

Genealogy of Jesse Harrimore Campbell

- 1 Eliza Campbell 1819 - 1860
- . +?
- . 2 Caroline Levina Campbell 1832 -
- +Hillery Dick Winton
- 3 Mary B. Winton 1866 -
- . 2 Byron Hill Campbell 1841 - 1880
- +Angeline Christian
- 3 John Winton Campbell 1865 -
- . *2nd Wife of Byron Hill Campbell:
- +Joanna C. Wright 1861 -
- 3 James Lane Campbell 1864 - 1929
- +Lillie Jane Green 1877 - 1950
- 4 James Edward Campbell 1907 - 1945
- 4 Redus Elmer Campbell 1909 - 1951
- +Mildred Bennett 1927 -
- 5 Carolyn Lane Campbell 1950 -
- 4 John Irving Campbell 1913 -
- 4 J. Larimore Campbell 1915 - 1947
- +Leona Bouris Ramsey 1927 - 2006
- 5 Lori Beth Campbell 1957 -
- +Lester Raymond Amos II 1938 -
- 5 Janet Susan Campbell 1950 -
- +Donald Joseph Rhodes 1947 -
- 6 Heather Noelle Rhodes 1976 -
- +James Ryan Johnson 1978 -
- 4 John Winton Campbell
- 3 Luiza J. Campbell 1879 -
- . 2 Jefferson Dewitt Campbell 1847 -
- . 2 James Theodore Campbell 1851 - 1940
- +Nancy Jane Rodgers 1855 - 1952
- 3 William Fletcher Campbell 1877 - 1964
- 3 Matthew Martin Campbell 1879 - 1961
- 3 George Rodgers Clark Campbell 1883 -
- 3 Claude Dewitt Campbell 1888 - 1980
- 3 James Theodore Campbell 1897 -
- 3 Lena Maud Campbell 1885 - 1888
- . 2 Sarah Flora Campbell 1856 - 1936
- +William Henry Custer 1847 - 1899
- 3 George Byron Custer 1874 - 1897
- 3 Lena Belle Custer 1878 - 1938
- +George W. Ritchie 1870 - 1918
- 4 Arlie W. Ritchie 1899 - 1963
- +Dora Norman
- 5 Arlie Jr. Ritchie - 1962
- 5 Ralph Ritchie
- +Therese
- 5 Nelda Ritchie 1924 -
- +Clarence Daniels 1923 - 1959
- 6 Donald Daniels 1953 -
- 6 Deborah Daniels 1959 -
- 5 Mildred Ritchie 1928 -
- +?Walker
- 4 Druzilla Ritchie 1901 - 1980
- 4 Alvin Monroe Ritchie 1904 - 1948
- +Pauline Roberts
- 4 Lillie Edna Ritchie 1906 - 1981
- 4 Violet Ritchie 1910 - 1980

..... +Ernest Lou Foust - 1984
 5 Ernest Lou Foust
 5 Peggy Foust
 5 Nancy Foust
 4 Roy L.D. Ritchie 1912 - 1955
 4 Theodore Ray Ritchie 1914 - 1960
 +Mary Ruth Brown 1924 - 1974
 5 Patricia Gail Ritchie 1942 -
 +Bob Ray Bryant 1940 -
 6 Jeffery Michael Bryant 1961 -
 +Katherine Marie Cornn 1963 -
 7 Laura Ashton Bryant 1990 -
 7 Nathan Ray Bryant 1996 -
 6 Denise Carin Bryant 1963 -
 +Michael Brian DeMoss 1961 -
 7 Dawn Renee DeMoss 1980 -
 7 Dustin Michael DeMoss 1983 -
 5 Rickey Lynn Ritchie 1948 -
 +Linda Diane Witt 1949 -
 6 Angela Ritchie 1973 -
 6 Aimee Lynn Ritchie 1979 -
 5 Teresa Diane Ritchie 1951 -
 +Richard Lynn Gilbert 1947 -
 6 Nicole Christine Gilbert 1969 -
 +Gregory Roshon
 7 Noah Christian Roshon 1998 -
 6 Gregory Scott Gilbert 1971 -
 *2nd Husband of Teresa Diane Ritchie:
 +Clyde Neal Wriston 1955 -
 4 Nora Lena Ritchie 1919 - 1995
 3 Lula Custer 1890 -
 +Luther Cambron
 3 Ike 1886 -
 3 Theodore Custer 1885 - 1948
 +Margaret Ellen Oneill
 4 Jeanne Allison Custer
 5 Robin Sommers 1942 -

This recording was made by Jesse Larrimore "Larry" Campbell, ca. 1985, when Larry was about 70 years old. It was made at the request of his daughter, Lori Campbell Amos, and it therefore was not meant to be heard by anyone else. Larry speaks to her during the recording, and he speaks of "your mother," etc.

Larry was born October 9, 1915, in Ravenscroft, White County, TN, near the town of Crossville. He was the 4th son of James Lane Campbell and Lillie Jane Green, both of Coffee County, TN. When Larry was only about 2 years old, the family moved to Kentucky after James found work in a coal mine there.

The Campbells lived first in Fleming, Letcher County, Kentucky. It was here that the Campbells and Zillions became friends. The family of Pete Zillon that Larry mentions in the recording was Livonian, a Latvian ethnic group, although they were mistakenly recorded on the 1920 Federal Census as Lithuanian.

The family moved several times, and eventually ended up living in both Anco and Vicco, Knott County, Kentucky. The recording mentions that the family was forced to move after James was fired one of these times because they were vocal Democrats; other firings occurred for various reasons. James always found work in another coal mine, however, and the family was able to survive.

Larry's daughter, Susan Campbell Rhodes, remembers that he and her mother often had friendly arguments over which of them had grown up more poor. Larry always won when he brought up the fact that as a child he never had a vegetable during the winter. Although the Campbell family was poor, the children were happy, and Larry mentions in the recording that the children never knew they were poor. He describes also his first trip to his parents' home in Manchester, Coffee County, TN, and how he saw a player piano, a two-story house, etc. for the first time while he was there.

James was killed in a mine in 1929, when Larry was 13 years old. The family returned to Manchester to bury James, but they apparently returned to Knott County for at least another year; Lillie Campbell is listed as head of household on the 1930 Federal Census for Knott County. The oldest son, James Edward, was not living with the family at this time, but the second son, Redus, was listed as a coal miner. It is thought that perhaps the family owed money to the coal company when James died, and that Redus helped to pay off the debt after his death; this is speculation, however, as the family may have just wanted to try to stay on in Kentucky because they had come to see it as their home. Larry never mentioned why the family returned; it was only when the 1930 Federal Census was made available (in 2003) that his daughter made the discovery that the family was still in Kentucky that year.

By 1931, however, the family moved to Manchester permanently. Among the more memorable things he speaks of in the recording is the different ways the mentally ill were treated in the mining camps and in the "big city of Manchester." In the camps, he says, the afflicted were taken care of by the community, but in Manchester, he saw people

make fun of a mentally ill person for the first time. Such differences were difficult for Larry in the beginning, but he eventually settled into life on the Highland Rim.

After finishing high school, he served in the Army Air Corps and the Navy during World War II, and he served in the Air Force during the Korean Conflict, and then served in the National Guard. He married Lucie Lovell during the 1940's, but she died after only a few years of marriage. In May of 1949, he married Leona B. Ramsey, daughter of Hence Burris Ramsey of Coffee County, TN, and Sally Alma St. John of Warren County, TN. Their daughters, Susan and Lori, were born in 1950 and 1957, respectively. Larry worked for the US Postal Service during most of this time, and in 1968, he was appointed Post Master of Manchester by the US Senate. He later retired and lived the remainder of his life in Manchester, traveling occasionally to points of interest regarding his Scottish and Native American heritage, of which he was very proud.

When he was 79 years old, after nearly 70 years of smoking, he found the courage to quit. He told his granddaughter, Heather Rhodes Johnson, that it was the hardest thing he had ever done, and he thought about it every day. He never smoked again, though, but he quit too late to save his health. At the age of 80, he discovered he had lung cancer and began treatment. He died on January 19, 1997, at the age of 81. He rests today beside his wife, Leona, in Rose Hill Cemetery in Coffee County.

Those who knew him remember most his kindness and his laughter, both of which he shared freely. He never looked down on anyone, and he had many friends of all social classes and ethnic groups. He was loved and respected by many because of the kind of man he was, which was surely in no small part shaped by his childhood spent in the coal mines of Eastern Kentucky.

- Heather Rhodes Johnson
August 4, 2008
Johnson City, TN

Jesse Larrimore Campbell going to
Georgia to enlist, early 1940's.



Jesse Harrimore Campbell
"The Row," Fairbanks, Alaska,
early 1940's.





Jesse Larrimore Campbell on a trip to Anco, Kentucky, during the 1970's. He is pictured with "the girl who ran off with the teacher," as mentioned in his recording. Although they had not seen one another for nearly 50 years, they recognized one another immediately.



Jesse Larrimore Campbell, Leona
R. Campbell, and Heather Rhodes
Johnson (granddaughter), 1983.



May, 1989
40th Anniversary of
Leona R. and J.
Lerry Campbell.



Front: Emily Amos, step-granddaughter of Larry;
Lori Campbell Amos, daughter.

Back: Donald J. Rhodes, son-in-law; Susan Campbell Rhodes, daughter; Larry; Leona, wife; Heather Rhodes Johnson, granddaughter

Christmas, 1993

Postmaster Campbell Assumes New Duties



Larry Campbell was sworn in Friday as Manchester postmaster, succeeding G. Bowlin Morton who has been acting postmaster since 1967.

R. D. Beckham, postal inspector from Chattanooga, administered the oath of office at the close of the work day Friday, following an inventory of the post office.

The Senate in October confirmed President Johnson's nomination of Mr. Campbell, one of 13 applicants for the job. Mr. Morton had been named acting postmaster after the death of Postmaster Coy St. John. No assistant has been selected.

Mr. Campbell has served as assistant postmaster since 1955, having been a postal clerk from 1947 to 1955.

He has been active in church and civic affairs for many years and resigned as a member of the

Manchester Water and Sewer Commission, where he was secretary, because of his appointment as postmaster.

The 53-year-old White County native has served in the Army, Navy, Air Force and National Guard, once worked as a time checker at Old Camp Forrest near Tullahoma, and was an insurance salesman and claims adjuster with State Farm Mutual Insurance Co. before going to work at the post office.

Mr. Campbell is a past commander of American Legion Post 78 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars; was a charter member of the Manchester Jaycees and a past president; a Mason and a deacon at Red Hill Church of Christ.

He and his wife, the former Leona Ramsey of Manchester, have two children, Susan and Lori.

NEW POSTMASTER — Larry Campbell is shown at his desk after being sworn in Friday as new postmaster of Manchester. The oath of office was administered by Postal Inspector R. D. Beckham of Chattanooga. He succeeds G. Bowlin Morton who has been serving as acting postmaster since 1967.

Opinions

The Passing Of A Gentleman

The passing of former longtime postmaster Larry Campbell saddens us and we recall his memory fondly as a contributor over the years of some well composed "Letters To The Editor."

His service to Manchester and the Coffee County community during his tenure as postmaster as well as his involvement in numerous civic and community organizations over the years are a monument to his life of service.

He served his country both in World War II and the Korean Conflict in not one, but several branches of military service.

Before that, classmates at Manchester Central High School remember him as an articulate and talented poet.

His good friend and ours, Mr. Grady York, a classmate of Mr. Campbell's, summed up the feelings of many, when he said that Mr. Campbell will be missed greatly.

The poet John Donne said 'no man is an island unto himself' and Mr. Campbell's life certainly exemplifies that as he continually built bridges to others and extending his helping hand more than once to help others.

We, too, mourn the passing of this fine gentleman.

OBITUARIES

CAMPBELL, Jesse Larimore (Larry), 81, of Manchester, Tenn., died January 19, 1997, following an extended illness at Medical Center of Manchester. A native of White County, he was the son of the late James Larle and Lillie Jane Green Campbell. He was a retired Postmaster, a member of Main Street Church of Christ, Past Commander, American Legion Post 78, Past Commander V.F.W., Charter Member and Past President, Manchester Jaycee, 50 year member of Highland Lodge 214 Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite 14th Degree, Member of Coffee County Historical Society, Past State President of NAPUS and Past County President of NARFE, Past Chairman of Coffee County Democrats, a U. S. Navy and Air Corp WW II Veteran and also served in the Air Force during the Korean Conflict. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Lucie Lovell and by three brothers, James Edward Campbell, Redus Elmer Campbell and John Irving (Jack) Campbell. He is survived by

his wife, Leona Ramsey Campbell, Manchester; two daughters and sons in law, Susan C. and Don Rhodes and Lori C. and Ray Amos, all of Manchester; two granddaughters, Heather R. and grandson in law Josh Shutes, Murfreesboro, Tenn., and Emily Amos, Manchester; nephew, John Campbell, Jr., niece, Carolyn L. Gault of Nebraska and several other nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held January 21, 1997 at Manchester Funeral Home Chapel, Bro. Benny Benjamin officiating. Burial was at Rose Hill Memorial Gardens. **Manchester Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.**

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Tomorrow High 67
Low 54
Friday High 66
Low 44



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Campbell Clan Owed Debt Of Gratitude

By Vergil "Hap" Saine

It was during the spring of 1930 that Mrs. Lillie Green Campbell and her four sons moved to Manchester from their home near Harlan, Kentucky, and became our next-door neighbors on Hillsboro Boulevard.

Her husband, James, had lost his life a few months earlier in a coal mine accident.

In moving to Manchester Mrs. Campbell was returning to family surroundings. Her sister, Mrs. Josie Wommack, was a renowned teacher in the public school system. Her brother, Charlie Green, was a prominent business man in Manchester.

The youngest son, Larry, entered the eighth grade at the nearby city school that fall. My sister, Mozelle, was also in the class. I was three years behind them.

These two families became close neighbors as the years passed by. Mrs. Campbell and my mother became devoted friends. They loved to play Chinese Checkers and spent many evenings at this game. It is proper that they rest in peace near each other in the City Cemetery.

Larry and I were involved in a number of memorable experiences. On one occasion we were assigned the job of plowing their garden which was a couple of miles from home. So I got on in front. Then Larry climbed on in back with a couple of hoes over his shoulder.

We started out with George's ears flopping back and forth, typical of a contented mule going home for his evening meal. Then all of a sudden Larry's hoes swung around and hit George over his blind eye. George didn't wait for an apology. He tossed me over his head into a briar patch. As Larry and the hoes arched over his rear end, George's hoof grazed Larry's chin and momentarily knocked him out. After recovering our wits and retrieving George, we walked home.

On another occasion the two families were having a little party at Larry's home and they assigned me and Larry the job of mixing the home-made ice cream. After cranking for quite a spell, we decided to open the vessel to check our progress. Larry had the bright idea that we could eat some, then mix again and no one would know the difference. So we proceeded to do this, not once, but twice. When finally served, we were complimented on making such fluffy ice cream.

The oldest son, James Edward, had been in the Army for three years at the time they moved to Manchester. He left the Army a short time later. But in early 1942, just a few months after Pearl Harbor, he reenlisted and was assigned to one of the Airborne Paratroop Divisions at Fort Benning.

This Division was actively engaged in the European Theater, including the "D-Day Invasion." James was killed in the "Battle of the Bulge," during late 1944.

The second son, Redus, was the "breadwinner" for the family during the Depression years. He worked long hours at his Uncle Charlie's Grocery Store in downtown Manchester. His job included delivering groceries to households using a pick-up truck. During those days, most housewives would call in their orders, and the grocer would deliver promptly, usually at no extra cost.

Redus was the happy-go-lucky guy of the neighborhood. He always had a smile on his face and friendly chatter with everyone he met. He also joined the Army in 1942 and served in the European Theater. During December 1944 my mother was thrilled to receive a beautiful Italian-made cushion cover from him. This thoughtful act was typical of this individual's character.

The third son, Jack, also had an outgoing personality, friendly with everyone. He was like a big brother to me in many ways. I loved to play basketball with him and Larry and other kids on the outside courts at the City School.

Jack joined the Citizen's Civilian Corps (C.C.C.) when it was established in the Roosevelt Administration in 1933. He subsequently joined the army in 1938 and was stationed in the Phillipines when the Japanese invaded in 1941. He was with the troops captured by the Japanese on Corregidor, suffered through the terrible Bataan March and was imprisoned in Japan until the war ended.

Larry also entered the military service early in the war. He served in the Asian/Pacific Theater with the Army Air Corps and the Navy as our Forces island-hopped toward the ultimate defeat of Japan. His final assignment was with the U.S. Air Force as Radio Operator on B-17 Bombers.

There was one other vital member of this family, namely Mack, their faithful dog. Larry had rescued him as a puppy from a shallow cave in the mountains. Mack quickly gained his reputation as a "watch dog" whose turf and property best be left alone. On one Halloween night a prankster, planning to overturn their privy, lost the seat of his pants while making his exit over a fence.

Our city, state and nation owe a deep debt of gratitude to Mrs. Lillie Campbell and her four sons for their extraordinary personal contributions to the war efforts throughout World War II. My family was extremely proud and privileged to have them as neighbors.