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## Acknowledgements

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This book represents the efforts of the descendants of William Johnston to gather and compile the history of the Johnston family in Southeast Missouri. The text undoubtedly contains errors and incorrect information as well as missing information. In some cases when contradictory information has been obtained, both sources of information are noted and reasons for conclusions are included. The most recent generations of the Johnston family are presented with only basic historical facts. It is hoped that someday their grand accomplishments will be added to this record.

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There are still mysteries to solve, stories to record, and ancestors to uncover. This is not a conclusive report, but rather a gathering of information that has been put together at a point in time. Hopefully, it will stir memories and send all of us to look for those documents and photographs stored in attics.

After fifteen years of research and talking with cousins, three moments stand out. First, Tom Aden, Linda Surber, and Kathy Pierce took me to the Frederick Miller Johnston/Ann McFadden Johnston farm in the Greenwood Valley area of Wayne County. There we found three family tombstones nestled in a tiny cemetery in the woods of the farm. Second, Lorrie McClanahan gave me a photograph of my grandfather, John Edwin Johnston, a picture I had been hoping to find for over ten years. Third, Judy Hyatt found the newspaper article that reported on the drowning of our Aunt Marjorie, which led to her death certificate, and her burial location. Thank you one and all for pieces of information large and small that brought this information together. This fifth-generation Texan loves her Missouri roots. Contact me at [lazyjlttd@austin.rr.com](mailto:lazyjlttd@austin.rr.com) if you have corrections or additions to the family story.

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## William Johnston Family Tree Generations 1-3





**Wayne County, Missouri near Mill Spring**