

Jessie Harris(Givens) was born in the country below Richmond, Va. on March 5, 1869. She was reared by Uncle Lewis and Aunt Maggie White in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

William Clifton Givens was born in 1859 - Virginia is believed to be his birthplace. He also had a brother James Edward Givens. Their mother Mary Ann Givens lived in Charlottesville, Va. Mary Ann's husband (father of two sons) went off to war and never returned. Mary Ann Givens was later married to a man by the name of Whiting - given name unknown. Mary Ann reared her two boys in Virginia.

William Clifton Givens went ot Harrisburg and was employed by W.W. Dinewiddie for five years as a coachman. William was a man of strong character. He was an untiring worker. While in Harrisburg he married Jessie Harris age 17 years. To this union Lewis Vance Givens was born in 1890.(Dec'd.at age 9yrs.) James E. Givens was born on October 25, 1892 in Harrisburg.

Later the family moved to Staunton Virginia and here the following children were born:

Margaret Virginia	-- January 3, 1895
Mary Ann	May 27, 1897
Fannie Rosalind	November 3, 1900
Jessie E. Clifta	January 28, 1902

William Clifton expired December 1902. Mother was left to rear the children alone.

James Edward Givens ,(brother of William ) was married to Rannie Rosalind Hicks. Mrs. Fannie Givens not having any children of her own asked Jessie Givens to give her one of her children. Fannie R. was given to Mrs. Givens when she was two years old, who was later adopted by her.

On October 7, 1910 Jessie Harris Givens expired leaving Margaret, Mary, and Jessie alone in Staunton Virginia. Brother James E. Givens had gone to Louisville, Ky. previously to live with Aunt Fannie Givens who had lost her husband James E. Givens.

The three children remained in Staunton, Va. until 1912 when they came to Louisville to live with Aunt Fannie, Brother Edward and Sister Fannie R. The children were reared by Aunt Fannie Givens.

Edward Givens attended Simmons University. Since he had to help care for his sisters he quit school to go to work. Margaret finished Simmons University. Mary, Fannie and Jessie finished from Central High School. Mary attended Howard U. for two years. Fannie and Jessie completed the Louisville Normal School. A two year course that prepared us to teach.

Edward married Fattie R. Wyatt of Charlottesville, Va. Fannie R. married H'Oratio O'Bannon one of her high school class mates. (Horatia's parents were Hiram and Kate O'Bannon) To this union was born one daughter Fannie Rosalind O'Bannon. Mary Ann married Richmond D. Sharp. To this union was born two sons (one deceased) the remaining son Edward Givens Sharp. Margaret married William Young, Sr. Jessie married Lafayette J. Holland.

Thus ends all that is known of the "Givens family/