

## AVRITT FAMILY RECORD

The following family record was transcribed by Jerry Long, Owensboro, KY in 1997. The listing is from two pages in the possession of James Thomas Rosson (814 cardinal St., Shreveport, LA 71105). Mr. Rosson does not have the original source and does not know from what they were taken. The pages appear to be the record pages out of a bible. Mr. Rosson's grandmother, Lillie Alice Avritt Spencer, was a daughter of Thomas Gay Avritt & Julia Ann Harrison Thornton, and granddaughter of James Avritt & Mary T. Gay. The two pages contained the following:

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#### Grand Parents

James Avritt              born 28 Feb 1810 Marion Co., Ky., died 28 Jun 1886 Owensboro, Ky.

Mary T. Avritt            born   Lincoln Co., Ky., died 28 Apr 1885 Springfield, Mo.

#### children:

Albert                    born 1 Dec 1851 Marion Co., Ky., died 12 Aug 1884 Springfield, Mo.

Thomas Gay              born 26 Dec 1836 Casey Co., Ky.

#### Parents

Thomas Gay Avritt   born 26 Dec 1836 Casey Co., Ky., died 16 Sep 1922,  
                            married Julia Ann Harrison Thornton, 17 Mar 1859

Julia Ann Harrison Thornton born 9 Jun 1836 Lebanon, Ky., died 11 Jul 1920

#### children:

James Henry            born 30 Jan 1860 Anderson Co., Ky., died 21 Nov 1901 Evansville, Ind.,  
                            married Anna Mary Ring, 28 Jun 1886

Anthony Alexander   born 22 Jul 1864 Marion Co., Ky., married Anna J. Berry, 3 Apr 1894 &  
                            Katie B. Johnson, 1 Nov 1910

Jesse Lee               born   25 Sep 1867 Marion Co., Ky., married Henrietta Brooks, 23 Jun  
                            1890

Harry Hobbs           born   19 Oct 1869 Davis [sic] Co., Ky., died 10 Nov 1924 Papulpa, Ok.

marrie Una Jeffers, 28 Apr 1895

Lillie Alice                born 9 Jun 1875 Davis Co., Ky., died 23 Nov 1928, married J. Tom  
Spencer, 17 Mar 1896

Ida Gay                    born 28 Oct 1879 Davis Co., Ky., died 23 Nov 1938?, married Charles  
Franklin Stites, 22 Mar 1899

Anna Bell                born 19 Sep 1883 Davis Co., Ky., married Mark I. Walker, 8 Sep 1915

**Additional notes by Jerry Long, Owensboro, KY:**

James Avritt is listed in the 1840 & 1850 censuses of Marion County, Ky. In the latter, James (age 40), is listed with his wife, Mary T. (35) & their son, Thomas G. (14). James was possibly the son of John Averett, who was enumerated in the 1830 census of Washington County, Ky, and who married Cicy Vaughan in the same county on 29 Dec 1796. James was a teamster and between 1868-1869 moved from Bradfordsville, Marion County, Ky. to Owensboro, Daviess County, Ky. On the death certificate of their son, Thomas Gay, James' wife was listed as Marion T. Gay, born in Lincoln County, Ky. In the 1880 Daviess County, Ky. census James Avritt (age 70) is listed with his wife, Mary (62), their son, Albert J. (26), daughter-in-law, Minnie (20), & grandson, Omar (1).

Thomas G. Avritt was a veteran of the Civil War, in which he sustained a wound in the foot. He worked as a plasterer. The deaths of Thomas & his wife, Julia, occurred in Owensboro, Ky, where they were buried in the Rose Hill Cemetery. Julia Ann Harrison Thornton was the daughter of Harrison Payton Thornton & Elizabeth Chamberlain, who were married in Washington County, Ky. on 3 July 1824. Her father, the son of Thomas Thornton Jr. & Elizabeth Kitchen, was born in Loudoun County, Va. On 15 June 1801 and died 29 May 1882, he was buried in Elmwood Cemetery, at Owensboro, Ky. According to the booklet, "Descendants of Thomas Thornton, of Bradford, England, Loudoun County, VA & Marion Co., KY" [by Joseph E. Thornton, Louisville, Ky., 1990, pp.1 & 22, copy at Daviess County Public Library, Owensboro, Ky, Thornton vertical file], Julia Ann's great-grandfather, "Thomas Thornton came to America about 1755 from Bradford, England. He was a widower with one child, a son named Thomas, age seven. He settled in Loudoun County, Virginia."

Lillie Alice Avritt, daughter of Thomas & Julia, after her marriage to Tom Spencer in Owensboro, Ky. in 1896, moved to East St. Louis, Il. She died in 1928 at Centerville Station, Il. and was buried at the Mt. Hope Cemetery at Bellville, Il. At the home of her daughter, Mrs. James Rosson, in Bellville, IL on 2 Sep 1950 her brother, Anthony (Tony) AVritt died, he was returned to his former home, Owensboro, K, and interred there in the Rose ill Cemetery. Tony Avritt was an inventor and repairman, for many years conducting a repair shop in downtown

Owensboro. A clock made by him is on display in the Kentucky Room of the Daviess County Public Library, Owensboro, Ky. An Article about Tony Avritt's work was published in the newspaper, "Owensboro Messenger", on 16 Jan 1938, and a biography of him appeared in the book, "History of Kentucky: The Blue Grass State" (Vol.IV, The S. J. Clarke Publishing Co., Chicago'-Louisville, 1928, p.138).

Albert J. Averitt, second son of James Avritt & Mary T. Gay, married Minnie Louisa Fuqua, in Daviess County, Ky., on 3 May 1877. After his death she married William T. Rouse, 27 Dec 1885, Daviess County, Ky. Minnie was a first cousin once removed to Kit Carson, the famous Western frontiersman. The daughter of Thomas A. Fuqua & Susan A. Potts, Minnie was born in Daviess County, Ky. on 19 April 1860 and died 12 Nov 1947 at Owensboro, Ky., buried there in Elmwood Cemetery. Two children were born to Albert J. Averitt & Minnie Fuqua - Omar (a son born 23 Sep 1878 & died in Owensboro 13/19 June 1880) and Susan A. (born 10 June 1880 & died in Owensboro 30 Nov 1909, never married), both were buried at Elmwood Cemetery, in Owensboro, Ky.

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