

**Record of**  
**Mary Susan Hancks**  
**Great-Granddaughter of Barnabas Madison Poe**

Born: November 25, 1876; Osage County, Missouri  
Father: Jabez **Hancks**  
Mother: Martha Jane **Anderson**  
Married: October 5, 1892; Osage County, Missouri  
Died: April 9, 1897; location unknown  
Buried: No Data

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Father Judson D. **Courtwright**  
Born: October 28, 1869, location unknown  
Father: No data  
Mother: No data  
Died: No data  
Buried: No data

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Children; Date and Birthplace:

Charles October, 1890; Summerfield, Osage County, Missouri

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Husband: Louis B. **Koerber**  
Born: February 28, 1866, Union Township, Franklin County, Missouri  
Father: Louis **Koerber**  
Mother: Charlotte  
Died: April 21, 1935; Maries County, Missouri  
Buried: Little Flock Baptist Church, Maries County, Missouri

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Children; Date and Birthplace:

Gertie Melinda August 26, 1894; Maries County, Missouri

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Sources: Data provided by Alfred **Wagner** from **Hancks** Bible  
And the Gertie **West** Family Bible  
"Maries County, Missouri" Volume II, 1990; Page 315  
Data provided by Jane **Wagner Honse**, verified by Margaret  
**Gentges** for various marriage, census and land records  
Data provided by Larry A. **Wagner**  
Data provided by Roy Frank **Courtright**  
1900 Federal Census, June 19, 1900; Jefferson Township, Osage  
County, Household 285, Family 294

Notes: See filename POE01H, Louis **Koerber** was later married to  
Parisada **Anderson**, younger sister of Mary Susan **Hancks'**  
mother; Martha Jane **Anderson**.

The tradition of the families still living in Maries County, Missouri is that  
Charles **Courtright** was the son of Mary Susan **Hancks** and Judson D.  
**Courtright**, even though Judson was married to her older sister, Martha  
Virginia **Hancks**. Based upon in depth research of the public documents  
available and common logic we see the following:

#### Charles Courtright

1900 Census, June 19, 1900; reads 9 years old, birth date October, 1890  
1910 Census, April 30, 1910; reads 19 years old, would correlate to  
October, 1890  
1917 World War I draft registration, June 5, 1917; reads 28 years old,  
born 1889

This record appears to have been written by Charles **Courtright**  
1920 Census, January 3, 1920; reads 30 years old, would correlate to  
1889  
1930 Census, April 16, 1930; reads 39 years old, would correlate to  
October, 1890  
Tombstone, Enloe Cemetery, Moniteau County, reads 1891  
An older Half-brother still living has November 12, 1891 in his records

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The family tradition further contends that this liaison between Mary Susan **Hancks** and Judson **Courtwright** occurred while Susan was living with Judson and Martha and serving as Martha's nurse during her illness. Martha Virginia **Hancks Courtwright** died July 11, 1890. Consequently if indeed Charles **Courtwright** was born any time after early 1890, he could not have been the son of Martha and Judson **Courtwright**. If Charles **Courtwright** was born as late as November 12, 1891 then the tradition held by the related family, who lived next door to Mary Jane **Anderson Hancks**, Martha and Susan's mother, would be incorrect regarding timing but not in regard to parentage. Consequently, while the actual date of birth may still be in contention, the majority of those recorded support the family tradition. A loose end related to the October, 1890 date that is still troubling is that the marriage record for Martha **Hancks** and Judson **Courtwright** is dated May 11, 1890.