

Reprinted from the Roark-Conner Family news, number 6 April 1994

JOHN LEWIS AND VICTORIA CONNER ROARK



Victoria Darleska Conner	married	John Lewis Roark
b. 10 Mar 1850	19 Sept. 1866	b. 4 Jul 1846
d. 16 July 1921		d. 14 July 1941

Both are buried in the Roark Family Cemetery on a hill n.e. of home. Hamilton County TN marriage records p. 74 No 312. License 16 Sept. Ceremony by Rev. A.T. Stulce (Ordained to preach 1860 at Friendship Baptist Church)

This couple lived in James County Tennessee throughout its fifty year existence. They were married in September 1866, soon after John Lewis had served the entire four years of the Civil War with Co E, 5th Tennessee Infantry, USA. The marriage took place in the Salem Baptist Church.

The infare feast was at the home of the bride's parents, Maxmillan Haney and Martha (Palmer) Conner. The couple rode horseback to the groom's home for another feast at the evening meal with quite a gathering of friends and relatives.

Fourteen children were born to this union but three died before the age of five. In 1881 two died of Scarlet fever within a week. The other eleven married and reared families in the surrounding communities. The oldest son, Thomas Asberry Roark, was on the James County School Board when the Ooltewah High School was established. The youngest, W. Harrison Roark, was the last elected Superintendent of the James County Schools. He resigned to serve in World War I.

Children:

- | | | | |
|----|--|------------------------------|---|
| 1. | Thomas Asberry Roark
b. 29 June 1867
d. 15 June 1951 | married
10 July 1889 | Mary J. Moon (d/o George)
b. 27 July 1870
d. 12 Oct. 1898 |
| | | married
5 Apr. 1899 | Mary Maud Priddy (d/o B.)
b. 2 Apr. 1878
d. 8 May 1963 |
| 2. | Margaret Jane Roark
b. 5 Sept. 1868
d. 9 June 1942
<i>Buried in the Rigsby Cemetery</i> | married
30 Mar. 1890 | George W. Fann
b.
d. 1930 |
| 3. | John Mack Roark
b. 25 July 1870
d. 6 Jan. 1929
<i>Both are buried in the Bald Hill Cemetery, Hamilton County TN</i> | married
Sept. 1891 | Adam Granade (Addie) Priddy
b. 20 Nov. 1872
d. 30 Apr. 1936 |
| 4. | Martha Virginia Roark
b. 29 Jan. 1872
d. 17 Dec. 1959 | married
13/18 Jan. 1888/9 | William J. Moon
b. 3 Feb. 1868
d. 28 July 1893 |
| | | married | Pleasant Lewis Lovell (s/o Posey)
b. 11 June 1856
d. 12 Jan. 1932 |
| 5. | Harriet Elizabeth Roark
b. 17 July 1873
d. 17 Aug. 1932
<i>Both are buried in Methodist Cemetery</i> | married
28 Jan. 1894 | David Paul DeFriese
b. 31 Dec. 1870
d. 4 July 1948 |
| 6. | Newton Nathaniel Roark
b. 26 July 1875
d. 2 Dec. 1956 | married
24 Dec. 1893 | Nancy Jane Haney
b. 11 Feb. 1879
d. 14 May 1906 |
| | | married
1 Dec. 1909 | Emma Carrie Ritchey
b. 23 Apr. 1881
d. |
| 7. | Mary Permelia Roark
b. 4 Nov. 1877
d. 2 Dec. 1881
<i>Buried in the Roark Family Cemetery</i> | | |
| 8. | Lewis Alexander Roark
b. 13 Sept. 1879
d. 25 Nov. 1881
<i>Buried in the Roark Family Cemetery</i> | | |

9. Walter Burk Roark married Maggie Smith (d/o Archie)
 b. 13 June 1881 14 July 1924 b. 1895
 d. 31 July 1970 (at Cleveland Hospital) d. 7 Apr. 1976
Both are Buried in the Baptist Church Cemetery Birchwood
10. Laura Tennessee Roark married Abner Lafayette Moon (s/o
 W.)
 b. 15 Jan. 1884 20 Apr. 1904 b. 4 Aug. 1882 (James
 County) d. 15 Apr. 1976 d. 24 Apr. 1970 (Erlanger H)
11. Ida Victoria Roark
 b. 1 Mar. 1886
 d. 25 Aug. 1886 *Buried in the Roark Family Cemetery*
12. William Harrison Roark married Mary Hunt (of Georgia)
 b. 15 Feb. 1888 11 May 1927 b. 31 Jan. 1897
 d. 17 Jan. 1971 d. 4 Dec. 1991
Buried in the Armuchee Cemetery
13. Emma Ellen Roark married James Fred Eacon
 b. 18 Oct. 1890 5 Mar. 1910 b.
 d. 27 Sept. 1976
Both are buried in the Fort Hill Cemetery
14. Effie Pearl Roark married John Wesley Parker
 b. 24 Oct. 1892 17 Mar. 1913 b. 26 Sept. 1883 (In Illinois)
 d. 13 Jan. 1969 d. 4 Nov. 1955 (Knoxville,
 TN)
Both are buried in the Lynhurst Cemetery