James Monroe Garner & John J. Garner

James Monroe Garner was born about 1823 in Moore County, NC. He was probably named for James Monroe, the president of the United States at the time. James Monroe Garner was the oldest son of James Garner and Margaret “Peggy” Davis Garner.

The first wife of James Monroe Garner was Susannah, whose surname remains unknown. According to the 1850 Moore County census, Rebecca Myrick, age 48, was living with James and Susannah. It is possible that Rebecca was Susannah’s mother. Susannah was born about 1828. Susannah apparently died before the 1860 census was taken and it appears the only child born to her and James was John J. Garner about 1847.

The second wife of James Monroe Garner was Eliza Campbell Murray. She was born about 1838. They were the parents of James M. Garner, Mary E. Garner, General Washington Garner, Margaret C. Garner, and Sarah Garner.

John J. Garner married Emaline “Emily” Frances Cagle on 9 February, 1865 in Moore County. Emily was the youngest child of George Cagle and Elizabeth Williams Cagle. She was born about 1848. John and Emily Garner lived in Ritter’s Township. They were the parents of William E. Garner, Rufus Delane Garner, Susannah Garner, Thomas G. Garner, Mattie R. Garner, Anzelett Garner, Dempsy Garner, and Offie Lee Garner. John and Emily had more children after the 1880 Moore County census was taken. There may be others that I have not identified since I have not viewed the 1900 census.

Rufus Delane Garner was born 8 April, 1868. He moved to Bladen County, NC

Susannah “Susan” / “Sue” Garner (pictured) was born in February of 1870 according to the 1870 Moore County census. Her tombstone records a birth of 1875. Susan married William Dallas “Dal” King (1846 – 1927) of Bladen County about 1901. Susan was Dal’s second wife and therefore the aunt of Rufus Delane Garner. Susan and Dal were the parents of Joseph Claudie King, Lonnie Sherwood King, and George Emerson King. Susan and her family lived in Hope Mills, Cumberland County, NC until her death on 7 November, 1912. Joseph died a month before his mother at the age of 10. Susan and Joseph were victims of a flu epidemic. Dal and his sons, Lonnie and George, returned to Dublin, Bladen County, NC.

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Sources: Moore County census, bible, marriage and birth records; Cumberland County cemetery records; Lacy Garner; Jennifer Smith; Brenda Gooden; Lonnie R. King.