

ALEXANDER (SCOTT) WINFIELD BOBBITT 1852 - 1943
 Son of Rufus and Mary Bobbitt

Alexander Winfield Bobbitt was born on December 1, 1852 in Nicholas County, Virginia (now West Virginia). He was the fifth child and second son of Rufus and Mary (Williams) Bobbitt. His grandparents were John and Permelia (Hill) Bobbitt of Monroe County, Virginia. Alexander Bobbitt was called "Scott" Bobbitt all his life. He was named after General Winfield Scott who the very same year Alexander Bobbitt was born was elected to head the Whig party. General Scott ran for president but was beaten by Franklin Pierce.

Mary (Williams) Bobbitt, mother of Scott Bobbitt died when he was thirteen years of age, and just seven years later, Rufus Bobbitt, his father died. Alexander Bobbitt became the head of household and was listed as such in the 1880 census of the Federal Government for Nicholas County.

Alexander W. S. Bobbitt	27	(1853)	Farmer
Lydia Ann Bobbitt	21	(1859)	Sister
Mahulda Bobbitt	19	(1861)	Sister

His brothers, Lee Hill Bobbitt, and Elijah Bobbitt were away working as laborers for other farmers in the county. His half brother Newman Bobbitt was living on the farm of his step father Samuel Q. Summers. His brother John W. Bobbitt was married and living on a nearby farm with his wife and two children.

On February 24, 1881, Alexander Bobbitt married Zerilda Luster Huff. Alexander was 28 years of age and Zerilda was 18 years old. The couple were married in Nicholas County, West Virginia and the marriage is recorded.

Scott Bobbitt and his wife built a home near the old home place of Rufus Bobbitt on McMillions Creek in Nicholas County. He owned the old home place and acquired additional land in the valley. He was an excellent farmer and during his liesure hours read extensively in an effort to further educate himself.

Scott Bobbitt was exceptionally gifted with an understanding of law and legal matters. He was highly intelligent with a keen memory that allowed him to sort the various facets of complicated problems. He was a sincerely religious man with an excellent speaking voice, and was frequently asked to speak at religious and political gatherings. He liked people and had a keen insight into the best and worst qualities of his fellow man. His interests in all subjects and his knowledge of many subjects made him a person who was welcome in all the homes and gatherings of the county.

Scott and Zerilda Bobbitt were the parents of eight children, six of whom lived past the age of 18. The first two daughters died of diphtheria after eating walnuts, in November of 1900.

The children of Alexander and Zerilda (Huff) Bobbitt were:

Maude G. Bobbitt	born Jan. 10, 1882
Leona G. Bobbitt	born Mar. 9, 1883
*Chilton Wm. Bobbitt	born Sep. 15, 1886
Luster E. Bobbitt	born Apr. 11, 1888
Mary Agnes Bobbitt	born Sep. 3, 1891
Elmer E. Bobbitt	born Dec. 18, 1894
Mabel Hattie Bobbitt	born Jun. 8, 1896
Lillian P. Bobbitt	born Jul. 16, 1898

The children without exception were intelligent, well educated, strong in character, and had outstanding personalities. All were accomplished in various fields, but particularly education.

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01012 * William Chilton Bobbitt married Alta Heaton. They had no children.

Luster Bobbitt married William Rollyson. They had three children, Bernadine G., Beatrice G., and William R. Rollyson.

Mary Agnes Bobbitt married William Rogers. They had three children, Billy, Anita, and Gladys Rogers.

Lillian Bobbitt married Harold W. Smith. They had one son, Richard Smith.

Mabel Hattie Bobbitt married H. Glen Fortney. They had two sons, William Fortney, and Ronald Fortney.

Elmer E. Bobbitt married Katherine Heatherman. They had no children.

When the youngest child, Lillian Bobbitt, was thirty years of age, Zerilda Bobbitt died on March 5, 1928 in Cowen, West Virginia.

Alexander Bobbitt served as Deputy Sheriff of Nicholas County for several terms and in 1900 was elected Sheriff for two terms. In 1922 he moved from Nicholas County to Webster County where he was active in many endeavors. In a biography written about Alexander W. Bobbitt in the "History of West Virginia" it states the following.

"His activities have included constructive alliance with farm industry, and he is prominently identified with banking interests in this section of the state. In his home town of Cowen, he is a director of the First National Bank, he is president of the Lanesbottom Bank at Camden. He is a stockholder in the Nicholas County Bank and is a director of the Kanawha Wholesale Grocery Company at Burnsville, Braxton County."

"Mr. Bobbitt has been active in furthering the local success of the democratic party, served as sheriff of Nicholas County two terms, besides having been for two terms deputy sheriff of that county and is now deputy sheriff of Webster County. Both he and his wife are members of the Baptist Church."

After the death of his wife in 1928. Scott Bobbitt lived with various members of his family. For a time he lived with his brother, Lee Hill Bobbitt in Cowen, West Virginia. He was seventy six when his wife died. He did not marry again.

Scott Bobbitt was an active member of the Bobbitt reunions held the second Sunday weekends of August. He was capable of telling excellent stories of life in general in such a way that there was always a gathering around him to hear his stories.

Alexander Winfield Bobbitt died on February 20, 1943 at the age of 90 years. He was buried beside his wife at the International Order of Odd Fellows cemetery in Cowen, West Virginia. Honorary Pall Bearers were his nephews, Herman Bobbitt, Sterling Bobbitt, Lee Otis Bobbitt Senior, Vernon White, and Weymoth White. Active Pall Bearers were Ralph Cunningham, Frank Cunningham, Joe Funkhouser, P. M. Mayse, Cecil Case, and Paris Cookman. A family friend and prominent Baptist Minister, Reverend Jno.E. Brown, officiated.

" A. W. (Scott) Bobbitt, 90, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Luster Bobbitt Rollyson in Charleston on Saturday. Funeral services were held Tuesday at the Cowen Baptist Church by the Reverend J. E. Brown. Burial was in Cowen cemetery.

Mr. Bobbitt was a son of the late Rufus and Mary Williams Bobbitt and was born in the state of Virginia. He lived for many years in Nicholas County having owned and operated a large farm in the Muddlety section of the county. He served as a deputy sheriff and later as elected as sheriff.

He moved from Nicholas County to Cowen, Webster County, where he operated a hotel for many years. He retired from active business several years ago.

Mr. Bobbitt was of a jovial disposition. He enjoyed the company of young people as well as the older ones. His friends were legion.

Surviving besides Mrs. Rollyson are three other daughters, Mrs. H. G. Fortney (Mabel), Mrs. H. G. Smith (Lillian) both of Fairmont; Mrs. William Rogers (Mary) of Miami, Florida; two sons, W. Chilton Bobbitt of Clay, and Elmer E. Bobbitt of Washington, D. C.; one brother, Lee Hill Bobbitt of Cowen, nine grandchildren, and seven great grand children.

Mrs. Bobbitt died several years ago."

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