**May 17, 1915** – “**Lena & Robert** come Back from NC…Jane Proffitt come with them. ***Jane******Wilson Proffitt*** *was Frankie’s sister, b 1852 – d 1937, who lived in Western North Carolina.*

**December 4 – “1919**…my sister mrs **N E Osborne** died this 4. ms sister Nancy E Osborne Died…was Buried the 5th, 2 clock, Friday Dec 5…colde.” *This is Frankie’s sister* ***Emaline****, who nursed her husband- to-be during the Civil War and worked in the corn field with Frankie when their father was killed in 1864. Nancy Emaline Wilson Osborne 1850 – 1919, married to* ***Richard Franklin Osborne (Frank)****. They lived in either Watauga or Ashe County, NC at her death. Emma was long suffering. While Frank was married to her, he fathered five children with Martha, Emma’s younger sister.*

**August 18 1918** – “having Reunion at John Wilsons, Ashe Co NC…the children of Isaac Wilson, deceast and Caroline Wilson, deceast.”

Mrs. N. E. Osborne (*Nancy)*

Mrs. F. E. Osborne (*Frankie)*

Mrs. J. P. Proffit *( Polly Jane*)

Mr. John W. Wilson

Mr Robert B. Wilson (*Bob Boyd*)

Mr. William A. Wilson (*Methodist missionary to Japan*)

“All living the ones that has past away are Mrs. **Martha E Forster** and Mrs **Sara mariler** **Osborn.”** *Martha died in 1904 due to cancer. Sara, not a daughter of Issac Wilson, died in 1888.*

**July 30, 1927** – “Left NC, went back to Damascus , stayd there till the forth of August. Went to roy Osborne at cleavland Tenn…stayd there till August. 17. Went from Cleavland to Elk Park to Dr. Proffits, stayd till the 18th. Went to Niles (?) to **Emer Hensons** th 19th. Went from there to **NL mast** the 20th. Then to **Jane Proffit**. Stayd there til 26th…Went stayed at **Charles profit** one night, then back to Jane’s…left Jane’s the 27th, went to **arlas** Wilsons…stayd there til 31 of August, then came home. Pearl went to Cleavland August 4, left for home to Damascus the 8th.” *One of Aunt Jane Wilson Proffitt's daughters married into the Henson family of Cove Creek, Watauga County, NC. CWG*

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June 21 – “got letter from mayme & a Doller in money for a birth day Present.”

June 23 – “June 23…got letter from Pearl & Box of candy…started Pearl letter.”

June 25 – “Sunday June 25…taken a birth day diner at Ben & susan Riller…gave it for Ben my self.”

June 26 – “Went to **Wats Henson**, ate diner…then went to **Enoch Swift**, spent the nigh.” *Enoch Swift COULD be a relative of Frankie's descended from her Cousin Lemuel Wilson, her 1st cousin once removed. Lemuel's granddaughter Mary married a Swift. CWG*

June 27 – “Wednsday, taken diner with Dr. Bingham widow…then in the evening, went to **Will Hensons**…spent the nigh…then Thursdy 28th…came to **John Smith**, stayd a While then went **Harve Deals**, ate diner with them…then from there I went to **Charles Henson**s…Spent the night, then Friday morning I went up to sister Janes…had a awful rain storm.” *Harvey Deal was related to Frankie's Uncle John Wilson, brother to Isaac. He was Frankie's 1st cousin once removed. CWG*

June 30 – “Went to **Charles Proffitt**, Saturday 30.”

July 3 – “Came back from Charles Proffitt, stayt with Maggie and **mary Harbin** at diner, then come up to sis Jane Proffitt.”

July 8 – “Sunday July 8…went to Hensons Chaple to Preachin then sister & my self went to **N L mast** for diner then up to sister Jane’s.”

July 12 – “Left sister Janes, went to **N L mast**, the civic club met ther for a diner…ther was 63 ate supper that paid 75 cts a Plate, nic crowd. I spent the night ther Friday 13, went to **arla Wilson**.”

July 13 – “Sunday, July 1st…Went to Blowing rock with **arta Wilson** & family and Mr. **John Greer** family. Take diner at (obscure) an lot of Blowing rock.” *The only John Greer I know of closely related to Frankie was her 1st cousin John Preston Greer. She DID say John Greer Family, so she likely meant his widow and or their children. CWG*

July 15 – “this is Sunday July the 15th. I have some verses in different chapters in Bible that Brother **John Wilson** marked for all of us to read before he died…he died march the 4th of march. Numbers, chapters 23, v 10; Judges chapter 6, 10; Psalms chapters 24, v. 7, chapter 25, v 18-19; chapter 37, v 35; chapter 55, v 6; chapter 71, v 9, chapter 144, v 4. Rev W a Tomus helt servis …subject was a great, good man has fallen.” *This was Frankie’s brother. The following was found many pages over.*

July 15 – “Went to Mrs **John Johnson,** spent the day.”

July 18 – “Went to mr **clide Ruse**, ate diner and spent the night…Thursday 19, came back to mrs Johnson …widow ate diner, then went up to **arle Wilson**.” *Frankie had a distant cousin named Clyde Reece on her Greer side. CWG*

July 20 – “Went to Bishop’s…spent the night.”

July 22 – “Sunday, went to church at mable…herd Rev Taler.”

July 23 – “Monday July 23…come to Bristol with mr Greer in Truck.” *Thus Frankie’s six week long journey to visit relatives and the mountains of her youth and family ended. Frankie’s mother, Caroline Wilson, was a Greer. This Mr. Greer, is perhaps a cousin.*

August 8 – “1928…Charles Jr Stansbery and my self left Bristol Sunday morning …went to Damascus…stayd there till Wednsday the 8th. I put him on Buss, sent him back to Bristol…I went to Cove Creek to sister **Jane Proffit**…stayd there till the 13th …went to NL Mast for diner, then went to **Will Hensons** at Vilus.…spent the night…I went with Hensons family to Boon to a show…then from ther came to Baner Elk to **Lee greer** from home to ?”

August 14 – “Tusday 14…left Vilus from Will Hensons. Went to **Lee greer**, Wednsday 15…had the worst east storm of rain and wind that ever visited Baners Elk…torn down crops of all kind…Blown down trees.”

August 17 – “Friday 17…Went down to mrs **Annie Shoemakers**.”

August 19 – “Sunday…went from Mr Jo Shoemaker to **Isaac greer** at Banners elk…stayd ther till Wednsday the 22…Went to **James Shells**, ate diner. **Callie** and my self went to sematary and other fine building…then came up to Joseph **Shoemaker**”

August 23 – “Stay the till the 24th…Went to Lee greer, spent the night, then went to **Jim Mikels** the 25th Saturday…this is Sunday 25th…spent the day.”

August 27 – “Went to **Tom Romneger**(?).” *This is likely Tom Rominger. Frankie's Aunt Emeline Greer 1827-1859 married Nathaniel Rominger 1822-1908. Emeline was the eldest child of Jesse Greer, Jr and Frances Brown Greer. CWG*

August 28 – Tusday august 28…Went back to **James Mikels**.”

August 29 – “Wednsday august 29 …Went to Jo Shoemakers…spent the night there.”

August 30 – “Thursday…left for Elk Park.”

August 31 – “Friday august 31…left Elk Park for Bristol on Buss…cost $1.65.”

 “Buss station 25 cts…from Buss station to Damascus $1.25, from Damascus to Mast at Cove Creek $1.50 from Vilus to Baners Elk - $1.00.”

 “Friday, from Elk Park to Bristol, car fair $1.65”

**November 11**, **1928** – “Sunday 11 armisted day…Went to ?**uston Proffitt**.” *This might be Austin Proffitt, a son of Andrew and Isabella Greer Proffitt, and a grandson of Frankie's Uncle Wilburn Harding Greer 1833-1925. Andrew Proffitt was a brother of Uncle Harve Proffitt who married Frankie's sister Jane 1852-1937. CWG*

**September 3, 1929** – “Elk Park, Avery Co, NC…Went to Elk Park to Dr **Tom Proffitt**…spent most three weeks with sister…came back on Thursday 19th to Cleavland Tenn.” *Tom Proffitt is a nephew of Frankie’s, a son of Jane Wilson Proffit. Tom will die in a tragic automobile accident. According to a granddaughter of Uncle Wilburn Greer, brother of Caroline Greer Wilson, Dr. Tom Proffitt inherited from the Greers two large portraits of Isaac and Caroline Wilson belonging to Jesse and Frankie Greer. CWG*

**March 12, 1930** – “Wednsday 12…I Went to **Boby Howard** at Mt city spent the night. Thursday morning got a wire message that **Bishop Osborne** had a car reck between Baners Elk and Heatn’s store…he went over a Bank of a but 60 feet…he was badly cut and brused and cut. His car was torn all to peace, couldent get it out. The(y) Taken him to **Dr Tom Proffitt’s** Hospitle. I remainded with him till Wednesday, the 19th. We Brought him hom. I was real sick when got home. I had a beald throat for several days.”

*This was a serious accident in which my mother’s Uncle Bishop almost died. Ironically Dr. Proffitt would himself die in a car accident later that year.*

**September 19, 1930** – “Went to **Charles Osborne**…spent the night…Saturday 20…back to Brother Bobs then Sunday morning 21…went to Sunday morning went to sunday chool then up to **Becky Wilson**…spent the night…then back to Brother Bobs…then Wednsday 24…came hom for few minutes…then got train out of Bristol to Johnson City…got bus went to Elk Park to **Dr. Tom Proffitts** to be at his funeral and buried…he was layd to rest by the side of wife, Thursday 25th.”

**September 22, 1930** *– Frankie gives additional comment on the accident several pages further* *in the diary.* “Dr Tom Proffit kild in car accident. I left for Elk Park Wednesday from NC to Damascus …$2.00 doller from Damascus to Bristol. $1.25 from Bristol to Jon city…90 cts… from Jon city to Eld Park - $1.10.”

September 23 – “Dr Tom Proffitt got kild in car reck.” *This physician and Frankie’s nephew had treated Bishop Osborne, her son, earlier in the year after his car wreck. Tom is Jane Wilson Proffitt’s son.*

September 24 – “Wednsday 24…From Bob Wilson to Damascus $2.00…then train far to Bristol $1.25…then Train far from Bristol to Joh City – 9 cts…then from John City Buss far to Elk Park $1.10. Taxie too and from depot 50 Ct. Dr. Tom Proffitt got kild in a auto accident Tusday 23…Buried Thursday 25 at Elk Park…came hom Sunday 28…Mrs. G W Osborne.”

September 25 – “Thursday the 25…the laid him to rest by the side of his Wife that Past a Way To year a go.”

Newspaper paragraph: “Mrs. G.W. Osborne has returned from Elk Park, North Carolina, where she was called on account of the death of her nephew, Dr. Tom Proffitt. Dr. Proffitt died in Baner Elk Hospital after a car accident.”

December 8 – “Monday December 8…Went to NC to see my Sister…she is sick.”

December 9 – “Tusday went up on the mountain to her hom.”

December – “11 Thursday at diner with **Kiler Henson**.”

December 16 – “Tusday…Went down to **Jame proffitt**…that night come one of the Bigest snow I most ever seen.” *I wonder if she meant James Proffitt, her nephew or Jane Proffitt, her sister? CWG*

December 18 – “BL com back for me. We started home…car wouldnent run…had to take to garage…dident get to start hom till Friday morning 19…awful day …com by the way of Damascus…coulden cross the mountain.”

December 20 – “Saturday…started some card …BL had me som coal hauld.”

*Here Frankie inserted a historical reflection, perhaps inspired by her time in North Carolina. The exact date is unknown. It reads:* “**the year 1896, November 24(?)…We left Coff (*Cove*)** **Watauga creek for Tenn**.” *This was the move to Blountville, Tennessee described and recorded now on line under New River Notes by Pearl Osborne Wright. See the appendix this writing.*

**December 20, 1930** – “Dec Sunday 20…mrs Swan died …Buried Wednsday the 23rd.. Started Pauline a Pilow to Sumner Washington.”

December 22 – “Dec Tusday 22 (perhaps error on date)…mrs J B marten died at 12:15 at night.”

December 25 – “Thursday Dec 25…Exm …cold, gad day…stayd hom all day. No body cam…the post man dident cary any mail, the first time that we mist having any mail on Holly day.” *Hummmm…was the U.S. Mail carried on Christmas in the 1930s?*

**July 10, 1932** – “Taken Buss (Friday 10)…to Damascus…tock a taxis…15 cts…Bus - $1.50.”

July 11 – “From Damascus to Trade - $1.50. From Trade to Becky’s – 80 cts.”

July 12 – “Sunday 12…From Becky’s to Cob (Cove?) Creek to **Jane Proffitts**.”

July 13 – “Monday 13 at Sister Jones.”

July 14 – “Tuesday, 14 – done some mending.”

July 15 – “Wednsay 15 – washed.”

July 16 – “Thursday 16…went down to **Rillies Henson, Jr** and James boy.” *Evidently Charles Stansbery Jr was on the trip with her.*

July 17 – “Went fishing. Got mud turtle.”

July 18 – “Saturday 18…Boy sawd wood, had awful stom.”

July 19 – “Sunday 19…Sister Jane James and wife and children, Charles Jr Stansbery and myself all moterd to Baners Elk. Take diner with **Clint Greer**.”

July 20 – “my birth day 81 years old. I Washed.”

July 21 – “Tusday 21…ate diner with **Riber Henson**.”

July 22 – “Wednsday 22, James and family and Jr all went to pick cherrys.”

July 23 – “Thursday 23 at Jane’s.”

July 24 – “helpt sister get diner.”

July 25 – *No entry, just date.*

July 26 – “Sunday 26…from **Ian Proffitts** to Oscars for diner…then up to Becky’s. James Proffitt and his mother came over…then went back. Jane is my sister.”

July 27 – “Monday 27…Washed and made a little coal fire.”

July 28 – “Tusda 28…raind all day…wrot Alic.”

July 29 – “Wednseday 29 – irond.”

July 30 – “Thursday 30…not well.”

August 2 – “Cold, got diner for Becky.”

**December 17, 1933** – “Sunday Dec 17…been in all day…sic …wrot TM Osborne a letter…sent him a card…Wrot W V Osborne a letter and sent him a card. Wrot **Mrs J. H Proffitt** a letter and sent her a card. Wrot alice snyder a letter and sent her a card….Sent Pauline Osborne a card…this finish the day.”

December 18 – “Monday Dec 18…Ironing, turning cold…Started lettere and card to **TM, Bill, Pauline, Jane Proffitt, alice Snyder**.”

**Chapter VI – 1937 – 1940: Final Travel, a Marriage, Great Grandchildren, a Broken Hip, a Humble Will and Slow Decline as a World War Began**

**1937**

January 25 - *Telegram from* ***Jim Proffitt****, Boone, NC to Mrs. GW Osborne, Windsor Ave.* “Mother died last night at one o’clock…Funeral tomorrow at 2 o’clock.” *Mother was* ***Jane Wilson Proffitt****, Frankie’s sister.*

April 16 – **Fred Proffitt**, Jane Wilson Proffitt’s grandson, graduates from Cove Creek High School, Ashe Co., NC.