

William Alsup Florida

William Alsup Florida was born on August 21, 1883. He died on Dec. 11, 1939 in Silver Point, Putnam Co., TN. He was the son of Samuel Owens Florida (1853-1914) and Nancy Jane Foster (1849-1925).

He married twice. His first wife was Melissa Agee, whom he married on November 10, 1905. She was born February 16, 1886 and died January 16, 1907. She was the daughter of H Green Agee (1859-?) and Lucy J Agee (1855-?). With her he had two children.

Then on September 17, 1909 he married Etta Brown (1887-?) in DeKalb County, Tennessee. According to William's Army Registration Card they lived at Silver Point, Tennessee. By 1930 they are listed as having four children: Jack (1916), Katy (1918), Sam (1921) and Austin (1923). Etta Brown's sister Fray Brown was also living with Etta. William A Foster is not listed on the 1930 census, but is listed on the 1920 Federal Census. Also on the 1920 census is Alva R Florida, age 13, who was probably a daughter of Melissa Agee, since she was born in 1907. Her name was spelled Alora R on the 1910 Federal Census.

William and Etta had divorced before he died. The 1940 census shows Etta using her maiden name "Brown" and having 3 of her Florida surnamed children in the household in DeKalb Co., TN.

William Alsup and his first wife Melissa were buried at T J & W F Moss Cemetery, and were later disinterred and relocated at Mt Holly Cemetery. William's brother, Thomas C Florida was present at the disinterment.