



# The Tipton Family Association of America Newsletter

The Tipton Family Association of America  
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## President Comments

Hello Family, I hope everyone is happy, healthy and blessed.

Welcome and thank you to all for your new and renewed membership. To be considered a TFAA member, the original TFAA founders collected \$5.00 annually to help with the cost of printing and mailing the newsletter. They later collected additional funds to assist with special Tipton Projects. Over the years the recommended "TFAA family fund" contribution was increased to \$25 and this is being used for the website, special projects and annual conference/reunion activities just to name a few. With all of this being said current members receive electronic newsletters, TFAA decals and annual meeting voting opportunities.

As explained through many email communications TFAA is not a "nonprofit" association and is indeed a "family association."

A **family association** or **family organization** is an [organization](#) formed by people who share a common [ancestor](#) or [surname](#). (Wikipedia) Without "family funding" by way of memberships and or fundraising, TFAA could NOT function as it does.

A couple of years ago we started a "non-member" guest email-only list in order to include everyone wanting to be in communication with TFAA but did not want to commit to becoming a member. If you are on that list, I beg of you to send us an email updating your information. We would like to put your name and your address with your email address. Please email your name, address and phone number to [tfaa2019@comcast.net](mailto:tfaa2019@comcast.net).

TFAA board members, committee chairs and committee directors volunteer to serve our Tipton family by using their time and talents assisting others in their search and research for ancestors and documentation. NO ONE is paid but we

volunteer because we not only love our family and family history but we want to see Tipton Family Association of America continue to grow and succeed.  
Your TFAA Team is the absolute best!!!

Last but not least is a reminder that 2022's annual TFAA conference/reunion is only 5 months away. Our team is working hard to make this event great and informative. The agenda will have a few changes and you will be updated on them.

God Bless

Tipton Team Work

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## **NOTES FROM OUR RESEARCH DIRECTOR**

### **CHARLOTTE'S TIPTON GENIE TIP**

For those who are interested in researching their Tipton lineages, don't make the same mistake that I did. I thought I was a descendant of the famous Wests, whom I called "the Royal Wests," of Accomack and Jamestown in the Virginia Colony. That was the worse strategy I could have used—starting at the top and coming down. I soon found that I could not make my way down that ladder to myself!

The first step in researching one's lineage is to start with yourself and work back. Obtain the birth, death, and marriage certificates of your parents. Obtain these documents for as many generations as possible as you make your way back to your earliest Tipton ancestor. You should be able to get these documents for your parents and possibly your grandparents. At one point, you will need to rely on census records, obituaries, church records, land and tax records, wills, probate records, and other court records. The inscriptions on tombstones or markers can be used as documentation. These records will prove your ancestors and prove the connections between your generations.

Much of your research can be conducted on-line through Ancestry, Family Search, Heritage Quest, etc. Family Search is a free site, but more information can be obtained at Family Search by creating a free account. Local libraries will order microfilm for you from state libraries which you may view at your local library.

Charlotte West Dade  
Director, Tipton Family Research  
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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Hello family,

We are working on a special project and need your help.

We are looking for photos, records, documents or stories of or about William "Fighting Billy" Tipton.

Once the project is completed you will be updated and it will be shared.

Information shared is greatly appreciated!

Please send to: [Peachyrose56@gmail.com](mailto:Peachyrose56@gmail.com)

Thank you.

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## NEWS

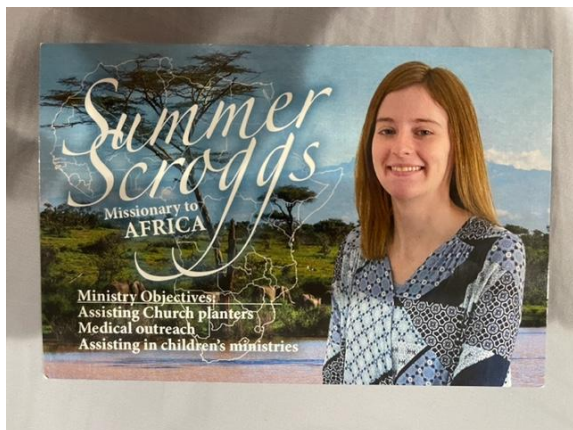
### Hello Family,

Jim Miller thought others may have an interest to know that one of our Tipton cousins is going to Africa as a missionary and provided us with her information.

### Meet Summer Scroggs

Her Grandfather is Tim Tipton and mother is Tracy Tipton Scroggs. Our cousin and TFAA member Jim Miller assisted Tim Tipton find his roots back to Col. John. Summer's mother Tracy Tipton Scroggs works at Eastman Credit Union in TN. Contact info is on her card in case anyone would like to reach out to her and or of course provide prayers.

Blessings.



## OBITUARIES

**Rev John Lee Tipton (June 10, 1944 - March 18, 2022)**



I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love His appearing. (2 Timothy 4:7–8)

John Lee Tipton of Greenville, SC, met his Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, on March 18, 2022. He was born in Coatesville, PA, on June 10, 1944, to Isaac Walter Tipton and Betty Hadfield Tipton. He leaves two brothers, Ronald Walter Tipton of Milton, DE, and Isaac Walter Tipton, Jr. of Downingtown, PA. He was married for 58 years to Barbara Princo Tipton, and they had three children, Nancy Lee Tipton of the home, Victoria Lynn (Mark) Payne of Gillette, WY, and John Lee Tipton, Jr. (deceased). John also had two foster daughters whom he loved dearly, Jan Loftis Sinde of Greenville, SC, and Cathy Bridges Powell of San Antonio, TX. He is survived by seven grandchildren and three foster grandchildren.

He served his country in the US Army 529th Military Police in Heidelberg, Germany, and Washington, DC.

He earned a master of arts degree in Bible in 1982 from Bob Jones University and joyfully served the Lord as an assistant pastor at Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Cedar Lane Road, Greenville, SC, since 1983.

Visitation and viewing are at Mount Calvary Baptist Church (115 Cedar Lane Road) on Monday, March 21, 4:45–6:45 p.m.; with the funeral service to follow at 7 p.m. Private interment at Coleman Cemetery in Travelers Rest, SC, will be held Tuesday, March 22. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the Men's Ministries at Mount Calvary Baptist Church, 1430 Hampton Ave. Ext., Greenville, SC 29601.

### **Michael Truman Tipton (1966-2022)**



Michael Truman Tipton, age 55, of Morganton, [*Georgia, ed.*] passed away peacefully at his home January 28, 2022. He was born in Copperhill, Tennessee November 14, 1966.

Michael was a retired builder and EMT and volunteer firefighter in Fannin County. He was a loving father, son, brother and uncle. Michael was preceded in death by his father, Truman A. Tipton; mother,

Sue Long Tipton; maternal grandparents, Calvin and Lucille Long; and paternal grandparents, Fred and Florence Tipton. He was a member of Concord Baptist Church in Morganton.

Survivors include his son, Wiley Tipton; step-son, William Baldwin of Morganton; brother and sister-in-law, Mitchell and Dana Tipton; nieces, Shea Tipton and Lacey Tipton all of Morganton; cousins, who were more like brothers and sisters, Tony (Penny) Daves of Morganton; Jackie (Jamie) Self of Blue Ridge; Calvin Long, Tayelor Long, Rick (Tasha) Tipton all of Morganton; Tina (Bill) Holt of Ellijay, Georgia; best friend of many years, Jack Worthey of Morganton; as well as many other relatives and more friends than can be counted.

A graveside for family and friends will be held at a later date from the Concord Baptist Church Cemetery.

Condolences may be sent to the family online at [www.akinsfuneralhome.com](http://www.akinsfuneralhome.com).

### **H. Wayne Tipton (1945-2022)**



**Knoxville - July 24, 1945 - April 13, 2022**

Preceded in death by his father James Edward Tipton and mother Sybil Anne Tipton.

Survived by his wife, Ann R. Tipton, and his family Stephanie Tipton Soper and Paul Soper, Shannan Tipton Hatch and Rob Hatch and his grandchildren Grayson and Maggie Soper and Henry and Ruby Grace Hatch.

Wayne graduated from Bearden High School in 1963 where he excelled at a number of sports, but especially basketball, in which he set school records in rebounding and scoring that he would hold for decades. Bearden High School recently honored Wayne by officially retiring his jersey and his number, 44. After graduating from Bearden, Wayne went on to play basketball at Louisiana State University, from which he graduated in 1968. He remained a loyal Tiger throughout his life, though because of his Knoxville heritage and his wife Ann's avid support of the University of Tennessee, he referred jokingly to their household as a "house divided" between LSU and UT.

After graduating from LSU, Wayne returned to Knoxville and began a decades-spanning career in real estate, establishing Tipton & Associates, a Knoxville real estate brokerage firm, and spearheading numerous commercial and residential real estate developments in the Knoxville area.

Wayne, or "Tipton" as he was fondly referred to, was fun! He was a master storyteller who always held his audiences captive, and was never afraid to tell jokes that would make a marine drill sergeant blush. He was an avid fisherman, hunter, and outdoorsman, made friends everywhere he went and left an impression and smiles across the country while traveling doing what he loved most, hunting and fishing with friends.

Tipton will be remembered as a loving husband, loving Dad and a fun-loving grandfather whose grandkids lovingly called him "Pops"!

Visitation will be held Friday April 22, 2022 at St. Mark United Methodist Church at 11:00am 7001 S. Northshore Dr Knoxville, TN.

Posted online on April 16, 2022

## **FEATURES**

### **THE TENNESSEE STATE HISTORICAL TIPTON MARKER AT SYCAMORE SHOALS**

How did this come about? How did this happen? In late 2016 or early 2017, I was asked by the TFAA to develop a Tennessee State Historical Marker about the Tiptons in, what is now, Carter County and Washington County, Tennessee. The marker was to be a two-sided marker which would be placed along the main entrance to Sycamore Shoals. First, I began researching the Tiptons who lived in these counties. As I researched, I collected documents that would prove every statement that would be on the marker and all the documents that would be submitted with the proposal.

The guidelines for the marker were very defining. The requirements stated that the marker must commemorate a person, place, object, or event and must be significant and important to Tennessee or national history. In addition, the design of the marker must have no more than 13 lines on each side and with no more than 41 characters, including spaces and punctuation, on each line.

What a task! Needless to say, I spent over a year and multiple drafts to come up with the important individuals who should be listed and the significant facts about them. In addition, determining how to get the information on each side of the marker and meet the line and space guidelines presented another hurdle.

Finally, in February 2018, we submitted the proposal with all of the documentation and the design for each side of the marker to the Tennessee Historical Commission for approval at its June meeting. The marker was approved in June with the expected date of delivery to Carter County, Tennessee, in November 2018. However, for a variety of reasons, it was not installed at Sycamore Shoals until November 2020. Many thanks to the TFAA for recognizing the need for a Tipton marker and for funding the marker.

Charlotte West Dade



**SYCAMORE SHOALS STATE HISTORIC PARK  
1651 WEST ELK AVENUE  
ELIZABETHTON, CARTER COUNTY, TN 37643  
NOV. 14, 2021**

## VISITORS' CENTER, GALLERY, AND MUSEUM



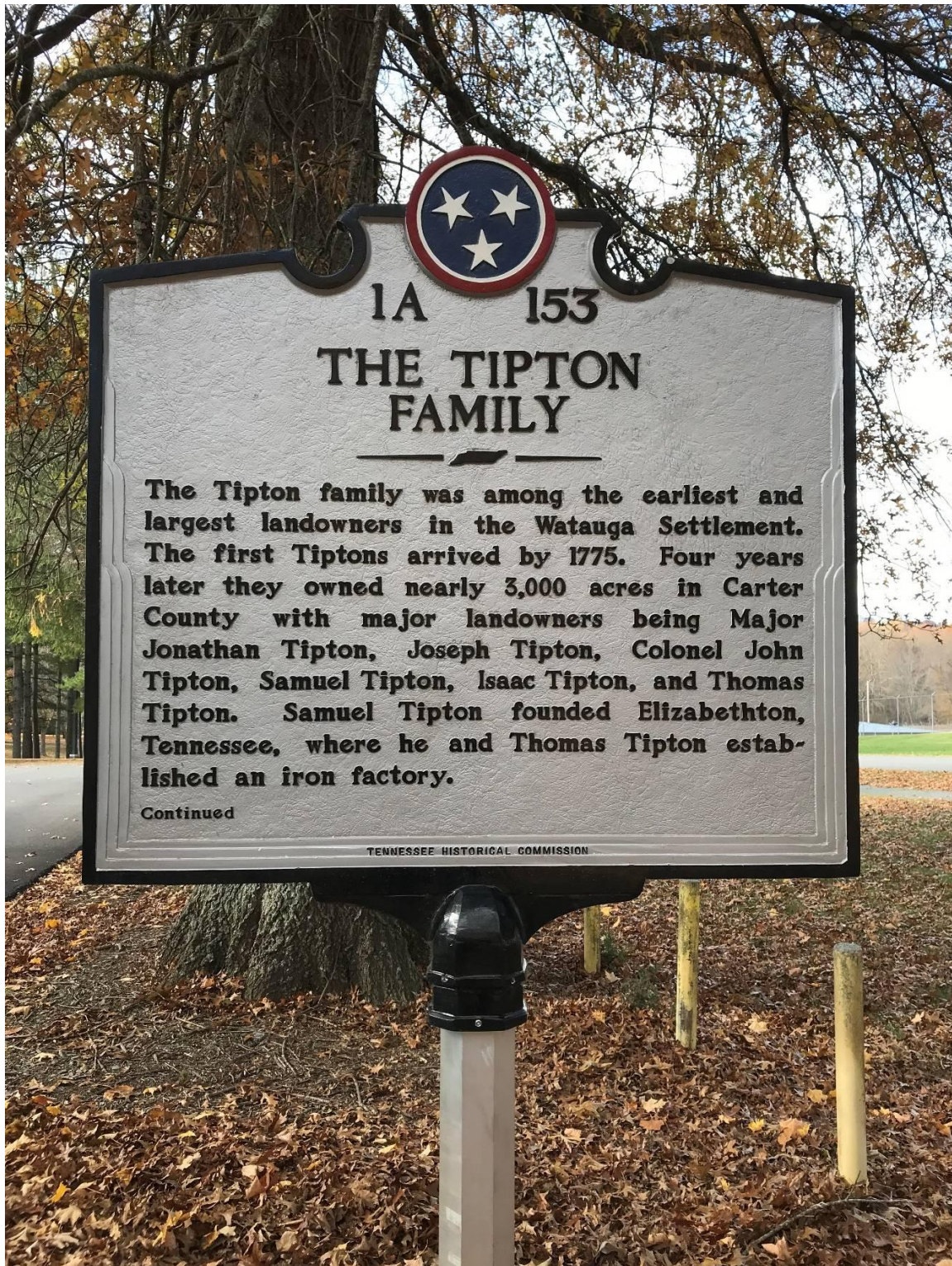
Tipton Historical Marker, Sycamore Shoals State Historic Park  
Charlotte West Dade  
**November 2021**

**THE TIPTON MARKER  
FRONT  
DRIVEWAY ENTRANCE TO THE VISITORS' CENTER  
CHARLOTTE WEST DADE  
NOV. 14, 2021**



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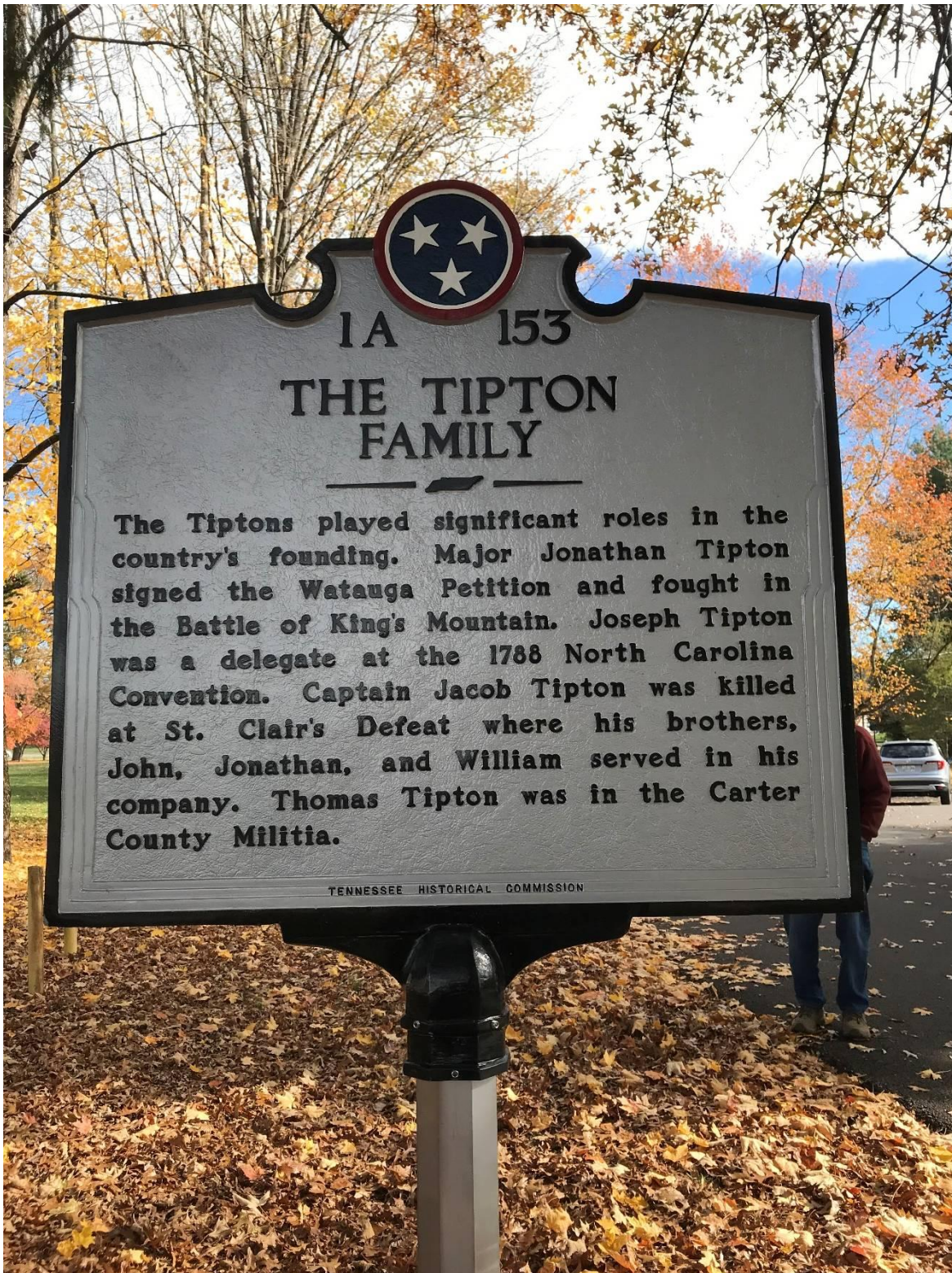
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**CHARLOTTE WEST DADE, RESEARCHER AND DESIGNER OF THE MARKER  
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# Who Are the Parents of Samuel Edward Tipton

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**Research Objective:** Who are the parents of Samuel Edward Tipton?

**Background Knowledge:** Samuel Edward “Ed” Tipton was born 22 June about 1873 in Georgia.<sup>1</sup> He died on 6 May 1932 in Pinellas, Florida and is buried in the Largo City Cemetery.<sup>2</sup> He married Dicey Jane Tucker 31 August 1898 in Suwannee County, Florida.<sup>3</sup> They were the parents of seven known children: Walter, James Oliver, Mary, Alma Mettie, Lucile, Jessie Aubray, and George Washington Tipton.

## Marriage License:

Eddie Tipton and Dicey Tucker filed for a marriage license on 31 August 1898. Both were listed “of Suwannee County, Fla.” No ages, birth places, or parents’ names were provided.

## Census Records:

Census records are important to research because they can help reconstruct an entire family if searched over several decades. However, there are often discrepancies in age depending on who the census taker received information from. He could have talked to anyone in the family. Also if a family was not home, the census taker could have acquired his information from a neighbor. The census taker also recorded names as he heard them, which means the names were often recorded incorrectly written or misspelled. Following is a census survey for the family of Samuel Edward Tipton after his marriage.

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1 Pinellas County, Florida, Florida State Board of Health, death certificate #8088 for Ed Tipton who died 6 May 1932; Bureau of Vital Statistics; image *Ancestry* ([www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com) : accessed online 19 March 2021). His birthdate was recorded as 22 June 1863. The informant for the death certificate was his wife Dicey. However, Ed’s tombstone from FindAGrave recorded his birthdate as 22 June 1865. The informant is unknown for the engraving. Doc. #1

2 Find A Grave, database and images (<http://findagrave.com> : accessed 19 March 2021), memorial page for Samuel Edward Tipton, Find A Grave Memorial No. 49711670, citing Largo City Cemetery, Largo, Pinellas County, Florida.

3 Suwannee County, Florida, “Florida, U.S., County Marriage Records, 1823-1982,” Eddie Tipton and Dicey Tucker marriage license 31 August 1898; *Ancestry* ([www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com) : accessed online 19 March 2021), film #001940470. Doc. #2

Names	1900 Suwannee Co.,FL <sup>4</sup>	1910 Suwannee Co., FL <sup>5</sup>	1920 Suwannee Co., FL <sup>6</sup>	1930 Pinellas Co., FL <sup>7</sup>
Edward	Sanburn, head, 27	Edward, head, 29	ED, head, 46	Edward, head, 66
Dicie	Dicey, wife, 17	Disey, wife, 23	Dicie, wife, 36	Dixie, wife, 58
Walter	_____	Walter, son, 9	_____	_____
Oliver	_____	Oliser, son, 7	Oliver, son 16	_____
Mary	_____	Marey, daughter, 5	Mary, daughter, 14	_____
Alma	_____	Almer, daughter, 1	Alma, daughter 12	_____
Lucile	_____	_____	Lucile, daughter 9	_____
Jessie A.	_____	_____	Jessi A, daughter 7	Jessie A. daughter 17
George W.	_____	_____	George, son, 2	George W. son, 13

**1900 census:** Samuel was incorrectly enumerated as “Sanburn” Tipton with his wife Dicey. His birthdate was recorded as June 1872 and Dicey’s as July 1882. They had been married for one year and no children had been born to their marriage. Samuel’s birthplace was Georgia, and his parents’ birthplace was listed as Alabama. Samuel’s occupation was a farmer employed every month of the past year. Samuel and Dicey were unable to read or write, and they rented their farm.

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4 1900 U.S. Census, Suwannee County, Florida, population schedule, Clay Land Precinct, enumeration district (ED) # 112, sheet # 18 A , dwelling #368, family #370, Sanburn Tipton head of household; digital image *FamilySearch* ([www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org) : accessed 19 March 2021), image 35. Doc. #3

5 1910 U.S. Census, Suwannee County, Florida, population schedule, Precinct #9, enumeration district (ED) #152, sheet #1B (stamped), dwelling #15, family #15 ; Edward Tipton head of household; digital image, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 19 March 2021); citing NARA microfilm publication T624, roll #168. Doc. #4

6 1920 U.S. Census Suwannee County, Florida, population schedule, Orange Precinct, enumeration district (ED) #153, sheet #12B (stamped), dwelling #15, family #15; ED Tipton head of household; digital image, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 19 March 2021); citing NARA microfilm publication T625, roll #231. Doc #5

7 1930 U.S. Census, Pinellas County, Florida, population schedule, Largo, District 43, enumeration district (ED) #52-43, sheet #7A(stamped), dwelling #121, family #128; Edward S. head of household; digital image, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 19 March 2021); citing NARA microfilm publication T626; FHL microfilm 2340065. Doc #6

**1910 census:** Samuel Edward Tipton's occupation was a farmer born in Georgia. Dicie was his first wife, and they had been married for eleven years. They had five children and at the time of the census four were still living. Samuel's father was reported born in the United States and his mother was born in North Carolina. He rented his farm.

**1920 census:** Ed Tipton's occupation was farmer on a general farm. He lived in a farming community because the head of each family on the census page were listed as farmers. Ed and Dicie could not read or write. Walter was not listed in the family. He would be 19 years old and has probably moved out of the home. Everyone in the family had Florida listed as their birthplace. Ed's parents were also recorded as born in Florida.

**1930 census:** Edward's occupation was a farm laborer in the Grove Industry. He was not a veteran. His daughter Jessie was a packer at a fruit packing plant. Ed and his wife could read and write. Most of their children had left the home. Edward was recorded as born in Georgia. His father was listed as born in Georgia and his mother in Alabama.

According to the census records, Samuel's occupation remained consistent as a farmer from 1900-1930. It is likely that he began farming cotton and possible that he changed to growing tobacco after 1915.

"In these early years of the 20th Century, Suwannee County produced approximately one tenth of all Sea Island cotton produced in the world until a devastating boll weevil attack in 1915 decimated the cotton yield. Attempting to find a crop that would replace cotton, A.D. Gaskins and W. H. Lyle were among the first to start growing bright leaf-flue tobacco. W. G. Burch, Sr., came to the area from North Carolina to demonstrate and instruct farmers in the growth and marketing of flue-cured tobacco, and bright leaf tobacco took over as the main crop within the County."<sup>8</sup>

In 1930, Samuel Edward Tipton and Dicey lived in Pinellas County, Florida. In 1927, the county ranked fourth for citrus shipments in the state with some of the largest groves centered where the cities Seminole and Largo are now located.<sup>9</sup> Samuel Tipton lived in the areas of Florida where he could cultivate and work with the best crops at that time.

### **World War I Draft Registration Card:**

Samuel Edward Tipton recorded his permanent address on 12 September 1918 as R. E., Live Oak, Suwanee, Florida #44. He stated his age was 45. The birthdate he reported was ten years less than recorded on his death certificate and eight years less than his tombstone. In

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<sup>8</sup> Eric Musgrove, "A Brief history of Suwannee County, Florida," updated 15 April 2008; digital image ([suwngov.org/index.php/history](http://suwngov.org/index.php/history) : accessed 20 March 2021).

<sup>9</sup> Kathryn Varn, "With Development Looming, Little Left of Pinellas' Citrus Industry," *Tampa Bay Times* (published 10 April 2016); digital article ([tampabay.com/newww/growth/](http://tampabay.com/newww/growth/) : accessed 20 March 2021).

1918 only men between the ages of 18 and 51 could be allowed into service.<sup>10</sup> The draft record stated Samuel was white, and a native born U.S. citizen born on 22 June 1873. His occupation was a farmer and he was employed by Barton Landon at R. E., Live Oak, Suwannee, Florida. His nearest relative was Dicie Tipton. His height was medium, medium build, with gray eyes and light colored hair. He signed the document with an X. The local board for the county of Suwannee deemed him physically disqualified to serve in World War I.<sup>11</sup>

### **City Directories:**

Samuel Edward and Dicy Tipton were recorded in the 1931 Largo City, Florida directory. They lived at 1480 7th Avenue NW on the same street as their son James Oliver and his wife Cassie. James was listed as a farmer living at 1520 7th Avenue NW.<sup>12</sup>

### **Death Records:**

Samuel Edward Tipton died 6 May 1932 in Largo, Pinellas, Florida of apoplexy, nephritis, and chronic hypertension. His father's name was listed as Ben Tipton, and the mother's name was unknown.<sup>13</sup>

Find A Grave provided a picture of his tombstone with the death date also listed as 6 May 1932. No information was provided for the names of his parents.<sup>14</sup>

**Summary:** The census records, marriage license, WWI draft record, city directory, death certificate, and Find A Grave place Samuel Edward Tipton in Suwannee and Pinellas County, Florida between the years of 1900-1932. The records also give the name of his wife and children, his occupation and approximate birth date and place of birth for his family members and parents. In the following table is a summary of the birth date and birthplaces provided for Samuel and his parents from those records.

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10 "United States World War I Draft Records," *Family Search* ([www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org) : accessed 19 March 2021).

11 "United States World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918," images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 19 March 2021), card for Samuel Edward Tipton, serial no. 979, Local Board for the County of Suwannee, Florida, Live Oak, Florida. Doc #7

12 Clearwater, Florida, "U.S. City Directories, 1822-1995," Edw D. Tipton and Dicy "Clearwater, Florida, City Directory, 1931"; *Ancestry* ([www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com) : accessed 19 March 2021).

13 Pinellas County, Florida, Florida State Board of Health, death certificate #8088 for Ed Tipton who died 6 May 1932; Bureau of Vital Statistics; image Ancestry ([www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com) : accessed online 19 March 2021). His birthdate was recorded as 22 June 1863. The informant for the death certificate was his wife Dicie. However, Ed's tombstone from FindAGrave recorded his birthdate as 22 June 1865. The informant is unknown for the engraving. Doc #1

14 Find A Grave, database and images (<http://findagrave.com> : accessed 19 March 2021), memorial page for Samuel Edward Tipton, Find A Grave Memorial No. 49711670, citing Largo City Cemetery, Largo, Pinellas County, Florida.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>Approximate Birth Date</b>	<b>Birth Place for Samuel and parents</b>
Sanburn Tipton	1900 Suwannee Co. FL Enumerated 6 July 1900	27 years old Born June 1872 Informant unknown	Georgia Parents birthplace Alabama
Edward Tifton	1910 Suwannee Co., FL Enumerated 28 April 1910	29 years old Informant unknown	Georgia Parents birthplace U.S.
Samuel Edward Tipton	WWI Draft Live Oak, Suwanne, FL Recorded 12 Sept. 1918	45 years old Informant Samuel Edward Tipton	Native born Parents' birthplace Not included
E D Tipton	1920 Suwannee Co, FL Enumerated 30 January 1920	46 years old Informant unknown	Florida Parents born in Florida
Edward S. Tipton	1930 Pinellas Co. FL Enumerated 15 April 1930	66 years old Informant unknown	Georgia Father born in Georgia Mother born in Alabama
Ed Tipton	1932 Pinellas Co. FL death certificate Recorded 6 May 1932 Filed 9 June 1932	22 June 1863 Age 68 years, 10 months, and 14 days Informant was Dicey Tipton, wife	Georgia Parents' birthplace Unknown
Samuel Edward Tipton Tombstone reads "Ed Tipton"	1932 Pinellas Co., FL Largo City Cemetery	22 June 1865 Age 66 years Informant unknown	Florida Parents' birthplace Not included

The informant for the death certificate was his wife, Dicey. It would seem that the birth date of June 22nd is most likely correct. The 1900 census and Find A Grave corroborate the birth day on the death certificate. However, Samuel Edward Tipton's birth year is a different matter. According to the records, he could have been born anytime between 1863-1873. He also was recorded four times as born in Georgia and two times in Florida. In addition, the 1930 census provided Georgia as the birthplace of his father.

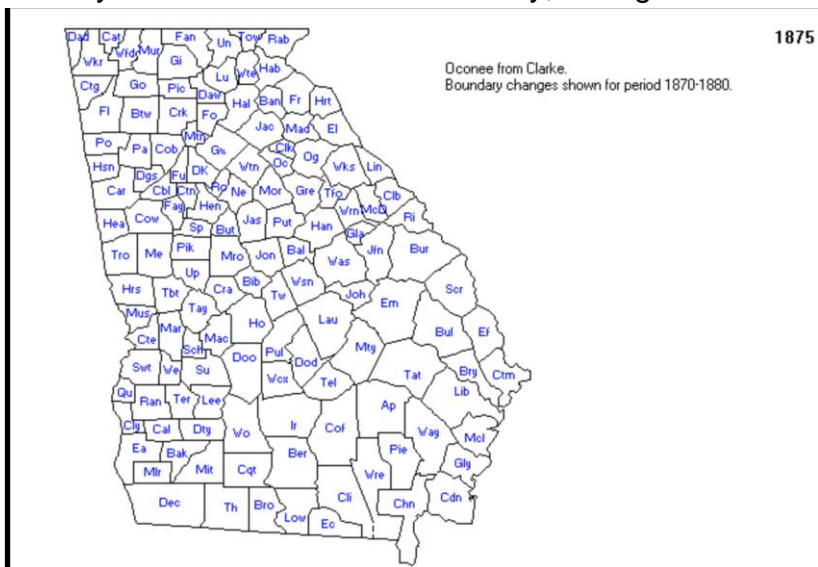
### **Search for Samuel Edward Tipton in Georgia**

As can be seen by above records Samuel Edward Tipton was known by many names: Samuel, Edward, E. D., Edward S., Ed, and as Eddy on his marriage license. When multiple names appear for an ancestor, a search should be made for all names in the records.

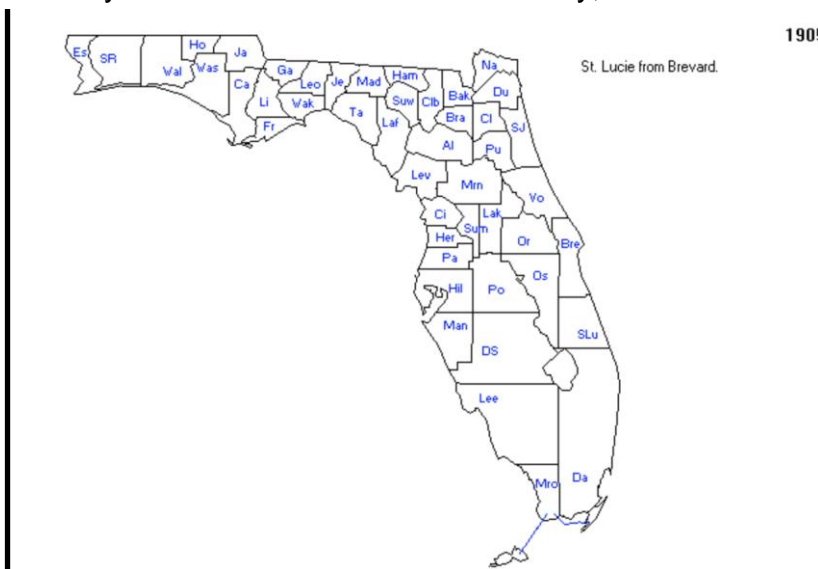
## Census Records

Six-year old “Eddie” Tipton was enumerated in the 1880 Decatur County, Georgia census in the household of William and Elsy Tipton.<sup>15</sup> Decatur County is located on the south west corner of Georgia, which borders Florida.<sup>16</sup> Suwannee County, Florida is in the mid northern section of Florida.<sup>17</sup>

### County boundaries of Decatur County, Georgia in 1875



### County boundaries of Suwannee County, Florida in 1905.



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15 1880 U.S. Census, Decatur County, Georgia, population schedule, Rock Pond, enumeration district (ED)#18, p. #42 (stamped), dwelling #398, family #412; William Tipton head of household; digital image, *FamilySearch* (<http://www.familysearch.org> : accessed 19 March 2021); citing NARA microfilm publication T9, roll #143. Doc. #8

16 "Map of Georgia County Formations 1758-1943," ([mapgeeks.org/georgia/](http://mapgeeks.org/georgia/) : accessed 20 March 2021).

17 "Interactive Map of Florida County Formation History," ([mapofus.org/florida/](http://mapofus.org/florida/) : accessed online 21 March 2021).

Rock Pond, Decatur County, Georgia is about 135 miles from Live Oak, Suwannee, Florida where Samuel Edward Tipton was enumerated in the 1880 and 1900 censuses. It is possible that William Tipton is the father of Samuel Edward Tipton because the birth year of 1874 from the 1880 census is only one year off from the birth years range of 1863-1873 acquired from records of Samuel Edward Tipton in Florida.

The children of William and Elsy Tipton are listed as follows in the 1880 Decatur County, Georgia census.

Lema 8 years, son

**Eddie 6 years, son**

Hester 2 years, daughter

Elrado 1 year, born in March.

William and “Elgy” Tipton were also enumerated in the 1870 census of Henry County, Alabama. They reported they were 24 years old. William’s birthplace was listed as Georgia and his wife Elgy’s birthplace was Alabama, which corresponds with the 1930 census for Pinellas County, Florida. They had no children and William’s occupation was listed as “farmer.”<sup>18</sup>

Like Samuel Edward Tipton, it is also possible that William Tipton was known by a variety of first names. “Ben Tipton” was stated as the father of Samuel Edward Tipton on his death certificate. The informant was assumed to be a reliable source: Samuel’s wife. In the “Georgia Marriages, 1808-1967,” for the county of Decatur, there is a listing for W.J.B. Tipton married to Eliza Wooten on 2 September 1869.<sup>19</sup> The “B” initial could possibly stand for Ben or Benjamin. Eliza could also be the same person as “Elsy,” “Elzie,” and “Elgy” mentioned in subsequent census records.

### **Location of the Children of William and Eliza Tipton**

Families, acquaintances, and neighbors, known as the “FAN” club, usually move together to new locations. They can be of support to each other in a new place, and they usually are engaged in the same occupation. It is important to track the location of the children of William and Eliza Tipton mentioned in the 1880 census. Where did they move to? Did they live anywhere near Samuel Edward Tipton in Suwannee or Pinellas Counties in Florida?

The 1900 census for Suwannee County, Florida was key in determining the parents of Samuel Edward Tipton.

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18 1870 U.S. census, Henry County, Alabama, population schedule, Precinct 1, p. #32 (stamped), dwelling #265, family #265, William Tipton head of household; digital image, *Family Search* (<http://www.familysearch.org>: accessed 19 March 2021); citing NARA microfilm publication M593. Doc. #14

19 Decatur County, Georgia, "Marriage Records, 1824-1905; General Index to Marriages, 1824-1943, W. J. B. Tipton and Eliza Wooten marriage license dated 2 September 1869 ; digital image *FamilySearch* ([www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org) : accessed 19 March 2021) film #005190859, image 27 in index, image 55 for license. Doc. #9

Children of William and Elsy Tipton in 1880 Decatur Co. GA census	1900 Census	1910 Census	1920 Census
Lema	Lee Tipton, head <b>Clay Land, Suwannee Co., Florida</b> <sup>20</sup>	Lee Tipton <b>Precinct 9, Suwannee Co., Florida</b> <sup>21</sup>	Precinct 11 Luraville, <b>Suwannee Co., Florida</b> <sup>22</sup>
Eddie	Sanburn Tipton, head <b>Clay Land, Suwannee Co., Florida</b>	Edward Tifton, head <b>Precinct 9, Suwannee Co., FL</b>	E D Tipton, head Precinct 6, Orange, <b>Suwannee Co., FL</b>
Hester	Dora H. Carmichael, wife in household of Charles Carmichael <b>Clay Land, Suwannee Co., Florida</b> <sup>23</sup>	Hester Carmichel, wife in household of Charly Carmichel Precinct 8, <b>Suwannee Co., Florida</b> <sup>24</sup>	Hester Carmichael, wife in household of Charles Carmichael Precinct 6, Webster, Sumter Co., FL <sup>25</sup>
Elrado	Eldrady, widowed daughter in household of <b>Elzie Tipton</b> mother with sister Martha and daughter Daisy Stone; <b>Clay Land, Suwannee Co., Florida</b> <sup>26</sup>		

20 1900 U.S. Census, Suwannee County, Florida, population schedule, Clay Land Precinct, enumeration district (ED) # 112, sheet # 18B, dwelling #386, family #388, Lee Tipton head of household; digital image *FamilySearch* ([www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org) : accessed 19 March 2021), image 36. Doc. #10

21 1910 U.S. Census, Suwannee County, Florida, population schedule, Clay Land Precinct #9, enumeration district (ED) #152, sheet #7A (crossed out), dwelling #103, family #103 ; Lee Tipton head of household; digital image, Ancestry.com (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 19 March 2021); citing NARA microfilm publication T624, roll #168.

22 1920 U.S. Census Suwannee County, Florida, population schedule, Precinct 11, Luraville, enumeration district (ED) #156, sheet #1A(stamped), dwelling #3, family #3; M. L. Tipton head of household; digital image, Ancestry.com (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 19 March 2021); citing NARA microfilm publication T625, roll #231.

23 1900 U.S. Census, Suwannee County, Florida, population schedule, Clay Land Precinct, enumeration district (ED) # 112, sheet # 17B and 18 A , dwelling #367, family #369, Charlie Carmichael head of household; digital image *FamilySearch* ([www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org) : accessed 19 March 2021), images 34-35. Doc. #11

24 1910 U.S. Census, Suwannee County, Florida, population schedule, Precinct #8, enumeration district (ED) #152, sheet #10A , dwelling #173, family #172 ; Charley Carmichael head of household; digital image, Ancestry.com (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 19 March 2021); citing NARA microfilm publication T624, roll #168.

25 1920 U.S. Census Sumter County, Florida, population schedule, Precinct 6, Webster, enumeration district (ED) #184, sheet #2B(stamped), dwelling #37, family #39; Charles Carmichael, head of household; digital image, *FamilySearch* (<http://www.familysearch.org> : accessed 20 March 2021); citing NARA microfilm publication T625, roll #231.

26 1900 U.S. Census, Suwannee County, Florida, population schedule, Clay Land Precinct, enumeration district (ED) # 112, sheet #18 A , dwelling #376, family #378, Elzie Tipton head of household; digital image *FamilySearch* ([www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org) : accessed 19 March 2021), image 35. Doc. #12

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In the 1900 census for Suwannee County, Florida, Samuel Edward Tipton lived next door to his sister, Dora Hester Carmichael and her husband Charles. He lived eight households away from his widowed mother Elsy Tipton, widowed sister Eldrady Tipton Stone, and a younger sister Martha who was born after the 1880 census. Lema, Samuel Edward Tipton's older brother, lived eighteen dwellings away. All were listed as farmers. All of the children listed in the 1880 Decatur County, Georgia census had moved to Suwannee County, Florida near Samuel Edward Tipton. It is likely the entire family moved together from Georgia to Florida for better agricultural prospects.

Another piece of evidence that is supportive of William Tipton's family moving to Florida from Georgia came from an 1885 Madison County, Florida census. W. J. B. Tipton was enumerated in the household of R. M. White, farmer.<sup>27</sup> W.J.B. was 36 years old, born in Georgia, and listed as the cousin of R.M. White. His occupation was farm work. No other members of W. J. B. Tipton's family were enumerated in this census. However, it is highly likely that W. J. B. Tipton, who married Eliza Wooten in Decatur County, Georgia in 1869 is W. J. B. Tipton who was enumerated in Madison County, Florida in 1885. It is possible that W. J. B. Tipton traveled to Florida to work with his cousin, and seeing better prospects in Florida went back to Georgia, picked up roots, and headed to better agricultural opportunities. However, it is more likely that William "W.J.B." Tipton had already moved his family to Clay Land, Suwannee County, Florida because Clay Land is only about 26 miles from Madison, Florida.

### Summary:

A search of census records, marriage records, a WWI draft registration, and death records helped identify Samuel Edward Tipton, the different versions of his name, and the most likely place for his birth: Georgia. That made it possible to locate Samuel Edward Tipton in the household of his parents, William and Elsy Tipton and his siblings in the Decatur County, Georgia 1880 census. By tracing Samuel Edward Tipton's siblings through the census records, it proved that Samuel Edward Tipton was "Eddie" mentioned in the 1880 Decatur County census because in the 1900 census in Suwannee County, Florida, he was surrounded by his siblings and his widowed mother. William Tipton, also known as W.J.B. Tipton, born about 1848 in Georgia and Eliza Wooten born about 1847 in Alabama were very likely the parents of Samuel Edward Tipton.

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<sup>27</sup> 1885 Florida State census, Madison County, Florida, population schedule, District No. 9, Tuten, enumeration district (ED) #blank, dwelling # 50, family #52, R. M. White head of household; digital image, *Ancestry* ([www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com) : accessed 20 March 2021); citing NARA microfilm publication M845. Doc. #13

**Samuel Edward Tipton Timeline:**

1880: Decatur County, Georgia census  
1898: Suwannee County Florida marriage license for Eddie Tipton and Dicey Tucker  
1900: Suwannee County, Florida census as Sanburn and Dicey Tipton  
1910: Suwannee County, Florida census  
1918: Live Oak, Suwannee County, Florida World War I Draft  
1920: Suwannee County, Florida census  
1930: Pinellas County, Florida census  
1931: Living at 1480 7th Avenue, NW Largo City, Pinellas County, Florida City Directory.  
1932: Died in Largo, Pinellas County, Florida

## **MEMORIES AND TALES**

The spirit of migration and adventure continues to thrive in the blood and DNA of descendants of Jonathan I and II, plus Colonel John today. Hello Tipton cousins! I bring you greetings from Prescott, Arizona! Our branch of the Tipton Line was a part of the Texas and Kansas migration via Reverend Lorenzo Dow Tipton (1810-1894) and his tenth child of thirteen. It was my great grandmother “Lizzie,” Elizabeth Louisiana Tipton Hillard (1852-1921) well-respected early settler of Galena, Kansas as reported by the “Galena Gazette,” who my father, Henry Tipton Welch, Sr, made sure before he passed that my wife and I visited the family plots at the old Oak Hill Cemetery in Galena. It was Lizzie’s daughter, Lula Ann (1881-1962), who continued the line of loss, perseverance, integrity, true grit and love which is so prominent amongst the Tiptons.

Lula Ann Hillard married Henry Lee Welch of Tennessee in 1898. Her husband became very involved in the mining industry of Galena, was the volunteer Fire Chief and served on the school board. After having borne her fourth child in 1919, her husband became ill with cancer. Henry Lee, Lula and Leo trained to the Mayo Clinic in Minneapolis, only to have her husband meet his demise there. The entire town of Galena met the returning train with full firemen salute. The consequences of Henry’s passing set in fairly quickly; the loss of income and home was very difficult especially with four children. Lula took in laundry and Henry Sr. (Tip) started to wrap bread at the bakery and deliver newspapers. It was only a few years before her son, Buster, died with complications from a train coupling accident. It is no wonder that Lula was noted by the “Galena Gazette” as being the epitome of motherhood. This branch of the family spread into

Oklahoma, Texas, California, Idaho and Arizona. Henry Tipton Welch, Sr. became a successful die casting business owner in Los Angeles and eventually moved back to Austin, Texas. While I was born in Tyler, Texas, I was raised in California, married and consequently raised two children (Randy and Beverly) there. Eventually, I managed the western tooling division of the fifth largest injection molding company in the U.S. and am currently enjoying retirement with my second wife, Judy, of over thirty years in Arizona and Idaho.

It is my understanding and with high expectations that the Tipton Family Reunion will take place near Nashville, Tennessee in October of 2022. If the Good Lord is willing and if the creek don't rise, I am anxiously looking forward to meeting you, my Tipton cousins!! Happy trails . . . . .

"Hank"  
Henry Tipton Welch, Jr.

## QUERIES

Dear Mr. Etter:

Many years ago, prior to his death in 2008, I corresponded with Charles Tipton regarding the identity of a potential additional daughter of Jonathan Tipton II (1699-1779).

My ancestor, Jonas Little (circa 1735-1818), was the son of Thomas Little and Mary Denton, who moved (along with multiple members of the Denton family) from Orange County, New York to Frederick County, Virginia between 1735 and 1743, settling on the North Fork of the Shenandoah River near Tom's Brook.

The Littles and Dentons, while living in Virginia, were close neighbors and associates of Jonathan Tipton II (1699-1779) and family. Jonas Little's wife was Rebekah, whom some researchers believe to be a daughter of Jonathan Tipton II. Jonas and Rebekah, along with their family, moved from the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia to what is now Washington County, Tennessee circa 1770, settling on Brush Creek. In 1833, their daughter, Mary (Little) Thurman, at that time a resident of Lincoln County, Missouri, made two sworn statements on behalf of twin brothers Joseph Brown and William Brown, who were applying for Revolutionary War pensions. During the War, the Browns were close neighbors of the Little family in what is now Washington County, Tennessee. Mary stated in both pension applications that "Colonel Jonathan Tipton" was her uncle and

that the Browns, along with her brothers John, Benjamin, and George Little, had served during the War with Tipton. (It appears that she was referring to Major Jonathan Tipton (1750-1833), as Colonel John Tipton was still living in Virginia during the War of Independence).

Additionally, autosomal DNA from various Jonas and Rebekah Little descendants does show a definite genetic relationship with descendants of Major Jonathan Tipton and Colonel John Tipton that appears to be through the Tipton line. I am currently trying to identify a direct female line descendant of Mary (Little) Thurman to undergo mitochondrial DNA testing in hopes that a match can be made with a documented female line descendant of one of the identified daughters of Jonathan Tipton, II.

Are you aware of any other individuals that have researched this line or that might have additional information? Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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Hello David,

I would like to get more information about my grandmother's heritage. She was Mary Jane Tipton (1876-1949), my paternal grandmother, born in Cades Cove. She married Jacob Tipton (1867-1931) in 1892, and as far as I know, they lived in Knoxville, Tn. the rest of their lives. Mary and Jacob had ten children. My father, Chester H. Tipton was the second child; there were six sons and four daughters.

I am trying to find out if she had Cherokee heritage. Her mother was Elizabeth Ann Reed (1856-1916), and father was Caswell Clay Tipton (1857-1939). I have a lot of names but no stories, so I would love to fill in the blanks.

Appreciate your help.  
Gail Tipton

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Any info on Sammy Tipton [1799-1884](#) , Samuel's (John's first son), would be appreciated.

Sammy was my G grandfather. My understanding he is buried in The Nashville area. Why Nashville when he lived and died in Elizabethton? Would like to know more about him.

Thanks

Jim Miller

*[from a later email:]* Sammy was Col John's grandson.

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Hello, David,

Kathy Hoffman suggested that I email my Tipton inquiries to you for posting in the newsletter, so, here it is:

Hello all. I am new to this group and so appreciate being accepted as a member. This is my second post. Today I have two questions to start.

1. Looking for a husband of Alzia U. Tipton, born 26 Oct 1871 in Tipton Hill, North Carolina and died on 20 Aug 1948.

2. Looking for any parental information on Uranah Roberts or Patterson, born on 11 Aug 1830 in Burke, North Carolina and died on 21 Aug 1909, in Mitchell, North Carolina. She was married to John Tipton b. 21 Mar 1821 in Burke, North Carolina, and died on 13 Aug 1909. I cannot find a marriage record for them, either.

Finding Uranah's parents has been a brick wall for many, many year. Any help would be more than appreciated.

I have also posted this same question in the North Carolina Group, so please forgive the duplication, okay?

Don Clarke <[donjclarke@yahoo.com](mailto:donjclarke@yahoo.com)>

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Hello David,

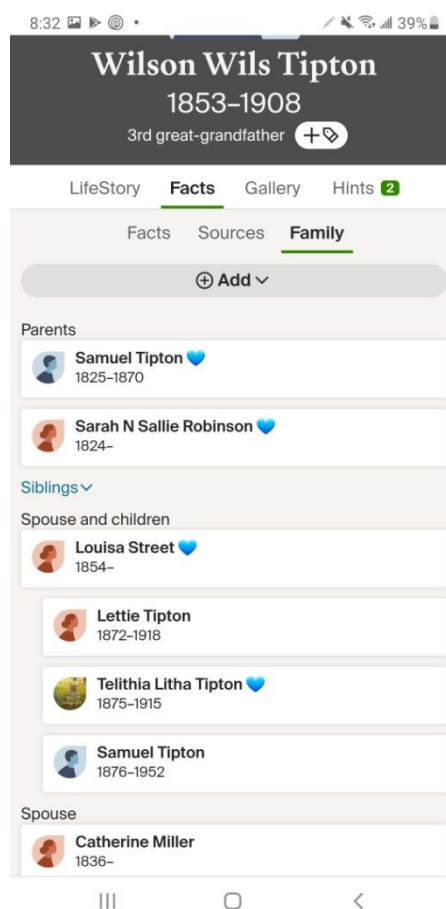
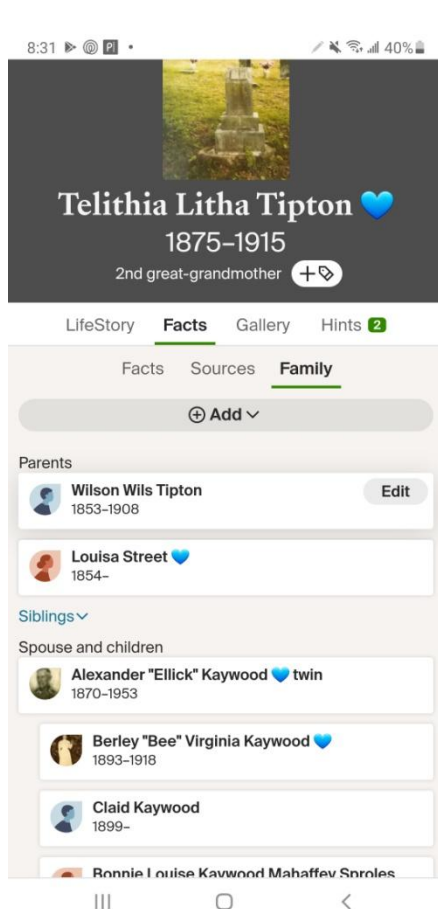
I have documentation for my lineage to Maj. Jonathan Tipton thru his son, Wiley Tipton, Jr., then daughter, Keziah Tipton Honeycutt.

But what I'm looking for is a connection thru my great great [*2<sup>nd</sup> great, ed.*] grandmother, Telitha Tipton, that married Alexander Kaywood. I believe I found her in the 1880 census with her parents, Wilson Tipton and Louisa Street. And I believe Wilson's parents were Samuel Tipton and Sarah Robinson.

What I'd like to know. . . for sure . . . is who was Samuel Tipton's father. I think it's Wiley Tipton, Jr. I just can't find a will or even a marriage certificate for Samuel and Sarah Robinson. Do you have any documentation to support that Samuel is Wiley Tipton, Jr.'s son?

Thank you,

Kelley Plummer Rowland



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Hi, my name is Carla and my Great Grandfather was a Tipton and I am desperately wanting to learn more about his family tree. I have been told he was a very remarkable man and I feel very closely attached to him as if sometimes I think he may be my guardian angel. My grandmother co-wrote a book or did research I am not sure for a book that was published by Erwin Tipton called 'We Tiptons and Our Kin'. My grandmother always told me when I was young to read and cherish this book when I was older. My mother had the book and loaned it to a gentleman who was not very honest and did not return it and she does not remember who the gentleman was she loaned it to. If I knew I would go right up to his door and ask for it back, but I guess that is the Tipton in my blood. Lol. Any help that you could give me is greatly appreciated. Thank you very much for your time in reading this. May The Lord Bless You and Yours Always.

Sincerely,  
Carla Macaluso

[*portion of a later email:*] My Great Grandparents whom I am looking for are Samuel and Martha Tipton, their only child Marcella Tipton was my Grandmother my Angel! Thank you for taking the time to look.

Sincerely,  
Carla Macaluso  
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