

ROARK FAMILY RESEARCH PROJECT

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Marriage record of Arnold Southern and Lois Chappell
Marriage record of Charles Nelson and Hettie Southern

First Generation

1. William ROARK was born in 1757 in North Carolina.¹ He after 11 February 1832 at the age of 75 in Allen County, Kentucky.²

William ROARK and Sarah DORRIS were married in 1780 in Orange County, North Carolina. Sarah DORRIS was born in 1755 in Hopewell, Hunterdon County, New Jersey. She died in 1845 at the age of 90 in Macon County, Tennessee.³

William ROARK and Sarah DORRIS had the following child:

+2 i. Elijah ROARK, born 23 July 1798; married Lucy JOYNER, 20 March 1821,; died 3 September 1858, probably in Clay Township, White County, Arkansas.

1 See Research Notes - William Roark DAR patriot #A098899, information accessed from http://emembership.dar.org/DAR/DAR_Research/search_adb/?action=full&p_id=A098899

2 See Research Notes - Transcription of will of William Roark

3 See Research Notes - William Roark DAR patriot #A098899

Second Generation

2. Elijah ROARK (William-1) was born on 23 July 1798. He died on 3 September 1858 at the age of 60 probably in Clay Township, White County, Arkansas.⁴

Elijah ROARK and Lucy JOYNER were married on 20 March 1821.⁵ Lucy JOYNER was born on 13 December 1804 probably in Wake County, North Carolina.⁶ She died on 23 August 1895 at the age of 90 probably in Carroll County, Tennessee.⁷

Elijah ROARK and Lucy JOYNER had the following child:

+3 i. Amos ROARK, born 7 February 1822; married Louisa G. PARSONS, 25 September 1849, Carroll County, Tennessee; died 28 May 1862, probably in White County, Arkansas.

4 See attachment No. 1 - Roark Family Bible; *The New Testament of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ* (New York: American Bible Society, 1857); privately held by Peggy Scott Holley, 8902 Rockcrest Drive, Austin, Texas 78759. [Ms. Holley emailed digital images of relevant pages from the bible to researcher].

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6 See attachment No. 2 - Peggy Scott Holley, "The Roarks of Carroll County, Tennessee;" privately held by Peggy Scott Holley, 8902 Rockcrest Drive, Austin, Texas 78759. [Ms. Holley emailed digital images of relevant pages from the unpublished manuscript to researcher].

7 Roark Family Bible

Third Generation

3. Amos ROARK (Elijah-2, William-1) was born on 7 February 1822.⁸ He died on 28 May 1862⁹ at the age of 40 probably in White County, Arkansas.¹⁰

Amos ROARK and Louisa G. PARSONS were married on 25 September 1849 in Carroll County, Tennessee.¹¹ Louisa G. PARSONS was born in 1832.¹²

Amos ROARK and Louisa G. PARSONS had the following child:

+4 i. Ervin ROARK, born 1 May 1851, Carroll County, Tennessee; married Emily Frances SMITH, 31 January 1875, Gibson County, Tennessee; died 16 May 1931, Greene County, Arkansas.

8 Roark Family Bible

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10 Holley, "The Roarks of Carroll County, Tennessee"

11 See attachment No. 3 – Carroll County, Tennessee, Transcribed Marriage Record from 1838 to 1860, page 192, Amos Roark-Louiza Parson, 25 September 1849; digital image, accessed from Ancestry.com.

12 Year of birth estimated from census records.

Fourth Generation

4. Ervin ROARK (Amos-3, Elijah-2, William-1) was born on 1 May 1851 in Carroll County, Tennessee. He died on 16 May 1931 at the age of 80 in Greene County, Arkansas.¹³

Ervin ROARK and Emily Frances SMITH were married on 31 January 1875 in Gibson County, Tennessee.¹⁴ Emily Frances SMITH, daughter of A. L. SMITH, was born on 9 August 1859 in Gibson County, Tennessee. She died on 19 February 1941 at the age of 81 in Dunklin County, Missouri.¹⁵

Ervin ROARK and Emily Frances SMITH had the following child:

+5 i. Pearl ROARK, born May 1884, probably in Gibson County, Tennessee; married Lee LAYNE.

13 See attachment No. 4 - Greene County, Arkansas, death certificate no. , Ervin Roark, 1931; Arkansas Department of Health, Little Rock Arkansas.

14 See attachment No. 5 - Gibson County, Tennessee, Marriage License, Ervin Roark-E. Smith, 31 January 1875; digital image, accessed from FamilySearch.org.

15 See attachment No. 6 - Dunklin County, Missouri, death certificate No. 21492. Emily Frances Roark, 14 February 1944; Missouri State Board of Health, Bureau of Vital Records, Jefferson City, Missouri; digital image, accessed from Missouri State Archives.

Fifth Generation

5. Pearl ROARK (Ervin-4, Amos-3, Elijah-2, William-1) was born in May 1884 probably in Gibson County, Tennessee.¹⁶

Pearl ROARK and Lee LAYNE were married. Lee LAYNE, was born on 7 May 1875 in Tennessee. He died 30 June 1936 in Mississippi County, Arkansas.¹⁷

Leander LAYNE and Pearl ROARK had the following child:

+6 i. Hettie E. LAYNE, born 11 November 1915; married Arnold Thomas SOUTHERN, 5 February 1933, Dunklin County, Missouri; died 20 January 1996, Union, Franklin County, Missouri.

16 See attachment No. 7 - 1900 U.S. Census, Tennessee, Gibson County, 17th District, enumeration district 52, page 123 (stamped), sheet 6A, dwelling 99, family 99, Ervin Roark household, line 15 Pearl Roark; digital image, accessed from Ancestry.com

17 See attachment No. 8 - Mississippi County, Arkansas, death certificate no. , Lee Layne, 1936; Arkansas Department of Health, Little Rock Arkansas

Sixth Generation

6. Hettie E. LAYNE (Pearl Roark-5, Ervin-4, Amos-3, Elijah-2, William-1) was born on 11 November 1915. She died on 20 January 1996 at the age of 80 in Union, Franklin County, Missouri.¹⁸

Hettie E. LAYNE and Arnold Thomas SOUTHERN were married on 5 February 1933 in Dunklin County, Missouri.¹⁹ Arnold Thomas SOUTHERN was born on 24 November 1914 in Kennett, , Dunklin County, Missouri. He died on 15 December 1957 at the age of 43 in Dunklin County, Missouri.²⁰

Arnold Thomas SOUTHERN and Hettie E. LAYNE had the following child:

- 7 i. Jermaine SOUTHERN was born (date unknown).

18 Hettie E. Biermann entry *U.S. Social Security Death Index, 1935-current*, accessed online Ancestry.com

19 See Attachment No. 9 - Dunklin County, Missouri, marriage licenses, page 188, Arnold Southern-Hettie Layne, 5 February 1933, digital image, accessed from Ancestry.com

20 See attachment No. 10 – Dunklin County, Missouri, death certificate no. 43951, Arnold Thomas Southern, 15 December 1957; The Division of Health of Missouri, Jefferson City, Missouri; digital image accessed from Missouri State Archives

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William Roark

A) William ROARK's 12 page will is located at the Allen County Historical Society, 301 North Fourth Street, Scottsville, Kentucky 42164 (270) 237-3026.

A partial transcription was found at

Signed February 11, 1832

In the name of God, Amen, I William Roark of the County of Allen and State of Kentucky being very sick in body but in perfect mind and memory, thanks be given unto God. Calling into mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do principally and first of all, I give & command my soul unto the hand of almighty god that gave it and my body I Recommit to the earth to be buried in decent Christian Burial, at the discretion of my Executor, nothing doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God, And as touching such worldly estate, wherewith, it has pleased God to bles me in thy life, I give demise & dispose of the same in the following manner to wit & form. Whereas my beloved wife Sarah Roark does not choose to take her part as the law directs. I will that she have her choice out of all my house hold & kitchen furniture, also wheat, corn or any thing she chooses and that money sufficient she be left in my Executors hand to get her coffee and other necessaries that she may want, also have the privilege to live where and with whatever of her children she pleases.

2. I will that the balance of my land and property be valued by those directional men on oath at cash rates. Then my heirs to take it at the valuation if they deem proper among themselves, if not to be sold and divided among my children in the following manner VIZ; Whereas several of my children had had more than others I think it necessary that I should mention the same, that each one has received so that there may be an equal division among them all by counting in the sum that each one had received. That is, John Roark has rec one hundred and fifty dollars, also Levy Roark one hundred dollars.

3. I will that my son Josiah Roark have the one hundred & twenty acre tract of land as called for in my lone to him. VIZ; Beginning at the South West corner of by Former Mill Tract, thence to run North so as to include his Saw Mill and improvement, then last for compliment that for said land and the one hundred dollars, that I have given him our of the price of the Grist Mill., there shall be deducted two hundred and seventy five dollars our of his part.

4th Elijah Roark has received forty dollars

5th Joel Roark forty dollars and I will that after the above deductions is counted in that there be an equal division among all my children and that my two deceased daughters, Sarah Poe & Marah Driver draw their part in money those that are not yet of age, when they come of age.

I will that my beloved sons Rueben Roark and William Roark be my Executors _____ utterly disallow, revoke & disannull all and every other former Testament _____ and bequeathed Ratifying and conforming this and no other to be my last will and Testament in Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 11th day of February in the year of our Lord Eighteen Hundred and Thirty Two. Signed sealed & delivered pronounced & disclosed by the said William Roark as his last will and Testament in the presence of us who in his presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names.

Bartley Waid William Roark

John Dyson-Law
Matthew Johnson

Allen County, March Term 1832

The last will and testament of William Roark deceased signed on 11th day of February 1832 was this day presented in court by Rueben Roark and William Roark, the executor, therein named and proved by the subscribing witnesses stands to be the last will and testament of said deceased and proved by the oath of Bartley Wade, John Dyson LAW and Matthew Johnson subscribing witnesses. Wherefore, certificate is granted, said executor upon them entering into bond in the penalty of \$4000 with Asa Roark, William Stinson, John Dyson and Matthew Johnson with securities and there upon they entered into an executor bond as required by law and was sworn unto office.

Ordered that Matthew Johnson, Henry Johnson, William Johnson, Bartley Wade and Benjamin Downing or any three being first sworn to inventory and appraise the personal estate and slaves, if any, of William Roark, deceased and report to the court.

Matthew Johnson, Henry Johnson, & Bartlet Wade who have been appointed by the Allen County Court to view and appraise the Personal estate of William Roark, deceased, personally appeared before the Subscriber, a Justice of the Peace for said county and were sworn to view and appraise such estate as shall be produced to them truly and justly to be the best of their judgment given unto my hand this 27th March 1832.

William Johnson, J.P.A.C.

A true and last inventory and appraisement of all the personal estate and land of William Roark, deceased, which was produced to us by Rueben Roark and William Roark, his executor on the 27th 28th and 29th days of March 1832

B) William ROARK co-founded Puncheon Camp Creek Church in Allen County, Kentucky located on the present day Kentucky -Tennessee border. Church records are located at:

- 1) Allen County Historical Society (address and phone above)
- 2) Macon County Tennessee Library, 311 Church Street, Lafayette, Tennessee 37083 (615) 666-4340
- 3) The Kentucky Museum, Western Kentucky University, 1444 Kentucky Street, Bowling Green, Kentucky 42101 (270) 745-6260

C) William Rourke - DAR Patriot #A098899

Service: NORTH CAROLINA

Rank: NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER

Birth: 1757 NORTH CAROLINA

Death: ANTE 11 FEB 1832 ALLEN CO KENTUCKY

Spouse: SARAH DORRIS

Residence during Service: ORANGE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

Service Description: MUSICIAN IN ROLSTON'S CO, 1ST REGT

Service Source: NARA, M881, COMP MIL SERV RECS, ROLL #781

DAR verified children of William are:

1. Asa Roark who married Susan Tudor
2. Josiah Roark who married Ruth Campbell
3. Levi Roark who married Clemency Pipkin
4. Sallie Roark who married William Poe

Elijah Roark

Attachment No. 11 - 1830 U. S. Census, Tennessee, Carroll County, page 176 (penned), 15th name listed from the top, Elijah Roark, digital image accessed from Ancestry.com.

Attachment No. 12 - 1840 U. S. Census, Tennessee, Smith County, page 35 (penned), 9th name listed from the bottom, Elijah Roark, digital image accessed from Ancestry.com.

Attachment No. 13 - 1850 U. S. Census, Tennessee, Carroll County, 13th Civil District, page 113 (stamped), dwelling 1500, family 1500, Elijah Rowark household, digital image accessed from Ancestry.com.

Lucy Joyner Roark

Attachment No. 14 - 1860 U. S. Census, Arkansas, White County, page 99 (stamped), dwelling 66, family 1215, L. Roark household, digital image accessed from Ancestry.com.

Attachment No. 15 - 1870 U. S. Census, Tennessee, Carroll County, 13th Civil District, page 430 (stamped), dwelling 39, family 88, Henry Roark household, line 1, Lucy Roark, digital image accessed from Ancestry.com.

Attachment No. 16 - 1880 U. S. Census, Tennessee, Carroll County, 12th Civil District, enumeration district 17, page 18C (penned), dwelling 150, family 160, W. C. Lemmons household, line 10, Lucy Roark, digital image accessed from Ancestry.com.

Amos Roark

Attachment No. 17 - 1850 U. S. Census, Tennessee, Carroll County, 13th Civil District, dwelling 1457, family 1457, Amos Rowark household; digital image accessed from Ancestry.com.

Attachment No. 18 - 1860 U. S. Census, Arkansas, White County, Red River Township, page 62 (penned), dwelling 419, family 441, A. T. Roark household; digital image accessed from Ancestry.com.

1 May 1860 Amos Roark purchased land: The North half of the Southwest quarter and the Southeast quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 14 in Township 9 North of Range 7 West. 120 acres.

Attachment No. 19 - Amos Roark (White County, Arkansas), 1860, cash entry file, certificate no. 16625, Batesville, Arkansas Land Office; digital image accessed from Bureau of Land Management, General Land Office Records. [Http://www.glorerecords.blm.gov](http://www.glorerecords.blm.gov)

1 May 1861 Amos Roark purchased land: The Southwest quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 14 in Township 9 North of Range 7 West. 40 acres.

Attachment No. 20 - Amos Roark (White County, Arkansas), 1861, cash entry file, certificate no. 19424, Batesville, Arkansas Land Office; digital image accessed from Bureau of Land Management, General Land Office Records. [Http://www.glorerecords.blm.gov](http://www.glorerecords.blm.gov)

Amos Roark was married twice before his marriage to Louisa Parsons. He first married to Nellie Scott on 15 March 1842 in Carroll County, Tennessee. His second marriage was to Matilda Brandon on 31 July 1845 in Carroll County, Tennessee.

Attachment No. 21 - Carroll County, Tennessee Transcribed Marriage Records from 1838 to 1860, page 64, Amos Roark-Nellie Scott, 15 March 1842; digital image accessed from Ancestry.com

Attachment No. 22 - Carroll County, Tennessee Transcribed Marriage Records from 1838 to 1860, page 116, Amos Roark-Matilda Brandon, 31 July 1845; digital image accessed from Ancestry.com

Louisa G. Parsons Roark

Attachment No. 23 - 1870 U. S. Census, Tennessee, Gibson County, 22nd Civil District, page 11 (penned), dwelling 80, family 80, Louisa Rocark household, digital image accessed from Ancestry.com.

Attachment No. 24 - 1880 U. S. Census, Tennessee, Carroll County, District No. 14, enumeration district 45, page 6B (penned), dwelling 45, family 45, Louisa Roark household; digital image accessed from Ancestry.com

Ervin Roark

See attachment No. 18 - 1860 U. S. Census, Arkansas, White County, Red River Township, page 62 (penned), dwelling 419, family 441, A. T. Roark household, line 30, E. Roark

See attachment No. 23 - 1870 U. S. Census, Tennessee, Gibson County, 22nd Civil District, page 11 (penned), dwelling 80, family 80, Louisa Rocark household, line 29. Irvin Rocark

Attachment No. 25 - 1880 U. S. Census, Tennessee, Carroll County, District No. 14, enumeration district 45, page 6B (penned), dwelling 49, family 49, E. R. Roark household; digital image accessed from Ancestry.com

Attachment No. 26 - 1900 U. S. Census, Tennessee, Gibson County, 17th District, enumeration district 52, page 123 (stamped), sheet 6A (penned), dwelling 99, family 99, Ervin Roark household; digital image accessed from Ancestry.com

Attachment No. 27 - 1910 U. S. Census, Missouri, Dunklin County, Clay Township, enumeration district 61, page 29 (stamped), sheet 3A (penned), dwelling 33, family 35, E. Roark household; digital image accessed from Ancestry.com.

Attachment No. 28 - 1920 U. S. Census, Missouri, Dunklin County, Clay Township, Hornersville Village, enumeration district 71, sheet 4B (penned), dwelling 89, family 92, Ervin Roark household; digital image accessed from Ancestry.com

Attachment No. 29 - 1930 U. S. Census, Arkansas, Greene County, Spring Grove Township, enumeration district 28-27, page 255 (stamped), sheet 5A (penned), dwelling 102, family 112, Ervin Roark household; digital image accessed from Ancestry.com

Emily Frances Smith Roark

Attachment No. 30 - 1940 U. S. Census, Missouri, Dunklin County, Salem Township, Arbyrd City, enumeration district 35-27, sheet 3B (penned), dwelling 63, Pearl Lane household, line 60, Emily Roark; digital image accessed from Ancestry.com

Lee Layne

Attachment No. 31 - 1920 U. S. Census, Missouri, Dunklin County, Salem Township, Hollywood Village, enumeration district 82, sheet 16B (penned), dwelling 304, family 306, Lee Layne household; digital image accessed from Ancestry.com

Attachment No. 32 - 1930 U. S. Census, Missouri, Dunklin County, Salem Township, enumeration district 35-28, page 57 (stamped), sheet 18A (penned), dwelling 334, family 337, Lee A. Lane household; digital image accessed from Ancestry.com

Attachment No. 33 - PHOTO of Lee and Pearl from Ancestry.com Public Member Trees - carty Family Tree, user crtzcmp

Pearl Roark Layne

See attachment No. 30 - 1940 U. S. Census, Missouri, Dunklin County, Salem Township, Arbyrd City, enumeration district 35-27, sheet 3B (penned), dwelling 63, Pearl Lane household

Arnold Thomas Southern

Attachment No. 34 - 1920 U. S. Census, Arkansas, Clay County, Swain Township, enumeration district 23, sheet 1B (penned), family 14, Henry J. Southern household, line 75, Arnold T. Southern; digital image accessed from Ancestry.com

The marriage license notes that Arnold was under the age of 21 and his father H. J. Southern was present and gave his written consent to the marriage.

Arnold and Hettie divorced.

Attachment No. 35 - Arnold Southern enlisted into the U. S. Army in 1944 from Jessamine County, Kentucky

Attachment No. 36 - Arnold Southern (of Kennett, Missouri) remarried to Lois Chappell (of Kennett, Missouri) on 30 April 1947 in Arkansas.

Hettie E. Layne Southern Biermann

The marriage license notes that Hettie was under the age of 18 and that her father L. A. Layne was present and gave his written consent to the marriage

Hettie married a second time to Charles Nelson.

Attachment No. 37 - Dunklin County, Missouri, marriage licenses, page 220, Charles R. Nelson-Hettie Southern, 7 March 1942, digital image, accessed from Ancestry.com

Obtain death certificate for Hettie E. Biermann from Franklin County, Missouri

Obtain the obituary of Hettie E. Layne Biermann from the St. Louis Post Dispatch. It was published on 21 January 1996