

### 139 HIGGINS-HAMBRIGHT

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My paternal lineage is Higgins, Hambricht, Hardin, Black and Moore. Hilliard, Ladd, Stone, Pettitt and Poindexter on my mother's side. Mother's family has been included in this publication by other family members.

William Higgins, my great grandfather, was an early settler in Polk County. He tendered his resignation as constable of Polk County, 2nd District, to the Worshipful County Court, Polk County, TN, on June 6, 1842.

William's son Ananias, my grandfather, born December 22, 1822, died October 27, 1888, married first Eleanor Summy, daughter of Solomon Summy. Their children: George, Summy, Obediah, Jane and maybe others. Ananias married second on April 5, 1875 to Sarah Louvinia Hambricht, my grandmother, born on November 18, 1840, died January 4, 1923, daughter of William S. Hambricht, born May 25, 1816, died April 28, 1889, and Sarah B. Moore Hambricht of McMinn County, born April 8, 1817, died July 27, 1901. Their children: Sarah Ellen "Aunt Dell," born March 2, 1876; Jacob A., born August 5, 1877; LaFayette Markus "Fate", born November 26, 1878; Frederick Dyke, born March 19, 1881; and Annie, born September 11, 1883.

Ananias operated a farm, formerly the James Pettitt farm which he bought at public auction in 1843, a tan-yard, shoe shop, cotton gin, and guest house. While teaching in Old Fort, John Coffee Williamson was a paying guest in Ananias' and Eleanor's home.

Sarah Louvinia, my grandmother, was a direct descendent of Revolutionary War hero, Col. Frederick Hambricht, of N.C., born in Germany in 1727, died March, 1817 in N.C. and first wife Sarah Hardin, through their son Capt. John H. Hambricht, born March 17, 1762 in N.C., died Feb. 6, 1830, McMinn Co. TN, married October 23, 1784 to Nancy Black born August 13, 1763 in NC, died March 1, 1845 in Tennessee.

Frederick Hambricht son of Nancy Black and Capt. John H. Hambricht, born May 7, 1785, died July 7, 1863, married Margaret (?), born April 6, 1785, died October, 1842, were the parents of William S. Hambricht.

My daddy, LaFayette Markus "Fate" Higgins and my mother, Mary Martha Ann Hilliard were married in Polk County July 19, 1903, with Betty White as a witness. There were seven children. Infant male born December 15, 1904 and died the same day; Claude LaFayette, born June 8, 1906, died June 15, 1930; Paul Kenneth "Pat," born February 28, 1908; Annie Lou, born March 4, 1910; Drewey Ananias "Bud," born March 5, 1912, died April 3, 1936; Jacob Charles "Woodrow", born January 26, 1914, died December 29, 1989; Wayne, born January 1, 1916, died July 21, 1955. My sister Annie Lou, who married G.H. Beard, and I are the two surviving members of this family in this year 1997.

On February 27, 1926, in Bradley County, TN, I married Bessie Faye Pullen, daughter of Andrew Greenville Pullen and Lucy Serephtha

Ridly Pullen. We were blessed with two children: C.L. born January 21, 1927, died August 12, 1931; and Verna Christine born August 11, 1932. On October 8, 1955, Rossville, Gordon County, GA, Verna married Leslie Eugene Wood, born July 22, 1930, Andrews, NC. Their son, Joe Kenneth Wood, born February 19, 1959, Cleveland, Bradley Co., TN, married Mary Amanda "Amy" McDonell, born February 9, 1963, Blount Co., TN. Submitted by: P.K. "Pat" Higgins, Route 2, Box 5390, Old Fort, TN 37362.

Sources: Census Records, Court Records, Polk Co. Marriage Records, Hambricht Family Bible, Cemetery markers, "Sketches of North Carolina," Family Members