

4. WILLIAM BENJAMIN SCROGGINS (H70) ([Parents:Scroggins04](#))

Born 02 Oct 1878 Shelby County, Kentucky

Died 17 Apr 1939 Louisville, Jefferson County, Kentucky

Married 5. Sciota Rebecca Young 20 Feb 1901 Franklin County, Kentucky

Born 25 May 1884 Franklin County, Kentucky

Died 16 Dec 1965 Shelbyville, Shelby County, Kentucky

Children:

2. Garnett Franklin Scroggins (J53) ([Children:Scroggins02](#))

b. 08 Dec 1901 Shelby County, Kentucky

d. 04 Jun 1956 Atlanta, Fulton County, Georgia

m. (1) 3. Mary Emaline Martin 31 Dec 1919 Jeffersonville, Clark Co, IN

(2) Mary Angela McIntosh

William Forrest Scroggins (J54)

b. 09 Dec 1906 Shelbyville, Shelby County, Kentucky

d. 07 Oct 1985 Mathews County, Virginia

m. (1) Bernice Estelle Johnson 06 Jun 1925 Louisville, Jefferson Co, KY

(2) Ruby Sarah Perkins Shanz Brock 30 Dec 1978 White Stone,
Mathews County, Virginia

William Benjamin "Banie" Scroggins (H70) was the only son of William Samuel Scrogins (G60) and Mary Edna Wade.¹ Although his father signed his will W. S. Scrogins, Banie settled on the usage Scroggins. The tombstone of his sister Myrtle is engraved Myrtle Scrogins Kesler. Their grandfather Benjamin usually spelled his name Scrogin. The earliest records of the family name generally spell it Scrogin but it appears frequently as Scrogins, Scroggin and Scroggins. His nickname Banie was a childish mispronunciation of Bennie. Sciota Rebecca "Otia" Young was a daughter of Henry Clay Young and Lucy Jane Sheets. She was called Otia which was pronounced "Oatey."

Banie and Otia were married at Frankfort, Franklin County, Kentucky, on 20 February 1901 by the Reverend George Darsie:²

MALE.

Date of Marriage	Feby 20 1901
Name of Groom	William B. Scroggins
Residence of Groom	near Bagdad Shelby Co Ky
Age of Groom	22 years old
Number of Marriage of Groom	first
Occupation	Farmer
Birthplace of Groom	Shelby Co Ky
Birthplace of Groom's Father	" " "
Birthplace of Groom's Mother	" " "

FEMALE.

Name of Bride	Miss Sciota Young
Residence of Bride	Hatton Shelby Co Ky
Age of Bride	16 years old
Number of Marriage of Bride	first
Birthplace of Bride	Franklin Co Ky
Birthplace of Bride's Father	" " "
Birthplace of Bride's Mother	Shelby Co Ky

To be Married at Frankfort Ky
on the 20 day of Feby 1901

I Certify that the above is correct to the best of my
knowledge and belief.

Witness my hand, this 18 day of February 1901

Attest

W. B. Scrogins

Geo A Clark

MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE

This is to Certify, That on the 20 day of February 1901
the Rites of Matrimony were legally solemnized by me between
Mr William B Scroggins and Miss Sciota Young
at Frankfort in the County of Franklin and State of Kentucky,
in the presence of Mr & Mrs Morris Miss Myrtle Young
G A Clark Miss G A Clark

Signed, George Darsie
VDM

George A. Clark was the husband of Hallie Young, sister of Otia. Miss G. A. Clark undoubtedly should have been written as Mrs. G. A. Clark. Miss Myrtle Young probably was Myrtle Scroggins Kesler since there is no known Myrtle Young in the family.

In 1979 William Forrest Scroggins (J54) recollected in an interview with the compiler, that his parents lived with Banie's parents for a while after their marriage and that their first son Garnett probably was born on his grandfather's farm. Before William, the second son, was born in 1906, Banie obtained employment as a carpenter during the construction of the Lincoln Institute, outside of Shelbyville on the road to Louisville, so they moved into Shelbyville. A school for negroes, the Institute was the forerunner of Kentucky State University, now in Frankfort. William, who was called that by his mother and father and known as Bill by his brother, wife and friends, was born at home on Main Street in Shelbyville, across from Webb's Storage Warehouse.

About 1910 or 1911 Banie took his little family to Eminence, Kentucky, where he opened a butcher shop which was an unsuccessful venture. Then they moved to Louisville where they

resided at 1009 South Second Street. In September 1911 son William entered the first grade at Victor H. Englehard School at First and Brook streets. Garnett probably attended Englehard also for a time but he soon was in Montserrat School at Fifth and York streets which had classes from the last half of the sixth grade through the eighth. Garnett later enrolled at Dupont Manual Training High School and William attended Louisville Male High School.

Banie's first job in Louisville was with the Great Western Supply Company, owned by Nat Koenig, which was in the 700 block of East Market Street. Banie was a collection agent and in the performance of his duties he had the use of a Huppmobile roadster which belonged to Mr. Koenig. Automobiles were still relatively uncommon in Louisville at this time and Banie was an impressive figure driving the beautiful car that was described by son William as having shiny brass rods running from the front springs to the cloth top.

Briefly, during 1919, Banie was a special agent for the Louisville and Nashville Rail Road who investigated illegal activities of company employees. This job entailed the carriage of a pistol and frequent traveling. Because of Otia's ill health, Banie could not be away from home as much as the job required, so he resigned from the L&N to work as a retail salesman at Bensinger Furniture Company in Louisville.

In 1919 Banie moved his family from a house near the corner of Brook and Breckinridge streets, close to Male High School, to a large house owned by cousins Earl and Mary Wade at 216 East Oak Street near Brook Street and Manual High School. Banie and Otia lived on the first floor, the Wades resided on the second and, after their marriage, Garnett and Mary Martin Scroggins occupied the third floor. Banie and Otia lived, sequentially, in the following places in Louisville:

- 1009 South Second Street between Kentucky and St. Catherine streets
- 106 West St. Catherine Street between First and Second streets
- 306 East Kentucky Street between Floyd and Preston streets
- Near the corner of Brook and Breckinridge streets
- 216 East Oak Street between Brook and Floyd streets (1919)
- Across the street from 216 East Oak Street
- 215 West St. Catherine Street between Second and Third streets (1925)
- 4300 block of Beechmont Avenue
- In the vicinity of 1215 First Street at which time his son William lived at First and Oak streets with his family (1929)

The Scroggins family attended Indian Fork Baptist Church near Bagdad and the Young family belonged to Mount Zion Christian Church in Franklin County, not far from Hatton. After their marriage Banie attended services at Mount Zion with Otia and they went to the First Christian Church in Shelbyville. In Louisville the family joined Walnut Street Baptist Church. Otia suffered early from a series of serious illnesses and major surgeries which left her unwell for most of her long life. For a while in Louisville, she was persuaded by a neighbor to follow the teachings of Christian Science and during this period enjoyed good

health. However, after the neighbor died, Otia did not maintain her interest and returned to the Baptist Church. Banie sang in the choir at Walnut Street Baptist Church. He had a fine voice and played the guitar and harmonica. At one time, he considered forming a musical trio with his sons and becoming a performer. Despite the burden of Otia's illnesses, Banie remained a gregarious, fun-loving man with a great zest for life.

He was a member of the Democratic political party.

In 1929 Banie was hired to manage Roberts Furniture Company in Mount Sterling, Kentucky, and moved there. The compiler made his first trip away from home alone by bus from Lexington to Mount Sterling to visit his grandparents, who were called Papaw and Mimi, for a week. He distinctly remembers the great excitement of getting on the bus alone, waving good-bye to his parents, and how homesick he got before the week was out. He has another vivid Mount Sterling memory of going to the furniture store for the day with his grandfather. When Papaw left his office on the mezzanine floor to go to the showroom floor to serve a customer, he left a burning cigar in an ashtray which the young boy puffed on surreptitiously while watching his grandfather at work below. Papaw taught the boy to work crossword puzzles at an early age, perhaps beginning at this time. The compiler also has many fond memories of singing with his grandfather while Papaw played the guitar. He also recalls, knowing that his grandfather detested the odor of bananas, sneaking up on Papaw while he was reading a newspaper and shoving a peeled banana up under the opened paper into his face. Instinctively, the startled man swatted a more startled boy and his banana across the room with a sweep of the paper.

In 1930 Banie moved to Lexington, Kentucky, to be manager of the Wheeler Furniture Company, where he remained until his death in 1939. In 1973, Gleta Gilbert Scroggins, the first wife of Banie's grandson Kenneth, was served in Stewarts Department Store in Lexington by a saleslady who had been Banie's secretary at Wheelers. Her reminiscences of him as a man and as an employer were warm and beautiful.

In Lexington, Banie and Otia lived on Merino Avenue for a short time before making their home on East High Street, between Clay and Ashland avenues.

While visiting in Louisville in 1939, Banie was stricken by a sudden and puzzling illness which resulted in paralysis from the waist down. After six weeks of unsuccessful treatment at Norton Memorial Infirmary, he died there. The cause of death was described as inflammation of the spinal cord (transverse myelitis) by the certifying physician, T. H. Spurling, M.D., 404 Brown Building, Louisville, who attended the deceased from 03 March 1939 until his death at 1110PM on 17 April 1939. Aged 60 years, 6 months and 15 days, William B. Scroggins was described as a white male clerk who was married to Otia Young Scroggins. He was born in Shelby County, Kentucky, on 02 October 1878. His father was William Samuel Scroggins, a native of Kentucky, and his mother was Mary Wade Scroggins, a native of Shelby County, Kentucky. The informant was William F. Scroggins, 2307 Gladstone Avenue, Louisville, Kentucky, which address was also given as the residence of the deceased. Burial was at

Bagdad, Kentucky, on 19 April 1939, by undertaker R. L. Shannon of Shelbyville, Kentucky.³

Funeral services were held at the home of Bill and Bernice Scroggins on Gladstone Avenue in Louisville before the bereaved mourners proceeded to Bagdad for the interment. The compiler, aged 17 at the time, vividly remembers the circumstances of his grandfather's mysterious illness, insofar as he knew about it; visits to the hospital with his father who was terribly anguished; and the subsequent death and funeral. He recalls scolding his younger brothers and sister, on the long ride from Louisville to Bagdad, for disturbing his reverie with their innocent chatter and laughter.

Years later, Bill Scroggins (J54) recollected that Dr. Spurling thought that the illness which killed his father was a form of leukemia. The precise nature of the illness was never fully determined because Bill's older brother Garnett was vehemently, as the compiler also recalls, opposed to an autopsy.

Otia Young Scroggins married (2) Joseph W. Stapleton of old Christiansburg in Shelby County, Kentucky. His domicile, upstairs over a vacant store, was so old and uncomfortable, without inside plumbing, that Otia finally left him and moved into Shelbyville. Joe remained there until his death in 1962. Born in 1878, he was a son of George Stapleton and Julia Montfort. Julia was a sister of Thomas Hertell Montfort who married Banie's aunt, Joanna (Joe Ann) Scrogin (G67). Joe Stapleton apparently was married twice previously. His first wife may have been from Louisville. His second wife was Nancy White (1880-1946). Joe is buried next to Nancy in the cemetery at Pleasureville, Kentucky.

Otia Young Scroggins Stapleton died of a coronary occlusion due to A.S.H.D. at 915AM on 16 December 1965 at Colonial Nursing Home in Shelbyville, Kentucky. The primary cause of death was of immediate occurrence but the secondary cause, A.S.H.D., which probably means athero-sclerotic heart disease, was a condition diagnosed as of some years according to the attending physician, Dr. Donald Chatham, who had been treating her since 1960. Otia was described as a white female widow, aged 81 years, 6 months and 5 days. Her birth date was given as 25 May 1884 and her birthplace, erroneously, as Shelby County, Kentucky, instead of Franklin County. Her parents were Henry Young and Lucy Sheets. Her usual residence was entered as Shelbyville on Clay Street. The informant was her son William F. Scroggins. Otia was interred at Bagdad Cemetery, Bagdad, Kentucky, on 18 December 1965. The funeral director was Prewitt of New Castle, Kentucky.⁴

Mary Emaline Martin who married Garnett Franklin Scroggins (J53) was a daughter of Gilbert Washington Martin and Sarah "Sally" Ann Ramsey of Louisville.

Bernice Estelle Johnson who married William Forrest Scroggins (J54) was a daughter of George Washington Johnson and Sarah "Sally" Belle Kelly of Louisville. George Washington Johnson was born in Fayette County, Kentucky, in 1855 and died in Louisville, Kentucky, in 1911. Sarah Belle Kelly was born in Woodford County,

Kentucky, and died in Louisville in 1918. Bill and Bernice were married by the Reverend Finley F. Gibson in Louisville on 06 June 1925, before witnesses Mrs. Finley F. Gibson and J. M. Smith. Their license was dated 03 June 1925.⁵ His second wife Ruby Sarah Perkins was a daughter of Willie Robert Henery Perkins and Myrta Blanch White of Fluvanna County, Virginia, and the widow of Alvin Lewis Schanz and Archer Lee Brock. She married Schanz on 21 December 1931 and had a son Robert William Schanz who was born on 10 February 1934. She married Brock on 25 January 1947 and had no children. Willie Robert Henery Perkins was born on 01 January 1870 and died on 13 December 1948. Myrta Blanch White was born on 01 Mar 1871 and died on 27 February 1947.⁶

WILLIAM FORREST SCROGGINS (J54)

Born 09 Dec 1906 Shelbyville, Shelby County, Kentucky

Died 07 Oct 1985 Mathews County, Virginia

Married (1) Bernice Estelle Johnson 06 Jun 1925 Louisville, Jefferson Co, KY

Born 23 Aug 1906 Louisville, Jefferson County, Kentucky

Died 08 Sep 1977 Richmond, Henrico County, Virginia

Children (1):

Betty Bernice Scroggins (K46)

b. 14 Mar 1927 Louisville, Jefferson County, Kentucky

d.

m. Frank Patterson Nichols Jr 19 Jun 1948 Richmond, Henrico Co, VA

Married (2) Ruby Sarah Perkins Schanz Brock 30 Dec 1978 White Stone,

Mathews County, Virginia

Born 06 Sep 1911 Fluvanna County, Virginia

Died

Children (2);

None

Betty Bernice Scroggins (K46) was born at 625AM, 14 March 1927 at Kentucky Baptist Hospital, Louisville, Jefferson County, Kentucky. The attending physician was Dr. Walter I. Hume, 814 Francis Building, Louisville. The female child was the first of the mother whose maiden name was Bernice Johnson, a native of Louisville, Kentucky, white, 21, and a housewife residing at 1425 South Brook Street, Louisville. The father William F. Scroggins of the same address was white, 21, and a clerk born in Shelbyville, Kentucky.⁷

Bill Scroggins moved from Louisville to Richmond in 1941 to advance his career with the Industrial Supply Company there. After 31 years of successful service and prosperity, he retired from that firm in 1972 as Vice President and a substantial stock holder and retired to Cobbs Creek, Virginia, on the Piankitank River. Bill and Bernice were founding members of River Road Baptist Church in Richmond.

After moving to Richmond, Bernice Johnson Scroggins attended the University of Virginia and Virginia Commonwealth University, acquiring a teaching certificate. She taught at Short Pump Elementary School in Henrico County and at the Richmond Memorial Guidance Clinic where she worked with handicapped children. She retired from a 20-year teaching career in 1972. Bernice was a member of the Tuckahoe Women's Club and active in the Richmond Chapter of the American Red Cross for 25 years. She died in Richmond on 08 September 1977 after a massive stroke. She had been troubled with a heart condition for many years.

Frank Patterson "Nick" Nichols, Jr., who married Betty Scroggins (K46) on 19 June 1948 in the First Baptist Church Chapel at Richmond, Henrico County, Virginia, is a son of Frank Patterson Nichols, Sr., who was born on 07 August 1887, and Julia Elizabeth Houchins, who was born on 21 April 1885.

FRANK PATTERSON NICHOLS JR

Born 15 Jun 1919 Richmond, Henrico County, Virginia

Died

Married Betty Bernice Scroggins (K46) 19 Jun 1948 Richmond, Henrico Co., VA

Born 14 Mar 1927 Louisville, Jefferson County, Kentucky

Died

Children:

William Patterson "Pat" Nichols (L29)

b. 13 Jul 1949 Richmond, Henrico County, Virginia

d.

m. Gloria Dianne Tate 23 Jun 1979 McLean, Fairfax County, Virginia

Stephen Forrest Nichols (L30)

b. 26 Oct 1951 Fredericksburg, Spotsylvania County, Virginia

d.

m. Ellen Bampffield Coughlan 02 Jan 1977 McLean, Fairfax County, VA

David Langhorne Nichols (L31)

b. 30 Aug 1953 Fredericksburg, Spotsylvania County, Virginia

d.

m. Janice Lynne Hill 10 Jul 1982 Woodbridge, Prince William County, VA

WILLIAM PATTERSON NICHOLS (L29)

Born 13 Jul 1949 Richmond, Henrico County, Virginia

Died

Married Gloria Dianne Tate 23 Jun 1979 McLean, Fairfax County, Virginia

Born 02 Oct 1956 Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina

Died

Child:

Sarah Faith Elisabeth Nichols (M25)

b. 14 December 1982 Alexandria, Fairfax County, Virginia

d.

m.

Gloria Dianne Tate is the daughter of Robert Arthur Tate and Gloria Faye Good.

STEPHEN FORREST NICHOLS (L30)

Born 26 Oct 1951 Fredericksburg, Spotsylvania County, Virginia

Died

Married Ellen Bampffield Coughlan 02 Jan 1977 McLean, Fairfax County, VA

Born 27 May 1954 Elmhurst, Page County, Illinois

Died

Child:

Arrianna Megan Nichols (M47)

b. 27 Mar 1981 Winchester, Frederick County, Virginia

d.

m.

Ellen Bampffield Coughlan is the daughter of Richard Frank Coughlan and Elizabeth Gleaton.

DAVID LANGHORNE NICHOLS (L31)

Born 30 Aug 1953 Fredericksburg, Spotsylvania County, Virginia

Died

Married Janice Lynne Hill 10 Jul 1982 Woodbridge, Prince William County, VA

Born 19 Apr 1954 Garrisonville, Stafford County, Virginia

Died

Children:

David Christopher Nichols (M48).

b. 21 Mar 1985 Fairfax, Fairfax County, Virginia

d.

m.

Jonathan Daniel Nichols (M 63)

b. 04 Mar 1987 Fairfax, Fairfax County, Virginia

d.

m.

Janice Lynne Hill is the daughter of Larry Gene Hill and June Dodd.

NOTES

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- ¹. Shelby County, Kentucky, Will Bundle 337, No. 5; Will Book 48, page 294.
 - ². Photocopy of Franklin County, Kentucky, marriage record, page 246.
 - ³. Kentucky Death Certificate 10446.
 - ⁴. Kentucky Death Certificate 29289.
 - ⁵. Jefferson County, Kentucky, Marriage Index Register, Jul 1923 to Oct 1925, M-Z.
 - ⁶. Data of Ruby Scroggins, 1984.
 - ⁷. Kentucky Birth Certificate 13073, Volume 27