

The History of the Knott's Family

Wiley and Binna Knott's parents were brought to America as slaves before 1840 to the state of Pennsylvania. It is not known how they became indentured servants on the Knott's Berry Farm in that state nor how many children they had. As in most cases during the slavery era slaves were given the same name as the family whose land they lived and worked on.

Nevertheless, it is known that Wiley and Binna were married in 1840 and sometime after their union migrated to Alabama by way of the river and settled in a place located near Uriah at Bowden Landing. The land they settled on was owned by a white family known as English.

They titled the land as sharecrosspers and raised sixteen children listed as follows:

Tim Knott	George Knott	Bunnie Knott-Brown
Mose Knott	William Knott	Robert Knott-Cook
Mutz Knott	Joseph Knott	Islamo Knott
Watch Knott	Belly Knott-Fry	Dicessa Knott-People
Rachel Knott_Ankiem	Melissa Knott-Golden	Chambers Knott-Springs
Becky Knott-Tucker		

The roots of the current family history begin with one of the sixteen children born to Wiley and Binna. (Bunnie)

Bunnie Knott married Mary Brown sometime during 1890 and together they produced; William, Robert, Claiborne, and Wiley (four sons). Following is a short biographical sketch of each of these sons:

William Knott

Born February 25, 1893
 Married Mary Roberts and Hattie Zimmerman
 Children Minnie Mae, Clarence Lee, Mary, Willie Virginia, William Jr., Helen, Catherine, Paulette

Robert Knott

Born ?1894
 Married Mary Broughton
 Children Juanita, Augustine, Ulyses, Claiborne, Velma, Mattie, John, Addie Rae

Claiborne Knott

Born January 8, 1896
 Married Frankie Rae Simpkins
 Children Otis, Patricia, Mildred

Wiley Knott

Born ?1897
 Married Sara Gould
 Children None