

SPRINGVILLE ALABAMA ORPHAN LIVES A SAD LIFE AND DIES YOUNG

(1862-1895)

Hyburnie Lee Taylor, 1st wife of Drury Bowden Pearson

Hyburnie Taylor's dad **Jesse was killed in the Civil War** when she had just completed the first year of her tiny life, her mother died at age 24 when she was only 8 years old. Hyburnie married, had 2 children and died at age 33. Less than 4 years after her death, her son died at age 8. A sad life for an orphan.

Hyburnie Lee Taylor was born August 23, 1862 to Jesse Taylor Jr. and Malinda Bradford. Jesse Taylor Jr. was born about 1832 in Clay, Jefferson County about 10 years after his parents moved from St. Clair County, near Springville, Alabama where they organized Mount Calvary Presbyterian Church. (Jesse Sr. became a Cumberland Presbyterian minister after serving in the Revolutionary War) They were early pioneers from North Carolina. Jesse Taylor Sr. and his wife Catherine Holt had 12 children including Jesse Jr.. One of them, Thornberry Taylor, helped organize the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Springville, 1872. There are Springville residents today that descend from this Taylor family.

Chickamauga, September 19, 1863, Jesse Taylor Jr. died fighting in the Civil War for the South; he left a widow, Malinda Bradford and a baby girl, Hyburnie. They moved in with Malinda's parents, Samuel and Nancy Bradford . (Nancy was an invalid for many years) 7 years later Malinda died at age 24 (1870) leaving Hyburnie an orphan at eight years old.

Hyburnie became the guardian of Thomas N. Montgomery, her uncle, of Springville, Al.. Thomas helped form the Springville Presbyterian Church with Thornberry Taylor (mentioned above) and another man, William Rasmus Pearson. William was the great grandfather of Marcus Pearson, remembered as the local mail man for years and mayor of Springville for 12 years. William was also the older brother of Drury Bowden Pearson who would eventually take as his wife, the orphan, Hyburnie Taylor.

Hyburnie led what we can only guess was a happy life for the next 18 years at the home of her uncle Thomas Montgomery and her grandparents, the Bradfords. She was too young to remember her father. She attended the Presbyterian Church in Springville where she met the younger brother of William Rasmus Pearson, Drury Bowden Pearson. They were married in 1888 and moved to Birmingham so Drury could work in the iron factories and the couple could raise a family. 10 months later Cora Pearson was born to the couple. A year and a half later Harry Arthur Pearson arrived on the scene.

Less than 5 years later while the couple were living somewhere in Texas, Hyburnie became ill and she died of consumption at the home of her grandparents at age 33 on November 9, 1895. Her son, Harry died less than 3 years later.

Three years after Hyburnie's death, Drury remarried Sallie Teague of Ashville (Daughter of Chesley Judson Teague and Elizabeth Rowan of Ashville), moved to Oklahoma and eventually to San Jose Ca. and together raised 5 more children plus Cora.

Cora lived to be 89 years old and raised 3 children of her own so the sad orphan's life was not totally for nothing.