

Parents for Cleopatra (Pike) Jones

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Identifying a daughter born after 1 Jun 1880 in Tennessee and married before 1900 can be challenging. The loss of most of the 1890 census, lack of birth records and use of married names contribute to the problem.¹ Clues from a family story, documentary research and analysis of the evidence led to identification of a missed child.

Malcolm Argul Pike was born in Nov of 1879 in Tipton County, Tennessee, the son of Andrew J. Pike and Mattie Childres.² According to a daughter of Malcolm Argul Pike, Malcolm had a sister whom she remembered as Aunt Clara, married to Ben Jones. The daughter recalled that Ben and Clara Jones had an adopted daughter named Gladys and the family lived in Memphis, Tennessee. Clara died sometime after 1945 when Malcolm Argul Pike and his family moved to California.³ A search for birth records for Malcolm Pike and Clara Pike focused on Tipton and adjoining Shelby County, Tennessee yielded no results.⁴

¹ "1880 Overview," *United States Census*, (https://www.census.gov/history/www/through_the_decades/overview/ : accessed 8 Aug 2020) History > Through the Decades > Overview > 1880 Overview. Enumeration date for the 1880 census was 1 Jun 1880. "First in the Path of the Fireman': The Fate of the 1890 Population Census, Part 1," *National Archives*, (<https://www.archives.gov/publications/prologue/1996/spring/1890-census-1.html> : accessed 12 Aug 2020). "Birth Records," *Tennessee Secretary of State*, (<http://sos.tn.gov/products/tsla/birth-records> : accessed 9 Aug 2020); "How to find Tennessee records," *FamilySearch*, (http://familysearch.org/wiki/en/How_to_Find_Tennessee_Birth_Records : accessed 21 Aug 2020). Although most Tennessee counties began recording birth records in 1908, the state did not require recording of births until 1914.

² Local Draft Board Craighead Co., AR, card for Malcum A. Pike, serial no. 109; "United States World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918," digital image, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33SQ-GYTM-3N9Y/> : accessed 8 Aug 2020), citing National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) microfilm publication M1509, date of birth is given as 13 Nov 1879; also Local Draft Board Craighead Co., AR, card for Malcolm Argul Pike, serial no. U3v7; "United States World War II Draft Registration Cards, 1942," digital image, *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 9 Aug 2020), citing "Fourth Registration Draft Cards (WWII), Arkansas State Headquarters ca. 1942, NAI:576245, The National Archives at St. Louis, date of birth is given as 14 Nov 1879; also California State Department of Health, death certificate, state file no. M-079493 (stamped), local registration no. 5100-160, (1964), Malcolm A. Pike; Department of Health Services, Sacramento; photocopy in researcher's files, Silas Pike, son, informant, no date of birth provided.

³ Martha (Pike) Grow, (Park City, UT) to Connie Davis, letter, 13 Feb 1998, privately held by Connie Davis, [address for private use], Hope, BC, 2020.

⁴ "Tennessee Births and Christenings, 1828-1939," database *FamilySearch*, (<http://familysearch.org> : accessed 8 Aug 2020), index based upon data collected by the Genealogical Society of Utah, Salt Lake City, no births recorded for a male M* Pike or female C* Pike between 1876-1884; "All Tennessee Delayed Birth Records, 1869-1909," database *Ancestry.com*, (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 8 Aug 2020), citing "Tennessee Delayed Birth Records, 1869-1909, Tennessee State Library and Archives (TSLA), Nashville, no births for a male M* Pike or female C* Pike born 1875-1884; "Birth Records 1874-1916," Shelby Co. Register of Deeds, database with images, no Pike births recorded for a male M* Pike or female C* Pike. *Covington Leader*, Tipton Co., TN, (<http://genealogybank.com> : accessed 20 Aug 2020) and *Memphis Daily Appeal*, Shelby, Co., TN,

Clea O. Pike married Bryson B. Jones in Tipton County, Tennessee on 5 November 1899. No information about the parents of Bryson or Clea has been located.⁵ From 1900 through 1910, the couple lived in Tipton County, recorded as Bryson and Cleo P. Jones (born April of 1882) in 1900 and William B. and Cleopatra Jones in 1910.⁶ They relocated to Memphis by 1918 and a Gladys Moss appears as a niece in the William P. Jones household (wife Cleopatra) in 1920.⁷ Could Cleopatra (Pike) Jones be the woman remembered as Aunt Clara? Documentary records provide the confirmation by tracing the descendants of Mattie, Malcolm Argul Pike's mother.

The Marriages and Children of Mattie Childres

Mattie Childres married James Fisher on 27 December 1877 in Tipton County.⁸ Eight months later, Andrew Jackson Pike married Mattie Fisher on 3 September 1878 in

(<http://www.chroniclingamerica.loc.gov> : accessed 20 Aug 2020) available issues 1879-1882, no births of children named Pike are recorded. As of 19 Sep 2020, a search of church records is underway.

⁵ Tipton Co., Tennessee, Marriage book 7, page 224, Bryson B. Jones and Clea O. Pike, married 5 Nov 1899; "Tennessee, Marriage Records, 1780-2002" database with images, *Ancestry.com*, (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 8 Aug 2020), image 491 of 701; citing "Tennessee State Marriages, 1780-2002," TSLA, Nashville; also Tipton County, Tennessee, Marriage licenses, 1864-1950, Marriage license, Bryson B. Jones and Clea O. Pike, 4 Nov 1899; database with images, "Tennessee, County Marriages, 1790-1950," *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QS7-893F-79ML> : accessed 8 Aug 2020); citing TSLA, Nashville and county clerk offices from various counties. Names of parents are not recorded in the marriage records. No digital copies of the *Covington Leader*, *Covington Daily Democrat*, or *Tipton Weekly Record* of Tipton County, TN are available at TSLA, <http://www.GenealogyBank.com>, <http://www.newspapers.com>, <http://www.worldcat.org>, or <http://www.chroniclingamerica.loc.gov> as of 21 Sep 2020. The church associated with the officiant has not been identified in <https://www.tngenweb.org/tipton/churches/churchesindex.htm>, <http://www.tiptoncountyttn.com/churches/>, or <https://wthstn.org/>.

⁶ 1900 U.S. census, Tipton Co., TN, pop. sched., district no. 5, enumeration district (ED) 127, sheet 3A (penned), dwelling 50, family 50, Bryson Jones household; digital image *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HY-6SMF-ND/> : accessed 8 Aug 2020); citing NARA microfilm pub. T623 (Washington, D.C.: NARA, n.d.). 1910 U.S. census, Tipton Co., TN, pop. sched., Civil District No. 5, ED 295, sheet 5A (penned), dwelling 74, household 80, William B. Jones household; digital image, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33S7-9YY8-S8MR/> : accessed 8 Aug 2020); citing NARA microfilm publication T624 (Washington, D.C.: NARA, n.d.).

⁷ "United States World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918," digital image, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33SQ-GYR1-S1X/>: accessed 10 Aug 2020), card for William Bryson Jones, serial no. 2968: Local Draft Board Shelby Co., TN; citing NARA microfilm publication M1509. 1920 U.S. Census, Shelby Co., TN, pop. sched., Memphis City, ED 170, sheet 5A, (penned), dwelling 96, family 104, William P. Jones household; digital image, *FamilySearch*, (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33S7-9RXV-8YZ/>: accessed 10 Aug 2020); citing NARA microfilm publication T625.

⁸ Tipton Co., TN, Marriage Book D, p, 123, James Fisher and Mattie Childres, 27 Dec 1877, database with images, "Tennessee, County Marriages, 1790-1950," *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QSQ-G93F-T9ST-L/> : accessed 11 Aug 2020); Tipton Co., Tennessee, Marriage licenses, 1864-1950, Marriage license James Fisher and Mattie Childres, 26 Dec 1877; database with

Covington, Tipton County, Tennessee.⁹ The eight months between Mattie's marriages imply the death of James Fisher or a divorce.¹⁰ By 1880, Andrew J. Pike, wife Mattie, and son Malcolm, born in November of 1879, are living in Shelby County, Tennessee.¹¹

Mattie married Wm. T. Adams in Tipton County in March of 1884, implying that Andrew either died or divorced her before this time.¹² Mattie was not living with her husband, William Adams, in 1900. He was enumerated as a married man, age 56, living in Tipton County in 1900 with a daughter, Luella [Lula], age 15; and four sons, John, age 28 [attributed to a prior marriage of William]; Wallace C., age 11; Claud, age 10; and Benjamin, age 4. No wife is enumerated with the household.¹³

images, "Tennessee, County Marriages, 1790-1950," *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-893F-993X-3/>: accessed 10 Aug 2020); both citing TSLA, Nashville and county clerk offices from various counties.

⁹ Tipton Co., TN, Marriage Book D, p, 154, A. J. Pike and Mattie Fisher, 3 Sep 1878, database with images, "Tennessee, County Marriages, 1790-1950," *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-993F-T7ZM/74452> : accessed 11 Aug 2020); Tipton Co., Tennessee, Marriage licenses, 1864-1950, Marriage license A. J. Pike and Mattie Fisher, 2 Sep 1878; database with images, "Tennessee, County Marriages, 1790-1950," *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q5Q-G93F-QBJ4/> : accessed 10 Aug 2020); both citing TSLA, Nashville and county clerk offices from various counties.

¹⁰ "Tennessee County Court (Tipton Co.), Court Minutes 1823-1900," Book M (Sep 1876-Mar 1878) and Book N (Apr 1878-Nov 1879), digital images, *FamilySearch*, (<https://familysearch.org> : accessed 10 Aug 2020), film no. 10108-9, citing TSLA, Nashville; manual search for Fisher, no divorce or probate found. Also Shelby Co., TN, "Archives: Death records 1848-1967," "Probate Court Loose Paper Index, 1820-1900," and "Probate Court Wills 1830-2004," *Shelandra Y. Ford, Shelby County Register of Deeds*, (<http://register.shelby.tn.us/index.php> : accessed 11 Aug 2020), database search for Fisher, no death or probate found.

¹¹ 1880 U.S. Census, Shelby Co., TN, pop. sched., Civil District no. 1, ED 115, p. 28 (penned), dwelling 247, family 248, Andrew J. Pike household; digital image, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33SQ-GYBK-W32?cc=1417683&wc=QZ24-Z1B%3A1589414125%2C1589394945%2C1589401008%2C1589395192>: accessed 12 Aug 2020); citing NARA microfilm publication T9, roll 1278.

¹² Tennessee County Court (Tipton Co.), Court Minutes 1823-1900," Book N (Apr 1878-Nov 1879), Book O (Apr 1878-Nov 1879), Book Q (Sep 1882-Dec 1883), and Book R (Jan 1884-Mar 1885) digital images, *FamilySearch*, (<https://familysearch.org> : accessed 10 Aug 2020), film no. 10109-11, citing TSLA, Nashville; manual search for Pike, no divorce or probate found. Also Shelby Co., TN, "Archives: Death records 1848-1967," "Probate Court Loose Paper Index, 1820-1900," and "Probate Court Wills 1830-2004," *Shelandra Y. Ford, Shelby County Register of Deeds*, (<http://register.shelby.tn.us/index.php> : accessed 11 Aug 2020), database search for Pike, no death or probate found. For marriage, see Tipton Co., TN, Marriage licenses, 1864-1950, Wm. T. Adams and Mattie Pike, 27 Mar 1884; database with images, "Tennessee, County Marriages, 1790-1950," *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q5Q-G93F-3JHL?cc=1619127&wc=Q63S-19T%3A1589264477%2C1589374131> : accessed 9 Aug 2020); Tipton Co., Tennessee, Marriage Book D, p. 368 (stamped), Wm. T Adams and Mattie Pike, 30 Mar 1884; database with images, "Tennessee, County Marriages, 1790-1950" *FamilySearch*, (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-893F-TT5S?cc=1619127&wc=Q63S-1NK%3A1589264477%2C1589374452> : accessed 9 Aug 2020); both citing TSLA, Nashville and county clerk offices from various counties.

¹³ 1900 U.S. census, Tipton Co., TN, pop. sched., district no. 6, ED 130, sheet 3A (penned), dwelling 39, family 40, William Adams household; digital image *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HY-6SM4-ZS/> : accessed 12 Aug 2020); citing NARA microfilm pub. T623 (Washington, D.C.: NARA, n.d.). A search of

Five children can be attributed to Mattie Childres (Fisher) (Pike) Adams:¹⁴

Children with Andrew Jackson Pike (married 3 September 1878):

- Malcolm Argul Pike, born November 1879

Children with William Taylor Adams (married 30 March 1884):

- Lula, born January 1885
- Wallace C., born October 1888
- Claud, born January 1890
- Benjamin, born October 1895

The gap between the birth of Malcom in November of 1879 and the marriage to William Adams in March of 1884 and birth of Lula in January of 1885 allows for the inclusion of Cleopatra (Pike) Jones as an additional child of Andrew Jackson Pike and Mattie. Following Lula Adams forward in time provides support for this assertion.

The Moss-Adams Family in Tipton County, Tennessee

Lula Adams, daughter of Mattie and William, married Frank Moss in Tipton County in 1905.¹⁵ In 1910, Frank and Lula lived in Tipton County with their son Clyde and John (Lula's likely half-brother) and Claude Adams (Lula's full brother), both recorded as brothers-in-law to Frank, further supporting the family connections.¹⁶ Gladys Moss,

the 1900 census on 19 Sep 2020 for M* Adams of the approximate age in Shelby, Tipton or nearby Obion counties in TN or adjacent counties in Arkansas did not identify any Caucasian woman that could be Mattie.

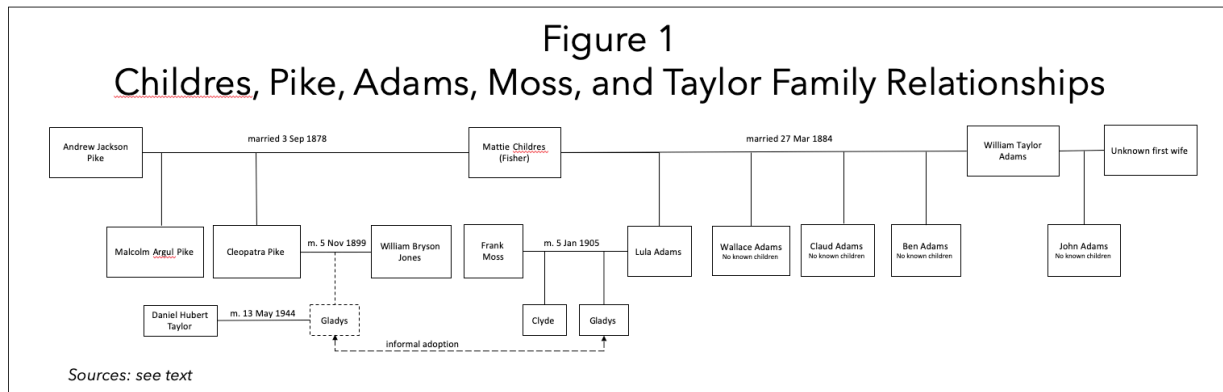
¹⁴ 1880 U.S. Census, Shelby Co., TN, pop. sched., Civil District no. 1, ED 115, p. 28 (penned), dwelling 247, family 248, Andrew J. Pike household; 1900 U.S. census, Tipton Co., TN, pop. sched., district no. 6, ED 130, sheet 3A (penned), dwelling 39, family 40, William Adams household. See also Claude Adams, Social Security Number 411-28-3712, 12 Mar 1941, Application for Social Security Account Number, Form SS-5 (Revised June 1940), Social Security Administration, Baltimore, Maryland and US Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936-2007, Ben Frankling Adams, Apr 1937; *Ancestry.com*, (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 21 Aug 2020); Mary Ann Zimmerman, Acting Executive Director, Office of Privacy and Disclosure, Social Security Administration (Baltimore, MD) to Connie Davis, letter, 6 Jun 2019, privately held by Connie Davis, [address for private use.], Sumas, WA, 2020. "We performed an additional search but were unsuccessful locating any records [for Mr. Benjamin F. Adams]." No birth records have been found for Lula, Wallace, Claud or Benjamin in "Tennessee Births and Christenings, 1828-1939," database *FamilySearch*, (<http://familysearch.org> : accessed 18 Aug 2020), index based upon data collected by the Genealogical Society of Utah, Salt Lake City; "All Tennessee Delayed Birth Records, 1869-1909," database *Ancestry.com*, (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 18 Aug 2020), citing "Tennessee Delayed Birth Records, 1869-1909, Tennessee State Library and Archives (TSLA), Nashville.

¹⁵ Tipton Co., TN, Marriage licenses, 1864-1950, Frank Moss and Lula Adams 5 Jan 1905; database with images, "Tennessee, County Marriages, 1790-1950," *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QSQ-G93F-Q9C/> : accessed 15 Aug 2020), citing TSLA, Nashville and county clerk offices from various counties.

¹⁶ 1910 U.S. census, Tipton Co., TN, pop. sched., Civil District No. 4, ED 293, sheet 18B (penned), dwelling 361, household 363, Frank S. Moss household; digital image, *FamilySearch*

born ca. 1913, who is enumerated with Clyde in the household of William and Cleopatra Jones in 1920, fits as a daughter of Frank and Lula, although records of her birth have also proved elusive.¹⁷

Gladys Eddie Moss of Memphis, Tennessee, married Cpl. Daniel Hubert Taylor on 13 May 1944.¹⁸ Figure 1 diagrams the relationships of the Childres, Pike, Adams, Moss, and Taylor families.



Gladys Taylor requested a military marker for Frank Moss, and served as the informant on the death certificate of Cleopatra Jones.¹⁹ The signatures of Gladys Moss on the marriage application and Gladys Taylor on the application for the headstone (Figure 2) appear to be written by the same person, and the address of

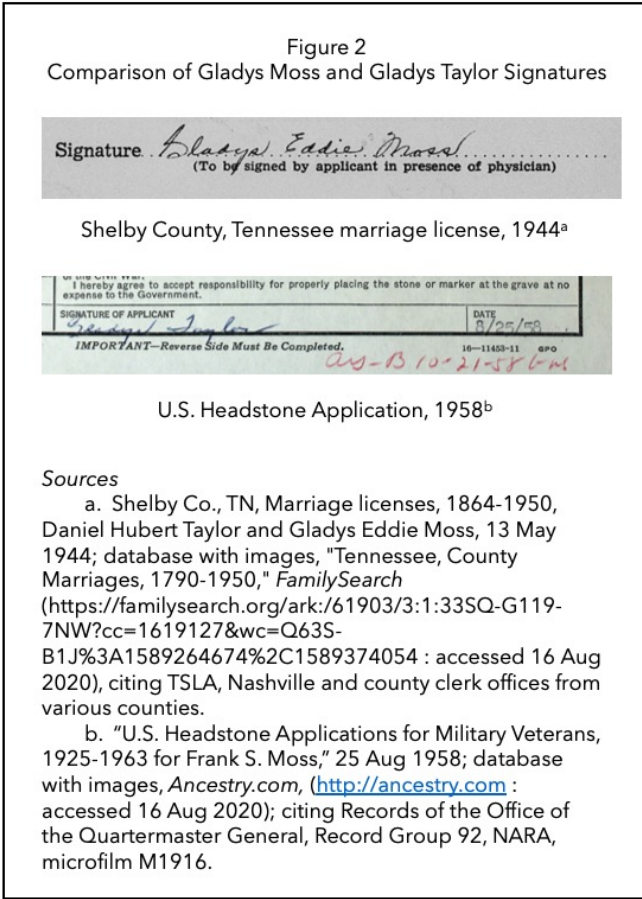
(<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33SQ-GYY8-STXD/> : accessed 15 Aug 2020); citing NARA microfilm publication T624 (Washington, D.C.: NARA, n.d.). For the relationship of John and Claud to Lula, see 1900 U.S. census, Tipton Co., TN, pop. sched, Civil District No. 6, ED 130, , sheet 3A (penned), dwelling 39, family 40, William Adams household.

¹⁷ "Tennessee, Delayed Birth Records, 1869-1909," *Ancestry.com*, (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 16 Aug 2020); citing TSLA, Nashville, TN; "Tennessee Births and Christenings, 1828-1939," database *FamilySearch*, (<http://familysearch.org> : accessed 16 Aug 2020), index based upon data collected by the Genealogical Society of Utah, Salt Lake City; no child with surname of Moss and parents F* and L* Moss found matching Gladys. Also 1910 U.S. census, Tipton Co., TN, pop. sched., Civil District No. 5, ED 295, sheet 5A (penned), dwelling 74, household 80, William B. Jones.

¹⁸ Shelby Co., TN, Marriage licenses, 1864-1950, Daniel Hubert Taylor and Gladys Eddie Moss, 13 May 1944; database with images, "Tennessee, County Marriages, 1790-1950," *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33SQ-G119-7NW/> : accessed 16 Aug 2020), citing TSLA, Nashville and county clerk offices from various counties.

¹⁹ "U.S. Headstone Applications for Military Veterans, 1925-1963 for Frank S. Moss," 25 Aug 1958; database with images, *Ancestry.com*, (<http://ancestry.com> : accessed 16 Aug 2020); citing Records of the Office of the Quartermaster General, Record Group 92, NARA, microfilm M1916; Shelby County, Tennessee Register of deeds, death certificate for Cleopatra Jones, file no. 216, "Archives: Death records 1848-1967," database with images, *Shelandra Y. Ford, Shelby County Register of Deeds*, (<http://register.shelby.tn.us/index.php> : accessed 5 Aug 2020).

Gladys Taylor, informant on the death certificate, is the same as the address given as Cleopatra Jones' last address.²⁰



Conclusion

The presence of Gladys (Moss) Taylor, half-niece of Cleopatra (Pike) Adams, proves Cleopatra was the daughter of Andrew Jackson Pike and Mattie (Childres) (Fisher) (Pike) Adams and the person remembered as Aunt Clara of Memphis. Evidence shows Gladys was likely informally adopted by William Bryson Jones and Cleopatra (Pike) Jones sometime after 1920, married in 1944, applied for a headstone for her father, and served as informant on the death certificate of her adoptive mother. Cleopatra and Lula (Adams) Moss shared the same mother, Mattie Childres. A series

²⁰ For signature in Taylor-Moss marriage see Shelby Co., TN, Marriage licenses, 1864-1950, Daniel Hubert Taylor and Gladys Eddie Moss, 13 May 1944. For signature in headstone application, see U.S. Headstone Applications for Military Veterans, 1925-1963 for Frank S. Moss," 25 Aug 1958. For addresses see Shelby County, Tennessee Register of deeds, death certificate for Cleopatra Jones, file no. 216.

of evidentiary linkages between siblings, half-siblings, spouses, and additional family members provide the necessary documentation.