

George William Boatright & Elizabeth Dean
of
Farmerville, Union Parish, Louisiana

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George William Boatright was born on 6 September 1886 at Farmerville, Union Parish, Louisiana, the second son of William Pinckney Boatright [Will] (10 Nov 1857–8 Feb 1901) and Mary T. Anna Ham [Anna] (Nov 1867–13 Dec 1900) [1]. George grew up during a period of financial difficulty for many farmers of the north Louisiana hill country, and his parents struggled to eke out a living as sharecroppers in the latter 1880s and early 1890s. The family's financial situation worsened during the drought of 1896–1897, which convinced Will and Anna Boatright to leave Union Parish. In 1898, they moved their five children to Hamburg, in Ashley County, Arkansas, where George's father took a job as a plainer for a sawmill and as a night watchman in Hamburg [2]. Within two years, he had earned a sufficient income to allow him to pay \$80 cash for a lot of four acres and house on 26 October 1900 [3].

The improvement in the family's finances came to naught after only a few months. Merely six weeks after Will bought their new home in Hamburg, illness spread throughout the Boatright family. George's mother became ill first, and the malady progressed into pneumonia. Anna Ham Boatright succumbed to it on 13 December 1900 at only thirty-three years of age [4].

On the following February 5th, Will Boatright became ill, and his case also progressed into pneumonia. He died on 8 February 1901 at the age of forty-three. Although only a young child of 3½ years at the time, eight decades later, George's youngest brother, Bethel, remembered a one-horse delivery wagon arriving at their house to haul their father's casket to the cemetery for burial. Bethel also recalled accompanying the wagon to the cemetery for their father's funeral [5].

Until the Boatright children's Louisiana relatives made arrangements for their care, Mr. William Henry Tebbs, a Hamburg merchant and an acquaintance of the Boatrights, handled their affairs. On February 13th, five days after Will's death, Tebbs posted \$2000 bond with the Ashley County Court to serve as the children's [6]. The eldest, Jewel Boatright, chose to remain in Hamburg with Mr. Tebbs. Eight decades later, Bethel recalled their mother's brother, John Hubbard Ham, making the trip to Hamburg soon after their parents' deaths and taking George, Alice, Johnnie, and Bethel back home to Union Parish. They took a steamboat down the Ouachita River from Arkansas to Monroe, and then switched to another steamer for the trip up Bayou D'Arbonne to Farmerville.

Bethel Boatright said that after arriving back in Union Parish, he lived with their grandmother's first cousin, Enoch R. Albritton, who he called "*Uncle Enoch*" [7]. It is not known with whom George W. Boatright lived after he returned to Union Parish, but he undoubtedly lived with one of his relatives. Then in his mid-teens, George probably performed farm work between 1901 and 1912. He has not been identified on the 1910 Federal Census, but as an itinerant farm worker of about twenty-four years, he probably moved around frequently.

George W. Boatright married on 22 January 1912 in Union Parish, Louisiana to Elizabeth Dean (24 Nov 1885–20 Jan 1959), daughter of Thomas Allen Dean (29 Apr 1851–2 Aug 1924) and Rebecca Frances Albritton (1 Nov 1850–6 Mar 1935) [8]. George and Lizzie spent their married lives farming near Farmerville and raising their children. George's daughter described him as "*a farmer and a woodsman,*" and when not farming, he made railroad ties. This photograph shows Boatright and his brother-in-law, George W. Dean, making railroad ties:



STANDING, LEFT TO RIGHT: GEORGE W. DEAN & GEORGE W. BOATRIGHT

In about the 1890s, Lizzie's parents, Thomas and Rebecca Dean left the Liberty Hill Primitive Baptist Church and joined the Ward's Chapel Church. After George married Lizzie, he also joined Ward's Chapel. In 1916, several Church of Christ churches in the region had a very public disagreement over the actions of a minister, W. R. Carpenter. The controversy resulted in a church trial, and Lizzie's brother, George W. Dean, served as one of the judges. Dissatisfied with the trial's outcome, Carpenter then published a long letter, expressing his objection to the church's actions against him, calling it a "*mock trial*" that "*slanders the judges,*" after agreeing to honor their decision beforehand. Several churches in south Arkansas and north Louisiana began publishing resolutions stating that they did not regard Carpenter as a "*Gospel Minister in good standing and full fellowship with the brethren,*" and calling for the "*resignation of his credentials a Gospel Minister.*" Many members of the Ward's Chapel Church signed the petition, including George W. Boatright, his brother, John E. Boatright, father-in-law, Thomas A. Dean, brother-in-law, George W. Dean, as well as many of Lizzie's uncles and cousins [9].

George W. Boatright primarily lived a quiet life, spending his time farming and with his family. He did not participate extensively in politics, but in 1917, he did serve as an election commissioner for a special Union Parish School Board election. For the polling precinct along the Ward's Chapel Road east of Farmerville, the parish designated that the election be held at the Hopewell Schoolhouse and appointed Boatright to serve as one of the election commissioners, along with his brother-in-law, Joseph W. Dean, Lizzie's first cousin, Rufus H. Albritton, and local farmer and politician, Charles H. Hudson. The election was scheduled for 29 September 1917 [10].

Between 1915 and 1928, George W. and Lizzie Dean Boatright made various legal transactions involving tracts of land east of Farmerville along what was then called the Farmerville–Port Union Road, now known as the Ward’s Chapel Road:

23 Jan 1915 – George W. Boatright paid \$510.20 to Robert G. Albritton for an 80-acre tract of land located several miles east of Farmerville and a few miles south of the Farmerville–Port Union Road. The mortgage stipulated that Boatright would pay the sum in four notes due annually on January 1st of the years 1916–1919. Albritton was the son of John Fowler Albritton and James Frances Boatright, making him the first cousin of both George W. Boatright and Lizzie Dean Boatright [11].

1 Feb 1916 – George and his younger brother, John E. Boatright, jointly purchased 90 acres from Reuben M. Dean, Lizzie’s first cousin. This tract lay several miles east of Farmerville and about four miles away from the land Boatright had purchased the previous year. The Boatrights made the purchase for \$486, payable for \$50 cash, plus three notes of the balance due in 1916 and 1917 [12].

5 Jun 1917 – George W. and Lizzie Boatright and John E. Boatright signed an oil lease to Jesse E. W. Pickel for the 170 acres that George had purchased in 1915 and the Boatright brothers had purchased in 1916 [13].

2 Jul 1917 – The previous oil and gas lease was superseded by this one that the Boatrights made to the Producers Oil Company, a corporation of Texas [14].

11 Aug 1917 – George W. and Lizzie Dean Boatright sold the 80-acre tract of land they bought in 1915 to Lloyd Wilson Albritton for consideration that Albritton assume payment of the four notes Boatright owed for his purchase of the tract. Albritton was a first cousin to both George and Lizzie, as he was the son of John Fowler Albritton, Lizzie’s uncle, and James Frances Boatright Albritton, George’s aunt [15].

9 Jun 1921 – George W. Boatright mortgaged his interest in his 90-acre tract of land on the Farmerville and Port Union Road (now Ward’s Chapel Road) to secure his payment of a promissory note of \$170. Boatright paid the note, thus canceling the mortgage on 2 September 1923 [16].

1 Nov 1922 – John E. Boatright sold his brother his interest in the land they had jointly bought in 1916 for \$300 cash [17]. George and Johnnie Boatright were close, as their joint purchase of farmland illustrates. During his military service during World War I, Johnnie developed a lung malady that affected him for the rest of his life. Afterwards, he could not perform any work, and so he traveled widely, spending time in various military facilities in Colorado, Missouri, and Kansas, as well as with relatives in New Mexico. He regularly visited relatives in Farmerville, always staying with George and his family [18].

3 Aug 1923 – For \$100, George W. Boatright signed a five-year oil and gas lease to J. Ben Taylor on 40 acres [19].

20 Aug 1923 – George W. and Lizzie Boatright mortgaged his 90 acres for \$500 from the Ouachita Valley National Farm Loan Association. They agreed to pay \$32.50 per year until the full amount was paid. The mortgage was cancelled and marked as paid in full on 6 January 1933 [20].

21 Sep 1928 – For \$1000 cash, George W. and Lizzie Boatright sold their 90-acre farm lying on the Farmerville–Port Union Road to S. B. Sawyer [21].

In 1920, George and Lizzie Boatright lived on their farm that adjoined that of her first cousin, Reuben M. Dean [22]. Given his 1923 mortgage of his farm, he struggled financially during this period. Boatright did not pay his 1923 taxes by the deadline, leading to a debt of \$20.36 by April 1924. Sheriff Alonzo L. Stancil advertised a tax sale on

Saturday, 24 May 1924, and scheduled Boatright's 90-acre farm among that due to be auctioned to pay for delinquent taxes. Boatright paid his tax bill before the auction, and thus he retained possession of his farm [23].

It is unclear precisely what prompted Boatright to sell his farm in September 1928. Very briefly in late 1928 or early 1929, George moved to Farmerville and operated a "*Pressing Parlor*" with his first cousin, Jesse A. Roan. Industrial steam clothing laundry and pressing services had recently become commonplace in small towns, with several operating in Farmerville in 1928–1929. Boatright and Roan operated the City Cleaning & Pressing Shop in Farmerville located on the northeast corner of the courthouse square in Farmerville. They did not operate it for long, for on 13 March 1929, Herbert Waller published a notice stating, "*I have taken over George Boatright's share in the Pressing parlor, formerly Roan & Boatright.*" Waller's brother purchased Roan's share a few weeks later, and the Wallers changed the name to "*Waller's Pressing Shop*" [24].

In 1930, George and Lizzie Boatright lived on a rented farm, and he still worked as a "*cotton farmer*" [25]. George began experiencing health problems in 1930 or early 1931. By early 1931, he "*has been ill for some time*" and went to Shreveport on Sunday, April 5th for an operation. He returned home the following Sunday after the operation. The following month, his eldest daughter, Hazel, visited her parents for the weekend from Farmerville [26].

For the last few years of his life, George W. Boatright worked for Charles Henry Hudson, a local farmer, politician, and cotton gin operator. However, although then aged only forty-five, is unclear how much work Boatright was able to perform after his operation. By 1934, he experienced a period of illness, apparently caused by "*chronic nephritis*" and "*mitral insufficiency*," conditions that led to his death on Christmas Eve 1934 [27].

Lizzie Dean Boatright undoubtedly had a difficult time providing for her children after George's death. She remained in the same house, paying \$2 per month in rent in 1940, when she lived with her two youngest sons, Willie Paul and Tommy [28].

Lizzie Dean Boatright's eldest daughter, Hazel, had moved to Ruston in the 1930s, after her marriage. On 18 June 1939, Lizzie and her third daughter, Rebecca Boatright, visited Hazel in Ruston. Sometime in the 1940s, Lizzie decided to move in with Hazel. In 1950, Lizzie and her two youngest sons lived in Ruston, with Willie Paul working as a pipe fitter with the natural gas company, and Tommy working as a service station attendant [29].

Lizzie Dean Boatright spent the remainder of her life living with her daughter in Ruston. She died there on 20 January 1959 at the age of seventy-three. Her funeral was held at the Farmerville Church of Christ, with Elder Kenneth Brantley conducting the services. George W. and Lizzie Dean Boatright are buried in the Taylor/Liberty Hill Cemetery, Farmerville, Union Parish, Louisiana [30].



Children of George William Boatright & Elizabeth Dean

George W. Boatright and Lizzie Dean had six children who survived to adulthood. In addition, Lizzie had three infant sons who died at birth. One of them was born between Hazel and Fabrice, but the approximate dates of the other male infants are unknown [1].

1. **Hazel Gray Boatright** (9 Nov 1912–6 Apr 2008) attended the Hopewell School near her home. In May 1924, she had Mrs. J. W. Brantley as her teacher, and Hazel scored 100% on the Third Grade Louisiana State Spelling Test [2]. Hazel married on 2 March 1933 in Union Parish, Louisiana to Warford Scott Parks (27 Dec 1906–21 Jan 1996), son of George Emmett Parks (26 Aug 1863–3 Jan 1954) and Emma Gertrude Eckles (15 Aug 1867–20 Jan 1951). Hazel and Warford Parks settled in Ruston, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana and lived there until their deaths. They are buried in the Greenwood Cemetery, Ruston, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana [3].
2. infant **Boatright** [male], born/died about 1914.
3. **Fabrice Boatright** (16 Mar 1916–23 Nov 1997) married on 4 March 1933 in El Dorado, Union County, Arkansas to Woodrow Wilson Hudson Sr. (19 Apr 1912–11 Feb 1987), son of Charles Henry Hudson Sr. (16 Dec 1873–24 May 1957) and Nancy Theodosia Ward [Dosia] (8 Mar 1878–14 Mar 1950). Fabrice and Woodrow Hudson are buried in the Taylor/Liberty Hill Cemetery, Farmerville, Union Parish, Louisiana [4].
4. **George Monard Boatright** (6 Apr 1918–19 Sep 1972) had his arrival announced in the Farmerville newspaper four days after his birth [5]. Monard attended Hopewell School located just off the Ward's Chapel Road east of Farmerville. He was on the fifth grade honor roll in both February and April 1931 [6].

Monard Boatright married on 14 December 1944 in Houston, Harris County, Texas to Virginia Ann Smith [Virgie] (7 Nov 1930–?), daughter of Louis and Theresa Smith. In 1950, Monard and Virgie lived with her parents and their children in Houston, where he worked as "*machinest helper*" at a ship repair yard [7]. They divorced in Houston on 18 June 1951. Monard Boatright is buried beside his parents in the Taylor/Liberty Hill Cemetery, Farmerville, Union Parish, Louisiana [8].

5. **Anna Rebecca Boatright** [Anna Rea] (30 Dec 1919–16 May 2009) attended Hopewell School with her siblings. In December 1930 and April 1931, she was on the fourth grade honor roll [9]. Rebecca's father died when she was only fifteen. In 1940, she lived in Monroe, where she worked as a housekeeper for her first cousins, Stephen Thomas Dean Jr. and George Washington Dean Jr. [10].

Rebecca Boatright married on 15 June 1942 in New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana to Kersh Irdell Parker (2 Mar 1921–19 Dec 2005), son of Clarence Irdell Parker (3 Apr 1902–22 Jul 1968) and Eugenia Miller [Jennie] (4 Jul 1903–17 Aug 1961). Kersh served in the U. S. Army during World War II and in the Korean War. Anna Rea and Kersh Parker spent their lives in Natchitoches, Louisiana. They are buried in the Memory Lawn Cemetery, Natchitoches, Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana [11].

6. **Willie Paul Boatright** (10 Apr 1924–4 Sep 1994) married on 16 June 1950 in Lincoln Parish, Louisiana to Bobbie Jean Lloyd (27 Mar 1931–23 Feb 2003). Willie Paul and Bobbie Jean Boatright are buried in the Cook Cemetery in Ruston, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana [12].
7. **Thomas Wayne Boatright** [Tommy] (17 Jul 1932–27 May 1999) married on 2 July 1955 in Jonesboro, Jackson Parish, Louisiana to Barbara Jean Peters (4 Sep 1933–17 Oct 2004), daughter of Orren Marshall Peters (22 May 1890–30 Mar 1962) and Ollie Gertrude Bond (23 Oct 1895–4 Apr 1989) [13]. Tommy and Barbara Boatright lived in New Orleans for thirty-four years, but they returned to north Louisiana in 1991 upon his retirement. Tommy

Boatright died of leukemia. He and Barbara are buried in the Antioch Cumberland Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Quitman, Jackson Parish, Louisiana [14].

8. infant **Boatright** [male]

9. infant **Boatright** [male]





(L to R) George W. Boatright, Jewel E. Boatright, unknown



Elizabeth Dean



Back: George W. & Johnnie E. Boatright
Front: Dover J. Johnston, Jewel E. Boatright

Dover Johnston was a first cousin of the Boatright brothers, the son of Mary Ann Boatright Johnston. Photo taken about 1905.



Early 1950s photograph of Lizzie Dean Boatright and her grandchildren.
Front row: Ted Hudson, Ruthie Parker, Lizzie Boatright, Pat Parker, Prescott Hudson, Bobbie Parker.
Back row: Jackie Hudson, Beth Hudson, Woody Hudson, Wayne Parks.

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Notes

1. World War I Selective Service System Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918, LDS Film #5152083, Image #368, “George Willie Boatright,” #106 (born: 6 Sept 1886 at Farmerville, La; occupation: Farmer; family: “wife & 2 children”). Louisiana Death Certificate #15142, 1934, George Boatright, Union Parish (died: 24 December 1934; spouse: “Lizzie Dean,” age: 46 years; employer: “Charlie Hudson,” father: “Will Boatright,” mother: “Mittie Ham,” cause of death: “chronic nephritis, mitral insufficiency”).
2. 1898 Union Parish LA Tax Assessment Rolls, Louisiana States Archives, Baton Rouge, LA. Hudson, Fabrice Boatright. *Ancestors and Descendants of Powhatan Valentine Boatright*. G&R Publishing: Waverly, IA, 1981, p. 74. 1900 Ashley County AR Federal Census, Carter Township, Hamburg Town, ED#10, pp. 206b/12b–207a/13a, Dwelling #219, line #99: William P. Boatright (Nov 1856; age: 43; “Night watchman”); #99: Anna Boatright (Nov 1867; age: 32; wife). Will and Anna Boatright’s son, Jewell Boatright, told his niece, Fabrice Boatright Hudson, that Will moved to Hamburg to work as a plainer at a sawmill in Hamburg. Jewell also stated that the family moved from Union Parish to Hamburg in 1898, which matches tax records showing that Will did not pay 1898 taxes on any Union Parish property that year, only a poll tax.
3. Ashley County AR Deed Book PP, p. 386 (Charles H. and M. L. Bradley to W. P. Boatright, 26 October 1901 [sic]). Charles H. Bradley and his wife sold a tract of four acres to W. P. Boatright. The date on the deed was 26 October 1901, yet Will Boatright died in February 1901. The record was filed in the County Clerk’s office at 9:00 a.m. on 29 January 1901, and undoubtedly, the clerk recording the item put the current year, instead of the 1900, which the record was apparently made.
4. “The Gazette,” 19 December 1900, p. 3, column 2. Hudson, Fabrice Boatright, p. 74. The newspaper notice did not mention the cause of death, but Anna’s granddaughter, Fabrice Boatright Hudson, recorded that “Anna was taken ill with pneumonia.” This information was conveyed to Fabrice by her father and uncle, Jewel Boatright, both of whom witnessed the events as teenagers.
5. Hamburg Cemetery (Hamburg, Ashley County AR), tombstone of [William P. Boatright](#). Hudson, Fabrice Boatright, p. 74. The events following the February 1901 death of William P. Boatright at Hamburg were related in a personal conversation between Bethel Boatright and Timothy D. Hudson held on 18 April 1984 at Mr. Boatright’s home in Monroe, Louisiana. Anna’s name is engraved on the side of her husband’s tombstone marker but has no dates. Fabrice Boatright Hudson gave the date on which Will Boatright became ill, as conveyed to her by her uncle, Jewel Boatright.
6. Ashley County AR Guardian Book B, p. 127 (W. H. Tebbs, guardian of “Jewell, Johnie & Bethel Boatright & George & Alice Boatright & the Estate of said minors,” filed 13 February 1901). 1900 Ashley County AR Federal Census, Carter Township, Hamburg Town, ED#10, pp. 201a/7a, Dwelling #109, line #9: William H. Tibbs (born: Nov 1855; age: 44; born: Missouri; occupation: Merchant); #10: Mary E. Tibbs (born: Jun 1868; age: 31; born: Arkansas). Hamburg Cemetery (Hamburg, Ashley County AR), tombstones of [William Henry Tebbs](#) and [Mary Lowrey Tebbs](#).
7. Mr. Bethel Boatright recalled these events in a personal conversation with Timothy D. Hudson held on 18 April 1984 at Mr. Boatright’s home in Monroe, Louisiana.
8. Union Parish LA Marriage Book 17, p. 401 (G. W. Boatright to Miss Lizzie Dean, 24 January 1912; minister: A. W. King). Louisiana Death Certificate #0-989, 1959, Elizabeth Dean Boatright, Lincoln Parish (died: 20 January 1959; born: 24 November 1885; father: Thomas Dean; mother: “Ruby” Albritton). 1900 Union Parish LA Federal Census, Ward 1, Precinct 1, ED #115, p. 8b, Dwelling #140, line #71: T. A. Dean (born: Apr 1851; age: 49; Farmer); #72: Rebecca Dean (born: Nov 1850; age: 49; wife; married 25 years); #76: Lizzie Dean (born: Mar 1886; age: 14; daughter). 1910 Union Parish LA Federal Census, Ward 1, ED #131, p. 12a, Dwelling #93, line #19: Thomas A. Dean (age: 58; Farmer); #20: Rebecca Dean (age: 59; wife); #24: Lizzie Dean (age: 23; Daughter). Taylor/Liberty Hill Cemetery (Farmerville, Union Parish LA), tombstones of [Thomas A. Dean](#) and [Rebecca A. Dean](#).
9. “The Gazette” (Farmerville, LA), 18 October 1916, p. 4, columns 2–4.
10. “The Gazette,” September 5 (p. 4, columns 1–2) and 12 (p. 4, columns 1–2), October 3 (p. 4, columns 1–2), 1917.
11. Union Parish LA Conveyance Record 25, p. 689; Mortgage Book Q, p. 385 (Robert G. and Minnie Honeycutt Albritton to George W. Boatright, 23 January 1915). Boatright purchased the SE¼ of SW¼ of Section 31 in Township 21 North, Range 2 East and the NE¼ of NW¼ of Section 6, Township 20 North, Range 2 East. This is an 80-acre tract of land now located on the north side of Highway 2, several miles east of Farmerville. The modern Dry Creek Road runs through the property today.
12. Union Parish LA Conveyance Record 26, p. 378; Mortgage Book Q, p. 648 (Reuben M. and Docia Taylor Dean to George W. and John [Johnnie] E. Boatright, 1 February 1916). The Boatright brothers purchased the portion of the SW¼ and the SE¼ of NW¼ of Section 23, Township 21 North, Range 1 East “lying north of the Farmerville & Port Union public road,” a total of 90 acres.

13. Union Parish LA Conveyance Record 28, p. 571 (George W. Boatright and wife, who was Miss Lizzie Dean, and John E. Boatright, unmarried, oil and gas lease to Jesse E. W. Pickel, 5 June 1917). The Boatrights signed the oil and gas lease for a total of 170 acres, including the tracts that George W. Boatright owned himself and that he owned jointly with his brother.
14. Union Parish LA Conveyance Record 30, pp. 41–43 (George W. Boatright and wife, Lizzie Dean Boatright, and John E. Boatright, unmarried, oil and gas lease to Producers Oil Company, 2 July 1917).
15. Union Parish LA Conveyance Record 29, p. 389 (George W. and Lizzie Dean Boatright to L. W. Albritton, 11 August 1917). The Boatrights sold the 80-acre tract of land they had purchased from R. G. Albritton in 1915.
16. Union Parish Mortgage Book T, p. 10 (G. W. Boatright, married to Mrs. Lizzie Dean Boatright, mortgage for \$178, 9 June 1921). Boatright mortgaged this land: *“that portion of the SW¼ and the SE¼ of NW¼ of Section 23, Township 21 North Range 1 East, lying north of the Farmerville and Port Union Road and containing 90 acres.”*
17. Union Parish LA Conveyance Record 46, p. 535 (John E. Boatright of Las Cruces, New Mexico, never married, to George W. Boatright, married to Mrs. Lizzie Dean Boatright, 1 November 1922). John E. Boatright sold his brother his interest in the land they had jointly bought from Reuben M. Dean in 1916, described as *“that portion of the SW¼ and the SE¼ of the NW¼ of Section 23, Twp. 21 N.R. 1 East, lying north of the Farmerville and Port Union Public road.”*
18. Statements conveyed by Fabrice Boatright Hudson, daughter of George W. Boatright, to her grandson, Timothy D. Hudson. Fabrice had fond memories of her uncle’s visits when she was a child.
19. Union Parish LA Conveyance Record 48, p. 72 (G. W. Boatright oil and gas lease to J. Ben Taylor, 3 August 1923). Boatright signed the oil and gas lease on this 40-acre tract: SE¼ of NW¼ of Section 23, Township 21 North, Range 1 East.
20. Union Parish LA Amortization Book 2, pp. 421–424 (George W. Boatright and Mrs. Lizzie Dean Boatright, wife, to Ouachita Valley National Farm Loan Association, 20 August 1923). The Boatrights mortgaged the 90 acres purchased in 1916.
21. Union Parish LA Conveyance Record 69, p. 181 (George W. Boatright and wife, Lizzie Dean Boatright, to S. B. Sawyer, 21 September 1928). The Boatrights sold their 90-acre tract of land that lay in the SW¼ and SE¼ of NW¼ of Section 23, Township 21 North, Range 1 East, the portion in this fractional section *“lying north of the Farmerville and Port Union Public road,”* now known as the Ward’s Chapel Road.
22. 1920 Union Parish LA Federal Census, Police Jury Ward 1, ED #123, p. 240b/17b, Dwelling #320, line #91: George W. Boatright (age: 33; Farmer); #92: Lizzie Boatright (age: 34; wife); #93: Hazel Boatright (age: 7; Daughter); #94: *“Avis Boatright”* [sic] (age: 4 8/12; Daughter); #95: George M. Boatright (age: 2 7/12; son); #96: Anna Boatright (age: 1/12; Daughter); Dwelling #321, line #97: *“Rubin M. Dean.”*
23. *“The Gazette”* (Farmerville, LA), 21 May 1924, p. 4, columns 1–2. Boatright’s farm was described as 90 acres located in the SW¼ & SE¼ of NW¼, Section 22 [sic—should be Section 23], Township 21 North, Range 1 East, *“lying N and E of Farmerville and Pt. Union road.”*
24. *“The Gazette,”* February 27 (p. 2, columns 6–7), March 6 (p. 5, columns 6–7), 13 (p. 6, column 6), and 27 (p. 1, column 7), 1929. Multiple newspaper articles throughout 1928 show that several pressing shops operated in Farmerville that year. It is unclear which of these that Roan and Boatright purchased, but their names are not shown in any of the newspaper ads that year. Jesse Aylmer Roan (19 Oct 1894–26 Jul 1969) was the son of William Jackson Roan and Nancy Alice Ham, and the latter was the older sister of Mary T. Anna Ham Boatright.
25. 1930 Union Parish LA Federal Census, Colson’s Ward 7, ED #56-14, p. 264a/1a, Miller Ferry Road, Dwelling #11, line #48: Geo. W. Boatright (age: 43; occupation: Farmer, Cotton Farm); #49: Lizzie Boatright (age: 44; wife); #50: Hazel Boatright (age: 17); p. 264b/1b, line #51: *“Fabris Boatright”* (age: 14; Daughter); #52: Monard Boatright (age: 11; Son); #53: Rebecca Boatright (age: 10; Daughter); #54: Willie P. Boatright (age: 5; Son).
26. *“The Gazette,”* April 8 (p. 1, column 6) and 15 (p. 1, column 3), and May 5 (p. 1, column 3), 1931. These notices were published in the Hopewell news column.
27. Louisiana Death Certificate #15142, 1934, George Boatright, Union Parish (died: 24 December 1934; spouse: *“Lizzie Dean;”* age: 46 years; employer: *“Charlie Hudson;”* father: *“Will Boatright;”* mother: *“Mittie Ham;”* cause of death: *“chronic nephritis, mitral insufficiency”). “The Gazette,”* 16 January 1935, p. 4, column 2.
28. 1940 Union Parish LA Federal Census, Ward 7, p. 233a/8a, Household #36, line #37: *“Lizzie Boatwright”* (age; 54; widowed; home rented for \$2/month); #38: *“Willie Boatwright”* (age: 16; single; farm labor); #39: *“Tommy Boatwright”* (age: 7; single).
29. *“The Gazette,”* 22 June 1939, p. 3, column 3. 1940 Lincoln Parish LA Federal Census, U.S. Highway 80 to Ward 4 Line, ED #31-11, Sheet #15, Dwelling #132, line #9: *“Wafard Parks”* (age: 42; married; *“Meter Reader, Natural Gas Co”*); #10: Hazel Parks (age: 37; wife); #11: Wayne Parks (age: 12); #12: *“Lizy Boatwright”* (age: 64; widowed; mother-in-law); #13: *“Willie Paul Boatwright”* (age: 26; brother-in-law; Pipe Fitter, Natural Gas Co); #14: *“Thomas Wayne Boatwright”* (age: 17; brother-in-law; Service Sta. Attendant).

30. "The Gazette," 29 January 1959, p. 6, columns 3–4. Taylor/Liberty Hill Cemetery (Farmerville, Union Parish LA), tombstones of [George William Boatright](#) and [Elizabeth Dean Boatright](#).

Children of George William Boatright & Elizabeth Dean

1. Hudson, Fabrice Boatright. *Ancestors and Descendants of Powhatan Valentine Boatright*. G&R Publishing: Waverly, IA, 1981, pp. 76–80. Fabrice Boatright Hudson published her family's history in 1981, listing six children of George W. and Elizabeth Dean Boatright. However, she only listed their children who lived. On 25 December 1987, in a conversation with her grandson, Timothy D. Hudson, she stated that her mother had lost three infant sons, one between the two eldest girls, Hazel and Fabrice. My grandmother did not specify when the other infant sons were lost, and at the time, I did not think to ask. Unless otherwise stated, data given on the children of George W. Boatright and Lizzie Dean Boatright come from the family records of their daughter, Fabrice Boatright Hudson.
2. "The Gazette," 28 May 1924, p. 1, column 7.
3. Greenwood Cemetery (Ruston, Lincoln Parish LA), tombstones of [Hazel Gray Parks](#) and [Warford Scott Parks](#).
4. Taylor/Liberty Hill Cemetery (Farmerville, Union Parish LA), tombstones of [Woodrow W. Hudson Sr.](#) and [Fabrice Boatright Hudson](#).
5. "The Gazette," 10 April 1918, p. 5, column 3. The notice merely stated: "BIRTHS: To Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Boatright, on Sunday, April 6th, a boy."
6. "The Gazette," February 4 (p. 1, column 2) and April 22 (p. 4, column 5), 1931.
7. 1950 Harris County TX Federal Census, Houston, ED #262-95, 3908 Billingsly St., Sheet #11, line #30: Louis S. Smith (age: 43; married; chief operator, city); Sheet #12, line #1: Theresa Smith (age: 39; wife); #3: Virgie Boatright (age: 19; married; daughter); #4: Monard Boatright (age: 32; son-in-law; machinist helper, ship repair work); #5: John W. Boatright (age: 2; grandson); #6: Linda S. Boatright (age: 1; granddaughter); #7: Joyce H. Boatright (age: --; granddaughter).
8. Taylor/Liberty Hill Cemetery (Farmerville, Union Parish LA), tombstone of [Monard Boatright](#). His tombstone is engraved as "Monard George Boatright," but his older sister insisted his actual name was "George Monard Boatright," and that his children had the tombstone inscribed incorrectly.
9. "The Gazette," 10 December 1930 (p. 6, column 3) and 22 April 1931 (p. 4, column 5).
10. 1940 Ouachita Parish LA Federal Census, Monroe, Ward 10, E.D. 37-17, p. 261a/3a, Household #48, line #1: Tommy Goyne (age: 32; "Special Del. Carrier; U.S. Post Office"); #5: "Rebecca Boatwright" (age: 20; single; House keeper); #6: George W. Dean (age: 26; "Time Keeper, W. P. H. Road Construction").
11. Memory Lawn Cemetery (Natchitoches, Natchitoches Parish LA), tombstones of [Kersh I. Parker](#) and [Rebecca Parker](#).
12. Cook Cemetery (Ruston, Lincoln Parish LA), tombstones of [Willie P. Boatright](#) and [Bobbie L. Boatright](#).
13. "The Monroe Morning World" (Monroe, LA), 17 July 1955, p. 25, columns 4–5.
14. Antioch Cumberland Presbyterian Church Cemetery (Quitman, Jackson Parish LA), tombstones of [Thomas Wayne Boatright](#) and [Barbara Peters Boatright](#).

