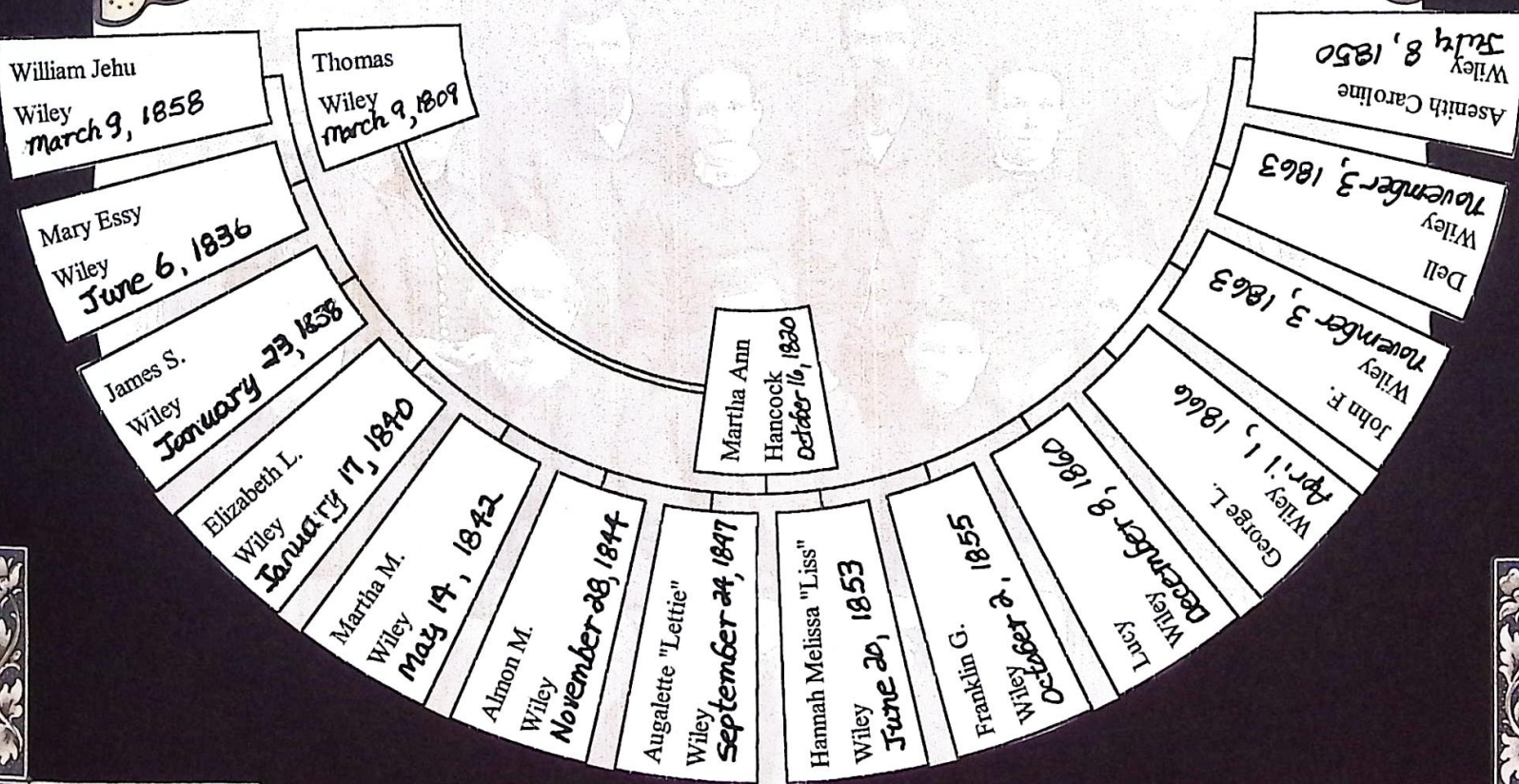
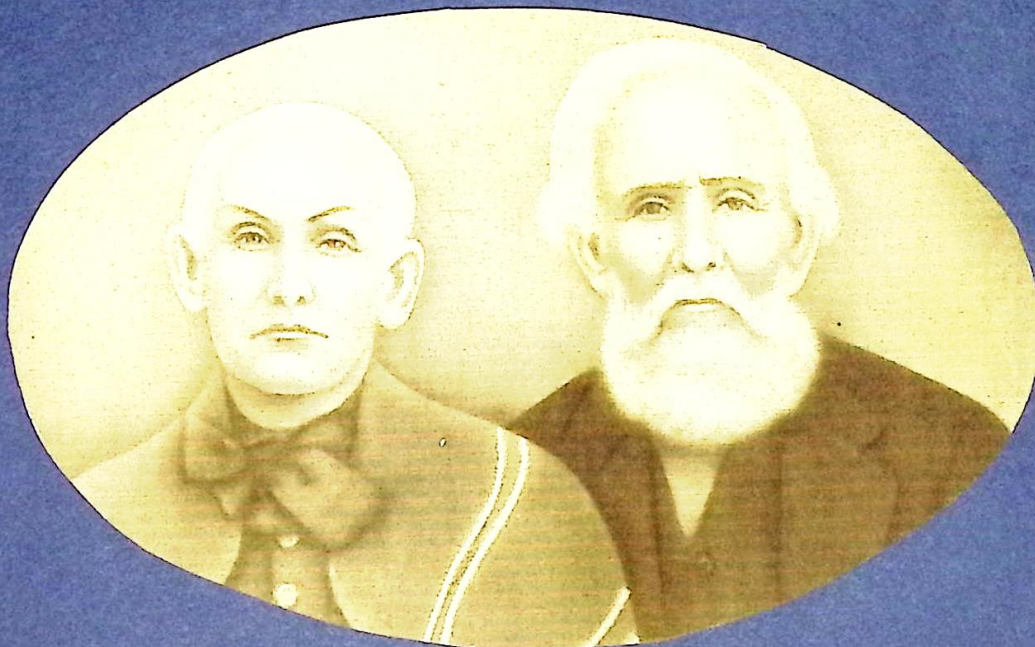


# My Wiley Family Heritage

## Direct Descendants of Thomas Wiley







## *Thomas Wiley*

*Born: March 9, 1809*

*Died: August 27, 1893*

*Married: April 30, 1835*

## *Martha Ann Hancock*

*Born: October 16, 1820*

*Died: February 4, 1892*





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*William Jehu Wiley*

*Born: March 9, 1858*

*Died: January 13, 1923*

*Married: November 13, 1879*

*Lora Ann Seitz*

*Born: July 4, 1859*

*Died: August 21, 1921*

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Back Row L-R: Lucy, Missouri, W. J. "Bill", Angeletta, Frank, Malissa, & Afmon. Front Row L-R: Elizabeth, Thomas, John, Dell & Martha.

My great-great grandfather, Thomas Wiley was born March 9, 1809 in Guilford Co, N. C. He married Martha "Patsy" Ann Hancock on April 30, 1835. They came to Missouri some time prior to 1850 and settled for a short time in Jefferson Co., MO. They later settled on Turnback Creek in Lawrence Co., MO around 1857. Thomas was a cabinetmaker by trade but spent a lot of time traveling around prospecting for minerals. An old family story says that the family camped near Scholten in Barry Co, MO and that the oldest daughter Elizabeth told her father that if they went any further in a wagon it would be without her. Thomas didn't want to leave her so settled in a clearing about 1 ½ miles from Scholten and lived there the rest of his life. Thomas and Martha were the parents of fourteen children.





Back Row; L-R: Clara, Nola, Roscoe, Claude, Belle, Odessa. Front Row; L-R: Austin, Lora, "Bill", Lloyd.

## The W. J. "Bill" Wiley Family

W. J. "Bill" Wiley was my great-grandfather. He was born the tenth child of Thomas Wiley and Martha Ann Hancock on March 9, 1858 near Scholten, Barry Co, MO. and died from pneumonia on January 13, 1923. He is buried at Mars Hill Cemetery. He was married November 13, 1879 to Lora Ann Seitz who was born July 4 1859 in Fannin Co, Texas, the daughter of David Seitz and Louisa Ellen Austin. Lora Ann died August 21, 1921 and is also buried at Mars Hill. Bill and Lora were the parents of 12 children, including my grandfather William Lloyd Wiley.





This house was where my grandfather, William Lloyd Wiley grew up. It was on the site where my Granny & Grandpa Wiley later built another house and raised their family. The house was torn down at some point and W. J. and Lora Ann had planned on building a new home. Instead, they bought the house and land down the road from W. J.'s brother Almon and moved there.

Upper Right: Lloyd and Austin on horseback. Perhaps on their way to school. Austin drowned at the age of 17 in Flat Creek, near Jenkins, MO.

Lower Right: Circa 1910. Scene on the W. J. Wiley farm. Lloyd on horseback, Austin holding the horses next to Lloyd, Lora in the background and friend Charley Ellinsworth holding the team.









W. J. "Bill" Wiley Family  
Circa 1895

L-R: W. J. "Bill", Clara, Dessa, Lora, holding Belle, Claude, Roscoe





*Circa 1904  
Nola, Belle, Lloyd, Austin, Tella*

*Circa 1910  
Dessa, Clara, Claude, Austin, Roscoe, Nola, Belle, Lloyd, Tella*





MY  
GRANDPARENTS



William Lloyd "Dick" Wiley was the ninth child of W. J. Wiley and Lora Ann Seitz. He married Jessie Faith Thomas on March 4, 1916. They were married by L. R. Lusk, M.G. witnessed by Corda Thomas and G. A. Thomas.

*William Lloyd Wiley*

Born: January 23, 1896  
Died: November 29, 1964

Married  
March 4, 1916

*Jessie Faith Thomas*

Born: May 2, 1897  
Died: July 5, 1986



# This Certifies

That  
Mr. W. L. Wiley.  
of  
Evans  
State of Mo.

and Miss Jessie Thomas  
of Leann State of Mo.

Were by me

## United in Marriage

According to the  
Ordinance  
of God

and the Laws of the State  
of Missouri at Cassville  
on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year of our Lord 1916

Witnesses Corda Thomas

George A. Thomas

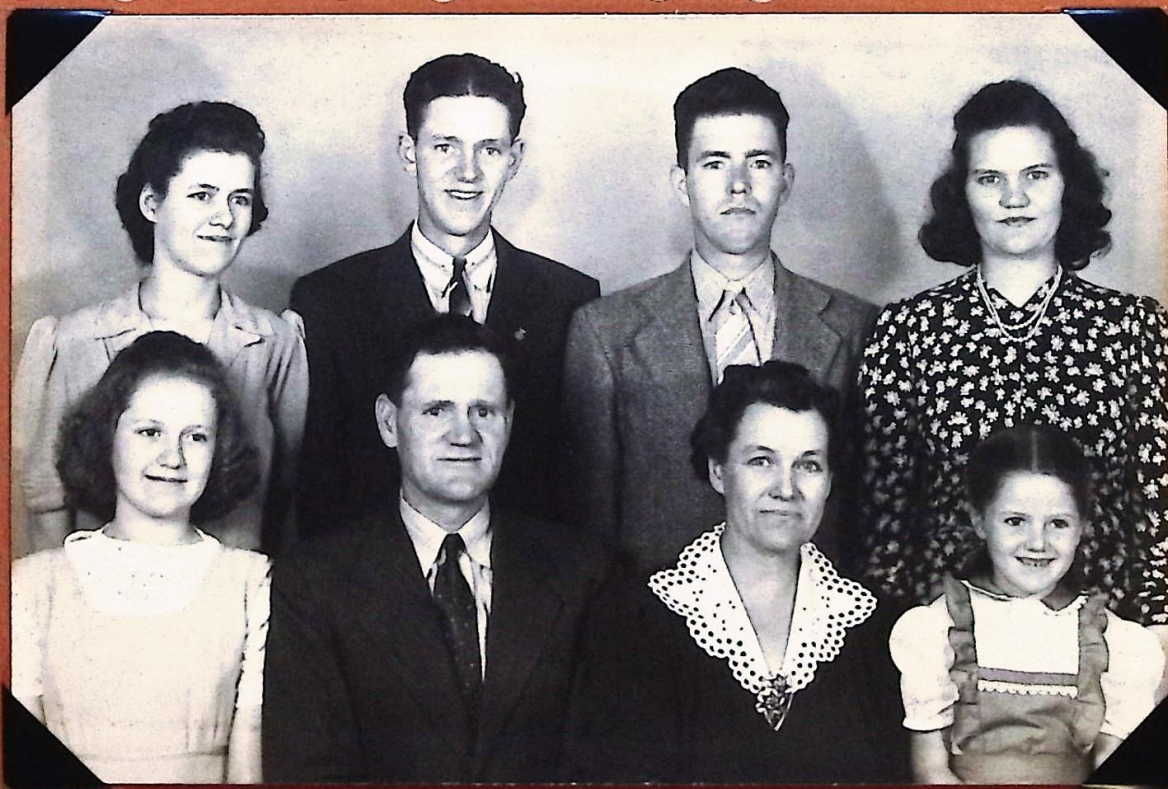
L. R. Hunt





William Lloyd, also known as Dick Wiley was the ninth child of William J. and Lora Ann (Seitz) Wiley. He was born January 23, 1896 near Schoften, in Barry County, Missouri. He lived on the same farm all of his life. He married Jessie Faith Thomas on March 4, 1916. They were the parents of seven children.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Born</u>
Woodrow Jean Wiley	November 20, 1916
Lora Elaine Wiley	February 9, 1918
Neva Alice Wiley	September 5, 1919
Leo Lynn Wiley	November 23, 1920
Hugh Thomas Wiley	April 17, 1927
Lola Faith Wiley	January 27, 1929
Mary Lou Wiley	June 11, 1935





# *The William Lloyd "Dick" Wiley Family*

*Circa 1944*

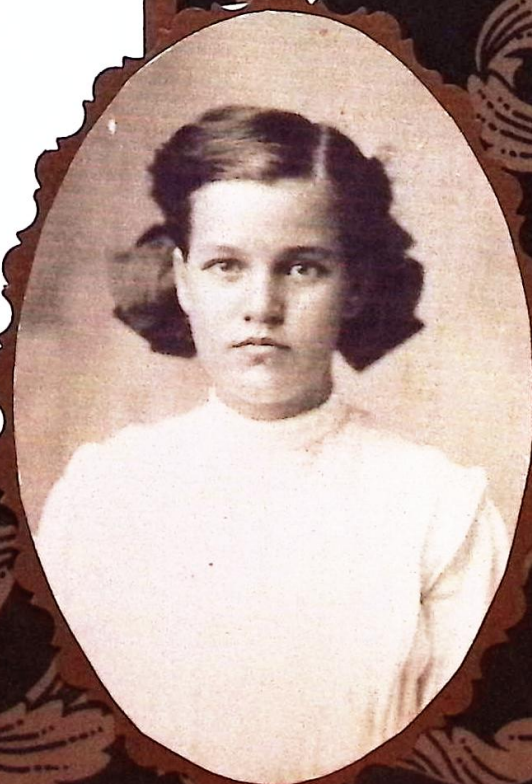
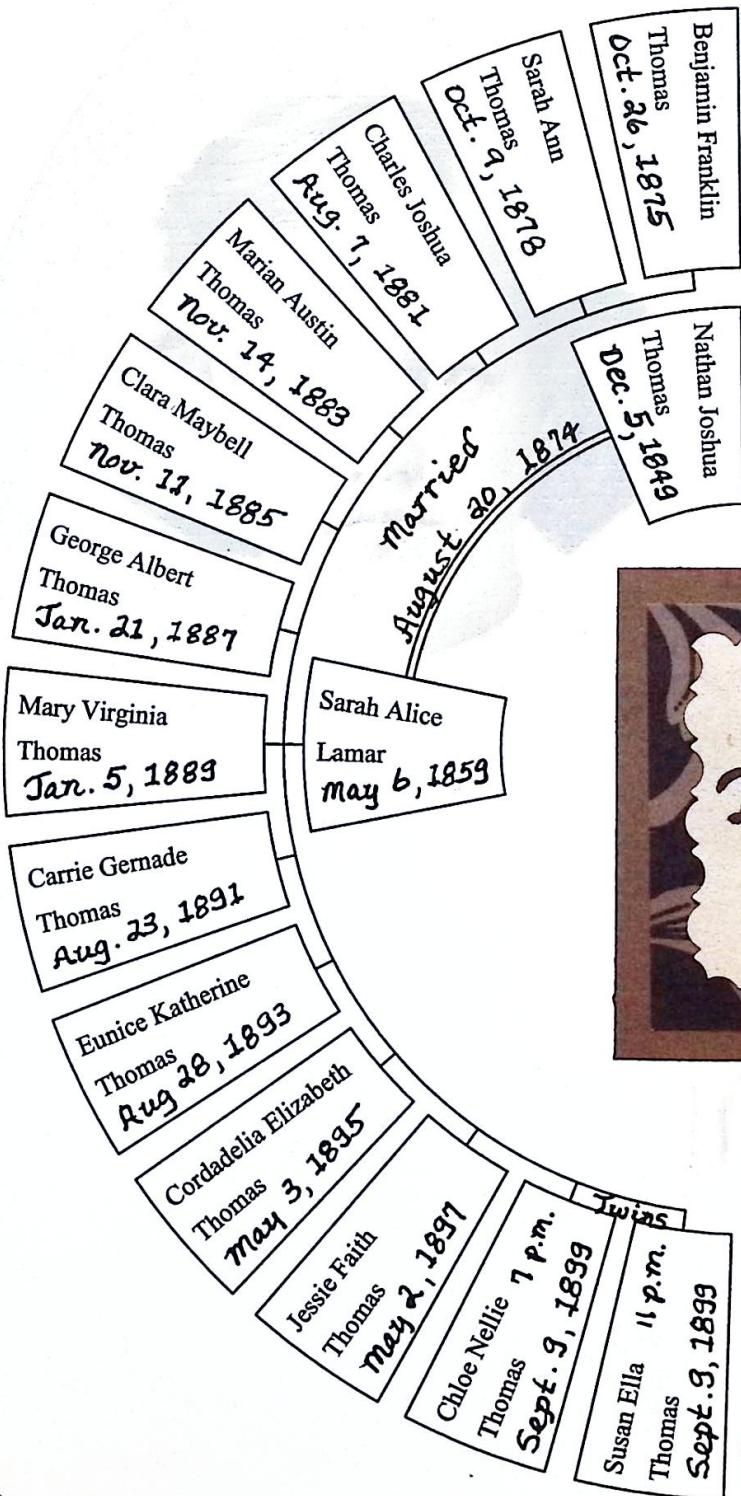
*Front: Faith, Jessie, Lloyd, Mary Lou.  
Back: Lynn, Neva, Elaine, Jean (W. J.).*





Granny Wiley was born Jessie Faith Thomas the 11th child of Nathan Joshua Thomas and Sara Alice Lamar. She was the wisest woman I ever knew.

## My Thomas Family Heritage



Jessie Faith Thomas  
My Granny





Jessie Faith Thomas

Born

May 2, 1897





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REALLY, NOT SO LONG AGO

## Thomas Family Homestead

Excerpts from "An Account of Family & Early Childhood" by Jessie Thomas Wiley.

"My earliest recollection is living in a house on a small bluff above the creek. The kitchen was a separate building a few feet away. There was also a barn made of logs. The house was one big room 18 or 20 feet square with the fireplace on the north wall with windows on each side of the fireplace. A door on the east and a side room on the west big enough for two beds. This room had windows in each end and door on the west. upstairs were three beds. There was a porch across the east part of the house."





*Joshua Thomas  
Ann Gernade Jaggers  
Married March 5, 1848*

*Joshua Thomas was born December 23, 1824 in Limestone County Alabama. He married Ann Gernade Jaggers on March 5, 1848. She was born April 22, 1827 in Alabama. They came to Missouri in 1853. Joshua died November 20, 1905. Ann died May 20, 1893. Both are buried in Leann, Missouri.*

*Two of Joshua's brothers, Nathan and William had come to Missouri sometime before 1849. Their father, Francis Marion Thomas, had died in Alabama of what they called "bloody murrain." This left Susan Inmon Thomas, their mother, with 6 unmarried children. Her son Joshua and family, daughter Elizabeth Garris and family along with 4 daughters and 2 sons came to Missouri together. Joshua drove an ox team but the others had horses. Joshua had to pull the other wagons through mud in some places. Ox teams were stronger than horses.*





*Joshua Thomas  
And  
Phoebe Caroline Thomas*

*Circa 1894*





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CREAT  
GRANDPA THOMAS' HOME

Excerpt from "An Account of Family & Early Childhood by Jessie Thomas Wiley.

"Joshua rented some land from Mart Hilton who lived on Flat Creek near McDowell. His crop was so poor Mr. Hilton gave him all the crop. He settled on land northwest of what was later called Leann, about 10 miles from Verona, Missouri, which was the only town near. I don't know if it was just a claim or if he bought it. He raised 7 children - Phoebe Caroline, Nathan Joshua, Mary Hepsibah, Susan Ann, John Solomon, Frank (who died as a young man), and Telese. Mary H. married Newton Hilton, Susan A. married William Allman, John S. married Leann Carney and Telese married William Boster (they lost three young children). Joshua, William and Nathan all married girls named Jagers. Joshua married Ann Granada Jagers, William married Phoebe Jagers, and Nathan married Hephziba Jagers.





*Sarah Alice Lamar  
&  
Nathan Joshua Thomas  
Married  
August 20, 1874*







*Article from the Verona Advocate December 15, 1894*

*"We had the pleasure of calling on Uncle Josh Thomas of Barry County a few days ago and partaking of his hospitality over night. We chanced the old wooden clock on the wall that had been a constant timekeeper for more than 75 years. We gathered the history of Uncle Joshua who is now seventy years. He came to this country forty years ago and when landed here his entire capital stock of cash amounted to seventy-five cents. When he located on Jenkins Creek he migrated from Giles Co., Tenn., raised a family of seven children all married and living near him on good farms and well to do except the oldest, a girl, who is still single and keeping house for her father. Her mother died over a year ago and left Uncle Joshua and the girl alone to hold the ranch on the old homestead.*

*We saw two old home made chairs in good condition which had been in constant use for seventy-five years. He has the baby cradle that nursed his wife seventy years ago, also his first ax, plow and old wagon bow that he brought to this country with him and many other relics in the household line. Uncle Joshua says, owe a dollar in the world, he's considered the Bank of the neighborhood. If any one of them gets in a pinch for a few dollars they go to Uncle Joshua for help and they are sure to get it. Would it not be willing for many of spendthrift to take example and do likewise. It is not what we make alone, it is what we save that put a man in easy circumstances."*

*Phoebe Caroline lived with Joshua and took care of him till his death in 1909. She married at age 71 to John Hunt.*





Excerpts from "An Account of Family & Early Childhood" by Jessie Thomas Wiley.

"My father, Nathan J. Thomas was born December 5, 1849, in Limestone County, Alabama. His father was Joshua Thomas. He came to Missouri in 1853 with his parents and 3 sisters. My mother, Sarah Alice Lamar was the daughter of Benjamin F. Lamar. My mother Sarah Alice was born May 5, 1859 near Mt. Vernon, Lawrence County, Missouri, but her family settled on Carney branch near a mill, in Barry County. I don't know how mother and father met, or how much schooling they had. They were both good readers. Pa had a beautiful script and both were good spellers. They were married August 20, 1874. Mother was 15 years and 3 months old and father was 24 years, 8 months old. They moved to a farm of 80 acres east of Leann. The other arm of what became Jenkins Creek ran through it. I don't know if he bought the land or homesteaded"







*Nathan Joshua Thomas  
Family*

*Circa 1892*

*Frank, Ann, Charley, Clara, Albert, Mary, Carrie*







THOMAS  
SISTERS





*Nathan Joshua Thomas Family  
Circa 1910*

*Front Row L-R: Charles, Sarah, Alice, Nathan  
Joshua, Albert. Second Row L-R: Carrie, Clara,  
Nellie, Ella, Mary, Ann, Back Row L-R: Corda,  
Jessie.*







Top: Jessie, Kate, & Corda  
 Bottom: Back of picture, a postcard  
 written by Kate to their uncle,  
 Benjamin Franklin Lamar Jr.  
 February 1914

Cassville Mo, 18.2  
 Feb. 14, 1914  
 POSTCARD  
 CORRESPONDENCE  
 NAME AND ADDRESS  
 FEB 16 1914  
 MO  
 Dear Uncle:  
 This is a scare-  
 crow for your corn  
 field to keep the  
 crows away this spring.  
 How are you all?  
 We are well except  
 colds. Tell Auntie and  
 the cousins "Hello" for me.  
 Ans. Soon with love.  
 Kate Thomas.  
 Mr. B. F. Lamar  
 Washburn  
 Mo.





Corda, Jessie, Kate  
Circa 1900





*Children of Nathan Joshua Thomas  
And  
Sarah Alice Lamar*



*Back Row: Albert, Carrie, Corda, Jessie, Nellie, Ella.  
Front Row: Ann, Charles, Clara.*

1949



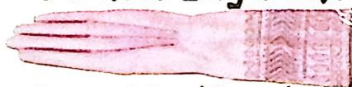


Jessie, Kate, Corda  
February 1914





### Thomas Reunion Monett City Park



Every year the Thomas family would gather at the Monett City Park for a reunion. I remember attending some of these reunions when I was a kid. There was always plenty of food and many cousins to play with. I think this picture is of a reunion held around 1948. I've dated it about 1948 because of the approximate age of some of my cousins that are pictured.

1949





1916  
Jessie and Lloyd  
Wiley



# MARRIAGE LICENSE

STATE OF MISSOURI, } ss.  
COUNTY OF Barry

This License authorizes any Judge of a Court of Record or any Justice of the Peace, or any licensed or ordained Preacher of the Gospel, who is a Citizen of the United States, or who is a resident of and a Pastor of any Church in this State to solemnize Marriage between W. L. Wiley of Barane R. F. P. in the County of Barry and State of Missouri who is under the age of twenty-one years, and Jessie Thomas of Barry in the County of Barry and State of Missouri who is under the age of eighteen years, W. L. Wiley give written consent to said marriage.

WITNESS MY HAND, as Recorder of Deeds with the Seal of Office hereto affixed at my Office in Cassville Mo. this 4 day of March 1916.  
By Malcol Messer Deputy P.S. Arthur E. Ewin Recorder of Deeds

STATE OF MISSOURI, } ss.  
COUNTY OF Barry

This is to Certify, That the undersigned, Rev. L. R. Lamb did, at Cassville, in said County, on the 4 day of March A. D. 1916 unite in Marriage the above named persons, and I further certify that I am legally qualified under the Laws of the State of Missouri to solemnize Marriages.

Rev. L. R. Lamb

The foregoing Certificate of Marriage was filed for Record in my office on the 7 day of March A. D. 1916.  
By Arthur E. Ewin Deputy Recorder of Deeds

William Lloyd Wiley was born January 23, 1896 as the ninth child of William Jehu Wiley and Lora Ann Seitz.

Jessie Faith Thomas was born May 2, 1897 as the eleventh child of Nathan Thomas and Sarah Alice Tamar.

Lloyd and Jessie were united in marriage on March 4, 1916 by the Reverend L. R. Lamb. They were the parents of seven children: Woodrow Jean, Lora Elaine, Nora Alice, Fred Lynn, Noah Thomas, Lora Faith, and Mary Lou.





# This Certifies



That  
Mr. W. L. Wiley.  
of  
Crawe  
State of Mo.

and Miss Jessie Thomas  
of Leann. State of Mo.

Were by me

## United in Marriage

According to the  
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and the Laws of the State  
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Witnesses Corda Thomas  
George A. Thomas

L. R. Hunt