

In April of 1859 Richard was 15 years old when he moved to Oak Grove Virginia. Three generations of men, Grandfather 65, Father 40 and son 15. They moved to Oak Grove from Richmond County Virginia where their family had lived for approximately 50 years.

Richard's grandfather was a Baptist of Scotch-English descent and was widowed early and only married once. It is noted that Richard's grandfather always had a twinkle in his eye. Richard's grandfather had one son who was also widowed early - when his only son (Richard) was five years old.

Richard Warren McGinniss served the Confederate Army from 1861 - 1865. Richard fought in the following battles:

Battle of Manassas, Seven Pines, Antietam, Gettysburg, Fredericksburg and the Defense of Richmond. He was in the 47th Infantry, Company C, 3rd Army Corps. under the command of General A. P. Hill with General Lee. Richard was there for the surrender at Appomattox.

In the spring of 1868 Richard began courting Miss Baynton Ann Ramey. They married in the fall of 1868. Richard and Baynton had 10 children, 4 died before the age of 2 and 6 grew into adulthood. There was also a colored cook by the name of Sarah that was more like family than servant.

Richard became a boot maker in Oak Grove, Virginia. He bought a 100 acre farm from a Mr. Walker Washington who in turn bought the property from Dr. F.D. Wheelwright. The house burned in 1896.

In 1871 Richard became the Postmaster of Oak Grove Virginia and Justice of the Peace in 1872 for Montross, Virginia. Richard remained Justice of the Peace until 1899.

There is a family grave yard in Oak Grove.

In 1900 Richard opened a General Store in Norma, Virginia. He purchased 10 acres of woods and built a five-room house and he lived where the Post Office was. In 1908 Richard decided to close the Post Office/General Store sell everything and to live with his youngest married daughter - Susan McGinniss Barker.

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Mr. Reed resided in Manassas, Virginia