

THORNTON

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John Thornton

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This was told to me by Ruth Carpenter, daughter of John Thornton, at age 81 in St. Louis, Missouri in 1978 when my mother and I visited her.

Ruth was born at Jonesburg, Mo. Her father, John E. Thornton, married a 18 year old girl named Mary Anderson who was the daughter of outlaw Bill Anderson. [Marcine's Note: I have found no proof that she was the daughter of outlaw Bill Anderson.] They had three children. Mary Anderson died quite early and he then married a Mary Wells who died after 18 months. They had no children. John married 3rd a Lillie Hays White and had 7 children by her.

Children of John Thornton and Lillie Hays White:

1. Lucille Emily Ruth (Thornton) Carpenter. She had two children - daughter Mary French and son Charles. Ruth Carpenter died 1979 in St. Louis, Mo.
2. Barlon Albern Thornton
3. Charles Hugh Thornton
4. Mayme Nellie Thornton
5. George Frances Thornton
6. Corrine Adelle Thornton
7. Lottie Belle Thornton

Lillie died at Bowling Green, Mo. And is buried at Jerseyville, Illinois. After she died, John went west with a wagon train. He wrote a few times and was never heard from again.

John's brother, Milton, was hurt in a mine accident in Illinois and was crippled. He was given a good education to prepare him for work as a teacher, then he wouldn't become one. Milton lived for awhile with his sister near Pentleton, Mo. He married Sue Sublett of St. Louis, Mo. And their family lived at Whiteside and Independence, Mo. Ruth said her father told her their family were of Irish and English descent. Ruth said when she was young, they lived near the Illinois river and her mother and sisters loomed their cloth and thread to make their clothes. When they left Illinois to come to Missouri, they came by wagon and ferried the river.

John Thornton's parents were Albern J. Thornton, born 1816 in NC, died 9 Feb 1880 in Schuyler Co., IL and Nancy Moore, born circa 1822 (her father was James Moore) who married on 7 Jan 1839 in Schuyler Co., IL.

Children of Albern Thornton and Nancy Moore:

1. George Mason Dallas Thornton, born 18 Oct 1845, died 18 May 1886. Married Polly Ann Luttrell on 11 Sep 1871 in Schuyler County, Illinois (MB C, Page 63). Polly was the daughter of William Louis Luttrell and Mahala Ann Luttrell (Mahala was the daughter of Shelton Luttrell and Sarah Bryant. W. Louis Luttrell was the son of James H. Luttrell and Mary Halsey.).
2. Felix Thornton, died young.
3. Milton Thornton, married Sue Sublett.
4. John Thornton, married (1) Mary Anderson, (2) Mary Wells, (3) Lillie Hays White.
5. Marama Lori Thornton, married a Rano.
6. Malita Thornton, married Samual Teal on 10 Sep 1862 in Schuyler Co., IL.
7. Sarah Mayme Thornton, born 25 Dec 1843, married (1) Anderson, (2) Barton Berrie.
8. Penina "Nina" Thornton, born 01 Mar 1857, married (1) Malcolm Robertson on 01 Oct 1874 (MB C, Page 85) and (2) Fred Ghlee. Children Myrtle and Edith.

Albern Thornton died of Consumption and was buried at the Old Ridgeville Cemetery, Browning Township, Schuyler Co., Illinois.

Marriage Record in Book I, Page 24, Rushville, Illinois.

Albern is a son of Felix Thornton and Mary Celetha Holly, both of which were born in North Carolina.

George M. D. Thornton, son of Albern Thornton, was a Union soldier and was given ground by the governor for his service. George had a blackout and the family found him dead by the fire place at home. He lived near Horse Shoe Bend in Missouri (Glaze Twp.), Branch Place, Camden County address - Bagnell, Mo. is place buried.

Polly Ann (Luttrell) Thornton lived in Miller County per the 1900 census after her husband died.

My uncle, Willie Thornton, told me when he was young and lived in Miller Co., Mo. he remembered his mother got a letter edged in black which meant there was a death in the family. Her mother had died but she couldn't go to the funeral which was in Washington Co., Mo. because she didn't have the money. Polly A. Thornton is buried in the Bryant Cemetery on a private farm near Indian Creek south of Sullivan, Missouri.

Polly A. (Luttrell) Thornton was married first to James Luttrell who deserted her two days after the marriage in the year 1866. She never saw him again but afterwards was informed by several persons that the said James Lutterall was dead (was killed). Her Third husband was John H. Luttrell. They married 30 Sep 1889 in Pineville, Mo. This information is on the pension report of the military record of George M. D. Thornton, Deceased.

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