Bennett Family

Contents: Documents featuring Robert Langford Bennett, Mary Mollie McKie and their descendants.

1. Undated- Image of the Bennett Family Home on Broadway Ave in Yazoo City
2. Undated- National Register of Historic Places Nomination Form – Bennett Home 609 E. Broadway, Yazoo City, MS
3. 1905-1906- Yazoo City Directory- Bennett Family listed at 607 E. Broadway
4. Undated- Biography and list of the descendants of the Bennetts.

Location: Vertical Files at Ricks Memorial Library of the Yazoo Library Association
310 N. Main Street, Yazoo City, Mississippi 39194
BENNETT HOME
YAZOO CITY, MISSISSIPPI
7 - DESCRIPTION

165. 505 East Broadway. Two-story gable-roof frame residence; extended gable front an polygonal-capped tower on facade. Ca. 1890.


169. Intrusion (see below).


172. 627 E. Broadway. Two-story hip-roof frame residence; two-story gallery with square columns, balcony, and dentiled cornice. Ca. 1880.


177. 604 E. Broadway. One-story; gable-roof frame residence; gable roof extension and porch. Queen Anne. Ca. 1890.


179. 536 E. Broadway. One-and-a-half-story gable-roof frame residence; frontispiece entrance with leaded-glass transom; full length windows.
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Office in First National Bank
Capitals, $25,000.00
First Nat'l Bank
Capital, $100,000.00
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60. ROBERT LANGFORD\textsuperscript{4} (RL) BENNETT (JOSEPH\textsuperscript{3}, BENJAMIN\textsuperscript{2}, WILLIAM\textsuperscript{1})
 was born October 11, 1854 in Brandon, Rankin County, Mississippi and died June 29, 1929 in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. He married MARY MOLLIE (MOLLIE) MCKIE October 15, 1879 in the Presbyterian Church, Canton, Madison County, Mississippi. Mollie was the daughter of JOHN MCKIE and SARAH MOORE. She was born February 01, 1856 in Madison County, Mississippi and died March 27, 1913 in Hattiesburg, Forrest County, Mississippi. They are buried in unmarked graves in the Bennett Family Plot in the Glenwood Cemetery, Yazoo City, Mississippi.
64. **ETHEL BARKSDALE ST. JOHN** (CHARLES, JOHN HAMILTON) was born September 25, 1880 in Canton, Madison County, Mississippi and died July 11, 1955 in Yazoo City, Mississippi. She is buried in Glenwood Cemetery, Yazoo City, Mississippi. She married **SABRON LUTHER NORTH** on September 20, 1899 in Yazoo City, Mississippi. Luther was born November 28, 1875 and died by his own hand on April 04, 1937 in Yazoo City, Mississippi. He is buried in Glenwood Cemetery, Yazoo City, Mississippi.

Children of LUTHER NORTH and ETHEL ST. JOHN are:

72. i. **ETHEL ST. JOHN NORTH** was born October 18, 1900 in Yazoo City, Mississippi and died October 23, 1997 in Yazoo City, Mississippi.

73. ii. **CHARLES HAMILTON NORTH** was born March 13, 1903 in Yazoo City, Mississippi, and died November 30, 1962 in Yazoo City, Mississippi.
North - St John

Mr. S. Luther North and Miss Ethel St. John were quietly married Wednesday evening at 6:30 o'clock September 20, 1899 by Reverend W. B. Lewis. The ceremony being performed at the home of the officiating Minister in the presence of only a few intimate friends and relatives.

The news of the marriage of this popular young couple was quite a surprise to their numerous friends and well wishers.

For several days the fair bride has been visiting her relatives, Mr. R. L. Bennett and family, and on the afternoon of their marriage was taking a drive with Mr. North which culminated in their plighting their vows one to the other and in their becoming man and wife.

The gallant young groom is a member of the firm Jno. J. North & Company. He is one of the most industrious and successful young businessmen in Yazoo City, enjoying the friendship and esteem and confidence of the entire community and his host of friends join the Herald in extending to him good wishes and hearty congratulations. In every way, he is worthy of the love and esteem of his lovely bride.

Miss St. John was one of the most popular and highly cultured young ladies of Canton. She is greatly admired by all who know her, possessing as she does many noble traits of high character, culture and refinement. Having plighted her love to the man of her choice she will be to him a devoted and loving wife. The Herald trusts that the wedded life of Mr. and Mrs. North may be long and happy and it extends to them its best wishes.

The 1927 Board of Directors of the Yazoo City Chamber of Commerce

72. **ETHEL ST. JOHN² NORTH** (*SABRON LUTHER¹*) was born October 18, 1900 in Yazoo City, Mississippi and died October 23, 1997 in Yazoo City, Mississippi. Ethel is buried in Glenwood Cemetery, Yazoo City, Mississippi. She never married.

"Miss Ethel" was a feisty "Scarlett O'Hara" of her time, as was her Grandmother 'Nervy" Bennett St. John. She wrote many letters and articles about numerous subjects. One of which was the letter to the editor of the Clarion Ledger of Jackson, Mississippi, in the September (1997?) issue about whether Mississippi should adopt a new State Flag.

![Ethel North & Mary Bennett Richter](image)

**ETHEL NORTH & MARY BENNETT RICHTER**
**YAZOO CITY, MISSISSIPPI – OCTOBER 1991**

73. **CHARLES HAMILTON² NORTH** (*SABRON LUTHER¹*) was born March 13, 1903 in Yazoo City, Mississippi and died of a heart attack on November 30, 1962 in Yazoo City, Mississippi. He is buried in Glenwood Cemetery, Yazoo City, Mississippi. He married **ALFREDA MILLER PEAFTER** on October 10, 1926 in Yazoo City, Mississippi. She was born November 29, 1906 and died November 26, 1991 in Yazoo City, Mississippi. She is buried in Glenwood Cemetery, Yazoo City, Mississippi.

Child of CHARLES NORTH and ALFREDA PEAFTER is:

i. **CHARLES HAMILTON³ NORTH, JR.** was born October 16, 1940 in Jackson, Mississippi and died April 02, 1996 in Jackson, Mississippi.
Children of RL BENNETT and MOLLIE MCKIE are:

92. i. ROBERT MCKIE'S BENNETT was born July 30, 1884 in Canton, Mississippi and died June 17, 1903 in Yazoo City, Mississippi. Robert was an adopted child.

93. ii. JOSEPH ALLEN BENNETT was born July 02, 1897 in Yazoo City, Mississippi and died January 27, 1973 in Jackson, Mississippi.
ROBERT LANGFORD AND
MARY MOLLIE MCKIE BENNETT

GRANDFATHER "BOO"
PINEY WOODS, PURVIS, MISSISSIPPI
1920's

BENNETT HOME
YAZOO CITY, MISSISSIPPI

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
CANTON, MISSISSIPPI
Robert Langford Bennett was the forth son born to Joseph and Eliza Langford Bennett. He was born October 11, 1854 in Brandon, Rankin County, Mississippi and was named after his mother and called RL. Little is known about his early childhood up until his marriage to Mary Mollie McKie (known as Mollie) on October 15, 1879 in the Presbyterian Church in Canton, Mississippi.

After the death of Mollie's aunt, Pauline in 1885, RL and Mollie adopted Pauline's son, Robert McKie on February 22, 1886 in Canton, Mississippi. Robert was the youngest of three sons born to J.D. and Pauline Ford McKie. Later, Robert's father married Josephine Swayne and had two more children.

On January 1, 1887, RL Bennett, at that time, agent for the Illinois Central Railroad was offered and accepted a clerkship in the First National Bank of Yazoo City. He served for 16 years from 1887 ~ 1903 and devoted his best energies to the advancement of the bank. Robert was on the Board of Directors. He was one of the prime movers and workers in organizing the splendid $150,000 cotton mill in operation in Yazoo City, and was on its directorate. He was especially active in securing the Belzona railroad extension. Being a Mississippian by birth, he was a firm believer in the great future of his native state. He was truly in the category of men who are termed "Builders of Cities".

Mollie and RL had their first child, Joseph Allen Bennett on July 3, 1897 in Yazoo City, Mississippi. By this time, Miss Sallie McKie "Aunt Tat", was living with the family (Sallie Caroline McKie was the spinster aunt that raised Mollie after the death of Mollie's mother, Sarah).

Yazoo City had a "big fire" on May 25, 1904 that destroyed most of the city. Sharon Bennett, great granddaughter of RL Bennett, has a picture showing RL Bennett opening a safe that was left standing in the middle of the rubble that once was the Bank of Yazoo City.

October 15 of that same year, Mollie and RL celebrated their silver wedding anniversary. One of their gifts was a silver spoon engraved with their initial 'B' that was later given to their great granddaughter, Phyllis Richter Blount and her husband Karl on their silver wedding anniversary, November 19, 1991.

April 1906 has the Bennett family moving to Hattiesburg, Mississippi where RL has taken a position in the Lamar County Bank and was listed as a Real Estate Agent in the 1910 census.

Mollie passed away on March 27, 1913 of pancreatic cancer and is buried in an unmarked grave next to her adopted son, Robert McKie Bennett in the Bennett plot in Glenwood Cemetery, Yazoo City. Robert died June 17, 1903 after falling from a train.

RL continued to work in the Lamar County Bank in Purvis, Mississippi where his son Joseph Allen worked after he was discharged from the US Navy. After Joe married Ruth Lines McNair on November 25, 1920, they set up housekeeping with RL on Ohio Street in Purvis. On January 18, 1922, Mary McKie Bennett is born and is named for her grandmother Mary Mollie Mckie Bennett. Little Mary refers to her grandfather RL as 'BOO'.

When an opening became available in the Bank of Purvis, this being his chosen field, RL moved his son Joseph Allen and Aunt Tat to Purvis, Mississippi. It has been recorded that Miss Sally (Aunt Tat McKie) and the Bennett's neighbor, Mrs. Mary Jordan were the first two ladies of Purvis to register to vote.
A Methodist from boyhood, for over forty years RL devoted much time to the Church and Sunday School work of the Yazoo City Methodist Church. The Bennett Chapel, which occupied a valuable site in the Church, was a generous gift from him.

Bennett's Memorial Park, near the depot in Purvis is a fitting tribute to the good works of such a fine upstanding citizen. RL was an eloquent speaker, having inherited this talent from his father. He was also an accomplished writer, many articles from his pen having gone the rounds of the press.

Robert Langford was described as a tall man with a white mustache and white hair and always wore a flat top straw hat.

RL died in Hattiesburg on June 29, 1929 and was sent by train to Yazoo City to be buried in an unmarked grave next to his wife in the Glenwood Cemetery.
Robert McKie Bennett

92. ROBERT MCKIE'S BENNETT was born July 30, 1884 in Canton, Mississippi and died June 17, 1903 in Yazoo City, Mississippi.

In 1885 when Robert McKie was 18 months old, his mother, Pauline Rodes Ford McKie died leaving three small children, Nathan, Ford and Robert. His father, James Dennis (JD) McKie agreed to allow his niece Mollie McKie and her husband RL Bennett to adopt his youngest son Robert McKie in Canton, Mississippi on February 22, 1886. Several years later his father JD married Josephine Swayze and they had two children, Hardy Swayze and James Dennis.

Robert and a friend had attempted to "hop" a freight train, as young boys often did. He lost his grip and fell beneath the wheels of the train and both legs were severed. The rail tracks were located one block from the Luther North home. Mrs. North ran to a nearby store to summon help. When Robert realized he had lost both legs, he was content to die.

Phyllis Elount has the brooch containing a picture of Robert McKie Bennett.