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MORGAN RESIDENT OBSERVES BIRTHDAY

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Mrs. Elizabeth Jane Myers Celebrates 91st Anniversary Friday

Mrs. Elizabeth Jane Myers of near Murrayville yesterday observed her 91st birthday anniversary. Mrs. Myers, who makes her home with a daughter, Mrs. Irvin Cain, east of Murrayville is enjoying good health.

Mrs. Myers was born Feb. 24, 1848, near Nashville, Tenn., the eldest of a family of seven children. When one year of age she came with her parents in a covered wagon to Illinois and settled one and one-half miles south of Waverly.

After a few years the parents decided to try Missouri, so in 1855 they hitched to their covered wagon and moved to Macon County, Mo. At the outbreak of war they came back to Illinois. Altho natives of Tennessee they were opposed to slavery.

She has always lived on a farm and says she has plowed corn many a day with a yoke of oxen with their only harness an ox yoke.

One brother, Lee Dennis, of East Beecher Avenue, Jacksonville, and one sister Mrs. Will Samples of Waverly are still living.

Mrs. Myers is the mother of eleven children, six of whom are living. Thirty-six grandchildren and thirty-nine great grandchildren.

Two granddaughters, Mrs. Harry Bridges and Mrs. Everett Brogdon reside in this city.

[Newspaper article from unknown source. From the days mentioned, the paper would have been printed 25 February 1939. Elizabeth Jane Dennis was married in 1865 to Simpson Whitlock (three sons), in 1875 to Charles Wood four daughters), and 7 Oct 1886 to Michael Washburn Myers (four daughters). Elizabeth Jane (Dennis) Whitlock Wood Myers was my great great grandmother.]

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Submitted by Robert W. Ridenour

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Many of her children are buried in Youngblood and one is in Murrayville Cem. I've not looked at anything recent on this family. I know of 8 of the children, though the 1910 census does state 11 children born with 8 living at that time.

William J Whitlock ; Charles Henry Whitlock (, married twice, buried Youngblood); Edwin Whitlock; Bertha Wood (married J A Simpson Myers and buried Youngblood); Carrie Lee Wood (married Britenstine and later Miner, buried Youngblood) ; Gracie May Myers (married Irvin Cain buried Youngblood); Jessie E Myers (married Perry Dickerson, buried Murrayville) and Tabitha B Myers (married Claude Starner, buried Youngblood).

Rhonda

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Subject:
Re: Samuel Simpson Whitlock
From:
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Thu, 26 Jan 2006 08:32:10 -0600
To:
"Whitlock" <whitlock@bcegg.com>

Hello Peter,

Yes, Elizabeth did make it to an old age, but not 100, she she about 91 when she died. She was the daughter of William G Dennis and Elizabeth Arnett and she was born 1848.

I'll send you a link to help you out

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~ilmaga/index.html>

this takes you to Morgan Area Genealogy which is a site for Morgan Co IL research that Shirley put up. Excellent site

when there , under the little search box then the "What's New" , scroll a tad to the link the says "Newspaper Articles of Genealogical Interest". Inside this link is the 91st birthday announcement for Elizabeth Jane

then next come out and under "Cemetery Records " on the left hand side of main page, click and scroll down to Youngblood Cemetery. Elizabeth is buried here as Myers and Shirley has a link to a photo of Elizabeth's tombstone and (click on her name) and then also click the little 'obit' link at the end of her name. It's a small obit for Elizabeth

then if you come back out and use the link for "IL State Archives Marriage Database" you can use it to find her marriages records. If the link does not let you view (which it does not sometimes) come back out and instead click "Family Web Pages and Helpful links" and click it. Then you'll find another link to the marriage records which does work all the time. "It's "Illinois Statewide Marriage Index to 1900" takes you to same place, this is just the backdoor link

1st marriage record is under Whitlock, Samuel S and Dennis Elizabeth J on 25 Aug 1865 in volume C page 22 # 880 in Morgan Co IL

2nd record is under Wood, Charles L to Dennis Elizabeth 25 Aug 1874 volume 005/page 0011 in Sangamon Co IL

3rd record is under Myers, Michael W to Wood, Elizabeth Jane Mrs on 7 Oct 1886

volume C page 208 # 3835 in Morgan Co IL

You can find little Elizabeth on the 1850 as 2 yrs old with her mom and dad there in Morgan Co IL (Shirley has transcriptions of this census online on main page)

Then you will find the family next in 1860 in Carroll Co Missouri. As her birthday announcement stated they traveled out to Missouri for a while. There were several families that did so , several Dennis and Gunnels families appear to have went together

Then by 1870 you can find the family back in Morgan Co and you can see this census also on Shirley's transcriptions online.

By 1880 yes, they are in Macoupin Co IL, Elizabeth is living with 2nd husband Charley Wood and also there in Macoupin Co is her father. William G Dennis is living as a widower now and has the last of Elizabeth's siblings still at home with him (William L and Nancy)

By 1900 census Elizabeth is in Morgan Co IL with 3rd husband Michael Myers

While you are in Shirley's cemetery record sections, you can also look at Rogers Cemetery. This is where Elizabeth Jane's father William G Dennis is buried and there is I think a photo but I know there is a tiny obit there for him.

IF you have any problems feel free to just ask me again. Or you can click the email on the main page there in MAGA (Morgan Area Genealogy Association) and ask Shirley. She is a real sweetheart, works very hard on items for her site and enjoys trying to help people find there Morgan Co families.

Good luck and happy searching

Rhonda Deatherage
of the Morgan Co Deatherage Family