

THE GOODEN FAMILY HISTORY

History records trace the Gooden Family back to the late 1800's in Milton, Caswell County, North Carolina. Earliest documents reveal the marriage of Henry H. Gooden (1875 - 1944) and Julia A. Smith (1879 - 1944). To this marriage, seven children were born. They were Samuel, Louise, Irene, Warner, Chauncey, Madeline and Julia Ellen. Hosts of children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, to include up to a lineage of great-great-great-great grandchildren make up the descendants of Henry and Julia Gooden. Descendants below are of the second and third generations from the Gooden Family.

Louise Gooden, (September 7, 1895 - June 30, 1974) married Floyd Watkins and five children were born of this union. Their names are Henry Leon, Sr. James, Sr., Catherine, Margaret and Nettie.

Irene Gooden married Samuel Crutchfield and eight children were born of this union. Their names are Elaine, Juanita, John, Henry, George, Chauncey, Estelle and Mamie.

Warner Gooden married Carrieta Freeman and six children were born of this union. Their names are Annie, Henry, Warner, Almagene, Merriweather and Dorothy.

Chauncey Gooden married Viola Waters. From this union two children were born. They were Chauncey, Jr. and Marlene.

Madeline Gooden married William Taylor.

Julia Ellen married John Golphin. Children include Gwendolyn, Joseph, Verneta and Lois.

Through the years, the family has greatly expanded in size to six generations. Members of latter generations have settled in many states, including Ohio, Virginia, West Virginia, Georgia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, New York, and several other states. Some have settled in foreign countries.

The Gooden Family will have its third reunion from July 17, 2008 - July 20, 2008 at the Cold Creek Resort in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee.