



Fate & Hixie Murdock

General Lafayette Murdock was born January 18, 1876 and died June 9, 1937. He was the son of George Harmon Murdock (1846-1911) and Sylvia J Presley (1852-1939).

Hixie was born December 16, 1881 and died March 28, 1938, and her death certificate in DeKalb Co., TN lists her parents as Will Johnson (1839-aft. 1880) and Sarah Jane "Sallie" Boyd (1844-aft. 1880). Sophronia Hallum, Hixie's sister, also has an Aug. 22, 1918 death certificate in Lincoln Co., TN stating the same parents. In the 1900 census Hixie was 19 and living with Kerr and Martha Jessie in Smith Co., TN as a boarder. At that age it would be more usual for a 19-year-old single female to remain with her parents, but the parents could not be found in 1900. In 1880 her parents were in District 16, DeKalb Co., TN.

The 1910-1930 censuses list Hixie's children as one total: Lillard, male, (1908), who was married to Vinnie (Sutton) [md. Aug. 15, 1926 Putnam Co.] female, (1908), and Lillard's 2 children Fred A (1929) and Louise (1930), all these in the same household in 1930. No marriage license was located for "Fate," as Lafayette was called, and Hixie.

The 1910 census shows Marshall Johnson (b. January 1888) as a "boarder", and apparently Hixie's brother, living with Fate and Hixie Murdock. The 1900 census shows Marshall Johnson living in DeKalb Co., TN with Hixie's sister, Sophronia "Frona", who had married David

Lafayette "Fate" Hallum. This indicates that Hixie's parents had died in or after 1889, and that the Johnson minor children had to find a place to live with their older married brothers and sisters.

It is said the name Lafayette was first used by the Murdock line after the great Frenchman himself visited the Murdock family while touring America. The name is common in the lineage up to the present time. Lafayette's brother, John B Murdock, named one of his sons Lafayette. John's son Lafayette moved from Silver Point, where he was born, to Stark County, Ohio. He died and was buried there in 1986. He had married Madaline Lloyd, who was born in Tampa, Florida. She married the young Fate in Wayne County, Ohio and made their home in Stark County.

Both Hixie and Lafayette were buried at D T Puckett cemetery and later disinterred and relocated at Mt Holly cemetery. Fate's sister, Mrs Amanda Hendrixson, was present at their disinterment.