

NEIGHBORS

Family ties strong for Ironton mother

By LOUISE SARK
Tribune correspondent

Seemingly content with her lot in life, 102-year-old Priscilla Morris often sits by the window in her home at 1105 N. Fifth Street in Ironton.

When she tires of watching the outside activity, her hand invariably reaches for one of the two Bibles placed on a nearby shelf.

"I can see well and hear well," she explained. "I don't know why the Lord has allowed me to live so long, but he has really been good to me."

"I have a lot of good memories and a lot of sad ones," she added. "I've been through a whole lot and I've worked hard, but I sure couldn't do it today."

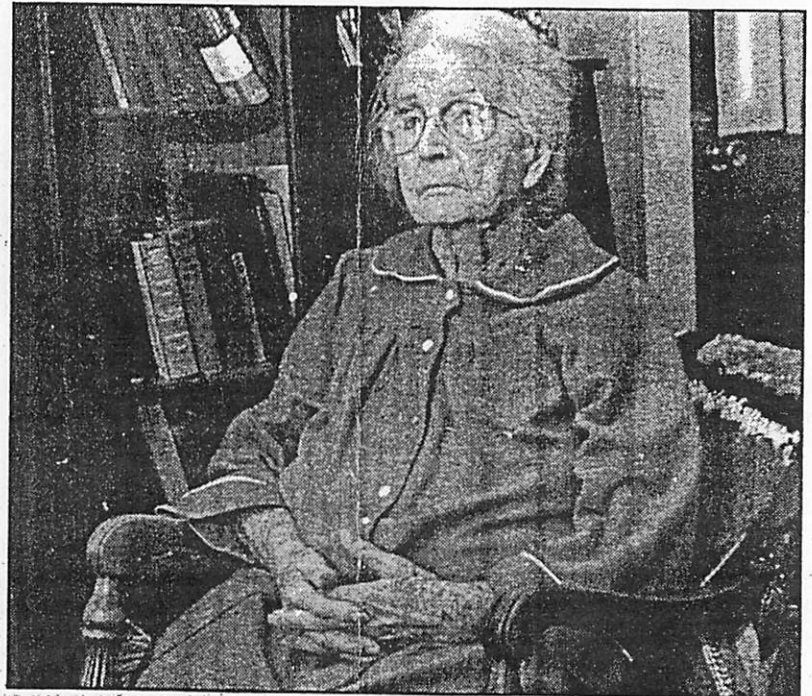
Born in Lee City, Ky., near More-

head, on Oct. 5, 1892, Mrs. Morris is the youngest of the three daughters born to the late Thornton W. and Louise Jones. "I also had three older brothers," she said, recalling the excitement of hearing the noise of firing guns on New Year's Eve, when they went out-of-doors to make merry with the neighborhood men.

"My father was a Civil War veteran and died when I was very small," she said, "but I can remember him picking me up and carrying me around in his arms."

Mrs. Morris attended school in Ashland and Morehead, but dropped out after completing the eighth grade. "Mother wasn't satisfied any place after Father died," she explained. "After we moved to

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Proud mother

Priscilla Morris, 102, sits in her rocker at her North Fifth Street home. Mrs. Morris describes her life as simple and happy and is very proud of her family, especially her great-great-grandchildren.

Family

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Morehead, I had a woman teacher and I thought I knew as much as she did, so I quit. The high school was housed in the same building, but I didn't go."

With a faint smile, she added, "I've regretted not going to high school and I've thought about it, but you have to learn for yourself. Nothing was pushed or urged in those days. People did what they wanted to do."

Mrs. Morris however, was not lost in the shuffle. While working on a mangle at White Swan Laundry in Ashland, she met the late Clinton Morris, a local groceryman 10 years her senior, who courted her until she said, "I do."

"He took me out to eat a lot — that was something in those days — and when we walked around town, we sometimes stopped to listen to the Salvation Army open-air service," Mrs. Morris said. "I really needed someone to take care of me — the mangle work was a hot job — and I thought if I got married, I wouldn't have to work so hard."

"Well, I found out different," she further explained with a chuckle. "I was 18 years old when we crossed the Ohio River by ferryboat and got married by the late Pres Malone in the Lawrence County Court House."

"I'll never forget what a lawyer told us when we stepped out into the lobby. Pointing at the door, he said, 'Now that's where you got tied. If you get untied, come and see me,' and he pointed to the door of his office."

"He was a good husband," Mrs. Morris declared, "and he never bossed me. We did move around quite a bit, from first one place to the other, but I didn't care, just so he was satisfied. We always worked together and tried to please each other".

Mrs. Morris said her husband opened grocery stores in several different locations. He owned several coal mines at one time, but never worked in them, and she recalls living at Ashland, Deering, Coal Grove, Burlington, Cannons Creek, Oak Ridge Road and Ironton.

"We didn't have everything, but we did have a bunch of kids," she said with a touch of pride in her voice. "All five of them live in Ironton. Carl, my oldest, is a minister. He baptized me at Pine Grove Freewill Baptist Church. The other four are girls —

Tuesday, Jan. 3, 1995

Ella Mae (Richardson), Mary (McCaffrey), Bertha (Rue) and Norma (York), who lives with me.

"We had another son, James William, but he was killed in World War II," she added.

As for grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Mrs. Morris said there are too many to count, but she is up on the number of great-great-grandchildren. There are six, she said.

"Sometimes I feel old and sometimes I don't," she declared. "I'm in fairly good health and take very little medication. At the age of 96, I had gall bladder surgery. Now I can eat about anything

"I never had a baby-sitter for my children. I always stayed home and took care of them myself.

"I'm just an old-fashioned country mother," she added with a smile.

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Jones, Elijah	72	NC
Margaret	67	NC
Martin	20	KY
William	9	KY
Emily	4	OH

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Jones, Mary	54	KY
Martha	20	"

(living in the household of Rezin & Loucy Virgin)

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Jones, Ryal M.	42	VA
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Hester Ann	15	IL
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Goodan	8	"
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