

honest, upstanding, hard-working individual for the rest of his college career."

So, I passed physics and I still don't know anything about the subject and don't care to learn what it is all about, although I do admire my grandsons who do like and excel in the subject. I graduated in May of 1950 with my Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education and went back to Carter County to resume my teaching career.

Times have changed, requirements are much more intense these days, and I am sure I could not attain the level of education which was available to me in the 40s, 50s, and 60s. Technology has taken over the classrooms, as well as all phases of our lives. The nearest to a technology class for me in college was a home movie projector, which we studied at length.

I am amazed at the level of learning of young children today, and marvel at the speed at which my grandchildren are developing, the many activities in which they are involved, and the accomplishments of each. May each of them continue to be successful and live productive lives in our turbulent world.

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James W. Lowry

This is the story of my grandfather, James W. "Jim" Lowry. I was 19 when he died, so I knew him very well.

James W. "Jim" Lowry (derived from Lawrence) was born August 28, 1887, and died December 3, 1950.

Jim was born in Springfield, Washington County, Kentucky. His parents were Richard and Alice Josephine Stanstill.

An entry is found in the *Dumfield Betours* in 1672 listing Robert Lowrie of Mazelton as a member of the well-known family of Annie Lorrie. Robert Lowry of Athenke, Tyrone County, Ireland, was a grandfather of the first Earl of Beaumont and one of the earliest

ancestors of the name in the country.

Richard Lowry came to the U. S. between 1840-1850. He and Alice came through the Port of New Orleans and found themselves coming to Washington County, Springfield, Kentucky.

They moved to Jessamine County, Nicholasville, Kentucky. Richard called Nicholasville home. He helped build many public buildings there. He was a stone mason.

Richard and Alice had eight children. They were Jim (my grandfather), Thomas, Cashius, Mary, Minervis, Julia, Virginia, and Sirel.

All of them came to Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky, ca. 1810 or 1812.

Some lived on Pine Street, between Lawrence and South Broadway. Richard and Alice lived around the corner on South Upper Street.

Jim married Hattie Harley who was born February 14, 1893, in Mercer County, Harrodsburg, Kentucky, and died April 6, 1930. Hattie had a twin sister, Mattie Lee Harley, who was the first graduate nurse at the Massie Clinic in Paris, Bourbon County, Kentucky. They had three children: Katherine Louise, my mother, who was born August 7, 1915; Calvin, born in 1918; and Albert Preston "Mike," born in 1925.

Grandpa Jim was a carpenter and worked on many projects at the University of Kentucky. He helped put in the drain system as well as working on other buildings. He also helped build many tobacco warehouses on South Broadway and Anglania Avenue. During the war he worked for Combs Lumber Company.

About 1918 Jim and Hattie moved to 814 West Pine Street, across from Combs Lumber Company, closer to West High Street.

Tragedy struck in 1918 when Mattie contracted the Spanish Flu and died at Massie Clinic. Calvin came down with spinal-meningitis and Polio which affected him the rest of his life. Hattie died of cancer in 1930. In the 1930s Thomas fell through a skylight while shoveling snow and died. In the late 1930s Sirel died from wounds he received during WWI.

During WWII Grandpa Jim worked for Combs Lumber Company building pallets for the Navy. He continues to work at UK and build tobacco warehouses.

About 1932-33 Jim married Mary B. Watson. Her father owned Watson Lumber Company, on Georgetown Street. Jim and Mary had one child, Janie. Mary died in 1948. Jim was an "Orange Irishman." He was very proud to be able to vote. He was not a party person and would not sell his vote; he chastised those that did. He always studied the candidates and cast his vote. If they did not



Leo Parker of Lake Charles, Louisiana, shares this photo of his grandparents, Jim and Hattie Lowry; and their daughter, Katherine "Tat" Lowry Parker (Leo's mother). The photo was taken ca. 1918 in possibly in Fayette County, Kentucky. See "I Remember" at left.