

Ernest Linwood Little Sr. and Queen Victoria Crosby are my maternal great-grandparents. Their daughter, Ethel Elma married Daniel Robert Gill and their daughter, Josephine Lois, is my mother.

The Little Family - (Lidel, Llyttle, Littell, Litle)

Little is one of the oldest of English surnames. Originally in ancient times it was a personal name of endearment as in "Little man," and even as a medieval nickname surname, probably did not describe a man of small stature, but the very opposite. This is suggested by the famous outlaw Robin Hood stories, "Little John," so called because he was a large man. It was also used for the younger of two people of the same name, as in the way we in America use "junior" for a son with the same name as the father.¹

Ernest Linwood Little Sr., son of John James Little and Annis Jane Loper was born 26 Apr 1882 in Browntown, Wayne, GA. He died 17 Dec 1951² at 69 years old in Browntown, Wayne, GA. On E. L. Little's draft registration it looks like he had black hair and gray eyes. He was tall with a small frame.

Ernest married **Queen Victoria Crosby**³ 18 Jun 1899 in Browntown, Wayne, GA. Queenie Victoria Crosby, dau of Henry Crosby and Mary O'Steen was born 19 May 1883 in Browntown, Wayne, GA. She died 3 Dec 1966⁴ at 83 years old in Browntown, Wayne, GA.



Both photos are of Ernest Linwood Little Sr., when he was a baby, then a young man.

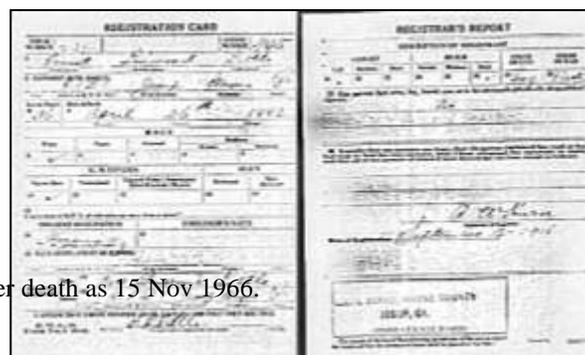


Queen Victoria Crosby and Ernest Linwood Little Sr. had the following children:
Dalton Emmanuel b. 06 Sep 1900 d. 16 Mar 1991 m. Mabel Barnard; Reynold Reaves b. 28 Sep 1903 d. 05 Aug 1988 m. Letha Brooker; Ethel Elma b. 13 Feb 1906 d. 08 Jun 1972 m. Daniel Robert Gill (our line); Lavinia Mae b. 20 Jan 1908⁵ d. 02 Aug 1982 m. Clifford Patten; Mildred Ruth (Ruthey) b. 13 Feb 1910 d. 28 Oct 1989 m. Ernest David Loper; Ernest Linwood Jr. b. 12 Jul 1917 d. 15 Mar 1981 m. Sally Blanche Douberly; Agnes Lucille b. 27 Apr 1920 d. 11 Dec 2003 m. Alvin Arnette; Evelyn b. 29 Dec 1922 d. 04 Jul 2004 m. John Richard Douberly.⁶

Note: Mildred Ruth was born on Ethel Elma's birthday.

Note: Ernest Linwood Little Jr. and Evelyn Little married brother and sister in the Douberly family.

The 1900 USA Census has Ernest L. Little as a white male born April 1882. He is 18. They live in Waynesville Precinct 334, Wayne County GA. His wife, Zueeney



¹ Copyright: Name Origin Research www.surnamedb.com 1980 - 2014

² GA Deaths 1919-98 # 29690

³ Pioneers of the Wiregrass Vol 2 p. 112

⁴ GA Deaths 1919-98 # 035587 The Social Security Death Index has her death as 15 Nov 1966.

⁵ findagrave has this date. Betty Mathey had 02 Jan 1906

⁶ From Betty Mathey notes

(Queeny)⁷ is a white female born 1883. It says they and their parents were born in GA. They have been married for 1 year. They both can read, write and speak English. He owns his home and it is free of a mortgage and is a farm. There are no children.

In 1910, they live in Militia District 334, Wayne County GA. E. L. W.⁸ Little as a white male age 28. Queen is a white female age 27. It says they and their parents were born in GA. They have been married for 10 years. He can read, write and speak English. It says Queen nor the children can read or write. He owns his home and it is free of a mortgage and he is a general farmer. Their children are: Darlton, son 10; Rennel, son 6; Ethel, dau. 4; Ion⁹ dau. 2; and baby dau¹⁰ 2 months.

In 1920, they live in Godi¹¹ (?) District (can't read the county) GA. E. L. Little is a white male age 37. Queenie is a white female age 36. It says they and their parents were born in GA, except for E. L.'s dad, who was born in SC. They are married. They both can read, write and speak English. He owns his home and it is free of a mortgage and he is a farmer operator. Their children are: Renold, son, 16; Ethel, dau. 13; Lavonia¹² dau. 12; Ruthie dau 9; and Ernest, son 2. All the children except Ernest can read and write.

1930 USA Census has him as Linwood Little. They live in Mt. Pleasant, Militia District 1313, Wayne County GA where he owns his home. He is 48 and Queenie is 46. He was 18 and she 16 when they were married. Their children are: Linwood Jr., son age 12, Agness dau age 10; and Evelyn dau age 7. They can all read, write and speak English. It says they and their parents were born in Georgia, except for E. L.'s dad, who was born in SC. It does not list an occupation for E. L. Note: Dalton Little and wife, Mabel live next to them and he has a saw mill.

In 1940, the census lists him as Earnest L. (x)¹³ Little in District 1313, Wayne County GA. He still lives on his farm that he owns and farms. His highest grade of school completion is 7th grade and he is 57. Queenie is 56, and finished 5th grade. Living with them is son, Earnest Jr. age 22 and his wife Sallie age 17; and their dau, Evelyn Dubberly, age 17 and her husband, Richard Dubberly age 24. There is also is a child, age 1 named James L. Little. Note: Next on the census is their son, Dalton and his family.



Ernest
Linwood
Little
&
Queenie
Victoria
Crosby
Little

Ernest Linwood Little Sr. was a Missionary Baptist Minister and a farmer. He also ran a commissary in his area.¹⁴ A commissary was similar to a general store. He was ordained at the Hopewell Baptist Church Nov 1908. Serving at this church were three generations J. J. Little (father of E. L.), Ernest Linwood and his son, Dalton Emmanuel Little. He helped start Little Memorial Baptist Church and Riverside Baptist Church in Brantley County. At various times, Ernest (and / or his son, Dalton) was a pastor at these Baptist churches: Beulah, Merschon, Offerman, Pine Grove, Patterson, Walkerville, Youmans Chapel, Shady Grove and Bristol. On display in the social hall of First Baptist Church in Nahunta are photos of all their pastors during the years. J.J. Little and E. L. Little's photos are among them. His favorite songs were *Never Grow Old* and *Precious Memories*.¹⁵

⁷ Some records read the Q as a Z.

⁸ Do we assume L. W. stands for Linwood?

⁹ Would this be Lavinia Mae?

¹⁰ Had they not named her? This would be Mildred Ruth.

¹¹ I see no Godi in Georgia, but do see it as a surname, so could have been. But, was it Gardi?

¹² Would this be Lavinia Mae?

¹³ Each of the heads of families as an 'x' in the corner of the space.

¹⁴ Sarah Gill Dyal told me this.

¹⁵ Betty Matthey

However, Ernest Little supported his wife, Queen, as she attended the Primitive Baptist Church. She belonged to New Home Primitive Baptist Church. He took her to church, then she spent the night with a relative and he came back to pick her up.

When people asked Queen Victoria Little her name, Linwood Little would answer, "Queenie Annie Annie Victoria St. Louis Missouri." Granny Little would blush like a 16 yr. old.



The last time Josephine Gill saw her grandfather alive, she and her husband were standing in a field. Her husband's mother called to them and they waved to Grandpa Little. He went to the hospital with leg vein trouble that day. During the night the clot went to his heart and killed him.

Robert, Linwood, Royce and their cousin, Clayton worked at the Cloister Hotel in Brunswick, GA on Sea Island. One year, they had

the cake made at the bake shop for Queenie's birthday. Clayton was the assistant baker. They drove to Browntown to deliver the cake, but could not stay because they had to return to work.

Ernest Linwood and Queenie Little are buried in the Little Cemetery in Browntown, GA. Latitude: 31.35666, Longitude: -81.76661



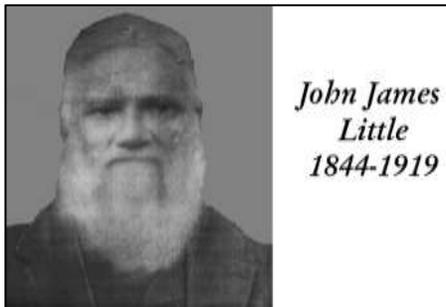
John James Little was born 18 Jul 1844.¹⁶ Another book says 1833 in Horry County,¹⁷ but the gravestone says 1844. He died 09 Mar 1919 in Needmore, Wayne¹⁸ County, GA.

John married **Annis Jane Elizabeth Loper** (or Annie) 15 Jan 1863 in GA while home on a short furlough from The Civil War. He then returned to duty. Annis Jane Elizabeth Loper, dau of Allen Loper and Temperance 'Temy' Harrison was born 24 Feb 1846.¹⁹ She died 15 Jun 1924 in Browntown, Wayne, GA.

Annis Jane Elizabeth Loper and John James Little had the following children: Anna C. b 1872 m. John O. Crosby; Alexander²⁰ b.1874 m. Hattie Drury; Ernest Linwood, Sr. b. 1882 m. Queenie Victoria Little (our line); and Laura Jane b. 1883 m. Thomas Crosby.²¹

John James Little was a farmer and also a minister. He was licensed and ordained May 1866 in New Hope Church. In 1884, J. J. Little was pastor of Old Mount Pleasant Baptist Church.²² He was a circuit preacher going from one church to another on a rotation basis.

There is an 1850 USA Census that has John J. Little living with, we *might* assume his parents, James and Susan in SC. James is a farmer, aged 45 and Susan is 40. John J. is 12. James was born in SC. We don't know for sure if this is our John J.²³



1860 USA Census, there is a John J. Little listed living with the Reubin Wilds family. A white male, age 22 and born in

301 (This is the New PWG series) (some of the info in this article)

her tombstone says 1853..

l be Alexander because of this son's name. I was hopeful, but in my search, but we do not know.

²¹ Pioneers of the Wiregrass VOI 2 p 301-2

²² From the book: a Glorious Past. From Marshall Little's copy of the book.

²³ David Loper and Gaynell Sasser seem to think so per their article in footnote following this one.

SC. It says he is a farmer, so I assume he is a farm laborer with Mr. Wilds. We are not sure if this is our John J., but Mr. Huxford seems to think so.²⁴ He lived in Ware County, GA.

7 Aug 1861 John joined the Confederate Army under Captain Hopkins Company of the Wayne Rangers of the 4th GA (Clinch's Calvary) in Brunswick GA. He received the Southern Cross of Honor in 1904 for serving with Company A 4th Cavalry in August 1861-May 1865. John Harris and Thomas A. Floyd endorsed him getting the honor. He was a prisoner of war for one day 22 May to 23 May 1865. They surrendered at Thomasville, GA and were paroled in Thomasville.²⁵



*Annis Jane
Loper Little
1844-1924*

1870 USA Census, John J Little, a 37 year old white male farmer with his wife, Annes J Littles, a 24 year old white female and Mary Loper age 20. Mary can read and write, but John and Annes cannot write. The value of his personal property is \$125.00. John was born in SC. The women were born in GA.²⁶

1880 USA Census, has John J. Little married to Jane E. They have two children, Annie and Alexander. He is a minister and she is a housewife. They can read and write. This record shows them and their parents all born in GA. They live in district 1313, county of Wayne, GA on 29 June.

The list below is for John James Little's personal property, filing of his application for homestead exemption, the day of hearing the same and that said notice were served by him 12 May 1886. (sic)

Georgia Wayne County

To the Ordinary of said county. The petition of John J. Little, a resident of said County, - shows that he is the head of a family consisting of himself, his wife Annis J. E. little abt 42 years old February 1886 and four children to wit. Anna C. Little 13 years old in August 1885. Alexander Little 11 years old in September 1885 Earnest L. Little 4 years old in April 1886 and Laura J. Little 2 years old in November 1885. and that he desires under the Constitution of Georgia and the statutes in (not clear) thereto petitioner desires to have exempted all set apart the personal property embraced in (?) schedule A. here unto attached to which reference is made of a part of this his petition said schedule contains a minute and accurate description of all the personal property belonging to your petitioner. Schedule B contains a correct list of the names and posts offices of the creditors of your petitioner. Petitioner (?) further shows that said homestead exemption is carved out of the property of your petitioner. Your petitioner prays (?) that the usual citation and notice in such cases may issue and be published as required by law and your petitioner will ever pray (?)

S. R. Harris Petitioner's Attorney. Signed by John J. Little using an X as his mark.

Schedule A -- personal property

One bay mare 18 years old \$73.00 (or \$23.00)

One 2-year old horse (not clear) colored sorrel \$30.00

One sorrel colored horse colt 21 days old \$20.00

Twenty-two head of stock cattle marked.

Crop and two splits in one (not clear) and uper.

Square and the hole in the other are \$800 (not clear) \$176

Twenty-two head of stock hogs marked in the same manner of the cattle above stated \$44.00

One lot of farming implements consisting of (not clear) 2 hoes, one grubben hoe one shovel plow and stock one scooter plow one have eagle plow and stock. one aul (?) club ox. All of said implements of (not clear) value \$4.00. One lot of household and kitchen furniture consisting of one feather bed \$5.00

²⁴ Pioneers of The Wiregrass Vol 2 page 301 (This is the New PWG series)

²⁵ From Betty Matthey. note: Henry Crosby was at the same place, close to same date.

²⁶ 1870 USA census, population schedules. NARA microfilm publication M593, 1,761 rolls. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d.

Two wool mattresses \$8.00 one bedstead \$2.00 about eight bed quilts \$16.00 Eight white sheets \$3.20 three (not clear) tables \$3.00 nine chairs of (?) cowhide bottoms and four homemade chairs \$4.50 three pots.2 Baking spiders and 2 ovens \$3.00

\$44.70 (what is this figure for? - bja)

One double barrel shotgun were \$6.00

About thirty head of chickens \$.5.00

About twenty three head of geese \$11.50

four bee hives of bees \$4.00 // 50 gallons syrup 35 cts a = \$17.50

one-half barrel brown sugar \$4.00

List of creditors

James H Sapp

J. Wilkinson

J. F. Chapman Sr. (?)

Post Office

O'Brien, GA

Brunswick, GA

Mt. Pleasant, GA

In 1906, J. J. applied for an Indigent Confederate Pension due to old age, poverty and infirmity. He was granted a pension of \$90.00 per year.

1910 USA Census, has a John J Little living in Militia District 334 Wayne County, GA. He has been married to Jane E. for 47 years. He is 76 and she is 66. She has born 6 children of whom 4 lived. Their dau, Laura Jane Crosby, age 25, lives with them. She has been married for 2 years. They also have 2 grandsons living with them: Ernest Little age 7 and Elisha M. Little age 4.²⁷ Also, a boarder named Charley Crosby, age 17, lives with them. John J. says he was born in SC. His father was born in NC and his mother in SC. He is listed as a general farmer who can read but not write. Jane E. cannot read or write.

In the 1911 Minute book for the association J. J. Little was registered as a messenger from Hopewell Church and as an ordained minister having a post office box in Bamboo,²⁸ GA which is around where Browntown is now. In 1914 book J. J. was listed again as a registered messenger from Hopewell Church. The Hopewell Church is located on Post Road. He served at Hopewell, Little Creek, Flint Branch, Goosecreek, Oak Bower, Oak Grove, Temple Grove, Nahunta and Bethlehem. According to Piedmont Baptist Association, he died 9 Mar 1919 and was born 25 Sept 1834.²⁹

One time, the school for young pastors needed money. Rev. J. J. Little stood up to tell some of his early experiences. People cried. No offering was taken, but people started placing money on the desk for Brother Little for more than an hour, while he was still talking. He took the money with trembling hands and gave it to the treasurer with these words, "Help these young preachers who are here to prepare for this great work."

9 March, 1919, God in his infinite wisdom took Rev. J. J. Little home. He was 85 years 7 months and 14 days. John was the oldest Baptist preacher in this section of Georgia and a pioneer among Baptist preachers, was an ordained minister for over 50 years. John walked forty to fifty miles, crossing rivers and walking lonely roads until his feet were bleeding to carry the gospel to churches in South Georgia.

John James Little died in Needmore, GA. His funeral was out in the open at the old family cemetery near



On highway 32, Turn onto Browntown Road. Cemetery is 1 1/2 miles down this road on the left.

²⁷ So, did Laura Jane Little have 2 children before she married or is this son's children living with them?

²⁸ From the ministerial directory of Piedmont Okefenokee Baptist Ass

²⁹ This paragraph fom a letter from Betty M. Was birth 1944 or 1934?



Browntown. The sky was overcast. Mourners came through a cold, drizzling rain to pay their respects to the man of God who had brought sunshine into their souls.³⁰ Hundreds of people came from all around to honor him. People said, "Even the trees were crying."

Little Memorial Baptist Church in Browntown, GA started in 1923 was named in honor of the late J. J. Little, who gave his life to rural churches.³¹ Church services were held in the old Browntown school house at first. This was a story in the book on Beulah Church. "On 21 Sept 1912, the church was honored with the presence of Rev. J. J. Little, who preached for us. This greatly beloved preacher is the father of Rev. E. L. Little, who served many years as pastor, and the Grandfather of Rev. Dalton Little, the present pastor." These three men presented the Gospel in this area for a century. Today, his grandson, Lamar Little, and other descendants are following in his footsteps ... as they also follow Christ.

After John died, Annis applied for a widow's pension in Wayne County 2 Oct 1919 and it was approved. Widow's confederate pension application Feb 1886, stated JJ was born 1844. Tombstone states Annis was born in 1853. Betty M. says, the Christian Index says Annis was born 1834.

In 1920, Janie (Jane E.) is a 75 year old white, widow who is head of her household and rents. She lists her place of birth as GA. Her father's in SC and her mother's in GA. Her dau, Janie, age 34 lives with her. Grandsons, Virgia age 16 and Elisha (?)13 also live with her. They and Janie (dau) can read and write.

The obituary of Annis Jane E. Little was in the Christian Index on 26 Jun 1924, said: Mrs. J. J. Little,³² age 81, widow of the late J. J. Little, a pioneer Baptist minister of Southeast Georgia for more than 50 years and mother of Rev. E. L. Little of the Piedmont association, died at her home near Browntown, Sunday the 15th and was buried at the family cemetery Monday afternoon. Rev. A. M. McCool of Hoboken conducted the funeral services. John James and Annis Little are buried in the Little Cemetery in Browntown. GPS Latitude: 31.35666, Longitude: -81.76661

As of 2012, JJ Little and EL Little's photos hung on the wall at 1st Baptist Church Nahunta as a memorial of their service to them.

EOL for Little family. Betty M. suggested to try Alexander Little as J.J.'s father because he was from the same place in SC and J.J. has a son named Alexander. She has that J.J. Little was born in SC. In 2011, Belinda Adams found no links to any Alexander Little online. He may have been born in NC.³³ Also see notes for the 1850 USA Census, a few pages back.



Note: There was an article in the newspaper about Hortense, GA. The community had 100 families they had abt 14 men represented in the armed forces. Mr. & Mrs. J. R. Douberly had four of their sons in the military: Sergeant Joseph E., Ralph N., Sp-4 John R. Jr. and Pvt. Clarence A. Their cousin,

³⁰ The following is a contribution from Betty Matthey:

³¹ USA Veterans Gravesites, ca.1775-2006 USA Veterans Gravesites, ca.1775-2006

³² Back then, most often, they listed the wife's name as her husband's with Mrs. in front of it. Many women have gone on and we do not know their first names, not to say their maiden names. But, that was how it was done back then. At least her tombstone has her name!

³³ Phone conversation with Betty Matthey (2012)

Sp-4 Von M. Little, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Little II. Pfc William P. Lane, son of Mr. and Mrs. James T. Lane was also in the photos.

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