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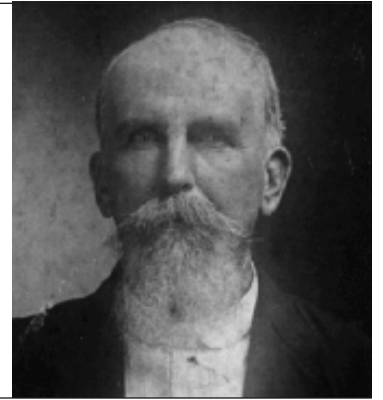
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THE FAMILY OF FRANCIS MARION SHAW



Formal portrait of Ida Jane Shaw Parrish and W. Bartow Parrish

IDA JANE SHAW 1868-1921

This issue of the newsletter features the second child and first daughter of Francis Marion and Rachel Shaw. She was born 19 June, 1868 and was given the name Ida Jane. No immediate relatives had that name, though she may have been named after distant cousins. She probably attended school at Pine Grove or King's Chapel. Pine Grove was closer, but may not have been established until later in her educational career. She married W. Bartow Parrish on 29 June, 1884, shortly after her sixteenth birthday. Bartow was almost twenty-three years old.

They started their family almost immediately, with their first child, Essie

Daisy, being born 22 June, 1885. Their second child and first-born son was born in September of 1887, and was given the name Junus. But one of several family tragedies occurred two months later in November 1887 when the infant died.

W. Bartow Parrish, son of Mathew A. and Sarah Giddens Parrish, was a farmer, as were most in the rural community. In February 1888 Francis Marion deeded to Ida Jane 100 acres of his land in section 500 of the 10th district adjacent to the Possum Branch which drains into Cat Creek. Then in May of 1895 Bartow purchased 14 acres of land from G. E. Swindle in section 501, also adjacent to Possum Branch. On these two pieces of land, Bartow and Ida Jane established their farm and home.

On 7 October, 1888, the Parrish family increased with the birth of their second daughter, Lessie Lenora. Then on 27 December, 1889, Leon Lacy (*continued on page 2*)

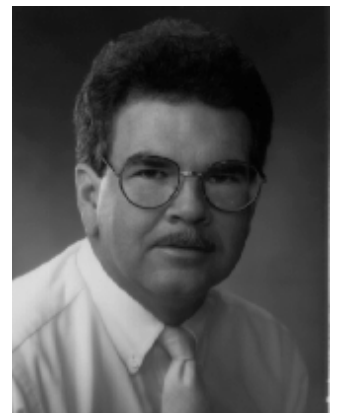
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Historical contributions are requested. Your family histories including character traits, religious affiliations, professional pursuits and vital information such as birth dates and places, marriage dates and places, and death dates and places, are all welcome. Photographs help make the newsletter come alive. If you have some special photos of your ancestors which you would like to share with all of the family, please make a copy print of it and send it on to the address below. Do not send the original photo unless you have no desire to have it returned. Send your non-returnable manuscripts and photo submissions to:

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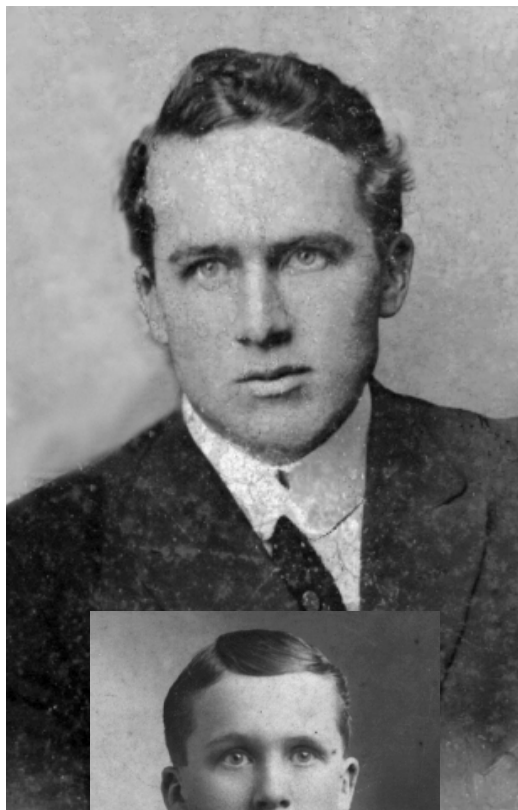
THE DAUGHTERS

In these two portraits of the Parrish daughters, Essie Daisy, left, and Lessie Lenora, right, the fair qualities that they inherited from their parents are quite evident. The likeness of the two sisters is strikingly similar.

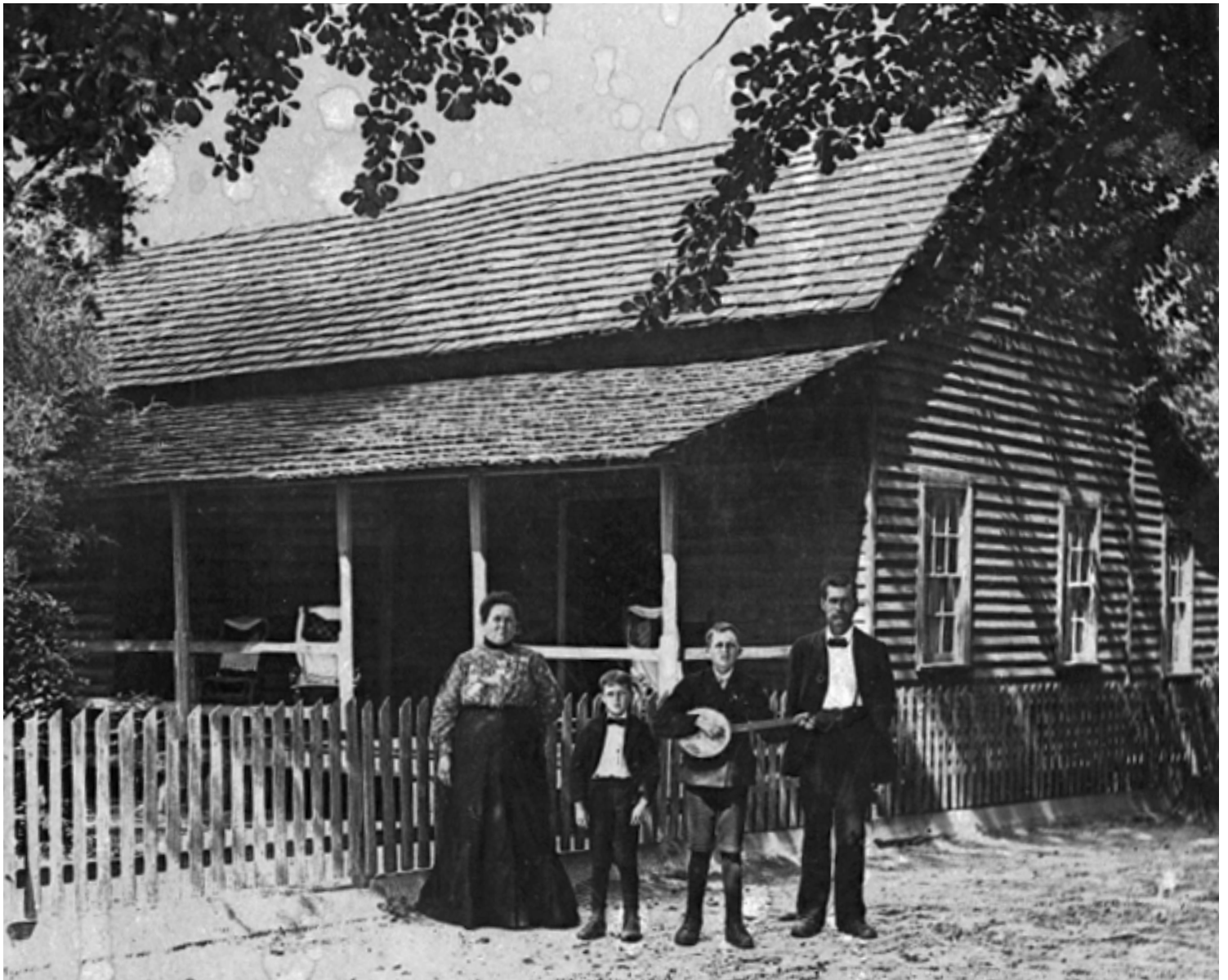


THE SURVIVING SONS

Though Ida Jane and W. Bartow Parrish were blessed with a large family of seven children, only four survived their early childhood. And of the five boys only two survived, Leon Lacy, left, and Marion Guy, right.



As a special tribute to their parents and to their descendants, the adolescent images of Leon and Guy were preserved so that we can appreciate the contrast represented here. It reinforces, once again, how important it is for families to gather together their ancestral documentation and copy and preserve it for their own posterity.



was born. Then on 19 February, 1892, their third son, Royce was born. However, once again, on 12 June, 1893, they lost a son in relative infancy. Royce died, probably of one of many childhood diseases that were so prevalent at the turn of the century.

But though the loss was tragic, it was followed soon thereafter with the birth of their fourth son, Connie, on 10 September, 1893. There must have been great hope that their pain was behind them. But it wasn't so. Connie also fell ill and died on 31 May, 1895. His death came once more while Ida Jane was pregnant. Three months later her last child, Guy Marion was born, on 2 September, 1895. He would survive to maturity.

Through the trials and hardships of losing almost half of her family in infancy, and having their home burned to the ground in a sudden house fire, Ida Jane remained a strong and compassionate woman.

She and Bartow were Primitive Baptists, belonging to the Pleasant Church. They practiced Christian values and behavior towards family and neighbors.

But life was hard on Ida Jane. She suffered a great loss when her mother Rachel died in April of 1921. And she finally fell ill herself and died on 18 August, 1921. She was the second child of Francis Marion and Rachel to pass away. Her brother Chester had died in 1912.

After Ida Jane's death, Bartow moved in with his daughter and son-in-law, Essie and Lyman Giddens. He lived with them until his death on 2 September, 1925. He was buried by the side of Ida Jane in the Pleasant Cemetery in New Lois.

Though their family was diminished in size through the grace of God, the posterity that followed through their surviving children has increased in great numbers and must be a wonderful joy to them. —BLS

Perhaps there is no other image that captures the life and spirit of a family than a portrait taken in front of their home with musical instruments in their arms. This photo of the Parrish family, probably after the daughters had left home, shows Leon (holding the banjo) and Guy standing between Ida Jane and Bartow in front of their first farm home. Their farm was adjacent to Ida Jane's brother "Dock" Shaw's farm.

The home pictured above was destroyed by fire. It was replaced by another home built closer to the highway. But it too was destroyed by fire.

**BITS AND PIECES FROM
THE EDITOR—**

As I put the finishing touches on each issue of the Francis Marion Shaw Newsletter, I always wonder if there will be enough information to fill the next one. I still have more details and photographs to gather for the Effie C. Shaw Clements and the Lacy Lester Shaw issues. But just as I start to get nervous about the lack of information, along comes another little tidbit from a contributor that just cries out to be shared with you all. Such was the case as I completed this newsletter (which was created from information compiled by Ida Lou Giddens Fletcher).

I have visited Judge John Pat Webb on each of my trips to Berrien County, and besides enjoying Judge Webb's wonderful wisdom and sense of humor, I have always found a clue or detail that has led me to a source of information in the Shaw family research. This past holiday season Judge Webb shared with me some of the estate papers of Francis Marion Shaw. There was a wealth of fascinating information in the documents and I will try to share some of it with you in one of the next newsletters. My thanks go out to Judge Webb for his thoughtfulness and contribution to the family of Francis Marion Shaw.

2nd Annual Reunion Scheduled

The date for the 2nd Annual Reunion of the Family of Francis Marion Shaw has been set, and the facilities reserved. The reunion will be held on Sunday, August 6, 1995 at the Ray City Senior Citizen's Center. This is the same place that the first reunion was held. We tried to get the center on the last weekend of July each year but it was already spoken for. So the first Sunday of August will be our gathering date.

More details will be coming in the next few months, but make your plans now to attend this special event. And be sure to put together your own family information sheets and photos so we can add to the family chart that was started last year.

—BLS

FAMILY GROUP SHEET

FRANCIS MARION SHAW / Farmer
Born: 5 January 1846, Lowndes County, Ga
Died: 1 January 1922, Ray City, Berrien, Ga

Married: 1866
Buried: Pleasant Cemetery, near New Lois, Berrien, Ga

RACHEL MOORE ALLEN SHAW
Born: 1 December 1835, place unknown
Died: 15 April 1921, Ray City, Berrien, Ga

First marriage to Barzilla Allen
Buried: Pleasant Cemetery, near New Lois, Berrien, Ga

CHILDREN

Francis Arthur Shaw 1866-1933
Ida Jane Shaw 1868-1921
Jesse Shelby "Dock" Shaw 1869-1941

Effie Cordelia Shaw 1871-1932
Lacy Lester Shaw 1873-1944
Chester David Shaw 1875-1912

FAMILY GROUP SHEET

IDA JANE SHAW / Housewife
Born: 19 June 1868, Ray City, Berrien, Ga
Died: 18 August 1921, Ray City, Berrien, Ga

Buried: Pleasant Cemetery, near New Lois, Berrien, Ga

SPOUSE

W. BARTOW PARRISH / Farmer
Born: 8 August 1861, Berrien, Ga
Died: 2 September 1925, Ray City, Berrien, Ga

Married: 29 June 1884
Buried: Pleasant Cemetery, near New Lois, Berrien, Ga

CHILDREN

Essie Daisy Parrish
Born: 22 June 1885, Lois, Berrien, Ga
Died: 17 July 1963

SPOUSES

Lyman Franklin Giddens Married: 29 January 1902
Born: 7 August 1876, Berrien, Ga
Died: 11 August 1963

Junus Parrish
Born: September 1887, Lois, Berrien, Ga
Died: November 1887, Lois, Berrien, Ga

Lessie Lenora Parrish
Born: 7 October 1888, Berrien, Ga
Died: 11 December 1966

Lucious Butler Gaskins Married: 21 February 1904
Born: 17 January 1880, Berrien, Ga
Died: 13 April 1934

Leon Lacy Parrish
Born: 27 December 1889, Berrien, Ga
Died: 13 June 1924

Cora Bell Allen Married: 1 June 1913
Born: 16 July 1895
Died: 27 December 1928

Royce Parrish
Born: 19 February 1892, Lois, Berrien, Ga
Died: 12 June 1893, Lois, Berrien, Ga

Connie Parrish
Born: 10 September 1893, Lois, Berrien, Ga
Died: 31 May 1895, Lois, Berrien, Ga

Guy Marion Parrish
Born: 2 September 1895, Lois, Berrien, Ga
Died: 4 September 1953

Carrie Mathis Married: 3 September 1913