

RELATED FAMILIES

BETTS

I. SAMUEL BETTS, SR. was born about 1730, was married to Bridget N. (--). His will is dated December 10, 1804, and he died in 1809 in Hancock County, Georgia.

Their children were:

- i. John
- ii. Elizabeth, m. (--). Collins.
- iii. Johnathan
- iv. Abraham, m. Sarah (--)
- v. Mary, m. Mr. Roach.
- vi. Sarah, m. Mr. Collins.
- vii. Samuel, Jr., b. April 1, 1779; m. (l). Abby (--); children [from descendant, D'Auan McNeel, in an electronic mail message to Mrs. Kay Anderson, 1999]:
 - i. Mary (Polly), b. July 6, 1780, in Delaware; m. Thomas Palmer Jones in Delaware; d. April 14, 1857, in Alabama.
 - ii. Nancy Jane, b. July 6, 1775, in Maryland; m. James⁴ Grace; d. October 4, 1863; children included in previous listing in "Making the Way West".
 - iii. Joshua, d. in Wilcox County, Alabama.
 - iv. Isaac, b. August 15, 1794, in Sussex County, Delaware; m. Nancy Denson, daughter of Elkanah Denson and Polly (--), in Jasper County, Georgia, in 1813; d. April 3, 1883 (McNeel, *op.cit.*, says 1863) in Burnt Corn, Alabama.
 - i. James Marion, b. October 11, 1814, Hancock County, Georgia; m. Cynthelia Mariah Knighton, daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth Evans Knighton, on February 28, 1835 in Monroeville, Alabama; d. January 9, 1852, Burnt Corn, Alabama (buried in Puryearville Cemetary, Burnt Corn, Alabama).
 - i. John Godbold, b. October 31, 1835; m. Eliza Ann Salter on February 22, 1860; d. October 26, 1924.
 - ii. Newton, b. October 19, 1837; d. December 18, 1840.
 - iii. Jane Elizabeth, b. January 8, 1840; m. Richard Salter; d. September 5, 1914.
 - iv. Nancy Coralie, b. February 7, 1842; m. Joseph Bonnette; d. August 30, 1891.
 - v. James Ranson (Jim), b. December 11, 1843; m. Victoria Salter; d. January 13, 1896.
 - vi. Edward Franklin, b. August 12, 1844; d. June 25, 1862.
 - vii. Emma Florence, b. January 24, 1847; d. February 21, 1927.
 - viii. Martha Ann (Mattie), b. April 27, 1852; m. Samuel Anthony Lowrey on November 30, 1876, in Burnt Corn, Alabama; d. August 15, 1930.
 - ii. Martha Ann, b. December 26, 1816; d. October 4, 1823.
 - iii. Jacob Franklin, b. October 14, 1819, Conecuh County, Alabama; m. (1) Anna Boardman Clarke on October 11,

- 1848, Monroe County, Georgia, (2) Etta Young on June 6, 1895; d. December 11, 1899.
- iv. Elbert Green, b. October 2, 1821; m. Emily Margaret Houston on April 28, 1853 (who is buried in Shreveport, Louisiana); d. July 9, 1876 and is burried in Nubbin Ridge, Texas.
 - v. Marry Lassiter, b. September 29, 1823; m. Isaac Milton Henderson on December 29, 1840.
 - vi. Melissa Ann Betts, b. September 2, 1825; m. Dr. Charles P. Partin on February 25, 1845.
 - vii. Serena W., b. August 16, 1827 in Alabama; m. Wyatt J. Godbold. son of Nathan Godbold and Harriet Ruff, on December 22, 1842, in Monroe County, Alabama; d. August, 1854 in Harrison County, Texas.
 - i. Richard Isaac Godbold, b. 1843 in Dallas County, Alabama; m. Mary William Pierce (buried in Montgomery, Alabama) on September 8, 1869, in Marshall, Texas; d. November 28, 1873 (buried in Rockdale, Texas).
 - ii. James Monroe Godbold, b. 1845 in Alabama; d. 1864 in Harrison County, Texas.
 - iii. Alice Dean Godbold, b. December 1851; m. Tynus William McNeel on November 2, 1876, in Texas; d. September 21, 1925 (lived in Elliott, Texas, and is buried in Norwood Cemetary, Hearne, Texas).
 - iv. Mary Clifton (Molly) Godbold, b. 1852 in Harrison County, Texas; m. (1) M. H. Judge before 1870, and (2) Calvin Brown on April 27, 1874, in Robertson County, Texas.
 - viii. Emily, b. August 10, 1829; m. Tyra H. Malden on September 8, 1847, in Monroe County, Alabama.
 - i. Vinton Malden, b. August 21, 1848..
 - ix. Isaac, Jr., b. October 19, 1831; m. Jane E. (Jennie) Love on September 4, 1856.
 - x. Nancy, b. December 9, 1833; d. June 30, 1834.
 - xi. William Hopkins, b. January 18, 1836; m. Virginia (Jennie) Mosley on December 1, 1869; d. March 13, 1898.
 - i. William Franklin, b. November 7, 1870, in Burnt Corn, Conecuh County, Alabama; m. (1) Fanny Young on October 14, 1893, and (2) Daisy Frazer on November 6, 1895.
 - xii. Amanda, b. December 1, 1836; m. (1) W. A. Walker, (2) David T. Brown on April 8, 1847; d. 1882 in Texas.
 - xiii. Edward, b. September 18, 1841; d. March 10, 1865, in North Carolina.
 - iv. Jonathan
 - v. Abraham, m. Sarah (--); children:
 - i. Jane, m. Thomas Turner.
 - ii. Sarah, b. 1787; m. John Maddox in 1806; d. 1874; children:
 - i. Emory
 - ii. William D.
 - iii. James L.
 - iv. Simeon

- v. Comfort
- vi. Sarah J.
- vii. Amelia Annie
- viii. Nancy
- ix. Wiley
- x. John D.
- ix. Abraham Betts
- iii. Joseph, m. Winney Jackson on October 14, 1819; living in Pontotoc, Mississippi.
- iv. James, b. 1794/96; m. Nancy Jackson on January 23, 1816, in Jasper County, Georgia; d. May 25, 1853, in Pontotoc, Mississippi.
- vi. Mary, m. (--) Roach.
- vii. Sarah, m. (1). (--) Collins, and (2). Anna P. Jester (b. 1801; d. 1871); children:
 - i. Elizabeth P., b. September 6, 1824; d. October 4, 1922.
 - ii. William Henry, b. May 15, 1826; d. February 29, 1916.
 - iii. Charles Reed, b. October 20, 1829; d. May 29, 1930.
 - iv. Sophia, b. 1829.
 - v. Joseph, b. 1831.
 - vi. Martha Jane, b. 1834.
 - vii. M. B., b. December 4, 1835; d. January 1927.
 - viii. James E., b. 1838.

There were several Betts families close to each other in Broad Creek and Dagsboro hundreds in lower Sussex County, Delaware, in tax lists in 1782 and 1790. In the mid-1790s, several of these families relocated to the state of Georgia. They appear to be composed of a Samuel Betts born about 1730 and some of his sons. That Samuel Betts died in Georgia in 1809, and his will identifies his children. Several of these children appear to have gone with him to Georgia. However, there is a John Betts named who is unaccounted for in Georgia. (Unfortunately, all of these Betts families liked the same Old Testament names -- Samuel, Jonathan, John, Joseph, Abraham, Isaac, etc, etc -- so it is extremely hard to sort out exactly who is who and how they are all related.)

There were two men named John Betts who died within a couple of years of each other, one around 1807 and the other around 1809. One is the one you mentioned, a John Betts "Senior," who left a will in 1807 that mentioned a widow Rhoda and children Samuel Betts, John Betts, Thomas Betts and Sally Rawlins. He apparently also acted as guardian for several children with surname Middleton.

The other John Betts who died in that time period was one whose estate was inventoried in 1809, so he probably died in that year. He did not leave a will. The probate file indicates that his wife's name was Eleanor or Nelly; there was a co-administrator named Joseph Betts who was probably his son. This John Betts had a house in Dagsboro Hd.

Then there is Jonathan Betts who died about 1824. He did not leave a will, but his probate file indicates that shares

from his estate were paid to a widow Molly Betts and children James Betts, Abram Betts, Joseph Betts, Samuel Betts, heirs of John Betts, heirs of Rachel Lewis, Elizabeth Jester.

It is difficult to discern where and how the various John Betts fit together. There is no hard proof, but suspicion is that the John Betts who d. 1807 *may* be a son of the Samuel Betts, b. abt 1730, d. 1809, who moved to Georgia. That John, in turn, had a son Samuel, b. 1786, who went to Indiana. It is possible that the John who d. 1809 is the son of Jonathan Betts who died in 1824.

Here are some notes on the Betts families in Indiana. -- Beers, J.H., Atlas of Batholomew County, Indiana, 1879. Personal Sketches: Betts, Isabelle, Mrs, P.O. Columbus, resides on Sec. 9; daughter of John James (born in Delaware, died in 1845) and Betsey Wooden, born in Delaware, died in 1868; was born in Delaware Oct. 28, 1813; settled in this county in 1847. Married, Jan 9., 1834, Samuel Betts, born in Delaware, 1786, a soldier in the war of 1812, who died Jan. 13, 1875; children -- Thomas B., born. Nov. 9, 1834, died May 10, 1858; Isaac J., Jan 28, 1835; Elias W., born March 13, 1838; Noah H., June 14, 1840, died Dec. 28, 1874; Luther M., Feb. 10, 1845; Samuel M., Aug. 18, 1842; Mary E., June 16, 1848, died in 1875; Reuben C., July 1, 1850.

-- Samuel Betts's (1786-1875) war record showed him as having first married Hannah Nelson in 1807, according to Dorothy C. Allis, 5404 Fourth Street South, Arlington VA in May 1998. The record of his second marriage, to Isabelle James, identifies him as "Samuel Betts of John."

-- Dorothy Allis states that another researcher told her that Isabelle James Betts is listed in a Jacoby genealogy; evidently the surname Jacoby was anglicized to James.

-- Beeson, Henry Hart, The Mendenhalls: A Genealogy, 1969. Elias Betts, who was in the Civil War, married Susan Mendenhall and had the following children: Sarah E. Betts, b. 18 Aug 1862, d. 28 Nov 1863; Samuel N. Betts, b. 23 Mar 1864, d. 1939, m. 14 Mar 1891 Edna Belle Gilmore; Ida Maria Betts, b. 2 Sep 1866, d. 10 Aug 1902, m. 3 Apr 1884 Jonathan Thrash; Noah James Betts, b. 21 Sep 1868, d. 23 Aug 1950, m. 3 Mar 1892 Malinda Leona Summers; Elias Edward Betts, b. 6 Mar 1871, m. Hannah McGee, lived in Delaware; Minnie Belle Betts, b. 18 Mar 1872, d. 6 Aug 1873; Alva William Betts, b. 25 Feb 1874, d. 16 Nov 1961, m. 17 Sep 1899 Ona Esther Wright; Rosetta Iva Betts, b. 16 Jun 1877, d. 20 Oct 1956, m. 9 Sep 1896 William J. Smith; Mary E. Betts, b. 13 Feb 1878; Mary Charlotte Betts, b. 13 Feb 1880, d. 23 Oct 1899, m. 1898 George Zorn; Earl Betts, b. 1 Feb 1882, d. 1 Apr 1910; Lydia Betts, d. infant.

-- Cemetery Records, Daugherty Cemetery, Wayne Township, Bartholomew County, Indiana:

-- Betts, Martin Luther, 1845-1916.

-- Betts, Noah H., b. 14 Jun 1836, d. 28 Dec 1874.

-- Betts, Reuben C., Father, 1850-1906; same stone as Betts, Mary E., Mother, 1855-1912.

-- Betts, Samuel, b. 7 Jan 1786, d. 18 Jan 1875; same stone as Betts, Isabelle, wife of Samuel Betts, d. 9 Feb 1883 aged 69-3-11.

-- Betts, Thomas, b. 9 Nov 1834, d. 10 May 1858.

-- Betts, James, son of T.R. & E.E. Betts, d. 12 Jul 1854, aged 3-2-15;
same stone as Betts, Mary A., dau of T.R. & E.E. Betts, d. 6 Aug
1859, aged 1-5-22.

JOHNSTON

Joh Walker Johnston was born September 2, 1842, in Centerville, Talbot County, GA. According to the 1850 census of Georgia, Talbot County, John was one of nine children: Sarah, James, Mary Margret, Stephens, John W., Martha, William and Pierce Johnston born to Alexander and Elmira Ward Johnston who were married in Putnam County, GA, December 22, 1831. John W. was a farmer in Centerville before moving to Hatchechubbee, Russell County, AL, to marry Sara Jane Davis who was born in SC. Her parents were Job I. and Maria A. Davis. Their children were Penelope, Arther, George, Mary, Alexander, Laura, Sara J., Clerenda, Malachi, Annie and Edmund Davis. The Davises moved to Hatachechubbee, AL, in the early 1800's. John W. Johnston and Sara Jane Davis were married by John F. Benton on February 8, 1866, at her homeplace in Hatchechubbee. John W. and Sara assumed the Davis farm and lived there the balance of their lives. John W. died January 10, 1925, and Sara Jane died August 24, 1942. Both John W. and Sara D. are buried in the Hatchedhubbee United Methodist Cemetery. All of their children with the exception of one daughter are buried there also.

John W. and Sara D. had ten children:

- 1.. Penelope Alice Johnston, born March 4, 1863, died November 19, 1898;
2. Theodosia A. Johnston, born January 21, 1870, in Hatchechubbee and married Eugene George Walton who was born in Uchee, Russell County, AL, on October 25, 1891. Eugene G. Walton died on May 9, 1936, and Theodosia died in August, 1938. The both died at the age of 68 and are burried in Georgiana, Butler County, AL.

Their children were:

- i. Marion Walker Walton, born, October 3, 1892, in Hatchechubbee, AL, married to Susan Pearl ellison on April 4, 1920;
 - ii. Eugene MaLichia Walton, born December 12, 1893, died June 24, 1897;
 - iii. Clara Virginia Walton, born December, 1897, in Jacksonville, FL, married to Charlie A. Register on December 16, 1913, and died in April, 1965;
 - iv. Louise Therisa Walton, born October 6, 1899, in Jacksonville, married to David Lee Ganus on December 15, 1920;
 - v. Nellie Elizabeth Walton, born July 11, 1901, married to Walter L. Robinson on January 7, 1916, and died on August 9, 1988;
 - vi. LaFayette Everett Walton, born December 11, 1903, married Mary Ester Clark on April 7, 1928, and died on April 19, 1977, with children:
 - i. Evelyn W. McCain
 - ii. Virginia W. Pace
 - iii. Ruth W. Pate
 - iv. John L. Walton
 - v. Don H. Walton.
3. Annie M. Johnston, born December 17, 1874, and died June 10, 1960;
 4. Davis R. Johnston, born March 30, 1874, and died October 15, 1890;
 5. James Luther Johnston, born March 25, 1876, married Lady Ethel Godfrey, died December 11, 1956, with children:
 - i. Richard Luther Johnston (b. August 26, 1906, m. Sarahy Louise Chadwick, with children:
 - i. Desland June Johnston Streetman
 - ii. Richard Claude Johnston
 - iii. Rutherford O'Grady Johnston, b. March 5, 1909, m. Grace Elizabeth Chadwick on September 17, 1930, with children:
 - i. Jack Rutherford Johnston

ii. James Ernest Johnston

6. John A. Johnston, b. February 21, 1875; d. December 9, 1892;
7. Virginia Frances Johnston, b. June 30, 1881, d. May 31, 1969;
- 8.. Alexander w. Johnston, b. May 30, 1886, d. February 15, 1914;
- 9.. Edward Everett Johnston, b. July 9, 1883, m. Carrie Lou Grace (b. August 12, 1892, d. September 28, 1977) on March 19, 1910, with children:
 - i. John William, Sara
 - ii. Hardin, Grace
 - iii. Mary
 - iv. Edward E.
 - v. Evelyn
 - vi. Davis Alexander
 - vii. James Foster., d. November 22, 1966;
10. George Dixon Johnston, b. October 3, 1889, d. August 18, 1945.

SIMMS

I. JOHN SIMMS was born on June 9, 1782, in North Carolina. His father's name was Robert Simms III, and his mother was Sarah Dickinson.

He married (1). Mary Connell by whom he had five children, and (2). Comfort⁴ Mattox Grace, the daughter of Thomas³ and Sally Grace, on September 16, 1816. She was born February 26, 1798, and died on July 18, 1880, in Smokey Raod, Coweta County, Georgia. She and her husband were early members of the Powelton Baptist Church in Hancock County.

He died on December 1, 1863, and is buried with his wife in Coweta County. Their children include:

- i. Benjamen Thomas, b. August 8, 1817, in Hancock County, Georgia; m. (1). N. Edwards, and (2). E. Dickinson; d. October 26, 1888.
 - ii. Almira, b. November 24, 1820, in Hancock County; m. Robert Orr; d. November 25, 1903.
 - iii. Franklin Robert, b. March 8, 1823, in Hancock County; m. (1). S. Gay, and (2). M. L. Speer; d. April 1, 1890.
 - iv. James Alexander, b. April 27, 1825, in Hancock County; m. Emily Jane Hanson on October 8, 1846; d. January 1881.
 - v. Susan, b. December 15, 1827, in Hancock County; m. Watkins Orr on December 17, 1846.
 - vi. John Dickinson, b. December 19, 1830, in Coweta County; m. Louisa Posey Hanson on December 21, 1848; d. March 5, 1916.
 - vii. Sarah Margaret Tabitha, b. March 12, 1833, in Coweta County; m. James Britton Ware on October 11, 1849; d. September 3, 1916;
- a child:
- i. Alonzo Crawford, b. December 17, 1859, at Heard County, Gerogia; m. Sarah Franklin Kendrick (b. December 6, 1862, in Arkansas; d. February 14, 1954, in Greenville, Alabama) on December 26, 1880, in Heard County; d. January 23, 1943; a child:
 - i. Ethel Glenn, b. September 27, 1881, in Heard County; m. Wade Hampton Stallings (b. June 4, 1877; d. 1938) on November 20,

- 1900, in Heard County; d. 1972; a daughter:
Ethel, b. October 2, 1916, at Newnan,
Georgia; m. Bob Gilbert (b. March 9, 1919)
on September 15, 1945, in Newnan.
- viii. Emily (Puss), b. November 1, 1836, in Coweta County; m. (1).
C. Orr and (2). W. Hughey; d. September 13, 1877.

HESTER

I. TAPLEY HESTER was born in South Carolina and married Rebecca (--), who was also born there. Their children included:

- i. Allen, b. 1832/33; m. Mary Musick (daughter of James I. Musick and Nancy (--), and d. May 14, 1888, in Alabama); d. January 1, 1906; children included:
- i. William Tapley, b. November 30, 1866, in Foluna, Alabama; m. Lucy Edwards (b. November 1, 1873, in Blum, Texas, to James E. Edwards of Troup County, Georgia, and Zilpha Daniels; d. July 18, 1937, in Corona, New Mexico) on February 1, 1889; d. August 21, 1954, in Denton, Texas; children included:
- i. Treecie Bell, b. December 13, 1897, in Randolph County, Alabama; m. (1). Henry Simeon Grace on December 20, 1916, in Carrizzo, New Mexico, and (2). Thad Ballenger; d. August 1975, in Roby, Texas.

STEWART

I. HENRY FRANKLIN STEWART was born in Arkansas. Family records indicate that he was one of five children, but some remember him saying that he was raised as an orphan. His brothers were Charles (m. Della (--)) and had children, Emmie, Jim Don, and Monnie) and Tom. His sisters were Kate, who married into the Gibson family, and another without a recorded first name who married a Hutson.

He married Belle Zora Daniel, who lived in Fayetteville, Arkansas, and had at least three brothers: one who was Thomas Daniels, a lawyer; William E. Daniel and Green Daniel. Family records seem to indicate that this branch of the Daniels family moved to California.

Henry Franklin Stewart helped build the first railroad in Cleburn, Texas. In his youth he freighted by wagon to St. Louis, Missouri, for what reasons are unknown. He settled in Beaver Creek, outside Walters, Oklahoma, and spent most of his life as a farmer. He was known for his fiery temper.

Their children were:

- i. Earl Byron, m. Maud (--);
one son: Jack.
- ii. Avert Pansy, m. Thomas Gover; children:
- i. Christien, m. (--) McAlister and living in Florida; children
Judy and Donna.
- ii. Glenn L.
- iii. Olie Marie, m. (--) McGee; children:

- i. Billie Louise, m. (--) Lewis.
- ii. Milton, living in Indiana.
- iv. Jessie Lee, m. Nathaniel H. Houston; one son: Nathaniel, Jr
- v. Joel Thomas, m. (l) Cele (--); a son: Jerry, and (2). Jackie, one son: Carl Joe (adopted).
- vi. Addie May, m. (--) Allen.
- vii. Ina Lenora, m. (l). Rex Ballinger; a daughter:
 - i. Joann, m. Gerald Hodges in Wichita Falls, Texas; children: Gerald, Jr., Cheryl Denise Hodges Pitts, and Bradford.
- viii. Lodis, b. February 1, 1912; m. P. M.8 Grace in Walters, Oklahoma; d. October 8, 1991; son: Phillip9 M. Grace.

BEAN

1. ALEXANDER¹ BEAN was born in 1752 in Aberdeen, Scotland. He married Christianna Cassey, who was born in 1757 and died in 1837. He died in 1812 in Edgefield, South Carolina. They had several children including:
 - i. William², b. 1793; m. Susan Troup in Morgan County, Alabama; d. 1843 on the plantation where he had spent most of his life, and is buried there. They had at least one son who was:
 - i. Benjamen³ Franklin, b. 1820; m. Mary Ann Garner; d. May 5, 1890; their children included:
 - i. William⁴ Franklin, b. April 16, 1845; m. Nannie Phillips Charlton; d. July 17, 1878; children:
 - i. Anna⁵, m. (--) Wood.
 - ii. Myrtle, m (--) Jones.
 - iii. Willie, m (--) Brittain.
 - iv. Mary Rumsey, a half-sister.
 - v. Benjamen W., b. 1875; m. Ina Willess; d. May 8, 1962.

2. BENJAMEN⁵ WALTER BEAN was born in 1875. He married Ina Willess on August 28, 1899. She was the daughter of Benjamen J. Willess (b. December 12, 1850, in Bonn County, Illinois; d. December 24, 1893) and Amanda Lou Truitt, who was the daughter of James Truitt, Jr. (b. in Kentucky on December 20, 1820; m. January 16, 1851, in Millwood, Texas; d. August 26, 1904, near Rockwall, Texas) and Celia Ann Smith (b. March 7, 1832, in Indiana; daughter of James Smith, b. January 18, 1793, and Malinda Ann Simmons; d. January 16, 1897, in Rockwall, Texas). Her siblings were Homer Willess, Wayne Willess, Jess Willess, Lillie Lanham, Ola Parker, Ada Parker, and Lucy McCormack.

- Ben Bean died on May 8, 1962, in Rockwall, Texas. Their children included:
- i. Anna⁶, b. August 16, 1900; m. Marion Winfred Brooks on July 9, 1924.
 - ii. Benjamen Walter, Jr. (Bill), b. August 15, 1902; m. Margaret North on September 1, 1931, in Wylie, Texas; d. May 8, 1962.
 - iii. Lucy Frances, b. June 20, 1908; m. George Blackerby on November 25, 1933; d. November 11, 1983; one daughter:
 - i. Elizabeth⁷ Anne, b. November 17, 1936; m. Richard Cole Mabry; d. February 3, 1965; two children: Lesa (b. December 23, 1958)

- and Lenea (b. October 11, 1961).
3. iv. Jack Christal, Sr., b. November 28, 1918; m. Rose Mary Zalimas; d. November 3, 1968.

3. JACK6 CHRISTAL BEAN, SR. was born on November 8, 1918.

He married Rose Mary Zalimas in Chicago, Illinois, on April 23, 1943. She was the daughter of Charles Nicholas Zalimas, who had been born in Moscow, Russia, and had fought in the revolution against the Czar, and Stella Rodivick, who had been born in Lithuania. Her name was Stanislava, but when she was christened in the Roman Catholic religion was given the Christian name of Rose Mary. She and her sister, Emily (who later married Al Pirk and lived in Denver, Colorado), were placed in a foster home at a very young age when their mother died.

Jack6 Bean was a physical therapist in Wichita Falls, Texas, and died unexpectedly at age 49, on November 3, 1968. They had two children:

- * i. Sandra7 Luann, b. February 4, 1944; m. Phillip M. Grace on August 8, 1964, in Wichita Falls, Texas.
- ii. Jack Christal, Jr., b. September 20, 1951; m. Janet (--) and living in Port Arthur, Texas.

BURNS

I. JAMES WILLIAM BURNS was born on April 11, 1816, in Hillsboro, Ohio.

He married Susan Jacobs, who was born on November 15, 1822, on March 24, 1846, in Wisconsin. She died September 2, 1905.

He died on August 26, 1896, and is buried in Prospect, Oregon. Their children included:

- i. William Jacobs, b. June 5, 1847, in Snider, Wisconsin; m. Ellen Osborne (b. March 5, 1847, in Cornwall, England; d. December 27, 1926; daughter of Robert Osborne and Jane Pascoe of Perran, Cornwall, England) on February 27, 1872; d. December 2, 1923; children included:
 - i. James Pasco, b. June 11, 1876, in Plymouth, Iowa; m. Daisy Dean Pace (b. November 4, 1882, in Pleasant Hope, Missouri; d. July 30, 1960; daughter of Thomas Robert Pace and Mary Eleanor Cowden of Tennessee) on February 12, 1905, in Hooper Colorado; d. 1950 in Monte Vista, Colorado; their children included:
 - i. Robert Pace, b. September 25, 1906, in Center, Colorado; m. Dorothy Maxine Collins (b. November 5, 1911, in Norton, Kansas; daughter of John Pickney Collins and Bertha Virginia Jeffers of Norton, Kansas) on July 17, 1935; d. May 18, 1970; children included: James Richard Burns, husband to Marilu10 Grace.