

Historical Sketches, TN, Hardeman, DEMING

FISHER AND ELIZABETH DEMING

The pioneer ancestor of the Hardeman County **DEMING** family was **FISHER A. DEMING** born 9 October 1789 in Southington, Connecticut to **SELAH** (1762-1805) and **LOVINA CURTISS DEMING**. **SELAH** served in the Revolutionary War. **FISHER A.** married **ELIZABETH ALSTON JONES**, daughter of **JAMES** and **REBECCA KIRBY JONES** 6 October 1818 in Chatham County, North Carolina. They migrated to Hardeman County in 1839 and settled in the northern part of the county. **FISHER** died 19 September 1844. Their children were **SARAH MERRICK**; **JAMES WINCHESTER** (paragraph below); **CHARLES WESLEY** married **HARRIET RUFFIN**; **WILEY JONES** married **HARRIET JONES**; **HENRY ALDEN** married first, **NANCY SAVAGE**. second, **FANNIE FAWCETT HORNSBY**, third, **MATTIE RICHERSON**.

WINCHESTER DEMING born 11 December 1823 in Chatham County, North Carolina and died 28 October 1902 in Hardeman County. He married first, (23 December 1845) **NANCY JONES**, daughter of **THORNTON** and **NANCY MCKERLEY JONES**. **NANCY** (13 June 1830 - 20 June 1859). **WINCHESTER** married second, (3 February 1860) **MARY CATHERINE BRADFORD**, (15 November 1841) daughter of **WILLIAM** and **MATILDA WILEY BRADFORD**. He served as sheriff of Hardeman County from 6 October 1856-2 January 1860; as a Justice of the Peace and a Tax Collector. His estate was decimated during the Civil War. He presided at the dedication ceremony for the memorial to the Confederate soldiers of the county erected on the courthouse lawn. Among those soldiers were his brother, **WILEY JONES** of the 22nd. Tennessee Volunteer Regiment; **HENRY ALDEN** of **CHEATHAM's** Division and his son, **MADISON MONROE** serving in the 18th. Tennessee Cavalry with General **NATHAN BRADFORD FORREST**. They had the following children: **MADISON MONROE*** (October 1846 - February 1936); **WILLIAM THORNTON** (25 January 1849) married **DUANCE ROOK**; * **SARAH CAROLINE** (25 December 1850 - 1 April 1872); **COLUMBUS FISHER** (17 August 1852 - 23 December 1870); **JAMES HENRY** (14 May 1854); **OIVA** (1 January 1856 - 17 September 1871); **NANCY AGNES** (8 November 1858).

WINCHESTER and **MARY** had eight children. **CHARLES WINCHESTER** (13 January 1861); **MATILDA ELIZABETH** (13 December 1863); **JOHN WILEY** (22 February 1865); **MARY LAURA** (25 May 1866); **ELIZABETH HARDEMAN** (14 May 1871); **CHARLES NELSON** (14 December 1872); **VIRGINIA DUANCE** (6 May 1876); **MARTHA CLEOPATRA** (18 August 1881).

JAMES WINCHESTER DEMING is buried in Deming Cemetery at Cypress Tank near Ramer. Tennessee **NANCY JONES DEMING** is buried in Deming-Rainey Cemetery. **MARY BRADFORD DEMING** is buried in **DEMING** Cemetery. Ramer, Tennessee. - By **SYLVIA HARRIS**, **CHARLES DEMING** and **ARNOLD R. DEMING**

MADISON AND SUSAN DEMING

MADISON MONROE DEMING was born 4 October 1846 to **JAMES WINCHESTER** and **NANCY JONES DEMING** in Hardeman County, He married 3 November 1865, to **SUSAN FRANCES NAYLOR**, daughter of **GEORGE** and **MARTHA DOSE BARRETT NAYLOR** (16 August 1847). He died February 1936.

MONROE was a farmer and was Justice of the Peace for twelve years. He served in the Confederate Army in the 18th Tennessee Cavalry under Gen. **BEDFORD FORREST**, wounded in Battle of Johnsonville 18 November 1864, captured in Battle of Memphis, but was released due to young age. He reenlisted and served for the remainder of the war under Gen. **FORREST**. The story is told that he had a new Confederate cap when captured at Memphis. His captors took his new cap and gave him an old one which made him so mad, he decided to re-enlist when released.

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He donated the land for a church on the western edge of Chickasaw State Park two miles south of Highway 1001 11 was called Antioch Church of Christ. He served as an elder and preacher of the church before it was moved to the Hearn Community in 1916.

MADISON MONROE and **SUSAN DEMING** are buried in the Antioch Cemetery near the old church location where he sat in the "Amen Corner" each Sunday Morning.

They had nine children: **JAMES ANDREW** (30 March 1867) married **SATIRRA JANE KERR**; **GEORGE WILLIAM** (27 July 1869) married; **MARTHA ADA** (17 November 1872) married **H. C. MURLEY**; **VERONIA CLINTON** (28 October 1874) married **JOHN WARDEN HARRIS, Sr.**; **SARAH ELLEN** (19 October 1875) married **C. M. MURDAUGH**; **JACKSON MONROE** (6 March 1882) married **AMANDA RICHARDSON**; **NANCY ELIZA** (26 August 1883) married **FARMER HEARN**; **CHARLES WINCHESTER** (26 July 1886) married **SUSIE FREEMAN**; **BEDFORD FORREST** (25 July 1891) married **MADA MILTON**. - By **SYLVIA HARRIS**

ROBERT AND ELIZABETH DEMING

ROBERT LEE DEMING born 25 August 1835 to **WILLIAM THORNTON** and **DUANCE ROOK DEMING** spent his life in Hardeman County engaged in the lumber business. On 21 March 1912 married **ELIZABETH MCWILLIAMS** (7 September 1879-19 June 1957) daughter of **JOSEPH C.** and **SARAH JANE SNEED MCWILLIAMS** of Saulsbury, He died at his home in Bolivar 9 November 1964. They are buried in Union Cemetery, Bolivar.

They were parents of five children, **ROBERT CORNELIUS** (25 January 1913) married **OLIVE VIRGINIA FORD**. Their children were **ROBERT STEPHEN**, **HAZEL VIRGINIA**, **JAMES EDWARD**, **JEFFERSON FORD**, **CAROLYN ROSE**, **PHILLIP MICHAEL**.

WINFRED HERSHELL (20 November 1915-23 March 1969) married **JESSIE JEWELL HOWELL** of Rogersville, Alabama. He was a lifelong Hardemanian where he was a plumber and electrician. Their children were **THOMAS HOWELL** manages Woodlawn Plantation in LaGrange; **FLOYE DIANE WOODS**, postmaster of Hickory Valley.

WILLIAM ELLIS (14 June 1917) married **FRANCES JENNENE HARALSON** of Hickory Valley. He is employed at Armira. Their children are (1) **CHARLES ELLIS** and (2) **DAVID EARL**; both are employed by Harman International Industries: (3) **ANNA CLAUDETTE** married **JERRY ALAN ROSS**. They live in Jackson.

(4) **SARAH VIRGINIA** (24 March 1919) married **HERMAN HOWARD SIPES** of Selmer. Their children are **ROBERT HOWARD**, an electrical contractor, and **ELIZABETH MELINDA**. **MARY FRANCES** is a dental assistant.

BILLY JOE (June 1928-September 1928). - By **CHARLES E. DEMING**

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