

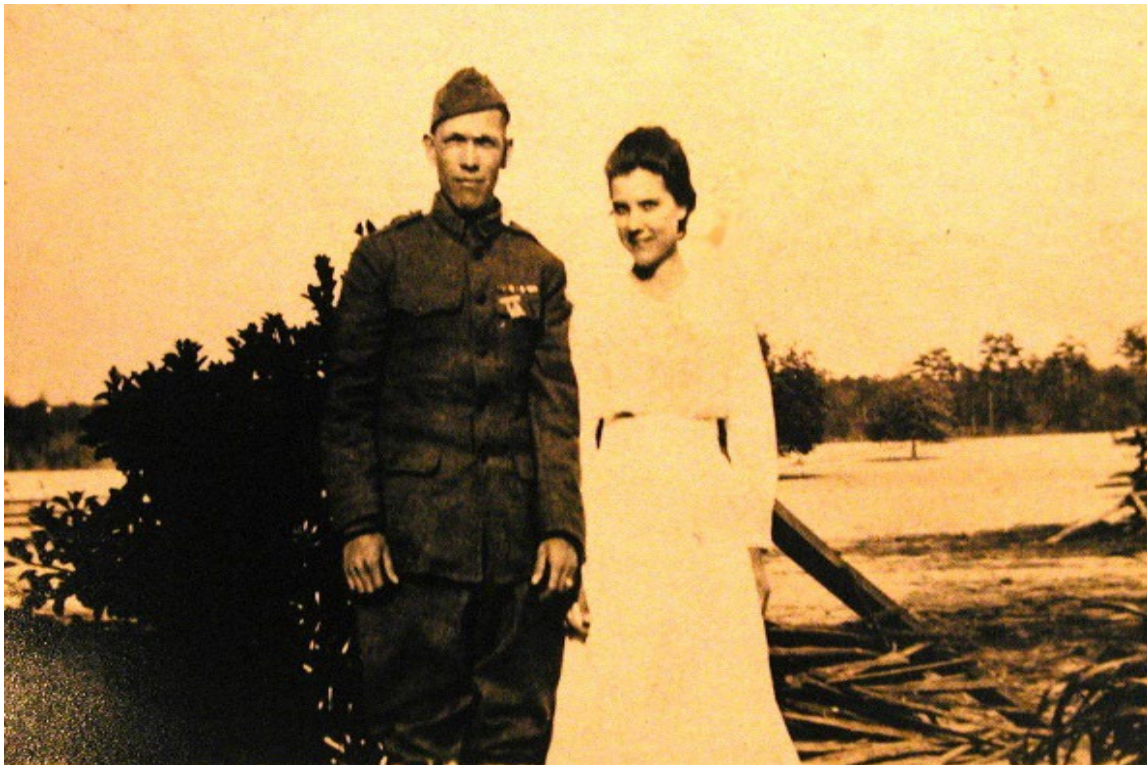
WHO WAS MAMIE ADKINS,...?

THE BACKSTORY -



SHE was the 11th child born to Negalena & James Barefoot just after her twin brother in 1903. She grew up working on the small family farm along with her brothers & sisters. Mamie was a willful child to begin with as evidenced by the photos of her squirming around in every photo from the time period. I'm sure she was told to stay still as Photos back then were a whole event. This is literally the best I could find,...

WAY back around 1917 or so the beautiful *Mamie Delulia Barefoot* met a handsome young man by the name of **Arthur Thomas Adkins**,... they soon fell in love, eventually they got married & commenced to doing what folks did back then,... they worked hard.



AS time went on Mamie found herself alone surrounded by 9 children. She worked @ Ft. Bragg in a sewing shop making mattresses, when she came home she worked on what was left of the family farm, she darned the children's clothes, she cooked, she cleaned & she prayed. She was known to say "*..we might not have much but what we have will be clean & tidy*"

Mamie Delulia Adkins

She raised every one of those children into caring, hard working adults. They in turn married, had



families & began raising their own children.

Before long the family grew quite large, so we began having family reunions the week of her



birthday. These were held at the church she attended every single Sunday. They took place immediately after Sunday Service. That church was Tabernacle Baptist Church in Rockfish, NC.



This is one of my most treasured photos,.. taken at my wedding reception, she told my father that it was the first time she had ever danced!

When Mamie Delulia Barefoot Adkins passed away she was laid to rest in the Tabernacle Baptist Church's cemetery.

WHEN, WHY, HOW & ABOUT

In 2004, the descendants of Mamie Adkins established an Educational Fund in her name that is administered by and benefits members of the Tabernacle Baptist Church. The following is reprinted from the actual document used to amend the church's bylaws to recognize this program;

Mamie Adkins Education Fund

Proposal

The descendents of Mamie Delulia Barefoot Adkins have proposed the initiation of an education fund to be set up in her name and to be administered by the body of Tabernacle Baptist Church for the benefit of church members that meet the fund's criterion.

Rationale

The rationale being that Mamie Adkins loved her church, placed significant value in education, and she endeavored to see those around her better themselves.

Purpose

The purpose of 'The Mamie Adkins Education Fund' is to provide assistance with the financial burden associated with higher education and to in some small way attempt to evoke the philosophy and subsistence of the Adkins family matriarch.

Intention

The intention is that a church member(s) seeking higher education applies to the church for consideration as a recipient(s). Once awarded, the recipient(s) are exposed to biographical information on their benefactor and would be invited to provide to the church and family pertinent information, updates etc., and to participate in the annual celebration of this woman.

WITH THAT - The Mamie Adkins Education Fund was established. It was seeded with a \$500. stipend. As the reunion approached, sort of off the cuff - a grapevine golf tournament was born with the idea of spending some quality time together while raising some money for the Education Fund. That first year we had 7 – count 'em, SEVEN Players, of which only



4 finished the back nine of the tournament. Of these seven – only three had ever played golf in their lives, the Four others – well, they are the true Heroes – they stood up and said yeah, this is a good idea, it's for a good cause, lets get out there and play!! Without their support we may not have ever gotten off the green (sorry about that, couldn't resist the chance at a cheap pun).