

Some Descendants of Sparriel Bailey

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Sparriel Bailey was born about 1813 in Franklin County, Virginia, son of John B. and Sarah Jane Maynor Bailey. Sparriel was a farmer and sold land in early Fayette County. This Bailey family migrated to Logan (later Fayette, then Raleigh) County around 1820. John B. Bailey originally settled near Pack's Branch, and then moved to the Dry Hill area in the 1830's. Sparriel Bailey married Mary Jane Tyree about 1832. Mary Jane Tyree (1814-1902) is a daughter of Satterwhite and Rhoda Taylor Tyree from Powhatan County, Virginia.

Sparriel and Mary Jane Bailey's children are John Washington (1834-1863), James M. (1836-1925), William H. (1837-), McDowell (1841-), Margaret (1842-1912), Amos (1845-1917), Armenta (1846-), Sarah Amanda (1848-1904), and George W. (1852-1916). Sparriel Bailey died on May 4, 1881, in Raleigh County. Mary Jane died on October 20, 1902. Both are buried in the Sparriel Bailey Cemetery off Dry Hill Road.

James M. Bailey was born on September 12, 1836, in Fayette County. He was a farmer, and lived on the old Giles and Kanawha Turnpike (now U. S. Route 19 at Bradley). On November 20, 1856, he married Mary Ann Godbey, daughter of Archibald Whitt and Susanna Matilda Taylor Godbey of Montgomery County, Virginia. James and Mary's children are Dexter S. (1857-1886), Francis Marion (1859-), Henry W. (1861-1922), Alfred P. (1864-1911), Ella Mae (1869-1932), Roxie (1871- c. 1925), Lula (1874-1925), Ida (1877-), and Samuel T. (1881-1931). James M. Bailey was gored by his bull at the farm and died on June 12, 1925. Mary died on October 28, 1921. They are buried in the Sparriel Bailey Cemetery.

Lula Bailey, James M., and Mary Godbey Bailey's second oldest daughter, was born in Raleigh County on October 8, 1874. She married Thomas Arden "Ard" Warden (1870-1930) on October 9, 1895, in Raleigh County. Ard Warden is the son of William T. Warden (1848-1921), and Bettie Cobler Warden (1848-1892). Lula Bailey and Ard Warden's children are Ila Warden Cook (1896-1984), Mary Elizabeth Warden Jenkins (1897-1965), Herman Warden (1903-1992), and Virgil Warden (1907-2003). Lula and Ard Warden are buried in the Sparriel Bailey Cemetery off Dry Hill Road.

Ila Warden married Andrew Rufus Cook in 1918, Mary Warden married Arthur Jenkins in 1920, Herman Warden married Annie Bennett in 1927, and Virgil Warden married Ardell Wynn in 1931.

Ella Mae Bailey married John H. Williams (1869-1944) in 1900. They lived on Harper Road. John Williams was a Raleigh County Sheriff. Their children are: Mary Emma Williams Scott, Moss Williams, and Myrza Williams.

Alf Bailey married Rosa F. Brown, Ida Bailey married James L. Montgomery, and Sam married Myrtle Ann Walker. Roxie never married.

Sources: William T. Warden Family Bible pages on marriages; family lore as recalled by Virgil A. Warden; Sparriel Bailey Cemetery headstones, Raleigh County Marriage Records copied at the Court House in Beckley about 1997, and contacts with Ila Cook, Raben Cook, Annie Bennett Warden, Mary Elizabeth Jenkins Bartley, and others.