

The Maness Clan:

George "Uncle George" **Moody** (the brother of the author's paternal grandmother: deceased)

Lindsey V. Maness, Sr. (the author's father: deceased)

Jesse Thomas "Buck" **Maness** (the author's uncle: deceased)

Lorenzo Martin "Martin" **Maness** (the author's uncle: deceased)

Keziah "Kizzy" **Maness [nee Moody]** (the author's paternal grandmother: deceased)

May Reisch [nee **Maness**] (the author's aunt). Resides in Jacksonville, NC.

Lilly Anne **Maness [nee McKay]**, 1<sup>st</sup> wife of Buck Maness. Resides in Rock Hill, SC.

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