

## Lacy Family Biography

Four members of the Lacy family were buried in Mt Olive Cemetery: Sam Lacy, his sister Margaret Minor, his daughter Maud Wallace, and his mother, Nancy Lacy. The first record found on the family was in the 1880 Montgomery County census. Robert and Nancy Lacy and their six children: Sam, age 14, Alice, age 13, Lanarah, age 12, Margaret, age 5, Bettie, age 3, and George, age 4 months, were living in District 9 near Dotsonville. Robert worked as a laborer and Nancy raised the children and kept house. In 1885, Alice married Bob Outlaw and moved to District 21. On May 13, 1884 Sam Lacy married Eliza Lisinby and moved out and established his own household. Two years later, Sam's sister, Bettie, married Henry Davis on April 1, 1896 and moved out as well. Currently no records have been found documenting Robert Lacy's death, but by 1900 all the children seem to have left the parental home.

The 1900 Montgomery County census listed the youngest Lacy, George now 21 living with sister Alice and her husband, Bob Outlaw in District 21. Bob worked as a teamster and George worked as a laborer. Alice and Bob had been married for fifteen years and had one child who died. Sam Lacy was living in District 8 with wife Eliza and two children: Floyda, age 15, and Maude, age 13. Sam was farming and owned his own farm. The following year on May 11, 1901, Sam's eldest daughter married Sam Ogburn.

The 1910 census listed Sam, aged 45, living on Clarksville and York Road in District 8 with Eliza, aged 41, and Maude, aged 22. He was still farming but rented this farm. Maude was listed as a farm laborer which probably meant she was helping Sam with the farm. Sam's sister, Margaret, married Clarkman Minor, and in 1910 they were living at 321 Poston Street in Clarksville with Clarkman's daughters Myrtle, aged 23, and Maude, aged 22. Clarkman, who was 50 years old, was working as the fireman in an ice factory. They rented their house. Clarkman and Margaret had one child who had died. On December 31, 1910, Sam's youngest daughter, Maude married Will Wallace and set up her own household.

1919 was a sad year for the Lacy family. On May 12, 1919, Margaret Lacy Minor died of bronchopneumonia caused by the Spanish Influenza. She was buried in Mt Olive Cemetery two days later by Nace Dixon's Undertaking Company. Then on September 18, 1919, sixty-eight-year-old Nancy Lacy died of acute indigestion caused by an improper diet. She was buried the next day in Mt Olive Cemetery by Nace Dixon's Company.

Sam and Eliza, now empty nesters, had moved to Blooming Grove Creek and Fork in District 9 by the 1920 census. Sam worked as a laborer, and they were renting the house they lived in. Maude and her husband, Will Wallace, also living in District 9 on Yellow Creek Road. Will was farming and they owned the farm with a mortgage. Sam's eldest daughter Floudie, also known as Florida, and her husband, Sam Ogburn, were living in District 8 with daughter, Nina, aged 17, and son Henry, aged 16. Henry was listed as a farm laborer. Sam and Floudie also had another son, Brad, who was not living with them at the time of the 1920 census. Brad Ogborn died on September 25, 1927 of heart failure caused by typhoid fever. He was 17 years old and was buried at Ogburn Chapel near Dotsonville.

Maude's marriage to Will Wallace was unsuccessful because she was living with Sam and Eliza at 115 Glenn Street in Clarksville in the 1930 census. She had resumed using her maiden name, and her marital status is listed as divorced. Sam was working as a garden laborer, and owned their house which was listed with a value of \$1500. Floudie and Sam Ogburn with their son, Sam, aged 17 were still living

and farming in District 8. On July 11, 1939, Sam Lacy died uremic poisoning which occurs as an end product of kidney disease due to the inability of the kidneys to filter toxins out of the urine. He was buried in Mt Olive Cemetery by Winters & Company two days later.

With Sam's death, the 1940 census listed Liza and Maude Lacy living at 1115 Glenn Street. Liza owned the house which was now valued at \$2000. Sam and Floudie Ogburn were still farming in District 8 on York Road. Their farm was listed as having a value of \$250. On June 8, 1947, Maude Lacy died from a Coronary Occlusion, commonly called a heart attack. She was 58 years old and was buried in Mt Olive Cemetery by Foston Funeral Home two days later.

Sam and Floudie Ogburn moved in with Liza Lacy and were listed in the 1950 census living at 522 Glenn Street. Sam's occupation was still listed as a farmer, and the household is listed as earning \$1000. Also listed with them is daughter Nina Tyler who was now widowed. In the 1952 Clarksville City Directory, Sam Ogburn is listed as working at the Blue Moon Café.

Floudie Ogburn died on June 30, 1964 of unknown causes and was buried in Ogburn Chapel Cemetery three days later. Her husband, Sam, died on May 17, 1979 and was probably buried in the same cemetery. A search of Ogburn Chapel Cemetery failed to locate any markers for Floudie or Sam. No record of Eliza Lacy after 1950 has currently been found. When she died and where she was buried is still unknown.

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