Bour 8, Jackson Tennessee c/o Mr. F. H. Wright

Letter copies as written

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Francis E. Carter was born on 18 Oct 1879 in Crockett County, Tenn.. He died on 30 Jan 1913 in Crockett County, Tennessee.

Notes for Francis E. Carter:
General Notes:

1900 Civil District 14, Crockett County, Tennessee census. Francis E. Carter 19 years old, born October 1880, married two years born in Tennessee a farmer; wife Mary E. 22 years old June 1878 in Tennessee, she has had one child and one child is living at the time of this census--Bessie M. born June 1899 in Tennessee 11 months old.

1910 Civil District 14, Crockett County, Tennessee census. Francis E. Carter is now 29 years old, married for 10 years a farmer; wife Mary E. 30 years old. She has had two children and two are living at the time of this census. Bessie M. 10 years old and Liza L. 7 years old.

Francis E. Carter and Mary E. Hays married. They had the following children:

- i. **Bessie M. Carter** was born about 1900 in Crockett County, Tennessee.
- ii. **Carter Liza L** was born on 06 Oct 1902 in Crockett County, Tennessee. She died on 28 Dec 1912 in Crockett County, Tennessee.

Newton Munroe Butler was born on 22 Oct 1859 in Carroll County, Tennessee. He died on 17 Oct 1937 in Huntingdon, Carroll, Tennessee, USA.

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Newton Munroe Butler and Mary E. Hays married. They had no children.

5. **Robert Lawson "Losson" Hays-3** (William Lawson-2, Edward L.-1) was born on 22 Dec 1882 in Tennessee. He died in 1937 in Memphis, Tennessee.

Notes for Robert Lawson "Losson" Hays:
General Notes:

Obit for Robert Lawson Hays

Robert Lawson Hays, who owned a barber shop at Third and McLemore for many years and a Memphis resident 30 years, died at 9:30 p.m. yesterday at his home, 1267 S. Wellington. He was 55.

Mr. Hays was born in Crockett County, near Johnson's Grove Tennessee, where he lived until he came to Memphis. He was a Baptist. He had been ill six months.

He leaves his wife, Mrs. Cora Emily Hays; three sons, Robert Irwin, William Lawson and Frank Akins Hays of Memphis; two sisters Mrs. Sally Stanley Maury City, Tennessee and Mrs. Ethel M. Forsythe, Memphis.

National Funeral Home has charge. Services conducted by Rev. W.P. Cowan, will be held at the funeral home at 2 p.m. tomorrow. Burial will be in Elmwood Cemetery.

Robert's three sons, William, Frank and Robert sent many cards and letters to their "Aunt Sally".

Corie Barker was born on 26 Aug 1890 in Tennessee. She died in Jun 1988 in Tennessee.

Robert Lawson "Losson" Hays and Corie Barker were married on 09 Aug 1914 in Gibson County, Tennessee. They had the following children:

- i. **William Lawson Hays** was born on 21 Jan 1913 in Tennessee. He died in Oct 1982 in Chicago, Illinois.
 - ii. **Frank Akins Hays** was born on 22 Dec 1915 in Tennessee. He died on 07 Feb 1991 in Memphis, Tennessee.
 - iii. **Robert Irwin Hays** was born on 25 Oct 1918 in Tennessee. He died on 05 Nov 2000 in Bloomington, Illinois.
6. **Ethel M. Hays-3** (William Lawson-2, Edward L.-1) was born in Jan 1887 in Tennessee. She died on 09 Mar 1951 in Memphis, Tennessee.

Charles H. Forsythe was born on 21 Apr 1888 in Tennessee. He died in Jul 1971 in Memphis, Tennessee.

Charles H. Forsythe and Ethel M. Hays were married on 06 Sep 1905 in Crockett County, Tennessee. They had the following children:

- i. **Georgia Mae Forsythe** was born about 1908 in Tennessee.

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7. **Aubre Hunt-4** (Eliza E.-3, William Lawson-2, Edward L.-1) was born on 18 Aug 1895 in Crockett County, Tennessee. He died on 18 Dec 1966 in Crockett County, Tennessee.

Shirley Agee was born on 01 Oct 1898 in Crockett County, Tennessee. She died on 01 Mar 1988 in Crockett County, Tennessee.

Aubre Hunt and Shirley Agee were married on 12 Dec 1920 in Crockett County, Tennessee. They had the following children:

- i. **Hunt Aubrey W.** was born about 1926.
 - ii. **Jessie Iris Hunt** was born on 29 Jan 1926. She died on 16 Oct 1991.
8. **Eva Jean Hunt-4** (Eliza E.-3, William Lawson-2, Edward L.-1) was born on 07 Sep 1898 in Crockett County, Tennessee. She died on 22 May 1981 in Winterhaven, Florida.

Auburn Troy Dobbins was born on 27 Jul 1894 in Tennessee. He died on 27 May 1961 in Winterhaven, Florida.

Auburn Troy Dobbins and Eva Jean Hunt were married on 01 Oct 1916 in Crockett County, Tennessee. They had the following children:

- i. **Mary J. Dobbins** was born about 1919 in Tennessee.
- ii. **Elenore Dobbins** was born about 1920 in Florida.
- iii. **Ruby M. Dobbins** was born about 1923 in Florida.
- iv. **Auburn J. Dobbins** was born about 1930 in Florida.