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business with William J. Keenan. Major McLure was a farmer, and a warden in the Episcopal Church. He was Senior Warden at the time of his death, Major McLure married Jane Poulton, July the twenty-seventh, 1852. She was the daughter of George Poulton and Mary Allen Poulton. Major McLure and his wife had nine children, six boys and three girls.

James Stringfellow McLure was born June first, 1866, at "Oak Hall" and died January the eleventh, 1945, and is buried in the Episcopal Church cemetery. He attended Porter Military Academy. He engaged in the mercantile business with his father in Union, S.C. He was married to Estelle Diffenduffer of Baltimore, Md., September the ninth, 1890. She was the daughter of Charles Diffenduffer. She died September the tenth, 1893, at the age of twenty-four.

Major McLure's son John William McLure was a civil engineer and constructed bridges for the Southern Rail Road all over the eastern part of the United States. He married Katherine Dorsey in Baltimore, Maryland. They had two children Katherine who died when young, and John William who resides in Union, with his family.

— Mrs. E.D. Whaley, Sr.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN MABRY 428

Benjamin Franklin Mabry, known as Ben, son of Frank and Julia Cook Mabry, (See The John Cook Family.) was born September 7, 1847 and died April 30, 1925. He lived near Grindal Shoals as a boy and, after marriage, in the Elford Grove community east of Jonesville, South Carolina, known as "Mill Hills" because of a grist mill there.

Ben was married three times; first, to Rameth Page, daughter of Richard and Rhoda Page (See The Richard Page Family.), who lived near Flat Rock Methodist Church, Kelton, South Carolina. Rameth was born August 5,

1854 and died in childbirth when she was only nineteen. Their children were; Rhoda R. Mabry, born July 15, 1870, married William Alan Tweed, died January 12, 1952; and Richard Vernon Mabry, born February 4, 1874, married Ida Permelia Lawson, (See The William Lawson Family.), died January 21, 1941. Ben and Rameth were members of Flat Rock Methodist Church. Rameth and her parents were buried in the Flat Rock Church cemetery.

After Rameth's death Ben married Sallie E. Smith, born about 1851. It is believed that she died about 1881. She is buried at New Hope Methodist Church near Jonesville, S.C., but there is no marker at her grave site. They had two children: Minnie E. Mabry, born 1876, married J. Lemuel Wyatt, died 1908; and George Wallace Mabry, born 1877, married twice, died 1955.

Now a widower with four small children, Ben soon married Josephine Foster who was also a member of Flat Rock Methodist Church. . . Later she and Ben became members of Gilead Baptist Church near Jonesville, S.C., where they are buried. Josephine was born October 27, 1860 and died November 25, 1935, living ten years after the death of Ben on April 30, 1925. They had nine children: Florence Mabry, born 1882, married Luther L. Vaughan, died 1974; Howard Mabry, born 1885, married Elizabeth Talley, died 1946; Ola Mabry, born 1888, married Samuel S. Gallman, died 1959; Robert N. Mabry, born 1890, married, first, Mamie Gallman and, second, Pearl Lybrand, died 1952; Guy G. Mabry, born 1894, married Mae Long, died 1953; Melle Mabry, born 1896, married Joe Zsmenyak, died 1945; Lois Mabry, married Ross Fowler; Gladys Mabry, married Cortez C. Coleman; and Wilma Mabry, married Frank Ponder.

In 1897 Benjamin Franklin Mabry purchased a tract of land just south of the Union-Spartanburg county line near Pacolet on the east side of Highway 176 and the Southern Railway. Here Lois and her husband, Ross Fowler, now live.

— Leon L. Mabry

THE JAMES MABRY FAMILY 429

After his father's death in 1771 in Rowan County, North Carolina, James Mabry migrated to Union County, South Carolina, purchasing land on both sides of Pacolet River near Grindal Shoals.

James Mabry was descended from Francis Mabry who was born about 1650 in Henrico County, Virginia, and died in Surry County, Virginia, in June 1712. On September 1, 1685 he married Elizabeth Gilliam in Henrico County, her third marriage. She was born in Henrico County about 1650 and died in Surry County in 1714.

Prior to 1600 Thomas Henshaw was born in England, came to America, and was living in Surry County, Virginia, in 1632. Thomas Henshaw had a daughter. Maroerv Henshaw who

Captain John Gilliam was born in England in 1614 and died in Henrico County, Virginia, about 1678. He sailed from England on *The George* August 21, 1635. He was a boat builder and served in defense of the colonies on the James River. He married Margery Henshaw and they had at least three children: John Gilliam, Henshaw Gilliam, and Elizabeth Gilliam who married Francis Mabry.

Francis and Elizabeth Gilliam Mabry were the parents of seven children: George Mabry, Ann Mabry Peoples, Mary Mabry Fox, Francis Mabry, Judith Mabry, Hinshia Mabry, and Daniel Mabry.

George Mabry was born in Virginia and died in Rowan County, North Carolina, in 1771. His will lists the following heirs: wife, Martha, and children, John Mabry, Isaac Mabry, James Mabry, Lusa Mabry, Susannah Mabry Jackson, Burtha Mabry Cartor, Sarah Mabry Williams, Martha Mabry Worde (Woods), and Frania Mabry Ellis.

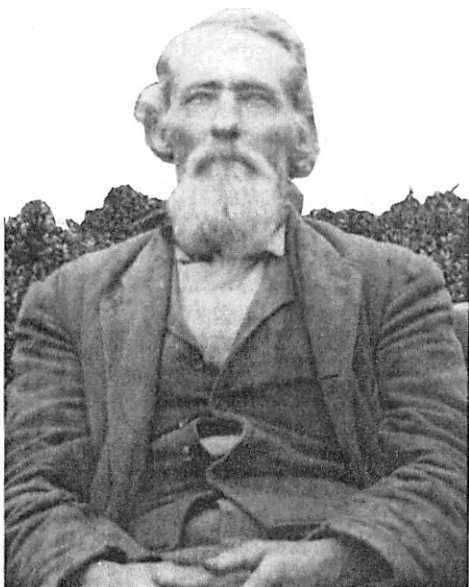
After settling in Union County, South Carolina, James Mabry served during the Revolution in Brandon's Regiment. On June 15, 1786 he was paid for "Militia duty in Brandon's Regiment before and since the fall of Charleston".

In March 1805 James Mabry died leaving a wife, Hannah, formerly the widow Briggs, and several children. In Hannah's petition for appointment of a Guardian for four minor children she names them as Thomas, Susannah, Jamima, and Louisa. Another legatee in the estate papers is Jesse Mabry. One document shows nine legatees but they are not named. Union County records between 1800 and 1819 show numerous real estate transfer deeds for Benjamin, James, Jesse, John, William, and Zachariah Mabry, but family relationships are not known. It is assumed that Hannah was the mother of the minor children in her petition.

By 1820 Thomas Mabry, son of James Mabry, was head of his household. The 1850 Union County census shows him as a farmer fifty-seven years old with wife, Zillah, fifty-five, and two daughters, Larissa and Elizabeth. Son Franklin had already established his own household.

The 1850 Union County census lists Franklin Mabry (also called Frank or Francis) as a farmer, age 26, with wife, Julia, age 23, living in that portion of Union County which in 1898 became a part of Cherokee County. Francis Mabry was married twice; first, to Julia Cook who was born in 1827 and died April 24, 1867. She is buried at Corinth Baptist Church near Gaffney in Cherokee County. They had the following children: Caroline, born 1845, died 1902; Benjamin Franklin, born 1847, died 1925; Junius Z., born 1849, died 1866; William, born 1852; John, born 1853; Sarah Adine, called Addie, born 1854, died 1921; Joseph, born 1858; Emily, born 1859; James B., born 1866, died 1867.

After the death of Julia Cook Mabry in 1867, Frank Mabry married Missouri Kennett who was born in 1829. They had three children: Armintie, born 1869; Permelia, born 1869.



LEON LAWSON MABRY AND MANNIE LEE EDWARDS MABRY

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One bright sunny day, October 25, 1932, Leon Lawson Mabry and Mannie Lee Edwards eloped and were married in Union, S.C., lived in High Point, N.C. for about six months, and returned to Union to establish their home.

Both are descended from Union County pioneers; he from James Mabry, William Lawson, John Cook, Joseph Alman, James Foster, Joshua Foster, Christopher Lemuel Vaughan, Richard Page, Samuel Smith and others; she from Reps Edwards, James Woodson, Jonathan Peek, Charles Humphries, Charner Adams, John Cook, James Foster, Joshua Foster, Samuel Smith, Rev. Elias Mitchell, and others, all of whom immigrated to Union County prior to or soon after the Revolution.

Leon, son of Richard Vernon Mabry and Ida Lawson Mabry, was born February 7, 1910 at Jonesville, S.C., moved with his family to Spartanburg, S.C. when he was ten, and to High Point, N.C. as a teenager. He attended schools in Jonesville and Spartanburg.

Mannie Lee, daughter of George Douglas Edwards and Lillie Blanche Adams Edwards, was born March 13, 1912 at the home of her grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. J.C. Edwards, about two miles south of Union. She graduated from Union High School in 1928 and from Winthrop College, Rock Hill, S.C., in 1932, expecting to become a teacher. But the Great Depression changed those plans. There were no teaching positions open for those with no experience. When her mother went with her to apply at one school, her mother, with many years' experience, was hired instead of Mannie Lee.

For many years Leon was employed at the Union Post Office as letter carrier and clerk. After the birth of their son, Mannie Lee was hired by the Administrator of the office of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration to "be the calculator", not to operate a calculator. There was only one calculator in the office, manually operated, not electric. Because of her major in mathematics she was considered capable to perform the calculations. From this humble beginning she progressed to chief clerk.

Both were active as leaders of youth activities at First Baptist Church where they were members. Mannie Lee also taught a Sunday School class of adult women.

As a young man, Leon became a member of the Masonic Order in Union, later becoming a Charter member of the Araba Shrine Temple in Fort Myers, Florida.

During World War II Leon volunteered for service in the U.S. Navy. He was assigned to a Seabee battalion as mail clerk 1942-1945.

partment at Monarch Mills in Union.

In 1953 they moved to Fort Myers, Florida, where Leon owned and operated a *wholesale* florist business and, later, served as Captain of Lee County Toll Facilities until his retirement. Mannie Lee was Supervisor of Accounting at Lee County Bank. Both were active in various positions at the First Baptist Church, Fort Myers, and churches on the islands nearby. They kept recreation vehicles and enjoyed the sun and surf, boating and fishing. Since retirement they have returned to Union, have enjoyed traveling, and have done some genealogical research as a hobby.

Their son, Bobby Lee Mabry, was born August 12, 1933 in Union, S.C.. He was graduated from Union High School in 1951, and attended Clemson University, withdrawing to volunteer for service in the U.S. Navy during the Korean conflict. He served as an Electronic Technician in the Pacific area for four years, 1952-1956. He has not married. Since then his civilian work has taken him to South Korea, the Pacific Islands, and throughout the United States.

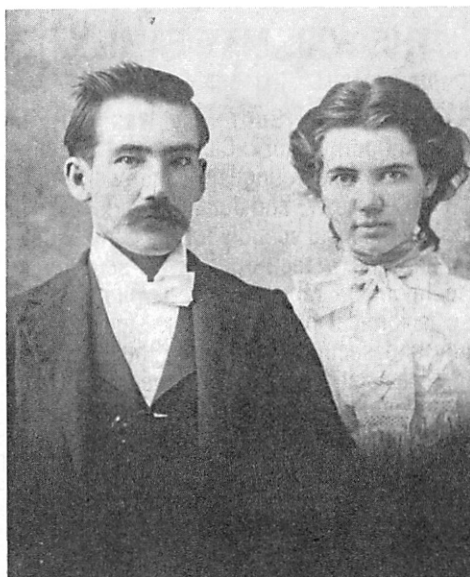
— Mannie Lee Edwards Mabry

RICHARD VERNON MABRY

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Richard Vernon Mabry, son of Benjamin Franklin and Rameth Page Mabry, was born in the Elford Grove community east of Jonesville, South Carolina, February 4, 1874 at which time his mother died. He attended Elford Grove school, and in early adulthood left the farm and worked as a merchant in Jonesville.

On May 1, 1900 he married Ida Permelia Lawson, daughter of Christopher Columbus Lawson and his first wife, Malinda Jane Alman Lawson. Ida was born May 1, 1880 at the Alman home at the Bald Rock near Adamsburg, S.C., but at an early age she moved with her parents to their new home west of Jonesville.



Richard Vernon Mabry and Ida Lawson Mabry.

married, living at Burlington, North Carolina, in 1981; Leon Lawson Mabry, born 1910, married Mannie Lee Edwards, living in Union, S.C. in 1981; Ralph Victor Mabry, born 1912, married Ruby Irene Carroll (1913-1976), living at Burlington, N.C. in 1981; Agatha Mabry, born 1915, married Clarence Gray Southern, Charles F. Brown, James Walter Moran, and William Bryan Lambeth, all four deceased, living at High Point, N.C. in 1981; Karl Mabry, born and died 1920, buried at Gilead Baptist Church, Union County; Jane Rosita Mabry, born 1923, married Hugh D. Dobbs, living at Cedartown, Georgia, in 1981.

For a short time Vernon, Ida, their oldest child Marion, and Ida's sister, Annie Lawson, lived at Excelsior Knitting Mill in Union where Vernon and Annie were employed. On May 25, 1902, a cyclone (tornado) struck the area destroying their home, killing Annie, and injuring the others. They returned to Jonesville and built a store and a home where they lived until 1920. Then they moved to Drayton Mill in Spartanburg, S.C. where Vernon was associated with the company store. In 1926 the family moved to High Point, N.C. where Vernon operated the canteen at a textile mill until the Great Depression of the 1930's ended his career.

Vernon died at the home of his son, Leon Lawson Mabry, in Union, S.C. January 21, 1941. He was buried at Bethlehem Methodist Church cemetery in Union County. Ida divided her time among her children and died at the home of a son in Burlington, N.C. on July 31, 1962. She is buried beside her husband at Bethlehem Church.

Vernon was a small man with very dark hair and eyes; Ida was blonde with blue eyes. Vernon always wore a mustache. They were considered a very handsome couple. In disposition, they were mild mannered and easy to live with, making them welcome in the homes of their children.

— Leon Lawson Mabry

THEODORE MADDUX, M.D.

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Dr. Theodore Maddux was born in Clark County, Georgia, August 24, 1874, and was a son of Rubin C. and Dolyska (Trout) Maddux, both of whom were natives of Jackson County, Georgia.

Dr. Maddux secured his elementary and secondary academic instruction in the schools of Gainesville and Athens, Georgia, then entered Emory University, from which, in 1902, he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine. He came at once to Union. Though his practice was a general one, he was of prominence as specialist in surgery.

Dr. Maddux served on the Mexican border in 1916-17 and was commissioned a first lieutenant in the Medical Corps, United States Army. For five months he was an instructor at Camp Greenleaf, Georgia, then was assigned