Anselm Jackson Ashcraft

Pvt. Anselm Jackson Ashcraft, Farmer, Student and soldier. Was born July 16, 1897, in Coosa County Ala. and died December 17, 1917, in Base Hospital No. 17 of American Expeditionary Forces Dijon France. Was buried Dec. 18, 1917, in the Municipal Cemetary de Pepoces, Dijoin France was brought back to America on Ship — arriving in Hoboken N.J. June 14, 1921. reaching his home in Hollins, Ala. June 18, 1921, Reinterred in Mt Olive Cemetary June 19, 1921. He was a Democrat and Baptist

Spent his boyhood days on his fathers farm, going to various country schools, then to the Sylacauga State Agriculture School, Principal J. N. Higgins. He said if my country needs me so much as to have to draft men I will not wait for her to call me I will give her what aid I can at once. So he left school for the army of his country. inlisting in the Rainbow Div. of the Army going to the officers training Camp at Chatanooga, Ga. Finely being placed in Bakery Co. No. 9. G. M. C., sent to France landing about Nov. 11. 1917.. He was a devout christian, obedient son and devated brother, loved and respected by all who knew him, always sacrificing for his people and giving his life for his country, and the cause of right.

eldest son of Anselm Abell Ashcraft, children
1 Esther M. Arthur L. Gaston. 3 Minnie M. Oscar J. Camp
2 Oscar, 4 Ada, 6 John, 8 Mairon, 8 Irene, 9 Mary and 10 Arline.
Youngest son of John Ashcraft, who served in the
War of Secession. Whose father was Thomas Ashcraft
whose life is recorded in Owen's History of Ala, Vol 3 P. 614
was a farmer, machinist, inventor was born August 6,
1786, in Samson County, N.C. and died December 18, 1866,
in Clay County; son of John Ashcraft, who with two
brothers immigrated from England and settled in
North Carolina. He passed his young manhood in
Chester or York District, S.C., and moved to Jackson
County, Ga. about 1818, to Troup County, Ga., in 1836
and in 1842 to Talladega County, now Clay. He reared
his family on the farm, but was chiefly engaged in
constructing various kinds of machinery. He patented
a threshing machine, a house cotton press, a machine
for the manufacture of combs and a torpedo for destroying
vessels. He gave the model of the latter to the Confederate
war department. During the War of Secession, though
infirm and aged, he engaged in the manufacture of
spinning wheels, reels and looms. He was a Whig until
the out break of the war when he became a Democrat;
and a Baptist; married March 15, 1815, in Chester or York
District. S.C., to Catherine, daughter of Ephraim and
Elizabeth (Stringfellow) Abell, the former a Baptist
preacher who lived at Culpepper Court House and
Gordonsville Va. He was a writer. Children 1 John
who married Martha Corley and are the grand parents
of Anselm Jackson Ashcraft 2 Catherine M.

Washington Billingslee; 3. Thornton Stringfellow; M Sophronia Robinson; 4. Nancy, M. Wilson Corley; 5. William, M. Alice Richie; 6. Sarah, M. Sterling Hesterly; 7. Anselm Malcolm, M. Amanda Wiley; 8. (twins) Andrew Jackson (q.v.) M. Eleanor Eliza Wiley, and Salina M. Gideon Brown; 9. Harriet M. Seaborn Jones, Last residence: Clay Co.

His mother the daughter of Dr. G. W. Wills son of Harry Wills who came from Ireland to Pauldin Co. Ga M. Betsy Hippins. and grandaughter of Calvan Abney who served two terms as High Sheriff of Pauldin Co. Ga was a master mason M. Rebecca Shipp. also a grandson of Richard Woody Corley, M. Mary Owens of S. C. Aberville Co. whose decendents form many promenent family's of Ala. and cousin to John Lee, Cyrus W., Lee, and Fletcher; Crister Ashcraft, Lawyer and noted Ala. men.

Anselm A. Ashcraft

Father of Anselm, J. Ashcraft

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