

My name is Jerry Tolbert and I desperately need your help if you have information on my ancestors:

Grandfather: Arzie Albert Tolbert, born May 1885 in NW Georgia, probably Bartow or Floyd Counties. I have seen his name spelled several ways, Arsy, Arzy, Arsie and Issac on his marriage licenses.

Arzie had a brother named John, born in Georgia in July 1882.

Rumor has it that they had two sisters, Mary and Dollie.

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I have a copy of Arzie's marriage certificate. He married Bertha Ann Abernathy from Cherokee County, Al. They married in Floyd County, Ga., August 1906. Book H, Page 288 & Certificate 862.

They had three children, Opelia, Melvin (my father) and Irene. They lived in Cherokee County (Round Mountain) until Arzie's death in 1916. The states of Alabama and Georgia have no record of Arzie's death, but this is the date on his tombstone. He is buried in Union Methodist Cemetery in Cherokee County, Al.

The State of Alabama had a record of John's 1910 death and listed their father's name as Bud Tolbert. The mother was listed as "Don't Know". Seeking any information available on this family.

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April 15, 2003

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Dear Jerry:

I spent the time trying to determine the father of Arzie Albert Tolbert, born May 1885 in northwest Georgia.

Although a search of the Floyd County records did not directly prove anything, here are my comments:

1. You listed the 1900 Census of Cherokee County, Alabama, with John and Arzie living with the Keys family. I'm wondering if this census designed a kinship (in the column for relationships). One thing to do would be to locate a Tolbert marriage to a Keys.
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2. The Tolbert families had transactions in Floyd County, Georgia and in Cherokee County, Alabama. This makes sense, in view of the close distance adjoining these counties.
3. Notice the similarity of names in the Knoll Cemetery (Floyd County) Alzie Tolbert, 1914-1975, and Cassie S. Tolbert, 30 June 1889-30 March 1981. Cassie Pearl Sibert married Horace Alexander (?) Tolbert. According to the 1880 Pickens County Census, Horis H. (born 1879) was a son of Harmon S. Tolbert. I have not seen this census yet. Harmon S. also **may have had** children, viz: Oscar H. (1873-1937), John (1882), Alzie (1885), and Broddie (1885-1946). If he did, then your Arzie had a first cousin named "Alzie". Makes sense.
4. William W. Tolbert, 1880 Floyd County Census, is also a likely candidate, since he "worked on a farm", and was born in Alabama. Arzie and John were farm workers in 1900. If he is the one, then he was apparently deceased by 1900, or the family relocated. My guess is that this family might be found on a census record (1900) in Alabama, perhaps DeKalb County, on Georgia.
5. Please review the Floyd County Cemetery records, and see if you recognize any of the names.

Recommended Research:

1. Try and find some city directories for Rome, Cartersville (Georgia), and Gaylesville (Alabama), between 1880 and 1900. This is a tough one.
2. Review Cherokee County, Alabama deeds, marriages, wills, etc. (if you haven't already done so). Another possibility is DeKalb County, Alabama where a Tolbert family lived in 1850.
3. Review Pickens County, Georgia deeds, marriages, wills, etc.
4. Ultimately look at Madison County, Georgia records, because this is where the Tolbert's lived for a number of years.

Floyd County Delayed Birth Certificates

Betty Ruth Tolbert, born 6 June 1913, daughter of William N. Tolbert and Linnie Lunsford, #156-288-2588

Myrtle Lee Tolbert, born 9 January 1892, daughter of Isaac Newton Tolbert and Rosa Lee Cook, #5929

Edith Evelyn Tolbert, born 1 November 1907, daughter of Osborn Tolbert and Julia Attie Jacks, #5992

William John Tolbert, born 12 December 1912, son of Oscar Hamilton Tolbert and Ida Parrot, #6101

Zona Tolbert, born 10 April 1905, daughter of Oscar Hamilton Tolbert and Ida Parrott, #6389

Marie Belle Tolbert, born 28 April 1898, daughter of Demetrius W. Tolbert and Alla Hinsett, #6624

Floyd County Cemeteries

Sand Springs Cemetery, Sand Springs Road, Texas Valley

Martha Tolbert Boggs, born 15 May 1857, died 14 April 1940

Oak Knoll Cemetery

Alzie Tolbert, 1914-1975

Cassie S. Tolbert, 30 June 1889-30 March 1981

East View Cemetery

Broddie F. Tolbert, 8 October 1885-17 January 1946

Eula Mc. Tolbert, 22 November 1886-22 August 1983

George B. Tolbert, 18 November 1898-14 February 1986

Ida Lillian Tolbert, 19 February 1875-29 December 1931

Julia, wife of B. Tolbert, 20 January 1886-22 March 1930

O. B. Tolbert, 10 March 1882-2 January 1950

Mary Virginia Tolbert, 8 May 1862-22 June 1942

Nannie L. Tolbert, 11 August 1882-28 January 1967

Oscar H. Tolbert, 24 December 1873-5 February 1937

Oakland Cemetery

Dixie Daniel Tolbert, 4 June 1884-31 October 1969
Fannie M. Collier Tolbert, 3 February 1869-12 January 1921
Howard Tolbert, 24 September 1898-31 December 1963

Other Floyd County Marriages

William T. Tolbert married Hulda C. Trapp 1 April 1874 in Floyd County
Burrell Johnson Tolbert married Sarah E. Jane Haley, 1865

July 1870 Floyd County Census

Rome, page 19, subdivision 141

Ransom Tolbert 57 TN
Lucinda 46 Ga
Thomas 25 AL, works on farm
Columbus 24 AL
Mary 18 AL
Sarah 16 AL
Frances 13 AL
Joseph 11 GA
Isaac 9 GA
Washington 7 GA

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Cave Springs, page 277

Mary Tolbert 33 Ga., works on farm
Sibba L. Tolbert 15 (female)
Anna Tolbert 29
Mary M. Tolbert 7
Jesse W. Tolbert 10 months

Subdivision 141, Rome, page 301

William W. Tolbert 24, works on farm, AL
Martha A. 25
Mary E. 4
Emma J. 1 month
Thomas J. 22, works on farm, AL

John W. Tolbert 54, farmer, S. C.
Elizabeth M. 44 S. C.
Alicajah 22 (male) AL
Benjamin F. 18 AL

Thomas L. 15 AL
Adaline S. 12 AL
Mathew N. 10 AL
Ivora V. 7 (female) AL
Mary O. 4 AL

1880 Floyd County Census

Flat Woods, Ga.
William Tolbert 25 (1855)
Huldey, 31 (1849)
Charley 7 (1873)
Mary Jane 4 (1876)
Leila 2 (1878)

Records Searched

Floyd County Deeds 1833-1934
Floyd County Wills 1871-1918
Floyd County Cemeteries
Bartow County Will Books A & B
Floyd County Marriages

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COUNTY	Henry	CITY
ENUMERATED WITH	Albert Jones	
RELATIONSHIP TO ABOVE	<input type="checkbox"/> SON <input type="checkbox"/> DAUGHTER <input type="checkbox"/> BROTHER <input type="checkbox"/> SISTER <input type="checkbox"/> FATHER <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MOTHER <input type="checkbox"/> GRANDSON <input type="checkbox"/> GRANDDAUGHTER <input type="checkbox"/> GRANDCHILD <input type="checkbox"/> NEPHEW <input type="checkbox"/> NIECE <input type="checkbox"/> FATHER-IN-LAW <input type="checkbox"/> MOTHER-IN-LAW <input type="checkbox"/> SON-IN-LAW <input type="checkbox"/> DAUGHTER-IN-LAW <input type="checkbox"/> BROTHER-IN-LAW <input type="checkbox"/> SISTER-IN-LAW <input type="checkbox"/> ORPHAN <input type="checkbox"/> STEPSON <input type="checkbox"/> STEPDAUGHTER <input type="checkbox"/> COUSIN <input type="checkbox"/> HIRED MAN <input type="checkbox"/> ROOMER <input type="checkbox"/> SERVANT <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (Specify) _____	

FORM 10-637 (4-18-82)

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF THE CENSUS

1910 CENSUS INDEX - INDIVIDUAL

1416	HEAD OF FAMILY	Albert Arzie		ALABAMA
COLOR	AGE	BIRTHPLACE	E.D.	SHEET
W	26	Da	129	15
COUNTY	Cherokee			
CITY				
OTHER MEMBERS OF FAMILY				
NAME	RELATIONSHIP	AGE	BIRTHPLACE	
Bertha	W	19		
Ophelia	D	2		
Melvin	S	12		

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FORM 10-636 (4-18-82)
1910 CENSUS INDEX - FAMILY

3416	HEAD OF FAMILY	Isidoro Arthes B		ALABAMA
COLOR	AGE	BIRTHPLACE	E.D.	SHEET
W	53		77	9
COUNTY	Lawrence			
CITY				
OTHER MEMBERS OF FAMILY				

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No. 852

STATE OF GEORGIA, FLOYD COUNTY.

TO ANY JUDGE, JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, OR MINISTER OF THE GOSPEL:

YOU ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO JOIN

Isaac Tolbert and Miss Bertha Abernathy

in the holy state of Matrimony, according to the laws of this State, if they are such persons as are by law authorized to marry, and for so doing this shall be your license.

Given under my hand and official seal, this 31st day of August, 1906

John P. Davis (Seal.)
ORDINARY.

I hereby certify that on the 6th day of Aug., 1906, Isaac Tolbert and Miss Bertha Abernathy were lawfully joined in the holy state of Matrimony by me.

Recorded by me this 14th day of Aug. 1906 J. L. Presbitt, M. G.
John P. Davis, Ordinary.

No. 853

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TO ANY JUDGE, JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, OR MINISTER OF THE GOSPEL:

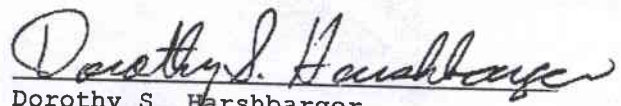
Certificate of Failure to Find

STATE OF ALABAMA
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
CENTER FOR HEALTH STATISTICS
OFFICE OF VITAL RECORDS

April 14, 2000

I certify that a diligent search of the records in my custody has been completed for the years 1911 - 1921, and no certificate of death was found to exist for ARZIE ALBERT TOLBERT.

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Dorothy S. Harshbarger
State Registrar and Director

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From: <Jttbigt@wmconnect.com>
To: <jha@mindspring.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2003 5:54 PM
Subject: Re: March Newsletter

Jeanette:

I put the check and information in the mail today.

One thing I wanted to alert you on. When I went to Floyd County probate office to get a copy of the marriage license. I noticed two dates on the license. Since they were traveling from Cherokee County, Al. to Floyd County, Ga. to get married, I thought there must be a reason for the two dates. I asked the lady at the probate office and she said they had to fill out an application on the first trip and it contained their parents name. She told me the records were stored in the archives in Rome. I went to the archives to inquire about the record. they acted as if they did not want to be bothered and said these records had been lost. I always wondered if this was true. Another thing, on the 1900 census where Arzie and John were living with the keys, I figured they were probably kin since the Key girls were virtually the same age. I do not think they would have had the teenagers living together if not kin???

Just wanted to forward these thoughts to you.

Good luck

Jerry

Floyd 1832 from Cherokee

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Floyd + Bartow deeds + lots
1885-1900 - Rome, Ga City Directory

Church FHC

FLOYD Co GA
Marriage
31 Aug 1906
Issac Tolbert
+ Bertha Ann
abernathy

Mary A. McPherson, born and reared in Carroll county, daughter of Elijah and Sarah McPherson, early settlers of Carroll county, coming in 1829. To them five children were born: Amanda, Charles N., Henry, Dora and Daniel. Mrs. Tillman, who was a member of the Primitive Baptist church, died in 1885. Oct. 20, 1885, Mr. Tillman contracted a second marriage with Miss Nancy J. Adams, born in Carroll county, daughter of Robert and Martha A. (Jones) Adams, early settlers of Coweta county. This marriage has been blessed with three children: Samuel, Robert W. and John. Mr. and Mrs. Tillman are members of the Primitive Baptist church, and their unostentatious worth commands the general respect and esteem of all who know them.

J. THOMAS TOLBERT, farmer and retired stock-trader, Villa Rica, Carroll Co., Ga., son of Roland A. and Elizabeth (Tolbert) Tolbert, was born in Villa Rica in 1836. His paternal great-grandparents, Thomas and Judia (Reeves) Tolbert, were natives of Ireland, came to America in the last half of the last century and settled in North Carolina. He cleared and cultivated a farm, and also engaged in gold-digging. He was a consistent member of the Methodist church. Mr. Tolbert's father was born in North Carolina, July 3, 1799, and is now alive and in good health at the home of the subject of this sketch. His educational advantages were meager, as he had to work hard and long and late on the farm. He came to Georgia and settled in Madison county in 1827; but in 1832 came to Villa Rica to work the gold mines. He continued this until 1853, when he engaged in farming and followed it until 1872, when he went to live with his son. When he came to Carroll the country and the mines were rough, whisky was freely drank and free fights of the fists and skull, rough-and-tumble sort, were common. Mr. Tolbert was usually "at home" for all comers, though he sought no conflict. He was a member of the military force which escorted the Indians to their new homes, and draws a pension now for that service. He was the eldest of eight children, and is the only one now living. He is a devout and exemplary member of the Methodist church. Mr. Tolbert's maternal grandparents were Josiah and Bersheba (Cranford) Tolbert. He was born in North Carolina, and she was of English parentage; was born in 1795 and died in March 25, 1872. She was a strict member of the Methodist church from childhood, and was the mother of six children, who all grew to maturity, and two are now living—a daughter and the subject of this sketch. J. Thomas Tolbert was reared on the farm, and work was such an imperative necessity that he attended school but little. In 1862, he enlisted in Company A, Ninth Georgia battalion artillery, Maj. Austin Leyden, with which he served until July, 1863, when he was transferred to Company E, First Georgia cavalry. On one occasion he and five others were out on a scout and suddenly came upon a company of guerrillas, who chased them five miles, shooting at them all the time; but they finally escaped. He was in many hard fights, but never wounded. At the siege of Knoxville—1864—he was captured by the same men, an interesting coincidence, who chased him when scouting. He was held until after the surrender—sometimes, he alleges, on starvation rations. After his release he went to Cincinnati, where he remained about seventeen months, and then returned to his old home in Carroll county. Mr. Tolbert was married Dec. 19, 1866, to Miss Elizabeth W., daughter of Valentine Mc. and Elizabeth (Rice) Hodgson, of English descent. Six children have blessed their marriage—Thomas W., Elizabeth H., wife of Lyman Stutts; Minnie R., and Elba, living, and Abby Estelle and Montra May, deceased. After marriage Mr. Tolbert went to farming, supplementing it with trading in stock, prospering beyond his most sanguine

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Center for Health Statistics

FORM NO. 2

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

1. Full name of deceased John Tolbert 383

2. Death: Month January; day 7; 1910; Hour: 4 A. M., 10 P. M.

3. Place of death (county) Cherokee; beat 10

4. City or town _____; ward _____; street and No. 101-10-01869

5. Place of birth of deceased (state or country) GA

6. White or colored? W Male or female? Male Occupation Laborer

7. How long did deceased reside at place of death? 2 weeks

8. Where was disease contracted? in GA Duration of illness 5 days

9. Principal disease causing death Pneumonia

10. Contributory disease causing death _____

11. Homicidal, suicidal, or accidental, state definitely how accomplished _____

12. Did deceased undergo a surgical operation, and if so when and of what nature? no

13. Age: Years 29; months _____; days _____; single, married or widowed? Married

14. Full name of father of deceased Paul Tolbert

15. Place of father (state or country) GA

16. Full name of mother of deceased Don't know

17. Place of mother (state or country) " "

18. Place of interment Harris "Grove" ch

Remarks: _____

Report Feb 14 1910 Reporter N. S. McElrath
Post Office Cedar Bluff, Ala

I, Dorothy S. Harshbarger, State Registrar of Health Statistics, certify this is a true and exact copy of the original certificate filed in the Center for Health Statistics, State of Alabama, Department of Public Health, Montgomery, Alabama, and have caused the official seal of the Center for Health Statistics to be affixed. 2002-217-385-9

Dorothy S. Harshbarger

Serial No	Name	Personal Description				Native				Screening		Remarks			
		Sex	Date of Birth Month Year	Age	Martial Status	No. of Years Married	No. of Children Born / Live	Sirih Place Subject	Place of Birth Father	State	Year of Immigration in U.S.A.		Education	Occupation	Level of School
178-178	Tidwell Loducian D.	W F	Dec 1887	12 S				GA	GA	GA			Farm Labor		
	" , Lenford D.	S W M	Feb 1891	9 S				GA	GA	GA					
	" , Ziffie R.	S W M	Feb 1894	6 S				GA	GA	GA					
	" , Columbus A.	S W M	Jan 1897	3 S				AL	GA	GA					
179-179	Leach, Henry D.	H W M	May 1841	59 W				GA	GA	GA			Farmer		R
	" , Jiffie	S W M	Aug 1892	7 S				GA	GA	GA					
	" , Gordon L.	S W M	Oct 1894	5 S				AL	GA	GA					
	" , Henry S.?	S W M	Feb 1898	2 S				AL	GA	GA					
	Pichard, Vanelia	D W F	Nov 1873	26 M	5	2	0	GA	GA	GA					
	" , John I.	SIL W M	Feb 1868	32 M	5			GA	SC	GA			Farm Labor		O
180-180	Webb, Thomas	H W M	Mar 1844	56 M	14			MO	TN	TN			Farmer		
	" , Florence	W W F	Apr 1853	47 M	14	0	0	AL	TN	TN					
181-181	Keys, John M.	H W M	Mar 1829	71 M	16			GA	NC	GA			Farmer		R
	" , Nancie	W W F	Oct 1862	37 M	16	2	2	GA	GA	GA					
	" , Elizabeth	D W F	Apr 1885	15 S				GA	GA	GA			At School		
	" , Minnie	D W F	Jun 1886	13 S				GA	GA	GA			At School		
	Tolbert, John	BO W M	Jul 1882	17 S				GA	GA	GA			Farm Labor		
	" , Arzy	BO W M	May 1885	15 S				GA	GA	GA			Farm Labor		
182-182	Yearta, Charley M H	W M	Aug 1876	23 M	3			GA	GA	GA			Farmer		R
	" , Sarah J.	W W F	Dec 1863	36 M	3	4	3	AL	GA	GA					
	Powers, Bertas L. STS	W M	Sep 1884	15 S				AL	AL	AL			Farm Labor		
	" , Murray D.	STS W M	Apr 1887	13 S				AL	AL	AL			At School		
	" , Miron C.	STS W M	Jan 1890	10 S				AL	AL	AL			At School		
	Terry, Eunice SIL	W F	Dec 1879	20 W	1	1		AL	AL	GA					
	" , Levania NI	W F	May 1898	2 S				AL	AL	AL					