

THE PITTMAN FAMILY OF MONTGOMERY AND RICHMOND COUNTIES OF NORTH CAROLINA

Originally, the Pittman's were from Denmark. Having left there about the fourteenth century, they settled in England in Monmouthshire on the Welsh border. There they held high official and military positions. The Pittman's were divided in opinion. Some were followers of the ill-fated Charles; others, of Cromwell. When King Charles was beheaded, three Pittman brothers came to America with a Cavalier emigration and landed at James City, Virginia. Thomas Pittman, Sr., was born in 1614 in England and died in 1688 in Virginia. (John E. Ussery, Jr., a genealogist related to the Dawkins family of Richmond County, N.C., says he has proof that this is the correct lineage of Atlas Martin Pittman.)

Our grandfathers were farmers and blacksmiths, and many worked in timber and turpentine. Atlas Pittman's granddaughter, Virginia Pittman, wrote that a William A. Pittman moved from Cumberland County to Montgomery County and had four sons. We do know that our Pittman and Green roots come from Candor, N.C. and surrounding areas.

THE FAMILY OF DEMPSEY PITTMAN, Jr.

Dempsey Pittman Jr. (circa 1776) married Catherine _____ (circa 1775). Their son Alexander Pittman (cir.1813---before 1860) married Elizabeth Stone (cir. 1815---before 1860). According to census records, their children were :

- John Pittman (circa 1840)...made and played fiddles, carpenter, died in the Civil War in Washington, D.C.
- Catherine "Kate" Pittman (1842)
- Elizabeth Pittman (1843)
- Edward Pittman (1846)
- William Alexander "Bill" Pittman (1847-1935) married Cisley Stone Green (1847-1923) on November 28, 1875.
- Robert Pittman (circa 1848)
- Dempsey Pittman (circa 1849) married Martha A. Wooley (1849) on January 20, 1878

- **Atlas Martin Pittman (1853-1903) married Gertrude Jemima Green.**
- **Julia Pittman (1854) married A. M. Black (1862) on June 7, 1886.**

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William Alexander “Bill” Pittman (1847-1935) married Cisley Stone Green (1847-1923) on Nov. 28, 1875. She was a daughter of Pleasant Goodman Green (1820-1862) and Sarah Deaton Green. Cisley was a sister of Gertrude Jemima Green, who married Atlas Martin Pittman on January 30, 1873.

CHILDREN OF BILL AND CISLEY GREEN PITTMAN :

- **Sarah Catherine “Kate” Pittman (8-16-1876---5-26-1968) married Richmond Horace Moore, Chief of Police in Charlotte before Ed Pittman became the Chief in 1939.**
- **William “Will” Franklin Pittman...sold land for shopping centers in Charlotte, N.C. Will and his son Horace had a successful Real Estate business in Charlotte.**
- **John Alexander Pittman (1880-1985)...worked for the railroad. He Returned home to the farm in Candor to care for his elderly father.**
- **Ada Cornelia Pittman (1882)...married Fred Small, a contractor**
- **Edward “Ed” Dempsey Pittman (1885-1987)...became Chief of Police in Charlotte, N.C.(1931-1939). He worked as a detective until the 1940’s and was the jailor until he retired in Oct. 1957. “Pitt”(nickname by police) married Martha Bailes, a widow with four children.**
- **Margaret Ann Pittman (1887-1904)...died young of typhoid fever**
- **Robert Elzvan Pittman (1-12-1891---1-03-1959)...farmed in Candor, N.C., mechanic, mined for gold...married Kate Johnson. They had two girls and one boy. The son, Robert Alexander “Bob” Pittman,**

says the Johnson / Pittman descendants meet every two years, usually in the Southern Pines area.

Note:

The children of Bill and Cisley Green Pittman and the children of Atlas and Gertrude Jemima Green Pittman were double-first cousins.

THE FAMILY OF ATLAS MARTIN PITTMAN:

Atlas Martin Pittman (1853-1903) was the son of Alexander Pittman (cir. 1813-before 1860) and Elizabeth Stone Pittman (cir. 1815-before 1860) of Montgomery County, N.C. On January 30, 1873, he married Gertrude Jemima Green (1856-1929). They are buried in the large cemetery on Mizpah Road in East Rockingham. They had 14 children:

- William Pittman, (Dec. 1874) married Josie Weathers (1885) cir.1899
- Elizabeth "Betty" Pittman (cir. 1875---before 1900)
- Martha Pittman (cir. 1877---before1881)
- Louisa Pittman (cir. 1879---before1900)
- Martha "Patty" Pittman (cir. 1881)...married Jasper Forbis
- Ira Burian Pittman (April 15, 1883---March 25, 1963)...married Virginia Alice Hicks on June 5, 1907
- Ella Pittman (cir. 1885)...married _____Hill (in Concord)
- Cisley "Sissie" Pittman (Sept.1886) ...married Will Denson
- Etta Cornelia "Nealie" Pittman (Jan.1, 1892---Sep.24, 1917) married James F. "Jim" Hicks. Nealie and baby died in childbirth.
- Lillie Pittman (Aug.23, 1893-Dec. 1966)...married Joe Frye
- Nora Bessie Pittman (3-23-1895---12-05-1966) On 6-30-1912, she married Sherrod Lee Morse (11-26-1893---6-15-1938), son of Tom and Eliza Lillie Sanford Morse
- Mary Pittman (cir.1896)
- Dempsey Martin Pittman (July 24,1899---Jan.29, 1963)
- Nancy "Nannie" Pittman (8-23-1900---2-8-1970)..married William DeWitt Ormsby (1897-1943)

Note: Gertrude Jemima Green Pittman was known as “Gammie” Pittman

THE FAMILY OF GERTRUDE JEMIMA GREEN:

William Green married _____. His son, Joel Green married Mary Wincey _____. Their son Pleasant Goodman Green (1820-Dec. 27, 1862) married Sarah Deaton (1820). He was a skilled marksman and hunter. He was killed during the Civil War in Virginia. He and Sarah had four sons and four daughters:

- **Robinson Crusoe Green (Aug.1849-Apr.1936), farmer and timber entrepreneur, married Nancy “Nan” Leach (1852-1927)**
- **Eli Green**
- **Raleigh Green**
- **Elzvan Green**
- **Mary Green...married William Parks**
- **Wincey Green...married Calvin Cagle**
- **Cisley Stone Green (1847-1923)...married William Alexander “Bill” Pittman (1847-1935) on November 28, 1875**
- **Gertrude Jemima Green (1856-1929),married Atlas M. Pittman (1853-1903) on January 30, 1873.**

THE FAMILY OF IRA B PITTMAN AND VIRGINIA ALICE “JENNIE” HICKS PITTMAN

Ira B Pittman (dropped middle name), son of Atlas Martin Pittman and Gertrude Jemima Green Pittman, was a gifted banjo player in a string band. Also in that band were Annie Hicks Morse (sister of Jennie) and

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E. B. Morse. Ira had saved his money and was able to attend school in

Wingate, N.C. (now Wingate University). Later, he began work at Steele's Mill in Cordova, N.C. There he met and fell in love with Alice Virginia "Jennie" Hicks, daughter of John Thomas "Tom" and Martha Sanford Hicks. Ira and Jennie were married on June 5, 1907. For many years they made their home in Cordova. Jennie was a stay-at-home mom, but she was often called on to design patterns for weaving for Steele's Mill. After Ira retired in 1942, the Pittman's moved to a home they had built on Fayetteville Road in Rockingham.

Ira was born on April 15, 1883 and died on March 25, 1963. Jennie was born on January 21, 1887 and died on October 14, 1973. They were married for 55 happy years. They are buried in Eastside Cemetery in Rockingham. They had eight children, born in Cordova.

- Ethel Virginia "Gina" Pittman (5-31-1909---9-23-1999) On 10-25-1943, Gina married Carl Lester Cox (10-25-1895---1-20-1969);
on

June 5, 1985, she married Jack Hackney Hogan (4-10-1919---11-06-1999). All are buried on the Cox-Hogan plot, Eastside Cemetery.

- Ira Gertrude Pittman (9-10-1911---3-27-1982) On July 2, 1933, she married Koy Leo Dawkins (10-27-1909---10-07-1986). Both are buried at Richmond Memorial Park. They had two children.

Koy Ellis Dawkins (10-13-1934)

Alice Gertrude "Trudy" Dawkins (10-04-1943)

- Vivian Maybelle Pittman (9-21-1913---7-02-1984) On October 17, 1941, she married Edward Riddle Caldwell (2-10-1913---3-24-1999). They are buried at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Charlotte. They had two children.

Edward Riddle Caldwell, Jr. (7-18-1943)

Vivian Sandra Caldwell (12-01-1945)

- Edna Cornelia Pittman (7-18-1916---4-29-2008) On October 24, 1940, she married Sidney Thomas Gerringer (1-02-1914---5-17-1998).

**They are buried on the Pittman plot in Eastside Cemetery.
They had one child.**

Sidney Thomas Gerringer, II (8-23-1948)

- **James Hicks Pittman (7-26-1918---4-22-1978) On December 31, 1943, he married Dorothy Jean “Dottie” Gault (9-18-1924---6-17-2008). Both are buried at Eastside Cemetery. They had five children.**

**Phyllis Carol Pittman (7-08-1946)
Patricia Jean Pittman (6-18-1950)
James Hicks Pittman, Jr. (7-18-1952)
Bertha Anna Pittman (9-17-1955)
Stephen Ira Pittman (12-14-1957)**

- **John B Pittman (7-26-1918---12-08-1999) On April 8, 1948, he married Jane Curlee Little (9-8-1924). John is buried on the Pittman plot at Eastside Cemetery. They had seven children.**

**Virginia Irene Pittman (3-25-1949)
John Little Pittman (9-17-1950)
Mary Elizabeth Pittman (12-31-1952)
Jane Hicks Pittman (12-16-1957)
Carol Curlee Pittman (5-30-1961)
Ira Bradford Pittman (1-21-1964)
Catherine Irene Pittman (3-09-1966)**

- **June Garrett Pittman (6-23-1921---1-19-2007) On February 14, 1942, she married Mac Floyd Jones (3-07-1915---7-06-1993). Both are buried at Oakdale Cemetery in Wilmington, N.C. They had one son.**

Raphael MacIra Jones (1-11-1943)

- **Jewell Pittman (7-28-1925---8-12-1925) died as infant and buried on the Pittman plot at Eastside Cemetery.**

THE FAMILY OF JOHN THOMAS HICKS

John Thomas “Tom” Hicks was a son of Edward R. Hicks and Julia Ann Smith Hicks (Jan.24, 1818---Aug. 8, 1885). Julia was born in Anson County, N.C., a daughter of Eli and Sarah Hicks Smith. The Hicks and Smith families had been “landed families” of Anson County. Their home was referred to as the “Grassy Island Community”. It lay beside the Pee Dee River where it was about one mile wide. Small islands were cultivated with trees. Banks were steep and rocky. It was beautiful. The Hicks home was called the “Manor House”, and the Smith home was a fine old homestead only two or three miles from the Anson County court house. Ed was a mechanic and farmer. His brothers urged him to join them as they went west to find better work. He left after the last child was born, leaving his family with relatives in South Carolina. Much of the family property was sold.

Around 1860 Ed became ill and died of fever. The family believed he was buried in Meridian, Mississippi. Julia Ann Smith Hicks was left to raise the family alone. The family moved from South Carolina to Mountain Creek in Richmond County, a piece of their property which had not been sold. As the family crossed along the west side of the Pee Dee River, which divides Anson and Richmond Counties, at a point where it appeared safe to ford the river, the wagons were caught in water so swift that nearly all their possessions were lost. Thankfully, Julia and her ten children survived and were uninjured.

The family hardly had time to settle down before the fighting in the Civil War was in their midst. The two older sons, ages eighteen and twenty, were volunteers in service. With no manpower to assist in running the farm and provide security, Julia moved her family to Rockingham, N.C. There the older girls found work at Great Falls Cotton Mill. When a division of Sherman’s army, under Kilpatrick, marched through Rockingham, Great Falls Mill was burned down. The story was told that, as the mill burned, a Union soldier snatched a fiddle from one of the Hicks’ neighbors and played “Pop Goes the Weasel” as the mill burned. After his performance, he threw the fiddle

into the air, and it broke into pieces as it hit the ground.

During the occupation of the community by the Union soldiers (March 7-8, 1865), Safronie Hicks, the youngest of the Hicks children, had a pet chicken which was killed by a soldier. Safronie's crying created such a disturbance that a Union officer came to investigate the situation. Upon being told what had happened, he placed a guard at the Hicks' home and promised that the family would not be bothered again. After the destruction of the mill, the family returned to Julia's farm home in upper Richmond County. The oldest son, Charles, never returned from the war. Ned returned as a cripple, but he and young Tom worked together to run the farm.

Julia Smith Hicks died at the age of 77 in 1885. Her parents were Eli (cir. 1772) and Sarah "Sally" Hicks Smith. Grandparents were John Smith and Mary Flake Smith. Great grandfathers were John Smith, of Wake County, and Samuel Flake of London, Eng. She was buried at Bethel Church Cemetery in Ellerbe. Her husband had helped build that church. She had guided her family through the hardships of war and the reconstruction period. Compton Reade, an English writer of the early 1600's, wrote about the Smith family: "Force of character, practical talent, plus the favor of God, have combined to make the Smith's." We, her descendants, salute Julia Hicks.

THE CHILDREN OF EDWARD R. AND JULIA ANN SMITH HICKS:

- **Mary Elizabeth "Molly" Hicks (12-2-1837---11-26-1924) m. W.Brack Morse (4-04-1837---7-23-1927) Buried at Bethel Church Cemetery**
- **Sara L. "Sack" Hicks (3-9-1839---11-18-1917)**
- **Charles C. Hicks (1840-1864) m. Anna Jane Webb on 11-1-1862. Enlisted in Company E, 38th Reg. on 10-30-1861. Killed in Civil War.**
- **Edward L. "Ned" Hicks (1842-1918) m. Mary "Molly" Sanford (1846-1906), daughter of John and Jennie O'Brien Sanford. Both are buried at Bear Branch Cemetery in Roberdel, N.C.**

Children of Ned and Molly Hicks and Tom and Martha

Hicks

Were double-first cousins.

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- Julia Ann “Julie” Hicks (1-6-1845---11-7-1931) m. Ervin Baldwin
- Eliza Jane Hicks (3-25-1847---8-2-1930) m. Greer E. Ellington (11-18-1845---7-16-1916) Both are buried at Bethel Church Cemetery in Ellerbe.
- Rebecca “Becky” Hicks (1850) m. Ebb Goodwin and moved to Rocky Mount, N.C.
- Margaret “Maggie” Hicks (1852) m. Charles F. Goodwin
Both are buried at Bethel Church Cemetery.

- JOHN THOMAS “TOM” HICKS (8-27-1855---12-21-1914) On 9-19-

1877, Tom married Martha Frances Sanford (3-10-1858----6-30-1919) Both are buried in old section of Eastside

Cemetery,

Rockingham. Tom and Martha Hicks’ children and the

children

of Ned and Mollie Hicks were double-first cousins.

- Infant daughter (born and died on April 20, 1857)
- Safronie Hicks (11-17-1858---8-6-1938) On May 2, 1881, she married William Jasper Goodwin (8-2-1857---11-13-1943) in the Community of Malee (between state road 1146 and

Mountain

Creek, near Roper Mountain.) Both are buried at Bethel Church in Ellerbe, N.C.

THE FAMILY OF MARTHA FRANCES SANFORD :

The Sanfords were descendants of John Sanford, who emigrated to America in 1631 from Lincolnshire, England. The census of 1860 and 1870 listed his name as “Sandford” as on his tombstone. John had worked for John Winthrop in the year 1629. The Winthrop family moved to a colony in the Boston area in 1629, but John stayed a while longer in England as a purchasing agent for supplies to be sent to the

Winthrop's.

John arrived in Boston in November 1631 on the ship "Lion" under Captain Pierce. He was made a "freeman" in April 1632.

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John married Elizabeth Webb and had two sons, John Jr., and Samuel. After Elizabeth's death, John married Bridget Hutchinson and had more children, including sons Peleg, Elisha, Restcome, William, and Esbon and daughters Eliphal and Annie.

NOTE:

Much of the Sanford information was given to Virginia Pittman Cox Hogan by Claude William Sanford of Laurinburg, N.C. in July, 1991. He believed these were ancestors of his family and Martha Sanford Hicks' family.

Martha Frances Sanford (3-10-1858---6-30-1919) was a daughter of John W. Sanford (9-16-1814---5-07-1897) and Virginia Jane "Jennie" O'Brien Sanford (6-1-1828---6-03-1899), both buried at Bear Branch Cemetery.

John W. Sanford was a son of Noah Sanford (1767-1835), believed to be originally "Sanderford" or "Sandford, and Sarah "Sally" O'Brien (1772-after 1860). Sally was a daughter of John Washington O'Brien and Zelphia Casey O'Brien.

Noah Sanford's parents were James Turner Sanford, son of Robert Sanford (died circa 1782), and Karen Turner Sanford.

Jennie O'Brien Sanford's parents were John Washington O'Brien (11-05-1784---7-02-1848) and Zelphia Casey O'Brien (9-03-1792), m. 1812

John and Jennie O'Brien Sanford had eleven children:

- Julie Annie Sanford (12-29-1844---1-10-1923) She is buried at Bear Branch Cemetery.

- Mary “Molly” Sanford (1846-1906) married Edward L. “Ned” Hicks (1842-1918), a brother of John Thomas “Tom” Hicks.

They are buried at Bear Branch Cemetery. Their children and children of Tom and Martha Sanford Hicks were double-first cousins.

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- Sarah E. Sanford (11-26-1848---6-26-1896) m. H.C.Webb
Both are buried at Bear Branch Cemetery.
- Noah Ralph Sanford (11-10-1850---2-24-1930) On Jan. 13, 1874
Noah married Mary Ann Garrett
(9-11-1857---8-24-1922)

Both are buried at Hillside Cemetery in Laurinburg, N.C.

- John R. Sanford (1852) m. Lou Covington
 - “Judy” Ellen Sanford (11-3-1854---6-28-1943) On June 2, 1874
Judy married Daniel Webster Davis
(3-14-1854---6-10-1932)
- Both are buried at Laurel Wood Cemetery in Rock Hill, S.C.

- Archie Sanford (died as an infant)

- Martha Frances Sanford (3-10-1858---6-30-1919) *On September 19, 1877, she married John Thomas “Tom” Hicks*
(8-27-1855---

12-21-1914). Both are buried in the old section of Eastside Cemetery in Rockingham, N.C.

- Margaret Alice Sanford (2-11-1863---6-19-1939) m. James “Jim” Hugh Webb
- Eliza Lillie Sanford (4-24-1860---1-20-1932) m. Sherrod Thomas Morse (11-4-1851---7-11-1921) Both are buried at Zion Cemetery in Richmond County. They were parents of Sherrod Lee Morse, who married Nora Bessie Pittman.
- Edith Charity “Ettie” Sanford (9-26-1866---8-23-1901) m. Robert L. “Bob” Ussery. She is buried in McLucus Cemetery, Clio, S.C.

**THE FAMILY OF
JOHN THOMAS "TOM" HICKS
AND
MARTHA FRANCES SANFORD HICKS**

**John Thomas Hicks (8-27-1855---12-21-1914) and Martha Frances Sanford Hicks (3-10-1858---6-30-1919) married in the Sanford home near Cartledge Creek Church in Rockingham, N.C. on September 19,
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1877. For some time, Tom and Martha lived in the Sanford home. Tom farmed, and in his spare time, he learned carpentry, a trade at which he was skilled. Two of the Hicks children were born there: Julia Frances (1878) and Daniel Thomas (1880).

By the time of the birth of the third child, John Edward (1882), Tom and Martha had moved out on their own. Sometime during 1884, Tom and Martha moved again. The family grew with the births of Henry Harrison (1883), Annie Eliza (1885), Virginia Alice (1887), and William Ellis (1888).

Tom Hicks and his brother Ned Hicks moved their families to Darlington, S.C. to find work at a new cotton mill there. The families lived next door to each other. An epidemic of measles broke out. With so much sickness, the family moved closer to Martha's family in North Carolina. Tom had rented a place in Anson County at the foot of Spencer Mountain. Baby Ellis continued to decline in health and died on November 18, 1888.

In 1890, James Franklin was born. By this time, Tom had his own place again. Farming was good. Besides carpentry, Tom learned trades to be a blacksmith and a mason. Two more children were born: Martha Ellen (1893) and Robert Lee (1895). Martha became an expert at fancy handwork, crocheting and embroidery. The children were encouraged in music and in studying the Bible.

A new cotton mill had opened in Cordova, N.C. The Superintendent of

Steele's Mill, under whom the two oldest had worked in Darlington, offered them jobs. Tom and Martha and the family moved back to Richmond County. The last child, Dora Mae, was born in 1897.

As the children began to marry and move out into their own homes, Tom and Martha bought "The Old Home Place", a small farm between Cordova and Zion. Tom built the house and most of the furniture in it. He built a blacksmith shop, a large barn, and an outside privy. The Hicks family was at home in a wonderful community. Martha Hicks is recorded as a charter member of the Cordova Baptist Church. Our

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ancestors took seriously the teaching of trades, crafts, music, good character, honesty, honor, and love for God and country.

THE CHILDREN OF TOM AND MARTHA SANFORD HICKS:

- **Julia Frances "Fannie" Hicks (11-20-1878---11-14-1954)**
She attended business school in Charlotte. On May 18, 1904, Fannie married George Alfred Seawell (5-03-1885---9-10-1941). They are buried at Eastside Cemetery in Rockingham, N.C. They were parents of four children.
 1. Loretta Pearl Seawell (10-14-1905---10-04-1974)
 2. Lillian Foy (1-02-1908---8-09-1988)
 3. Herman Cole Seawell (7-03-1914---2-03-1972)
 4. Sarah Frances Seawell (5-15-1919---12-01-1991)

- **Daniel Thomas Hicks (4-10-1880---7-31-1942)...a barber**
On August 18, 1897, Dan married Sarah Kate Burns (3-09-1873---8-30-1953). Dan was a barber. They are buried at Eastside Cemetery.
Dan and Kate had five children.
 1. Carl Thomas Hicks (10-14-1899---7-31-1982)
 2. Lela Kathleen Hicks (8-30-1902---12-15-1994)
 3. Infant son (2-10-1905---2-14-1905)
 4. Fred Hargraves Hicks (8-18-1906---4-17-1987)
 5. Gladys Levon Hicks (1-12-1909---1-09-1999)

- **John Edward Hicks (1-07-1882---2-12-1947); railroad/law enforcer.**
On January 26, 1902, John married Lula O'Shields (4-22-1885---8-29-1963). John and Lula raised a niece, Mae O'Shields. They are buried at Oakwood Cemetery in Spartanburg, S.C. Lula's favorite expression was "Oh, I wish you would hush !"
- **Henry Harrison Hicks (10-21-1883---2-03-1915); railroad, policeman.**
On November 7, 1901, Hal married Urphie Bell Fowler (2-09-1884---10-18-1979). Her nickname was "Mudgy". They are buried at Rose-

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mont Cemetery in Union, S.C. Hal and Urphie had four children.

1. Herman Hicks (7-21-1904---9-08-1904)
2. Louise Hicks (6-15-1906---7-04-1985)
3. Vera Hicks (7-07-1908---1-03-1985)
4. Evelyn Hicks (12-14-1910---7-14-1915)

- **Annie Eliza Hicks (10-06-1885---1-22-1981); musician, merchant.**
On August 27, 1905, Annie married Ellis Burian Morse (12-01-1886--1-22-1957), merchant and former sheriff of Richmond County. They are buried at Eastside Cemetery. Annie and Ellis had four children.

1. Stancil Winfield Morse (5-21-1906---9-03-1908)
2. Albert Cole Morse (11-10-1909---10-04-1910)
3. Blondie Eve Morse (12-09-1911---10-14-2007)
4. Ellis Burian Morse (5-26-1917---4-27-1986)

- **Virginia Alice "Jennie" Hicks (1-21-1887---10-14-1973); designed samples for looms in the manufacture of cloth, seamstress, tailor.**
On June 5, 1907, Jennie married Ira B Pittman (4-15-1883---3-25-1963). Ira was an executive at Steele's Mill at Cordova, N.C., a cotton mill, and a merchant. They are buried at Eastside

Cemetery.

Jennie and Ira had eight children.

- 1. Ethel Virginia Pittman (5-31-1909---9-23-1999)**
- 2. Ira Gertrude Pittman (9-10-1911---3-27-1982)**
- 3. Vivian Maybelle Pittman (9-21-1913---7-02-1984)**
- 4. Edna Cornelia Pittman (7-18-1916---4-29-2008)**
- 5. James Hicks Pittman (7-26-1918---4-22-1978)**
- 6. John B Pittman (7-26-1918---12-08-1999)**
- 7. June Garrett Pittman (6-23-1921---1-19-2007)**
- 8. Jewell Pittman (7-28-1925---8-12-1925)...died as infant.**

- **William Ellis Hicks (4-16-1888---11-18-1888)**
- **James Franklin Hicks (10-13-1890---10-22-1975)...merchant, grocer,
Operated “Hicks Furniture Company” in Rockingham.
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**On June 6, 1909, Jim married Etta Cornelia “Nealie” Pittman
(1-01-
1892). On Sept. 24, 1917, Nealie and baby died during delivery and
are buried together at Eastside Cemetery.**

**On April 6, 1920, Jim married Nettie O. Swink (2-21-1902---11-23-
1954). They are buried at Eastside Cemetery. Jim and Nettie had
four children.**

- 1. Sarah Lillie Hicks (2-15-1923---3-12-1995)**
- 2. Margaret Louise Hicks (9-11-1925---July 20, 2009)**
- 3. Catherine Lucille Hicks (10-21-1931---)**
- 4. James Franklin Hicks, Jr. (8-07-1933---)**

**On June 3, 1957, Jim married Mildred Williams Hicks (
11-03-1904---
9-21-1996), widow of Jim’s brother Lee Hicks.**

- **Martha Ellen “Pat” Hicks (8-04-1893---1-18-1974); worked with
her
brother Jim. On September 11, 1911, she married Robert Emmett
McCroskey (3-22-1887---12-27-1967). Both are buried at Eastside
Cemetery. They raised her son and had four children.**

1. Robert Franklin Hicks (5-16-1909---9-27-1962)
2. Audrey Burdette McCroskey (9-22-1912---6-02-1978)
3. Horace Phillips McCroskey (6-29-1914---4-15-1917)
4. Ruby Estelle McCroskey (8-12-1915---3-27-1978)
5. Harold Rufus McCroskey (5-21-1919---5-10-2006)

- Robert Lee Hicks (5-03-1895--3-10-1956), contractor and police chief. On April 28-1914, Lee married Annie Mae Gaddy (4-23-1896---4-01-1925). They are buried at Eastside Cemetery. They had six children.

1. Thelma Ruth Hicks (2-22-1915---11-04-1972)
2. Thomas Atlas Hicks (11-03-1916---12-24-1981)
3. Cora Beatrice Hicks (8-08-1918---)
4. Robert Lee Hicks, Jr. (3-08-1921---3-27-1998)
5. Martha Frances Hicks (8-13-1922---)
6. Edgar Earl Hicks (9-13-1924---1-21-1945 in WWII)

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On March 29, 1927, Lee married Mildred Frances Williams (11-03-1904---9-21-1996). Lee and Mildred had six children.

1. Mildred Mae Hicks (1-11-1928---- 6-21-2010)
2. Ellis Berdette Hicks (12-04-1929---)
3. Gene William Hicks (12-07-1932---9-04-1964)
4. John Edward Hicks (3-27-1937---)
5. Glenn Austin Hicks (5-22-1938---2-25-1944)
6. Daniel Kenneth Hicks (7-20-1940---)

- Dora Mae Hicks (6-22-1897---7-05-1967)
On 12-24-1916, Dora married Henry Harrison Dabbs (4-21-1889-10-25-1959), farmer and law enforcement officer. They are buried at

Richmond Memorial Park. They had three children.

1. Elbert McPhail Dabbs (1-17-1919---1-18-1919) died as infant
2. Horace Phillips Dabbs (9-24-1923---7-11-1925)
3. Bobbie June Williamson-Dabbs, related to Henry Dabbs and adopted by Dora and Henry. (4-25-1934---

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**On October 9, 1966, Dora married Robert A. Easterling
(4-19-1883--
5-21-1969).**

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