

Descendants of John S. Curry

Generation 1

1. **JOHN S.¹ CURRY** was born before Sep 16, 1798 in Georgia. He died before Jun 18, 1860. He married Jane Wilborn (daughter of Ezekiel Welborn and Margaret Stribling) on Jan 31, 1822 in Wilkes County, North Carolina. She was born on Dec 03, 1794 in Georgia. She died on Jan 26, 1878 in Drew County, Arkansas.

Notes for Jane Wilborn:

Jane Wilborn was born Dec 03, 1794 in Georgia. Her death was on Jan 26, 1878 in Drew County, Arkansas. Her remains are in a cemetery near Plantersville, Arkansas, which is in Drew County.

In 1890, Plantersville had a population of 50 people, with a Post Office, but no railroad service. It is located almost 200 miles to the southwest of Memphis, Tennessee. Here is a list of the Drew County couple of dozen communities near Plantersville at that time:

<https://roadsidethoughts.com/ar/plantersville-xx-drew-1890s.htm>

A contemporary contact who is a descendant of Jane Wilborn and her husband, John S. Curry is the Rev. Dr. Melvin Dotson Curry of Spring Hill Florida. He taught biblical studies for thirty-four years at Florida College, Temple Terrace, FL, serving as chairman of the department for 15 years. His doctorate was received from Florida State University, and it served him well through the years. He was 78 years old when he communicated with me in 2010. He retired from teaching in 1997, but continue to preach regularly (mostly part-time for the West Citrus Church of Christ, Crystal River, FL). Dr. Curry was born May 22, 1931. He had a heart attack about February 2018, but was doing well when he communicated with me again in April 2018. His wife's name is Shirley, whom he married May 30, 1952.

John S. Curry and Jane Wilborn had the following children:

- i. **MARGARET² CURRY** (daughter of John S. Curry and Jane Wilborn) was born in 1828 in Georgia.
2. ii. **WILLIAM WILBORN CURRY** (son of John S. Curry and Jane Wilborn) was born on Jul 27, 1830 in Georgia. He died on Aug 12, 1909. He married (1) **EMILY JONES** on Jul 05, 1848 in Tallapoosa County, Alabama. She was born in 1832. She died about 1852 in Coosa County, Alabama. He married **JULIA ANN COX**. She was born on Oct 04, 1837 in Bibb County, Alabama. She died on Jul 30, 1913 in Freestone County, Texas.

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2. **WILLIAM WILBORN² CURRY** (John S.¹) was born on Jul 27, 1830 in Georgia. He died on Aug 12, 1909. He married (1) **EMILY JONES** on Jul 05, 1848 in Tallapoosa County, Alabama. She was born in 1832. She died about 1852 in Coosa County, Alabama. He married **JULIA ANN COX**. She was born on Oct 04, 1837 in Bibb County, Alabama. She died on Jul 30, 1913 in Freestone County, Texas.

William Wilborn Curry and Emily Jones had the following child:

3. i. **JAMES H.³ CURRY** (son of William Wilborn Curry and Emily Jones) was born in 1851 in Alabama.

William Wilborn Curry and Julia Ann Cox had the following children:

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- ii. JOHN W. CURRY (son of William Wilborn Curry and Julia Ann Cox) was born on Mar 27, 1857 in Drew County, Arkansas. He died on Sep 07, 1869 in Drew County, Arkansas.
- iii. MATTHEW EZEKIEL CURRY (son of William Wilborn Curry and Julia Ann Cox) was born in 1859 in Drew County, Arkansas. He died on Sep 10, 1862 in Freestone County, Texas.
- 4. iv. DAVID WESLEY CURRY (son of William Wilborn Curry and Julia Ann Cox) was born on Sep 20, 1861 in Drew County, Arkansas. He died on Oct 07, 1934 in Freestone County, Texas. He married Ella Josephine McSwane on Nov 04, 1886 in Freestone County, Texas. She was born on Sep 09, 1866 in Freestone County, Texas. She died on Mar 08, 1946 in Freestone County, Texas.
- v. NOAH SAMUEL CURRY (son of William Wilborn Curry and Julia Ann Cox) was born on Feb 23, 1863 in Drew County, Arkansas. He died on Nov 30, 1951 in Pyburn, Freestone County, Texas.
- vi. MARGARET IDA CURRY (daughter of William Wilborn Curry and Julia Ann Cox) was born on Sep 10, 1866 in Drew County, Arkansas. She died on Sep 07, 1955 in Limestone County, Texas.
- vii. NETTIE JULIA CURRY (daughter of William Wilborn Curry and Julia Ann Cox) was born in Nov 1868 in Drew County, Arkansas. She died on Aug 26, 1959 in Wood County, Texas.
- viii. ALVA OSLIN CURRY (daughter of William Wilborn Curry and Julia Ann Cox) was born on May 03, 1871 in Texas. She died on Sep 11, 1904 in Freestone County, Texas.

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- 3. **JAMES H.³ CURRY** (William Wilborn², John S.¹) was born in 1851 in Alabama.

James H. Curry had the following children:
 - i. MINNIE CURRY (daughter of James H. Curry) was born in 1871 in Drew County, Arkansas. She married MILTON ELLIOTT GRUBS.
 - ii. HULDY ELIZABETH CURRY (daughter of James H. Curry) was born in 1875 in Drew County, Arkansas. She died in 1943 in Drew County, Arkansas.
- 4. **DAVID WESLEY³ CURRY** (William Wilborn², John S.¹) was born on Sep 20, 1861 in Drew County, Arkansas. He died on Oct 07, 1934 in Freestone County, Texas. He married Ella Josephine McSwane on Nov 04, 1886 in Freestone County, Texas. She was born on Sep 09, 1866 in Freestone County, Texas. She died on Mar 08, 1946 in Freestone County, Texas.

Notes for David Wesley Curry:

David is my wife's fifth cousin, three times removed through the Wellborn family line. David is the grandfather of our friend, Peter William Orlebeke. He was born the same day as Herbert Putnam (9/20/1861 - 8/14/1955), American librarian. Putnam led the Library of Congress

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(1899-1939).

Source:<http://web.utk.edu/~jgambill/putnam/>

Notes for Ella Josephine McSwane:

Ella Josephine McSwane was born the same year as the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals was incorporated on April 17, 1866.

Source:http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/American_Society_for_the_Prevention_of_Cruelty_to_Animals

David Wesley Curry and Ella Josephine McSwane had the following children:

- i. MITTIE BELLE⁴ CURRY (daughter of David Wesley Curry and Ella Josephine McSwane) was born on Sep 22, 1887. She died on Feb 17, 1888 in Freestone County, Texas.
- ii. EVA CURRY (daughter of David Wesley Curry and Ella Josephine McSwane) was born on Mar 06, 1889 in Texas. She died on Feb 07, 1930. She married Homer Webb on Oct 09, 1918 in Freestone County, Texas. He was born on May 01, 1879 in Texas. He died on Jul 02, 1921 in Freestone County, Texas.
- iii. DAVID WESLEY CURRY (son of David Wesley Curry and Ella Josephine McSwane) was born on Apr 24, 1891. He died on Jul 11, 1891.
5. iv. PETER WILBORN CURRY (son of David Wesley Curry and Ella Josephine McSwane) was born on Sep 25, 1892 in Texas. He died on Jan 26, 1953 in Teauge, Freestone County, Texas. He married MINNIE H. ELLISOR. She died in 1986.
- v. JOHN WELDON CURRY (son of David Wesley Curry and Ella Josephine McSwane) was born on Oct 22, 1896 in Freestone County, Texas. He died on Dec 28, 1983 in Freestone County, Texas. He married Lula Collins on Apr 29, 1924. She was born in 1902. She died in 1989.

Notes for John Weldon Curry:

Just a couple of months before John's birth, a prospecting party discovered gold in Alaska on August 18, 1896, a finding that touched off the Klondike gold rush.

- vi. CURRY (son of David Wesley Curry and Ella Josephine McSwane) was born on Aug 29, 1898 in Freestone County, Texas. He died on Aug 30, 1898 in Freestone County, Texas.
- vii. BERTHA CURRY (daughter of David Wesley Curry and Ella Josephine McSwane) was born on Sep 25, 1899. She died on Jan 01, 1953 in Teauge, Freestone County, Texas.
6. viii. LORENE CURRY (daughter of David Wesley Curry and Ella Josephine McSwane) was born on Aug 12, 1902 in Freestone County, Texas. She died on Nov 24, 1979 in San Angelo, Tom Green County, Texas. She married John William Orlebeke on Aug 11, 1935 in Freestone County, Texas. He was

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born on Apr 06, 1906 in Spokane, Spokane County, Washington. He died on Apr 06, 1954 in San Angelo, Tom Green County, Texas.

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5. **PETER WILBORN⁴ CURRY** (David Wesley³, William Wilborn², John S.¹) was born on Sep 25, 1892 in Texas. He died on Jan 26, 1953 in Teague, Freestone County, Texas. He married **MINNIE H. ELLISOR**. She died in 1986.

Notes for Peter Wilborn Curry:

Peter Wilborn Curry was born the year Wendell Willkie (2/18/1892 -10/8/1944), the American Republican presidential candidate, was born. His year of birth also was when former President Grover Cleveland beat incumbent Benjamin Harrison, becoming the only president to win non-consecutive terms in the White House.

Sources: <http://www.gwu.edu/~erpapers/about/eleonor/q-and-a/glossary/wilkie-wendell.htm>
<http://www.whitehouse.gov/history/presidents/gc2224.html>

Peter Wilborn Curry and Minnie H. Ellisor had the following child:

- i. **PETER WILBORN⁵ CURRY** (son of Peter Wilborn Curry and Minnie H. Ellisor) was born in 1932.

Notes for Peter Wilborn Curry:

Jack Benny's first radio show debuted May 2, 1932 on the NBC Blue Network the year that Peter was born.

Source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jack_Benny

6. **LORENE⁴ CURRY** (David Wesley³, William Wilborn², John S.¹) was born on Aug 12, 1902 in Freestone County, Texas. She died on Nov 24, 1979 in San Angelo, Tom Green County, Texas. She married John William Orlebeke on Aug 11, 1935 in Freestone County, Texas. He was born on Apr 06, 1906 in Spokane, Spokane County, Washington. He died on Apr 06, 1954 in San Angelo, Tom Green County, Texas.

Notes for John William Orlebeke:

John was born the same year as Aristotle Onassis (1/7/1906 -3/15/1975), the Greek shipping magnate, was born.

Source: <http://www.rotten.com/library/bio/business/aristotle-onassis/>

Here are some of the U.S. statistics for the Year 1906, the year of John's birthday: The average life expectancy in the U.S. was 47 years. Only 14 percent of the homes in the U.S. had a bathtub. Only 8 percent of the homes had a telephone. A three-minute call from Denver to New York City cost eleven dollars. There were only 8,000 cars in the U.S., and only 144 miles of paved roads. The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph. Alabama, Mississippi, Iowa, and Tennessee were each more heavily populated than California. With a mere 1.4 million people, California was only the 21st most populous state in the Union.

The tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel Tower! The average wage in the U.S. was 22 cents per hour. The average U.S. worker made between \$200 and \$400 per year. A

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competent accountant could expect to earn \$2000 per year, a dentist \$2,500 per year, a veterinarian between \$1,500 and \$4,000 per year, and a mechanical engineer about \$5,000 per year. More than 95 percent of all births in the U.S. took place at HOME .

Ninety percent of all U.S. doctors had NO COLLEGE EDUCATION! Instead, they attended so-called medical schools, many of which were condemned in the press AND the government as "substandard." Sugar cost four cents a pound. Eggs were fourteen cents a dozen. Coffee was fifteen cents a pound. Most women only washed their hair once a month, and used borax or egg yolks for shampoo. Canada passed a law that prohibited poor people from entering into their country for any reason.

Five leading causes of death in the U.S. were:

1. Pneumonia and influenza
2. Tuberculosis
3. Diarrhea
4. Heart disease
5. Stroke

The American flag had 45 stars. Arizona, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Hawaii, and Alaska hadn't been admitted to the Union yet. The population of Las Vegas, Nevada, was only 30!!!!

Crossword puzzles, canned beer, and ice tea hadn't been invented yet. There was no Mother's Day or Father's Day. Two out of every 10 U.S. adults couldn't read or write. Only 6 percent of all Americans had graduated from high school. Eighteen percent of households in the U.S. had at least one full-time servant or domestic help. There were about 230 reported murders in the ENTIRE U.S.A.!

Lorene Curry and John William Orlebeke had the following child:

- i. PETER WILLIAM ORLEBEKE (son of John William Orlebeke and Lorene Curry) was born on Jun 18, 1940 in San Angelo, Tom Green County, Texas. He died on Jul 04, 2006 in Dallas, Dallas County, Texas. He married Carolyn McWhirter on Nov 21, 1970 in Dallas, Dallas County, Texas. She was born on Aug 27, 1942 in Longview, Gregg County, Texas.

Notes for Peter William Orlebeke:

Peter William Orlebeke graduated to heaven on the Fourth of July 2006, a very patriotic date. That was appropriate for Pete, as he was a very patriotic guy.

Pete nurtured a driving interest in history, people and genealogy. He rose to top officer leadership in more than one genealogical society. He was President of the Dallas Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution when it was my privilege to become a member in 1988, under his tutelage and sponsorship. He also was extremely active in the Sons of the Confederacy and rose to become Commander, which was their national head (really their international head)! They had a Sons of the Confederacy Convention about a decade ago in Germany that Pete attended.

Pete was a Charter Member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, which was in the midst of forming as he lived his last days on earth. You might say, it was a Rebel organization, forming over a split among the members and leadership of the older Sons of the Confederacy organization. He signed his name on the dotted line just days before he graduated to heaven.

Pete was steeped in Texas history, as was his lovely wife, Carolyn McWhirter Orlebeke, who traveled faithfully with him all around the world to these many

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historical and genealogical treks. He was awarded the high honor here in Texas by being Commissioned as an Admiral in the Texas Navy by the Governor of Texas. Pete was born and raised in the San Angelo, Texas area. The thing that bothered him so much, genealogically, was that he never could quite get qualified to be a member of the Sons of the Republic of Texas. That requires direct descendant connection from an ancestor who was a resident of the 1836-1846 era of the nation, the Republic of Texas. Of course, Carolyn is a member of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, and is very active in various leadership roles for that organization over the year.

Pete is a seventh cousin, once removed, to my wife, Suzanne Margaret Boggess Sharpe. In addition that that relationship, Pete's wife, Carolyn, worked as an associate with me on the staff of Highland Park Presbyterian Church in Dallas for many years. In fact, Pete and Carolyn were married at that church Nov 21, 1970. Before her retirement, Carolyn served the very important responsibility of Administrative Assistant to the Senior Pastor, the Rev. Dr. Ronald Wesley Scates (himself an active member of the Sons of the Confederacy and a collateral relative of one of the signers of the Texas Declaration of Independence, interred in the official Texas Cemetery near the Capitol in Austin, Travis County, Texas).

Pete was an engineer and a writer. He spent most of his career as a technical writer for the aircraft industry situated around the Fort Worth - Dallas area. Carolyn and Pete met while employed at what then was known as Chance-Vought Aircraft, a defense contractor that evolved into LTV (Ling-Tempco-Vaught).

Pete was a large man, who dwarfed my 5' 2" wife, Suzanne, when they stood together. He liked to hug her and say to onlookers, "Can't you see the resemblance in us?" Both Pete and Carolyn were faithful members of Highland Park Presbyterian Church their entire married life.

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