

MILES BOBBITT 1843 - 1919
Son of Alpheus and Julia Bobbitt

Miles Bobbitt was born on October 13, 1843 in Warren County, North Carolina. He was the second child, and second son, of Alpheus and Julia Ann (Sledge) Bobbitt.

On June 7, 1861, Miles Bobbitt went to the courthouse in Warrenton and enlisted in the Army of the Confederate States of America. He was 18 years of age at the time, and the records show that he was present and accounted for on the muster rolls through December 1864. He served as a private in Company E of the 9th Regiment. His older brother, William Henry Bobbitt also served in the army in Company F of the 8th Regiment of N. C. State troops.

Miles Bobbitt told his descendants that much of the time he spent in the Confederate Army was spent in prison camps of the Northern Army. When the war was over Miles Bobbitt, like many other southern soldiers, walked to his home in Warren County, threw his gun and sword in Fishing Creek and would not discuss the war or its events afterwards.

Miles Bobbitt, grandfather of Miles Bobbitt, died in 1861 in Warren County. Miles Bobbitt, son of Alpheus, was and is to my knowledge the last member of the Bobbitt family to be named Miles. The name Miles was first recorded in the Bobbitt family in the Bristol Parish records of Virginia in January of 1731. The name was used in the Bobbitt family many times and ended with Miles, the son of Alpheus. We do not know where the name came from, if previously used in the Bobbitt family. The name is said to be common among the early Welch settlers.

On August 20, 1867 Alpheus Bobbitt had a deed recorded in Warren County, whereby he gave 230 acres of land to his son Miles Bobbitt. The deed is in DB-32, page 584.

"Alpheus Bobbitt to his son, Miles Bobbitt, deed of gift of 230 acres of land adjoining Alpheus Bobbitt, James A. Davis, on the south side of Reedy Creek, running to Patrick William's house, formerly Cheek's old corner, James Davis's corner, Mrs. Anthony Downtain's corner and along Reedy Creek. Witnesses: Richard E. Bobbitt, and James A. Edgerton."

This was a substantial gift of land to one son. There is no doubt but that Alpheus was partial to his son Miles Bobbitt. None of his other children received so much land, but they did receive gifts of money and some land from Alpheus before he died.

On November 28, 1867 Miles Bobbitt married Mary C. Sledge, in Warrenton. Mary Christian Sledge was a daughter of William Powell and Martha (Rosser) Sledge. We do not know exactly what relationship she had with Julia Ann Sledge, mother of Miles, but believe that she was a first cousin once removed to Miles Bobbitt.

The land Miles and Mary Bobbitt reared their family on was the land given by Alpheus Bobbitt to his son Miles Bobbitt. It was for the most part the same land sold by Miles Bobbitt Sr. to his son Alpheus Bobbitt. While the deeds to the land and many of the records are in Warren County the land apparently was located in Nash County, just across the border.

William Edgar Bobbitt, a grandson of Miles Bobbitt writes, "After Miles married Mary Christian Sledge he began farming near Fishing Creek, where he lived most of his life. For a short time probably 1905 to 1910 he lived in Rocky Mount, North Carolina where he was in the retail grocery business on Tarboro Street with his son, Joseph R. Bobbitt. Later he moved back to his farm near Fishing Creek where he died on January 27, 1919. His wife moved back to Rocky Mount and lived with a son, James O. Bobbitt, until her death on January 31, 1929."

There are supposed to be ten children in the family of Miles and Mary Bobbitt, however I can list only nine. Not all the children lived to Maturity.

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| Clara W. Bobbitt | born | | 1868 |
| Maud L. Bobbitt | born | | 1870 |
| Eugene Carl Bobbitt | born | Mar. | 1873 |
| Edgar Miles Bobbitt | born | Feb. | 1876 |
| James O. Bobbitt | born | May. | 1877 |
| Joseph R. Bobbitt | born | Aug. | 1879 |
| Garland Ashland Bobbitt | born | Jul. | 1881 |
| Mattie Bobbitt | born | May. | 1883 |
| Nannie Bobbitt | born | Jun. | 1886 |

I think the other child was Mary Bobbitt born in 1878 and she married Ernest Harris of Inez, North Carolina. I have not been able to verify this from the records.

Miles and Mary Bobbitt are buried in their Bobbitt family cemetery which was located on the farm. The cemetery is about 17 miles west of Rocky Mount in the northern part of Nash County. The burial plot is one mile west of Fishing Creek Missionary Baptist Church. Several of the children who did not live to maturity are also buried there. The graves are marked, but the land is no longer in the family.

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| Miles Bobbitt | b. Oct. 13, 1843 | d. Jan. 27, 1919 |
| Edgar Miles Bobbitt | b. Feb. 23, 1876 | d. Apr. 13, 1879 |
| Garland Ashland Bobbitt | b. Jul. 7, 1881 | d. Mar. 20, 1882 |
| Mattie Bobbitt | b. May. 21, 1883 | d. Oct. 3, 1884 |
| ? Mary Christian Bobbitt | b. Aug. 13, 1884 | d. Jan. 27, 1929 |