

George “Two-Gun” Massey

By Gracie Stover Golden



Marfork, about 1925

George Massey was born February 8, 1920, at Marfork, Raleigh County, West Virginia. George was the son of **Abraham Lincoln (Aubry) Massey and Della Sparks**. He began working in the coal mines at the age of thirteen to help feed his younger brothers and sisters, since their father was deceased. He was a World War II U. S. Navy veteran, whose nickname was “Smiley,” in the service.

When George Massey was 31 years old, he met and married a widow, Betty Jo Stilwell Stover, with two children. Those children were five-year-old Herbert, and three-year-old Gracie Stover. George and Betty had three more children: George, Shirley, and Johnny. Mr. Massey worked as an electrician in the coal mines to raise all five of these children, whom he considered all as his own. He became a born again Christian and attended the Church of God in Dorothy, whose pastor was Tommy Wingo. He raised his family in Packsville, Raleigh County, and then moved to Dry Creek, Raleigh County. He died at his home in Dry Creek, Raleigh County, on July 18, 1999. The minister at his funeral was Tommy Wingo, who was not only his pastor, but a life-long friend and fellow coal miner.



Erma Peters
and George Massey Sr
1921

Della Sparks and Abra Massey



George Sparks and Mirt Riley
George Massey's grandpa and great uncle
Mill at Coon Holler, abt 1900 or earlier

Della Sparks was born June 21, 1904, at Vanceberg, Kentucky, and died December 24, 1998. Her parents were George Sparks and Ella Belle Riley, who lived at Marfork, Raleigh County, listed in the 1920 Raleigh County Census, with their daughter Della Massey. George and Ella are still living and listed in the 1930 Raleigh County Census, while their daughter Della and her husband Abraham “Abra” Massey are listed in their own household with their children: Junior (George), Vernon, Betty, James L., and Bill Massey. Abe died January 2, 1931, at the age of 31 at their home at Marfork. Abraham’s parents were Lincoln Massey and Alice Ann Nelson.

Della married second Blaine Daniel who was the son of Lewis M. Daniel and Sarah F. Ballard. Their children were Maynard and Jackie Daniel. Della married third John A. "Buster" Stanley. He was the son of William Marshall and Eliza May Ewing Stanley. John was born in Raleigh County on August 10, 1915. He died February 20, 2000.

Lincoln Massey and Alice Ann Nelson

Abraham Lincoln "Link" Massey was born about 1866 in Boone County. His parents were Squire Bailey Massey and Wilmouth Massey. He is listed in the 1870 Boone County census as Abraham, but the later census records have him as Lincoln Massey. He was married to Alice Ann Nelson, and his children were Abraham "Aubry," Oliver, Edgar, Biddle, George, Thomas, and Doshie.

-Abraham "Aubry," was married to Della Sparks.

-Oliver Massey was born about 1892 and married Rhoda Stanley. Their children were Eva, Arthur, Reba, Clyde, Claude, Robert, and Sadie. Oliver also married Pliney Elizabeth Ward, daughter of George Ward and Susan Jarrell. Their son was Jerry Massey. Oliver is listed in the 1910 Boone County Census and in the 1920 Raleigh County Census.

-Edgar Massey was born about 1893, and married to Margie. They are listed in the 1920 Raleigh County census with their son William.

-Joseph Biddle Massey was born about 1896 and was married to Nellie. Their children were Clifford, Eugene, and Junior.



**Edgar Massey
born 1893**



George and Hattie Massey

-George Massey and his wife Hattie had a son they called "Dump Massey," according to Della Sparks.

-Thomas G. Massey was born in January 1889.

Lincoln and Alice divorced, and they both remarried. Alice married Charles Meadows, and Lincoln married Sarah Blankenship. Sarah was the daughter of David Mangus Blankenship and Penelope Runyan.

**1900 Kanawha County, WV
HH 112/113 - Brownstown
Enumerated 6 June 1900**

Lincoln Massey, head, born Mar 1862,
age 38, married 14 years
Alice Massey, wife, born Jan or Jun
1868, age 31, married 14 years, 6
children/ 6 living
George W. Massey, son, born Apr
1887, age 13
Thomas G. Massey, son, born Jan
1889, age 11
Oliver Massey, son, born Jan 1893,
age 7
Edgar C. Massey, son, born Apr 1895,
age 5
Joseph D. Massey, son, born Jan
1897, age 3
Abraham L. Massey, son, born Mar
1900, age ?/12

**1910 Kanawha County, WV
HH 415/417**

Lincoln Massey, head, age 48,
married twice, married (looks
like) less than a year, 6
children/6 living after his
information
Sarah Massey, wife, age 28,
married twice, married (looks
like) less than a year (Note: Line
for children left blank)
Oliver Massey, son, age 18, single
Edgar Massey, son, age 17, single
Diddle Massey, son, age 14, single
Aubora? Massey, son, age 10, single

**1920 Raleigh County, WV
HH 30/32**

Lincoln Massey, head,
age 63
Sarah Massey, wife, age
40

Note: Son Oliver is living close
by in HH 29

Squire Bailey Massey and Wilmoth Massey

Wilmoth Massey was born about 1828, in Logan County, Virginia, and was the daughter of Henry and Mary "Polly" Massey, according to her marriage records. Her first marriage was to John Harper, son of Joseph Harper, Sr., and Francis Stover, on August 25, 1850, in Raleigh County, and her parents are given as Henry and Mary Massey. She then married Squire Bailey Massey on December 3, 1854, in Raleigh County. The marriage record states:

Squire Massey, age 36, born Monroe County, son of John D. and Nancy And Willmonette Harper, 26, divorced, born Logan County, daughter of Henry and Polly. Married by Felix Ellison. December 3, 1854. Raleigh County.

Squire Bailey was born about 1816 in Ohley, Boone County. His parents were John D. Massey and Nancy Scott. He is listed on the 1850 Boone County Census with his parents, and he is also listed in the 1860 and 1870 Boone County census, with his wife Wilmoth and family. In the 1880 census, Wilmoth is a widow and listed with her children. Squire and Wilmoth's children were Joseph, Abraham Lincoln, William H., Alice, Thomas, Emily, Virginia, Amy, and Oley.

1860 Boone County, WV Coon's Mill HH 571	1870 Boone County, WV HH 29 PO Bald Knob	1880 Boone County HH 185	1900 Boone County HH 191
Squire Massey male 44	Squire Massey male 54	Wilmouth Massey female _?	Wilmuth Massey 75
Wilmouth female 36	Wilmouth female 44	Ellen female 21	widow
Joseph A. male 12	Joseph male 21	Alice female 16	Okey Hendricks 19
William H. male 6	William H. male 18	Lincoln male 14	grandson
----- female 1/12	Virginia female 15	Thomas male 12	born July 1880
Emily female 6	Amy E. female 10		Henry Foster 15
	Abraham L. male 7		grandson
	Alice female 6		born Apr 1885
	Thomas G. male 2		

-Emily Massey was born in 1854, and married Garland Asbury on May 23, 1873, in Boone County.

-Abraham Lincoln "Link" Massey was born about 1866 and married Alice Ann Nelson.

-Alice Massey was born March 6, 1865, in Boone County, and married Thomas Hendricks on August 27, 1881, in Boone County. Their son was Okey Hendricks.

-Thomas G. Massey was born November 1, 1866, in Boone County. He married Lucy Hendricks, daughter of Rufus Ludwell Hendricks and Phlomela Lafferty. She was born November 22, 1874, and died August 13, 1947.

-Oley F. Massey married William Foster on October 10, 1890, in Boone County. Their son was Henry Foster.

John D. Massey and Nancy Scott

John Donnaly Massey, son of Henry and Helen Scott Massey, was born about 1797. John married Nancy Scott on April 23, 1815, in Monroe County, Virginia. Nancy was born about 1795 and was a daughter of John Scott and Amelia Cooper. According to the 1850 Boone County census, their children still living at home were Squire, Thomas, Linville, Eliza, Henderson, Emily, and Lewis.

1850 Boone County, WV	
HH 154	
John D Massey	50
Nancy	50
Squire	30
Thomas	25
Linville	23
Eliza	19
Henderson	18
Emily	18
Lewis	16

-Squire Massey, born about 1820, married Wilmouth Massey.

-Thomas B. Massey, born about 1825, married first Catherine Massey on February 28, 1853, in Raleigh County. Catherine's parents were William Massey, Sr., and Martha Lafferty. Thomas married second Mary Vance, daughter of William Vance and Nancy Margaret Toler.

-Linville Massey was born about 1830, in Boone County, and died February 1, 1890, in Kanawha County. He married Lucinda Clay, daughter of Charles Lewis Clay and Ora Belle Stewart, on January 20, 1853, in Raleigh County. Their children were Phoebe, Nancy, Samantha, Ella, Victoria, Almonta, John, and Charles.

-Eliza Jane Massey was born about 1831 and died November 16, 1897. She married Martin C. Mankin on September 4, 1868, in Kanawha County.

-Henderson Massey, born about 1832, married Mary Williams on February 25, 1858, in Kanawha County, and married Rebecca Allen on December 22, 1877, in Kanawha County.

-Emily Massey, born about 1832, married Ward Lawrence on June 24, 1858, in Kanawha County.

-Lewis Fry Donley Massey was born June 10, 1834, in Boone County, and died November 16, 1897, in Boone County. He married Nancy E. Cooper, daughter of John Cooper and Celia Estep.