

Descendants of John Hill

Generation No. 1

1. John¹ Hill was born Abt. 1823 in Indiana, and died Unknown. He married Lela Brown. She died Unknown.

Child of John Hill and Lela Brown is:

2. i. Wilburn B.² Hill, b. 04 Oct 1835, IN; d. 04 Apr 1915, Salt Creek Twnshp, Jackson, IN.

Generation No. 2

2. Wilburn B.² Hill (*John*¹) was born 04 Oct 1835 in IN, and died 04 Apr 1915 in Salt Creek Twnshp, Jackson, IN. He married Nancy Jane Lutes 14 Feb 1856 in Jackson Co., IN, daughter of Mary Jane Lutes. She was born 1833 in Indiana, and died 02 Jul 1914 in Salt Creek Twnshp, Jackson, IN.

Notes for Wilburn B. Hill:

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Salt Creek Township

Salt Creek Township - Indians- Wild Game- First Settlers- With Daniel Boone-Early Enterprises-Religious Meetings-Distilleries, etc- Villages of Houston and Freetown.

Salt Creek Township occupies the northwest portions of the county, and is bounded on the north by Brown County, on the east by Hamilton Township, on the south by Brownstown and Owen Townships, and on the west by Lawrence County. In area it is the largest township of the county, containing seventy-five square miles, or 48,000 acres. The surface is rough, hilly and broken, except the two narrow valleys through which flow the north and south branches of Salt Creek. The soil, except in the valleys, is somewhat sterile, and consequently is not best adapted to the growth of those produces requiring excessive fertility. The surface was, and a considerable portion is yet, covered with a dense growth of the native trees.

INDIANS

At the time the first settler made his appearance in Salt Creek Township the Indians had practically abandoned this territory, although they were occasionally seen in small bands, and not infrequently called at the cabins of the settlers for the purpose of obtaining ammunition.

This it is said was at one time a favorite hunting spot of the Piankeshaw tribe, and many of their implements of warfare and join the chase have been found here. For a few years after the first settler came to this county, detached bands wandered up and down the streams of this section, locating for short periods where the game was most abundant. But these few were soon driven beyond the Father of Waters, and later were compelled to find homes in the Rocky Mountains, where they are fast disappearing and will soon be entirely extinct.

WILD GAME

At the time of the coming of the first settler wild animals were very numerous. Bears were often seen, and frequently killed Deer were almost as numerous as hogs, and could be shot from the doors of the cabins. The distressing and mournful howling of the wolves was no uncommon sound. Turkeys were as numerous as quails are today, and their meat, in sweetness and flavor, far surpassed that of the tame ones-so says the old hunter. Squirrels were so numerous that companies were organized for the purpose of destroying them, in order to protect the cornfield. Hogs not infrequently went wild, and when attacked were as savage and ferocious as the bear or panther. The deer were quite plentiful in this township for many years, and in fact they have been hunted and killed within the last few years.

FIRST SETTLERS

One of the first to settle in Salt Creek Township was JOHN LUTES, who built a small log cabin a half a mile north of Houston. George Wagoner settled a quarter of a mile east of Houston; JOSHUA BROWN a mile to the west, and William Winkler and Samuel Stockdell were in the same neighborhood. A few years later came James Acton and George Gable, James Mulkey, Michael Rudolph, Solomon Cox and Joseph Young. Contemporaneous with the settlement made at Houston, which was some time prior to 1820, other settlements were made on "Muddy For" and at Finley's. At the former were Joel Jackson, Phillip Highnote, Thomas Scott, John Scott, Arthur Martin, John Blerings, Silas Mahuron, Jesse Isaacs and Squire Sims. At Finley's were William Elkins, Drury Elkins, James Stephens and the Fleetwoods. The other names that deserve mention among the pioneer settlers are James Russell, Joseph Johnson, Richard Johnson, William Johnson, Elisha Monroe, Conway, Thomas King, Elias Arthur, Simon Franklin, Frank Stephens, John Dobson, JOHN HILL, William Tabor, Jesse Burrell and William Colyer. But few of the above are yet living, and their children are now the old settlers of the township. All have passed the meridian of life and many have lived out their three score years and ten, and are fast approaching the end.

LAND ENTRIES

The following were the only land entries made in Salt Creek prior to 1825. Elisha Moore, 1821; JOHN LUTES, 1823; Michael Rudolph, 1821; George Waggoner, 1821; Leonard Houston, 1824; JOSHUA BROWN, 1821; William Winkler, 1821.

WITH DANIEL BOONE

It is told by Uncle Johnnie Isaacs, now a resident to Courtland, that while Daniel Boone was returning from North Carolina to his El Dorado in Kentucky, in the year 1773, he was joined at Powell's Valley by several families, and among those were Polly Hannon and Jesse Isaacs, the latter at that time but a few months old. While they were crossing the Cumberland Mountains, they were attacked by a large force of Indians and several of the parties were killed. This so discouraged the adventurers, that they retreated to a settlement on Flinch River, TN, but Mrs. Hannon could not be persuaded to stop until she had reached her home in North Carolina, and with Jesse Isaacs then a babe in her

arms, she traveled day and night through the dense forests filled with wild beasts and savage men, with nothing to guide her but the compass. After days and nights of persistent travel, she reached the old home in safety. With her children she came and settled in Salt Creek Township, but her race was then run, and in a few years she passed away, and is said to have been the first white person buried beneath the sod of Salt Creek Township.

EARLY SCHOOLS

In the fall of 1823 the first schoolhouse was built in Salt Creek Township. This was a small log house 19x20 feet, that stood one-half mile north of Houston, within a few feet of the residence of DANIEL LUTES. George Sires was the first teacher. The pupils who attended this school were Henry, DANIEL & JOHN LUTES, Thomas, William and John Brown, John and Margaret Wagoner, Elizabeth, Robert, John, Martin and Isaac Taber, Thomas Shetton and Frank and Thomas Elkins. The second house was built in Houston, and was a log structure but little better than the first. Other early teachers were JOHN HILL and David Winkler, and to these all the leading families sent their children. The township at present has the largest enrollment of any in the county, the number in 1884 being 629, with an average daily attendance of 379, which is but little more than 50 percent of the enrollment and not more than 35 percent of the enumeration. While there has been much progress in the last half century these figures plainly show that there is room for more. There are at present sixteen districts in the township requiring seventeen teachers. The school at Houston is a township-graded school. The house was built by the township assisted by a stock company made up of many of the leading citizens of the township, who had associated themselves together for the purpose of encouraging higher education. This school is a credit to the township, and has given encouragement to many a poor boy with a bright intellect and noble heart, but with no means at his command. The average compensation of the teachers is \$2.25 per day, which is the highest wages paid by any township of the county.

EARLY ENTERPRISES

The first settlers of this township had their corn ground at Leesville, now in Lawrence, there being no mill in the township at that time. It is said that the first mill built in the township was the Bales Mill, located about four miles below Houston in the latter part of the twenties. A few years later one of the LUTESSES built a horse-mill at Houston. This was succeeded by a water mill on the Taber Branch of Salt Creek. About the year 1835 Daniel Cummings built a mill below Freetown, on the Muddy Fork. A steam-mill was built at Lower Houston by a man by the name of Callback, followed by Cole and Setzer. A mill was operated by HENRY LUTES and John Cross in the sixties. Prior to this mills were operated by Finley and Fleetwood in the lower part of the township. Richard Acton built a mill half a mile northeast of Freetown in 1859, with a sawmill attached. This was sold to Scott Bros. In 1863, and from them it was bought by the present proprietor.

EARLY MEETINGS AND CHURCHES

It is claimed by the settlers of Muddy Fork that the first religious meeting was held at the house of John Blevins, in the year 1823. William Mahuron was the expounder of the faith on that occasion, and it is said that every settler of Muddy Fork was present and took part in the exercises. The first church organized was a Methodist, and the meeting for that purpose was held at the residence of JOSHUA BROWN, one mile southwest of Houston, in the year 1824. The members were JOSHUA BROWN and wife, D. Elkins and wife, Samuel Stockdell and wife, the HILLS and Actons. The first minister was Rev. Armstrong, who was terror to the evildoer, and served his Master with energy and enthusiasm. There was no house built by this denomination until 1842, when a hewed log church was built one half mile northeast of Houston. This was long ago succeeded by a large frame building. A Christian Church was organized at ELISHA BROWN'S in the year 1834, and a church house was erected one mile west of Houston in the year 1844. Robert Foster was the first Christian minister.

The Dunkards were organized here at an early day. The principal members were Leonard Houston, the Rudolphs and Wagoners. A New Light Church was organized at Flat Top some time in the forties. The United Brethren built a log church at Freetown, about the year 1855. The Methodists were organized at Finley's Mill at an early day and near the same spot where the Olive Branch Missionary Baptist Church now stands. The only church house now standing in Freetown was constructed frame building. The Christians built a log church near Freetown in the latter part of the fifties. Nearly all these old houses have now rotted down and passed away, and nothing save the hallowed memories of those who worshipped there remain. But there are those who can look to the little building and give thanks that it was within those sacred walls that they first knew what it was to feel the Divine forgiveness. Where these old houses once stood others have been erected in their stead, and it can now be truly said that Salt Creek is the township of many churches.

DISTILLERIES AND TANNERIES

The only whisky manufactured in the township was by JOHN LUTES and David Bowman, who built a log still house a quarter of a mile below Houston in 1836 or 1837. This was successfully operated for about ten years, and then discontinued, and the retailers have since been compelled to go beyond the limits of their own township to procure their stock. In 1857 or 1858 James Mann and Cyrus Hunter commenced tanning the skins of wild as well as those of domestic animals. This tannery was sold in a few years, and has since been operated by Boone Wright. Luther Highnote built a small tannery on the road leading from Freetown to Houston; his tanning was done, it is said, by the "hog-trough method," and his annual product was necessarily small.

VILLAGE OF HOUSTON

This little village is constituted of Upper and Lower Houston. The former was laid out by David Bowman in 1853, and the latter by Hiram Noe in 1853. It was named in honor of Leonard Houston, one of the early settlers of that section. Merchants: Hiram Noe, C. Durland, David Bowman, John Cross, William Rodman, JOHN BROWN, Ira Cornett, ___Houghland, Hester & Tigert, Harrison Harbaugh, H. F. Noe, LUTES BROS., Charles Rosenbaum, Jonathan Dodd, Hise & Foster, Dr. G. W. Gibson. Blacksmiths: S. J. Owens, Thompson & Henry, and Caleb Selzer. Physicians: Drs. Thompson, Wort, Moneghan, Rodman, G. W. Gibson and D. J. Cummings.

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

Houston Post, No. 136, G. A. R., was organized in 1882, with the following most prominent among its members: DR. D. J. CUMMINGS, G. W. Gibson, C. W. Thompson, WILLIAM HILL, M. Cross, W. Ingle, Andrew Thompson, Richard Pruet, James Smith and Eli Thompson.

FREETOWN

Freetown or Freeport assumed the dignity of a town March 15, 1850, at which date the plat was recorded and acknowledged by James Ireland, as proprietor. The first goods were sold by George Rosenbaum, who was the only merchant until 1853, when Richard Acton began merchandising. Those that followed were Charles Knight, R. W. Hudson, Henry Cook, John Wilson, Jesse Browning, T. M. & S. Wheeler, Michael Motsinger, Cross & Lucas, Wheeler & Wilkie, Acton & Denny. Blacksmiths and wagon-makers: Manuel Bros., S. A. Thompson, Cross & Son, G. W. Wheeler, staves, spokes and headings.

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

The only secret society now in existence at Freetown is the Freetown Post, No. 153, instituted a short time after the organization of Houston Post. The following is a partial list of members: Isaac Smith, John Brock, Wilber Acton, J. N. Culbertson, W. H. Taylor, W. M. Scott, John Sprague, John Gorbelt, Eli Bower, Jesse D. Lucas, George M. Lucas, L. M. Cross, Samuel Reedy, William S. Bell, B. F. Harbaugh and William Stockdell.

SPRAYTOWN

Spraytown is located in the northeast portion of the township, and was named in honor of a man by the name of Spray, who was the first to sell goods there. The second merchant was B. F. Auld, who was followed by John Louster, now a merchant of Seymour, who was extensively engaged in buying and shipping stave and spoke timber, besides keeping a small stock of goods. G. W. Wheeler was also engaged in the timber business. WILKERSON CROUCHER. M. England was the blacksmith. A man by the name of Gough owned a mill, and R. M. Coffman a saw and heading-mill.

More About Wilburn B. Hill:

Burial: Unknown, Houston Cemetery, Jackson, IN

More About Nancy Jane Lutes:

Date born 2: 1833

Burial: Unknown, Houston Cemetery, Jackson, IN

More About Wilburn Hill and Nancy Lutes:

Marriage: 14 Feb 1856, Jackson Co., IN

Children of Wilburn Hill and Nancy Lutes are:

- i. John W.³ Hill, d. Unknown; m. Sharlett, Bedford, Lawrence, IN; d. Unknown.

More About John Hill and Sharlett:

Marriage: Bedford, Lawrence, IN

3. ii. Daniel Thomas Hill, b. 02 Aug 1859, Salt Creek Twnshp, Jackson, IN; d. 13 Aug 1916, Salt Creek Twnshp, Jackson, IN.
- iii. Ellen Hill, b. 22 Jun 1861; d. 1941; m. William W. Goble; d. Unknown.
4. iv. Elizabeth L. Hill, b. 30 Sep 1862, Houston, Jackson, IN; d. 05 Dec 1937, Houston, Jackson, IN.
5. v. Henry Sheridan Hill, b. 1864; d. Unknown.
6. vi. Charles W. Hill, b. 1866; d. Unknown.
- vii. Amanda Hill, b. 1869; d. Unknown.

Notes for Amanda Hill:

Amanda died at age 5 years, 5 months, 6 days.

- viii. Howard Hill, b. 1871, Houston, Jackson, IN; d. Unknown; m. Ann Combs; d. Unknown.
- ix. Anna Hill, b. 1876; d. 27 Sep 1877.

Notes for Anna Hill:

Anna Hill died at 1 year, 8 months, and 7 days.

- x. Vernon Hill, b. 1879; d. Unknown.

Generation No. 3

3. Daniel Thomas³ Hill (*Wilburn B.², John¹*) was born 02 Aug 1859 in Salt Creek Twnshp, Jackson, IN, and died 13 Aug 1916 in Salt Creek Twnshp, Jackson, IN. He married Wilkerson 26 Aug 1885 in Salt Creek Twnshp, Jackson, IN. She died Unknown.

More About Daniel Thomas Hill:

Burial: Unknown, Houston Cemetery, Jackson, IN

More About Wilkerson:

Burial: Unknown, Houston Cemetery, Jackson, IN

More About Daniel Hill and Wilkerson:

Marriage: 26 Aug 1885, Salt Creek Twnshp, Jackson, IN

Child of Daniel Hill and Wilkerson is:

7. i. Irvin Roy⁴ Hill, d. Unknown.

4. Elizabeth L.³ Hill (*Wilburn B.², John¹*) was born 30 Sep 1862 in Houston, Jackson, IN, and died 05 Dec 1937 in Houston, Jackson, IN. She married Cyrus Dunham Pruitt 31 Dec 1882 in Houston, Jackson, IN, son of Aaron Pruitt and Sara Thompson. He was born 07 Nov 1861, and died 21 Jan 1943 in Houston, Jackson, IN.

Notes for Elizabeth L. Hill:

These are stories from Elizabeth Hill's grand niece Alice who has some wonderful memories of Elizabeth, my great grandmother after whom I was named:

Elizabeth and Dunham lived in what was called "Crockett Holler". Alice was raised there on Wilburn and Elizabeth's old place. Ellen and her husband lived there, also...on different parcels. She remembers Dunny as a very kind to the children of the holler. The depression of the 30's didn't hurt Liz and Dunham quite as severe as some, because Dunham was a farmer and raised his own crops and had cows for milk and cattle and pigs for slaughter. Alice's father, Irvin Hill, (Daniel's son) helped Dunham raise potatoes for a share of them. They were Irish Cobbler potatoes that were as big as shoes. Alice and her brother wore a path to Aunt Liz's from school. They would take the detour just to go past her house because she always had a cookie for them. She was a very, very kind woman...large in size, funny and loved children. She would always make them hot cocoa on cold days. It was such a treat to them because Aunt Liz had cows to provide milk. Every year when it got close to Christmas, Liz would say "Dunny, go down to the cellar and bring me some hickory nuts. These children need a hickory nut cake." Dunham would go get them and crack them, and she and her brother would spend hours picking out the little pieces of nut sitting by the stove and then Liz would bake their cake.

On Sundays all of Liz's children and grandchildren would come for Sunday dinner. There was always a house full on Sundays.

More About Elizabeth L. Hill:

Name 2: Elizabeth Hill

Burial 1: Unknown, Houston, Jackson, IN

Burial 2: Houston Cemetery, Jackson Co., IN

Notes for Cyrus Dunham Pruitt:

A Rootsweb GEDCOM file from Terry D. Smith indicates "L. D. Cyrus Pruitt" should be "Cyrus L. D. Pruitt." His information was apparently derived from the files of Lee Harlin Bahan.

Elizabeth Applegate, great granddaughter of this individual, has informed me that the name "L. D. Cyrus Pruitt" found in many data sets for the Pruitt family, is incorrect. Her records indicate the proper name is "C. Dunham Pruitt"

The LDS files list a marriage between Elizabeth Hill and Cyrus L.D. Pruitt 31 Dec 1882.

More About Cyrus Dunham Pruitt:

Name 2: C. Dunham Pruitt

Date born 2: 1862, Indiana

Burial: Unknown, Houston Cemetery, Jackson Co., IN

More About Cyrus Pruitt and Elizabeth Hill:

Marriage: 31 Dec 1882, Houston, Jackson, IN

Children of Elizabeth Hill and Cyrus Pruitt are:

8. i. Tessie Lee⁴ Pruitt, b. 28 Jan 1883, Houston, Jackson, IN; d. 16 Feb 1965, Long Beach, Los Angeles, CA.
- ii. Jane Pruitt, d. Unknown; m. Delmer Croucher, 19 Jun 1904, Houston, Jackson, In; d. Unknown.

More About Delmer Croucher and Jane Pruitt:

Marriage: 19 Jun 1904, Houston, Jackson, In

9. iii. Nellie Pruitt, b. 07 Jul 1892; d. Unknown.

5. Henry Sheridan³ Hill (*Wilburn B.², John¹*) was born 1864, and died Unknown.

Children of Henry Sheridan Hill are:

- i. Everett⁴ Hill, d. Unknown.
- ii. Griffith Hill, d. Unknown.

6. Charles W.³ Hill (*Wilburn B.², John¹*) was born 1866, and died Unknown. He married (1) Unknown. She died Unknown. He married (2) Dillie Hashman. She died Unknown.

Child of Charles Hill and Unknown is:

- i. Roy⁴ Hill, d. Unknown.

Children of Charles Hill and Dillie Hashman are:

- ii. Raymond⁴ Hill, d. Unknown.
- iii. Charles Hill, d. Unknown.

Generation No. 4

7. Irvin Roy⁴ Hill (*Daniel Thomas³, Wilburn B.², John¹*) died Unknown.

Child of Irvin Roy Hill is:

10. i. Alice⁵ Hill, b. Private.

8. Tessie Lee⁴ Pruitt (*Elizabeth L.³ Hill, Wilburn B.², John¹*) was born 28 Jan 1883 in Houston, Jackson, IN, and died 16 Feb 1965 in Long Beach, Los Angeles, CA. She married David Thomas Adams 10 Aug 1902 in Jackson Co., IN, son of David Adams and Louisa Eisele. He was born 04 Mar 1882 in E. Liverpool, Columbiana, OH, and died 05 May 1959 in Greenwood, Johnson, IN.

More About Tessie Lee Pruitt:

Burial: 20 Feb 1965, Greenwood Cemetery, IN

More About David Thomas Adams:

Burial: 08 May 1959, Greenwood Cemetery

More About David Adams and Tessie Pruitt:

Marriage: 10 Aug 1902, Jackson Co., IN

Children of Tessie Pruitt and David Adams are:

- i. Albert⁵ Adams, b. 05 Jan 1903, East Liverpool, Columbiana, OH; d. 07 Jul 1978, Greenwood, Johnson, IN; m. Katherine Ridlin, Private; b. Private.

More About Albert Adams:

Burial: Jul 1978, Greenwood Cemetery

More About Albert Adams and Katherine Ridlin:

Private-Begin: Private

11. ii. DeFayna Adams, b. 03 Nov 1904, E. Liverpool, Columbiana, OH; d. 09 Dec 2000, Los Alamitos. Orange, CA.
12. iii. Harry Adams, b. 24 Oct 1906, Seymore, Jackson, IN; d. 09 Jul 1974.
- iv. Earl Adams, b. 31 Aug 1910, Greenwood, Johnson, IN; d. 08 Apr 1967, Greenwood, Johnson, IN; m. Ethel Marie Day, Private; b. Private.

More About Earl Adams:

Burial: Unknown, Greenwood Cemetery

More About Earl Adams and Ethel Day:

Private-Begin: Private

13. v. Leroy Adams, b. 02 May 1913, Greenwood, Johnson, IN; d. Jan 1977, Greenwood, Johnson, IN.
14. vi. Weldon Adams, b. 15 Jun 1915, Greenwood, Johnson, IN; d. 16 Jan 1990, Bargersville, Johnson, IN.
15. vii. David Pruitt Adams, b. 16 Jun 1918, Greenwood, Johnson, IN; d. 01 Aug 1987, Indianapolis, IN.
16. viii. James Adams, b. 22 Jun 1921, Greenwood, Johnson, IN; d. 01 May 1986, Indianapolis, Marion, IN.

9. Nellie⁴ Pruitt (*Elizabeth L.³ Hill, Wilburn B.², John¹*) was born 07 Jul 1892, and died Unknown. She married George Cleve Mobley 26 Nov 1910 in Houston, Jackson, In. He died Unknown.

More About George Mobley and Nellie Pruitt:

Marriage: 26 Nov 1910, Houston, Jackson, In

Children of Nellie Pruitt and George Mobley are:

- i. Olive⁵ Pruitt, d. Abt. 1980, Houston, Jackson, IN.
- ii. Lillian Pruitt, b. Private.

Generation No. 5

10. Alice⁵ Hill (*Irvin Roy⁴, Daniel Thomas³, Wilburn B.², John¹*) was born Private. She married Akin Private. He was born Private.

More About Akin and Alice Hill:

Private-Begin: Private

Child of Alice Hill and Akin is:

- i. Deborah⁶ Akin, b. Private; m. Cummings, Private; b. Private.

More About Cummings and Deborah Akin:

Private-Begin: Private

11. DeFayna⁵ Adams (*Tessie Lee⁴ Pruitt, Elizabeth L.³ Hill, Wilburn B.², John¹*) was born 03 Nov 1904 in E. Liverpool, Columbiana, OH, and died 09 Dec 2000 in Los Alamitos. Orange, CA. She married Maurice Jerome Beam 08 Aug 1933 in Chicago. Cook, IL, son of George Beam and Ella Rustamier. He was born 19 Jun 1897 in Canton, Fulton, IL, and died 30 Sep 1990 in Long Beach, Los Angeles, CA.

More About DeFayna Adams:

Burial: 12 Dec 2000, Westminster Memorial Park, Westminster, Orange, CA

Cause of Death: Heart Attack

Medical Information: Complications, pneumonia

Notes for Maurice Jerome Beam:

Maurice J. Beam was not satisfied with his father's plans for him to become a dentist, he wanted to write. After the death of his father, he was thrust into the position of director in 1923 of the Beam-Dean Co., a successful cigar manufacturing business, and gave up on his education at the Chicago College of Dentistry. He worked for his father's business for awhile but decided his great love was to write. He wrote pulp fiction detective stories in the 20's and 30's while living in Chicago. He wrote at least one per week and pulp fiction would later be replaced by television. The magazines were called Black Mask, True Detective, Adventure and he also wrote short stories for Blue Book, Saturday Evening Post, Argosy and Esquire Magazine. He was a reporter for the Chicago Daily News during that time. After he divorced Helen Baudler, he married DeFayna Adams in 1933. He wrote two novels; 1939, *Murder in a Shell*; 1967, *Adventure in Survival* which were popular books. Especially *Adventure in Survival* which all the libraries carried in their young adult section. He was still writing short stories for the Saturday Evening Post. In 1938 he became the owner of the Coast Dispatch weekly newspaper in San Juan Capistrano and wrote all the Editorials and covered the local news. He sold it in 1940 and began a new career as a reporter for the Los Angeles Times. No longer a freelance writer, he worked his 9 to 5 job while still writing books; 1945, *Murder By Mandate* takes place in Tahiti where he lived for a short time after his divorce. Another two, 1962, *Its A Racket* and 1964, *Cults of America* were non-fiction. He retired from the Los Angeles Times in 1962 at age 65 and began another career with the Orange County Register until he retired a second time at age 75. His long career was supported by his wife DeFayna because she became a partner in his writings as she went out with him on interviews and helped pick up information. He says she had a great knack for details and an interesting slant on his newspaper stories. They wrote practically the whole Sunday Magazine filled with feature stories from Orange County, CA. She also helped put the endings with the special twist at the end of his murder mysteries.

More About Maurice Jerome Beam:

Burial: 01 Oct 1990, Westminster Memorial Park, Westminster, Orange, CA

Cause of Death: Pneumonia

Medical Information: Had a cerebral hemorrhage at the age of 80 but lived to 93 because of the loving care from his wife, DeFayna.

Occupation: Writer and newspaper journalist

Marriage Notes for DeFayna Adams and Maurice Beam:

DeFayna and Maurice Jerome Beam met in Chicago while Maurice was writing for the Chicago Daily News. He had just returned from a trip to Tahiti where the newspaper sent him to cover the island for news features. There, he knew Nordoff and Hall, the authors of *Mutiny on the Bounty*. Maurice "swept her off her feet".

More About Maurice Beam and DeFayna Adams:

Courtship: Bet. May - Jul 1933, Chicago, IL

Honeymoon: 1933, Mexico for three months

Marriage: 08 Aug 1933, Chicago, Cook, IL

Children of DeFayna Adams and Maurice Beam are:

- i. Elizabeth Fay⁶ Beam, b. Private; m. Kenneth Wood Appelgate, Jr., Private; b. Private.

More About Kenneth Appelgate and Elizabeth Beam:

Private-Begin: Private

- ii. Marilyn Lilith Beam, b. 11 Mar 1937, Fort Lauderdale, FL; d. 05 Oct 2002, Seal Beach, Orange, CA; m. Frank Arthur Brown, Private; b. Private.

More About Frank Brown and Marilyn Beam:

Private-Begin: Private

12. Harry⁵ Adams (*Tessie Lee⁴ Pruitt, Elizabeth L.³ Hill, Wilburn B.², John¹*) was born 24 Oct 1906 in Seymore, Jackson, IN, and died 09 Jul 1974. He married Alleane Ratliff Private. She was born Private.

More About Harry Adams and Alleane Ratliff:

Private-Begin: Private

Child of Harry Adams and Alleane Ratliff is:

- i. Delores⁶ Adams, b. Private; m. Don Delon, Private; b. Private.

More About Don Delon and Delores Adams:

Private-Begin: Private

13. Leroy⁵ Adams (*Tessie Lee⁴ Pruitt, Elizabeth L.³ Hill, Wilburn B.², John¹*) was born 02 May 1913 in Greenwood, Johnson, IN, and died Jan 1977 in Greenwood, Johnson, IN. He married Colleen Lyons. She was born 27 Mar 1912 in Greenwood, Johnson, IN, and died 09 Feb 2002 in Greenwood, Johnson, IN.

More About Leroy Adams:

Burial: Unknown, Greenwood Cemetery

More About Colleen Lyons:

Burial: Unknown, Greenwood Cemetery, Greenwood, IN

Children of Leroy Adams and Colleen Lyons are:

- i. David⁶ Adams, b. Private; m. Gloria, Private; b. Private.

More About David Adams and Gloria:
Private-Begin: Private

- ii. Barbara Adams, b. Private; m. Robert Underwood, Private; b. Private.

More About Robert Underwood and Barbara Adams:
Private-Begin: Private

14. Weldon⁵ Adams (*Tessie Lee⁴ Pruitt, Elizabeth L.³ Hill, Wilburn B.², John¹*) was born 15 Jun 1915 in Greenwood, Johnson, IN, and died 16 Jan 1990 in Bargersville, Johnson, IN. He married Othello Day Private, daughter of Edward Day and Eliza McCoy. She was born Private.

More About Weldon Adams:
Burial: Unknown, Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, White River Township
Military service: 1942, Navy Veteran of WWII

More About Weldon Adams and Othello Day:
Private-Begin: Private

Children of Weldon Adams and Othello Day are:

- i. Wynona⁶ Adams, b. Private.
- ii. Cynthia Adams, b. Private.
- iii. Nyla Adams, b. Private.

15. David Pruitt⁵ Adams (*Tessie Lee⁴ Pruitt, Elizabeth L.³ Hill, Wilburn B.², John¹*) was born 16 Jun 1918 in Greenwood, Johnson, IN, and died 01 Aug 1987 in Indianapolis, IN. He married Hazel Marie Sutton 21 Sep 1940 in Franklin, Johnson, IN, daughter of George Sutton and Luvena Porter. She was born 23 Jan 1920 in Franklin, Johnson, IN, and died 03 May 1994 in Indianapolis, IN.

More About David Pruitt Adams:
Burial: Unknown, Forest Lawn Memory Gardens, White River Township
Military service: 1941, U. S. Navy WWII
Occupation: 1945, Tool grinder and cutter, Chrysler Corp.

Notes for Hazel Marie Sutton:
Employed for fifteen years at Stokely Van Camp in the purchasing department, retiring in 1972.

More About Hazel Marie Sutton:
Burial: Unknown, Forest Lawn Memory Gardens, White River Township

More About David Adams and Hazel Sutton:
Marriage: 21 Sep 1940, Franklin, Johnson, IN

Children of David Adams and Hazel Sutton are:

- i. Carolyn⁶ Adams, b. Private; m. Robert Curtis Freeland, Private; b. Private.

More About Robert Freeland and Carolyn Adams:
Private-Begin: Private

- ii. Louise Anne Adams, b. Private; m. Lawrence Edward Fahy, Private; b. Private.

More About Lawrence Fahy and Louise Adams:
Private-Begin: Private

16. James⁵ Adams (*Tessie Lee⁴ Pruitt, Elizabeth L.³ Hill, Wilburn B.², John¹*) was born 22 Jun 1921 in Greenwood, Johnson, IN, and died 01 May 1986 in Indianapolis, Marion, IN. He married Jean Frantz Private. She was born Private.

More About James Adams:
Burial: Unknown, Crown Hill Cemetery, Indianapolis
Military service: 1942, Navy Veteran of WWII

More About James Adams and Jean Frantz:
Private-Begin: Private

Children of James Adams and Jean Frantz are:

- i. Steve⁶ Adams, b. Private; m. Amelia, Private; b. Private.

More About Steve Adams and Amelia:
Private-Begin: Private

- ii. Larry Adams, b. Private; m. Anita, Private; b. Private.

More About Larry Adams and Anita:
Private-Begin: Private