

Jesse Bridge and Melinda Dye

Melinda Dye was born about 1805 in Rutherford Co, NC to Henry and Anna Washburn Dye.

She is believed to be the last known child of Henry and Anna Dye.

She was the 2nd wife of Jesse Bridges, the son of Samuel & Rebecca Hamrick Bridges.

Jesse married Elizabeth (Betsy) Harrill, on 17 Jan 1821, in Rutherford Co, NC.

Jesse married Melinda about 1842/43 and he died by 1850.

Melinda Dye Bridges is buried at Ramsey Family Private Cemetery located on Private Property near Lattimore, Cleveland Co, NC.



She died 7 March 1888 in Cleveland Co, NC.

When research 1st began on Melinda she was inaccurately listed as a possible daughter of Philip Dye and Sophia Gaither of Chester Co, SC.. Philip being a son of Elisha Dye and a cousin, to Henry Dye...However, we feel there is now a great deal of evidence including the 1820 Rutherford Co, NC Census, for her mother Anna Webber (next door to her brother John Dye) as well as other evidence, naming traditions and so on, that confirms she is the daughter of Henry and Anna Dye.

The 1850 Cleveland Co, NC census shows Melinda with her children.

Sarah Jane Bridges was born 20 Aug 1843 and died 5 Jul 1927.

She resided in Polk Co, NC and married William Franklin Barnett (aka Barnette), They are buried at Hickory Grove Baptist Church Cemetery, Polk Co, NC.

Children include:

Pantha P. Barnett, b. Aug 18, 1879 d. 19 Feb 1958 Never married, No children, died of Diabetes.
Buried at Hickory Grove Church Cemetery, Polk Co, NC

James B. Barnett, b. 3 Jun 1881 d. 12 Dec 1951 married Amanda Chitwood on 24 Sep 1903 at Polk Co, NC. Amanda was b. 20 Jun 1885 and d. 13 Feb 1962, They are buried at Hickory Grove Baptist Church Cemetery in Polk Co, NC, Their sons include William Chitwood Barnett and Floyd Raymond Barnett

Jesse Whitson Barnett b. 6 Aug 1883 d. 26 Sep 1961
He is buried at Columbus Baptist Church Cemetery, Polk Co, NC

Mary Ann Barnett b. Nov 1887

William Rueben Barnett b. 7 Jun 1888 d. 5 Jan 1974 married Wilma P. b.29 March 1890 d. 16 Feb 1917
They are buried at Hickory Grove Baptist Church Cemetery, Polk Co, NC

Jesse Whitson Bridges was born 6 Oct 1845 and died 7 Aug 1904.
He married Mary Jane Hamrick on 16 Sep 1868 in Cleveland Co, NC. Jane was the daughter of David Jones Hamrick and Caroline Hardin. They are buried at Double Springs Cemetery, Cleveland CO, NC.

Laura Manassa Bridges Johnson b. 16 Dec 1869 d. 20 Oct 1926
She married Albert Johnson b. 17 Dec 1875 d. 28 Nov 1949
They are buried at Lattimore Baptist Church, Cleveland Co, NC.
Children include: Whitson Durham Johnson b. 11 Sep 1901 d. 27 May 1989

Samuel James Bridges (aka James Samuel Bridges) b. 30 May 1872 d. 17 Jan 1950
married Aquilla Veatrice Hamrick b. Jun 6, 1880, Children: Hester Jane Bridges, Jessie Avaro Bridges, Charles Jethro Bridges, Daniel Woodrow Bridges.

David Cicero Bridges b. 11 Jul 1874 d. 23 Dec 1949 Buried at Lattimore Baptist Church Cemetery, Cleveland Co, NC

Charles Alexander Bridges b. 24 Feb 1877 d. 2 Mar 1937 married Missouri M. Bridges, the daughter of Edmond Jones Bridges and Elizabeth Mitchell Gold b.21 Mar 1881 d. 8 May 1941, They are buried at Double Springs Cemetery in Cleveland Co, NC. Children include: Jesse Edmond Bridges, Hettie Ray Bridges, Charles Henson Bridges, and Johnnie James Bridges

Summie Bridges b. 17 Oct 1879 d. 2 Sep 1892 buried at Double Springs Cemetery, Cleveland Co, NC.

Andrew "Dobbins" Bridges b. 9 Mar 1884 d. 18 Jul 1886 Buried at Double Springs Cemetery, Cleveland Co, NC

Chauncey "Clarence" Bridges b. 28 Jan 1888 d. 7 Nov 1910 married Celia Cleo Washburn?
He is buried at Double Springs Cemetery, Cleveland Co, NC Children include: Chauncey A Bridges
and Elmo Bridges.

Rueben Henry Bridges was born 30 Mar 1848 and died 15 Mar 1921.
Buried at Union Baptist Church Cemetery in Cleveland Co, NC.
He married Margaret Mauney Gold and Martha Alice Washburn.
Margaret was the mother of the following children:

Laura E. Bridges Champion b. 1 Feb 1874 d. 8 Jan 1951 married John Epley Champion, b. 26 Nov
1868 d. 30 Jan 1929, They are buried at Union Baptist Cemetery, Shelby, Cleveland Co, NC
Children include: Orville Odus Champion, Joseph Cletus Champion, Leman Broadus Champion, and
Flay Oren Champion.

Magnolia (Nolie) Bridges Hamrick b. 2 Aug 1878 d. 6 Sep 1942 married Tolliver Bate Hamrick
son of Elijah Rueben Hamrick and Cynthia Louise Bridges, Tolliver was b. 23 Jul 1869 d. 2 Apr 1937
They are buried at Double Springs Cemetery, Cleveland Co, NC.

Robert Henry Bridges b. 4 May 1881 d. 12 Sep 1960 married 1st Mamie Sigmon 1882-1912 buried at
Union Bapt. Church Cemetery, Cleveland Co, NC, they had Rueben Elmer Bridges b. 1902 d. 1961.
2nd Anna Laura Lee ca. 1913 b. 29 Dec 1882 d. 13 Dec 1970, They are buried at Union Bapt. Church
Cemetery, Cleveland Co, NC. Children Robert & Anna are: Colin Ray Bridges 1914-2007, John Edgar
Bridges 1916-1979, Walter Everett Bridges, 1917-1978.

John Monroe Bridges b. 20 Aug 1884 d. 22 May 1929, Buried at Riverside Cemetery, Buncombe Co,
NC.

Florence G. Bridges b. 31 Jul 1886 d. 6 Feb 1906, Buried at Union Bapt. Church Cemetery, Cleveland
Co, NC.

Cora V. Bridges b. Jul 1876 d. 4 Dec 1878 Sandy Plains Baptist Church Cemetery, Cleveland Co, NC