



In Memory of James Luther and Annie Massey

By Phyllis Massey Graves

Born in Bloodland, Missouri, on Aug. 17, 1911, Luther (as he was known to friends and family) was loved by all. The son of James Valentine and Clara Laura Firestine Massey, he was one of six children--Clifford Franklin Massey, Clarence Massey, Nellie Mae Wood, Elmer Marvin Massey, Bessie Maude Hammock Peckens Ganaway and James Luther Massey.

Born in Bloodland, Missouri, on Aug. 29, 1917, Mary Sussana (Annie, as she was known) had no enemies. The daughter of William Edward Poe and Mary Ann Blake, she was one of seven children. Their names are George Ervin Poe, Francis Josephine Poe, Virgil Pinkney Poe, Roy Andrew Poe, Ernest Ray Poe, Truman Jeremiah Poe and Edward Earl Poe.

On Dec. 22, Luther married Mary Susanna Poe. They were married in Texas County at Houston by C. C. Tuttle. They moved from Texas County to Pulaski County in the early

50's and raised a family of six. Luther supported his family with a third grade education while Annie had an eighth grade education. Annie could sew or make anything. With six children and a limited budget, she kept her whole family in clothes. Her quilts were her favorite pastime. She would sew and hum for hours with her children at her feet and a thimble on her finger (which, I would like to add, serves very well as a correction tool for the little ones). Annie, being kind, would tell her children to settle down many of times. If they didn't behave and listen, she would get their attention and get them back on task with a quick "tap" on the head with her thimble finger. Just like a pecker wood, quick and accurate, she got the job done.

Luther's gardening skills were known by all. It seemed he would supply the whole county with tomatoes. Our garden was the best. Luther and Annie would work side by side in the garden for hours. Later, Annie would can each item with love and kindness, knowing this



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would keep her family through the winter. The old cellar was a scary place, but well kept by her.

Hunting for the abundant game in Pulaski County helped Luther, too. He would raise coon dogs for sale or trade. His favorite dog, Lucky, came to him while hunting one night. Luther found the little pup

in a stump and brought him home. Coon hunting and selling the hides was a well favored sport. Hunting for fresh game kept the freezer full and served as a sport for the whole family.

Luther worked to help build Fort Leonard Wood by working for the

C.C.C., or Civilian Conservation Corps, in the 1930's. He helped build roads and with the trail construction.

They lived in Laquey, behind the Fairview Baptist Church.

To this union, six children were born—Luther Ellis Massey, Evelyn Marie Adkin, Ruby Jewell Clark,

Carolyn Sue Garratt McGee, Juanita Mae Anderson My and Phyllis Maxine Graves. Later came a host of grandkids and great grandkids. Luther and Annie enjoyed each and every one of them. We love them early and they are greatly missed. Thank you Mom and Dad for all you did! The Massey Family.

~What Your Relatives Were Doing in 1901



Although we failed to locate any existing Pulaski County newspapers in our research of one hundred year ago events, KJPW Radio did discover an unusually large number of personal items from this county that were printed in several other newspapers. This was a rare find indeed, because local newspapers of that era almost exclusively reported about people in their respective communities.

Readers should understand that the events printed below most likely occurred some eight to fifteen days prior to the underlined dates, which merely denote the actual publication dates of the newspapers that had lifted the personals from the latest editions of the Pulaski County Democrat, the Dixon Echo, the Iberia Impetus and the Richland Cyclone.

April 19th

The Normal School at Waynesville opened last Monday with an enrollment of 54 students, conducted by Profs. Lumpkin and Decker.

Mrs. Rigsby is building a handsome cottage residence in Waynesville.

Mert Lane, a student at a St. Louis medical college, is expected to arrive at his home in Waynesville this week a full-fledged "saw bones."

Mrs. Clint Huckins and son Ralph, of Herrington, Kan., are guests of the family of Dr. L. Tice at Waynesville.

On Sunday, April 7, Mr. Giles E. Cole and Miss Mona Butler were united in marriage, Rev. G. M. Jones officiating.

Prof. J. T. Lumpkin, principal of the Waynesville Normal School, was chosen county school commissioner by a majority of 325 over Prof. Jordan. Lumpkin is well known in this city.

The 15-year-old son of Jos. Bowman, who mysteriously disappeared from his home near Dixon about two weeks ago, has been found with relatives at Republic, Greene Co.

T. V. Imboden, of Dixon, ex-sheriff of Pulaski County, is an applicant for the appointment to the position as turnkey at the penitentiary. Tom Imboden will be remembered here as the man who ran Wils. Howard down for the murder of the deaf mute in Maries County. He found him in the San Quintin, Cal., penitentiary and brought him back here to stand trial for murder. Tom will make a faithful and efficient officer.

April 26th

Frank Logan, the boy mail carrier on the Waynesville and Moab route, arrived at Decker Wednesday very sick. He hired a man to take the mail to Moab but was unable to secure someone to take it on to Waynesville. So it had to lay over until Thursday.

An Epworth League chapter was organized at the M. E. church, south, in Waynesville on Sunday, April 14, with Prof. G. M. Reed president.

Mrs. G. A. Burchard and children, of St. Louis, are visiting friends and relatives in Waynesville.

A 10-pound boy came Monday night to gladden the home of Judge and Mrs. Vaught of Waynesville.

May 3rd

Master Lilburn Robinson, of St. Louis, is a guest of his sister, Mrs. L. H. Tower, of Mount Pleasant, this week.

Nelson Johnson and family, of Swedeborg, have gone to Minnesota with a view to making a home in the northwest.

Miss Ada Goodman, of Hancock, returned from an extended visit to friends and relatives in the west.

Miss Nora Robinson, of DeBruin, has been selected to teach the school at Gasconade again this year.

Charlie McDonald, a young man raised by Mr. J. M. Rollins, of Richland, and who enlisted in the U. S. Navy at Chicago in January, is visiting the family of Sam Rollins this week. After enlisting he embarked from San Francisco to Honolulu, afterward his vessel returned to San Francisco, when he was discharged on account of sickness.

Fred Watts and Miss Maude Hammund were married near Richland, Judge A. J. McDonald performing the ceremony.

The State Board of Education appointed C. H. Gove, of Richland, a member of the County Board of Education.

Miss Ethel Bramel, a daughter of D. H. Bramel, of Dixon, is confined at quarantine hospital, St. Louis, with the smallpox.

J. W. Armstrong, of Richland, has been promoted from lieutenant-colonel on Gov. Docker's staff to that of brigadier-general and chief of ordnance. Hon. J. W. Farris, of Lebanon, was appointed to this position and resigned.

The party given by Miss Ethel Hooker at her home at Hooker, on Friday night of last week, was largely attended by young folks from all parts of the county. About fifty guests were entertained. Those from Dixon were: Misses Mossie Rolene, Lena Roderick, Grace and Isa Prewett; Messrs. Ligh, Louis Rolens, General Christeson, Herbert Houk, Herbert Roderick and Virgil Murphy. Frank Houk, John Moore and Henry Ousley were out from Newburg.

May 10th

Robert Green and Ed Manes have been employed by the School Board at Swedeborg to teach the Fall and Winter school there.

Miss Effie Waller, of Waynesville, was a guest of her sister, Mrs. A. L. Heimaster at Swedeborg last week.

W. T. Hutcheson is building a residence at Crocker

Rev. Drennon is holding a series of revival services at Crocker.

Miss Blanche Tallman has returned from a lengthy sojourn in St. Louis to teach the summer term of school at Crocker.

Frank Brown, of Bloodland, will spend the summer in Springfield.

G. M. Thompson and family, of the Tribune neighborhood, left last week for Eagle, Colorado, where they will reside.

A. A. Dodd, of Waynesville, purchased a lot in Colly's addition, adjoining the L. N. Hufft property, and will soon begin the erection of a residence property.

Lafayette Crossland, of Smith Hollow, was kicked in the head by a horse on Saturday of last week, from the effects of which he died of concussion of the brain.

Nashville Strickland and Miss Ollie Power, of Dixon, were married at Black's Hotel, Waynesville, on Friday afternoon of last week. Judge W. L. Vaught officiated. They returned to Dixon the next morning.

May 24th

T. M. Jones, a prominent attorney of Rolla, was in Waynesville last week on professional business.

Rev. H. M. Sutton, of Spring Garden, is conducting a series of revival services at the Baptist Church in Waynesville this week.

The annual fish fry, held at the mouth of Roubidoux on Thursday and Friday of last week, was thoroughly enjoyed.

Dr. Jones, of St. Louis, accompanied by his friend, Dr. B. N. Pippin, of Crocker, spent last week fishing on the river near Waynesville.

Judge and Mrs. W. T. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Grossenhider and Misses Edith and Bertha Gibbs, of Richland, spent Sunday with friends in Waynesville.