

Gurley McCoy Bynum Genealogy

GREAT-GRANDFATHER AND GREAT-GRANDMOTHER

Asa Bynum (10/09/1781 – 5/06/1833) was born in North Carolina. He married Rebecca Murphree (died 1844) and moved to Alabama in 1819. They had seven sons and three daughters: James, Isaac, Solomon, William, Edith, Sallie, **Daniel**, Elijah, Jesse, Asa, and Rebecca. Asa was a Primitive Baptist preacher and was in the congregation when Mt. Mariah Baptist church was organized in 1822, seven miles northeast of Oneonta, AL.

Asa and Rebecca had at least one slave (a cook). After Asa died, several outhouses near the house burned. The Sheriff was called to investigate and a slave cook confessed that she filled a coffee pot full of hot coals and threw them into the buildings. The cook was taken to Benton County and sold.

GRANDFATHER AND GRANDMOTHER

Daniel Bynum (1817 – 1903) lived in Pendleton, Anderson County, SC. He married Elizabeth Murphree (born about 1817) in 1837. They had five sons and four daughters: Ellis (born 1838); **Alexander** (born 1840); James (born 1842; killed in service as a Confederate soldier in 1865); Uriah (born 1848 and died in 1897 from a kick by a horse); Dalton (born 1862); Sarah (born 1844); Artamisie (born 1850); Delia (died in early youth); and Kittie (born 1854).

FATHER and MOTHER

Alexander Daniel Bynum (9/03/1840 – 6/16/1915) married Susanna Elizabeth Major (8/25/1840 – 6/13/1890) on 4/18/1861 in Blount County, AL. They lived in Oneonta, Blount County, AL, and are buried in Old Liberty Cemetery, Oneonta, AL. They had three sons and three daughters.

1870 Census Residence: Blount County, AL. Household = AD Bynum (28), SE Bynum (27), and Bruce C (1).

1880 Census Residence: Blountsville, Blount County, AL. Census data: Head of household (39, farmer) with wife Elizabeth (38, house keeper), son Bruce C (11), and son Gurley (1 year old).

1900 Census Residence: Thompson Crossroads, Blount County, AL. (See below.)

1910 Census Residence: Birmingham, Jefferson County, AL. (See below.)

Alexander D. Bynum and Susanna Elizabeth Bynum had 6 children: Tracy, Brucy C, Zula, Beulah, Gurley McCoy, and Hallie Gay.

Alexander D. Bynum was a Private in Company I of the 49th Alabama Infantry, CSA. A metal CSA marker is on his grave at Old Liberty Cemetery, Oneonta, AL.

[Susanna Elizabeth (Major) Bynum had a sister, Amanda Jane Major, who married Uriah William Bynum (brother of Alexander D. Bynum). See NOTE 1.]

Alexander D Bynum

Born **September 3, 1840**, in **Blount County, Alabama, USA**

Son of Daniel Bynum and Elizabeth Murphree

Brother of Bulah Bynum, Martha Catherine Bynum, Zula Bynum, Stephen Ellis Bynum, James Bynum, Sarah A Bynum, Uriah William Bynum, Celia Artamisie Bynum, Mary Adelia Bynum and Dalton Perry Bynum

Husband of Susanna Elizabeth (Major) Bynum — married April 18, 1861, in Blount County, AL

Father of Tracy Bynum, Brucy C Bynum, Zula Bynum, Beulah Bynum, Gurley McCoy Bynum, and Hallie Gay Bynum.

Died **June 16, 1915**, in **Oneonta, Blount County, Alabama, USA**

Susanna Elizabeth Bynum formerly Major

Born **August 25, 1840**, in **Alabama, USA**

Daughter of Elijah Teague Major and Eliza Cassandra (Allgood) Major

Sister of Amanda Jane (Major) Bynum

Wife of Alexander D Bynum — married April 18, 1861, in Blount Co., AL

Mother of Tracy Bynum, Brucy C Bynum, Zula Bynum, Beulah Bynum, Gurley McCoy Bynum, and Hallie Gay Bynum.

Died **June 13, 1890**, in **Oneonta, Blount County, Alabama, USA**

Alexander and Elizabeth Bynum's Children

Tracy Bynum 1868 – 1868 (Male, born/died same day)

Brucy C Bynum 5/11/1869 – 10/17/1923 (Male). He was educated at the Southern University at Greensboro. He taught school in Blount County, AL, for 12 years. After leaving teaching, he was a contractor and was also in the mercantile business. He married Mary Handley (1876 – 1896) in 1890. Mary died after six years of marriage. They had no children. Brucy C. died on 10/17/1923 in Largo, Pinellas County, FL, and is buried at Oak Hill Cemetery in Birmingham, Jefferson County, AL. [NOTE: Largo is where Hallie Gay and Charlie McMullen lived. He may have lived with them prior to his death.]

1880 Census Residence: Blountsville, Blount County, AL. Household = Alexander (39), S. Elizabeth (38), Brucy C (11), and Gurley (1).

1900 Census Residence: Thompson Crossroads, Blount County, AL. Census data: Head of household = Brucy C (31, single, farmer) with father AD Bynum (59, widowed, farm laborer), brother Gurley McCoy (male, 21, single, teacher), sister Hallie G (female, 17), and cousin Lorna Bynum (female, 29, single, teacher).

1910 Census Residence: Birmingham, Jefferson County, AL. Census data: Head of household = Brucy C (40 years old, married 3 years, no children, house contractor); in same household was father AD Bynum (69 years old, widowed) and [cousin] Lona Bynum (female, 38 years, single, no children, manager retail store).

1920 Census Residence: Clay County, AL. Age 48.

Zula Bynum (Female)

1871 – 1875 Blount County, AL

Beulah Bynum (Female)

1876 – 1878 Blount County, AL

Gurley McCoy Bynum (3/13/1879- 1968 (Male))

1880 Census Residence: Blountsville, Blount County, AL

1900 Census Residence: Thompson Crossroads, Blount County, AL

Gurley McCoy was born in Blount County, AL. Gurley McCoy married Minnie Sophia Burns (12/12/1883 – 3/03/1980) on 12/13/1906 in Blount County, AL. Minnie Burns was born at Burns Mill (Wedowee), AL. They had six children: Mildred Elizabeth, Edward Bruce, Eugene McCoy, Maurice Norton, Hallie Corinne, and Joseph Stansell.

Hallie Gay Bynum 10/03/1881 – 11/22/1971 (Female)

Born in Blount County, AL. Graduated University of Alabama. Hallie Gay married Clark Ellis (2/28/1879 – 3/07/1917) in 1902. Clark was a Methodist minister. Clark died in Birmingham, AL, at age 38 from lung cancer. He is buried in Oak Hill Cemetery, Oneonta, AL. Clark and Hallie Gay had one daughter, Grace Ellis, born 1904.

After Clark Ellis died, Hallie Gay married Charlie McMullen (6/09/1874 – 9/03/1959). Charlie and Hallie Gay had one daughter, Elna McMullen, born 1925.

Hallie died 11/22/1971 in San Diego, CA, at age 89.

She is buried in Largo, Pinellas County, FL.

1900 Census Residence: Thompson Crossroads, Blount County, AL

1930, 1940, and 1945 FL census show Charlie, Hallie, and Elna in Pinellas County, FL.

1945 FL State census: Hallie (63), Charlie (70), and Elna (20) lived in Largo, Pinellas County, FL.

GURLEY MCCOY BYNUM AND MINNIE SOPHIA BURNS

Gurley McCoy Bynum (3/13/1879 – 1/14/1968) was born in Blount County, AL. Gurley McCoy entered the law school of the University of Alabama in 1902, and received a law degree from the university in 1904. Gurley McCoy and Theron Burns opened a law practice in Wedowee, AL, in 1904. Gurley McCoy married Minnie Sophia Burns (12/12/1883 – 3/03/1980) on 12/13/1906 in Blount County, AL. Minnie Burns was born at Burns Mill, AL. Gurley and Minnie were married in the living room of her home at Burns Mill. After six years of lawyering, Gurley McCoy surrendered to the Lord and began preaching as a Methodist minister, which he did for the remainder of his life. He served in the North Alabama Methodist Conference. Gurley McCoy and Minnie had six children: Mildred Elizabeth Bynum (11/28/1907 – 6/17/2001); Edward Bruce Bynum (4/22/1910 – 9/26/2000); Eugene McCoy Bynum (7/10/1912 – 3/28/2008); Maurice Norton Bynum (9/01/1914 – 6/17/1989); Hallie Corinne (Bynum) Cloud (6/19/1917 – 1/22/2013); and Joseph Stansell Bynum (4/06/1920 – 2/08/2009).

Gurley McCoy (GM) Bynum

Born about **March 13, 1879**, in **Oneonta, Blount County, AL**

Son of Alexander D Bynum and Susanna Elizabeth (Major) Bynum

Brother of Tracy Bynum, Brucy C Bynum, B T Bynum, Zula Bynum, Beulah Bynum and Hallie Gay (Bynum) McMullen

Husband of **Minnie Sophia (Burns) Bynum** — married December 13, 1906, in Oneonta, Blount County, AL

Father of Mildred Elizabeth Bynum, Edward Bruce Bynum, Eugene McCoy Bynum, Maurice Norton Bynum, Hallie Corinne (Bynum) Cloud and Joseph Stansell Bynum

Died about **1968** in **Decatur, AL**

Minnie Sophia Burns

Born **December 12, 1883**, in **Burns Mill, Alabama, USA**

Daughter of Edward Samuel Burns (6/05/1844 – 9/11/1931) and Sophie Syrenthia Gay (11/27/1843 – 4/01/1934)

Sister of Mary Elizabeth Roxanna (Roxie) Burns, Harmon Theron Burns, Dr. Joseph Thomas Burns, Mitchell Gay Burns, Mary Jane Burns, Julia Emma Celetia Burns, Edward R. Burns, Maggie M Burns, Lena Ethel Burns, Odessa Estelle Burns and Awbrey Bowen Burns

Wife of **Gurley McCoy Bynum** — married 1902 in Blount County, Alabama

Mother of Mildred Elizabeth Bynum, Edward Bruce Bynum, Eugene McCoy Bynum, Maurice Norton Bynum, Hallie Corinne Bynum, and Joseph Stansell Bynum

Died **March 3, 1980**, in **Randolph, Alabama, USA**

Gurley McCoy Bynum married Minnie Sophia Burns on 12/13/1906.

They had 6 children:

1. Mildred Elizabeth Bynum (B 11/28/1907 Wedowee, AL)
2. Edward Bruce (B 4/22/1910 Wadley, AL) married Cathryn Spear Jones
 - Edward Bruce Jr. (B 2/03/1934)
 - Carol Elizabeth (B 7/05/1937)
 - Mary Cathryn (B 4/28/1942)
 - David Speer (B 1/17/1955)
3. Eugene McCoy (B 7/10/1912 Standing Rock, AL) married Evelyn Blanche Roton
 - Eugene McCoy II (B 7/09/1940)
 - Robert Austin (B 11/03/1946)
4. Maurice Norton (B 9/01/1914 Oakland, AL) married Eloise Tipper
 - Maurice Keith (B 3/06/1951)
5. Hallie Corinne (B 6/19/1917 Rogersville, AL) married Stephen Linford Cloud
 - Charlotte Ann (B 11/21/1943)
 - Stephen McCoy (B 4/10/1947)
6. Joseph Stansell (B 4/06/1920 Center Star, AL) married Annie Lou Swanner
 - Donald Joe (B 9/29/1942)
 - James Wayne (B 10/14/1947)

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G. M. Bynum, a young lawyer of Wadley, was examined for the license to preach. Gurley later became a minister.

BYNUM LICENSED TO PREACH,
ROANOKE, ALA., Nov 26--Last
evening G. M. Bynum, a young lawyer of Wadley, appeared before the licensing committee of the Roanoke District and was examined for license to preach. He stood a fine examination and will go to Huntsville next week and apply for admission into the North Alabama Conference.

27 Nov 1910

Gurley McCoy Bynum WWI Draft Registration Card

REGISTRATION CARD 1717

SERIAL NUMBER 1849 ORDER NUMBER 1716

1 Gurley McCoy Bynum
(Last name) (Middle name) (First name)

2 PERMANENT HOME ADDRESS:
Waycross, Lauderdale, Ala.
(City) (County) (State)

Age in Years Date of Birth
39 March 13 1879
(Year) (Month) (Day) (Year)

RACE

White	Negro	Caucasian	Indian
5	6	7	8
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			

U. S. CITIZEN **ALIEN**

Native Born	Naturalized	Citizen by Father's Naturalization & Law for Alien's Majority	Declarant
10	11	12	13
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			

14 PRESENT OCCUPATION EMPLOYER'S NAME
Worshiper of Methodist Church Methodist Church

15 PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS:
Waycross, Lauderdale, Ala.
(City or town) (County) (State)

NEAREST RELATIVE
 Name Address
Minnie Bynum Waycross, Lauderdale, Ala.
(Name) (Address) (City or town) (County) (State)

I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE

J. M. G. O. Gurley McCoy Bynum
Form No. 1 (1-10-18) (17-10-18) (Name of registrant) (Signature)

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT

HEIGHT			BUILD			COLOR OF EYES	COLOR OF HAIR
Tall	Medium	Short	Slender	Medium	Stout		
21	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	22	23	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	24	25	26
						27	28
						<u>Blue</u>	<u>Black</u>

29 Has person lost arm, leg, hand, eye, or is he obviously physically disqualified? (Specify):
no

30 I certify that my answers are true; that the person registered has read or has had read to him his own answers; that I have witnessed his signature or mark, and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:

J. E. Andrews
(Signature of Registrar)

Date of Registration Sept 17 1918

Local Board
 Lauderdale County
 Florence, Ala.
 (STAMP OF LOCAL BOARD)

(The stamp of the Local Board having jurisdiction of the area in which the registrant has his permanent home shall be placed in this box.)

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NOTE 1

Susanna Elizabeth (Major) Bynum's sister, Amanda Jane Major (9/02/1850 – 6/09/1888), married Uriah William Bynum (8/25/1848 – 8/05/1897) on 11/26/1868 in Oneonta, Blount County, AL. Uriah was the brother of Alexander D. Bynum. Amanda Jane Bynum died on 6/09/1888 and Uriah Bynum married Rachel Bridget Cowden on 11/27/1888. Uriah had eight children. Uriah Bynum was kicked by a horse and died 8/05/1897. He is buried in Shiloh Cemetery in Chepultepec, Blount County, AL.

The Southern Democrat", Thursday, August 12, 1897

"It is with sad heart that we chronicle the death of Mr. Uriah W. Bynum which occurred at his home near this place last Thursday about noon. He was kicked by a horse Tuesday about noon and suffered great agony for about 48 hours when death came to this relief. Mr. Bynum in a few days would have been 49 years old and 27 years of that time he spent as a steward in the M. E. church, South. He was a good man and numbered his friends by the score. When questions of morality came up he was always on the right side. When he came to die he said he had made some mistakes in his life by that if he had it to live over against he didn't know that he could do it better. There are very few people that can say this. In his death the wife loses a devoted husband, the children an affectionate father, the church one of its most earnest workers, and the community one of its most enterprising and patriotic citizens. The funeral service took place at Chepultepec Friday morning. The I.O.O.F. of which he was a faithful member, took part in the service. The funeral was largely attended."

Uriah William Bynum

Born **August 25, 1848**, in **Blount County, Alabama, USA**

Son of [Daniel Bynum](#) and [Elizabeth Murphree](#)

Brother of [Bulah Bynum](#), [Martha Catherine Bynum](#), [Zula Bynum](#), [Stephen Ellis Bynum](#), [Alexander D Bynum](#), [James Bynum](#), [Sarah A Bynum](#), [Celia Artamisie Bynum](#), [Mary Adelia Bynum](#) and [Dalton Perry Bynum](#)

Husband of **[Amanda Jane \(Major\) Bynum](#)** — married November 26, 1868, in Oneonta, Blount County, AL

Husband of **[Rachel Bridget Cowden](#)** — married November 27, 1888, in Oneonta, Blount Co., AL

Father of [Early Ernest Bynum](#), [Eula Lee Bynum](#), [Ida Lex Bynum](#), [Lonie Edna Bynum](#), [Rex Dalton Bynum](#), [Walter Redford Bynum](#), [Oliver Teague Bynum](#) and [Fred Brinkley Bynum](#)

Died **August 5, 1897**, in **Allgood, Blount County, Alabama, USA**