

## Biographical sketch of William Rozier Daughtry (1877-beyond 1950) By Bill Gill (2023)

Rozier Daughtry was born in Alabama in December 1877 most likely in Opelika as that is where the family was living when the 1880 census was taken. His father is listed as H. L. Daughtry born ca. 1835 in North Carolina and worked as a hardware dealer. His mother is listed as E. H. Daughtry and was born ca. 1841 in Georgia. Rozier is listed as the youngest of four children at two years old with sister Mollie at 18, brother C. J. at 13, and sister E. F. at 5.

In the 1900 census Rozier is single and living in Montgomery Alabama as a boarder with 11 other people. His occupation is listed as "Salesman Musician Store".

Sometime between 1903 and 1905 he moved from Montgomery to Birmingham Alabama as his 1903 march "The Matchmaker" was published in Montgomery and his 1905 march "The Wrag Wringer" in Birmingham.

In the 1910 census he is living in Birmingham and his occupation is listed as "Salesman, Pianos". It appears he also owned his own publishing company called Wm. R Daughtry Company and self-published all of his later works. It also shows him having been married to Susan (born 1878) of Pennsylvania for 3 years. (married in 1907) It appears they never had any children.

In the 1920 census the two of them are still living in Birmingham and lists his occupation as "Dealer, jelanoe, own account". Assuming it's not a typo, I could not find anything as to what "jelanoe" might refer to.

In the 1930 census they are still living in Birmingham and his occupation is listed as "tinner" and Susan's as "homemaker".

In the 1940 census they are still in Birmingham and he is listed as a salesman with no industry listed. It mentions he completed one year of college and Susan four years of high school.

Sometime between 1940 and 1950 Susan died as he is listed in the 1950 census as being widowed. He's 72 and still living in Birmingham. It mentions he was not a veteran and is drawing a supplemental income. At the present time I do not know when or where he died.