

To begin with I need to introduce myself. I was born Jan 9, 1918 Addie Christine Watson. My father was Mark Ancil Watson 12/25/96-10/2/59. My mother was Addie Gertrude Fountain born 12/3/1898 died 9/5/1985. I was born at my grandparents' house known as the old Sam Watson's place. My parents lived with my grandparents then moved to a house on the place my grandfather (WHO: Watson) owned. Grandpa gave the place to Daddy and Mama. Then grandpa had a stroke in 1923 and had to be taken care of. Uncle Jim, my father's half brother. Grandpa was first married to a Guthrie woman<sup>1</sup> [WHO: Martha, daughter of Sam] had two children Uncle Jim and Aunt Bertha. Uncle Jim died May 1925<sup>2</sup> (WHO: should read 1923), so Grandpa wanted Daddy to give the place back to him. So he gave Daddy the home place to move back in the house with them which he did. Grandpa gave Daddy the homeplace & Aunt Georgian her place & Daddy was to take care of Grandpa and Grandma. He gave Aunt Bertha money to buy what was called the Osteen place. He gave Grandma what we called the Grandma place and it would go to Daddy at her death or to the heirs of his body. Daddy gave a life estate to Mama & then it would be divided with us 4 children after Mama died.

Grandpa's father was Mark R. Watson. His mother Patsy [WHO: i.e., Mark R. Watson's mother). They came from the Carolinas.

Mama's parents were Newt Mitchell Fountain [WHO: should read: Mitchell N., I think] and Georgian [WHO: nee] Thompson from around or near Vidalia, Ga.

Grandma's parents were kindly land plenty. He [WHO: Georgian's father, Berry C. Thompson] gave all of his children a farm. Grandpa Fountain was in timber business finally lost all they had. There was always a gold mine just around the corner. However, he never reached it.

Grandpa Mark ran away from home after his father died. She remarried so things weren't too good for the children seemingly. Later, this man [WHO: J Sirmans, more on his death in Hux, which supports in general the implications in this paragraph] died and she came and settled in Sparks, Ga. She married seemingly several times. [WHO: what we know is that she had children by several men.]

Grandpa Mark would stop at night on his journey always tried to help around the place where he spent the night, cut wood or whatever they wanted him to do. Finally he stopped at a Mr. Newbern's [WHO: spelling?] did work around there. Newbern had some horses [?] So, at breakfast Mr. Newbern asked where he was going. "I don't know I need to find work to take care of myself. He lived with the Newberns until he got grown according to Cousin Sol Watson.

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<sup>1</sup> Side-note by CWO: She is buried at Guthrie Cemetery in Lanier Co.

<sup>2</sup> Side-note by CWO: Uncle Jim dropped dead plowing in the field.