

213 TALES

by the late

Michael Dale Profitt

My name is Michael Dale Profitt, and I was born and raised in Estill County. I was the ninth child born to Charlie Elmer Profitt and Elsie Patrick Profitt and was the first born in a hospital. Mom was born at Cob Hill, the ninth child of twelve children.

Dad was born April 12, 1917. His name was Charlie Elmer Profitt. His mom was Betsy Crowe Profitt. She had a couple of brothers who lived around Irvine. She was a big woman and met Grandpaw Jim Profitt after he moved here from Wolfe County. They had lived at the Yeager Farm where dad was born.



James Alfred Profitt, Elizabeth "Betsy" Crowe Profitt; Ancil, Mary, Clay and Baby Walter

Grandmaw and Grandpaw had 10 or eleven children. Several died when they were a child. She had three girls who lived. Their names were Mary who married Floyd McIntosh, Clay who married Stormy Tipton, and Lizzie who married Sonny Rector.

Lizzie and Sonny had one girl and lived in Ohio. Aunt Clay also lived in Ohio and had several boys and girls.

Aunt Mary lived about a mile from us and run a store for years. She had five girls. They were Irene, who married Mom's brother, Tracy Patrick; Vivian who married George Lane; Madalene who married Troy Wasson but got a divorce; and Frieda who married Henry Johnson. Wilma Gay is the baby girl, and she married Wayne Wise who is the bother to Reese "Rabbit" Wise who married my oldest sister, Barbara.

Aunt Mary and Uncle Floyd had four boys, Virgil who married Louise Tipton; Orval "Doc" who married Lidia Marcum; Carl who married Teddy Carol Tipton. Jerry Wayne is the baby. He has been married a couple of times and he's not with his second wife now. He met her online and went and got her in Thailand.

There are already two girls and two boys of Aunt Mary's that have passed.

All of my aunts and uncles on Dad's side have passed with only Uncle Oscar's wife, Flora, still living. (She has since passed away.) She lived at Grandmaw and Grandpaw's old place.

My grandparents had four boys, Ancil, who lived in Hamilton, Ohio, whose wife was Beulah. They had two girls, Earlene and Jacqueline. Earlene had gotten run over by a train going to school. She lost her left leg. They have all passed away. Ancil was named after Ancil Pitts who Grandpa had moved in with. He also lost his leg before he passed away. He moved back down here after his wife passed away. He had a heart attack at Marbleyard when

he was deer hunting. We had to carry his body about a half mile to get to the road.

Uncle Walter Profitt had lost his right arm, riding a horse, when he was eleven years old. He moved to Ohio and was married to Esther. They had one son, Jimmy Profitt, who still lives in Dayton, Ohio. Walter moved back a few years ago before he passed away and lived on Walters Ridge (off Tipton Ridge).

Then there was Dad.

Uncle Oscar was the baby. His wife was Flora McCoy. They were married until he passed away. Oscar and Flora lived on Grandpaw's old place the last 40-some years. Grandmaw gave the property to him before she passed away. They had three girls and one boy. There's Darlene who married Charlie Slep in Powell County; Carol who has been married two or three times and lives in Powell County; and Irma who married Samuel "Sam Buck" Tipton. We used to run around together a lot. He lived about a mile from the store we run on KY-52 and KY-213. Irma passed away almost four years ago. She was a few months older than I am.

Tom, who was the baby of Oscar and Flora's, married Nannie Rogers the first time. They lived in Powell County most of the time. They bought the Allen Crowe house at the head of Crowe Hollow on 213. They later got a divorce and Tom moved to Winchester and got married again. He disappeared while Irma was laying at the funeral home. We don't know what happened to him. I still wonder where he's at.

I know this had to be hard on Aunt Flora. She lost her baby girl and only son at the same time. I hope he's OK and the Lord is with him, wherever he is. He had two girls, Amanda and Jennie. This has to be hard on them.

Uncle Oscar was a big man. He was some smaller than Dad. He and Oscar

couldn't work around each other without getting mad at each other. They killed hogs together and you've never heard such an argument.

They got along in other ways. They would go hunting and a lot of other things together but just couldn't work together. Maybe, they were too much alike?

Oscar had moved to Ohio after he got married. He said he hated it up there. He only knew how to get to the store and to work. I don't think I would like it up there either. Too much 'hill-billy' in us. Too flat up there.

Oscar moved to Powell County. He moved in a house on North Fork. We used to go visit there with them. The house was up on a hill. He went to work at the Kentucky Forest Service. He worked there for several years until they laid him off. He had a heart problem and didn't know it.

After they moved back home at Crowe Hollow, he went to work at Smyth Lumber Company. He worked in the sawmill, running a cutoff saw. When I was 10 or 12, I would go down there and watch him work and talk with him.



Betsy "Pop" Profitt and grandchildren



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Left to right, front: Floyd Rogers, Clay Rogers, Millard Marcum, Ishmael? Johnson, unknown, Chester Rogers, Floyd Newton (teacher), Gamiel Rogers, unknown's brother (Denis?), Lydia Rogers, Roxie Rogers, Dora Willoughby, Jesse Morefield, Nelson Marcum. Second row: Willy Hall, Wilson Rogers, unknown, Ella Lowery, Glenn Winkler, Ronald Winkler, Woodrow Winkler, Jay Willis, unknown, Leslie Hall, Bertha Willoughby, Johnnie Willoughby, Clayton Rogers. Third row: Vada Rogers, Nora Moreland, Sidney Warmouth, Pearl Johnson, Bunah Rogers, Beatrice Rogers, Harry Rogers, Linie Morefield, George Rogers, Lela Willoughby, Drucilla Rogers. Back row: Ada Rogers, Edna Morefield, Ellen Rogers, Warren Rogers, Dorothy Rogers, Ocie Rogers, Myrtle Marcum, Odel Rogers, Hershel Rogers, Earl Lowery, Mary Reed Dillard Rogers, and Nannie Rogers.

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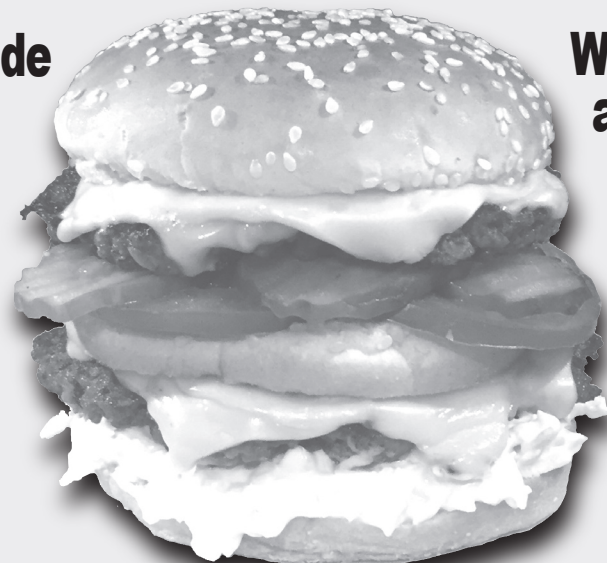
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