

COWAN PROFILE*

ROBERT COWAN (b. May 17, 1782 SC—d. Oct 29, 1872 Oconee Co., SC), m. **PHILOPENA SHARP** (b. abt. 1795 NC—d. July 27, 1885 Oconee Co., SC), *daughter of John Sharp Sr. and Martha Albright*. Children of Robert Cowan and Philopena Sharp:

(1) Robert Hiram Cowan and (2) Samuel Fair Kirksey Cowan.

ROBERT HIRAM COWAN (b. Oct 19, 1834 Pickens Dist., SC—d. Jul 14, 1932 Oconee Co., SC), *son of Robert Cowan and Philopena Sharp*, married **MARY CAROLINE TODD** (b. Mar 1, 1832 Pickens Dist., SC—d. Dec 14, 1918 Oconee Co., SC), *daughter of William Todd and Mary Bolton Richards*.

Obituary for Robert Hiram Cowan:

Robert Hiram Cowan, 97 years of age, died last Thursday night at his home in the Oconee Station Section. Mr. Cowan was one of the oldest citizens of our county, an honest and upright man, whose death, though not unexpected, is deplored by all who know him. One son, Walter Jay Cowan, is left to mourn his passing. Funeral services were held Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock, conducted by Rev. W.A. Fairy, of the Walhalla Methodist Church. Interment was made in the cemetery of Bethel Church.

Children of Robert Hiram Cowan and Mary Todd:

(1) Sobieski Todd Cowan and (2) Walter Jay Cowan



Samuel Fair Kirksey Cowan

SAMUEL FAIR KIRKSEY COWAN (b. Oct 3, 1836 Pickens Dist., SC—d. Oct 7, 1912 Oconee Co., SC), *son of Robert Cowan & Philopena Sharp*, married on October 9, 1864, to **DORCAS DRUCILLA DUNCAN** (b. Feb 12, 1843 Pickens Dist., SC—d. Dec 30, 1924 Oconee Co., SC), *daughter of David Duncan and Nancy Trotter*.

Obituary for Dorcas Drucilla Duncan Cowan:

Mrs. D. D. Cowan died at her home on December 30th after a brief illness of heart trouble. She would have been eighty-one years of age had she lived till the 12th of February. She was born in the Pickens District, and, when just a little girl, her parents came to Oconee to make their home. She was happily married to S. F. K. Cowan in 1864, and to them ten children—six sons and four daughters—were born. Her husband preceded her to the grave about twelve years.

Mrs. Cowan leaves four sons and three daughters to mourn her passing—William Samuel, Joseph John David, and Eugene Easley Cowan and Mrs. J.B. Satterfield, all of Walhalla Rt. 2, Mrs. Ometa Grogan, of Westminister; Mrs. B.P. Sloan of Pickens, and R.M. Cowan, of Union County, South Carolina. There are 53 living grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren. She leaves one sister, Carolyn Tow, of the Flat Shoals community. Since her husband's death Mrs. Cowan had made her home with her son, W.S. Cowan, who lives at the old home place. She united with the Presbyterian Church in early childhood, and was a constant and consistent member. In her passing a truly good woman has been called to her reward. During her long life, and especially during her illness, Mrs. Cowan exhibited many beautiful traits of character, her suffering and adversities being at all times borne with Christian fortitude and resignation. The remains were interred in the cemetery at Bethel Presbyterian Church on December 31, by the side of her husband. The services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. Frank B. Estes.

Children:

- (1) Mary Lou Emma Cowan, b. Sunday at 4:30 am, April 1, 1866 Pickens Dist., SC—d. Sept 25, 1951 SC; m. John Benson Satterfield, b. Mar 21, 1874 SC—d. Nov 28, 1954 SC, *son of David Satterfield and Elzara Watson*;
- (2) Ometa Tula Caroline Cowan, b. Thursday at 2 pm, Sept 5, 1867 Pickens Dist., SC—d. Nov 6, 1946; m. Hiram Jackson Boone Grogan, b. Oct 6, 1861 Oconee Co., SC—d. Jan 22, 1917 SC; *son of Hiram Jackson Grogan and Sarah Adeline Robertson*;
- (3) Nancy Pleny Elizabeth Cowan, b. Tuesday abt. 2 am, Oct 7, 1869 Oconee Co., SC—d. Mar 7, 1943 Pickens Co., SC; m. Benjamin Perry Sloan, b. Dec 10, 1866—d. Mar 22, 1942, *son of Thomas Jefferson Sloan and Eliza Moss*;
- (4) Joseph John David Cowan, b. Thursday at 10 am, Sept 21, 1871 Oconee Co., SC—d. Jan 24, 1959 Tamassee, SC; m. (i) Emma Satterfield; and (ii) Cynthia Sloan;
- (5) Robert Mason Cowan, b. Sunday morning, 3 o'clock, Jul 12, 1874 Oconee Co., SC—d. Oct 25, 1947 Gaston Co., NC; m. (i) Leanna Orr, b. Dec 22, 1878 SC—d. Jan 16, 1916 Oconee Co., SC, *daughter of George A. and Sarah Melinda Orr*; and (ii) Addie Pearl Crumpton, b. Mar 30, 1896 Oconee Co., SC—d. Dec 1, 1950 Gaston Co., NC, *daughter of O.W. Crumpton*;
- (6) Christopher Kirksey Cowan, b. Thursday at 12:15 am, Aug 10, 1876 Oconee Co., SC—d. Oct 14, 1877 Oconee Co., SC, age 1 year 2 months and 4 days;
- (7) Munson Reed Cowan, b. Monday at 6:15 am, Mar 10, 1878 Oconee Co., SC—d. Thursday, Jan 3, 1880 Oconee Co., SC, age 1 year 9 months and 20 days;
- (8) Eugene Easley Cowan, b. Tuesday at 6:45 pm, Jun 28, 1881 Oconee Co., SC—d. Sept 5, 1972; m. Dec 14, 1904, Grace Viola Brock, b. Feb 12, 1886 SC—d. April 26, 1971 Oconee Co., SC, *daughter of Wade Pressley Brock and Ellena Duncan*;
- (9) William Samuel Cowan, b. Monday at 11:45 pm, Jul 28, 1884 Oconee Co., SC—d. Oct 28, 1977 Greenville Co., SC; m. Nancy Elizabeth Sloan;
- (10) Amelia Jane Cowan, b. Sunday at 10:00 am, Jun 24, 1888 Oconee Co., SC—d. Wednesday, Oct 29, 1889 at 3 am, Oconee Co., SC, age 1 year 3 months and 29 days.

SOBIESKI TODD COWAN (b. Jul 13, 1869 Oconee Co., SC—d. Jan 9, 1911 Corsicana, Navarro Co., TX), *son of Robert Hiram Cowan and Mary Caroline Todd*, married **MARY ELIZABETH MASSEY** (b. Aug 28, 1875 Oconee Co., SC—d. Mar 23, 1963 Puyallup, Pierce Co., WA), *the daughter of Samuel Vardry Massey and Jane Duncan*. Children:

- (1) Winifred ‘Winnie’ Cowan, b. November 21, 1896 Keowee, Oconee Co., SC—d. July 1981 Kitsap Co., WA; m. George McKinney, b. 1892 PA—d. ____ ;
- (2) George Massey Cowan, b. Jan 12 1898 Oconee Co., SC—d. June 26, 1965 Leavenworth, Chelan Co., WA; m. Jun 25, 1927 WA, to May Siemens, b. Jul 6, 1896 Chicago, Cook Co., IL—d. May 17, 1986 Leavenworth, Chelan Co., WA *daughter of Jacob Peter Siemens and Mary Ann McDonald*;
- (3) Bonnie Jane Cowan, b. Dec 6, 1899 Oconee Co., SC—d. May 20, 1988 Richland, Benton Co., WA; m. Sehmel;
- (4) Walter James Cowan, b. May 23, 1902 Corsicana, Navarro Co., TX—d. Dec 12, 1985 Puyallup, Pierce Co., WA; m. Thelma M ____ , b. Mar 31, 1909—d. Feb 18, 2001 Yakima, Yakima Co., WA [buried Puyallup, Pierce Co., WA];
- (5) Katherine Cowan, b. Sep 18, 1905 Corsicana, Navarro Co., TX—d. Jan 21, 1932 Seattle, King Co., WA; m. Jun 7, 1930 Chelan Co., WA, to Gerald Eugene Stage, b. Jul 9, 1904 Chelan Co., WA—d. Apr 15, 1986 Leavenworth, Chelan Co., WA, *son of Arthur Guy Stage and Emma Jane Miller*; and
- (6) Elizabeth Todd Cowan, b. Sep 16, 1909 Corsicana, Navarro Co., TX—d. ____ ; m. ____ .

WALTER JAY COWAN (b. May 31, 1872 Oconee Co., SC—d. Sept 29, 1938 Oconee Co., SC), *son of Robert Hiram Cowan and Mary Caroline Todd*, married **ANNIE LUCINDA BEATTY** (b. Sept 21, 1873 SC—d. Mar 20, 1912 Oconee Co., SC), *the daughter of Albert Chesterfield Beatty and Lou Burton*. Children:

- (1) James Todd Cowan, b. April 21, 1898 Oconee Co., SC—d. Nov 23, 1996 Easley, Pickens Co., SC; unmarried; farmer;
- (2) Edward Chesterfield Cowan, b. Mar 4, 1900 Oconee Co., SC—d. Dec 28, 1992 Walhalla, Oconee Co., SC; m. Caroline “Carrie” Newman, b. Sept 20, 1909 Polk Co., NC—d. Mar 20, 1998 Berea, Greenville Co., SC, *daughter of Vance Newman and Sally Burgess*;
- (3) John Jay Cowan, b. March 9, 1902 Oconee Co., SC—d. Nov 25, 1973 Oconee Co., SC; m. Madeline Taylor, b. Sept 7, 1923 Oconee Co., SC—d. Nov 17, 2012 Walhalla, Oconee Co., SC; *the daughter of Herman Roscoe Taylor and Lillie Lavenia Orr*; one son, Robert Hiram Cowan, b. Dec 28, 1956 Oconee Co., SC;
- (4) Annie Mae Cowan, b. Jan 2, 1904 Oconee Co., SC—d. Feb 21, 1908, Oconee Co., SC;
- (5) Lucy Caroline Cowan, b. Dec 16, 1905 Oconee Co., SC—d. Feb 25, 1982 New Britain, CT; m. Rev. Marshall Guy Harbin, b. Feb 9, 1907—d. Aug 12, 1970 Fulton Co., GA, *son of Marshall A. Harbin and Mary Parks*;

- (6) Frank Beatty Cowan, b. May 18, 1908 Oconee Co., SC — d. Dec 15, 1999 GA; m. Lois Mims, b. Mar 19, 1907 GA — d. May 5, 2004 GA;
- (7) Laura Catherine Cowan, b. Sept 1, 1910 Oconee Co., SC — d. Jun 30, 2002 Lewisville, Denton Co., TX [buried Mammoth Cave, Edmonson Co., KY]; m. (i) Leslie Handsford, b. Jun 1, 1910 — d. Jun 24, 1962 KY; and (ii) Preston Wesley; and
- (8) Walter Jesse Cowan, b. Nov 23, 1911, Oconee Co., SC — d. 1976; m. Sarah Davis, b. Oct 18, 1924 GA — d. Jul 30, 1992 Dade Co., FL [buried Atlanta, GA].

JOSEPH JOHN DAVID COWAN (b. Sept 21, 1871 Oconee Co., SC — d. Jan 24, 1959 SC), *son of Samuel Fair Kirksey Cowan and Dorcas Drucilla Duncan*, married (i) **EMMA SATTERFIELD** (b. Jun 27, 1872 SC — d. Dec 21, 1907 Oconee Co., SC), *daughter of David Satterfield and Elzara Watson*; (ii) **CYNTHIA PRISCILLA SLOAN** (b. Jun 5, 1872 Oconee Co., SC — d. Jan 4, 1940 Columbia, SC / buried Oconee Co., SC), *daughter of John Smith Sloan and Cynthia Amanda Snead*.

Children of J.J.D. Cowan and Emma Satterfield:

- (1) Ina Elvira Cowan, b. March 19, 1901 Oconee Co., SC — d. Oct 4, 1994 Greenwood, SC; m. DeWitt Talmadge Wilson, b. Dec 10, 1894 Oconee Co., SC — d. Nov 1, 1978 Greenwood, SC, *son of Warren Dewitt and Martha E. Wilson*;
- (2) Ovalyne Sharp Cowan, b. Oct 31, 1903 Oconee Co., SC — d. Nov 8, 1973 Oconee Co., SC; m. William Roy Arve, b. Jul 5, 1904 SC — d. May 5, 1994 Walhalla, Oconee Co., SC, *son of Henry W. Arve and Julia Rothell*;
- (3) Laura Bulah Cowan, b. Oct 25, 1905 Oconee Co., SC — d. Mar 25, 1907 Oconee Co., SC; and
- (4) Minnie Cowan, b. Dec 16, 1907 Oconee Co., SC — d. Dec 21, 1907 Oconee Co., SC.

Walhalla — Funeral services for Joseph John David Cowan, 87, died Saturday night, will be conducted at Bethel Church Tuesday at 2 pm by the Rev. Clarence Letson. Burial will be in the church cemetery with graveside rites in charge of Blue Ridge Masonic Lodge 92 A.F.M. The body is at Ansel Funeral Home.

Children of J.J.D. Cowan and Cynthia Sloan:

- (1) John Fair Cowan, b. Dec 13, 1909 Oconee Co., SC — d. Apr 26, 2003 Brunswick, GA; m. Sept 3, 1939, to Leona Rowell, b. Jul 21, 1913 Hickox, GA — d. Aug 8, 2009 Brunswick, GA, *the daughter of Clifford Frank Rowell and Ruth Bell*;
- (2) George Marshall Cowan, b. May 24, 1912 Oconee Co., SC — d. Feb 23, 1963 San Diego, CA; m. Sept 8, 1942, to Josephine A. Kaletta, b. Mar 18, 1911 — d. June 22, 1992 San Diego, CA;
- (3) Joe Bailey Cowan, b. Jun 19, 1914 Oconee Co., SC — d. Dec 21, 1992; m. Dorothy Mae Haynes, *daughter of Eva Hendricks Haynes*; and
- (4) Jessie Duncan Cowan, b. June 19, 1916 Oconee Co., SC — d. Dec 9, 1988 Norcross, Gwinnett Co., GA [buried Bethel Church]; m. Doris Smith, b. May 19, 1917 — d. Feb 13, 2003 Gwinnett Co., GA, *daughter of William Lee Smith and Eva M. Corley*.

WILLIAM SAMUEL COWAN (b. July 28, 1884 Oconee Co., SC—d. Oct 28, 1977 Greenville Co., SC), *son of Samuel Fair Kirksey Cowan and Dorcas Drucilla Duncan*, married **NANCY ELIZABETH SLOAN** (b. Mar 5, 1880 Flat Shoals Community, Oconee Co., SC—d. Jan 14, 1960 Oconee Co., SC), *daughter of John Smith Sloan and Cynthia Amanda Snead*.

Obituary for Mrs. W.S. Cowan, January 14, 1960:

Walhalla—Mrs. Nancy Elizabeth Sloan Cowan, 79, of Picket Post community died at Oconee hospital Thursday at 6:55pm after several years of declining health and an illness of 10 days. She was a daughter of the late John and Amanda Snead Sloan. She was a lifelong resident of the Picket Post community and a member of Bethel Church. Surviving are her husband William Sam Cowan; four daughters, Mrs. Hugh Butler, of Howard Beach, NY, Mrs. Carl Whitmire of Tamassee, Mrs. Charles Harbin Jr. of Greenville and Mrs. William Reed, Jr. of Spencer W.VA; three sons, A.L. Cowan of Clemson, Clyde Cowan of Easley, and Wm Cowan of Chattanooga, TN; 12 grand-children; one brother, A. Rile Sloan of Salem; and one sister, Mrs. Emma Towe of Flat Shoals. Funeral services will be conducted at Bethel Presbyterian Church Saturday at 3 pm by the Rev. R.M. Layton and the Rev. Joe Sowell. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Pallbearers will be John Sloan, Lewis Towe, J. C. Sloan, Claude Sloan, Jess Sloan and John Rankin. The body is at Ansel Funeral Home and at 2pm Saturday will be carried to the church. The family is at the home.

Obituary of Sam Cowan, October 28, 1977:

Tamassee—William Samuel Cowan, 93, of 135 Rockwood Drive, Greenville and formerly of Tamassee, SC, a retired carpenter, widower of Nancy Sloan Cowan, died Friday. Born in Tamassee, he was a former member of the board of DAR School and a member of Bethel Presbyterian Church. Surviving are sons, Arthur L. Cowan of Clemson and Clyde L Cowan of Union; daughters, Lucille Harbin of Greenville, Myra Whitmire of Tamassee, Eunice Butler of Howard Beach, NY and Fannie Reed of Spencer W. VA; twelve grandchildren and sixteen great-grandchildren. Services were Sunday at Bethel Presbyterian Church with burial in the church cemetery. Davenport Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Children of William Sam Cowan and Nancy Sloan:

- (1) Arthur Lee Cowan, b. Nov 8, 1904 Oconee Co., SC—d. Sept 7, 1984 Pickens Co., SC; m. Ruby Elvira Perry, b. Oct 23, 1903 Oconee Co., SC—d. Oct 18, 1995 Pickens Co., SC;
- (2) Clyde Lewis Cowan, b. Nov 23, 1906 Oconee Co., SC—d. Aug 27, 1988 Easley, Pickens Co., SC; m. Beatrice McBride, b. 1918—d. 2007 Easley, Pickens Co., SC;
- (3) Eunice Bernice Cowan, b. Jan 18, 1909 Oconee Co., SC—d. Jul 17, 1999 Queens Co., NY; m. Patrick Hugh Butler, b. Mar 17, 1901—d. Aug 1988 Queens Co., NY;

- (4) Inez Gladys Cowan, b. Feb 12, 1911 Oconee Co., SC—d. Feb 1, 1937 Oconee Co., SC;
- (5) Myra Drucilla Cowan, b. Apr 12, 1913 Oconee Co., SC—d. Aug 3, 1997 Oconee Co., SC; m. John Carl Whitmire, b. Feb 2, 1903 SC—d. May 28, 1974 Oconee Co., SC, *son of William C. and Hassie R. Whitmire*;
- (6) William Kirksey Cowan, b. Sept 12, 1915 Oconee Co., SC—d. Dec 5, 1967 Chattanooga, TN; m. Lila Cornelia Milligan, b. Aug 19, 1916 GA—d. Apr 9, 1988 Chattanooga, TN;
- (7) Lucille Catherine Cowan, b. July 30, 1918 Oconee Co., SC—*still living* Greenville SC; m. Charles Manly Harbin Jr., b. May 10, 1920—d. Jan 15, 2002 Greenville, SC, *son of Charles Manly Harbin Sr. and Hattie Marie Mahon*; and
- (8) Fannie Amanda Cowan, b. Feb 20, 1921 Oconee Co., SC—*still living*; m. William Brady Reed Jr., b. Mar 18, 1919 WVA—d. Dec 26, 2006 Spencer, WVA.

*Significant portions of the Cowan Family Profile were contributed by Pattie Burton and also Hoyt Lee from items collected by his mother, Hannah Satterfield Lee Arve.