



# WALTON RELATIONS

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## Upcoming Reunions

Below is the most current information we have about upcoming family reunions. Any updates received will be posted on the [Reunions](#) page of our website.

### May

**Spence Family** – The 48<sup>th</sup> Reunion of the Spence Family will be on Saturday, May 21, at the DeFuniak Springs Civic Center, 361 North 10th Street. Call Irmalee Spence Bass at 850-892-6103 for information.

### June

**Cosson** - 2nd Saturday in June at the Harry Cosson house in Alaqua. For more information, contact Harry Cosson.

**Evans/Lindsey/Brown** - 1st Saturday in June at the Euchee Valley Community Center. For more information, contact Carolyn Brown.

**Jones** – Last Saturday in June at the Cluster Springs Church in Liberty. For more information, contact Marsha Jones Cox.

**Mitchem** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in June at Ponce de Leon Springs. For more information, contact Ella Smith.

**Nelson** - 2nd Saturday in June at the Sportman's Club in DeFuniak Springs. For more information, contact Marie Rhodes.

**Sunday** (relations of William Criglar “Greg” Sunday) – Last Sunday in June at the Chautauqua Hall of Brotherhood in DeFuniak Springs. For more information, contact Dorothy Sunday.

## Genealogy Meetings

The Walton County Genealogy Society will meet on Thursday, May 19, at 6:00 at the Walton County Heritage Museum. The Society will meet again on June 16, but it will not meet in July or August.

## Walton Relations

There will not be a June issue of *Walton Relations*. Publication will resume in July.

### **Walton County Heritage Museum**

Open Tuesday - Saturday, 1:00 - 4:00 PM  
1140 Circle Drive, DeFuniak Springs, FL 32435

850-951-2127

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# The Rooming House Collection

By Diane Merkel

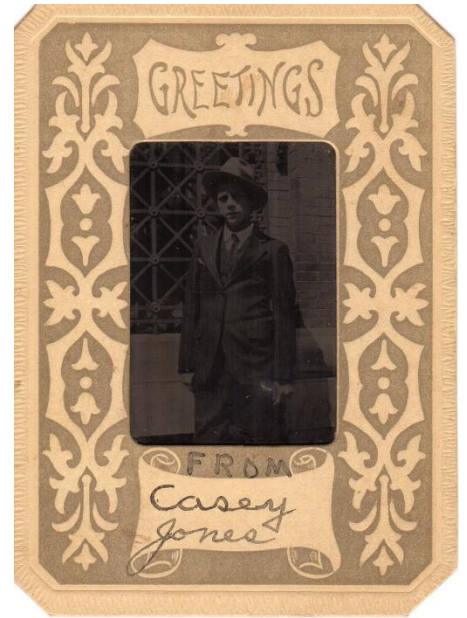
A collection of photographs was donated to the Walton County Heritage Association in March 2016. The photos were said to be found in an old DeFuniak Springs rooming house many years ago and are supposed to be of Walton County residents. Some of the photos have names and/or dates on the back, which are noted beneath them below, but no other information has been discovered. If you can identify anyone in this collection, please contact me. My contact information is at the end of this newsletter. Thank you. — Diane



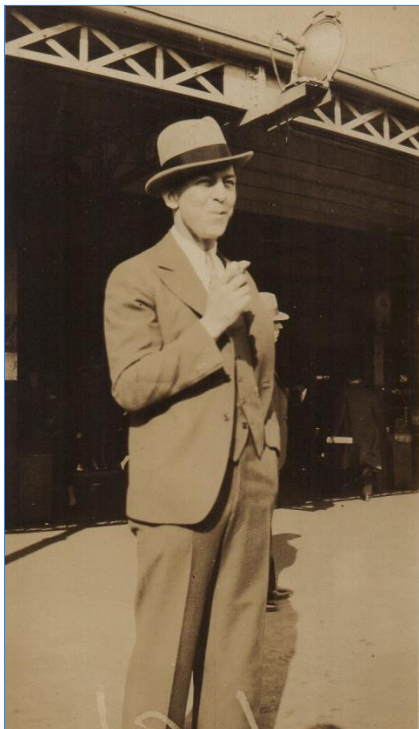
Jessie White



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16 years old on March 6, 1929.



April 19, 1931



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The woman on the left was named Gladys.



Oscar Weatherby  
San Antonio, Texas,  
April 30, 1919



Mr. Elvin Smith, Concord, N.C.;  
Miss Edith Pennegner,  
Kannapolis, N.C.; March 14, 1939



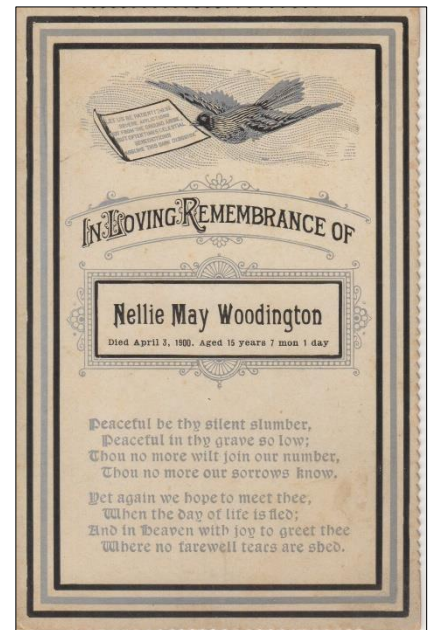
Fern Colbarry  
17 Months Old  
September 19, 1928



Lewis J. Young, 4 Months Old  
Weyle & Barber Photographers  
Laramie, Wyoming



John C. Young  
New Orleans  
Probably Brother of Lewis, left.



1900 Postcard

There is another postcard, similar to the one on the right above, for Glen Ray Jones, who died on September 21, 1923. Funeral homes and/or cities are not listed for either one. According to a 2008 interview in Collectors Weekly with a postcard collector, postcards were especially popular in the early 1900s before magazines had a lot of pictures in them. They were that time's version of our text messages because mail delivery was more frequent then. "They often had two mail deliveries a day to your house, and trains went everywhere several times a day, so you could send a postcard to the next town in the morning and tell people you were coming by train the next day in the afternoon. It was a way to get short, quick messages to people."

## **Honoring Our Military**

Two Walton County cemeteries traditionally honor military members on Memorial Day. This year's services will be on Monday, May 30. Thanks to Walton Outdoors for the following information.

### **Gum Creek Cemetery 21st Annual Memorial Day Service, 8:00 a.m.**

Gum Creek Cemetery, one of the oldest in Walton County, is thought to be at least 160 years old. It marks the final resting place of veterans from American's wars all the way back to the early 19th Century, with 12 known Civil War veterans and one confirmed Seminole War veteran. There are many veterans from 20th century conflicts, from World War I throughout the Korean War, buried in the cemetery as well. The cemetery is north of DeFuniak Springs, just off of SR-83 North. For more information, contact Tom Baker at 850-333-2195.

### **Gulf Cemetery, Santa Rosa Beach, 10:00 a.m.**

The cemetery is located on land granted by the United States Government and signed by President Woodrow Wilson on June 17, 1914. It has a rich history tied to the local community. Many community leaders, veterans, and other notable locals are buried at Gulf Cemetery, which is located on CR-393 South.

## **Web Sources for Military Records of Walton County Veterans**

If you have not used US Gen Web, Florida Memory, or Distant Cousin lately, they deserve a visit from you soon! When viewing entries in the first three files below, be sure to check the "Granted to" name. It is often different from the soldier and may provide a clue concerning a relationship.

Some Military Land Grants In Walton Co. FL For Soldiers Of The War Of 1812 ~ USGenWeb Archives Project

Some Military Land Grants In Walton Co. FL For Soldiers Of The Indian Wars ~ USGenWeb Archives Project

Some Military Land Grants In Walton Co. FL For Soldiers Of The Mexican War ~ USGenWeb Archives Project

Florida State Military Files - USGenWeb Archives Project

Pension Transcriptions - Florida state pension records from various wars - USGenWeb Pension Project

Confederate Pension Applications – FloridaMemory.com

Old Confederate Soldiers and Sailors Home – FloridaMemory.com

World War I Service Cards – FloridaMemory.com

World War II Honor List of Dead and Missing, Walton County, Florida – New Horizons Genealogy

Florida Casualties in the Korean Conflict – DistantCousin.com

Florida Casualties in the Vietnam War – DistantCousin.com

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