

**DUMAS, WILLIAM ANDREW** was born in St. Clair County on Feb 19, 1866 to Andrew J. and Annie Mauldin Dumas. He was the last of 9 children born to this family. He married on Aug 26, 1883 to Nannie Phillips daughter of Meridith and Sally Phillips of Blount County. Their son William Oscar Dumas was born in 1884 in St. Clair County and Nannie died in 1886 in St. Clair. He married again on Sep 8, 1887 in Jefferson County to Nancy Ellen Simmons, daughter of Rev. John J. and Sarah Steed Simmons. To them were born 9 children. Three of them are buried in this cemetery. Nellie Dumas Weger, Luther James Dumas and Otis Andrew Dumas. Nancy Ellen, also known as Nannie died in Hill County, Texas in 1907, she is buried there. In 1914, Will Dumas married the widow of John J. Simmons, Jr., Mary Chamblee Simmons, she is also buried in this cemetery. She was the daughter of William Jasper and Martha Ratliff Chamblee.

Will lived not far from here on Bear Mountain Rd. He traveled back and forth for years between Alabama and Hill County, Texas. He had several siblings that lived in Texas and he spent a lot of time visiting them but, just couldn't leave Alabama for good.

He spent his last years living with my grandmother, Nellie Dumas Griffin Taylor Weger in St. Clair County.

During World War 11, while my father was away in the Navy, Grandpa Will stayed with my mother a lot in Birmingham. He didn't think she should stay alone with only two children.

He thought my mother made the best Beef Stew that he had ever eaten and in order to get her to make him some, he would slip off to the grocery store and buy a pound of stew meat for 10 cents, knowing my mother would re-reimburse him and he would still get his stew. He would tell my grandmother "Nellie, Pauline has you beat on making Beef Stew". My grandmother was a notoriously good cook. My mother was very fond of him. He died in 1950, so I barely remember him but, I do have several pictures of him and his siblings.

#### **DUMAS, LUTHER JAMES**

Luther was the son of William Andrew and Nancy Ellen Simmons Dumas. He was born on Jun 20, 1899 in Alabama. He married Bertha Jane Chamblee, daughter of James Elgin & Samantha Taylor Chamblee, Feb. 14, 1917 in Jeff. Co. They had 5 children, 3 daughters & 2 sons. Luther was a farmer all his life. He had a great sense of humor and was always laughing and making people laugh. He died on Nov 18, 1972.

#### **DUMAS, BERTHA JANE CHAMBLEE**

Bertha was born on Jun 16, 1897- died Oct 14, 1984 to James Elgin & Samantha Taylor Chamblee. She married Luther James Dumas on Feb. 14, 1914 in Jefferson County.

#### **DUMAS, WILLIAM ARTHUR**

Arthur was the son of Luther and Bertha Dumas. He was born on May 29, 1919 – died June 15, 2002, he married Nellie Sue Caffee on Feb 1, 1941 in Jeff. Co. They were the parents of 7 children. He lived his entire life in Jeff. Co. He was interested in his family heritage to the extent that he traveled to Texas and erected tombstones on the graves of his grandmother Dumas and several other family members who are buried there.

#### **DUMAS, NELLIE SUE CAFFIE**

Nellie was born Feb 15, 1925 in Alabama to Ike Newton & Mattie Caffee. She married on Feb 1, 1941 to Wm. Arthur Dumas.

#### **DUMAS, ODES ANDREW**

He was born Oct 4, 1905- died Jan 12, 1962, the son of William Andrew and Nancy Ellen Simmons Dumas. He married on May 18, 1929 in St. Clair County to Tressie Beatrice Layfield, daughter of T. J.

& Dollie Hathcock Layfield.

**WEGER, NELLIE DUMAS GRIFFIN TAYLOR**

Nellie was born on Mar 12, 1891 in Alabama to William Andrew and Nancy Ellen Simmons Dumas. She married in Hill County, Texas on Sep 17, 1910 to William Carl Griffin. They moved to Alabama by 1914 where 2 sons were born. Carl died on July 1, 1916 of Typhoid. Nellie remarried on Apr 18, 1918 to Robert E. Lee Taylor and they lived on a farm that is now called Taylor Shop Rd. Lee as he was called was a blacksmith and had a home and a blacksmith shop on that road, he also worked for the railroad. My mother Pauline Taylor Washington was born to them on July 13, 1919. He died on Oct 21, 1927. He is remembered by my mother as a very kind man. Nellie married again in 1931 to Earl Weger. She died on Dec 12, 1974 in St. Clair County.