

# Descendants of William L COWARD

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## Generation 1

1. **WILLIAM L<sup>1</sup> COWARD** was born in Oct 1842 in Mississippi (parents born KY). He died on 23 Jul 1921 in Alexander, Illinois (possibly him). He married Mary Ellen DAVIS on 24 Dec 1865 in Alexander, Illinois (possibly them, mother of 9). She was born in Jan 1847 in Olive Branch, Alexander, Illinois (parents born NC, AL).

William L COWARD was counted in the census in 1880 in Sandusky, Alexander, Illinois (family and nephews Ben & John LAWRENCE). He was counted in the census in 1900 in Unity, Alexander, Illinois (family and niece Edna TININAN).

Mary Ellen DAVIS was counted in the census in 1880 in Sandusky, Alexander, Illinois. She was counted in the census in 1900 in Unity, Alexander, Illinois.

William L COWARD and Mary Ellen DAVIS had the following children:

- i. JOSEPH E<sup>2</sup> COWARD was born in 1871 in Illinois.

Joseph E COWARD was counted in the census in 1880 in Sandusky, Alexander, Illinois (with parents).

- ii. MARY S COWARD was born in 1874 in Illinois.

Mary S COWARD was counted in the census in 1880 in Sandusky, Alexander, Illinois (with parents).

- iii. JAMES W COWARD was born in 1877 in Illinois.

James W COWARD was counted in the census in 1880 in Sandusky, Alexander, Illinois (with parents).

- iv. ELLEN COWARD was born in 1877 in Illinois.

Ellen COWARD was counted in the census in 1880 in Sandusky, Alexander, Illinois (with parents).

- v. WILLIAM M COWARD JR was born on 04 Jan 1877 in Olive Branch, Alexander, Illinois. He died on 18 Aug 1941 in Alexander, Illinois. He married CELIA CHRISTINA RHYMER. She was born on 10 Aug 1880 in Illinois (vs Missouri). She died on 02 Jul 1950 in Mattoon, Coles, Illinois.

William M COWARD Jr was counted in the census in 1900 in Unity, Alexander, Illinois (with parents). He was employed as a Villa Ridge, Pulaski, IL, but wife in Unity, Alexander, IL, per WWI Draft Card in 1917 in farmer. He was counted in the census in 1920 in Villa Ridge, Pulaski, Illinois. He was counted in the census in 1930 in Commerce, Scott, Missouri. He was counted in the census in 1940 in Thebes, Alexander, Illinois (with wife and Arnold McCoy). He was buried (Cheldres Cemetery).

Notes for William M COWARD Jr:

1930 Census, Commerce, Scott Co., MO

Wm Coward b.1877, IL

Celia Coward (wife) b.1880, IL

Clarence McCoy (stepson) b. 1902, IL

Hilda Bolton (stepdau) b. 1904 ,IL (married)

Arnold McCoy (stepson) b. 1926, IL

John McCoy (stepson) b. 1909, IL

Maxine McCoy (granddau) b. 1919, IL

Vera L McCoy (granddau) b. 1928, IL

Dorothy McCoy (stepdau) b. 1904, IL

Celia Christina RHYMER was counted in the census in 1900 in Willisville, Perry, Illinois (maybe them "Cela R" born MO). She was counted in the census in 1910 in Elk, Jackson, Illinois. She was counted in the census in 1920 in Villa Ridge, Pulaski, Illinois. She was buried in Mattoon, Coles, Illinois (Dodge Grove Cemetery).

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### Generation 1 (con't)

- vi. DELLA L COWARD was born in Aug 1879 in Illinois.

Della L COWARD was counted in the census in 1880 in Sandusky, Alexander, Illinois ("Delphena" with parents). She was counted in the census in 1900 in Unity, Alexander, Illinois (with parents).

- 2. vii. MYRTLE ESTELLE COWARD was born on 09 Jan 1882 in Illinois. She died on 19 Mar 1903. She married ELIJAH HARRIS WILLIAMSON. He was born on 13 Dec 1877. He died on 23 Jan 1949.
- viii. ALEXANDER C COWARD was born in Dec 1884 in Illinois.

Alexander C COWARD was counted in the census in 1900 in Unity, Alexander, Illinois (with parents).

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### Generation 2

- 2. **MYRTLE ESTELLE<sup>2</sup> COWARD** (William L<sup>1</sup>) was born on 09 Jan 1882 in Illinois. She died on 19 Mar 1903. She married **ELIJAH HARRIS WILLIAMSON**. He was born on 13 Dec 1877. He died on 23 Jan 1949.

Myrtle Estelle COWARD was counted in the census in 1900 in Unity, Alexander, Illinois (with parents). She was buried in Olive Branch, Alexander, Illinois (Williamson Strader Cemetery).

Elijah Harris WILLIAMSON was buried in Olive Branch, Alexander, Illinois (Williamson Strader Cemetery).

Elijah Harris WILLIAMSON and Myrtle Estelle COWARD had the following child:

- i. PATRICK DURWARD<sup>3</sup> WILLIAMSON was born on 28 Feb 1902 in Illinois. He died on 31 Oct 1975 in Temple, Bell, Texas.

Patrick Durward WILLIAMSON was buried in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas (Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery).