

**Notes on Horsley Photos:**

(All notes were transcribed by hand by my sister-in-law from info provided her by the source of the photos. I believe all photos and notes were acquired at a Horsley family re-union attended by my brother Joe Harold Horsley and his wife during the past five years. They made copies of the photos and notes and passed them on to me).

Notes below correspond to the names on the JPEG images.

## Robert Russell Horsley

Picture thought to have been made in the late 1890's in "near Consolation). Not sure where Consolation is. On the web, I found references to a Consolation cemetery in AL and a Consolation Church in GA but neither is in close proximity to Carroll County Georgia. (Not sure why this copy came out blue but it was tinted blue on the photo I received). Note the numbers printed on some individuals. Below is a legend of the numbers from the notes that were provided:

1. Robert Russell Horsley (father)
2. John Horsley (son)
3. Flem Horsley (son)
4. Ira Chandler (brother-in-law to Flem?)
5. Croft Duke (born 1890)
6. Jim Young
7. Gus Stitcher
8. Steve Williams
9. Frank McLendon
10. Russell Robert Horsley (son).
11. John Winkles
12. Frank Winkles

Below are links to Robert Russell Horsley's tree found on *Angel Fire.com*.

**Horsley, Robert Russell** (1834 - 1907)

*b. 28 SEP 1834 in ,York,SC*

*d. 28 MAR 1907 in ,Carroll,GA*

*father: [Horsley, John B.\(1803 - >1860\)](#)*

*mother: [Huff, Permelia Macaw\(1804 - 1888\)](#)*

*spouse: [Hinsley, Nancy Ann Melissa](#)*

*- m. 20 MAR 1856 in ,Carroll,GA*

*-----child: [Horsley, Russell Robert \(1857 - 1926\)](#)*

*-----child: [Horsley, John Wesley \(1859 - 1924\)](#)*

*-----child: [Horsley, Mary Frances \(1861 - \)](#)*

*-----child: [Horsley, Alfred Green \(1864 - 1928\)](#)*

*-----child: [Horsley, Nancy Metilda \(1866 - \)](#)*

*-----child: [Horsley, Haskan Missouri "Hake" \(1869 - \)](#)*

*-----child: [Horsley, Robert Cosby \(1871 - 1875\)](#)*

*-----child: [Horsley, Laura Exie \(1873 - \)](#)*

*-----child: [Horsley, Fleman Virgil Oscar \(1875 - 1949\)](#)*

*-----child: [Horsley, Manarka Paralee \(1881 - \)](#)*

*-----child: [Horsley, Arlandar Soland \(1883 - 1909\)](#)*

*Comments by Gary Horsley: From the appearance of Croft Duke (#5 said to be born in 1890) I would say he was about nine or ten years old. That would place this picture as having been made in about 1899 - 1900.*

## **Horsley Mill**

This is purportedly the Horsley Mill that was owned by earlier generations of my family. It was located on Horsley Mill Road in Carroll County, GA. It was in a sparsely populated part of the county at that time. From looking on the web, it appears there are a number of homes there now – many of which are for sale.

I was told by my father (Herman Lee Horsley) that his father (Noah Lee Horsley) gave it to him and he gave it back to his father about an hour later as he did not want to operate a mill. I understand that the mill later burned and all my grandfather could do was stand by and cry as he watched the fire.

I was also told that the individual standing in the open doorway on the right was Alfred Green Horsley (son of Robert Russell Horsley) and the person in the left doorway was Mattie J. Lumsden Horsley (his wife). I have no way of knowing if that was Alfred. However, inspection with a magnifying glass suggests that the person to the left appears to be a young male wearing a large belt and a vest.

## Alfred Green Horsley Family

This picture taken on a rock wall may or may not have been at Horsley Mill in Carroll County, GA. No way of knowing but the rock wall is similar to the photo of Horsley Mill. And, Alfred Green Horsley would likely have been that owner of Horsley Mill by that time.

### Back Row (left to right)

George Horsley

James Washington Huckabee

Bob, Grady and Jesse Horsley

(based on given names, the four Horsley men were probably Alfred and Mattie's sons).

### Front Row (right to left)

Green and Mattie (Martha Jane) Horsley

Arlon

Deana Williams

Odessa Horsley (died at 15 years of age)

Jim and Coree (Hackney) Horsley

Hamilton, Odie and Mattie Hudson

### Front (kneeling)

Noah, Leila and Manola Horsley

### Left Side

Charles and Birdie (Boatwright) Horsley holding Florene and Challenge Horsley

Clestell Horsley (standing)

Calvin Horsley (kneeling)

### Comments by Gary Horsley:

*Based on their given names, the four Horsley men on the wall (George, Bob, Grady and Jesse) were probably Alfred and Mattie's sons. Jesse Horsley is identical in appearance to my brother's second oldest son – Danny Horsley and closely resembles my own grandson Justin.*

*"Mattie" is called "Martha" here instead of "Matilda"*

*"Arlon" is probably "Milton Arlin Horsley" (born 1906) – one of Alfred and Mattie's sons. He went by his middle name "Arlin". You'll see him again later in another photo. He looks big to be only four years old, based on when I date this photo, but you will see later that he was legendary for his size. The biggest human I had ever seen when I was a child. He was well over six feet tall and weighed well over 300 pounds as an adult.*

*I definitely recognize the individuals identified as Noah and Leila as my grandparents although I only knew them when they were much older. Noah died when I was five years old. If the child Leila is holding is my aunt Manola, I would estimate her age as between 18 and 24 months. As Aunt Manola was born in 1909, this picture would have been made sometime in 1910 or 1911.*

Below are links to Alfred Green Horsley's tree found on *Angel Fire.com*.

**Horsley, Alfred Green** (1864 - 1928)

*b. 15 MAR 1864 in ,,GA*

*d. 7 DEC 1928 in ,Carroll,GA*

*father:* [Horsley, Robert Russell\(1834 - 1907\)](#)

*mother:* [Hinsley, Nancy Ann Melissa](#)

*spouse:* [Lumsden, Mattie J. \(1864 - 1944\)](#)

*- m. 29 APR 1881*

-----*child:* [Horsley, Charlie Alford \(1882 - 1956\)](#)

-----*child:* [Horsley, James Torence \(1884 - \)](#)

-----*child:* [Horsley, Noah Lee \(1885 - 1950\)](#)

-----*child:* [Horsley, Mary \(1888 - 1888\)](#)

-----*child:* [Horsley, Odie R. \(1889 - 1966\)](#)

-----*child:* [Horsley, Robert M. \(1891 - 1921\)](#)

-----*child:* [Horsley, Jesse M. \(1892 - 1947\)](#)

-----*child:* [Horsley, George Russell \(1894 - 1976\)](#)

-----*child:* [Horsley, Odessa Mary \(1897 - 1911\)](#)

-----*child:* [Horsley, Ora Bell \(1900 - 1911\)](#)

-----*child:* [Horsley, Henry Grady \(1903 - 1975\)](#)

-----*child:* [Horsley, Milton Arlin \(1906 - 1968\)](#)

## Alfred Green and Mattie Horsley

Comments by Gary Horsley. Alfred was son of Robert Russell Horsley and my great-grandfather. Don't know when the photo was made but Alfred died in December 1928 (an email I received – you have a copy - shows death in December 1929 but that could have been a typo).

## Mattie Horsley Birthday

This picture was purportedly taken in 1937.

It was at the time of a joint birthday celebration for:

Grandma (Matt) Martha Jane Lumsden Horsley (August 23)

Floyd (August 23, 1917)

Pauline Horsley Williams (August 24, 1917)

### Comments by Gary Horsley:

*I believe the small elderly woman in the middle of the picture is Mattie. Appears to be holding a birthday cake in her lap. She would have been 73 years old at time of photo.*

*Not sure who Floyd is. Does not appear to be a son but could have been a grandson or nephew. Can't find any details on him under Mattie's and Green's children.*

*I recall seeing Pauline Horsley Williams when I was a child. That may be her to the right of Mattie as she looks like the Pauline I recall. I believe Pauline was my aunt but don't know the connection. Pauline's husband Grady Williams was killed in a traffic accident in or near Atlanta in the late 1950's. I heard the report on TV and told my parents.*

*I'm 99% certain that the man in the coat and tie two people over from Mattie was my grandfather (Noah Lee Horsley). He looks like what I recall my grandfather appearing as and it would have made sense that he would have been seated close to his mother.*

*The rather large gentleman laying in front of everyone is Milton Arlin Horsley (Mattie's son). You will recall I told you that the large-four year old in the Horsley family portrait on the rocks grew to be quite large. Legends about him include that when he was old enough to sit in someone's lap at the dinner table, he would go from lap to lap based on who had the most food on their plate at the time. Later, as an adult, he was said to position himself at the table so he could watch the stove to keep track of how many biscuits were left. Found a quite informative link on him on the Steve Young web-site below:*

[http://www.steveyoung.net/extras-primal\\_notes.htm](http://www.steveyoung.net/extras-primal_notes.htm)

*Look under notes for "Lawdy Miss Clawdy". **Please don't share this with anyone else.** I know that's my Uncle Arlin because he ran fruit and vegetable stands, just like the Arlin in the link.*

### **Leila Crews Horsley and Odie Horsley**

This picture was purportedly taken in 1956.

My grandmother Leila Kate Crews Horsley and her sister-in-law Odie Horsley (sister to my grandfather Noah Lee Horsley). I'm saying this is Aunt Odie because she looks like what I recall my Aunt Odie appearing as. By this time, my grandfather had passed on in 1950. My grandmother passed on in 1974. She was probably about five feet tall in stockinged feet. Note that Odie appears to be a much larger woman – reflecting the genes that were passed down to Arlin. I did not see the other brothers but was told there were several Horsley's close to but not equaling his size. When we were kids, my younger brother and I were cautioned against over-eating because we did not want to end up "like those BIG Horsley's".