# The Early Life of Jackson "Jack" Grate (b. 1865 - d. 1953)

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### Hi, my name is David C. Wilson and I am the grandson of Rose Ella Grate-Wilson



David C. Wilson

#### **Noa Grate Samuel Grate** b. 1919 b. 1907 b. 1955) **Mamie Grate-Davis** b. abt. 1917 d. 1991 **Bosie Grate Roosevelt Grate Emma Grate-Bellamy** b. 1902 d. 1960 b. 1914 b. 1905 d. 1985) **Lottie Grate-Reese Eva Grate-Wilson** b. abt. 1912 d. 1993 **Majorie Grate-Hickman** b. 1900 d.1958) b. abt. 1910 d. 2009 **Bessie Grate** Joseph Grate **Talar Grate** b. abt. 1907 d. b. 1898 d.1936) b. abt. 1898 d. unk **Beulah Grate-Allen** 1910-20 b. abt. 1905 d. 1984 **Sinnie Grate Eunice Grate-Smith** b. 1897 d.1974) **Mannie Grate** b.1894 d. b. 1902 **Oueen Grate Susie Grate-Pryor** b. abt. 1900 d. 1985 b. 1892 d.1961 **Rose Ella Grate-Wilson** b.1891 d.1961 Ada Grate-Fisher b. abt. 1896 d. 1965 **Lyon Grate** William B. Grate **Matthew Grate** b. 1890 d. 1964) b. abt. 1888 d. unk b. abt. 1896 d. 1977 **Russell Wolf** b. 1891 – unk. John B. Grate b. abt. 1887 d. unk The Family Root Jack Grate, b. abt. 1865 d. 1953 Nora Bessant-Grate, b. abt. 1863 d. 1921 Narcissia Wolf-Grate, b. abt. 1868 d. 1958

#### Special Tribute to Jackson Grate

Your courage and faith have made our lives better than you could have imagined. You planted the seeds of success and greatness throughout the Grate Family. We vow to honor your memory every day by living the best life possible.



## Special Tribute to Nora Bessant-Grate and Narcissa Wolf-Grate

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### Introduction

#### **Objective**

- Learn additional information on the earlier life of Jackson Grate
- Learn Facts About Family History Research Limitations
- Attain an overview of the Grates: Jack, Nora, and Narcissa in their earlier life
- Be able to explain the timeline of Jack Grate's life and that of his children
- Be able explain Branch and Sub-branch families
- Be able to explain generational links and degrees of kinship in a single line of descent
- Other...

#### What does the presentation do?

#### **♦** It does the following:

- Provides insight into the timeline from the common ancestor, Jack Grate, Nora Bessant, Narcissa Wolf, and their descendants that follows a single line of descent from about 1820 to the present.
- Provides understanding of degrees of kinship in a complex extended family structure

#### Preponderance of Evidence

- A preponderance of evidence has been described as just enough evidence to make it more likely than not that the fact the claimant seeks to prove is true.
- More than 98% of information in this presentation is based on historical records.
- Historical Records: <u>Census Data</u>, <u>Certificates of Death</u>, <u>Death</u>
   <u>Indexes</u>, <u>Military Records</u>, <u>Cemetery</u>, <u>Obituary Information</u>, <u>etc.</u>
- After careful analysis of the historical records, a preponderance of evidence emerged indicating that the information in this presentation is accurate within a reasonable degree of genealogical certainty.

## Public Policy Effects on Historical Records and Research

#### Federal Census Data

- A complete numerical count of every person on the United States is conducted every 10 years.
  - First Census 1790
- Slaves were not counted as people, only numbers before the Federal Census of 1870
- Post slavery in 1870 was the first Federal Census that listed black people by their name, including a first and surname.
  - This has severely limited research before 1870

#### Federal Census Data - cont'd

- Often ages and name spelling are incorrect in census data sheets
  - ➤ Reasons name were written the way it sound to census takers; poorly educated census takers; parents unable to spell child or their name, ages were estimated by census takers because often parents could not remember their children ages accurately, etc.
  - Examples: Grate Family misspelling Sour for Sam; Cissy or Sissy or Cissy for Narcissa; Gritt for Grate; Bass or Bosy for Bosie; Nunice for Eunice, etc.
  - Ages were often inconsistent from census to census that varied as much as 10 years

#### Birth and Death Records

- South Carolina did not require a birth certificate or certificate of death until January 1, 1915.
  - ➤ Therefore, many people did not apply; consequently, there are few certificates of death or birth certificates before January 1,1915 that are on file that can be used in research.
  - ➤ Hence: Certificates of birth and death are almost none existence for blacks prior to 1915. I have never been able to find a certificate of death for anyone passing before 1915 in 20 years of research.
- Anyone born before 1915 could simply change their name at will, including first and surname throughout their life.

#### Marriage and Divorce Records

#### **Marriage Records**

South Carolina did not require marriage records until 1950.

#### **Divorce Records**

- South Carolina did not require divorce records until 1962.
  - > Consequence: Future Research will be severely restricted, particularly in the black community.

## Sources and Citations

#### **Sources and Citations**

- A source is the record used in locating information. Sound genealogy research is built on a variety of sources.
- A citation is a notation that connects the source to the research and supports any conclusions made.
  - ✓ Citation example: Federal Censuses 1900 and 1920
- Deciphering sources require <u>critical thinking skills</u>: Primary sources are snippets of history. They are incomplete and often come without context. They require one to be analytical, to examine sources thoughtfully, and to determine what else is needed to know to make inferences from the materials.

#### Sources and Citations – cont'd

☐ Data Base: Ancestry.com

#### **List of Sources**

- 1870 U.S. Federal Census
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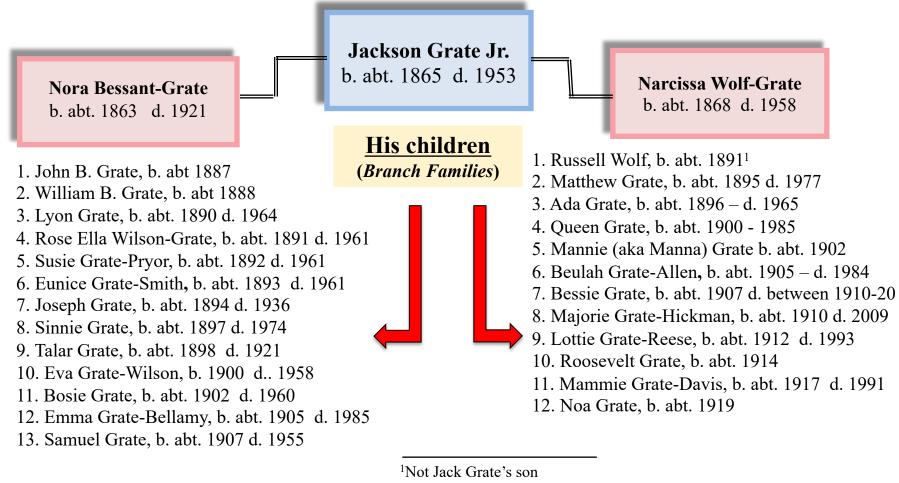
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- North Carolina Death Certificates, 1909-1975
- U.S., World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918
- U.S., Headstone Applications for Military Veterans, 1925-1963
- The Mount Calvary No. 1 Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery <a href="http://www.hchsonline.org/afro/mtcalvary.html">http://www.hchsonline.org/afro/mtcalvary.html</a>

Summary of Root Family ~First Generation~ **Jackson Grate** (1865 - 1953)and Nora Bessant-Grate (1865 - 1921)

## Family Tree ~ Jackson "Jack" Grate Jr. ~



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>His name was James Grate in his young days. Not sure when he changed it to Lyon.

#### Grate Burial History at Mt. Calvary #1 Church Cemetery

#### ☐ Jack Grate began his family in Red Bluff, South Carolina

- McNeil Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, Red Bluff, SC was founded by Narcissa Wolf-Grate's mother, Rhoda Wilson-Wolf in 1885
- The Mt. Calvary Community did not have a church; therefore, the parishers attended church at McNeil Chapel MBC.
- During this period, a gentlemen agreement was made between McNeil Chapel MBC and Mt. Calvary community that McNeil would be allowed to bury their dead in its cemetery in an area set aside for them.
- Jack Grate and his young family were part of the Red Bluff community; therefore, the Grate family along with the Wilson family started interring their dead at Mt. Calvary Cemetery around 1885.
- The practice continued for both the Wilson and Grate Families until 1965. when this arrangement could no longer be honored because the cemetery area set aside was now full. McNeil Chapel MBC purchased land and opened its own cemetery in 1965.

## Root Family ~Jackson "Jack" Grate~

- **Born:** Born during the Civil War or shortly after between 1864 and 1870 in the Waccamaw area of Georgetown County South Carolina. Historical citations suggest he was born about 1865.
- **Parents**: Father Jackson Grate Sr., b. abt. 1843; Mother- Carolina Grate, b. abt. 1850 & Step-mother Nancy Grate, b. abt. 1855
- **Married:** Nora Bessant-Grate (1<sup>st</sup> wife in 1886); Narcissa Wolf-Grate (2<sup>nd</sup> wife) after Nora's death.
- Occupation: Farm Laborer, Log Woods, etc.
- Children: Approximately {First wife = 13} and {second wife = 12};

  Total = 25 {All children from first wife, Nora, were born in Red Bluff, SC}
- **Died:** November 24, 1953 at the age of 88.
- Cause of death: Congestive Heart Failure
- Burial: Mt. Calvary #1 Church Cemetery, Highway 905, Conway, SC

#### **Jackson Grate Certificate of Death**

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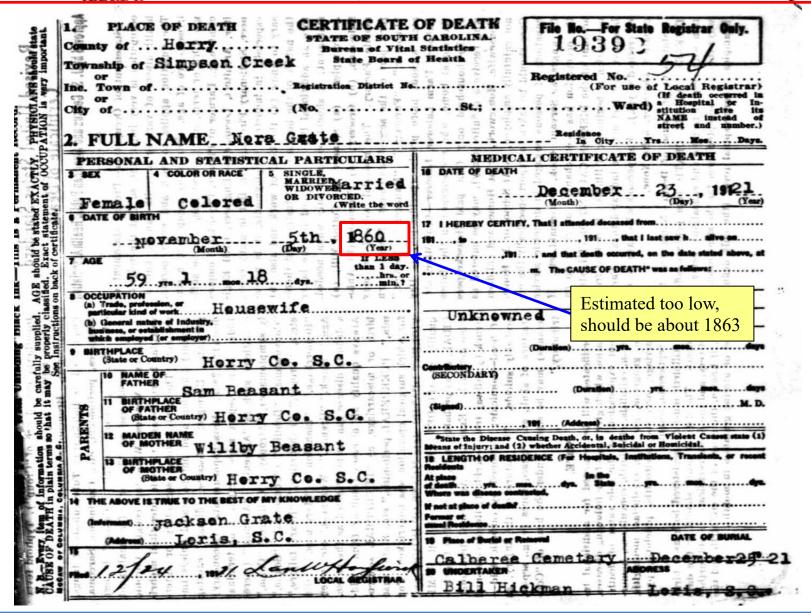
Birth year is off by about 21 years. Should be about 1865. Jack Grate was about 88 years old when he passed in 1953.

Nancy Grate is Jackson Grate, Jr. stepmother. Jackson biological mother was Caroline (b. 1846) who passed away when he was very young, less than eight years old. He referred to her as his mother: therefore, this was passed down to his children. This was common. The informant was one of his daughters from his second wife. Nancy maiden name was Nancy Horry.

## Root Family ~Nora Bessant-Grate~

- **Born:** Born during the Civil War about 1863 in the area in or around Red Bluff in Horry County South Carolina.
- **Parents:** Father Sam T. Bessant, b. abt. 1840 and Mother Wiliby Bessant, b. abt. 1843
- **Married:** Jack Grate in 1886
- Occupation: Homemaker & Laborer
- **Children:** Approximately 13
- **Died:** December 11, 1921 at the age of 58
- Cause of death: Unknown
- Interred: Mt. Calvary #1 Church Cemetery, Highway 905, Conway, SC

#### Nora Bessant Grate Grate Certificate of Death



## Root Family ~Narcissa Wolf-Grate~

**Born:** Horry County SC (Simpson Creek Township in Red Bluff) b. abt. 1868 as a free person.

Parents: Father - Robert Wolfe, b abt. 1820 d. abt. 1915; Mother: Rhoda

Wilson-Wolfe, b. abt. 1837 d. January 21, 1922 at the age of

Married: Jack Grate

Occupation: Farm Laborer, Hired house worker, etc.

Church: McNeil Chapel Missionary Baptist Church

**Died:** August 31, 1958 at the age of 90.

Cause of death: Cerebral Thrombosis

Interred: Mt. Calavary#1 Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery, Highway 905

#### **Narcissa Wolf-Grate Certificate of Death**

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Birth year is off by 18 years. Should be 1868.
Narcissa was 90 years old when she passed in 1958.

## Chronological Journey Root Family ~First Generation~ Jackson "Jack" Grate b. abt. 1862 d. 1953

#### 1870 Household Census

#### ~ Jack Grate ~

Lower Waccamaw **Residence: Georgetown** County, SC

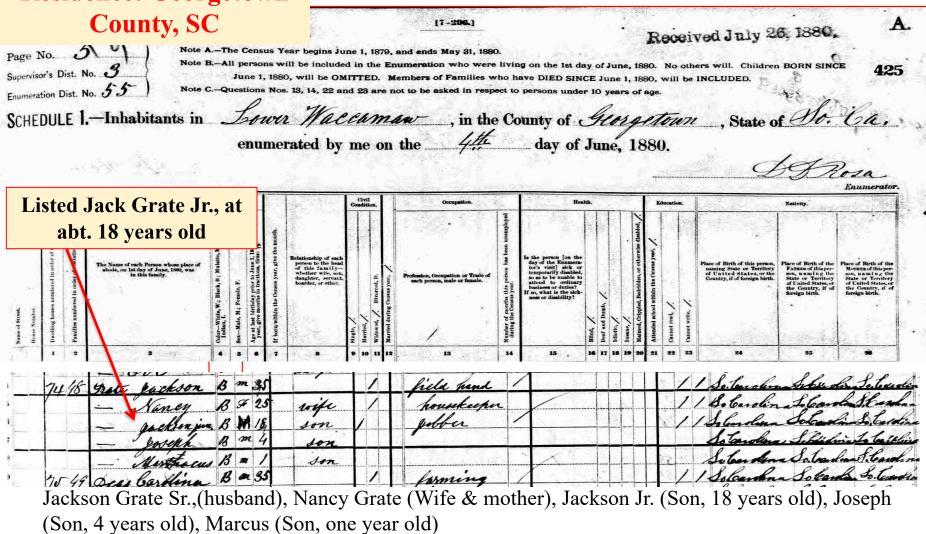
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Jackson Grate Sr., (husband), Caroline Grate (Wife & mother), Jackson Grate (Son, 4 years old) and Benjamin Grate (Son, one year old)

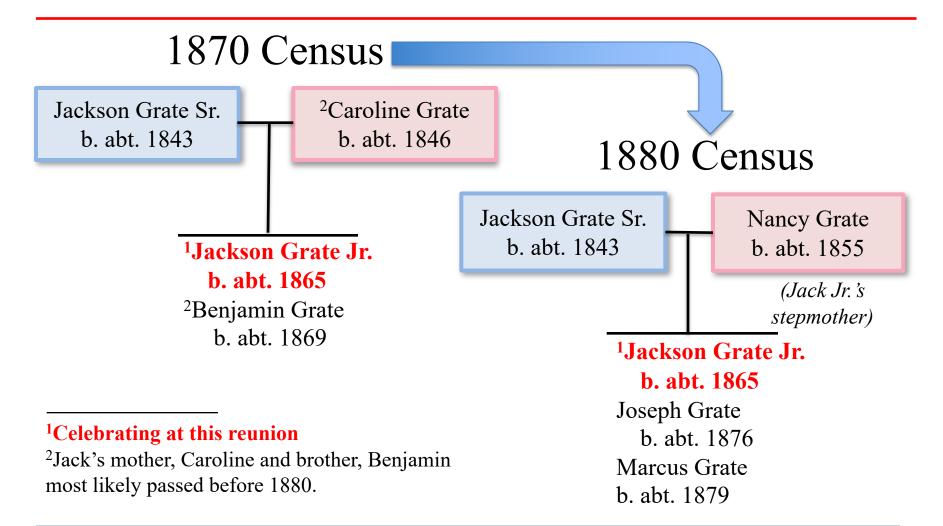
#### 1880 Household Census

Lower Waccamaw,
Residence: Georgetown
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#### ~ Jack Grate ~



## Family Tree ~ Jackson Grate Sr. & Jr. ~

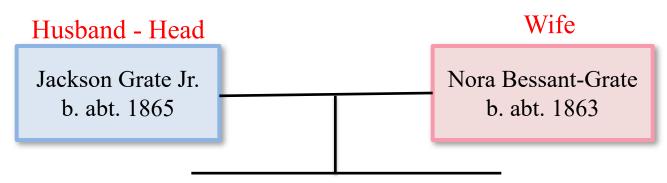


#### 1880 Jackson "Jack" Grate

- **Census** 1870: He was living with his father and mother, Caroline, and brother Marcus who was one year old
- Census 1880: Living with his father, Jackson Grate Sr., and his stepmother, Nancy, and half-brothers, Joseph, b. abt. 1876, and Marcus, b. abt. 1879. His natural mother and brother, Benjamin passed before 1880. Jack Sr. had remarried and had two children from his second wife by 1880.
- **Jackson Grate Jr.** Age listed as 18 years old in 1880. Age is off by three years.
- **His Natural Mother** Carolina Grate, b. abt. 1850, was no longer living in the household and was most likely deceased.
- **His Brother** Benjamin was no longer living in the household; therefore, he was also most likely deceased by 1880.

#### 1900 Household Family Tree

#### ~ Jack Grate ~



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>John B. Grate, b. abt. 1887

James Grate, b. abt. 1890

Rose Ella Grate, b. abt. 1891

Susie Grate, b. abt. 1892

Eunice Grate, b. abt. 1894

Joseph Grate, b. abt. 1895

Sinnie Grate, b. abt. 1897

Talar Grate, b. abt. 1898

<sup>1</sup>Eva Grate, b. 1900

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>William B. Grate, b. abt.1888

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Her birth year is most likely very accurate because she was only a few months old at the time he census was taken.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>John was 13 years old in 1900 (no data found since 1900)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>William was 12 years old in 1900 (no data found since then).

#### 1900 Household Census

**Jack Grate** 

#### ~ Jack Grate ~

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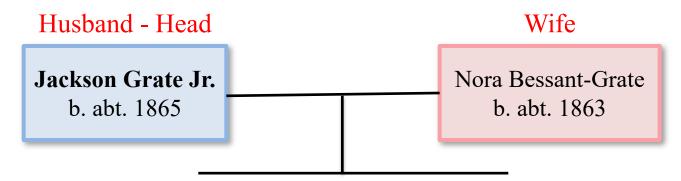
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#### 1910 Household Family Tree

#### ~ Jack Grate ~



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Susie Grate, b. abt. 1892
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<sup>1</sup>Eva Grate, b. 1900
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Emma Grate, b. abt. 1905
Samuel Grate, b. abt. 1907

<sup>1</sup>Her birth year is most likely very accurate because she was only a few months old at the time the census was taken.

#### 1910 Household Census

#### ~ Jack Grate ~

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#### **Parents:**

Jackson Grate Jr., abt. 40 Nora Grate, abt. 42

#### **Children:**

Susie Grate, abt. 19 Rose Ella Grate, abt. 17 Joseph Grate, abt. 16

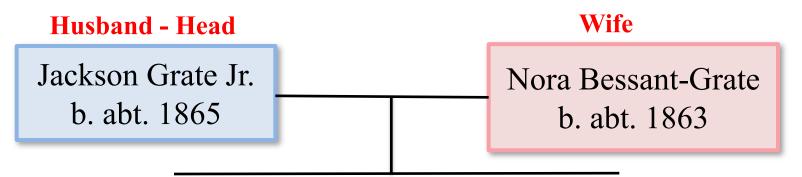
#### Children – cont'd

Eunice Grate, abt. 15 Sinnie Grate, abt. 10 Eva Grate, abt. 9 Talar Grate, abt. 7 Emma Grate, abt. 5 Bosie Grate, abt. 4 Samuel Grate, abt. 3

Simpson Creek Township Residence: Red Bluff, SC

### 1920 Household Family Tree

#### ~ Jack Grate ~



Sinnie Grate (son), b. abt. 1897

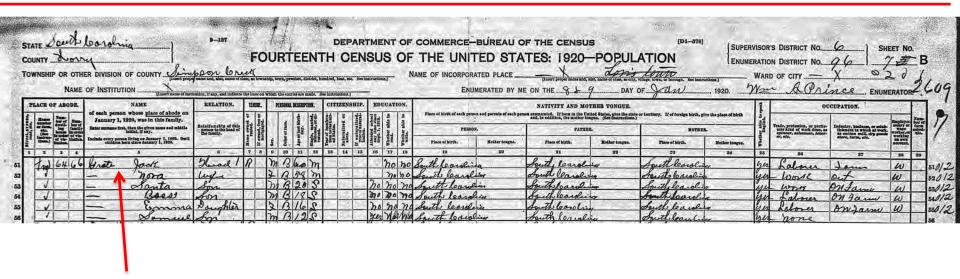
Bosie Grate (son), b. abt. 1902

Emma Grate (daughter), b. abt. 1905

Samuel Grate (son), b. abt. 1907

#### 1920 Household Census

#### ~ Jack Grate ~



Jackson Grate Jr. - Father Nora Grate - Mother

Sinnie Grate - Son

Bosie Grate - Son

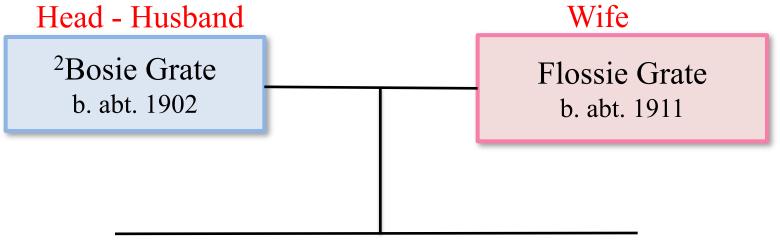
Emma Grate - Daughter

Samuel Grate - Son

Simpson Creek Township Moved from Red Bluff to Loris, SC before 1920 Residence: Henson and Loris Public Road Loris, SC

## 1930 Household Family Tree

#### ~ Jack Grate ~



Ethel Lee Grate(daughter), b. abt. 1929 <sup>1</sup> Jack Grate (Father), b. abt. 1865

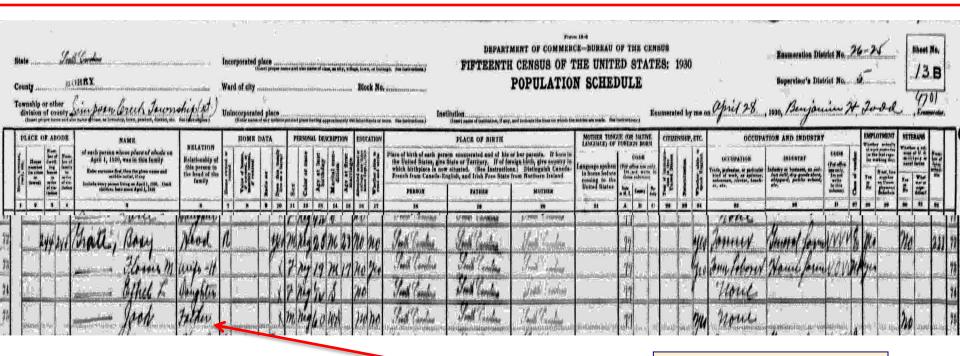
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Jack was living with son, Bosie, and was listed as widowed.

Bosie was listed as household head

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Son of Jack Grate Jr.

### 1930 Household Census

#### ~ Jack Grate ~



**Bosie Grate** – His son b. abt. 1902

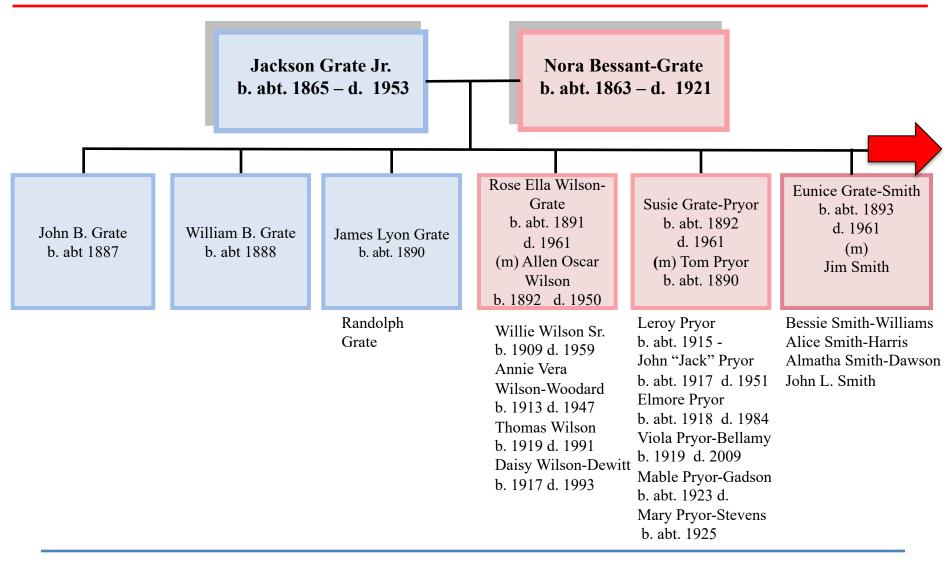
Flossie Grate – His son's wife, b. abt. 1911

Ethel Lee Grate – Daughter b. abt. 1929

Jackson Grate Jr. - Father - Living with his son, Bosie, and family

Jack Grate Jr.
Is not the household head. He is listed as the father of the head.

# Family Tree ~ Jack Grate ~



## Family Tree – cont'd

#### ~ Jack Grate & Nora Grate's children ~

Joseph "Joe" Grate b. abt. 1894 d. 1936 (m) Francis b. abt. 1898 d. unk.

Leila or Lellie Grate b. abt, 1912

Joseph Grate Jr.

b. abt. 1917

Charlie Grate

b. abt. 1919

Herbert Grate

b. abt. 1921 d. 2003

Carrie Grate

b. abt. 1923

Florrie Grate

b. abt. 1924

Annie L. Grate

b. abt. 1925

Mary Grate

b. abt. 1927

Children – cont'd

Alennie Grate b. 1931 d. 1952 <sup>1</sup>Johnny Lee Grate b. 1938 d. 1957

<sup>1</sup>His father died on June 8, 1936. Johnny Lee was born on October 27, 1936. He is interred at Mt. Calvary MBC #1 Cemetery. Sinnie Grate b. abt. 1897 d. 1974 (m) Carrie b. 1908 d. 1984

TJ Grate Lillie Mae Grate-Walters b. abt. 1924 d 1984

LeRoy Grate

b. Abt 1927

Grace Lee Grate

b. abt. 1929

Sinnie Grate Jr.

b. 1931 d. 2011

Nora Lee Grate-Doctor

b. 1933 d. 2006

Cora Lee Grate-Strickland

Helen Grate-Brown

b. abt. 1938

**Christine Grate** 

b. abt. 1939

Eugene Grate

Talar Grate b. abt. 1898 d. 1974 (m) Mosella Wolf-Grate

Mosella Grate b. 1919

b. 1898 d. 1921

Eva Grate-Wilson b. 1900 d.. 1958 (h) Sam Wilson b. 1899 d. 1954

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## Family Tree – cont'd

#### ~ Jack Grate & Nora Bessant-Grate's children ~



Bosie Grate b. abt. 1902 d. 1960 (m) Flossie J Grate b. 1911 d. 1983

Ethel Lee Grate-Dewitt b. 1930 d. 1997 Annie L. Grate-Gause b. 1932 d. 2002 Claude Grate b. 1935 d. 2003 Bosie Grate Jr. b. 1937 d. 2002 Drawt Grate b. 1944 d. 2012 Linda M. Grate-Floyd d. 1948 b. 1989 Donnie Grate Barbara Grate Emma Grate-Bellamy b. abt. 1905 d. 1985 (m) Jimmy Bellamy b. 1896 d. 1978

Charlie Bellamy b. 1921 d. 1951 Armatha Bellamy-McCullough b. 1923 d. 2007 James Bellamy d. 1926 b. 2008 Annie Mae Bellamy-McCullough b. 1932 d. 2004 Sam Grate b. abt. 1908 d. 1955 (m) Gussie Jackson-Grate b. 1909 d. 1966

Clinton "SJ" Grate Gether Grate-Bellamy Lindburg Grate b. 1932 d. 2009 Thelma Grate-Grissett b. 1934 d. 2009 Sam Grate Jr. John L. Grate b. 1940 d. 1959 Roddy Grate b. 1943 d. 2007 Freeman Grate James Frank Grate George G. Grate

#### ~ Jack Grate ~

#### **Comments**

It is believed that Jackson Grate Jr.,'s mother, Caroline, and his younger brother, Benjamin, passed between the 1870 and 1880. This is based on the fact that the 1880 Census indicated Jackson Grate Sr., was married to a Nancy Grate. Her estimated age was 25 years old with an estimated year of birth of 1855. His estimated age when averaged across the censuses was born about 1865. His father's age in 1880 was estimated to be 35. Nancy became his stepmother and there were two half brothers from this union, Joseph and Marcus. They were 4 years old and 1 year old in respectively.

Jack Grate half-brother, Joseph, born in 1876, did not live to adulthood, but Marcus Grate did and has a very large family of descendants in the Georgetown County area. Marcus named two of his sons, Joseph and Benjamin in memory of his father's brother, Benjamin who was born in 1869, but never lived to be a teenager.

# Nora Bessant-Grate Married Jack Grate in 1886 b. abt. 1862 d. 1921

#### Nora Bessant-Grate

#### **Nora Bessant-Grate**

- **Born:** Born during the Civil War into slavery in the Simpson Creek Township South Carolina in or around the Red Bluff community
  - b. abt. November 5, 1862 d. December 23, 1921
- Parents were born into slavery: Father: Sam Bessant b. abt. 1840
- Martial Status: Married Jack Grate in 1886
- **Died: Cause of death**: Unknown
- **Burial**: Mt. Calvary #1 Church Cemetery Hwy. 905
- **1880 Census:** Neighbors to Narcissa Wolf

<sup>\*</sup>Similar names are often spelled with these variations: Walaby, Walloby, Willby

## 1880 Household Census Nora Bessant-Grate Family

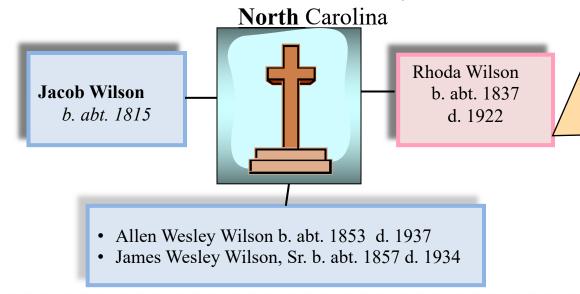
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Mary Bessant	17
Elisabeth Bessant	15
John Bessant	14
Peggey Bessant	13
Joseph Bessant	12
Sarah Bessant	11
Homah Bessant	10
Sim A. Bessant	9
Manney Bessant	7
Emma Bessant	3
Sam Bessant	2
Kelley Bessant	1

Simpson Creek Township Residence: Red Bluff Community. On the basis of census data it is believed that Sam Bessant (Nora's father) lived next door to Robert Wolf (Narcissa's father). Narcissa was about 12 and Nora was about 18.

# Jack Grate Family #2 ~Narcissa Wolfe-Grate b. abt. 1868 d. 1958

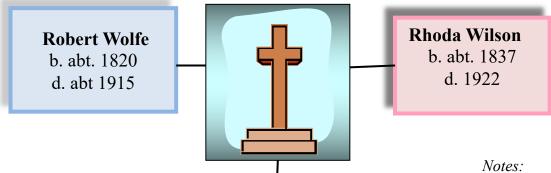
#### Both Jacob and Rhoda were born or sold into slavery in Southern Virginia or Northern





After her husband, Jacob, was sold from her, Rhoda was sold to another slave owner or slave trader with her two sons before the end of the civil war. We believed this happened around 1863 or 1864.

#### Family #2 Post Slavery



Emanuel Wolfe, b. abt. d. unk.

Narcissa Wolfe b. abt. 1868 d. 1958

Christian Wolfe, b. abt. 1871 d. 1935

Catherine Wolfe-Bellamy, b. 1876 d. 1924

<sup>1</sup>Silas Wolfe, b. abt. 1864 d. 1948

- Narcissa Wolfe (a.k.a. as Aunt Sissy) named is listed on 1900 & 1910 as
- There was a M.M. Wolfe who died on September 2, 1885. We do not know if this person was the father or brother of Robert Wolfe.

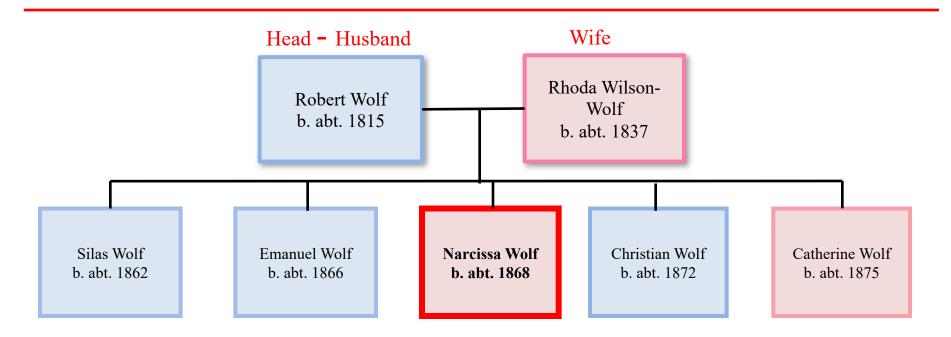
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Born in South Carolina, half brother to Allen and James Wesley Wilson. He later changed his surname from Wolf to Wilson.

#### 1880: Household Census

#### ~ Narcissa Wolf~

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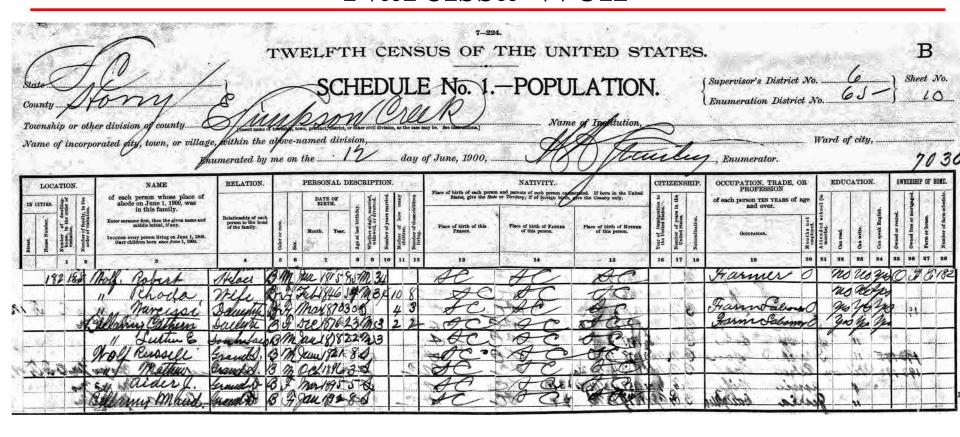


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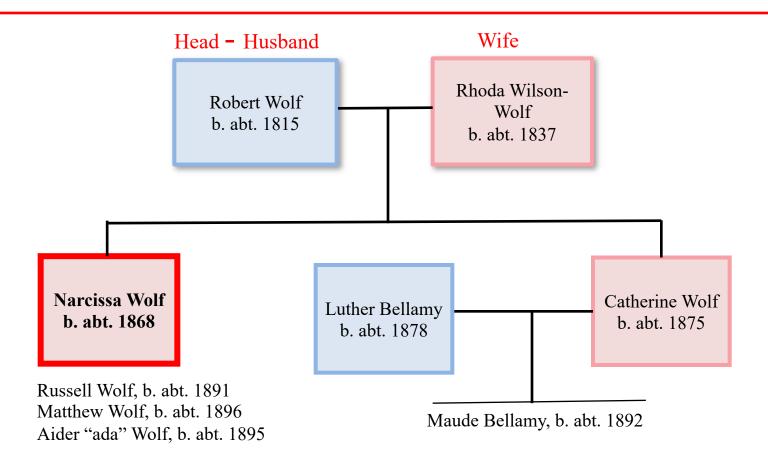
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#### 1900: Household Census

#### ~ Narcissa Wolf~



# 1900: Household Family Tree ~ Narcissa Wolf~



#### 1910: Household Census

#### ~ Narcissa Wolf~

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Househead: Narcissa Wolf

Son: Matthew Wolf, b. abt. 1896 Daughter: Queen Wolf, b. abt. 1900

Manna Wolf, b. abt. 1902

Daughter: Beula Wolf, b. abt. 1905

Bessie Wolf, b. abt. 1907

Simpson Creek Township Residence: Living in Red Bluff, SC. It is believed Narcissa moved to Loris after 1910 and before 1920. This is the same time frame that the the Grate Family moved to Loris, SC

#### 1920: Household Census

#### ~ Narcissa Wolf-Grate~

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Househead: Narcissa Wolf

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Daughter: Quennie Wolf, b. abt. 1900, age 20 Daughter: Belua Wolf, b. abt. 1905, age 15 Daughter: Margie Wolf, b. abt. 1910, age 10 Son: Roosevelt Wolf, b. abt. 1914, age 6 Daughter: Mammie Wolf, b. abt. 1917, age 3

Daughter: Noa Wolf, b. abt. 1919, age 1

**Simpson Creek Township Residence:** 

**Hinson and Loris Public Road** 

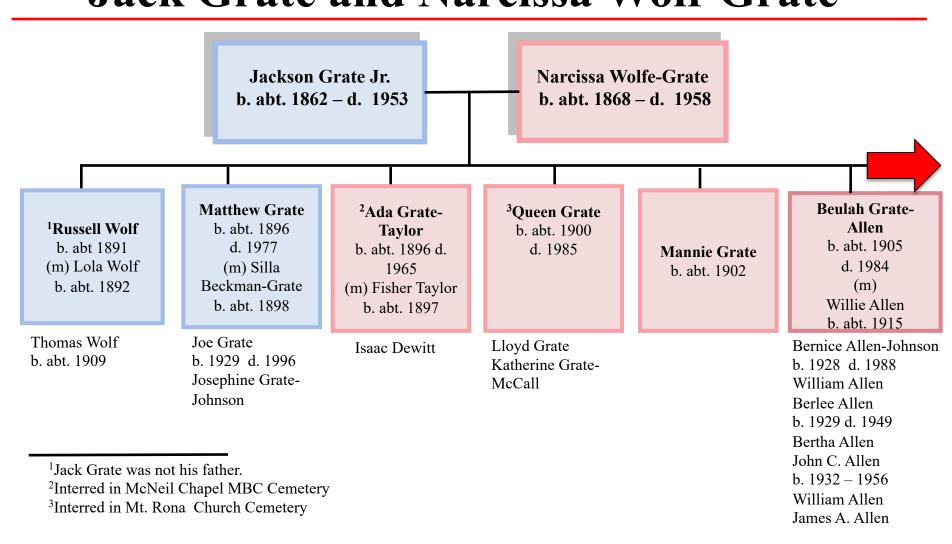
It is believed Narcissa moved to Loris

between 1910 and 1920

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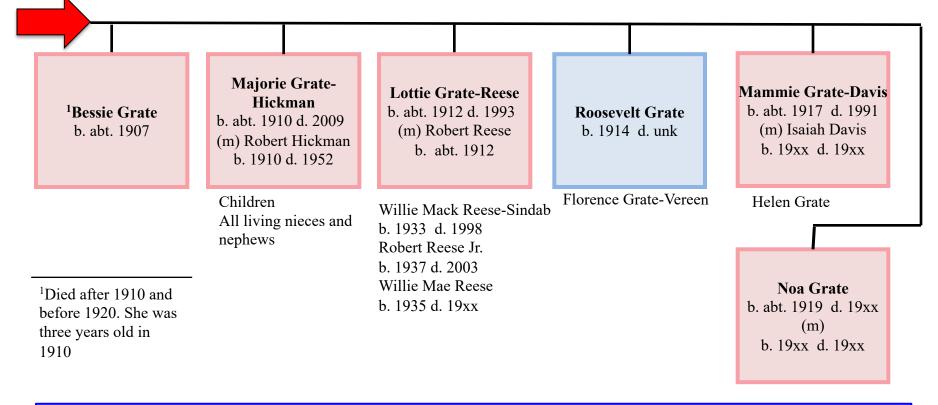
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# Family Tree #2 ~Jack Grate and Narcissa Wolf-Grate~



## Family Tree #2— cont'd

#### ~ Jack Grate & Narcissa Wolf-Grate ~

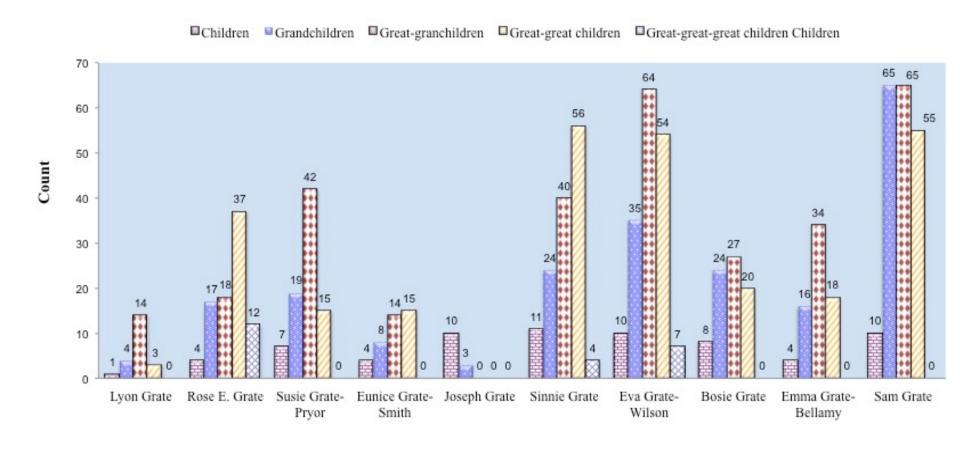


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#### ~ Jack Grate & Nora Grate

Their children, grandchildren, Great-grand children Great<sup>2</sup> children, and Great<sup>3</sup> children

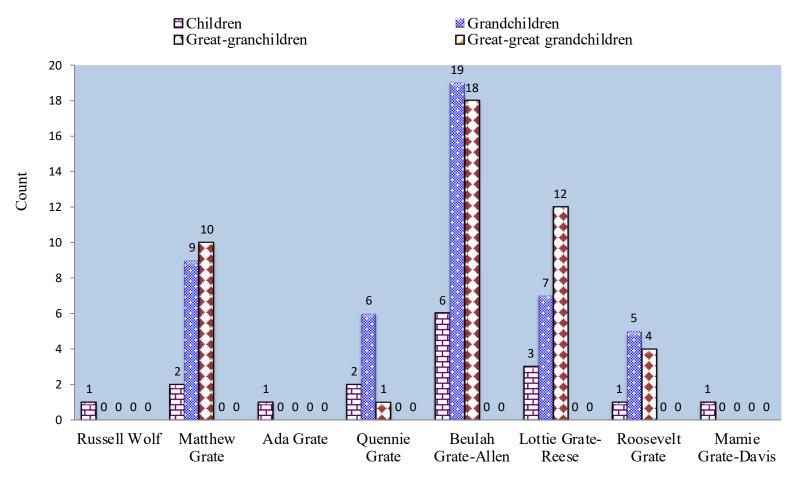
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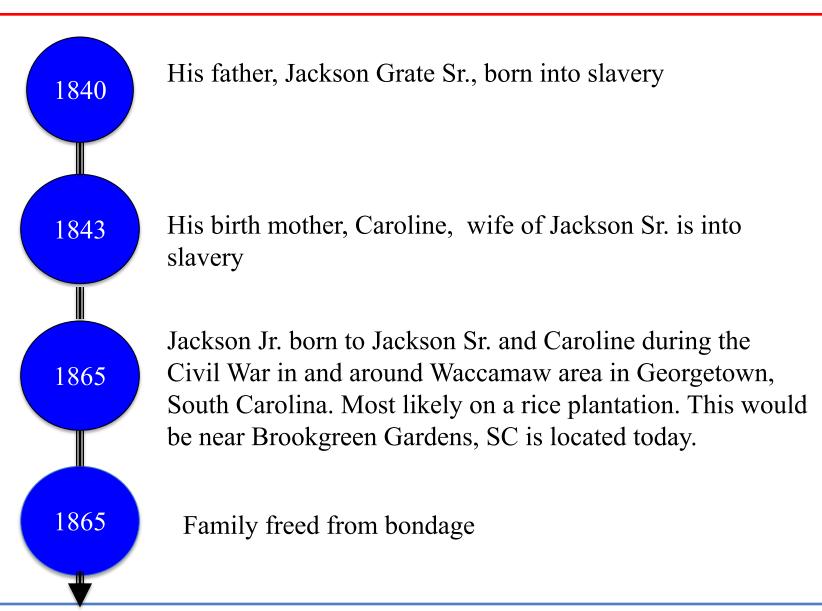
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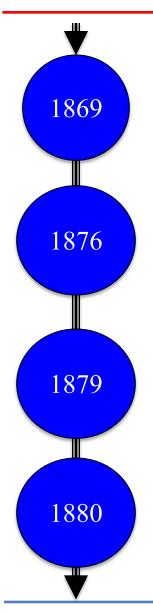
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#### **Bar Chart Summary**



# Genealogical Summary of Jack Grate's Life's Journey



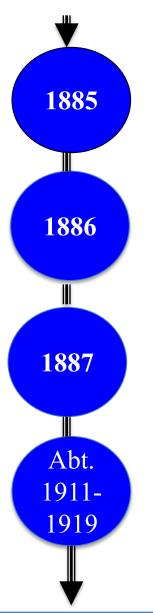


Jack Grate Jr.'s brother, second surviving child, Benjamin Grate is born.

Jack Sr. & Nancy's first son together, Joseph Grate. He is Jack Jr. half brother.

Jack Sr. & Nancy's second son together, Marcus Grate is born. He is Jack Jr. second half brother.

The household parents were Jackson Sr. & Nancy. The children were Jack Jr. and Joseph. It is strongly believed that Caroline and son, Benjamin passed before 1876 and Jack Sr. second marriage was is Nancy.

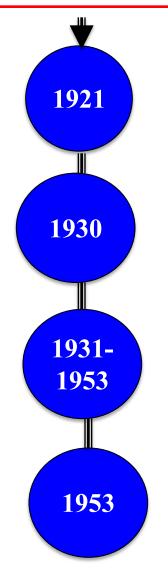


Jack Grate Jr. moved from the Waccamaw area in Georgetown County, South Carolina to Red Bluff, SC

Jack Grate Married Nora Bessant in the Red Bluff community. Nora Bessant was living near the Wilson and Wolf families. The Wolf and Wilson families are related with common ancestor Rhoda Wilson-Wolf.

His first t born child with Nora: Most or all of Jack children were born in Red Bluff, SC. On the basis of historical records, it is believed he and Nora first born was John Grate.

Jack Grate moved his families from Red Bluff to Loris, SC



Jack Grate Jr. wife of 34 years, Nora, passed on December 23, 1921.

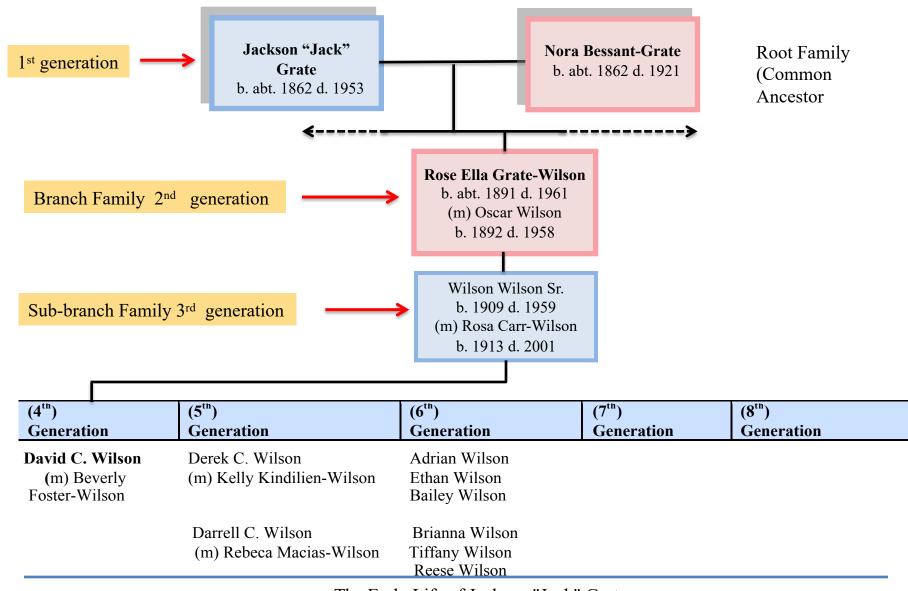
Jack Grate Jr. was living in the household with his son, Bosie Sr. He listed himself at the time as widowed.

Unable to find any addition historical information on Jack Grate.

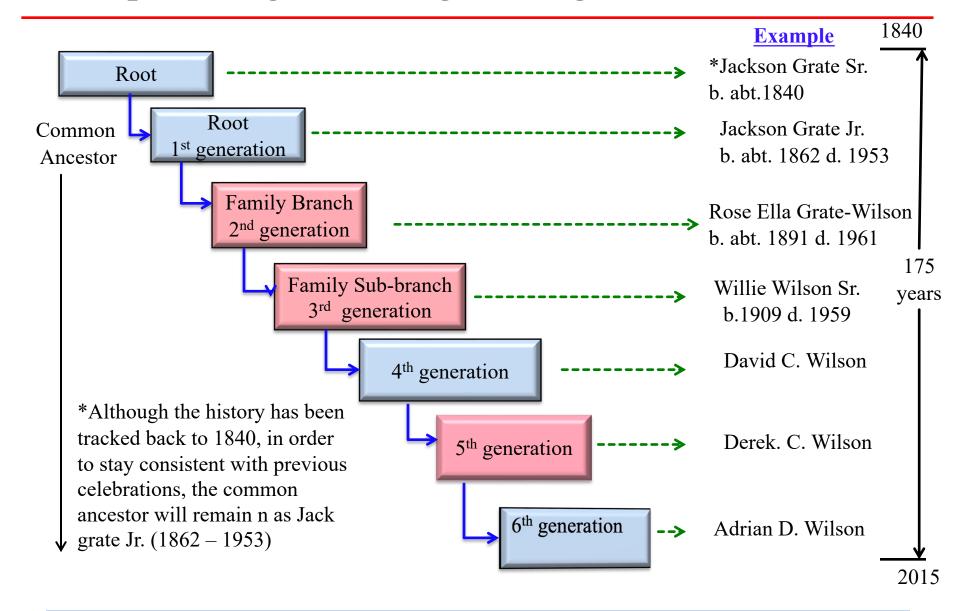
Jack Grate passed passed on November 24, 1953 as a result of congestive heart failure

# An Explanation of Structure and Flow of Branch and Sub-branch Families

### **Example - Genealogy Chart**

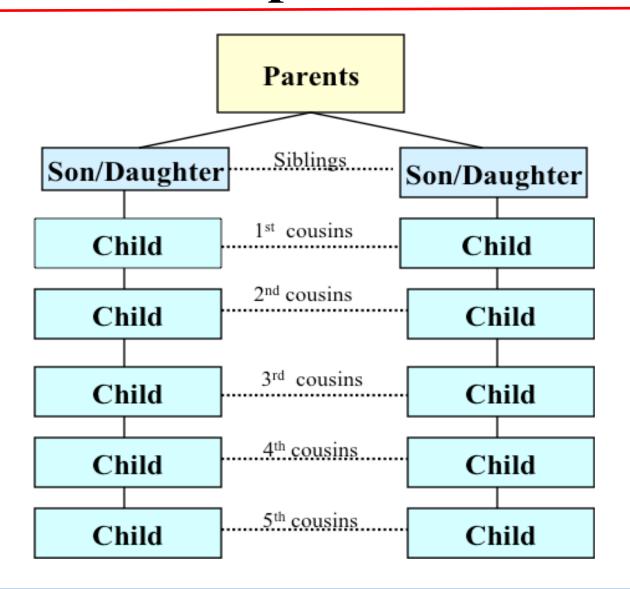


#### Example – Single line diagram of generational structure



# How to Determine Degrees of Kinship?

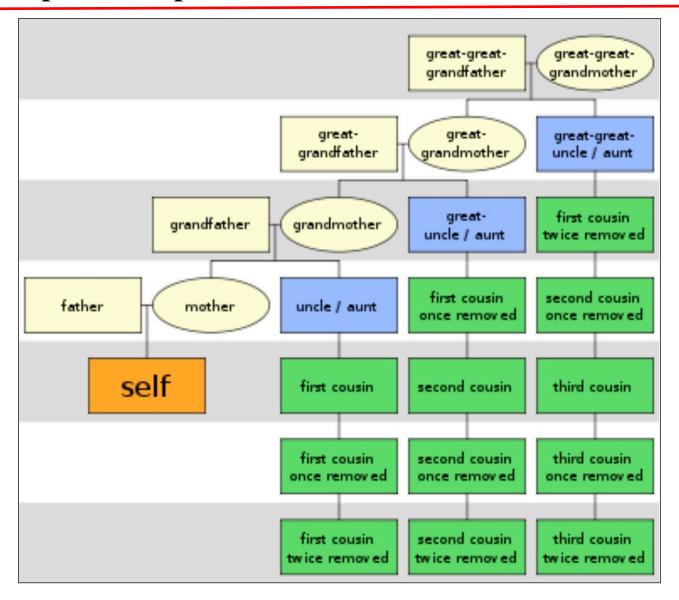
### **Cousinship Flow Chart**



# Common Ancestor Table How to determine degrees of Cousinship?

one person's → is the other they person's are  ↓ ↓	Grandparent	Great- grandparent	Great-great- grandparent	Great <sup>3</sup> - grandparent	Great <sup>4</sup> - grandparent	Great <sup>5</sup> - grandparent
Grandparent	1st cousins	1st cousins once removed	1st cousins twice removed	1st cousins thrice removed	1st cousins four times removed	1st cousins five times removed
Great- grandparent	1st cousins once removed	2nd cousins	2nd cousins once removed	2nd cousins twice removed	2nd cousins thrice removed	2nd cousins four times removed
Great-great- grandparent	1st cousins twice removed	2nd cousins once removed	3rd cousins	3rd cousins once removed	3rd cousins twice removed	3rd cousins thrice removed
Great <sup>3</sup> - grandparent	1st cousins thrice removed	2nd cousins twice removed	3rd cousins once removed	4th cousins	4th cousins once removed	4th cousins twice removed
Great <sup>4</sup> - grandparent	1 lour times		3rd cousins twice removed	4th cousins once removed	5th cousins	5th cousins once removed
Great <sup>5</sup> - grandparent	1st cousins five times removed	2nd cousins four times removed	3rd cousins thrice removed	4th cousins twice removed	5th cousins once removed	6th cousins

#### Kinship: Grandparents, uncles, aunts, and cousins chart



# Conclusion

#### **Matthew Grate: 1896 - 1977**



Adults - Left to right: Standing: Rose Ella, Eunice, Emma, Susie, Narcissa

**Sitting**: Jack Grate Children: Unknown

Matt Grate (1896-1977) is at work. He loved is work and was employed with the city of Loris South Carolina for more than 30 years.

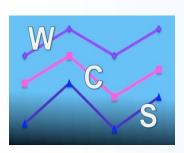


#### **Conclusion Statement**

It is my hope that you will take advantage of the rich heritage left by your ancestors. Please remember that they worked hard and endured a lot of pain and degradation to make the world a better place for you. To that end, you must ask of yourselves: what impact have I to made to make the world a better place for the next generation?

Thank you and May God forever bless you.

This Family History Presentation is the sole compliments of David C. Wilson, great-grandson of Jackson "Jack" Grate and Nora Bessant-Grate



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