

# Andrew Jackson Rees (1830-1900)

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Dear Ms. Thompson:

We have talked several times at the Owensboro Library, where I work in the Kentucky Room. You so graciously helped me with the Pate family in Meade County; which I again thank you for. Could you please check the Meade County will & marriage records for the Rees/Reese family? I know we genealogists sometimes abuse a good thing, but I would like to either, exchange research time (do some work for you here in Daviess County) or pay you for your time.

If you can, I would like to know the following:

1. Did Andrew J. Rees, who died in Meade County on 21 Aug 1900, or Blancit Marion Reese, who died on 27 Dec 1923, leave a will? If so could I get an abstract of the vital information?
2. Were marriages recorded in Meade County for the following members of the Rees/Reese family?

Andrew J. Rees	-	Rachel Catherine Shacklet	ca	1851
Andrew J. Rees	-	Rachel Barnes	ca	1861
Mary E. Rees	-	?		1870-1880
Blancit Marion Reese	-	Lizzie L.	ca	1881
Lucinda Rees	-	?		1880-1900
Jane Rees	-	?		1880-1900
John Rees	-	Susan Cowley		1880-1891
Julia Rees	-	L. M. Neafus	ca	1886
Sarah Rees	-	?		1880-1900
Frances Judith Reese	-	Stephen Joseph Mills		1899
Willie D. Rees (female)	-	?		after 1900
Katie B. Rees	-	?		after 1900
Carl Marion Reese	-	Emma T. Allen		1905-1917
Thomas E. Reese	-	Frances Frymire		after 1910
Percy R. Reese	-	Katie N.		after 1910

If I can be of any help just drop me a line. Thank you for your time.

Yours truly,  
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Andrew Jackson Rees was born 19 March 1830 Culpeper County, VA and died 21 August 1900. He was buried at the Captain Anderson Cemetery, Meade County, KY. He married three times. He married Rachel Katherine Shacklett, 6 June 1850 Meade County, KY. The daughter of Blancit Shcklet & Rache; Ashworth, she was born 5 February 1829 Meade County, KY and died 24 January 1860; buried Hill Grove Cemetery, Meade County, KY. Andrew J. & Rachel were the parents of:

1. Mary Elizabeth, born 15 July 1852 Meade County, KY; married Charles Marion Wright, 8 January 1874 Meade County, KY; she died 12 December 1936 Jefferson County, KY; buried Captain Anderson Cemetery, Meade County, KY.

2. Blancit Marion Reese, born 14 September 1854 Meade County, KY.
3. Lucinda, born January 1857 Meade County, KY; married George Cooper Dooley, 14 February 1883 Meade County, KY.; she died 30 November 1901 Meade County, KY.

Andrew Jackson Rees married 2<sup>nd</sup> Rachel Barnes, 14 February 1861 Meade County, KY. The daughter of Armstead & Elizabeth Barnes, She was born 28 February 1836 Meade County, KY and died 9 June 1874 Meade County, KY; buried at the Captain Anderson Cemetery, Meade County, KY. Andrew J. & Rachel were the parents of:

1. Jane, born 6 December 1861 Meade County, KY; married Temple Simmons, 15 June 1882 Meade County, KY; she died 28 November 1898 and was buried at the Captain Anderson Cemetery, Meade County, KY.
2. A. John, born 10 February 1863 Meade County, KY; married Susan Cowley, 6 December 1887 Meade County, KY, he died 12 February 1891; buried Sandy Hill Cemetery, Meade County, KY.
3. Julia, born 20 March 1865 Meade County, KY; married Levi Marion Neafus, 16 March 1886 Meade County, KY; she died 31 January 1958; buried at the Captain Anderson Cemetery, Meade County, KY.
4. Sarah E., born January 1867 Meade County, KY; married Thomas Lafayette Lamkin, c1887; she died 13 August 1903; buried St. George Cemetery, Brandenburg, Meade County, KY.

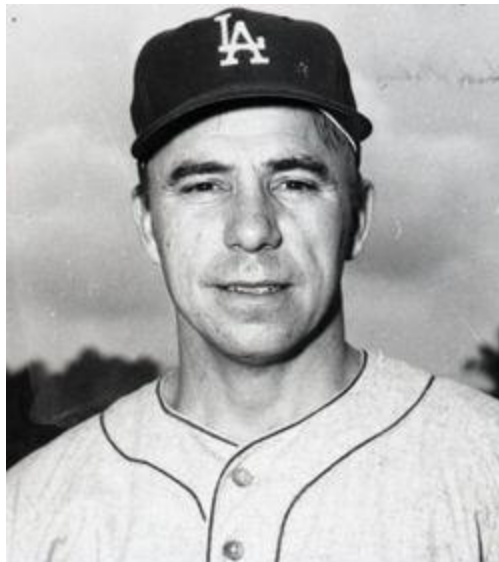
Andrew Jackson Rees married 3<sup>rd</sup> Judith Ann Skillman, 17 December 1874 Breckinridge County, KY. The daughter of Peter Skillman & Frances H. Moorman, she was born 9 August 1840 KY and died 23 May 1907 Meade County, KY; buried at the Captain Anderson Cemetery, Meade County, KY. Andrew J. & Judith were the parents of two children:

1. Frances Judith, born 20 August 1878 Meade County, KY; married Stephen Joseph Mills, 26 December 1899 Meade County, KY; she died 15 July 1951 Louisville, Jefferson County, KY; buried St. Brigid Cemetery, Vine Grove, Hardin County, KY.
2. Daughter born 8 September 1876 Breckinridge County, KY; died 1876-1880.

Blancit Marion Reese, “Blant”, son of Andrew Jackson Rees & Rachel Katherine Shacklet, was born 14 September 1854 Meade County, KY. He married Elizabeth Lee Richardson (28 June 1863 Meade County, KY – 8 January 1924 Meade County, KY, daughter of Daniel Richardson & Mary Frymire), 24 March 1881 Meade County, KY; he died 27 December 1923 Meade County, KY; buried Ekron Baptist Church, Meade County, KY. They had five children:

1. Willie D. (3 January 1881 Meade County, KY – 18 October 1928 Jefferson County, KY, buried St. Louis Cemetery, Louisville, KY), married Jacob Catanzaro
2. Kate Bell (April 1883 – 29 December 1928 Sioux Falls, South Dakota), married George J. Collins, 30 December 1907 Meade County, KY.
3. Carl Marion (18 March 1886 Meade County, KY – 3 December 1938 Louisville, KY, buried Buck Grove Baptist Church, Meade County, KY), married 19 December 1906 Meade County, KY to Emma Thomas Allen (10 August 1888 Meade County, KY – 4 May 1968 Louisville, KY). They had eight children – Pauline, Willie Lee, Elizabeth, Carl Marion Jr., Harold Henry, Emma T., Mary Helen and Lucile. Their son, Harold Henry “Pee Wee” Reese, was born 23 July 1918 Meade County, KY and died 14 August 1999; he was an American professional baseball player; he played in Major League Baseball as a shortstop for the Brooklyn and Los Angeles Dodgers from 1940 to 1958, a ten-time All Star, Reese contributed to seven National League championships for the Dodgers and was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1984.
4. Thomas Emmett (17 April 1889 Meade County, KY – 15 July 1948, buried Ekron Baptist Church, Meade County, KY), married Frances Frymire, 1910-1920.
5. Percy Richardson (24 February 1892 Meade County, KY – 12 November 1940 Meade County, KY, buried Ekron Baptist Church, Meade County, KY), married Katie McCoy, 2 February 1921 Meade County, KY.

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Harold Henry (Pee Wee) Reese  
(1918-1999)

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**Journal Gazette, Fort Wayne, IN, 15 August 1999, p7B:**

### LEGENDARY DODGER PEE WEE REESE DIES

Pee Wee Reese , the Hall of Fame shortstop and Brooklyn Dodgers captain who smoothed Jackie Robinson's path in breaking major league baseball's color barrier, died Saturday. He was 81.

The Los Angeles Dodgers confirmed Reese 's death. It was not immediately known where the Kentucky native died or the cause of death.

Flags at Dodger Stadium were flown at half-staff for Saturday night's game against Atlanta.

Reese , who overcame prostate cancer years ago, underwent radiation treatment for lung cancer in March 1997 after doctors removed a malignant tumor. He also was recovering from a broken hip at the time.

An eight-time All-Star, Reese led the Dodgers to seven National League pennants and helped Brooklyn win its only World Series championship in 1955.

Nicknamed "The Little Colonel," he batted .269 in a career that spanned 1940-58 and included the Dodgers' first year in Los Angeles.

But his offensive career totals -- 126 home runs, 885 RBIs -- did not begin to measure the value of Harold Henry Reese to the Dodgers, or to baseball.

Known for his calm leadership, sure-handed fielding and clutch hits, Reese played a key role in easing Robinson's road into the majors in 1947.

During one particularly tough time when the abuse was getting ugly at Crosley Field in Cincinnati, Reese walked over and put his arm over the rookie's shoulder, a show of unity from a white to a black that spoke volumes.

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**Messenger-Inquirer, Owensboro, KY, 18 August 1999, p7A:**

### Reese showed one person can make a difference

Billy Bob Thornton won an Academy Award in 1996 for his screenplay of "Sling Blade," in which his character chose to retreat from the world for one reason: "It was too big."

It is likely that most of us at times feel that way. One of the great hindrances to getting more citizens involved in finding solutions to the largest issues is that individuals see themselves as too small to make an impact. Poverty, crime and intolerance are being joined these days by health care and youth violence as issues that cause too many Americans to throw up their hands and surrender.

If we need an example of how a single person can make a difference on a massive social problem, look no further than Kentuckian Harold Henry Reese. Most people just called him Pee Wee.

Pee Wee Reese was the leader of the Brooklyn Dodgers, baseball's lovable bums who finally won a World Series in 1955 with Reese at shortstop. He was an eight-time All-Star and inducted into baseball's Hall of Fame, but perhaps Reese's most significant contribution was his kindness and courage.

In 1947, the Dodgers called up a rookie second baseman named Jackie Robinson, the first black man to attempt to play major league baseball. His way had been cleared by the baseball commissioner, the former and future Kentucky governor, A.B. "Happy" Chandler.

America was a much different place in 1947, although some of the negative feelings then about the role blacks should play in society are still prevalent today. Robinson was jeered and threatened unmercifully at ballparks around the country.

One day in Cincinnati, the fans were particularly vehement in their treatment of Robinson. Reese had heard enough. So before the inning began, he walked over to Robinson and put his arm around the rookie.

Reese did not look into the stands and try to draw attention to himself. He knew his gesture would be seen by all. This son of the South, born on a farm before moving to Louisville as a child, was subtly saying to baseball fans and Americans, "This man is all right with me. Why is he not all right with you?"

Baseball historians mark that moment as the turning point when Robinson's transition to the majors became easier. Reese and Robinson spent time together on the road, further allowing fans to see Robinson as a great ballplayer, rather than a black man in a white sport. The rest of the nation would not start seriously dealing with racial issues until a decade after baseball did.

Pee Wee Reese died Saturday at the age of 81. He was called the "Little Colonel" for his leadership on and off the playing field. The battle he helped Robinson fight was as important to this country as any waged on foreign soil.

One man with courage, conviction and compassion took on racism and we all won.