

The following was written by Nancy Bartlett Tandy LaMaster

Family of Orem LaMaster

Orem LaMaster was the son of Benjamin Ivy LaMaster and Lilly Campbell LaMaster. He was born Feb. 19, 1895 to on a farm near Campbellsburg and attended Mr. Pearcy's school and graduated at age 17 from high school. He received his B.S. degree from the University of Kentucky in 1917 with an average grade of 98. He belonged to ATO social fraternity, Lamp & Cross and Alpha Zeta honorary fraternities.

On April 9, 1919, he married Nancy Bartlett Tandy at the home of her parents on 7th Street, Carrollton, Kentucky. The early years of their married life they lived in Eminence, Kentucky and Orem operated a 360 acre farm midway between Eminence, Kentucky and New Castle, Kentucky. He was engaged in farming with a larger herd of Jersey cows milking approximately 75 cows twice daily and some of the cows when sold at auction brought \$350 - \$400 which was considered a good price at the time

On March 21, 1925, Mary Bennett LaMaster was born to this union at their home in Eminence, Kentucky. On May 29, 1927, Nancy Adelia LaMaster was born at the LaMaster home in Campbellsburg. After leaving the dairy farm Orem taught school in Bedford, Kentucky. He taught agriculture under this Smith - Hughes Act for three years and afterward was elected county agent to Trimble Co.. He worked in that capacity until January 1, 1936, when he was transferred by the director of the experiment station to Fleming Co. and worked there for six years.

Jean Orem LaMaster was born Feb. 5, 1937 at the home of her parents and Flemingsburg, Kentucky. She was born shortly after the terrible flood of 1937. Feb. 1942 they moved to Lexington, Kentucky and lived their 15 years. Orem worked for the federal government with the Farmer's Home Administration. For four years he was located at Leitchfield, Kentucky. He was District Supervisor for FHA. Because of ill health he retired Aug. 1, 1959 and he and his wife made to Eminence, Kentucky where he died Aug. 31, 1964. He is buried in the Campbellsburg Cemetery.

Mary Bennett LaMaster

Mary was born March 21, 1925, Saturday at 3 a.m. in Eminence, Kentucky, in a big red brick house located on a farm midway between New Castle and Eminence. When she was six weeks old her parents moved from Eminence. She spent the summer in Carrollton and moved to the burden of an Aug. where her father was a vocational agriculture teacher in high school. Mary Bennett started to school in Bedford and lived there until she was in the 5th grade. Her family moved to Flemingsburg in January 1946 and lived there for six years.

When she moved to Lexington, Mary Bennett attended Lafayette high school midterm in her junior year. She graduated from Lafayette in 1943 with the highest standing in her class but because she was a transfer student she did not receive recognition. She entered the University of Kentucky that fall and had a fine record all four years. She was a member of Mortar Board, Who's Who, Phi Beta Kappa and graduated Cum Laude. She taught art and science at Simon Kenton for one year. On December 20, 1947 she married Ray Powell Hixson who was a GI student at the University of Kentucky. He served in the U.S. Army for four years in the Korean War. They were married at 2 p.m. at Central Christian Net. Dr. Thomas Giltner was the officiating minister.

Ben Tyler Hixson was born Feb. 6, 1951 in Lexington. Mary Bennett and Roy moved to New Orleans, Louisiana. They lived in New Orleans three years. Ted Arnold was born in New Orleans. They moved back to Lawrenceburg, Kentucky and lived there a year and from there are moved to Baltimore, Maryland, where Roy was employed in the Martin Airplane Plant. Jan Carol Hixson was born in Baltimore Nov. 25, 1955. They lived in Baltimore another three years and from there they moved in Nashville, Tennessee where Roy was employed by Arco. As of 1971 they were living on a farm near Franklin Tennessee.

At the time this was written by Nancy Bartlett LaMaster, Tyler was a junior at Vanderbilt, Nashville

Tennessee, Ted Arnold had graduated from Franklin Tennessee High School on June 3rd, 1971 he planned to attend Middle Tennessee University and Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Ted is a talented musician. Jan Carol was a student at Franklin Tennessee High School.

Nancy Adelia LaMaster

Nancy was born Sunday, 10 a.m., May 29, 1927 Campbellsburg, Kentucky, Henry Co. at the home of her grandparents Ben and Lilly LaMaster. Her family was living in Bedford and her father was teaching vocational agriculture to Trimble Co. High School. The family moved to Flemingsburg when she was in the third grade and lived there for six years. Nancy Dee was named for and Nannie Tandy and her great grandmother Adelia Giltner Tandy. She graduated from Lafayette High School, Lexington Kentucky in 1945. She attended Transylvania one-year and the University of Kentucky for two years. She graduated from business school in Lexington.

On June 18, 1949 she married John V, Barnett and moved to Shelby Co. near Bagdad. Nancy Dee and John were married at Douglas Boulevard Christian Church, Louisville, Kentucky by Dr. Rev. Thomas Giltner. They had two sons. James Allen Barnett was born Nov. 7, 1952. He graduated from Shelby Co. High School May 1969. He served in the U.S. Army in the Okinawa in 1971. Paul Robert was born June 30, 1954 King's Daughter's Hospital, Shelbyville, Kentucky. He was born with a congenital heart disease and when he was eight years old he had a delicate operation at Children's Memorial Hospital, Chicago, Illinois which was successful. At the time this was written by Nancy Bartlett LaMaster he was a senior at Shelby County High School.

Jean Orem LaMaster

Jean Orem LaMaster was born Feb. 5, 1931, Friday at 1:30 p.m. in Flemingsburg, Kentucky. She was 5 when the family moved to Lexington and lived on Ridgeway Road. She attended kindergarten at the Cassidy School and the next year the family moved to Hiltonia Park in she attended Picadrome can then for two years. In 1945 family bought a home at 1138 on Fontaine Road. Jean attended Cassidy school and finished the ninth grade at Morton Junior High. She graduated from Henry Clay High School and was a junior at University of Kentucky when she married Frank Coburn Gale, son of Col. Coburn and the Sara Pearl Gayle of Frankfort Kentucky. They were married at Central Christian Church Aug. 17, 1957, in Lexington Kentucky. Dr. Thomas M. Giltner performed the ceremony assisted by Dr. Tullisa M.E. minister. They they have always lived in Frankfort. They have three children: Diane Marie born Nov. 25, 1959, Michael Corburn born April 17, 1961, Sara Beth born Sept. 5, 1962. All three children were born in Good Samaritan Hospital. Jean along to Chi Omega social sorority.

This was a note in Nancy Bartlett Tandy LaMaster's papers. It was written to her grandchildren. It was unsigned, but it probably was probably written by either Nancy or Orem. The names in brackets were added by H. Edgar Hill.

Great-great-grandfather [Benjamin] LaMaster was a Southern sympathizer and was carrying mail to the Southern Army during the Civil War. The Union Army did not find out about the mail but he was turned in by his neighbor, Mr. Turner, and accused of trading horses for the Confederates which was not true but he was put in jail and was supposed to be shot by a firing squad of Yankees. However, there were seven others and they drew for a blank and your great-great-grandfather drew the blank so he was released.

A bunch of Yankee bushwackers would often stop at the home place for great-great-grandmother [Sophronia Scott LaMaster] to cook food and one day when they were snooping one of them fell into an old root cellar which was in the yard and it caved in on him and he was lost for sometime and when they heard his screams he had to be dug out.