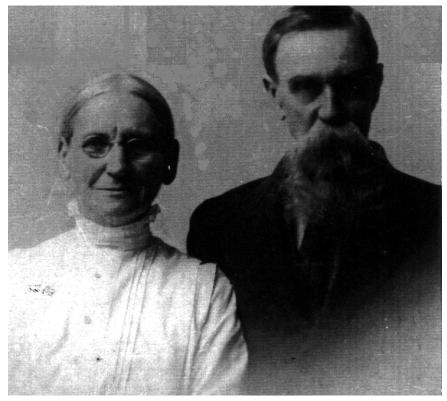
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JOHN LEWIS AND VICTORIA CONNER ROARK



Victoria Darleska Conner married b. 10 Mar 1850 19 Sept. 1866

d. 16 July 1921

John Lewis Roark b. 4 Jul 1846 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 Roan b. 29 June 1867 d. 15 June 1951 | k | married 10 July 1889 | Mary J. Moon (d/o George) b. 27 July 1870 d. 12 Oct. 1898 | | |
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| | | | 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 Buried in the I | Rigsby Cemeter | married 30 Mar. 1890 | George W. Fann b. d. 1930 | | |
| 3. | John Mack Roark b. 25 July 1870 d. 6 Jan. 1929 Both are burie | d in the Bald F | married Sept. 1891 Hill Cemetery, Hamilto | Adam Granade (Addie) Priddy b. 20 Nov. 1872 d. 30 Apr. 1936 n County TN | | |
| 4. | Martha Virginia Roard b. 29 Jan. 1872 d. 17 Dec. 1959 | Κ | married William J. Moon 13/18 Jan. 1888/9 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 Roa b. 17 July 1873 d. 17 Aug. 1932 Both are burie | | married 28 Jan. 1894 Cemetery | 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 married 1 Dec. 1909 | Nancy Jane Haney b. 11 Feb. 1879 d. 14 May 1906 Emma Carrie Ritchey b. 23 Apr. 1881 d. | | |
| 7. | Mary Permelia Roark b. 4 Nov. 1877 d. 2 Dec. 1881 | Buried in the | Roark Family Cemeter | y | | |
| 8. | Lewis Alexander Roa b. 13 Sept. 1879 d. 25 Nov. 1881 | 13 Sept. 1879 | | | | |

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

Both are buried in the Lynhurst Cemetery