

## Banister - Bannister

William Thomas (Billy) Banister (1851-1933), a native of Anderson County, South Carolina, and later Hart County, Georgia, lived in the Gaines Chapel Methodist Church Community of Franklin County, near Canon, Georgia, after the death of his wife, Mary Ann (Molly) Bannister Banister (1850-1922). They were married Oct. 10, 1872, and are buried at Bethany Baptist Church, Hart County. Their children, Hattie B. Purcell, Lawrence Banister, Lev E. Banister, and Nelia B. Milford, all resided in Franklin County. The parents of William Thomas (Billy) Banister were: Rolly Banister (1804-1862) and Nancy Elizabeth Ashley Banister (1823-1897). His grandparents were: Thomas Banister, Sr. and Thomas & Nancy Pruitt Ashley. Mary (Molly) Ann Banister was the daughter of Mattison (Matt) Bannister, born 1823, and Mary (Polly) Bannister (born 1821). Her grandparents were Thomas Bannister (1788-1860) and Tabitha Haddon Bannister (1783-1873), daughter of John Sr. and Lilly Davis Haddon. Polly Pruitt Bannister's parents were William Pruitt (1790-1855) and Frances Tucker Pruitt (1796-1883). William Pruitt's parents were Joshua Pruitt (1754-1840) and Mary Fowler Pruitt. Frances T. Pruitt's parents were: Harbert Tucker (1790-1841) the son of James & Elizabeth Jackson Tucker, and Frances DeJarnette Tucker (1768-1805) the daughter of Elias DeJarnette, Jr. and Sarah Hall DeJarnette.

The children of William Thomas (Billy Banister & Mary [Molly] Ann Bannister) Banister were: Essie Banister (1874-1928) who married Banks Johnson (1875-1937); Lewis Banister (1875-1956), who married Maggie Johnson (1877-1950); Jesse Oliver Banister (1879-1938), who married Belle Johnson (1883-1953); Hattie Ree Banister (1878-1945), who married Emory Speer Purcell (1879-1959); Lawrence Banister (1881-1953), who married Mary Lula DeFoor (1882-1975); Lev E. Banister (1883-1957), who married Era Taylor (1892-1942); Charles Albert Banister (1887-1908-never married); Nelia A. Banister (1885-1965), who married James Arlington Milford (1880-1966); Della Lee Banister, who married Joe Herndon; Clarence Banister, who married Etta Pritchard; and Eula Estelle Banister, who married Walter D. Ayers (1896-1966).

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