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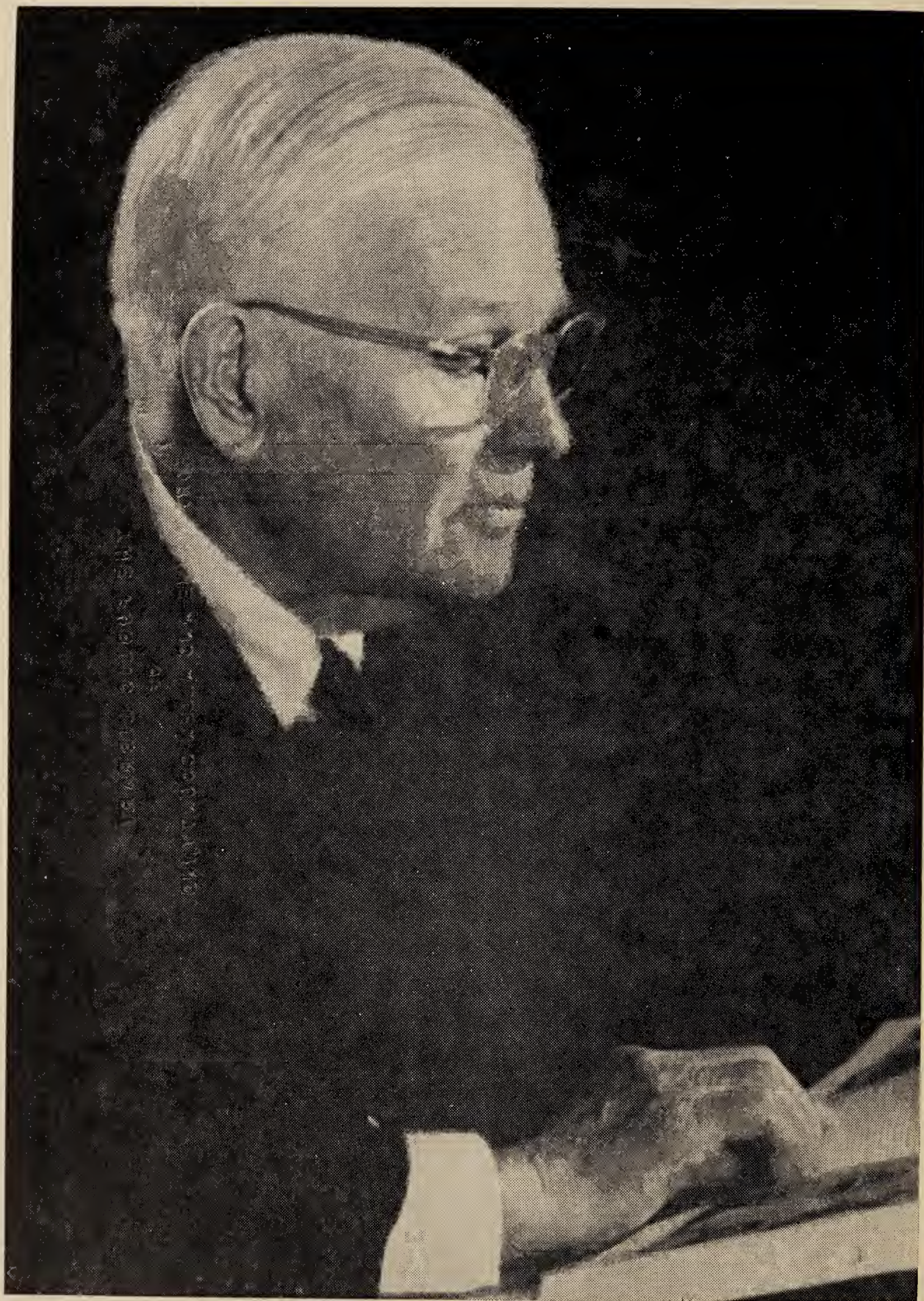
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A Record of My Children's Ancestors,

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DALLAS SCARBOROUGH, My Deceased Husband
Patriot, Scholar, Lawyer, Christian Gentleman, whose
splendid example is an inspiration to his descendants
and a constant source of affection and pride for his
family and whose very active life served as a benedic-
tion to us all, this book is lovingly dedicated.

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Writing a family history is a fascinating job, though frustrating at times, for it is never finished. There are so many bypaths of history and romance that beckon the unsuspecting historian that the months and the years go by and the cause is lost to mere collecting. When the time finally arrives when the actual writing must be done at last, the family skeletons safely closeted, if there are any, the family pictures faithfully identified, the family charts given a quick once over, and the mountainous data checked for the hundredth time, the author gives an exhausted sigh, and wonders vaguely just why the whole thing was undertaken. Then she remembers the many wonderful people whom she has met, the joy she has experienced when a faded Bible Record has been discovered, and the satisfaction she has known when she has been able to convince a "doubting Thomas" in the Court House that the basement floor in a dim, musty vault is no place for records of the pioneers who made this country, her spirits soar, and she decides that her efforts have not been in vain after all.

It is impossible to mention the dozens of people who have assisted in gathering the records in this book, and I wish that I had the adequate adjectives to express my appreciation, but to all who have cooperated in even a small way, I am eternally grateful, and perhaps your great grandchildren will call you blessed. I am especially indebted to my friend, Mrs. J. B. Jordan, who has accompanied me on the thousands of miles I have travelled over the South in my search for ancestors, with patience and cheerfulness, and helped with the tedious chore of deciphering the old manuscripts, and charmed the Court House Officials into special consideration, when I was too tired and frustrated to be politic; to my dear cousin, Mrs. Horace L. McSwain, who has never failed me; to Miss Ruby Aldredge, another cousin, who has helped to prod the kin into action; to my faithful friend, Mrs. W. L. Hobbs, who has shared many of my adventures, as well as several catastrophes; to Mr. F. R. Aldridge, an indefatigable researcher who stimulated me when my interest was lagging; to Mr. J. A. Crawford, whose wonderful collection of Tatom and Stovall records has helped me

lift the curtain on the past; to Miss Kathleen Albea, Mrs. James Thomas Sale and Mrs. Lucile Pierson, whose splendid research has uncovered many seemingly blank walls; to my husband's cousin, Mrs. Felix Mitchell, who secured many family pictures for me; and last but not least to Mr. William H. Dumont, that gifted genealogist, who has been a constant inspiration to me in my work, and Mr. Hugh B. Johnston, Jr., genealogist and historian, who has aided me with helpful data and advice, and Dr. Lewis T. Bullock, of Los Angeles I give a heartfelt "Thank you".

My children have grumbled sometimes, saying that I am wearing myself out, but then I was comforted recently when a friend said "DO you ever expect to get Old?" Since I felt as old as my oldest ancestor, I decided that searching the pages of history was not so bad after all, but . . . that with this book, I was absolutely going to stop my research . . . but . . . "Did you say your ancestor was from Virginia?" and I am off again.

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FOREWORD

This Volume 4, of *Southern Kith and Kin*, is concerned with a number of families, which the author has been laboring over for more than forty years, and though it is incomplete, it will furnish many valuable clues to future family historians. The families treated are: Aldredge, and their connections—Hanson, Sims, and Bullock; Russell and connecting families—Stovall and Tatom; and addenda to the Davis records described in Volume 2.

The Aldredge records have been very frustrating, because of the many people of the same given name, and the various spelling of the family name. The name of *Nathan* has been variously spelled as *Nathaniel*, though my research has convinced me that Nathan and Nathaniel were two different men, even though the Census Bureau in Washington has listed Nathan Aldredge, of Russell and Lee counties, Alabama, as Nathaniel, thinking that Nathan was an abbreviation of Nathaniel, when we know from family records and the names of wives and children listed that this man is our Nathan. The records have been further complicated by the fact that Nathan Aldredge's record in the War of 1812 has spelled his name as *ALDREASE*.

Several genealogists of North Carolina families have insisted that *Aldredge* (Aldridge) and *Allred* were one and the same, though after extensive research, I am of the opinion that they were different families, as many county records of the same year have listed both Allred and Aldredge names, and in some instances there was a marriage record of an *Allred* to an Aldredge.

Nathan Aldredge, of Russell and Lee counties in Alabama, always spelled his name ALDREDGE, though the record of his will in Russell county, Alabama, lists the spelling as Aldridge. This confusion arose, I am sure, because of the fact that Nathan's brother, Reubin, and his descendants, spelled the name *Aldridge*.

The Russell records are primarily concerned with the descendants of Major William Russell, of Giles and Franklin counties, in Tennessee, and Franklin county, Alabama, who was a soldier in the War of 1812, and directly under the command of General Andrew Jackson. Among his connections were the Stovalls and Tatoms. Mr. William H. Dumont, of Washington, D. C., has been working for many years on the Stovall family, hence my report is mainly concerned with the Stovalls, who married into the Tatom family, with a brief report on the earliest Stovalls, to show the connec-

tion with the emigrant to America. The Tatom records are more extensive.

Many new facts have been unearthed concerning the Davis families since the publication of my histories and several mistakes discovered, hence it seemed desirable to publish these new findings. Personal research in the various counties in Georgia, assisted by Mrs. Horace L. McSwain, of Macon, Georgia, has uncovered these facts. Mrs. McSwain has kindly consented to write the record of the Davises for me, which is an authentic account from official records.

In order to bring all of the above records down to date, as near as possible, the author made a five thousand mile "jaunt" or "Safari" through the Southern States in April and May of 1958, doing research in eight Southern States, and if there are any more "footprints on the sands of time" in those states, they are locked securely in county vaults, or REALLY covered with the sands of time on dusty shelves and lost to the researcher. The War Between the States did not destroy half as many records as some Court Officials would have you believe, and persistent work may make them accessible before they have disintegrated.

The hardy, liberty loving pioneers described in my book, settled mostly in Virginia, emigrated to the Carolinas, fought the Indians in Alabama, Georgia and Mississippi Territory, and followed General Andrew Jackson in the Creek Indian Wars and in the Battle of New Orleans. Their descendants were a tower of strength in Texas' fight for Independence from Mexico, fought for the Lost Cause in the Confederacy, and in modern times have been active participants in our two world Wars, and the War in Korea.

Descendants of North Carolinians can be justly proud of the sturdy patriots of North Carolina, who, in the Battle of Alamance, struck the first blow for freedom for the American Colonies; who in the Mecklenburg Declaration voiced the first Declaration of Independence from England; and followed with wholehearted loyalty to the Colonies in joining the Continental troops, in spite of the large numbers of Scotchmen and Germans who were Loyalists, and the Quakers in their midst, who would not take up arms to defend their rights.

It is nearly always necessary to get a perspective before history can be accurately judged, and nowhere has this been more clearly demonstrated than in the case of the Regulators of North and South Carolina. Described at first by many Historians as a lawless mob, they are now recognized as loyal patriots, whose zeal, bravery, and courage in resisting oppression, unjust taxes, illegal fees, and extortion

from the Officers of the Crown, lighted the torch of Liberty which culminated in the American Revolution and the Independence of our Colonies from England.

After the defeat of the Regulators at Alamance, their members were hunted, imprisoned, their property confiscated, and all kinds of indignities poured upon them, and hence they migrated in hordes to other states. The large group who lived on Sandy Creek, in Randolph County, North Carolina, was almost completely decimated, though they continued to fight for Liberty in the Revolution, from their new homes—South Carolina, Georgia, Maryland, Virginia, and Tennessee. Some of them returned to North Carolina after the Revolution, but others remained in their new homes, where they became the nucleus for the conquering pioneers of the western wilds and wilderness.

Our debt of gratitude to them can never be repaid, and only by retaining their ideals can we show them any measure of appreciation. It has been my pleasure to try to uncover these footprints on the sands of time, before they are entirely obliterated.

JEWEL DAVIS SCARBOROUGH,

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CHAPTER I.

THE ALDREDGE OR ALDRIDGE FAMILY

This family record has been in course of preparation for more than forty years, and its publication has been delayed because of the ambition of the author to find the immigrant ancestor, and to learn more of the origin of the family. Coming to the conclusion, at long last, that the task, with the confusion and scarcity of records, is next to impossible, the known facts are hereby presented.

Members of my immediate family have assured me that their kinsmen in North Carolina were of Scotch descent, and those I have known certainly have Scotch characteristics. However, it seems strange that the early members of the family in North Carolina were Baptists, when most of the Scotch in North Carolina were Presbyterians. Other historians have said that the Aldredges were from Wales, and came to America because they were "Dissenters", which seems to point to the Welsh Baptists of Pennsylvania, who came to the Pee Dee section of South Carolina.

There are many traditions in the family concerning the arrival of the family in America, one being that one of the children in the family was lost at sea, just at the time of embarking for America, from an English port. The family delayed sailing, hoping to locate the lost child, but finally had to embark without him and he was never found. This tradition has persisted in the family for generations and has been related to me by members of the family in widely scattered areas. It seems to tie in with the tradition that the family first settled in Maryland, where they were ship builders.

Immediately after the Revolution, and a short time before that time, there was a mass movement from North Carolina to South Carolina, Georgia, and to Tennessee. With the emigrants to Georgia from the above states, there was also a group from Maryland, referred to by Georgia historians as the "Chesapikers" (sic). Samuel Hanson, of Richmond County, Georgia, Revolutionary soldier in Georgia, who settled first in Richmond County, Georgia, was one of that group, and it is significant to note that his daughter, Alizannah Hanson, called "Alcy" in most of the records, married Nathan Aldredge, who was born in Richmond County, Georgia, cut off into Columbia County in 1790, leading us to believe that this Maryland family might have come to Georgia with the Aldredges.

The spelling of the name has as many variations as there were Clerks of the Court—Aldredge, Aldridge, Auld-
rage, Aldrease, Alrage, Aldrich, Alldredge, Aldrig, Akridg,
etc.—and some genealogists claim that Allred, Aldred, and
Eldredge, were really the same family name. Nathan and
Nathaniel have been confused in many records and there
seems to have been as many Nathans, Nathaniels, Williams,
Johns, and Isaacs as there are sands of the sea, which has
certainly complicated the work of the genealogist. It is the
author's belief that the Aldrich family was of New England,
as few of them have been found in the early days in the
South, and the Aldredge, Alldredge, and Aldridge families
all were of a common ancestor, and settled mostly in the
South.

There is no 1790 Census for Georgia, but the 1790 Census
of North Carolina and South Carolina lists many Aldredges
and Aldridges. The Aldredges with whom this record is
concerned left North Carolina before the 1790 Census was
taken and there was no 1790 Census for Georgia; hence, we
must depend on Tax Records and Court Records there for
information concerning them.

Most of the facts that I have secured seem to point to
North Carolina as the early home of the Georgia Aldredges
before the Revolution, though Virginia, South Carolina and
Maryland can not be ignored, or even the remote possibility
that they settled in New England upon their arrival in the
New World.

In the 1790 Census of North Carolina we find the follow-
ing Aldredges listed, of various spellings:

Isham Aldrig (definitely a Virginia name), of Salis-
bury District of Mecklenburg County;

William Aldridg, of Salisbury District, Mecklenburg
County;

William Aldridg, of Salisbury District, Rowan County;

Drury Aldridge, of Newbern District, Dobbs County;

Jesse Aldridge, of Newbern District, Dobbs County;

John, Thomas, William, Sr., and William, Jr., Aldridge,
Newbern District, Dobbs County;

Nathan Alridge, Hillsborough District, Randolph Coun-
ty;

John and Isaac Alridge, Hillsborough District, Randolph
County;

Elizabeth Aldridge, Hillsborough District, Randolph County;

Joseph and Peter Aldridge, Hillsborough District, Caswell County;

Joseph, Nathaniel and Joshua Aldridge, Salisbury District, Surry County;

Ezekiel Alred, Hillsborough District, Randolph County;

James Alred, Hillsborough District, Randolph County;

John Alred, Hillsborough District, Randolph County.

Among the Revolutionary soldiers of North Carolina we find the following: Francis, Gess, Jesse, Joseph, John, Thomas and William. Because of the fact that neither Nathan nor Nathaniel Aldridge can be found among the Revolutionary soldiers of North Carolina or South Carolina, has led some historians to believe that they left the above states after the Battle of Alamance, where they were numbered among the Regulators and were persistently persecuted, served their country in either Maryland, Virginia, or Georgia, and perhaps some of them returned to North Carolina after the war. The Aldridges of Tennessee were of this group.

Although some of the Aldredges are listed in South Carolina in the Land Grants from 1771-1798, no Aldredges could be found serving in the Revolution from that state, so it is presumed that they served in other states, or were Refugee soldiers in other states. The following list of Land Grants to Aldredges were issued in South Carolina:

Isaac Aldridge, Craven County, 200 acres, Oct. 22, 1768;

William Alderage, Craven County, 100 acres, March 15, 1771;

William Aldridge, Craven County, 150 acres, December 6, 1768;

William Aldridge, Waters of Dutchman's Creek, 100 acres, May 1, 1772;

William Aldridge, 200 acres, June 23, 1774;

Richard Aldridge, Orangeburg, 200 acres, Sept. 2, 1793;

Benjamin Aldridge, Washington, 500 acres, Feb. 5, 1798;

Nathaniel Aldridge, Ninety Six, 315 acres, Feb. 5, 1798;

Samuel Aldridge, Camden, 45 acres, Aug. 6, 1798.

From the above list you can see that these Aldredges were living mostly in the Pee Dee Section of South Caro-

lina, among the Welsh Neck Baptists, who were ardent supporters of the Regulators, and mostly in Craven County.

The Sandy Creek settlement of Baptists in Orange County, later cut off into Randolph County, North Carolina, was the center of opposition to the Crown in North Carolina, in the War of the Regulators, and many of the Aldredges lived there and in Guilford, Rowan, Randolph, and Dobbs Counties. They were closely connected by marriage and religious belief, with the leaders of the Regulators—Herman Husbands, Shubal Stearns, and the Yorks, and several of them signed the various petitions of the Regulators for redress of their just grievances. One of the Aldredges, Nicholas, was accused of disloyalty by the Tories, and had his property confiscated. His property was later restored to him when it was proved that the accusations were false. It is my belief that this Nicholas was the same man who moved later to Richmond and Columbia County, Georgia, and died there, leaving a will.

After the Battle of Alamance, and the subsequent persecution of the Regulators, many of the Baptists of the Sandy Creek Settlement left the state, some of them stopping briefly in South Carolina, before making a permanent settlement in Georgia.

Because of the historic significance of the Battle of the Alamance in North Carolina, many people lose sight of the fact that the Regulators had a large following in South Carolina, where they had the ardent support of the Welsh Neck Baptists of the Pee Dee Section of Cheraws District, and of the residents of St. David's Parish of Craven County, which was named for the tutelary Saint of the Welsh. Their problems were the same as those of North Carolina, and they were just as ardent in their fight for their legal rights. They suffered greatly from the Tories in the Revolutionary War.

The Welsh Neck Baptists came to South Carolina from Pennsylvania and Delaware circa 1736, and from the very beginning of their residence there they took a prominent part in the development of this part of the state. One of the things about them that was of especial interest to the author was the fact that according to Gregg in his history of Old Cheraws: "They were from an early period fond of carrying back their pedigrees to the most remote antiquity", and "were more jealous of their liberties than even the English."

John Husbands was listed as one of the voters in St. David's Parish in 1768, when a Member of Assembly was

elected for the Parish, but whether he was connected with Herman Husbands of Sandy Creek Settlement of North Carolina, is unknown.

From the records that I have found, I believe that Nicholas Aldredge, of Rowan County, North Carolina, was the same Nicholas located in Columbia County, Georgia. In 1768, because of his connection with the Regulators, his property was taken from him by the Officers of the Crown, but on May 4, 1782, the state of North Carolina relinquished all claims to the confiscated property and ordered the Commissioners of Confiscated Estates to put William Aldredge (Eldredge), son of Nicholas, into possession of two tracts of land of one hundred and fifty acres each, on the waters of Hunting Creek, entered in the name of Nicholas Aldridge.¹

Most of the Georgia Aldredges settled first in the counties bordering on South Carolina—Richmond, Columbia, and Wilkes—and later in Baldwin County, in the parts cut off into Morgan, Oglethorpe, and Putnam. When they were successful in the various Land Lotteries they moved to their new holdings. Besides William and James, whom we know were Revolutionary soldiers, there were many others of the name whom we have not traced. It is my belief that William was the son of Nicholas of Columbia County, Georgia, and James Aldredge was a brother of Nicholas, but official proof is lacking, except for inference. None of the Aldredges whom we have identified gave the name of Nicholas to their children, hence the only child of whom we have proof is William, and possibly Reubin, of Wilkes County, Georgia.

It is also my belief that the Aldredges of Richmond and Columbia counties, in Georgia, came to Georgia from Cheraws District, South Carolina, with Daniel Marshall, brother-in-law of Shubal Stearne, Baptist Minister, who organized the Kiokee Baptist Church in Richmond County, which was cut off into Columbia County when that county was organized. This was the first Baptist Church in Georgia.

From the laborious search that I have made for the Aldredges over many weary years, I have come to the conclusion that Nicholas Aldredge, of Columbia County, Georgia, came to Georgia from Randolph County (taken from Orange), North Carolina, after the Battle of Alamance, when he was an old man, due to the disturbances over the wars of the Regulators. He died just about four years after coming to Georgia, and I have been unable to find any land

1. State Records of North Carolina, Vol. 17, pp. 865-866, 967.

grants for him. He does not leave any land to his children, merely mentioning some horses given to his wife, Rebecca, and a shilling to his son, William, in his will in Columbia County, filed in 1794. James Aldredge witnessed the will. Nicholas had probably given his other children, if any, their part of the estate at the time of their marriage, or before leaving North or South Carolina. This Nicholas may have been the son of William Aldredge of Orange County, North Carolina, and one of the signers of the petition of the Regulators in 1768, who were complaining of unjust taxes, illegal fees, and general malfeasance in office of the representatives of the Crown. It is possible that Nicholas settled briefly in South Carolina in Ninety-Six District of Spartanburg County, before coming to Georgia, since we know that his son, William, was there from his statement in his Pension record,² and both William and a Nicholas Aldredge were listed there in the 1790 Census. Both William and Nicholas probably settled among the Welsh Neck Baptists, where some of the Sandy Creek Baptists had migrated.

We know from the Georgia records that William was a son of Nicholas, of Columbia County, and that James and Abner, who was a witness for James in 1798, and Aaron, who was there in 1820, are probably brothers. By 1820, Aaron was the only Aldredge left in Columbia County so far as the records reveal. It is hard to identify the various members of the family without birth dates, but I believe that the following were sisters of James, though they could be his daughters or even daughters of Nicholas.

Columbia County, Georgia, Marriages:

1. Tabitha Aldridge and Isham Vaughn, July 19, 1791;
2. Elizabeth Aldridge, "alias Puckett", (or Prickett, or Purket), and William Millican, January 22, 1802;
3. Susannah Aldridge and Thomas Harvey, March 18, 1798;
4. Sarah Aldridge and Thomas Chambless, May 6, 1788.

The above Elizabeth Aldridge had married Chetum or Chatham, Purket or Puckett, in Richmond County, Georgia,

2. North Carolina State Records, Vol. 16, pp. 1006-1008.
Veterans Administration Pension Records S. 16308, Certificate No. 23125.

January 7, 1797.³ There must have been two women by the name of Susannah Aldridge, for there is a marriage on record in Richmond County, Georgia, for Susannah Aldridge and Peter Boutet, July 2, 1796.⁴ William Aldridge signed as a witness, and John LeSeur, or La Conture, was Security. Peter Boutet died in Richmond County, Georgia, leaving a will,⁵ signed October 19, 1815, and probated January 8, 1816, witnessed by William Aldridge. Peter names his two sons, David and Peter, both minors, as sole heirs. Since he does not name a wife, it is presumed that Susannah had died by this time. Peter Boutet was one of the witnesses to the will of Dr. Louis Poisson in Richmond County, Georgia, August 4, 1812.⁶

In October, 1797, James Aldridge, of Richmond County, Georgia, deeded 100 acres of land to Thomas Chambless, which was described as adjoining the land of "the widow Chambless". This widow could not have been the above Sarah Chambless listed as No. 4, wife of Thomas Chambless, as her husband, Thomas, did not die until 1808 in Columbia County, when she was appointed administrator of his estate. "The Widow Chambless" must have been the mother of Thomas, and his father was probably Christopher Chambless of Columbia County, who was listed as giving a receipt for a Bounty Grant, as a Revolutionary soldier in Columbia County, and was a brother of Zachariah Chambless of Baldwin County, Georgia. No Aldredges estates or wills could be found in Baldwin County prior to 1837, so it has been impossible to secure early records there.

1. The first mention of the Aldredges that I have found in the Georgia records, was the deed to James Aldredge, in St. Paul's Parish (Richmond County, Georgia), on September 10, 1776, from John and Margaret Grubbs.⁷ The list below covers the other transactions:
2. James Aldredge: Certificate of Col. James McNeil, February 9, 1784, that James Aldredge is entitled to 250 acres of land as a Revolutionary soldier, and James gives Power of Attorney to James Aldredge, presumably his son James, to call on the Governor for the Certificate of Bounty. On February 24, 1784, James Aldredge prays for

3. Historical Collections, Georgia D.A.R., Vol. 2, p. 181.

4. Ibidem, p. 139.

5. Ibidem, p. 25.

6. Ibidem, p. 55.

7. Richmond County Deed Book F, Folio 223.

- 287½ acres of land in Washington County, Georgia, land that had been set aside by the state for Revolutionary soldiers.⁸
3. James Aldredge granted 350 acres of land in Richmond County, Georgia, in 1785. (Land Grant Book GGG, p. 71.)
 4. James Aldredge and wife, Rosannah, of Richmond County, Georgia, on November 25, 1786, deed 100 acres of land on Uchee Creek, part of a grant to James in 1785, to Charles Atkinson, with Benjamin Grubbs and Septimus Weatherby as witnesses,⁹ and on the same day he and his wife, Rosannah, deed 100 acres on Uchee Creek to Jos. Richardson, with the same witnesses.¹⁰ The transaction is also recorded in Minutes of Inferior Court. On September 23, 1785, James Aldridge was witness to the will of Thomas Barrett, in Richmond County, Georgia, and David Maxwell, Benjamin Grubbs, Isham Vaughn, Thomas Richardson, and William Barnett were appointed appraisers of the estate.
 5. James Aldredge and Benjamin Grubbs granted 587½ acres of land in Richmond County, from the state of Georgia in 1798. (Land Grant Book AAAA, p. 682.)
 6. James Aldredge of Columbia County, on April 7, 1797, deeds 50 acres of land, part of the original grant to said James, and sold by him to Christopher Chambless, and bounded by the lands of Thomas Chambless and Dawson's, to Thomas Bullman, of Columbia County. Signed by James and Roze Aldredge, and witnessed by Thomas Chambless and Peter Crawford.
 7. James Aldredge, in October, 1797, deeds 100 acres to Thomas Chambless of Columbia County. Land adjoins said James, and "the Widow Chambless". Original grant to John Grubbs, and sold by him to said James. Signed by James and Roze Aldredge, and witnessed by Thomas Bullman and Peter Crawford.
 8. On September 24, 1798, Benjamin Grubbs of Columbia County, deeds 300 acres of land on branch of Uchee Creek to James Aldredge, with Jacob Grubbs, and Abner Aldredge as witnesses. (James sold this land in 1803, when he was described as being of Columbia County, Georgia.)

8. Georgia Roster of the Revolution by L. L. Knight, pp. 22, 23, and 375; State Archives: Rev. soldiers Receipts for Georgia Bounty Grants, p. 35.

9. Richmond County Deed Book F, Folio 96.

10. Ibidem, Folio 153.

9. James Aldredge, Sr., drew in the Land Lottery of 1806 from Columbia County, and settled on his new lands in Baldwin County, probably in the part that was set off to Putnam County in 1807. No further records of him are found in Columbia County, but he deeded lands in Putnam County in 1808.
10. By 1810 James Aldredge was located in Morgan County, which was also taken from Baldwin County in 1807, and his son, Nathan Aldredge, was on the tax lists there in 1810.

There are no Aldredge deeds extant in Baldwin county, and no administrations of estate prior to 1837, hence it has been impossible to trace the Aldredges there from the official records. It may be that the district where James and Nathan lived in Morgan County, was originally a part of Baldwin in 1808.

The wife of James Aldredge was Roze (or Rosannah), for she signed her name in several joint deeds with her husband, though we do not know her maiden name. It may have been Kendrick, as both Reubin and Nathan, her sons, named THEIR sons, as a middle name, Kendrick. James signed his name with a check mark, and a small letter "a", when witnessing his father's will, evidently to distinguish himself from his son, James Aldredge, Jr.

The date of death of James Aldredge is unknown, but it is presumed that he died in Morgan County, though no administration or will has been found for him, as I said before. In the 1830 Census of Morgan County there was a female listed with the family of Nathan Aldredge, age 70-80, who may have been Peggy Hanson, wife of Samuel Hanson, and mother of Alizannah Aldredge.

William Aldredge, Revolutionary soldier, brother of James Aldredge, Sr., and son of Nicholas Aldredge, as listed in his will in Columbia County in 1794, recites in his pension record that he was born in Rowan County, North Carolina, January 2, 1754. After the Revolution, he moved to Ninety-Six District, Spartanburg County, South Carolina, and from there to Columbia County, Georgia, in 1793, where he lived until 1796. In 1796, he moved to Augusta, Georgia, Richmond County, and to Wilkes County, circa 1800, where he resided for more than thirty years, dying in 1835. No further record of this William has been found, but it is possible that James, Absolem, Jesse, Ezekiel, Aaron, and Abner Aldredge, who witnessed the deed to James

Aldredge, Sr., in Columbia County in 1798, were brothers, and probably sons of one Nathan of North Carolina. This Abner was listed on the tax rolls of Oglethorpe County in 1804, and married there in 1798. He also drew in the Lottery there in 1806, where he was listed as a Justice of the Peace July 12, 1811. Oglethorpe County was taken from Wilkes in 1783. Abner Aldredge married Rebecca House in Oglethorpe County, Georgia, March 20, 1798, and Reubin Aldredge married Elizabeth House there on September 19, 1819.

To further complicate the records, there were two men in Georgia by the name of Reubin Aldredge, and it is hard to separate the various records. However, after an intensive study I have definitely separated them to my satisfaction. Reubin Aldredge of Oglethorpe County, was, I believe, the son of Nicholas; and Reubin Aldredge of Columbia County, Georgia, and later of Russell County, Alabama, was the son of James Aldredge, and died in Russell County, Alabama, in 1847, leaving a will and naming his wife, Sarah. Reubin Aldredge of Wilkes and of Oglethorpe, moved to Autauga County, Alabama, and died there in 1841, leaving a will in which he names his wife, Elizabeth. In 1803, one Reubin drew in the Lottery from Wilkes, and the other Reubin drew in the same Lottery from Richmond County, which definitely established the fact that there were two men of this name.

Reubin Aldridge, who married Elizabeth House, probably as his second wife, was in Wilkes County in 1802, and on June 25, 1802, Britton House and Polly, his wife, deeded him 100 acres of land on the waters of Newford Creek. (Deed Book SS, p. 309). On February 13, 1806, Reubin Aldridge of Wilkes County, deeded Richard Woodruff, 1000 acres of land, bounded by Freeman, Young, McClendon, and Normans, being the same land whereon the said Reubin lives. The deed was signed by Reubin alone, so he was not married at that time. It could not be the Reubin who lived in Richmond and Columbia County, Georgia, and later in Russell County, Alabama, for he was married by that time to Sarah (Sallie) Liverman, and his wife would have had to sign the deed.

Reubin Aldredge, of Oglethorpe County, who lived first in Wilkes and then in Oglethorpe, was evidently married at least twice, and perhaps three times. He drew in the Lottery of 1803 from Wilkes County, Georgia, being identified as a married man by having two draws, so it is possible that he married before coming to Georgia. He was a married man in 1803 and single in 1806. In 1807 he was the only Reubin Aldridge living in Wilkes County, hence we know

that we have identified him correctly. According to the affidavit of William Aldridge, signed in Wilkes County, July 3, 1807. Reubin Aldridge and Anne Palmer, widow, were married in South Carolina, by "one Peoples Esquire", and he, William Aldridge, was present at the wedding. Though the affidavit was signed on July 3, 1807, William does not give the date of the marriage, though it was evidently prior to that date. On April 23, 1807, Esther (Easter) Killingsworth, of Coker County, Tennessee, gave Power-of-Attorney to Reubin Aldridge, of Wilkes County, Georgia, to collect all debts due her as the widow of Francis Killingsworth, her husband, deceased, of Washington County, Mississippi Territory. This record was filed in Washington County, Mississippi Territory, and in the Archives of the State of Alabama, with affidavits from Andrew and Lucy Salsbury of Coker County, Tennessee, April 23, 1807, certifying that Esther was the wife of Francis Killingsworth, deceased, and married him about thirty years ago, which would be in 1777, and from Mary Hubbard, of Wilkes County, Georgia, July 3, 1807, certifying that Anne Palmer was the daughter of Francis and Esther Killingsworth, and now the wife of Reubin Aldridge. Washington County, Mississippi Territory, is now Washington County, Alabama, and the above records are on file in that county.

Passports issued by the Governor of Georgia, 1785-1820, and by Benjamin Hawkins, Indian Agent, for the region "South of the Ohio", 1796-1801, give us further information concerning Francis Killingsworth, and the Aldredges who migrated to the Indian Country.

Letters of Benjamin Hawkins, recorded in his Journals and published by the Georgia Historical Society, Vol. IX, record the following:

- p. 305: Francis Killingsworth, a native of North Carolina, with wife and three children, given a passport through the Indian Country April 25, 1798.
- pp. 351, 352: U. S. in account with Benjamin Hawkins for supplies furnished Francis Killingsworth and William McDonald: \$76.75. Witnessed by Richard Thomas, Clerk in Indian Dept., May-29-1789.

Passports Issued by the Governor of Georgia, 1785-1820:

- p. 186: Friday, October-28-1808, upon the recommendation of Henry Darnell, ordered that a passport, through the Creek Nation be granted John Acridge and his family.
- p. 257: Passport issued to Mr. John Allred, from Barnwell District, S. C., to travel through the Creek Nations.

p. 303: Monday, December-2-1811, Mr. Anderson Killingsworth, of Barnwell District, South Carolina, given passport to travel through the Indian Nations to the Western Country.

From *Territorial Papers of the United States*, by Carter:

- p. 285: Memorial to Congress by Citizens of Mississippi Territory, November-25-1803, asking that pioneers who had settled on the land, with pre-emption rights, be given the right to retain their lands, as a grant, and that they not be sold from under them, to rich men who had no intention of settling on the land. Among the signers were Francis and William Killingsworth.
- pp. 292-295: Petition to Congress by the Inhabitants on Alabama River, November-28-1803. Memorialists petition Congress to protect their land titles, where they have been living for many years, some of them for nearly 100 years, and granted to them by Spain, France, and England. Among the signers were: Francis and William Killingsworth.
- pp. 693-696: Petition to the President and Congress from the inhabitants of Washington County, Mississippi Territory, Feb-7-1809, asking that emigrants be allowed to settle on the land by pre-emption, and that they have free navigation of Mobile. Among the signers: John Ackridge, and Arthur Killingsworth,
- pp. 734-736: Petition to Congress by inhabitants East of Pearl River, asking division of the Territory, May, 1809. Among the signers was John Ackridge.

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List of taxable property of Capt. Weekly's District, Washington County, Mississippi Territory, by Joseph Thompson, Esq., for 1804.

Estate of Francis Killingsworth, deceased, 640 acres of land, situated on the Alabama River, with two black polls, 2 horses, and 50 cattle.

Heads of Families: Census of Madison County, Mississippi Territory, for January, 1809.

p. 688: John Killingsworth: 2 males under 21; 1 male over 21; 5 females under 21; 1 female over 21, and 3 slaves.

Washington County, Mississippi Territory, is now Washington County, Alabama, and the above records are filed at Alabama State Archives, and Washington County, Alabama.

By 1819, Anne Palmer must have died, for on Septem-

ber 19, 1819, Reubin Aldredge married Elizabeth House in Oglethorpe County, Georgia. He must have moved to Autauga County, Alabama, after that time, for on January 19, 1841, he signed his will in Autauga County, which was probated March 9, 1841. He names his wife, Elizabeth, and leaves all of his property to her during her life time, and to his children, William K. Aldridge, Elhannon W. Aldridge, and Lucretia Rodgers, after death of his wife. His two sons, William K., and Elhannon W., were named Executors.

Reubin Aldridge was listed as a Justice of the Peace in 322nd District of Baldwin County, Georgia, January 9, 1817. (J. P. Book, 1813-1817, p. 669, Ga. State Archives.)

There was still another Reubin Aldridge in Alabama, whom I have not identified. He was a Confederate soldier, listed as a Private in Oliver's Company K, and killed in the service. A claim for his pay was filed by his wife, Elender (probably Eleanor), who lived at Chestnut Creek, wherever that may be. It is probable that Chestnut Creek may be the same as Chestnut, Alabama, in Monroe County, near the Wilcox County line, and that Company K was a part of the 45th Alabama, which included some Russell County men. In the 1850 Census of Autauga County, Alabama, there was a Jesse Aldridge with a son, Reubin, age 19, who may have been this man.

The record for this family was as follows:

Jesse Aldridge, age 57, born in South Carolina;

Tempe Aldridge, age 48, born in Georgia;

Reubin Aldridge, age 19, born in Alabama;

Polly Aldridge, age 16, born in Alabama;

Ellender Aldridge, age 12, born in Alabama;

Charity Aldridge, age 11, born in Alabama;

Rachel Aldridge, age 98, born in North Carolina.

Other Aldridges in Autauga County at this time were:

Middleton, Thomas and Elhannon.

Family tradition says that Nathan Aldredge, son of James, Sr., first of Columbia County, Georgia, as a young man, then of Morgan County, Georgia, and finally of Salem, Russell County, Alabama, where he died, had several brothers: Reubin, also of Russell County, Alabama, who was the eldest child; James, John Aldredge, and Isaac Aldredge. If he had any sisters they have not been located, unless Tabitha, Elizabeth, Susannah and Sarah were his sisters, though I feel sure there were other children. Isaac and

John Aldredge were in the Texas Revolution, but my records of them are meager, and I found no records for James, Jr., so the only adequate records that I have are for Nathan and his oldest brother, Reubin, which will be found in separate chapters.

From the research that I have done, I believe that the following is the line of descent of Reubin and his brother, Nathan Aldredge, of Russell County, Alabama:

1. One Nathan Aldredge of North Carolina, not identified.
2. James Aldredge, who married Rosannah, and migrated from North Carolina to Georgia (Columbia County, prior to 1776).
3. Nathan Aldredge and Reubin Aldredge of Columbia County, Georgia, and Russell County, Alabama.

CHAPTER II.

GEORGIA AND HER LAND GRANTS, BOUNTY
GRANTS AND LOTTERIES

Before a genealogist or family historian can make much progress in Georgia, he or she must try to familiarize himself or herself with the various Acts providing for the distribution of land. Even then, it is sometimes "clear as mud", since historians of the state disagree many times in their conclusions and the records themselves are not specific enough. Because a man acquired land in a Bounty area is no proof that he was a Revolutionary soldier, since the so called Bounty Land was opened up to other citizens after a specified time, and many of the original certificates which would identify the soldier, have been lost. Then, too, Refugee Soldier and Refugee Citizen are two entirely different people, though not always clearly identified and the two terms have been used indiscriminately. Mr. Alex M. Hitz, of the Georgia State Archives, has attempted to clear up this confusion and has rendered an invaluable service to those who are interested in Georgia history. My conclusions in this article are based primarily on his pamphlet, *Georgia Bounty Grants*, which was published in 1954 in the Georgia Historical Society Quarterly of Savannah, and reprinted by the Georgia State Archives.

There has been a great deal of confusion concerning the Bounty Grants to Revolutionary Soldiers in Georgia, and much fraud was practiced by reputable men who acquired thousands of acres of land that should have gone to bona fide soldiers, but were issued to these men in the name of those actually entitled to the land. Bounties were issued to several classes of men: Veterans of the Georgia or Continental Line; Minutemen, who were all non-residents of Georgia at the time of their enlistments and recruited from other states; State Militia, who were former members of the King's Militia and in the service of the State, but not of the Continental Congress; Refugees, who had fought in the Militia of North and South Carolina, and probably "performed more sustained and effective military service than the Militia"; and Citizens, who "comprised the largest class to receive bounties, and were the least deserving". The last group of men "which was twice as large as all of the fighting men combined, received more land for merely remaining in the

state for ten months, behaving themselves and not plundering than the men who served and fought for eight years in the Georgia Line Regiments of the Continental Army”.

Because of the loss of many records in the State Department, and because of the lack of classification of many of the records, frequent mistakes have occurred in identification of the bona fide soldiers of the Revolution. Revolutionary Soldiers were not given any preference in the granting of Headrights, though in the third (1820), fifth (1827), and sixth (1832) Land Lotteries, a Revolutionary Soldier, under certain conditions, was allowed two draws. A list of these men, duly accredited from official records, has been prepared by Mr. Hitz, and is a valuable source for authentic Revolutionary service.

The First Land Lottery was authorized under Act of May 11, 1803, and was also called the Lottery of 1805, since the drawing took place in that year. The land was located in Baldwin, Wayne, and Wilkinson counties, and those entitled to draw were: Bachelors, widows, married men and minor orphans. No provision for Revolutionary soldiers. The second Land Lottery was authorized under Act of June 26, 1806, also called the Lottery of 1807, the year of the drawing, and the lots were located in Baldwin and Wilkinson counties. There was the same classification for those entitled to draw as in the previous lottery, but in the Third Lottery, authorized under Acts of December 15, 1818, and December 21, 1819, and known as the Lottery of 1820, the year of the drawing, the rights of soldiers were considered in addition to those who were qualified in the two previous lotteries. A soldier of the Indian War, with residence in Georgia during or since military service, was given one draw; an invalid or indigent Officer or Soldier in the Revolutionary War, or the War of 1812, was given two draws, and an invalid or indigent Officer or Soldier of the Revolutionary War, who had been a fortunate drawer in either previous lottery, was given one draw. The lots in this lottery were located in the following eight counties: Appling, Early, Gwinnett, Habersham, Hall, Irwin, Rabun and Walton. The Fourth Land Lottery was authorized under Act of May 15, 1821, and the lots were located in Dooly, Fayette, Henry, Houston, and Monroe counties, and in addition to those entitled to draw in the other lotteries, a widow of a soldier who died in the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, or the Indian War, with three years residence in Georgia, was entitled to two draws. The Fifth Land Lottery, authorized under Act of June 9, 1825, with drawing provided in 1827, increased the number

of those entitled to draw, including even idiots and illegitimate children, but in addition to providing for two draws for widows of veterans, it also provided for two draws for wounded or disabled veterans of the War of 1812, or the Indian Wars, unable to work, and for orphans whose father was killed in either of these wars.

The Sixth Lottery was authorized by Acts of December 21, 1830, and December 24, 1831, the drawing taking place in 1832, and known as the Cherokee or Gold Lottery, since some of the lots were supposed to contain gold. The various lots were located in Cass, Cherokee, Cobb, Floyd, Forsyth, Gilmer, Lumpkin, Murray, Paulding, and Union Counties. The gold lots contained 40 acres, and the others contained 160 acres. Those entitled to draw were the same as in the Fifth Lottery.

From Mr. Hitz's list of Revolutionary soldiers who received Land Lottery grants, are the following:

Lottery of 1827:

Ezekiel Akridge, Clarke County, who drew a lot in Lee County;¹¹

William Aldrege, Wilkes County, who drew a lot in Cherokee County;

Absolem Auldrige, Houston County, who drew a lot in Cherokee County;

From the Lottery of 1827, not on Mr. Hitz's list:

Elizabeth Aldredge, *widow of Revolutionary Soldier*, Appling County, drew a lot in Carroll County; also a lot in Lee County;

Jesse Aldredge's orphans, Appling County, drew a lot in Muscogee County, and one in Lee County;

William Aldred, of Warren County, drew one lot in Carroll County;

Henry Aldredge, of DeKalb, drew one lot in Lee County; Thomas Aldridge (Aldrudge), of Monroe, drew one lot in Muscogee County;

Whipple Aldrich, of Camden County, drew one lot in Lee County;

11. The 1850 Census of Crawford County, Georgia, lists one Ezekiel Alridge, born in Georgia in 1799, hence he could not be the Ezekiel Alridge, Revolutionary soldier.

Aaron Allred, of Gwinnett County, drew one lot in Troup County;

Margaret Allred, *widow of Revolutionary Soldier*, of Clark County, drew lot in Troup; and a lot in Muscogee County;

William Alred, of Hall County, drew one lot in Lee County;

Barsheba Alread, widow, of Jasper County, drew one lot in Lee County.

In addition to the above, Abner Aldridge, of Oglethorpe county, had two draws in 1804 (as a married man), and John Aldridge, of Hancock county, had two draws in the Lottery of 1806. Abner Aldredge was a Justice of the Peace in Oglethorpe county, July-12-1811, and January-30-1813, (J. P. Book 1799-1812, p. 716, and J. P. Book, 1813-1817, p. 266).

Aaron Aldridge¹² was listed on the Tax Digests of Warren county, with one poll, in 1805, and again in 1818, in the same District (Capt. Neal's) with one poll and three slaves, though the name is spelled ALDRID the last time.

These various Land Lotteries afford very valuable clues concerning the history of a family as from them we know whether a man was married, the approximate time of his arrival in the state, and usually, his place of residence at the time of the drawing. Further information may be secured by a study of the Tax Digests, in the absence of a Census of 1790, the Revolutionary Soldiers Receipts for Georgia Bounty Grants, and the various reports from the Militia Districts.

From Mrs. Howard McCall's *Roster of Revolutionary Soldiers in Georgia*, p. 248 James Aldredge is listed as participating in the Battle of Kettle Creek, in Wilkes county, Georgia, in 1778, and in the Military Records of Georgia, 1775-1784, he is listed as a private in the Lower Battalion of Richmond county Georgia, August-18-1779, under Capt. Charles Crawford's Company, of Col. Robert Middleton's Division.

Ezekiel Akridge is also listed in Mrs. McCall's book as drawing in the Lottery of 1830, from Newton county, as a Revolutionary soldier.

12. On October-18-1801, Wm. and Judah Avrett, his wife, deed Aaron Aldridge a tract of land on Camp branch of Rocky Creek, in Warren County. Deed Book C, p. 604.

p. 229: Revolutionary Soldiers who drew in Cherokee Land Lottery of 1838:

Absolem Auldrige, from Houston County;
William Auldrige, from Wilkes County.

Pensioners from Georgia for Revolutionary service under the Act for taking the Sixth Census in 1840:

p. 227. Elias Albread, from Hall county, age 82.

Aldredges in Baldwin County, Georgia:

Baldwin County, Georgia, Marriages, 1807-1818.

Abel Akridge to Polly Clark, May 4, 1808, Marriage Book A, 287.

(There was a marriage in Baldwin County of Abel R. Akridge to Mary McMillen, in Baldwin county, February 3, 1848.)

Abel Akridge had two draws in one of the early Lotteries of Baldwin County, Taliaferro's District, prior to 1821. The record on file in Baldwin County does not list the date, though County Officials said that it was prior to 1821, and John Akridge had one draw in the same Lottery.

Court Minutes of Baldwin County, 1812-1819:

p. 93: "Ordered that letters of Administration on the Estate and effects of Gabriel Guthrie, deceased, be granted to Abner Guthrie, and that William White, *Reubin Aldridge*, Zachariah Chambless, Bartley McCrary, Jr., and Bartley McCrary, Sr., or any three of them, be and they are hereby appointed appraisers of said Estate."

p. 241: *Reubin Aldridge* appointed appraiser on Estate of Tilman Buckner, November 3, 1817.

p. 264: *Reubin Aldridge*, John H. Smith, and others, appointed appraisers on the Estate of Charlotte Beckcm, deceased.

Since the Aldredges of this history settled first in Richmond County, Georgia, which was cut off into Columbia County in 1790, a record of that county's Militia divisions may be interesting.

COLUMBIA COUNTY, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT—
MINUTES

1790-1791

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“Government House, Augusta,
Thursday 20th Jany. 1791.

The County of Columbia is divided into the following districts until otherwise directed, viz:

District No. 1. Beginning at the mouth of the Uchee Creek, thence up said Creek to Twiggs' road, thence along the said road to the County line thence down said line to Savannah River.

District No. 2. Beginning at the mouth of the Great Kioka thence up the same to the Greenbrier Creek, thence up the said Creek to the road leading from Brownsborough to Kioka Meeting-house, thence down the road leading by the old Court House to the Uchee Bridge, thence down the Uchee to the Savannah River.

District No. 3. Beginning at the mouth of Little River, thence up the same to Absalom Farrers, thence with the road leading by Brownsborough to Greenbrier Creek thence with the line of District No. 2 to Savannah River.

District No. 4. Beginning at Scott's Bridge on the Little River thence with the road leading by Ray's Mill to Greenbrier Creek, thence down the said Creek to the line of District No. 3 and with said line to Little River.

District No. 5. Beginning at Bartlett's Bridge on Uchee Creek thence up the same to Twigg's road, and with said road to Tindall's Tavern, thence with the road leading by Capt. Stevens' on Kioka to Greenbrier Creek, and down said Creek to the line of District No. 2, then with said line to the place of beginning.

District No. 6. Beginning where the County line crosses Briercreek, thence up said Creek to the Iron Works, thence along the Augusta road to Pasley's old field, thence along Harris' old road to the line of District No. 5, thence with said line to Uchee Creek, thence with Twiggs' road to the County line.

District No. 7. Beginning at the Iron Works on Brier Creek, thence up said Creek to the old trading road, thence

with the said road to Jameson's old place, thence with the road leading by the Baptist Meeting House on Sweet Water to John Davis's on the Quaker Road, thence down said road to Greenbrier Creek, thence down said Creek to the line of District No. 5, and with said line to the line of District No. 6, and with the said line to the Iron Works.

District No. 8. Beginning at the mouth of Upton's Creek, thence up the same to the Bridge at Wrightsborough, thence down the Quaker road to Greenbrier Creek and down the same creek to the line of District No. 4, thence with the said line to Little River.

District No. 9. Beginning where the old Trading road crosses Brier Creek, thence with the line of District No. 7 to the Quaker road near John Davis's, thence up the said road to Wrightsborough, thence with the road leading by Benjamin Oliver's to the County line, thence down the same to the beginning.

District No. 10. Beginning at the mouth of Upton Creek thence up the said Creek with the line of District No. 8, to the Bridge at Wrightsborough, thence along the line of District No. 9 to the County line, thence up said line to Williams' Creek, thence down the said Creek to Little River, thence to the beginning.

District No. 11. All that part of Columbia County lying between Brier Creek and Rocky Comfort.

District No. 12. All that part of the said County between Rocky Comfort and the Ogeechee River.

The Rank and arrangement of the Militia of Columbia County are established this day in the following order:

William Few, Esquire, Colonel
 Jesse Sanders, Esquire, Lieut. Colonel
 William F. Booker, Esquire, Major.
 Troop Horse
 Clem K. Harrison, Esquire, Capt.
 Yancey Sanders, Gent., 1st Lieut.
 John Williams, Gent., 2nd Lieut.
 First Company
 John Shackelford, Esquire, Capt.
 Dredzel Pace, Gent., 1st Lieut.
 James Lamar, Junr., Gent., 2nd Lieut.
 Second Company

Horatio Marbury, Esquire, Capt.
John Collins, Gent., 1st Lieut.
Edward B. Jenkins, 2nd Lieut.
Third Company
Richard P. White, Esquire, Capt.
John Lamkin, Gent., 1st Lieut.
Nicholas Meriwether, Gent., 2nd Lieut.
Fourth Company
Peachy Bledsoe, Esquire, Capt.
Hayden Pryer, Gent., 1st Lieut.
John Bruice, Gent., 2nd Lieut.
Fifth Company
John Booker, Esquire, Capt.
John Burnett, Gent., 1st Lieut.
Thomas Sturges, Gent., 2nd Lieut.
Sixth Company
Andrew Hayes, Esquire, Capt.
Booker Tindall, Gent., 1st Lieut.
John Munk, Gent., 2nd Lieut.
Seventh Company
John Cobb, Junr., Esquire, Capt.
William Few, Junr., Gent., 1st Lieut.
Gad W. Harrison, 2nd Lieut.
Ninth Company
Benjamin Rees, Esquire, Capt.
Sampson Steel, Gent., 1st Lieut.
Fitzmorris Hunt, Gent., 2nd Lieut.
Tenth Company
Thomas Jones, Esquire, Capt.
William Dousher, Gent., 1st Lieut.
John Travis, Gent., 2nd Lieut.
Eleventh Company
John Lawson, Esquire, Capt.
James Bailey, Gent., 1st Lieut.
Thomas Jones, Gent., 2nd Lieut.
Twelfth Company
John Hatcher, Esquire, Capt.
Edward Van, Gent., 1st Lieut.
Samuel Brady, Gent., 2nd Lieut.

State House, Augusta,

Thursday, 20th January, 1791.

“Ordered, That the Secretary of the State prepare Commissions bearing date this 20th January for the several Officers agreeably to the foregoing appointments”.

Georgia State Archives, Atlanta Georgia, list the following:
Georgia Military Affairs:

Military Records, 1775-1784, Richmond county Georgia.
August-18-1779: James Aldredge, Private, Capt. Charles Crawford's Company, Lower Battalion, Richmond county, under Col. Robert Middleton.

Vol. 1, p. 11, 1775-1793:

James Alderridge, Private, on Pay Roll of Capt. Charles Crawford's Company of Militia, April-21-1779, *Wilkes county Georgia*.
p. 341: Reubin Aldridge, Private, listed on roll of Capt. Isaac Low, 13th District, Columbia county Regiment, February-23-1793;
William Aldridge, Private, listed on same Roll;
Abner Aldridge, Private, listed on same Roll.

Georgia Militia Records, 1779-1839:

pp. 84, 85: John Akridge, Private, September-24-1798—September-29-1798, from Pay Roll for Militia Dragoons, under Major John Scott. Jas. Jackson, Governor.

pp. 232-242: Isaac Albridge, Private, Capt. Vergil Walker's Company, of Putnam county, Lieut. Col. Hamilton, commanding. A Cavalry Company ordered to Florida to protect the Southern Frontier, December-23-1826-January-27-1827.

pp. 59, 72: Abner Alldridge, Private, Pay Roll of Lieut. George Tarvin, Militia Infantry, stationed at Ft. Habersham, January-26-1794-December-31-1795, under command of Lieut. Reynolds.

Vol. 3, 1801-1813:

p. 300: Nathan Aldrease, on Muster Roll, December 23-1813.

p. 46: John Aldrich, Muster Roll, District No. 5, probably Richmond county.

Georgia Military Affairs, 1836-1837:

Vol. 8:

p. 53: James F. Aldridge, Private, Covington Blues, Newton County, on roll of Officers and Privates, June-8-1836.

Military Commissions Book, 1806--November-20-1809:

p. 753: Nathan Aldridge, Gentleman, appointed by Governor Jared Irwin, Ensign of 130th District of Columbia County, March-16-1809.

The records in this chapter may help you picture the Aldredges when they first came to Georgia.

Because of the persistent recurrence of the name Nathan in the families of the Georgia Aldredges the author is of the opinion that they were descended from one of the Nathans of North Carolina, for we know that these Aldredges came originally from North Carolina. However, in spite of extensive research this fact has not been established. In the 1790 Census of North Carolina, Randolph county, Hillsboro District, there was a Nathan Aldredge listed with two white males, 16 and over; four white males, under 16, and seven white females. In the Abbeville District of South Carolina, there was a Nathan Aldredge, Senior, and Nathan Aldredge, Junior. In volume 7 of the North Carolina State Records, (pp. 735-737), William Alrid, Senior and Junior, Nathan Aldridge, James Aldridge, and Nicholas Aldridge appeared in a Regulators Advertisement, in Orange county North Carolina, in 1768, asking relief from certain exorbitant prices charged for official documents. The above James and Nicholas may have been the men who eventually settled in Columbia County, Georgia.

The name of Nathan Aldredge occurs many times in the early records of Maryland, and it is possible that one of these Nathans was the progenitor of the Georgia Aldredges, as some family historians believe, and that some of the members of their family came to North Carolina with Herman Husbands, who was also from Maryland, and a leader of the rebellious Regulators. From the Maryland Archives, Vol. 18, listing Revolutionary soldiers we find the following:

“Nathan Aldridge served as a private in 5th Co. 2nd Batt. under Lt. Thos. Price, 1782-1783. (18:447).

“Private Nathan Aldridge served between 1 Jan; '82 and 15 Nov. 1783. (18:523).

“Nathan Aldridge served as private in 9th Co., Capt. Francis Revelly. (18:498).

“Nathan Aldridge in First Company Matrosses, 7 Sept. 1776. (18:569).

Nicholas and Nathaniel Aldridge names also occur in the Maryland records, in Anne Arundel and Howard counties in Maryland. These Maryland Aldredges may have been connected with those of Northumberland county Virginia, which was not too far away.

From these confusing, frustrating, and sometimes conflicting records, perhaps some future family historian may be able to deduce the right answers, and trace the Aldredges, with the various spellings of the name, back to the emigrant ancestor.

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CHAPTER III.

NATHAN ALDREDGE AND HIS DESCENDANTS

Nathan Aldredge, b. October 12, 1789, in Richmond County, Georgia, in the part that was cut off into Columbia County in 1790, d. in Salem, Alabama, May 6, 1865, m. 1) October 11, 1810, in Jackson County, Georgia, Alizannah (Alcy) Hanson, (daughter of Samuel Hanson and Margaret (Peggy) Sims), b. November 20, 1784, d. in Salem, Alabama, September 22, 1854; m. 2) July 30, 1856, Mrs. Eleanor Jane Crowder, widow of Robert Crowder, of Milton, Caswell County, North Carolina. Mrs. Eleanor Jane Crowder Aldredge was born in North Carolina, June 3, 1808, died in Salem, Alabama, September 9, 1883.

Issue of Nathan Aldredge and Alizannah Hanson:

1. Samuel Pierce Aldredge, b. 9-11-1812.
2. Mary Ann Johnson Aldredge, b. 7-31-1814.
3. Alizannah Aldredge, b. 8-30-1816, d. 10-30-1829.
4. Dr. James F. Aldredge, b. 9-9-1818.
5. William Kendrick Aldredge, b. 5-28-1820.
6. Harriette A. Aldredge, b. 11-28-1822.
7. Nathan Hanson Aldredge, b. 4-28-1825, d. 6-30-1836.
8. Margaret (Peggy) Jane Aldredge, b. 4-4-1828.

It is doubtful whether there was any issue of the marriage of Nathan and Eleanor Crowder Aldredge, though in 1890, a Mrs. B. Lloyd or Floyd, of Phenix City, Alabama, in a letter to the Veterans Administration, recites that she is a widow, and the daughter of Nathan Aldredge and Eleanor Jane Crowder Aldredge, "who has long ago followed father to the eternal camping ground". The only evidence that I have found that might substantiate this claim is the fact that in the 1860 Census there was a female listed with Nathan and Eleanor J. Aldredge, age three, and the following inscription on the tomb of Eleanor J. Aldredge: "Rest mother, rest in quiet sleep, while your dear *baby* in sorrow o'er you weeps". If Mrs. B. Lloyd or Floyd was the female listed in the 1860 Census as three years of age, she would be twenty-six years old in 1883, the year her mother died, and hardly a *baby*. Furthermore, she is not listed in Nathan's will which was probated in 1865 in Russell County, Alabama, or in the administration proceedings, though Nathan does leave the

kitchen and household furniture to his wife, Eleanor J. Aldredge. In 1865, Mrs. B. Lloyd or Floyd would be eight years old, and if she was Nathan's daughter, surely he would have provided for her in his will. Nathan was sixty-eight years old in 1857, and Mrs. Eleanor Crowder Aldredge was forty-nine and rather old to be having children. It is my belief that Mrs. B. Lloyd or Floyd was a kinsman of Mrs. Eleanor Crowder Aldredge, and not a child of this couple. Diligent search in Russell and Lee Counties, Alabama, has failed to uncover any records of her, nor have any of the kinsmen of Nathan Aldredge ever heard that Nathan and Mrs. Crowder had a child.

The 1850 Census lists Nathan Aldredge with property valued at \$50,000.00, which was considerable for that day, but by the time of his death his assets had dwindled. He had educated his children, one of them in medicine, and had given all of his children slaves and real estate at the time of their marriage.

Soon after the death of Nathan Aldredge, his youngest child, Margaret J. Davis, wife of Lewis Gardner Davis, petitioned the Russell County, Alabama, Court for the probate of his will, and Lewis Gardner Davis, who had been named in the will as Executor, was appointed.¹³ It was ordered that notice of the filing of the will be given by citation to the resident heirs and by publication in the *Southern Recorder*, of Opelika, to the non-resident heirs. William W. Adams, W. A. Dunn, and Isham Dorsey, were appointed appraisers of the estate. Besides live stock, plantation tools, horses, wagons, and buggy, the list mentioned 75 acres of land known as the Lewis place, a house and lot containing forty acres, one-half interest in the Stern lot, and one-half interest in the basement story of the Masonic Hall in Salem. All of the property was located in Salem, Alabama, and was sold by authority of the Executor by November 16, 1865, and December 11, 1865.

The will was dated September 1, 1856, though Nathan did not die until 1865. In the nine years between the signing of the will and his death, there was plenty of time to make provision for a child by a codicil to the will. The fact that he did not do so, and merely left his last wife the household and kitchen furniture, seems adequate proof to me that Mrs. B. Floyd was not his child.

13. Russell County, Alabama Minutes, 1863-1866, pp. 392, 405, 410, 411, 448.

The name in the will is spelled ALDRIDGE, and not ALDREDGE, but this was due to mistakes of the Clerk who recorded the will, as Nathan and his descendants always spelled the name ALDREDGE. The following is a copy of the will on file in Russell County, Alabama:

“LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF NATHAN ALDRIDGE, SEN—

I Nathan Aldridge Sr. at present of the State of Alabama and County of Russell, do make this my last will and testament.

It is my will that my wife Eleanor Jane Aldridge have all the household and kitchen furniture that is on hand at the time of my decease, and that my just debts be paid.

And as I have heretofore given all my children a portion of my property to wit: To my son Samuel P. Aldridge, Asbury Adaline, and Vina, worth when given, thirteen hundred and forty three Dollars \$1,343.00.

To my daughter Mary A. J. Arnold, Caroline and Elizabeth, I now will to my sons Samuel P. and James F. Aldridge, in trust for the use of my daughter Mary A. J. Arnold, Ann, a girl, Henry and Mathew, boys, for the use of my daughter Mary A. J. Arnold, during her life, then to the use of her children, all said negroes worth when given nineteen hundred and fifty dollars \$1950.00.

To my son James F. Aldridge Eight hundred Dollars in cash advanced to him while he was attending Lectures preparatory to his practicing medicine, also Antoinette a girl worth when given eight hundred dollars and seventy five cents making in all sixteen hundred Dollars and seventy five cents \$1600.75.

To Lewis G. Davis (my son in Law) in trust for my Grand Daughter Harriett Adeline Perryman's use and her children, a negro girl, Emily, worth when given five hundred and seventy-two dollars \$572.00.

To my son William K. Alridge, Isabella, a girl, and Tom, a man, worth when given seventeen hundred and twenty-five dollars \$1725.00.

To my daughter Peggy Jane Davis, three negroes: Frances, Martha and Ruby Ann, worth when given fourteen hundred and ninety Dollars \$1490.00.

It is further my will after my decease both real and personal property (except the household and kitchen furni-

ture willed to my wife, Eleanor Jane Aldridge in the out set) be divided among my children and grand daughter, Harriet A. Perryman, so as to make each ones distributive share equal, as the above and foregoing named negroes heretofore given were not of equal value at the time they were given. The distributive share of my Daughter Mary A. J. Arnold I will, in trust to my sons, Samuel P. and James F. Aldridge, for the use of my daughter Mary A. J. Arnold and her children.

I will in trust the distributive share of my Grand Daughter Harriet Adaline Perryman, to Lewis G. D. (my son-in-law) for the use of my Grand Daughter Harriet A. Perryman and her children, and provided my Grand Daughter Harriet A. Perryman should not live to have children, it is my will that the property willed to Lewis G. Davis in trust for the use of my Grand Daughter and her children, be equally divided among my several children at her decease.

I do hereby nominate and appoint my (son-in-law) Lewis G. Davis my lawful Executor to carry this my last Will and Testament into effect, according to the true interest and meaning thereof.

In Witness whereof I, Nathan Aldridge Sr. have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal this the first day of September, A. D. One Thousand eight Hundred and fifty six.

Nathan Aldridge (Seal)

In the presence of
James E. Askew
Jehiel Lillie
Clark Aldridge.”

Nathan Aldredge was born in Richmond County, Georgia, in the part that was cut off to form Columbia County, October 12, 1789, son of James and his wife, Rosannah (Roze). The maiden name of his mother is unknown, but the author believes that it must have been Kendrick, as that name was given to one of his sons, and also to one of the sons of his brother, Reubin. His father, James Aldredge (Aldridge), came to Georgia from North Carolina circa 1775, along with several of his kinsmen. The Aldredge family had been active in the war of the Regulators in North Carolina, and since a price had been placed on their heads after the Battle of Alamance, they migrated to South Carolina and to Georgia to escape persecution by the Royalists.

We have the Bible records of Nathan Aldredge, so we know that the date of his birth is correct. We also know that he was born in Georgia from Census records of both 1850 and 1860. The only Aldredges in Georgia in 1789, old enough to be the father of Nathan were Nicholas, William, Absalom, and James. William, Absalom and Nicholas did not arrive in Georgia until after 1790, as they were listed in the Census of South Carolina in 1790, hence James Aldredge had to be the father. There was a James Aldredge in Guilford County, North Carolina, in 1772, at which time he sold fifty acres of land there,¹⁴ and we believe that this was our James and that this land was sold in preparation for his move to Georgia.

Greene County, Georgia, was formed from Washington County in 1786, and on November 3, 1796, Christopher Chambless of Warren County, Georgia, sold to James Aldredge of Columbia County, a parcel of land on Richland Creek, Greene County, containing 287½ acres, "being ½ of 575 acres granted originally to Christopher Chambless". The deed was signed by Christopher Chambless and his wife, Mary, and recorded December 17, 1799.¹⁵ On December 20, 1799, James Aldredge of Columbia County, Georgia, deeded this same land on Richland Creek, to William Anderson of Greene County, Georgia. John Robbins, subscribing witness, did not sign the deed until September 2, 1809, and the deed was recorded September 15, 1809.¹⁶ Christopher Chambless and his wife, Mary, had sold the other half of this land on January-22-1795, to Richard Foster, of Greene County, which he describes as "being one moiety of 575 acres in Greene County, formerly Washington County, granted to Christopher Chambless as Bounty, by letters patent, under date of September-18-1784, and registered in the Secretary's office in Book DDD, Folio 380, described in the Plat attached, on the waters of Richland Creek. Registered, February-2-1795."¹⁷

James Aldredge, Sr., drew in the Land Lottery of 1806, from Columbia County and evidently settled on his new lands in Baldwin County soon after that date, for no further records are found for him in Columbia, after that time. Morgan and Putnam counties were taken from Baldwin in 1807, and it is certain that part of James' holdings were

14. Deed Book A, p. 165, May 8, 1772.

15. Vol. 3, Deed Records of Greene County, Georgia, of 1799-1804, p. 123.

16. Vol. 5, Deed Records of Greene County, Georgia, p. 288.

17. Ibidem, Vol. 2, p. 46

finally located in those two counties. He deeds land in Putnam in 1808, and by 1810, he was located with his family in Morgan County, where he was listed on the Tax Rolls adjoining his son Nathan, who had married that year.

Samuel Hanson, father of Alizannah Hanson Aldredge, made his will in Morgan county, April-2-1817, which was probated August-27-1821, and named his wife, Peggy Hanson, Executrix, and his son, William Hanson, Executor. On November-3-1823, Morgan County, Georgia, Nathan Aldredge was appointed guardian of George W. Hanson, orphan of Samuel Hanson, deceased. (Guardian Bonds, Book K, p. 210). On January-6-1827, Nathan Aldredge of Morgan County, deeds Hudson Wade, Lot No. 109, 20th District, Baldwin County, containing 202½ acres, and Alizannah Aldredge, relinquishes her dower rights. (Deed Book HH, p. 282). On January-6-1829, Nathan Aldredge deeds William Hanson, Executor of Samuel Hanson, deceased, Lot No. 76, 20th District, originally Baldwin County, now Morgan County, containing 202½ acres, valued at \$1500.00, to settle a debt due the Hanson estate. The receipt for the transfer of the land was signed by the following legatees: John W. Hanson, Richard W. Hanson, William R. Williams, George W. Hanson, Samuel Hanson, Ninian Barrett, and Anderson Ray. (Deed Book HH pp. 419, 420).

The first record found for Nathan Aldredge was in Columbia County Georgia when, on March-16-1809, "Nathan Aldrige, Gentleman", was appointed Ensign in the 130th District, of a Company of Militia in Columbia County, by Governor Jared Irwin.¹⁸ The appointment was as follows:

"State of Georgia,

By His Excellency, Jared Irwin,

Governor and Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy of this State, and the Militia, thereof:

To Nathan Aldrige, Gentleman, Greeting:

We, reposing especial trust and confidence in your patriotism, valour, conduct and fidelity, do by these presents, constitute and appoint you, Ensign, in the 130th District, Company of Militia, formed for the defense of this state, and for repelling every hostile invasion thereof. You are therefore carefully and dilligently to discharge the duty of Ensign, by doing and performing all manner of things there-

18. Military Commission Book, 1806, 1809, p. 753, Georgia State Archives.

unto belonging; and we do strictly charge and require all Officers and Privates, under your command, to be obedient to your orders as an Ensign. And you are to observe and follow such orders and directions from time to time as you shall receive from me, or a future Governor and Commander in Chief of this State, for the time being, or any other, your superior Officers, in pursuance to the trust reposed in you. This commission to continue in force during your usual residence within this Company District, to which you belong, unless removed by sentence of a Court Martial, or by the Governor, on the address of two thirds of each branch of the General Assembly.

Dated at Milledgeville, the 16th day of March, one thousand eight hundred and nine, and in the thirty third year of American Independence.”

Nathan Aldredge removed with his father, James, to Baldwin County, and on October-11-1810, married Alizannah Hanson, in Jackson County, daughter of Samuel Hanson and Margaret (Peggy) Sims Hanson. James and Nathan Aldredge lived in Jackson County only a short time, and left no impression on the deed records. The Hanson and Sims families had also lived in Columbia County, where they were friends and neighbors.

Nathan Aldredge continued to serve in the Militia and when William Brown of Morgan County, Georgia, was commissioned Captain of a Volunteer Troop of Riflemen in the 63rd Battalion, Morgan County, Georgia, Militia, November 23, 1812, with instructions “to proceed against the most adjacent Waring Creek Towns, under the Command of Major General David Adams, acting with the Brevet Rank of Lieutenant Colonel”, Nathan *Aldrease*, private, was listed on the Muster Roll in November, 1813.¹⁹

The Indians were not expelled from Georgia until circa 1838 and the Militia was kept busy on various expeditions. Their service was for short periods of time, and when the emergency was over they were dismissed. The War of 1812 was in progress and the United States Government had no time to bother with Georgia's troubles, and it was up to the State to protect its citizens. Nathan Aldredge, over his own signature, described his services in applying for Bounty land to which he was entitled during the Creek Wars in 1812. His application was filed November 21, 1850, at which time he was sixty-one years of age, and a resident of Rus-

19. Military Records Book, 1779-1839, p. 303.

sell County, Alabama. He alleged that he volunteered at Monticello, Georgia, December 1, 1813, and served two months in Capt. William Brown's Company of Mounted Volunteers, Georgia Militia, and served on the frontier against the Creek Indians. In 1851, he sent in another application alleging that he also served in Captain Isaac Hughes Company, Georgia Militia, in the Creek Indian Wars. Nathan Aldredge died in Salem Alabama, May 6, 1865, and on May 1, 1879, at which time she was seventy years old, and a resident of Opelika, Lee County, Alabama, which was cut off from Russell County, Eleanor J. Aldredge, second wife of Nathan Aldredge, whom he married July 20, 1856, after the death of his first wife, Alizannah Hanson Aldredge, applied for a pension as the widow of a soldier in the War of 1812. These applications were followed in 1890 by a statement of one Mrs. B. Floyd, a widow, of Phenix City, Alabama, who stated that Nathan Aldredge was her father, and that E. J. Aldredge was her mother, "who has long ago followed father to the eternal camping ground". The various applications were denied for lack of official proof of Nathan's services, though the records are on file in the Georgia State Archives as listed previously. It is possible that the various spellings of the name was responsible for the failure to accept the applications.²⁰

Nathan Aldredge's home in Morgan County was located on Hard Labor Creek, adjoining Samuel Hanson, his first wife's father, where he is listed on the Tax Digests for that county from 1810-1840. Sometime between 1840 and 1850, he moved to Salem, Alabama, which at that time was located in Russell County, but became Lee County when that county was formed.

On November 30, 1830, in Morgan County, Georgia, Nathan Aldredge joined a number of his friends in purchasing one hundred acres of land for the use of the Methodist Episcopal Church as a Camp Ground, with the title vesting in Adam G. Safford, John W. Porter, Nathaniel Allen, Lucius L. Wittich, John Robson, Charter Campbell, and Gilbert Wilson, and their heirs. The deed provided that the land was for the sole purpose of a Methodist Camp Ground and could never be sold except by the consent of a majority of the survivors. The Texas Aldredges have always believed that Nathan Aldredge was a Baptist, but I found nothing to verify this belief, and though there is a Baptist Cemetery in Russell County, Alabama, near Salem, where the Davises

20. Veteran's Administration, Nathan Aldredge, W. O. 36192.

are buried, Nathan Aldredge is buried in a Methodist Cemetery in Salem. I feel sure that the Baptist affiliation came through the Davis and Gardner connections who were pioneer Baptists in Georgia.²¹ Reubin Aldridge, brother of Nathan, and his family were Baptist, and members of the Concord Church of Russell County, Alabama.

Issue of Nathan Aldredge and Alizannah Hanson Aldredge:

1. Samuel Pierce Aldredge, b. September 11, 1812, Morgan County, Georgia, d. July 8, 1888, Pittsburg, Camp County, Texas; m. 1) August 30, 1836, Greene County, Georgia, Sarah Ann Furlow (Furlough*), b. May 1, 1820, d. October 26, 1843; m. 2) in Tallapoosa County, Alabama, June 12, 1845, Ruby Ann Davy (Davie),²² b. October 4 1826, d. October 1, 1885, Pittsburg, Texas. He was one of the lucky drawers of Morgan County in the Gold Lottery of 1832, drawing a lot in present Gilmer County.

Samuel Pierce Aldredge was the first of his immediate family to move to Texas, and settled first in Upshur County, in the part that was later cut off to form Camp County. He built quite a pretentious home in the outskirts of Pittsburg, of Colonial design, and was very influential in the development of this new county, which was still pioneer country in 1850, at the time of his settlement there. He was appointed the first County Treasurer of the county by Richard Coke, the Governor of Texas, and held other important official positions during his long and useful life.

Issue of Samuel Pierce Aldredge and Sarah Ann Furlow:

- 1-1. Frances C. Irena Aldredge, b. March 25, 1838.
- 1-2. John Osborne Aldredge, b. February 9, 1841.
- 1-3. Thomas David Furlow Aldredge, b. October 20, 1843.

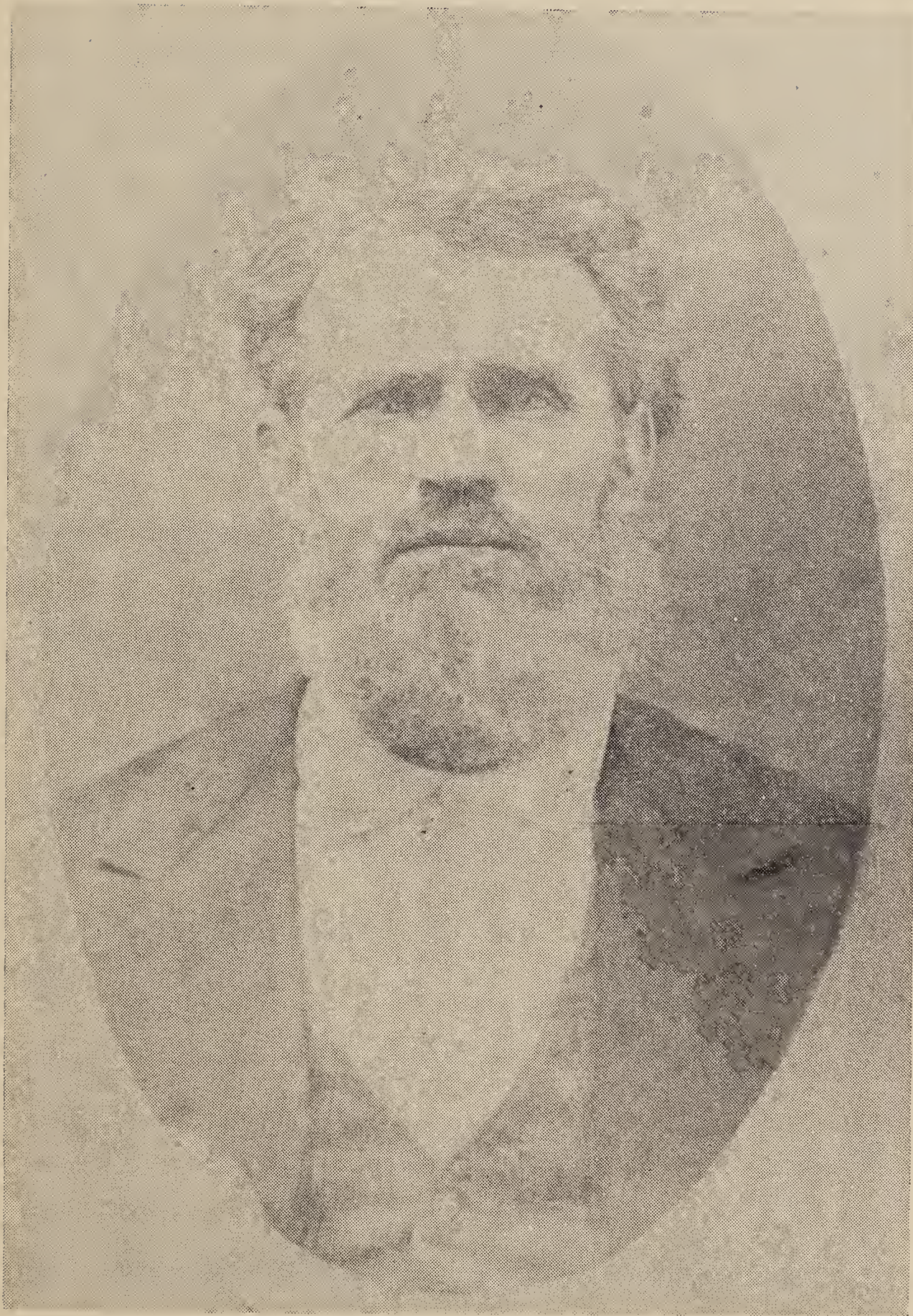
Issue of Samuel Pierce Aldredge and Ruby Ann Davie:

- 1-4. Harriette Amanda Aldredge, b. July 19, 1846.
- 1-5. William Crawford Aldredge, b. May 29, 1848.
- 1-6. Georgiana M. Aldredge, b. April 5, 1851.
- 1-7. Marion G. Aldredge, b. August 10, 1853.

*Daughter of David Furlow and Sally Dawson, m. Greene County, Georgia, March-20-1804.

21. Deed Record I, pp. 118-119, Morgan County, Georgia.

22. Marriage Records, Dadeville, Tallapoosa County, Alabama, p. 148.



SAMUEL PIERCE ALDREDGE

- 1-8. Charles Nathan Aldredge, b. January 26, 1855.
- 1-9. Rebecca Alizannah Aldredge, b. September 27, 1861.
- 1-10. Thomas Columbus Aldredge, b. April 28, 1863.
- 1-1. Frances C. Irena Aldredge, b. March 25, 1838, d. in Bentonville, Arkansas, September 14, 1918, m. January 5, 1858, Washington P. Paul, b. April 26, 1828, d. in Bentonville, Arkansas, November 28, 1881. Mr. and Mrs. Washington P. Paul lived for a short time in Pittsburg, Texas, after their marriage, but finally removed to Bentonville, Arkansas, where they are both buried.

Issue of Frances C. Irena Aldredge and Washington P. Paul:

- 1-1-1. James Marion Paul, b. June 25, 1859, d. in Southwest City, Missouri, July 10, 1917; m. Fannie Shields.

So far as I know there was only one child of this marriage—Abe Paul, who married Annie Huffman in Bentonville, Arkansas, and had one son, James Paul.

- 1-1-2. Franklin Pierce Paul, b. October 16, 1861, d. July 8, 1902, in Bentonville, Arkansas; m. October 20, 1887, in Bentonville, Arkansas, Mary Etta Burns.

Issue of Franklin Pierce Paul and Mary Etta Burns:

- 1-1-2-1. Lucile Paul, b. August 29, 1888, Bentonville, Arkansas; m. April 8, 1914, in Bentonville, Arkansas, to William Lawrence Hastings, b. August 17, 1882, Washington, Pennsylvania.

Issue of Lucile Paul and William Lawrence Hastings:

- 1-1-2-1-1. Lucile M. Hastings, b. April 23, 1916, Corpus Christi, Texas.
- 1-1-2-1-2. William Paul Hastings, b. June 4, 1920, Port Arthur, Texas.
- 1-1-2-2. Frank Burns Paul, b. May 6, 1890, Bentonville, Arkansas, unmarried.
- 1-1-2-3. Leo Levi Paul, b. November 14, 1892, m. Shawnee, Oklahoma, December 27, 1916, Ouita Frances Davidson, b. September 12, 1894. One daughter, Patty Jean Paul, b. November 26, 1924.
- 1-1-2-4. Bryan Berry Paul, b. November 16, 1896, m. in Fayetteville, Arkansas, Dorothy McDonald. One daughter, Nancy Ann Paul, b. November 4, 1934.
- 1-1-3. Harriette Paul, b. December 6, 1863, m. November

- 7, 1886, Robert Tune, d. 1935. There were two children of this marriage, Irene and Mamie Tune.
- 1-1-4. Leone Paul, b. September 5, 1866, d. May, 1938, unmarried.
- 1-1-5. John William Paul, b. January 20, 1871, d. October 18, 1873.
- 1-1-6. David Carnahan Paul, b. May 23, 1874, d. April 11, 1876.
- 1-1-7. Sarah Alizannah Paul, b. July 12, 1877, m. November 10, 1897, Claude Jackson, d. September 12, 1906. There was one child by this marriage: Claude Jackson, Jr.

PAUL EXCURSUS:

Washington P. Paul was one of ten children of Archibald Y. Paul, and his wife, Martha Russell, daughter of William Russell, native of Ireland, who was an early settler in Georgia. Archibald Y. Paul, soldier in the War of 1812, was a native of South Carolina, but removed to Henry County, Georgia, at an early day and lived near McDonough, Georgia, removing to Texas, circa 1855, where he died.

- 1-2. John Osborne Aldredge, second child of Samuel Pierce Aldredge and Sarah Ann Furlow, b. February 9, 1841, d. 1884, m. Jennie Hill in Pittsburg, Texas, d. 1917, in Pittsburg, Texas. He was a Confederate soldier, serving in Clark's Regiment, Company F, 14th Texas Infantry.
Issue of John Osborne Aldredge and Jennie Hill:
- 1-2-1. Thomas Dawson Aldredge, b. August 29, 1872, d. July 6, 1930.
- 1-2-2. James Nathan Aldredge, b. February 17, 1874, d. August 12, 1934; m. October 3, 1901, Evie Yancry, b. 1880.
Issue of James Nathan Aldredge and Evie Yancry:
- 1-2-2-1. A. Floyd Aldredge, b. June 3, 1905, Pittsburg, Texas; m. Lela Myrt Cain.
Issue of A. Floyd Aldredge and Lela Myrt Cain:
- 1-2-2-1-1. James Floyd Aldredge.
1-2-2-1-2. Maurice Aldredge.
1-2-2-1-3. Vonda Mae Aldredge.
1-2-2-1-4. Alice Aldredge.
1-2-2-1-5. Josephine Aldredge.
- 1-2-3. John Osborne Aldredge, Jr., b. 1879, m. July 20,



RUBY ANN DAVIE ALDREDGE

1908, in Pittsburg, Texas, Frances Mae Edmonds, b. May 31, 1888, Mt. Pleasant, Texas, d. February 23, 1923, in Pittsburg, Texas.

Issue of John Osborne Aldredge, Jr., and Frances Mae Edmonds:

1-2-3-1. John Aldredge, Third, b. 1913.

After the death of his first wife, the above John Osborne Aldredge, Jr., married a second time, but the name of his wife is unknown.

1-2-4. Rev. Joe D. Aldredge, b. September 13, 1883, d. November 14, 1923; m. July 7, 1907, in Pittsburg, Texas, Grace Rogers. He was a Baptist Minister, and graduated at Baylor University and the Baptist Theological Seminary, in Fort Worth, Texas. His death occurred in Jacksonville, where he was Pastor of the Central Baptist Church. There was no issue of this marriage, though there was an adopted daughter, Lois Aldredge.

1-3. Thomas David Furlow Aldredge, third child of Samuel Pierce Aldredge and Sarah Ann Furlow, b. October 20, 1843, d. January 24, 1917; m. Sallie Hughes, b. May 5, 1851, Jefferson, Texas, d. April 29, 1913, buried in Pittsburg, Texas.

Issue of Thomas David Furlow Aldredge and Sallie Hughes:

1-3-1. Edwin F. Aldredge, b. October 10, 1880, m. December 28, 1904, Maude Wilson, b. January 11, 1884.

Issue of Edwin F. Aldredge and Maude Wilson:

1-3-1-1. Margaret Aldredge, b. November 18, 1907, m. November 27, 1930, in Gilmer, Texas, Gus Morris.

1-3-1-2. Harry Aldredge, b. June 4, 1912, m. May 1, 1936, Mildred Garvin.

1-3-2. Nancy Aldredge, b. November 19, 1887, m. December 28, 1910, George C. Fewell, Nacogdoches, Texas, b. February 6, 1883.

Issue of Nancy Aldredge and George C. Fewell:

1-3-2-1. Martha Fewell, b. April 25, 1914, m. June 25, 1939, Nacogdoches, Texas, Earl Fuson, only child of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Fuson, Abilene, Texas.

1-3-2-2. Alice Fewell, b. January 1, 1921.

Issue of Samuel Pierce Aldredge and Ruby Ann Davie:

1-4. Harriette Amanda Aldredge, b. July 19, 1846, d. No-

vember 15, 1905, Pittsburg, Texas, m. 1867, Twiggs County, Georgia, George Washington Davis, First Lieutenant, Company F, 14th Infantry, Clark's Regiment, Confederate Army, b. December 13, 1830, d. March 10, 1900.

For further information see Volume 2, Southern Kith and Kin, The Davis Family and Their Connections.

Issue of Harriette Amanda Aldredge and George Washington Davis:

1-4-1. Ruby Elizabeth Davis, b. June 15, 1869, d. 1873, Pittsburgh, Texas.

1-4-2. John Calhoun Davis, b. December 31, 1870, m. 1903, Bennie Rogers, Avinger, Texas.

Issue of John Calhoun Davis and Bennie Rogers:

1-4-2-1. Marion Davis, b. March 31, 1904, d. June 18, 1937, m. January 31, 1934, wife unknown. Two children: Alice Mae Davis, b. 1935, and Thomas Paul Davis, b. 1936.

1-4-2-2. Hattie Mae Davis, b. July 31, 1905, m. December 11, 1927, Bert Wilkerson, Kountz, Texas. No issue.

1-4-2-3. Bennie Davis, b. June 27, 1909, m. August 17, 1928, Richard Hargraves, Kountz, Texas. Three children.

1-4-3. Georgia Irena Davis, b. June 3, 1872. Unmarried.

1-4-4. William Pierce Davis, b. February 9, 1876, m. January 20, 1902, Hillary Merrill.

Issue of William Pierce Davis and Hillary Merrill:

1-4-4-1. George Malcolm Davis, b. November 8, 1902, m. November 24, 1928, Greenville, Texas, Lallie Mae Carlisle.

Issue of George Malcolm Davis and Lallie Mae Carlisle:

1-4-4-1-1. Dorothy Irena Davis, b. March 29, 1930.

1-4-4-1-2. George Malcolm Davis, Jr., b. February 4, 1934.

1-4-4-1-3. Oma Sue Davis, b. August 27, 1938.

1-4-5. Charles Frank Davis, b. September 7, 1879, d. December 10, 1902.

1-5. William Crawford Aldredge, son of Samuel Pierce Aldredge and his second wife, Ruby Ann Davie, and fifth child of Samuel Pierce Aldredge, b. May 29, 1848, d. in Muskogee, Oklahoma, January 8, 1934, m. August 5, 1869,



HARRIETTE AMANDA ALDREDGE

Leesburg, Texas, Minerva Annie Nelms, b. December 15, 1851, d. February 2, 1915, in Muskogee, Oklahoma.

Minerva Annie Nelms was the daughter of Rebecca Jones Davis, and Edwin A. Nelms, who came to Texas from Alabama, with the Davis and Aldredge kinsmen, and settled in Upshur County, Texas, in the part that was cut off to form Camp County, Texas.

Issue of William Crawford Aldredge, Baptist Preacher, and Minerva Annie Nelms:

1-5-1. Georgia Marshall Aldredge, b. August 28, 1871, Pittsburg, Texas, d. April 13, 1946, in Celeste, Texas, m. February 22, 1897, Pittsburg, Texas, Dr. George Bush Norris, b. January 16, 1870, Hunt County, Texas, d. June 1, 1925, Celeste, Texas.

Issue of Georgia Marshall Aldredge and Dr. George Bush Norris:

1-5-1-1. French Aldredge Norris, b. September 29, 1898, d. June 27, 1899.

1-5-1-2. Dr. Ray Stanton Norris, b. September 8, 1900, d. September 4, 1939, m. 1927, Daisy James.

Issue of Dr. Ray Stanton Norris and Daisy James:

1-5-1-2-1. Peter Norris.

1-5-1-3. Ruth Norris, b. November 20, 1902, m. 1) ———
(Van Zandt; m. 2) 1935, Phil Fox.

Issue of Ruth Norris and first husband:

1-5-1-3-1. Lt. John Van Zandt Fox, b. 1928.

1-5-1-4. Nell Norris, b. September 1, 1904, m. 1929, Dr. Tom Marshall.

Issue of Nell Norris and Dr. Tom Marshall:

1-5-1-4-1. Ruth Marshall, b. 1931.

1-5-1-4-2. Tom Marshall, b. 1934.

1-5-2. Harriette (Hattie) Irena Aldredge, b. February 25, 1873, d. January 31, 1921; m. William Dow Burns, April 29, 1908, in Muskogee, Oklahoma. No issue.

1-5-3. Edwin Nelms Aldredge, b. March 19, 1875, d. July 24, 1878.

1-5-4. Lillie Clare Aldredge, b. June 14, 1877, d. March 8, 1945; m. June 3, 1901, Pittsburg, Texas, Felix Alexander Todd, b. December 5, 1861, in Tennessee, d. January 24, 1941, Muskogee, Oklahoma.

Issue of Lillie Clare Aldredge and Felix Alexander Todd:

- 1-5-4-1. Felix Alexander Todd, Jr., b. February 20, 1905, Muskogee, Oklahoma, d. June 30, 1943, m. April 2, 1929, San Antonio, Texas, Elizabeth Holcombe Newton.

Felix Alexander Todd, Jr., graduated at the U. S. Military Academy in 1927, and at the time of his death from an air plane crash near Saxe, Virginia, was a Lieutenant Colonel. The Legion of Merit was awarded to him post humously "For exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding services".

Issue of Felix Alexander Todd, Jr., and Elizabeth H. Newton.

- 1-5-4-1-1. Ellen Clare Todd, b. 1931.

- 1-5-4-1-2. Alexander Newton Todd.

- 1-5-4-2. Rebecca Ann Todd, b. November 11, 1909, m. December 31, 1932, Harold Reginald Nickel, Muskogee, Oklahoma.

Issue of Rebecca Ann Todd and Harold Reginald Nickel:

- 1-5-4-2-1. John Todd Nickel, b. August 2, 1935.

- 1-5-4-2-2. Harold Gilliland Nickel.

- 1-5-4-3. Virginia King Todd, b. July 6, 1913, m. September 23, 1939, John Fitzgerald Keilch.

Issue of Virginia King Todd and John Fitzgerald Keilch:

- 1-5-4-3-1. John Keilch.

- 1-5-4-3-2. Patrick Keilch.

- 1-5-4-3-3. Kathleen Keilch.

- 1-5-5. Samuel P. Aldredge, b. May 29, 1879, d. December 31, 1881.

- 1-5-6. Maxie Wilburn Aldredge, b. Pittsburg, Texas, September 4, 1882, m. October 6, 1911, Holdenville, Oklahoma, Bessie Bell Scruggs, b. Feb. 10, 1888, Wolf City, Texas, daughter of Edmond and Ryans Belcher Scruggs.

Issue of Maxie Wilburn Aldredge and Bessie Bell Scruggs:

- 1-5-6-1. Mary Ann Aldredge, b. November 18, 1913, Holdenville, Oklahoma, m. September 15, 1941, Richard Wiley Kimbell, b. March 31, 1911, Altus, Oklahoma, son of Nona Shadden and Henry Tyus Kimbell,



GEORGE WASHINGTON DAVIS

and grandson of Martha Jane Dalson and John Tyus Kimbell.

Issue of Mary Ann Aldredge and Richard Wiley Kimbell:

1-5-6-1-1. Richard Wiley Kimbell, Jr., b. May 5, 1945.

1-5-6-1-2. Charles Aldredge Kimbell, b. February 25, 1950.

Mary Ann Aldredge Kimbell was educated at Oklahoma A. & M., where she was a member of Alpha Delta Pi Sorority, and the Oklahoma Woman's College, with a Degree in Home Economics. She served a Dietetic Internship in Vanderbilt University Hospital, and during World War Two was a First Lieutenant, as a Hospital Dietitian of the Medical Corps, stationed at Camp Barkeley, Abilene, Texas. Richard Wiley Kimbell was educated at Wentworth Military Academy and Oklahoma A. & M., majoring in Horticulture. During the Second World War he served in the Seebees as Chief Warrant Officer.

1-5-6-2. William Maxey Aldredge, b. September 28, 1915, Wynnewood, Oklahoma, m. June 2, 1940, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Martha Osborn, b. December 19, 1917, Jonesboro, Arkansas.

Issue of William Maxey Aldredge and Martha Osborn:

1-5-6-2-1. Donna B. Aldredge, b. December 15, 1942, San Antonio, Texas.

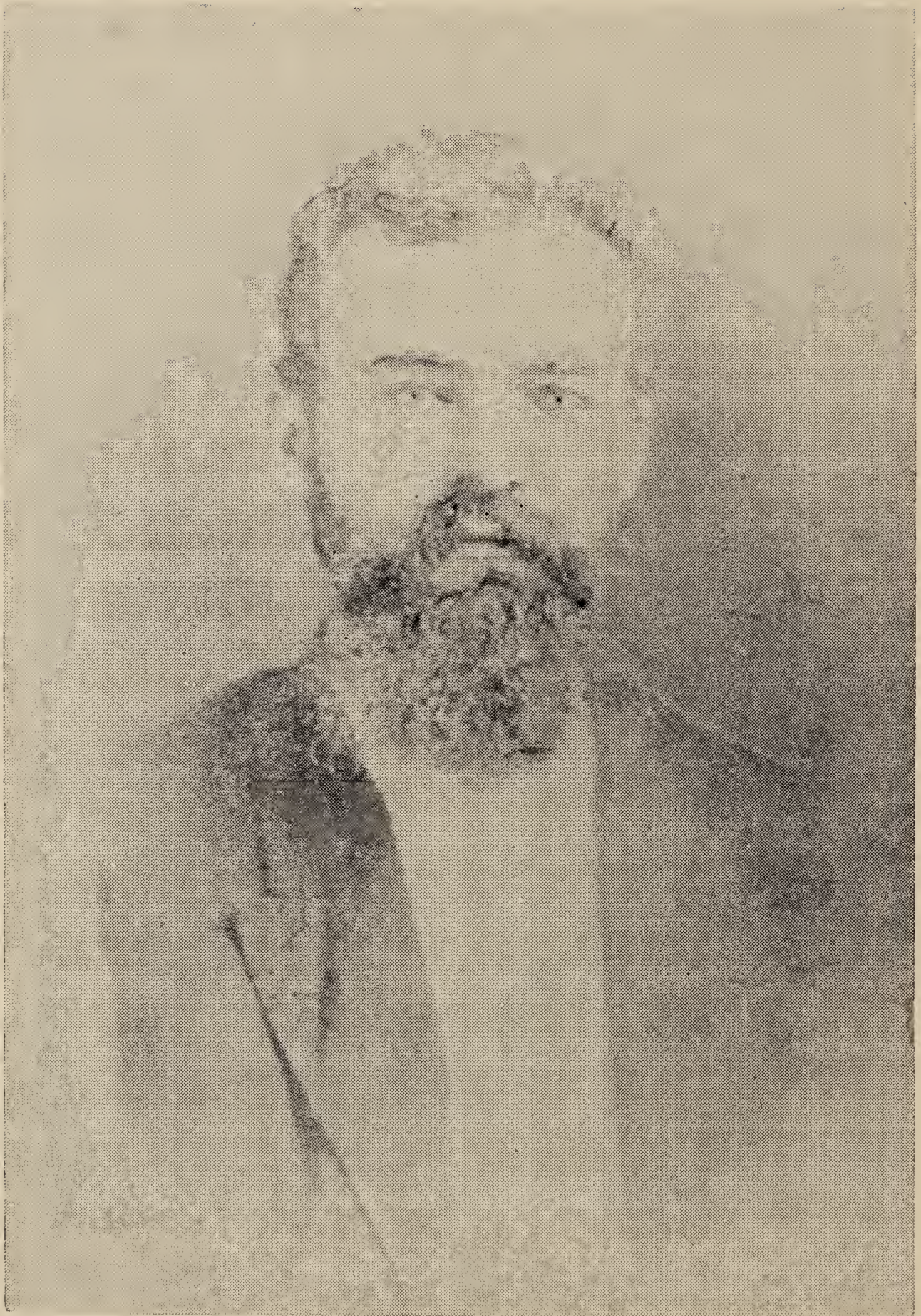
1-5-6-2-2. Patrick Max Aldredge, b. August 10, 1947, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

1-5-6-2-3. William Gregory Aldredge, b. November 10, 1948, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

(William Maxey Aldredge received his B. S. Degree from the University of Oklahoma in 1937, and his M. D. Degree there from the School of Medicine in 1941. He is a Diplomate of the American Board of Surgery. During World War Two he was Flight Surgeon in the 8th Air Corps, serving two years in the European Theatre. His wife, Martha, received a B. S. Degree in Home Economics at Oklahoma A. & M. in 1940.

1-5-6-3. Edmond Scruggs Aldredge, b. August 3, 1918, Wynnewood, Oklahoma, m. May 21, 1941, Kerrville, Texas, Marjorie Madelyn Packard, b. October 6, 1916, Troy, Pennsylvania.

Issue of Edmond Scruggs Aldredge and Marjorie Madelyn Packard:



WILLIAM CRAWFORD ALDREDGE

1-5-6-3-1. Sue Ann Aldredge, b. February 10, 1943, Lacrosse, Wisconsin.

1-5-6-3-2. Max Edmond Aldredge, b. June 22, 1949, Galveston, Texas.

Edmond Scruggs Aldredge received a B. S. Degree, Mechanical Engineering, from the University of Oklahoma, in 1947. During the Second World War he served as Unit Commander of a Tank Destroyer, and during the five years he was in the service participated in many important engagements. With his unit he received many decorations and citations for active service. His wife, Marjorie, was educated at Bethany College, Bethany, West Virginia, where she received a B. S. Degree, and after graduation she served as Physical Therapist at several important hospitals, among them, Brooks General Hospital in San Antonio, Texas. She is a member of Kappa Delta Sorority.

1-5-7. Mabel Aldredge, b. January 6, 1888, d. May 15, 1943. Unmarried.

1-5-8. Cassie Aldredge, b. November 27, 1890, m. August 12, 1913, Mark Law Griffith, Muskogee, Oklahoma.

Issue of Cassie Aldredge and Mark Law Griffith:

1-5-8-1. Ann Louise Griffith, b. January 22, 1915, m. 1) March 3, 1931, Vernon T. Flournoy; m. 2) January 22, 1950, David Eisenstein.

Issue of Ann Louise Griffith and Vernon T. Flournoy:

1-5-8-1-1. Vernon Dale Flournoy, b. January 2, 1933.

1-5-8-1-2. James Russell Flournoy, b. July 31, 1935.

1-5-8-1-3. Vivian Ann Flournoy, b. July 10, 1937.

1-5-8-1-4. Richard Flournoy.

1-5-8-1-5. Martha Lou Flournoy, b. 1941, d. October 11, 1952.

1-5-8-1-6. Barbara Jane Flournoy.

Issue of second marriage to David Eisenstein:

1-5-8-1-7. David Eisenstein, Jr.

1-5-8-2. Mark Law Griffith, Jr., b. January 5, 1917, m. December 16, 1940, Pauline Laws.

Issue of Mark Law Griffith, Jr., and Pauline Laws:

1-5-8-2-1. Ann Clare Griffith.

1-5-8-2-2. Mary Beth Griffith.

1-5-8-2-3. John Mark Griffith.

1-5-8-3. Harriette Jane Griffith, b. September 12, 1919, m. July 27, 1940, Howard L. Garrett.

Issue of Harriette Jane Griffith and Howard L. Garrett:

1-5-8-3-1. David Mitchell Garrett.

1-5-8-3-2. Susan Jane Garrett.

1-5-8-4. Joel William Griffith, b. February 3, 1921, m. July 18, 1941, Virginia Patterson.

Issue of Joel William Griffith and Virginia Patterson:

1-5-8-4-1. Bill Griffith.

1-5-8-4-2. Gary Wayne Griffith.

1-5-8-5. Norris Aldredge Griffith, b. November 30, 1926, m. Ivey Jean Gregory.

Issue of Norris Aldredge Griffith and Ivey Jean Gregory:

1-5-8-5-1. Mary Annette Griffith.

1-5-8-6. Lois Alta Griffith, b. April 13, 1928, m. Wayne Edenburn.

Issue of Lois Alta Griffith and Wayne Edenburn:

1-5-8-6-1. Michael Wayne Edenburn.

1-5-8-6-2. Jean Virginia Edenburn.

1-5-8-6-3. Mary Ann Edenburn.

1-6. Georgiana M. Aldredge, sixth child of Samuel Pierce Aldredge, b. April 5, 1851, d. March 15, 1865.

1-7. Marion G. Aldredge, b. August 10, 1853, d. February 11, 1957.

1-8. Charles Nathan Aldredge, b. Pittsburg, Texas, January 26, 1855, d. May 20, 1903, m. November 15, 1882, Mary (Mamie) Emily Murrell, in Minden, Louisiana, b. January 26, 1857, d. January 2, 1933.

Issue of Charles Nathan Aldredge and Mary Emily Murrell:

(1-8-1. Isaac Murrell Aldredge, b. January 20, 1885, m. February 4, 1912, Mrs. Maybelle Quinn. No issue.

1-8-2. Ruby Aldredge, b. January 11, 1887, Pittsburg, Texas. Unmarried.

Ruby Aldredge received her education at North Texas



MINERVA ANNIE NELMS

State College in Denton, Texas, where the family lived after the death of her father, and has been a successful teacher in the Dallas Public Schools for many years, recently retiring. She has always been interested in family history, and the author is deeply in her debt for the interest and enthusiasm she has shown in assisting in the collection of records and pictures.

- 1-8-3. Opal Murrell Aldredge, b. January 11, 1889, Pittsburg, Texas, m. January 16, 1915, James Parvin Kittrell in Denton, Texas, b. October 23, 1884. No issue.

Opal Aldredge Kittrell received her education at North Texas State College in Denton, and was a capable Secretary for many years for one of the largest Oil Companies in Texas.

- 1-8-4. Sybil Murrell Aldredge, b. January 29, 1893, m. December 22, 1917, Robert Luther Hopper, b. May 2, 1893, d. September, 1941.

Sybil Murrell Aldredge Hopper was educated at North Texas State College in Denton, Texas, and was for many years a successful teacher.

Issue of Sybil Murrell Hopper and Robert Luther Hopper:

- 1-8-4-1. Dr. Robert Luther Hopper, Jr., b. July 20, 1918, m. Roberta Smith.

Issue of Dr. Robert Luther Hopper and Roberta Smith:

- 1-8-4-1-1. Robert L. Hopper.

- 1-8-4-1-2. Bruce Hopper.

- 1-8-4-2. Murrell Aldredge Hopper, b. January 14, 1920, m. Lucian E. Read.

Issue of Murrell Aldredge Hopper and Lucian E. Read:

- 1-8-4-2-1. Rebecca Murrell Read.

- 1-8-4-2-2. Lucian E. Read, Jr.

- 1-8-4-3. James Harmon Hopper, b. December 7, 1927.

- 1-8-5. Charles Nathan Aldredge (girl), b. May 18, 1896, m. June 15, 1927, Oliver Harmon Wilson.

Issue of Charles Nathan Aldredge and Oliver Harmon Wilson:

- 1-8-5-1. Mary Jane Aldredge Wilson, b. October 19, 1930, m. Louis Walter Cable.

1-8-5-2. Rebecca Ann Wilson, b. November 30, 1931, m. Lt. Byford G. Sealy.

1-9. Rebecca Alizannah Aldredge, b. September 27, 1861, d. January 4, 1905, m. October 3, 1888, John Gustavus Beauregarde Eddins, b. September 5, 1857, Claiborne Parish, Louisiana, near Vivian, Louisiana, son of Richard Eddins and Nancy Peters; d. January 4, 1936.

Issue of Rebecca Alizannah Aldredge and John B. Eddins:

1-9-1. Bess Rose Eddins, b. July 26, 1889, d. October 22, 1918, m. November 20, 1912, Dr. Robert Henry Gullledge.

Issue of Bess Rose Eddins and Dr. Robert Henry Gullledge:

1-9-1-1. Robert Eddins Gullledge, b. November 28, 1914, m. Rachel Levy.

Issue of Robert Eddins Gullledge and Rachel Levy:

1-9-1-1-1. Carol Ann Gullledge.

1-9-1-1-2. Shelila Gullledge.

1-9-1-2. Morris Gullledge, b. January 21, 1917, m. Mary Blanche Walker.

Issue of Morris Gullledge and Mary Blanche Walker:

1-9-1-2-1. Morris Gullledge, Jr.

1-9-1-2-2. Rebecca Ann Gullledge.

1-9-2. Walter Morrisette Eddins, b. October 13, 1893, Pittsburg, Texas; m. November 15, 1914, Ara Viola Payne, b. December 7, 1891.

Issue of Walter Morrisette Eddins and Ara Viola Payne:

1-9-2-1. Rebecca Marie Eddins, b. April 19, 1916, m. John B. Gordon.

1-9-2-2. John Lindsay Eddins, b. January 12, 1918. Killed in the Service of his Country, World War II.

1-9-2-3. Ara Leone Eddins, b. August 31, 1923, m. G. Nelson Lyon, Jr.

1-9-3. Ruby Alberta Eddins, b. September 12, 1896, Pittsburg, Texas; m. January 2, 1917, Mooringsport, Louisiana, William Theodore Collier, b. May 12, 1893.

Issue of Ruby Alberta Eddins and William Theodore Collier:

1-9-3-1. William Eddins Collier, b. January 31, 1923, m. Effie Mariah Martin.

- 1-9-3-2. James Russell Collier, b. March 17, 1926, m. Mary Lee Koonce.
- 1-10. Thomas Columbus Aldredge, b. April 28, 1863, d. December 17, 1863.
2. Mary Ann Aldredge Johnson, b. July 31, 1814, Morgan County, Georgia, d. September 2, 1897, Stephenville, Texas; m. 1) to ——— Johnson, in Russell County, Alabama, who was killed by his slaves three months after the marriage; m. 2) in 1841, Russell County, Alabama, John F. Arnold, b. March 2, 1813, in Milledgeville, Georgia, d. Aberdeen, Mississippi, January 22, 1868.

Issue of Mary Ann Aldredge Johnson and John F. Arnold:

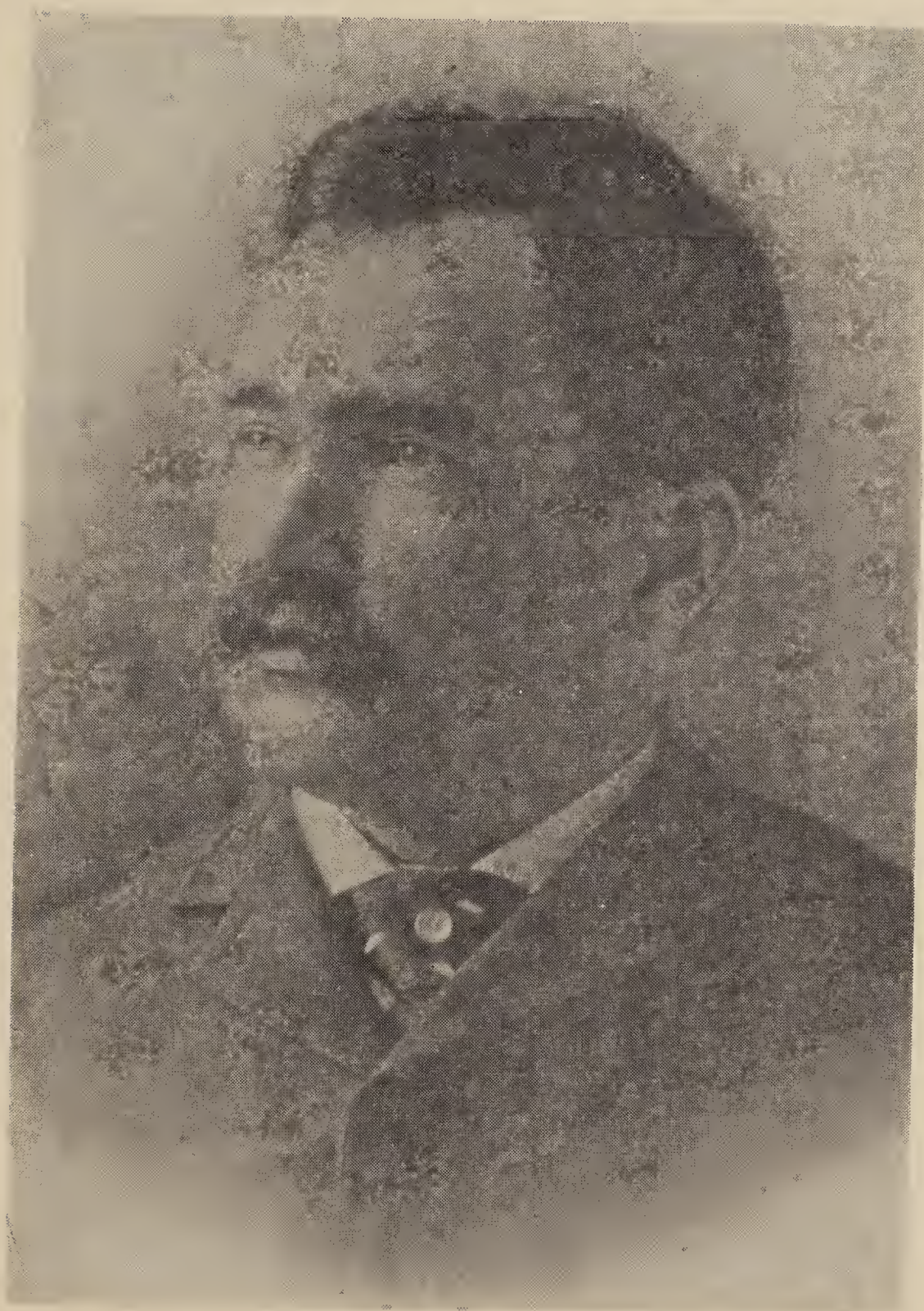
- 2-1. India Arnold, b. April 11, 1842, Sparta, Georgia.
- 2-2. Lou Arnold, b. Sparta, Georgia.
- 2-3. Georgia Arnold, b. Sparta, Georgia, June 20, 1846.
- 2-4. John Arnold. No record.
- 2-5. Robert Payne Arnold (Flint), b. 1853, Sparta, Georgia.
- 2-6. Claude Arnold, b. March 25, 1856, in Atlanta, Georgia.

John F. Arnold was a Methodist Preacher and Hotel Man, a rather strange combination, and must not have been very practical, for when Nathan Aldredge made a gift of some slaves to his daughter, November 3, 1852, he deeded them to two of his sons, in trust, for his daughter, and was explicit in saying that they were for the exclusive use of his daughter and her children, excluding any rights of her husband, John F. Arnold, or any future husband.* At the time of his death, John F. Arnold was living in Aberdeen, Mississippi, where he operated a Hotel, though he and his family had lived in Sparta, Georgia, for several years, and in Atlanta and Cobb County, Georgia.

Issue of Mary Ann Aldredge Johnson and John F. Arnold:

- 2-1. India Arnold, b. April 11, 1842, Sparta, Georgia, d. June 30, 1925, Dallas, Texas, m. February 28, 1860, Opelika, Alabama, John Collier, b. February 15, 1839, Pulaski County, Georgia, d. January 14, 1930, and buried in Dallas, Texas. Issue: Willie (girl); John Battie, Maggie, Ed, Fred, Killibrew, Hattie, and Claude Collier.

*Cobb County, Georgia, Superior Court, Book O, p. 276.



CHARLES NATHAN ALDREDGE

John F. Collier was a Pharmacist by profession and during the War Between the States, he served in the Hospital Corps of the Confederate Army. He moved with his family from Mississippi to Texas in 1872, settling first in Pittsburg, Texas, where so many of his kinsmen were already located. He operated drug stores in several West Texas towns, including Stephenville, and Haskell, and also served as Tax Assessor-Collector, in both Erath and Haskell County, Texas. After retiring from active business circa 1920, he and his wife moved to Dallas to make their home with their daughter, Mrs. M. W. Murphy.

Issue of India Arnold and John F. Collier:

2-1-1. Willie (girl) Collier, b. Russell County, Alabama, February 8, 1861, d. Dallas, Texas, September, 1913; m. January 9, 1877, Dallas, Texas, George Williams, b. in Kentucky, d. November 31, 1916.

Issue: Emma, Maggie H., Royal, Harry, Robert.

Issue of Willie Collier and George Williams:

2-1-1-1. Royal Williams, b. October 13, 1878; m. Kaufman, Texas, Sallie Carter.

2-1-1-2. Harry Williams, b. October 20, 1880; m. July 18, 1911, Dallas, Texas, Rhoda Daniels.

2-1-1-3. Robert Williams, b. January 31, 1885; m. April 11, 1910, Dallas, Texas, Lucile Chapman.

2-1-1-4. Emma Williams, b. Waxahachie, Texas, August 12, 1888, m. L. G. Lawrence, Dallas, Texas.

2-1-1-5. Maggie H. Williams, b. February 22, 1890; m. April 15, 1912, Dallas, Texas, L. G. Massie.

2-1-2. John Battie Collier, named for Dr. John Battie, b. November 21, 1864, Meridian, Mississippi, m. July 21, 1901, Abilene, Texas, Annabel Ekeherd.

2-1-3. Maggie Collier, b. Opelika, Alabama, May 15, 1867, m. 1) Wright Chiles, b. Titus County, Texas, March 16, 1861, d. Fort Worth, Texas, March 18, 1892.

Issue of Maggie Collier and Wright Chiles:

2-1-3-1. Mabel Chiles, b. Stephenville, Texas, July 15, 1886, m. April 18, 1905, Dalhart, Texas, J. E. Steele.

Issue of Mabel Chiles and J. E. Steele:

2-1-3-1-1. Louis John Steele, b. 1907, d. Fort Worth, Texas, April 27, 1935.

Maggie Collier m. 2) Joseph Murphy, b. Murphys-



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boro, Texas, October 15, 1867, d. Dallas, Texas, October 20, 1912. No issue:

2-1-4. Ed Collier, b. April 8, 1870, m. December 22, 1892, Stephenville, Texas, Dora Thaxton.

Issue of Ed Collier and Dora Thaxton.

2-1-4-1. Roxie Collier.

2-1-4-2. Alice Collier.

2-1-4-3. John Collier.

2-1-4-4. Claudia Collier.

2-1-5. Claude Collier (girl), b. April 13, 1877, d. January 25, 1897, m. Waxahachie, Texas, January 18, 1889, Will Poindexter.

Issue:

2-1-5-1. John W. Poindexter.

2-1-6. Fred Collier, b. Stephenville, Texas, December 29, 1880, d. Fort Worth, Texas, September 30, 1925, m. Stephenville, Texas, October 1, 1899, Minnie Frey.

2-1-7. Killebrew Collier, b. April 1, 1886, m. Elsie McConnell, Haskell, Texas, November, 1907, b. January 4, 1888, d. January 14, 1909.

2-1-8. Hattie Collier, b. Pittsburg, Texas, d. December 30, 1899, m. January 25, 1899, Charles Wheeler, Stephenville, Texas.

2-2. Lou Arnold, b. Sparta, Georgia, d. Chicago, Illinois, m. ————— Farrier.

Issue:

2-2-1. Nettie Farrier.

2-3. Georgia Arnold, b. Sparta, Georgia, June 20, 1846, d. July 16, 1938, m. October 6, 1869, William (Billie) Barrow Sims, of Chambers County, Alabama. Married in Cusseta, Alabama. Children: Bessie, Willie, Lula.

Issue of Georgia Arnold and William Barrow Sims:

2-3-1. Bessie (Harriette Elizabeth) Sims, b. March 6, 1872, Opelika, Alabama, d. March 10, 1942, Dallas, Texas; m. 1) Robert Lee Weille, Ennis, Texas, b. May 31, 1859, d. in Arkansas August 10, 1911, buried in Brandon, Mississippi; Bessie Sims m. 2) Max J. Franz, November 11, 1890.



REBECCA ALIZANNAH ALDREDGE

Issue of Bessie Sims and Robert Lee Weille:

- 2-3-1-1. Sherman Weille, b. March 19, 1892, Dallas, Texas, m. September 1, 1910, Clarence Langford Houseman, d. August 19, 1930.

Issue of Sherman Weille and Clarence L. Houseman:

- 2-3-1-1-1. John Albert Houseman, b. June 26, 1911, Rogers, Arkansas.

- 2-3-1-1-2. Elizabeth Lee Houseman, b. December 26, 1914, St. Louis, Missouri.

- 2-3-1-1-3. Sherman Houseman, b. Dallas, Texas, May 6, 1922.

Sherman Weille m. 2) June 24, 1932, Harold Pierce Willis:

- 2-3-1-1-4. Barbara Willis, b. May 24, 1932, Dallas, Texas.

- 2-3-1-2. Elizabeth Mary Weille, b. Little Rock, Arkansas, February 27, 1896, m. April 2, 1919, Tuscum-bia, Alabama, J. Malcolm Carmichael.

Issue:

- 2-3-1-2-1. Elizabeth Ann Carmichael, b. New Cas-tle, Pennsylvania, December 5, 1925.

- 2-3-1-2-2. Jere Malcolm Carmichael, b. Akron, Ohio, August 26, 1930.

- 2-3-1-3. Dr. Francis Lee Weille, b. Brandon, Missis-sippi, September 13, 1899, m. February 4, 1930, Bos-ton, Massachusetts, Eleanor Walker.

Issue:

- 2-3-1-3-1. Francis Blair Weille, b. November 9, 1930.

- 2-3-1-3-2. Sandy Lee Weille, b. April 20, 1933.

- 2-3-2. Lula Sims, daughter of Georgia Arnold and Wil-liam Barrow Sims, b. Opelika, Alabama, February 22, 1874, d. circa 1910, m. Charles E. Bryan, who died in 1925. There were three children: Irene, Bessie and Louise Bryan, but Bessie and Louise died in infancy.

Issue:

- 2-3-2-1. Irene Bryan, b. Dallas, Texas, July 5, 1897, m. 1918, Fort Worth, Texas, Frank R. Blossom.

Issue:

- 2-3-2-1-1. Renolds Blossom, b. 1919.

2-3-2-1-2. Carol Blossom, b. 1923.

2-3-2-1-3. Joy Blossom, b. 1930.

2-3-3. Willie Sims, b. Chambers County, Alabama, September 22, 1884, m. 1923, Edwin Joseph Campbell, b. 1877, d. El Paso, Texas, August 4, 1928. No issue.

2-4. John Arnold, son of Mary Ann Aldredge Johnson and John F. Arnold. No record.

2-5. Robert Payne Arnold (Flint), b. 1853, Sparta, Georgia, m. 1) Anne Wallace; m. 2) Mrs. Mary Shea. No issue.

2-6. Claude Arnold, b. March 25, 1856, in Atlanta. Georgia, d. August 30, 1936; m. Waxahachie, Texas, May 15, 1879, Emma Hawkins, daughter of B. F. Hawkins, who came to Texas with Peters Colony in 1848. Buried in Waxahachie, Texas. Children were: Effie, Lucile, John Hawkins, and a baby son, who died in infancy.

Issue of Claude Arnold and Emma Hawkins:

2-6-1. Effie Arnold, b. May 15, 1881, m. May 14, 1903, Lawrence Ludlow Cowen. Children: Shirley Lucile, Marguerite, Dorothy, and Gladys May.

Issue of Effie Arnold and Lawrence Ludlow Cowen:

2-6-1-1. Shirley Lucile Cowen, b. Houston, Texas, October 25, 1904, m. December 26, 1924, Jackson, Tennessee, J. Lonnie Thomas.

Issue:

2-6-1-1-1. Richard Ludlow Thomas, b. May 4, 1931.

2-6-1-1-2. Harry Layden Thomas, b. December 5, 1935.

2-6-1-2. Marguerite Cowen, b. October 15, 1910, m. Jackson, Tennessee, June 11, 1929, Henry V. Goss.

Issue:

2-6-1-2-1. Barbara Goss, b. Houston, Texas, July 15, 1931.

2-6-1-3. Dorothy Cowen, b. Whitesboro, Texas, April 24, 1913; m. December 23, 1933, Meridian, Mississippi, Gycelle Tynes.

Issue:

2-6-1-3-1. Larry Thornton Tynes, b. Laurel, Mississippi, March 8, 1935.



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2-6-1-4. Gladys May Cowen, b. Mangum, Oklahoma, July 15, 1919.

2-6-2. Lucile Arnold, b. September 27, 1883, m. August 22, 1906, Waxahachie, Texas, Bunn M. Hey, b. February 8, 1883, Plymouth, Illinois.

Issue:

2-6-2-1. Augustus Morrison Hey, b. January 21, 1916, Marshall, Texas.

2-6-2-2. Murry Arnold Hey, b. February 17, 1921, Marshall, Texas.

2-6-2-3. Ruth Lucile Hey, b. June, 1924, Tyler, Texas.

2-6-3. John Hawkins Arnold, b. Waxahachie, Texas, August 19, 1891; m. June 1, 1916, Mobile, Alabama, Mordecai Roberts, b. April 30, 1894.

Issue:

2-6-3-1. Claude Willis Arnold, b. January 7, 1918, Flint, Michigan.

2-6-3-2. Jacquelin Sue Arnold, b. February 17, 1920, Detroit, Michigan.

2-6-3-3. Patrick Aldredge Arnold, b. October 25, 1922, Tyler, Texas.

2-6-3-4. Mordecai Roberts Arnold, b. November 30, 1924, Tyler, Texas.

2-6-3-5. Grace Evelyn Arnold, b. May 18, 1926, Dallas, Texas.

2-6-3-6. Mary Emma Arnold, b. August 10, 1929, Mobile, Alabama.

2-6-3-7. Elsie Corinne Arnold, b. December 15, 1930, Bay Minette, Alabama.

2-6-3-8. Joan Hawkins Arnold, b. February 10, 1934, Fairhope, Alabama.

3. Alizannah Aldredge, third child of Nathan Aldredge and Alizannah Hanson, b. August 30, 1816, d. October 30, 1829, before the family moved to Alabama.

4. Dr. James Fletcher Aldredge, b. September 9, 1818, in Morgan County, Georgia, d. June 8, 1877, and buried in Waxahachie, Texas; m. 1) Mary Martha Oglesby, February 22, 1844, in Marietta, Georgia, b. July 24, 1829, d. February 23, 1853, and buried in Palatka, Florida, where she died. Mary Martha Oglesby was the daughter of



JOHN F. ARNOLD

George Stovall Oglesby and Caroline Jackson. Dr. James Fletcher Aldredge m. 2) Mary Grant Flemister, in Salem, Alabama, January 12, 1854, who died September 19, 1900.

Texas had been the Mecca for the Aldredge and Davis families for several years, and since his brother, Samuel Pierce Aldredge, and sister, Mary Ann Aldredge Arnold, had settled in Pittsburg, in Upshur County, in the part which later was cut off to form Camp County, James Fletcher decided to follow them to Texas, and two years after his second marriage he moved with his family to Pittsburg, where he practiced medicine and also engaged in farming. His education as a physician had been acquired at the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, School of Medicine, where his father had sent him in 1839, at the age of nineteen, so he was unusually well trained in his profession for that day and time, when there were few Medical Schools, and little training. In 1872, Dr. Aldredge moved to Waxahachie, Texas, and with Mr. John G. Williams, opened a private bank, one of the earliest in East Texas. He also had invested in farm lands in Ellis County, and after his removal to Waxahachie, he was not very active in the practice of medicine.

William A. Boyce, who had married Elizabeth Aldredge, eldest daughter of James Fletcher Aldredge, was the Administrator of the estate of James Fletcher Aldredge, when he died in 1877. At the July Term of the Ellis County Court of 1884, Fannie J. Pickett, a daughter of the second marriage, and her husband, H. E. Pickett, made exceptions to the final report of the Administrator, William A. Boyce, and called for an accounting, reciting that the children of the first marriage had already received their share of the estate before the death of their father, and that the Administrator had failed to show debts due the estate and various payments that had been made.²³

Issue of Dr. James Fletcher Aldredge and Mary Martha Oglesby:

- 4-1. George Nathan Aldredge, b. April 14, 1846.
- 4-2. Elizabeth Aldredge, b. February 6, 1848.
- 4-3. Martha Florence Aldredge, b. April 6, 1851.

Issue of Dr. James Fletcher Aldredge and Mary Grant Flemister:

- 4-4. James Pierce Aldredge, b. July 8, 1856.

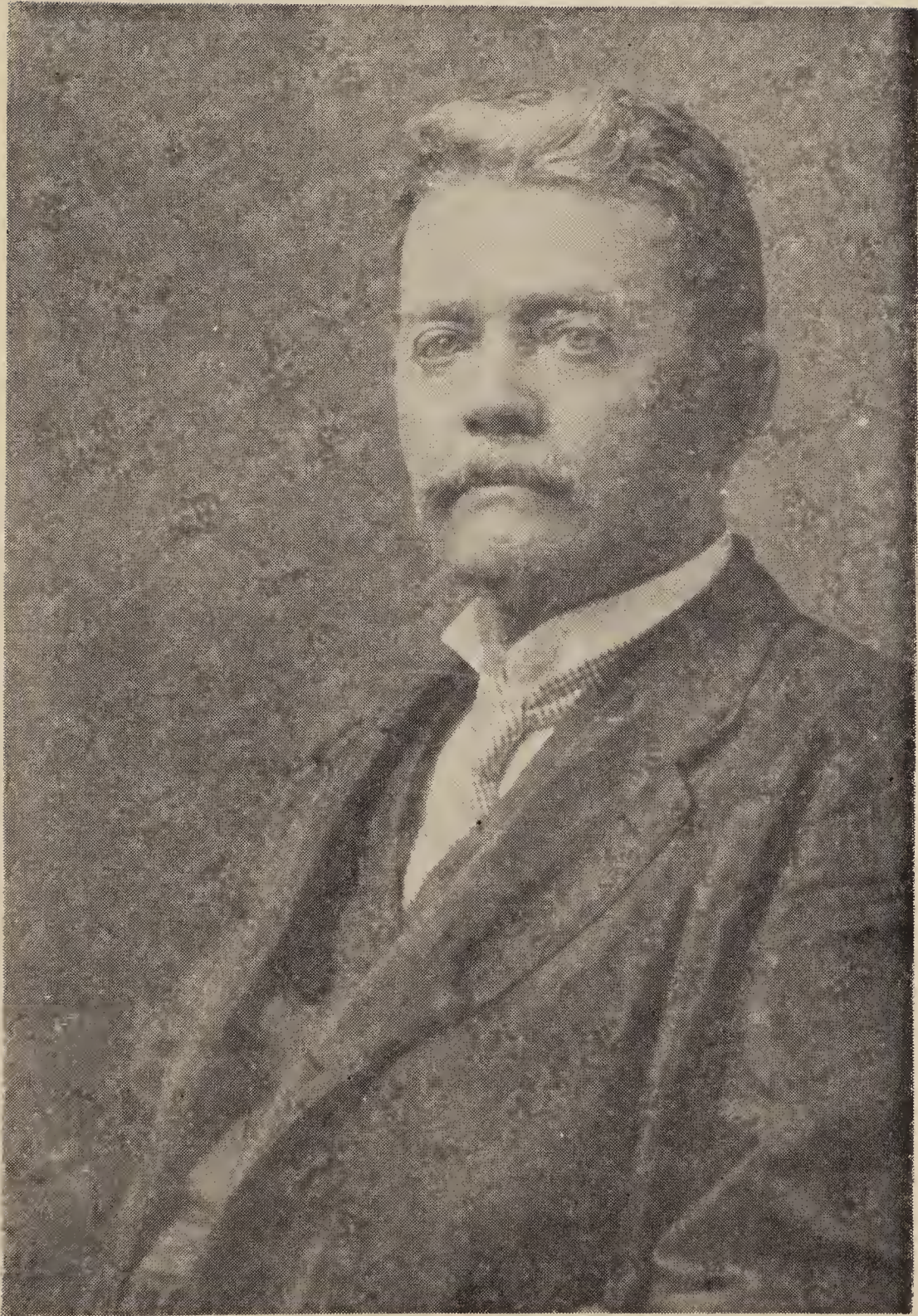
23. Ellis County Texas Probate Records No. 267.

- 4-5. Fannie Jane Pickett, b. October 15, 1859, named for her aunt, Jane Aldredge Davis.
- 4-6. Virginia Lee Aldredge, b. August 16, 1864.
- 4-7. Jefferson Davis Aldredge, b. July 15, 1866.
- 4-8. William Oscar Aldredge, b. January 29, 1869.
- 4-1. George Nathan Aldredge, eldest child of Dr. James Fletcher Aldredge and Mary Martha Oglesby, was born in Georgia, April 14, 1846, d. September 5, 1908, m. January 27, 1881, at Hearne, Texas, Bettie Hearne, daughter of Horatio R. Hearne of Robertson County, Texas. He was named for his two grandfathers, Nathan Aldredge, and George Stovall Oglesby, and came to Texas from Alabama with his family, settling in Pittsburg, Camp County, Texas, in 1856. In 1862, when less than sixteen years old, he enlisted in the Confederate Army, Walker's Division, Randall Brigade, Company F of Clark's Regiment, and was later transferred to Chisholm's Regiment of Cavalry, Major's Brigade, where he served until the close of the war. He studied for two years at McKinzie College, Clarksville, Red River County, Texas, and then "read law", as was the custom at the time, under the tutelage of Judge O. M. Roberts, at Gilmer, Texas, who later became Governor of Texas. He was licensed to practice law by the Supreme Court, at Tyler, Texas. His first law partner was Col. John L. Camp in 1869, of Gilmer, Texas, with whom he practiced law for only one year when he moved to Dallas, Texas. Col. John L. Camp was the man for whom Camp County was named, because of his help in establishing the county from Upshur County.

George Nathan Aldredge lived for two years in Waxahachie, Texas, where his father had removed, but finally returned to Dallas, where he lived the remainder of his life. Among the many honors he received in his profession were: County Attorney of Dallas County, 1875-1878, and District Judge of 11th Judicial District for ten years. After retiring from the Bench he formed a partnership for the practice of law with Judge A. T. Watts and J. J. Eckford.

Issue of George Nathan Aldredge and Bettie Hearne:

- 4-1-1. George Nathan Aldredge, Jr., b. September 21, 1883.
- 4-1-2. Horatio R. Aldredge, b. November 11, 1885.



JUDGE GEORGE NATHAN ALDREDGE

4-1-3. Sawnie Robertson Aldredge, b. November 13, 1890.

4-1-1. George Nathan Aldredge, Jr., b. September 21, 1883, m. December 4, 1906, Dallas, Texas, Rena Munger, b. December 28, 1886.

Issue: Gertrude Terrell Aldredge, Bettie Hearne Aldredge, Rowena Aldredge, and George N. Aldredge, Third.

Issue of George Nathan Aldredge, Jr., and Rena Munger:

4-1-1-1. Gertrude Terrell Aldredge, b. October 19, 1907, m. October 12, 1933, Dr. Samuel Ainslie Shelburne.

Issue:

4-1-1-1-1. Samuel Ainslie Shelburne, Jr., b. September 3, 1934.

4-1-1-2. Bettie Hearne Aldredge, b. March 9, 1911, m. December 30, 1930, Vernett B. Slater, Dallas, Texas.

Issue:

4-1-1-2-1. Gertrude Aldredge Slater, b. October 11, 1932.

4-1-1-2-2. Alice Elizabeth Slater, b. April 24, 1937.

4-1-1-3. Rowena Munger Aldredge, b. March 15, 1913, m. 1935, Jack W. Edwards.

Issue:

4-1-1-3-1. Rena Munger Edwards, b. November 29, 1937.

4-1-2. Horatio R. Aldredge, b. November 11, 1885, m. June 25, 1913, Henrietta Poyntz, b. April 28, 1891.

Issue:

4-1-2-1. Horatio Ransome Aldredge, Third, b. January 12, 1938.

4-1-2-2. Daughter.

4-1-3. Sawnie Robertson Aldredge, b. November 13, 1890, m. January 14, 1915, Mary Ella Batts, Austin, Texas, b. February 28, 1892.

Issue:

4-1-3-1. Sawnie R. Aldredge, Jr., b. May 12, 1917.

4-1-3-2. Mary Lynn Aldredge, b. May 18, 1924.

4-2. Mary Elizabeth Aldredge, second child of Dr. James

Fletcher Aldredge and Mary Martha Oglesby, b. February 6, 1848, d. November 20, 1906, m. April 14, 1870, Pittsburg, Texas, William Alexander Boyce, Confederate soldier, of Titus County, Texas. Issue: Rebecca Maude Boyce, Florence May Boyce, Pearl Oglesby Boyce, Hallie Clyde Boyce, William Alexander Boyce, Jr., Fannie Lee Boyce, Elizabeth (Bess) Aldredge Boyce, and Nellie Fay Boyce, twins.

Issue:

4-2-1. Rebecca Maude Boyce, b. May 23, 1871, m. January 15, 1895, Boyce, Texas, John Sidney Farrar, b. April 1, 1871.

Issue: Boyce Franklin Farrar, Sidna May Farrar, and Simeon Bowdon Farrar.

4-2-1-1. Boyce Franklin Farrar, b. October 23, 1895, m. November 26, 1919, Waxahachie, Texas, Velma Chapman, b. January 19, 1896. Issue: Boyce Franklin Farrar, Jr., Oscar Chapman Farrar, and Richard Sidney Farrar.

Issue:

4-2-1-1-1. Boyce Franklin Farrar, Jr., b. September 23, 1920, m. January 3, 1937, Dallas, Texas, Phoebe McCutcheon, b. June 20, 1920. Issue: Boyce Franklin Farrar, Third, b. December 25, 1937.

4-2-1-1-2. Oscar Chapman Farrar, b. October 4, 1924.

4-2-1-1-3. Richard Sidney Farrar, b. April 10, 1926.

4-2-1-2. Sidna May Farrar, b. September 11, 1896, m. June 22, 1920, John Aubrey Wellborn, b. July 3, 1893.

Issue:

4-2-1-2-1. Rebecca Jeanne Wellborn, b. March 31, 1926.

4-2-1-3. Simeon Bowdon Farrar, b. March 29, 1898, m. November 22, 1921, Dallas, Texas, Gladys Reynolds, b. September 21, 1900.

Issue:

4-2-1-3-1. S. B. Farrar, Jr., b. June 16, 1928.

4-2-2. Florence May Boyce, b. October 14, 1872, m. September 16, 1896, Boyce, Texas, John Howard Power, b. March 3, 1870, d. February 24, 1933.

Issue: Nelle, Mary Elizabeth, and Rowena Margaret.

4-2-2-1. Nelle Power, b. November 20, 1898, m. December 26, 1918, Dallas, Texas, Thomas Vern Stark, b. January 31, 1892.

Issue:

4-2-2-1-1. John Howard Stark, b. June 26, 1923.

4-2-2-1-2. Thomas Lytton Stark, b. December 11, 1927.

4-2-2-2. Mary Elizabeth Power, b. July 21, 1903, d. August 1, 1905.

4-2-2-3. Rowena Margaret Power, b. July 10, 1906, m. September 7, 1929, John Mayfield. No issue.

4-2-3. Pearl Oglesby Boyce, b. September 5, 1874, m. June 20, 1904, Boyce, Texas, Warren George Lomax, b. April 21, 1860, d. November 4, 1929.

Issue:

4-2-3-1. Josephine Lomax, b. February 10, 1906, m. June 6, 1929, New York City, Christian Cheney Lunnnow, b. October 15, 1905.

Issue:

4-2-3-1-1. Christian Augustus Lunnnow, b. December 6, 1933.

4-2-3-2. Aldredge Dubose Lomax, b. June 29, 1909, m. December 22, 1929, Durant, Oklahoma, Frances Evelyn Wyatt, b. August 22, 1912.

Issue:

4-2-3-2-1. Aldredge Dubose Lomax, Jr., b. February 20, 1933.

4-2-4. Hallie Clyde Boyce, b. February 14, 1877, m. September 29, 1905, Boyce, Texas, John H. Wadley, b. February 2, 1872.

Issue:

4-2-4-1. Elizabeth (Bessie) Boyce Wadley, b. August 20, 1906, m. January 11, 1926, Gomer Powell, b. 1902.

Issue:

4-2-4-1-1. James Harold Powell, b. October 27, 1927.

4-2-4-1-2. Aldredge Wayne Powell, b. February 1, 1929.

4-2-4-1-3. Elizabeth Yvonne Powell, b. January 22, 1931.

4-2-4-2. James Granville Wadley, b. February 25, 1909.

4-2-4-3. Sidna Maud Wadley, b. November 29, 1911, m. October 14, 1936, Howard Elden Truttman, b. August 4, 1911.

4-2-5. Dr. William Alexander Boyce, b. March 21, 1881; m. 1) June 22, 1907, Commerce, Texas, Ethel Harris; m. 2) Mrs. Lillian Mills, divorced.

Issue of Dr. William Alexander Boyce and Ethel Harris:

4-2-5-1. Mary Elizabeth Boyce, b. July 18, 1911, d. October 10, 1912.

Dr. William A. Boyce was a prominent Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Specialist in Los Angeles, California, who divorced his second wife because of her sensational activities as a Spiritualist.

4-2-6. Fannie Lee Boyce, b. October 22, 1883; m. 1) January 5, 1904, Boyce, Texas, James Albert Stephenson, b. February 7, 1876, d. February 12, 1920; m. 2) Horace T. Hamilton.

4-2-7. Nellie Fay Boyce (twin), b. February 16, 1886, m. August 16, 1904, Waxahachie, Texas, James Barney Stephenson, b. July 30, 1870.

Issue:

4-2-7-1. James Albert Stephenson, b. July 17, 1907.

4-2-7-2. Marjorie Stephenson, b. December 25, 1912; m. 1) John Stephenson Williams; m. 2) December 18, 1937, James Gideon Childers.

Issue:

4-2-7-2-1. John Stephenson Williams, b. October 30, 1932.

4-2-8. Elizabeth (Bess) Aldredge Boyce (twin), b. February 16, 1886, m. August 23, 1918, George Collier Oliver, b. 1877.

Issue:

4-2-8-1. George Collier Oliver, Jr., b. December 9, 1919.

4-3. Martha Florence Aldredge, third child of Dr. James F. Aldredge and Mary Martha Oglesby, b. April 6, 1851, d. October 23, 1923, Dallas, Texas; m. August 10, 1874,

Waxahachie, Texas, John F. Dunlap, b. May 26, 1836, d. November 30, 1905.

4-3-1. Samuel Fletcher Dunlap, b. March 19, 1876, d. May 30, 1920. Unmarried.

4-3-2. George Dunlap, b. December 23, 1877.

4-3-3. Frank Bond Dunlap, b. November 30, 1879, m. September 25, 1902, Minnie Fairchild Bettes, Dallas, Texas.

Issue:

4-3-3-1. John Bettes Dunlap, b. August 22, 1903, Dallas, Texas, m. January 15, 1926, Lena Estelle Bullard.

Issue:

4-3-3-1-1. John Bettes Dunlap, Jr., b. January 17, 1933.

4-3-3-1-2. George Carter Dunlap, b. September 23, 1936.

4-3-3-2. Frank Ballinger Dunlap, b. December 5, 1905, m. March 4, 1932, Stella Norvell.

4-3-3-3. Lawrence Bettes Dunlap, b. May 1, 1908, Dallas, Texas, m. June 12, 1930, Beulah McGhee.

Issue:

4-3-3-3-1. Patricia Dunlap, b. December 1, 1934.

4-3-3-3-2. Deborah Dunlap, b. January 3, 1938.

4-3-3-4. Walter Herbert Dunlap, b. January 28, 1914.

4-3-3-5. James Howard Dunlap, b. July 20, 1921.

4-3-4. Jesse Meriwether Dunlap, b. November 30, 1883, m. September 15, 1913, Mary Ethel Chenoweth, Dallas, Texas.

Issue: Mary Ellen, Jessie, Martha Ruth, and Berta Jane.

4-3-4-1. Mary Ellen Dunlap, b. September 29, 1914, m. August 17, 1935, Lewis Owen Kelsey.

4-3-4-2. Jessie Dunlap, b. September 8, 1918.

4-3-4-3. Martha Ruth Dunlap, b. February 22, 1921.

4-3-4-4. Berta Jane Dunlap, b. February 23, 1924.

Issue of Dr. James Fletcher Aldredge and Mary Grant Flemister: James Pierce Aldredge, Fannie Jane Aldredge, Virginia Lee Aldredge, Jefferson Davis Aldredge, and William Oscar Aldredge.

4-4. James Pierce Aldredge, b. July 8, 1856, d. September 6, 1924, Ennis, Texas, m. 1882, in Kaufman, Texas, Emma Mullins, b. November 24, 1862, d. June 19, 1910.

Issue: Bessie Aldredge, Mattie Aldredge, Chester Aldredge, Alice Aldredge, and Fletcher Aldredge.

4-4-1. Bessie Aldredge, b. April 18, 1887, m. December 25, 1911, Marvin Willis, Garrett, Texas.

Issue:

4-4-1-1. Vernon Aldredge Willis, b. May 15, 1913, Ennis, Texas; m. October 1, 1931, Ennis, Texas, Mabel Atnip.

Issue:

4-4-1-1-1. Betty Jane Willis, b. November 24, 1935.

4-4-2. Mattie Aldredge, b. July 7, 1894.

4-4-3. Chester Aldredge, b. July 17, 1896.

4-4-4. Fletcher Aldredge, b. March 5, 1898.

4-4-5. Alice Aldredge, b. January 28, 1900, m. October 2, 1930, Durant, Oklahoma, W. P. Tillison.

Issue:

4-4-5-1. William Aldredge Tillison, b. June 24, 1933, Ennis, Texas.

4-4-5-2. Beverly Anita Tillison, b. July 20, 1934, Garrett, Texas.

4-5. Fannie Jane Aldredge, b. October 15, 1859, m. October 12, 1882, Waxahachie, Texas, Harry E. Pickett, b. November 11, 1858, d. June 8, 1919.

Issue:

4-5-1. Nettie Lee Pickett, b. August, 1885, d. January 14, 1906.

4-5-2. Louise Pickett, b. February 14, 1887, d. April 27, 1919, m. 1917, John Kending, Dallas, Texas.

4-6. Virginia Lee Aldredge, b. August 16, 1864, d. January 9, 1890, m. November 24, 1887, Wallace E. Ward, Waxahachie, Texas.

4-7. Jefferson Davis Aldredge, b. July 15, 1866, d. January 8, 1933, m. 1) 1892, Nell Eason, b. December 5, 1869, d. August 3, 1893; m. 2) December 3, 1902, Katherine Read, b. September 7, 1877.



FANNIE JANE ALDREDGE PICKETT

Issue of Jefferson Davis Aldredge and Katherine Read:

4-7-1. Katherine Aldredge, b. November 17, 1907, m. September 29, 1929, Bayard Smith.

Issue:

4-7-1-1. Katherine Macrea Smith, b. July 15, 1930.

4-7-1-2. Bayard Martin Smith, Jr., b. December 25, 1934.

4-8. William Oscar Aldredge, b. January 29, 1869, d. January 22, 1904, m. Lena Asper.

Issue:

4-8-1. William Grice Aldredge, b. November, 1899, m. 1925, Eileen Watson.

4-8-2. Jennie Lee Aldredge, m. John Meadows.

5. William Kendrick Aldredge, Confederate soldier, fifth child of Nathan Aldredge and Alizannah Hanson, b. May 28, 1819, Morgan County, Georgia, d. Salem, Alabama, in 1900; m. in Salem, Alabama, November 17, 1846, Mary Zachary Ward, b. 1829, in Henry County, Georgia (daughter of Thomas and Edna Ward), d. Salem, Alabama, January 9, 1887. Issue: Nathan George, Thomas Pierce, Sarah Frances, James Fletcher, Walter Hanson, Mary Jane, Allen Ward, and Carrie Edna.

5-1. Nathan George Aldredge, b. September 29, 1847, m. Troup County, Georgia, November 9, 1869, Bettie Davidson, b. July 4, 1849, d. February 26, 1935, buried at Bethel, Troup County, Georgia.

Nathan George Aldredge volunteered for the Confederate Army when only sixteen years old, was wounded in the service, and as a result was crippled the rest of his life. *N. G. Aldridge*, private, Capt. G. W. Carter's Company C, 45th Alabama Infantry Regiment, enlisted by Capt. John Smith in Columbus, Georgia, 5 February 1864. Another reference shows him as enlisted by Capt. Caldwell at Dalton, Georgia, 18 February 1864. He was 16 years old, six feet tall, dark complexion, dark eyes and dark hair. He was accounted for as late as 8 April 1865, in the consolidation of Company C and Company K of the 45th, to make Company G, of the First Alabama Infantry, which outfit surrendered with the Western Army in North Carolina, as the Consolidated First Alabama Regiment.

He was Captain of Police in Atlanta, Georgia, for many years, was later in Civil Service. He moved from Atlanta to



VIRGINIA LEE ALDREDGE WARD

Oregon circa 1891, went on a prospecting trip in the Rocky Mountains and was never heard from again.

Issue of Nathan George Aldredge and Bettie Davidson:

5-1-1. Mary Lou Aldredge, b. March 11, 1871, m. August 13, 1890, Marvin M. Davies, b. August 1, 1866, d. February 18, 1932.

Issue:

5-1-1-1. Lillian Davies, b. August 4, 1891, m. October 4, 1911, Dr. Hal Curtis Miller, b. September 15, 1886.

Issue:

5-1-1-1-1. Marvin Davies Miller, b. July 22, 1912.

5-1-1-1-2. Hal Curtis Miller, b. July 17, 1915.

5-1-1-1-3. Henry Davies Miller, b. July 24, 1918.

5-1-1-1-4. Orme McAllister Miller, b. March 25, 1926.

5-2. Thomas Pierce Aldredge, b. January 3, 1850, d. 1927, Birmingham, Alabama, and buried in Salem, Alabama, m. Bessie Havis, of Georgia, who died in 1889.

Thomas Pierce Aldredge served on the Atlanta, Georgia Police Force for sixteen years, and for several years on the Police Force of Birmingham, Alabama, where he removed from Atlanta.

Issue of Thomas Pierce Aldredge and Bessie Havis:

5-2-1. John T. Aldredge, b. circa 1876, Atlanta, Georgia. When only sixteen years old he journeyed to England, enlisted in the British Army, and served in India. After his return to the United States in 1906, he enlisted in the U. S. Army, serving in the Band. After retiring from the Army he joined the Roman Catholic Church and became a brother of the Holy Cross, at Notre Dame, Indiana, where he served for many years as "Brother Augustine, C.S.C."

5-2-2. Claytie Q. Aldredge, daughter, b. 1884, Atlanta, Georgia, m. Birmingham, Alabama, Rhoden A. Price. Issue, two sons, Van and Almon.

5-2-3. Felton P. Aldredge, b. April 27, 1888, Atlanta, Georgia, married Margaret White of Harlan, Iowa.

Issue:

5-2-3-1. Bessie Jane Aldredge, b. November 25, 1916.

- 5-3. Sarah Frances Aldredge, died before 1860.
- 5-4. James Fletcher Aldredge, b. March 24, 1857, d. 1876, in Texas.
- 5-5. Walter Hanson Aldredge, died in childhood.
- 5-6. Mary Jane Aldredge, b. May 14, 1863, Salem, Alabama, d. circa 1930, m. September 11, 1892, Turner O. Smith of La Grange, Georgia, d. 1930. No issue.
- 5-7. Allan Ward Aldredge, retired Civil Service Employee in Washington, D. C., b. July 4, 1866, m. March 1, 1898, Winnie Ione Mooty of La Grange, Georgia.
- Issue:
- 5-7-1. Hugh Ward Aldredge, died at age of twenty-one.
- 5-7-2. Ida Aldredge, m. Frank McNeal.
- 5-7-3. Mary Elizabeth Aldredge.
- 5-7-4. Margaret Edna Aldredge.
- 5-8. Carrie Edna Aldredge, b. June 17, 1869, Salem, Alabama, d. March 20, 1930, m. December 21, 1893, Robert Floyd Madden, b. September 25, 1860, d. July 23, 1940. Issue: Angie Lucile, Mary Ione, Robert Fletcher, Wade, Esther Pierce, William Ward, and John Lester.
- Issue:
- 5-8-1. Angie Lucile Madden, b. November 10, 1894, m. September 25, 1918, George W. Meadows. Issue: George Bernard Meadows and James Robert Meadows.
- 5-8-2. Robert Fletcher Madden, b. November 13, 1896.
- 5-8-3. Mary Ione Madden, b. March 15, 1899, d. September 1, 1946, m. December 6, 1919, Walter Joseph Bailey.
- Issue:
- 5-8-3-1. Walter Palmer Bailey, b. December 29, 1921.
- 5-8-4. Wade Aldredge Madden, b. November 25, 1901.
- 5-8-5. Esther Madden, b. October 22, 1904, m. October 25, 1934, Herman E. Payne.
- 5-8-6. William Ward Madden, b. December 16, 1906, m. September 19, 1952, Avis Muriel Norris.
- 5-8-7. John Lester Madden, b. June 19, 1911.
6. Harriette A. Aldredge, sixth child of Nathan and Alizannah Hanson Aldredge, b. November 28, 1822, Morgan

County, Georgia, d. December 4, 1845, m. Robert Perryman.

Issue:

6-1. Harriette Perryman, m. 1864, George Byrd.

Issue:

6-1-1. Mamie Byrd, d. circa 1906, El Paso, Texas, m. Will Brinck.

Issue:

6-1-1-1. Ethel Brinck, twin.

6-1-1-2. Claiborne Brinck, twin.

6-1-1-3. Philip Brinck.

6-1-1-4. Harry Brinck.

6-1-2. George L. Byrd.

Harriette Perryman was quite young when her mother died and made her home with her Aunt, Margaret Jane Aldredge Davis (Mrs. Lewis Gardner Davis), and her husband, and moved with them to Pittsburg, Texas.

7. Nathan Hanson Aldredge, b. April 28, 1825, d. June 30, 1836. Several members of the Davis family married into the Aldredge family, and their records were given in the Davis history. Vol. 2 of Southern Kith and Kin. Their records will not be repeated in this volume. Only the vital statistics will be given, showing their descent from Nathan Aldredge.

8. Margaret Jane (Peggy) Aldredge, eighth child of Nathan Aldredge and Alizannah (Alcy) Hanson, b. Morgan County, Georgia, April 8, 1828, d. Pittsburg, Texas, September 26, 1892, m. Salem, Alabama, January 11, 1848, Lewis Gardner Davis (Luke), b. Twiggs County, Georgia, April 4, 1827, d. Pittsburg, Texas, July 10, 1893.

Issue of Margaret Jane Aldredge and Lewis Gardner Davis:

William Hanson, Mary A. (Mollie), Nathan Aldredge (Archie), and Charles Gardner Davis.

8-1. William Hanson Davis, b. Russell County Alabama, February 6, 1849, d. October 22, 1903, Pittsburg, Texas; m. 1) February 22, 1870, Salem, Alabama, Annie Jane Jemima Sturkie; m. 2) July 18, 1876, Pittsburg, Texas, Lou McGuire Smith, b. March 6, 1856, Troy, Alabama.



MARGARET JANE ALDREDGE DAVIS



WILLIAM HANSON DAVIS

Issue of William Hanson Davis and Annie Jane Jemima Sturkie:

- 8-1-1. Margaret Ann Davis, b. January 9, 1871, d. San Francisco, California, January 31, 1926; m. 1) Ben Wilkes, Pittsburg, Texas; m. 2) Robert Tapp; m. 3) J. N. Brown, of Wharton, Texas. No issue.
- 8-1-2. Elizabeth Brown Davis, b. January 23, 1873, d. July 19, 1949, Wharton, Texas, m. June 5, 1895, Pittsburg, Texas, John Thomas Murphy, b. June 28, 1871, d. September 11, 1950, Wharton, Texas. No issue.
- 8-1-3. Samuel Sturkie Davis, b. February 22, 1875, d. July 8, 1875.

Issue of William Hanson Davis and Lou M. Smith:

- 8-1-4. Lewis Gardner Davis, Jr., b. January 13, 1879, d. October 20, 1909, m. January 31, 1900, Kitty Clyde Floyd, d. February 2, 1918.

Issue:

- 8-1-4-1. Ruby Floyd Davis, b. November 22, 1905, m. August 22, 1929, Robert Edwards Wynne, b. October 29, 1905.

Issue:

- 8-1-4-1-1. Katherine Anne Wynne, b. November 1, 1948, d. May 19, 1950.
- 8-1-4-1-2. Carol Jean Wynne, b. January 4, 1950.
- 8-1-4-2. Willie Pearl Davis, b. February 19, 1881, d. December 1, 1914, m. John Edge. No issue.
- 8-1-4-3. Eula Mae Davis, b. December 18, 1883, McKinney, Texas, d. 1953; m. December 24, 1902, Oscar Bass, b. December 30, 1881, d. September 30, 1932. Issue: Geraldine, William Clayton, Eula Ruth, Mary Lucile, Juanita Sue, Hazel Maurice, Oscar Davis, and Mabel Jane Bass.
- 8-1-4-3-1. Geraldine Bass, b. October 15, 1903, d. January 13, 1923.
- 8-1-4-3-2. William Clayton Bass, b. 1-29-1907, m. 1) _____ Leona.

Issue:

- 8-1-4-3-2-1. Carol Bass.
- 8-1-4-3-2-2. Darline Bass.
- m. 2) Frances Pope.



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Issue:

- 8-1-4-3-2-3. William Clayton Bass, Jr.
 8-1-4-3-3. Eula Ruth Bass, b. 5-31-1913, m. 9-13-1952,
 Paul M. Brewer.
 8-1-4-3-4. Mary Lucile Bass, b. 12-23-1914, m. 12-24-
 1932, Clifford Lee Connell.

Issue:

- 8-1-4-3-4-1. Michael Lee Connell, b. 6-24-1935.
 8-1-4-3-4-2. Sandra Sue Connell, b. 5-3-1943.
 8-1-4-3-4-3. Kenneth Randall Connell, b. 9-8-1950.
 8-1-4-3-4-4. Janis Connell, b. 1952.
 8-1-4-3-4-5. Colleen Connell, b. 1955.
 8-1-4-3-5. Juanita Sue Bass, b. 9-18-1918, m. 1940,
 Henry Logan Ware.

Issue:

- 8-1-4-3-5-1. Linda Sue Ware, b. 5-15-1944.
 8-1-4-3-5-2. Cynthia Ann Ware, b. 11-9-1945.
 8-1-4-3-6. Hazel Maurice Bass, b. 7-13-1924, m. 9-23-
 1941, Pierrepont Harrell.

Issue:

- 8-1-4-3-6-1. Donald Pierrepont Harrell, b. 5-1-
 1945.
 8-1-4-3-6-2. Douglas Ray Harrell, b. 12-5-1946.
 8-1-4-3-6-3. Barbara Ellen Harrell, b. 7-30-1951.
 8-1-4-3-7. Oscar Davis Bass, b. 7-15-1926, d. 1950,
 while serving in the U. S. Coast Guard.
 8-1-4-3-8. Mabel Jane Bass, b. 5-13-1921, d. 7-15-
 1922.
 8-1-4-4. Ina Jewel Davis, b. 6-30-1886, Eastland Coun-
 ty, Texas, m. 6-16-1908, Earl Adam Hawk.

Issue: Julia Louise, Paul Crawford, Virginia Ann,
 Clyde Davis, Jack Adam, Mary Evelyn.

- 8-1-4-4-1. Julia Louise Hawk, b. Big Spring, Texas,
 6-25-1909.
 8-1-4-4-2. Paul Crawford Hawk, b. Big Spring, Tex-
 as, 10-7-1910, m. 3-17-1932, Mary Elizabeth Mea-
 dows.

8-1-4-4-3. Virginia Ann Hawk, b. Big Spring, Texas, 7-20-1913, m. 5-16-1938, J. H. Frederick, Jr.

8-1-4-4-4. Clyde Davis Hawk, b. Big Spring, Texas, 8-6-1916, m. 2-12-1941, Col. Charles Addison Beckham.

Issue:

8-1-4-4-4-1. Barbara Jane Beckham, b. 10-16-1949, in Japan.

8-1-4-4-5. Jack Adam Hawk, b. 10-3-1923, m. 1-7-1946, Patricia Lowe.

Issue:

8-1-4-4-5-1. Cheryl Ann Hawk, b. 11-8-1946.

8-1-4-4-6. Mary Evelyn Hawk, b. 5-2-1925, m. 5-20-1945, Eugene Gordon Lee.

Issue:

8-1-4-4-6-1. Michael Gordon Lee, b. 3-5-1946.

8-1-4-5. Katherine Davis, b. 8-4-1888, d. 5-11-1937, m. 1913, W. R. Matherly. No issue.

8-1-4-6. Charles Aldredge Davis, b. 9-1-1890, m. 4-22-1930, Gladys Davidson, b. 2-28-1896.

Issue:

8-1-4-6-1. Charles Aldredge Davis, Jr., b. 9-7-1935.

8-1-4-7. Juanita Jane Davis, b. 5-14-1893, m. 1) 6-11-1925, Lon Montgomery, divorced; m. 2) 8-31-1945, Henry Le Tulle.

Issue:

8-1-4-7-1. Billie Frances Montgomery, b. 6-21-1926.

8-1-4-8. Mary Lou Davis, b. 4-11-1897, m. 12-30-1922, Wharton, Texas, Arthur John Derigo.

Issue:

8-1-4-8-1. Elizabeth Louise Derigo, b. 10-20-1923, m. 4-12-1944, Raymond Henry Waddell.

Issue:

8-1-4-8-1-1. John William Waddell, b. 9-5-1946.

8-1-4-8-1-2. Richard Henry Waddell, b. 10-28-1947.

8-1-4-8-1-3. Davis Raymond Waddell, b. 10-5-1949.



NATHAN ALDREDGE DAVIS

8-1-4-8-2. Arthur John Derigo, Jr., b. 2-6-1925.

8-1-4-8-3. Mary Dolores Derigo, b. 10-20-1931, m. 12-2-1950, James Reed, Jr.

Issue:

8-1-4-8-3-1. Mary Ann Reed, b. 7-15-1951.

8-1-4-8-3-2. James Raymond Reed, Third, b. May 12-1953.

8-1-4-9. Clyde Celeste Davis, b. 12-27-1899, m. 8-22-1931, Charles Nelles Watson.

Issue:

8-1-4-9-1. Charles N. Watson, Jr., b. 9-14-1939.

8-1-4-9-2. John Davis Watson, b. 12-7-1941.

8-2. Mary A. (Mollie) Davis, second child of Lewis Gardner Davis and Margaret Jane (Peggy) Davis, b. Salem, Alabama, 12-7-1850, married twice; 1) George Holland, who died a short time after the marriage, and m. 2) in 1874, Hugh Parks Holland, brother of George Holland.

Issue:

8-2-1. Kirk Davis Holland, b. 11-18-1875, m. 12-12-1900, Dora Walkup.

Issue:

8-2-1-1. James Hugh Holland, b. 2-7-1905, d. 10-24-1918.

8-2-1-2. Kirk Davis Holland, Jr., b. 7-12-1909, m. Virginia Stone.

8-2-2. William Washington Holland, b. Reagan, Texas, 1877; m. 1) Ida Rotan; m. 2) Carrie ———.

Issue of first marriage:

8-2-2-1. Winnie Mae Holland.

Issue of second marriage:

8-2-2-2. Clinton Hugh Holland.

8-3. Nathan Aldredge Davis, b. 12-6-1852, Salem, Alabama, d. 3-1-1932, Marshall, Texas, m. 3-23-1880, Pittsburg, Texas, Nora Lee Reeves, b. 6-16-1862, in Georgia, d. 9-9-1925, Marshall, Texas.

Issue:

8-3-1. Frank Davis, b. Pittsburg, Texas, 12-26-1881, d.

3-14-1942, Marshall, Texas, m. 5-11-1909, Woodlawn, Texas, Texie Blalock, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. E. B. Blalock.

Issue of Frank Davis and Texie Blalock:

8-3-1-1. Texie B. Davis, b. 11-13-1910; m. 1) 6-5-1929, Dudley H. Snyder, Jr.; m. 2) 9-21-1942, Lieut. Jack Carson; m. 3), 1-6-1950, Ray Musser.

Issue:

8-3-1-1-1. Dudley H. Snyder, Third, b. 7-14-1930.

8-3-1-1-2. Frank Davis Snyder, b. 4-6-1933.

8-3-1-1-3. Jackie Carson, b. 4-24-1943.

(Susan Musser, daughter of Ray Musser by former wife, b. 10-2-1946).

8-3-1-2. Dorothy Davis, b. 4-2-1913, m. 9-2-1935, Dudley Wright Taylor.

Issue:

8-3-1-2-1. Dudley Davis Taylor, b. 5-16-1937.

8-3-1-2-2. Texie Taylor, b. 12-21-1940.

8-3-2. Annie Davis, b. 12-10-1883; m. 1) Claude Arnold; m. 2) M. S. Mason; m. 3) 3-1-1935, Tom. C. Norman.

Issue of Annie Davis and Claude Arnold:

8-3-2-1. Frank Davis Arnold, who adopted the name of Mason; m. 11-24-1926, Helen Lois Shumate.

8-3-3. Nora Davis, b. 11-28-1891, m. 11-12-1912, Stephen Louis Moore, b. Paris, Texas, 9-16-1888.

Issue:

8-3-3-1. Mary Jane Moore, b. 6-9-1917, m. 9-6-1935, William Neal Estes.

Issue:

8-3-3-1-1. Janet Clair Estes, b. 10-28-1936.

8-3-3-1-2. William Neal Estes, Jr., b. 7-16-1941.

8-3-3-2. Stephen Louis Moore, Jr., b. 1-29-1932.

8-3-4. Irby Lee Davis, b. 8-27-1900, m. 9-18-1918, Bryan Blalock, b. 11-16-1895.

Issue:

8-3-4-1. Irby Lee Blalock, b. 11-12-1920, m. 9-30-1943, George Prendergast, Jr.

Issue:

8-3-4-1-1. Becky Prendergast, b. 9-26-1945.

8-3-4-1-2. Bonnie Prendergast, b. 7-3-1947.

8-3-4-2. Betty Bryan Blalock, b. 4-25-1928, m. 2-4-1949,
Lawrence Daly Williams.

Issue:

8-3-4-2-1. Lawrence Daly Williams, Jr., b. 11-21-
1950.

8-4. Charles Gardner Davis, youngest child of Lewis Gardner Davis and Margaret Jane (Peggy) Aldredge, b. Salem, Russell County, Alabama, 10-19-1858, d. Sulphur Springs, Texas, 2-16-1938, m. Pittsburg, Texas, 3-30-1882, Martha (Mattie) Alice Lockett, b. Marion County, Texas, 4-5-1859, d. Abilene, Texas, 3-12-1910.

Issue of Charles Gardner Davis and Martha Alice Lockett:

8-4-1. Victor Davis, b. 6-26-1883, d. 10-16-1887.

8-4-2. Laura Jewel Davis (twin), b. May 7, 1887, m. June 4, 1908, Abilene, Texas, Dallas Scarborough, b. Williamson County, Texas, d. September 26, 1957.

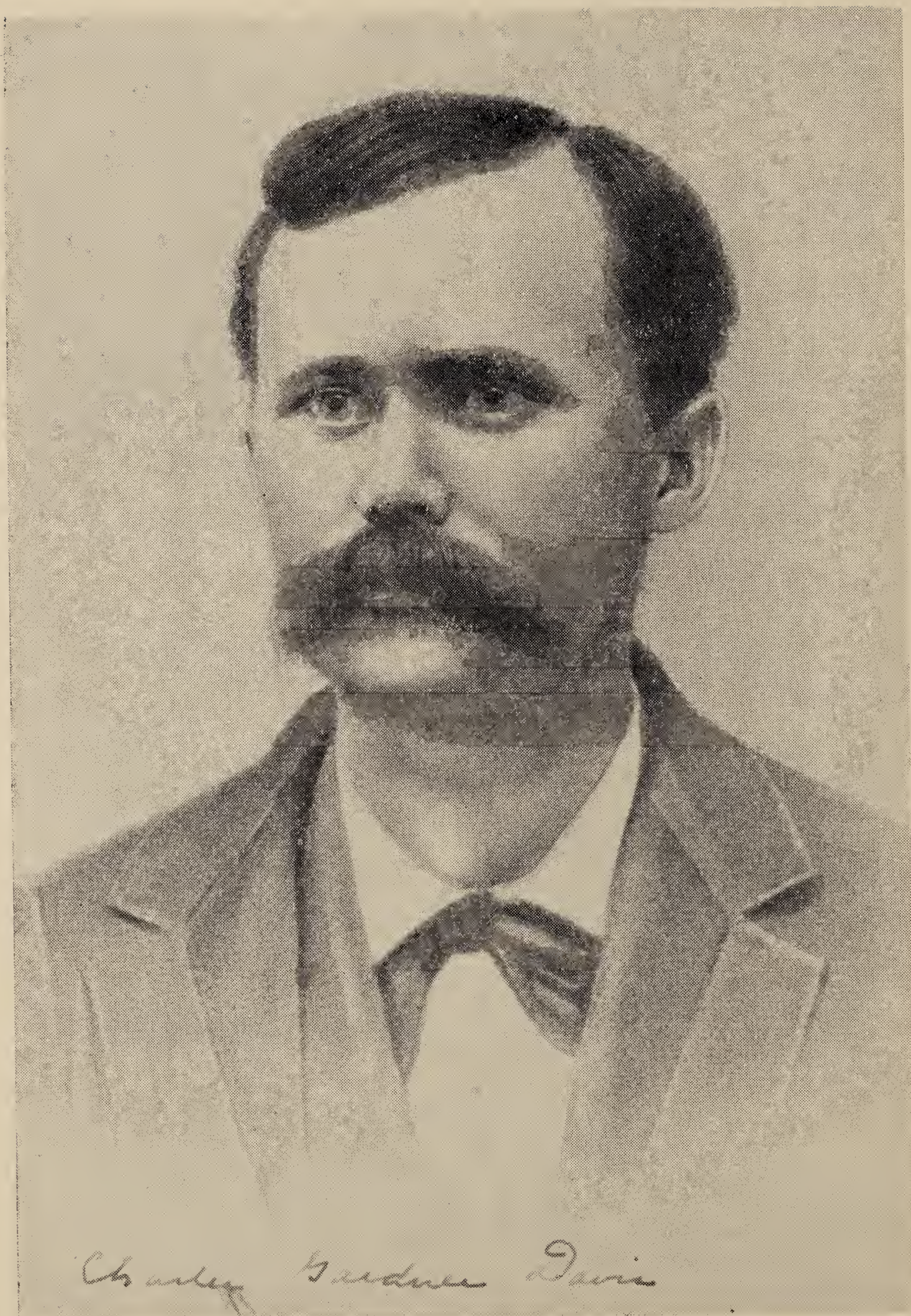
When Dallas Scarborough died September 26, 1957, Abilene lost one of its most valuable citizens, the State of Texas, one of its most devoted citizens, and the Nation, one of its most loyal members. Resolutions of respect and affection poured into his home town in an effort to comfort his stricken family, and friends contributed to a beautiful Memorial Baptismal Font for the Church of the Heavenly Rest, the Episcopal Church, of which he was for nearly half a Century a loyal and useful member. Since this record is written primarily for his descendants, some of the newspaper reports of his decease are recorded in this report, a newspaper article from the Abilene Reporter-News, and an Editorial from the same paper.

“COLORFUL LAWYER, CIVIC LEADER, DIES

“Dallas Scarborough, 75, died at Hendrick Memorial Hospital at 6 p. m. Thursday after suffering a heart attack Monday and breaking his hip in a fall Wednesday.

He was without dispute one of the town's most colorful citizens and possessed one of its best-known names.

An attorney, he had a record as a defense lawyer probably unequalled in the Southland.



CHARLES GARDNER DAVIS

A former mayor of the town, he laid during his time in office foundations for many of Abilene's current civic installations.

He was head of a family whose activities touch much of the city's community life.

For more than half a century he was involved in every political or civic problem which came along—sometimes on the losing side, often on the winning side, but never neutral.

Rites Saturday

Funeral for Mr. Scarborough will be held at 10 a. m. Saturday at the Episcopal Church of the Heavenly Rest. Dr. Willis P. Gerhart, rector, will officiate. Burial will be in the IOOF Cemetery. The body will lie in state at Elliott's Funeral Home until 8:30 a. m. Saturday. It will be moved at that time to the family residence, 726 Amarillo St., and will lie in state until service time. The family asked that all remembrances be in the form of donations to the Episcopal Church of the Heavenly Rest.

Honorary pallbearers will be members of the Taylor County Bar Association, Judge Joe E. Estes of Dallas, Judge T. Whitfield Davidson of Dallas, and Judge Ewing Thomason of El Paso, and judges of all appellate courts of Texas.

Surviving Mr. Scarborough are his wife, an equally colorful Abilenian, and two sons, Davis, who was his father's law partner and who in recent years has been assuming more of the legal load, and Larry, who is a member of the local law firm but who is now doing advanced study at the University of Texas. Two grandsons, sons of Davis, also survive. They are Frank, 20, student in the University of Texas, and Charles Scarborough, 16, Abilene High School junior.

Dallas Scarborough was a native Texan, born on Brushy Creek near Round Rock, March 14, 1882. His father was Isaac Polk Scarborough, a Confederate veteran, and his mother was Adeline Russell, daughter of a famous early-day Texas Baptist preacher. Mr. Scarborough's grandfather, Lawrence Scarborough, as a lad saw Cornwallis surrender at Yorktown.

The Scarboroughs moved to Callahan County, near Cottonwood, when Dallas was a year old. They lived at Pioneer for a few years, moved to old Lawn in 1901, and to Abilene in 1905.

Young Scarborough went to Simmons College a year,



MARTHA LOCKETT DAVIS

was graduated from Daniel Baker College at Brownwood and studied law at the University of Texas.

A star athlete in college, Scarborough played some fine football at the University of Texas and was offered a contract by the old Cleveland Americans in 1904, to become a baseball catcher. But he turned it down as 'beneath a lawyer's dignity!'

Scarborough never did get a law degree, but with his law license fresh in hand he came back to Abilene and hung out his shingle.

But, he kept his finger in matters athletic for several years. He served as Simmons College's first official football coach—in 1905, 1906 and 1907 . . . His title—'Professor of Football'.

While he declared civil law to be the background of his business, his work as a defense lawyer in criminal cases made him known far and wide. He estimated, a short time ago, that he had defended more than 200 persons against charges of murder or assault to murder.

As an attorney, Scarborough had an 'AV rating', the highest given in the Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory.

Mr. Scarborough was a fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers, one of the few in Texas to have that honor. He was named a few years ago by the Chief Justice of the Court of Criminal Appeals to a committee to revise the Criminal Code of Texas and by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court to revise the rules of civil procedure—the only Texan to be named to both the committees.

Four Years As Mayor

Mr. Scarborough was elected to the city council in 1917, served two years as commissioner and followed that with four years service as mayor. While in office he was a prime mover in the development of Lake Abilene, in the promotion of city paving and in the beginning of a city park system. The lake was built while he was mayor, paving was increased from a total of 14 blocks throughout the town to a system of miles of hard-surfaced streets, the first city parks were opened, and several of the city's present schools constructed.

One of those schools built while he was mayor was the high school on S. 1st St. When it became a junior high a few years ago and was re-named 'Lincoln' the dyed-in-the-

wool Southerner objected vocally and threatened to chisel the name 'Scarborough' off the cornerstone.

'But, no one sent me a chisel', he grinned later.

Scarborough was a white-maned, portly man with a booming voice who just naturally was center stage on controversial matters.

Staunch Democrat

He was a staunch Democrat—bolted the party only once and that to vote Republican in a general election and scratch 'Ma' Ferguson. He took an active and usually vociferous role in all Democratic Party meetings.

The 'Letter to the Editor' column of The Abilene Reporter-News was one of Mr. Scarborough's main vehicles for getting his views across to the public.

There was nothing wishy-washy about those letters. They seemed designed to invite retorts. For, Scarborough enjoyed nothing as much as a word battle—inside the courtroom or out. The fact that he was sometimes in a very small minority didn't seem to bother him.

But, he was not a 'chronic objector'.

A few months ago Mr. Scarborough said that, as far as he could recall, he had opposed only two bond issues during all Abilene's history. Those two he battled long and loudly—and unsuccessfully.

He was against the financial program which was approved by the voters to create Phantom Hill Lake. And he was opposed to the issue for the new high school building because he objected to locating it so far from the population center of town.

Wife Active Too

Working with Mr. Scarborough in much of his civic endeavor—and against him on some projects—was his wife, the former Jewel Davis, to whom he was married here June 4, 1908.

As newlyweds the couple moved 'out in the suburbs' to a new home they had built at 726 Amarillo. That is still the family home.

During the years Mr. Scarborough served on multiple community boards. He was appeals agent for the Abilene draft board during World War II, and was draft board chairman in World War I. He was active in Boy Scout work,



JEWEL DAVIS SCARBOROUGH
and
LOUIE DAVIS LACY
(Twins)

Masonic Lodge, Episcopal Church, and old Elk's Club, Abilene Country Club and Lions Club.

He recently received a 50-year pin from the local Masonic Lodge, of which he was past worshipful master. He was a 32nd degree Mason and also a member of the Shrine.

On Mr. Scarborough's 75th birthday the senior members of the Abilene bar—those who had practiced law here 25 years or more—gathered at the Abilene Country Club for a birthday dinner honoring him and the legal record which he wrote."

Editorial, September 28, 1957

"ABILENE LOSES RUGGED AND FEARLESS CITIZEN

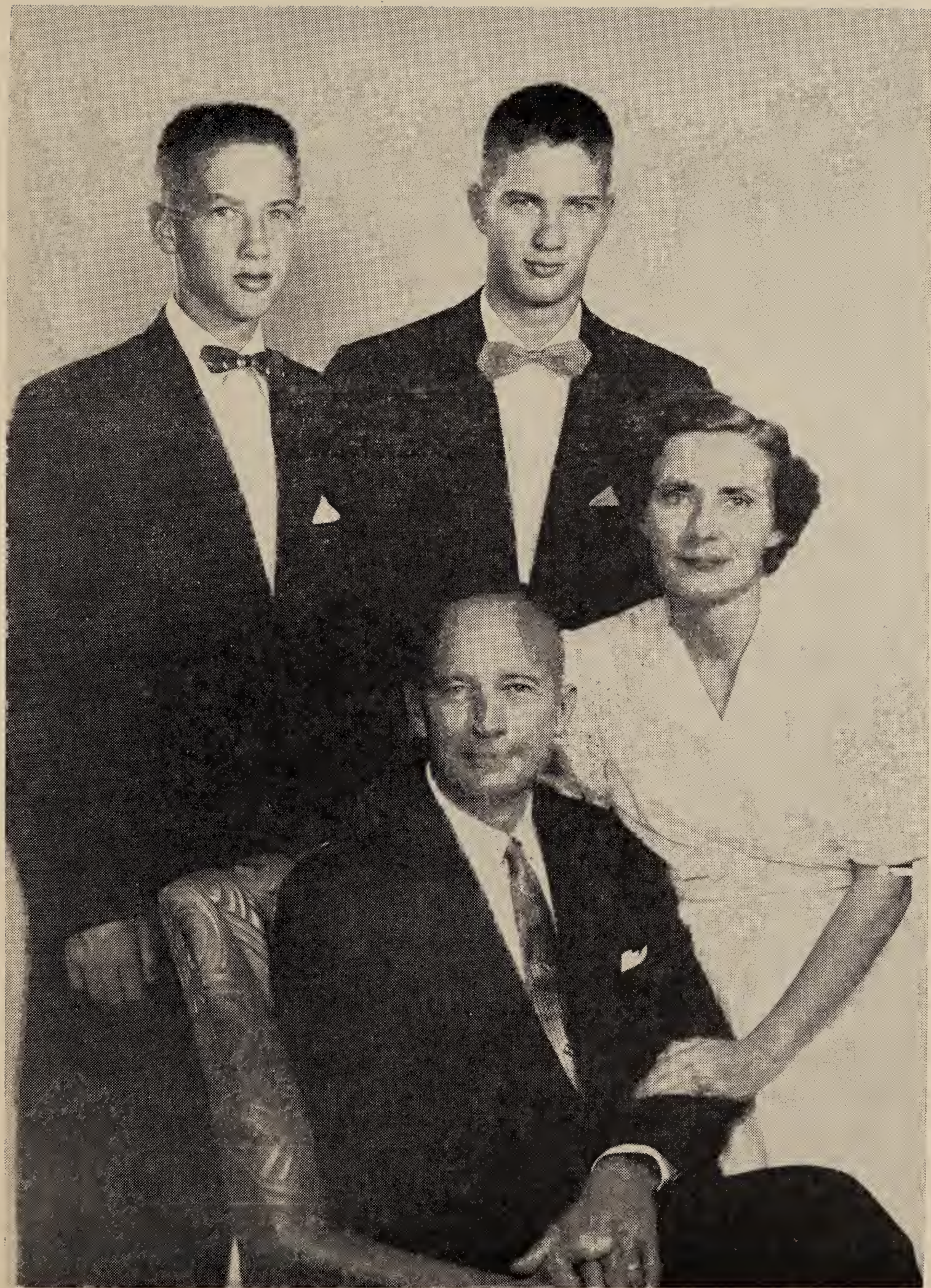
"Dallas Scarborough, the lawyer-civic leader-polemicist, who died Thursday at the age of 75, was as West Texas as mesquite beans. Actually he was born on Brushy Creek, near Round Rock, a few scant years after Sam Bass got his comeuppance in that Central Texas community, but his family settled in Callahan County, near Cottonwood, when the future mayor of Abilene was one year old.

He was known far and wide as a lawyer of spectacular success in both fields, civil and criminal. On a wider canvas his burly, belligerent figure might have been labeled a Clarence Darrow, but fame and fortune as such held no appeal for him. As it was, he did very well indeed.

First, as a city commissioner in 1917 and then as mayor the two following terms Dallas Scarborough was one of the principal architects of the newer and more ambitious Abilene. In each position he gave the job all he had, which was his custom no matter how trivial the task. He never knew how to go about anything except all-out, flags flying and full steam ahead and dang the torpedoes.

Years ago someone asked an ancient Negro trainer at the University of Texas to pick out an all-time team of football Longhorns. The name of Dallas Scarborough led all the rest. Once while thumbing through the musty pages of an encyclopedia we came across an article on the history of football, American style. It was illustrated with a picture of the great, nationally sensational game between the University of Texas and the University of Chicago at Chicago about 1904. We called it to the attention of Dallas Scarborough with the remark that we'd heard he had been an outstanding star of that game (and as a matter of fact he was).

Dallas exploded, 'Heck no!' he yelled with the candor



DAVIS AND MOZELLE SCARBOROUGH AND SONS
FRANK AND CHARLES

that always characterized him, 'I'm the buck that lost that game.'

This rugged West Texan never developed any calluses riding any fence on any issue in his whole lifetime. You always knew exactly where he stood, and if you didn't ask him, he'd tell you anyhow.

This writer did not always see eye to eye with Dallas Scarborough on the issues of the times, great and small, and we locked horns, as the saying goes, many a time. But we never doubted his forthright honesty in the positions he took, and we never lost our respect for him as a man and as a citizen.

He could not only dish out criticism, but he could take it. Our personal relations, and the paper's, with this rugged character were always of the pleasantest and most cordial. He always fought in the open, the opener the better. He believed in laying it on the line, and he respected any one else who would lay it on the line. He said exactly what he thought, and he thought exactly what he said.

Requiescat in peace, Oldtimer."

On June 25, 1958, a new park in Abilene was named the Scarborough Park, in honor of Dallas Scarborough, who secured the first park for Abilene, while he was Mayor of the City, and of his wife, Jewel Davis Scarborough, who wrote the Park Board Amendment providing for an official Park Board for the City, and served on its Board for fifteen years.

Issue of Jewel Davis and Dallas Scarborough:

8-4-2-1. Davis Dallas Scarborough, b. 3-10-1909, m. 8-28-1936, Mozelle Graham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Graham.

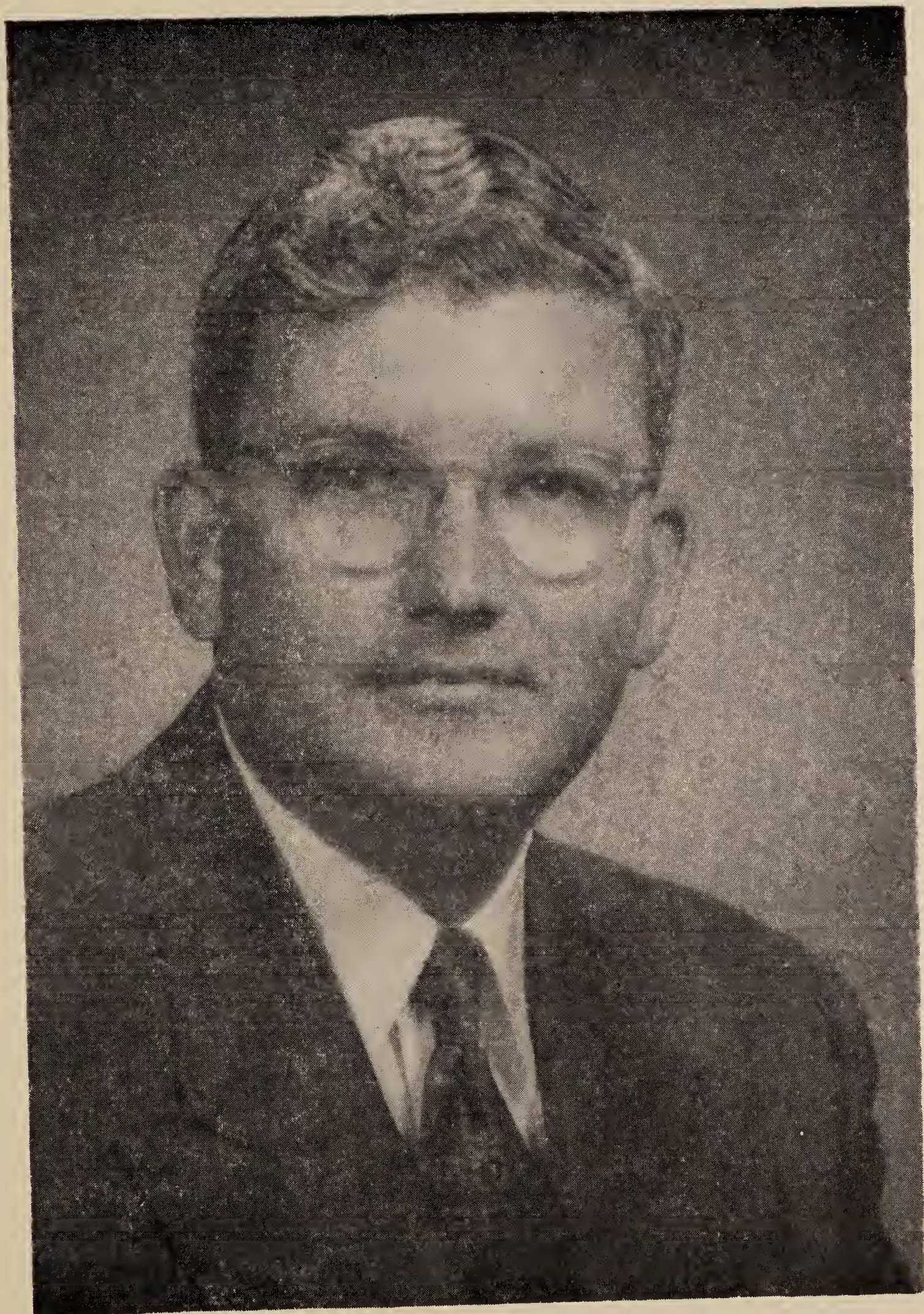
Issue:

8-4-2-1-1. Francis (Frank) Dallas Scarborough, b. 7-22-1937.

8-4-2-1-2. Charles Davis Scarborough, b. 5-12-1941.

8-4-2-2. Charles Lawrence (Larry) Scarborough, b. 6-26-1923.

8-4-3. Mary Louie Davis (twin), b. May 7, 1887, m. 2-19-1908, Waltus Hoyt Lacy, b. 2-14-1885, d. 7-21-1943, San Antonio, Texas.



CHARLES LAWRENCE SCARBOROUGH

Issue of Mary Louie Davis and Waltus Hoyt Lacy:

8-4-3-1. Martha (Patty) Lacy, b. Abilene, Texas, 5-9-1909, m. 5-27-1936, Donald Stuart Mossom.

Issue:

8-4-3-1-1. Martha Lockett Mossom, b. 9-17-1937.

8-4-3-2. Waltus Hoyt Lacy, Jr., b. 1-17-1920, Texarkana, Texas, m. 9-30-1949, Mrs. Lois Hill Likens.

Issue:

8-4-3-2-1. Donna Patricia Lacy, b. 3-10-1951.

8-4-3-2-2. Nancy Louie Lacy, b. 3-21-1954.

8-4-4. Charles Gardner Davis, Jr., b. Pittsburg, Texas, 12-31-1892, d. Port Neches, Texas, 11-14-1947, m. San Antonio, Texas, 8-17-1918, Elizabeth Floyd, of Texarkana, Texas.

Issue:

8-4-4-1. Bettie Davis, b. Texarkana, Texas, 12-22-1921, m. 11-16-1939, Bob Ashford, of Maud, Texas.

Issue:

8-4-4-1-1. John Robert Ashford, b. 10-12-1940.

8-4-4-1-2. Harvey Michael Ashford, b. 3-5-1944.

8-4-4-1-3. Amanda Jane Ashford, b. 7-28-1946.

8-4-4-2. Mary Lou Davis, b. 11-30-1926, m. 8-2-1946, William G. Erwin.

Issue:

8-4-4-2-1. Toni Erwin, b. 5-6-1947.

8-4-4-2-2. Susan Erwin, b. 12-24-1948.

8-4-4-2-3. Steven Davis Erwin, b. 1952.

8-4-4-2-4. Molly Erwin (twin), b. 4-5-1956.

8-4-4-2-5. Gail Erwin (twin), b. 4-5-1956.

8-4-4-3. Patsy Davis, b. 5-2-1934, m. Dennis W. Blankenship.

Issue:

8-4-4-3-1. Cynthia Louise Blankenship, b. 11-8-1955.

8-4-4-3-2. Deborah Blankenship, b. 4-30-1958.

8-4-5. Mattie Belle Davis, b. Pittsburg, Texas, 9-1-1895, m. Texarkana, Texas, 10-25-1922, Howard Ward.

Issue:

8-4-5-1. Jewel Ward, b. Texarkana, Texas, 9-18-1923, m. Austin, Texas, 9-15-1951, Joseph Gaither Hall.

Issue:

8-4-5-1-1. Lucia Lockett Hall, b. December 18, 1953.

CHAPTER 4

SAMUEL HANSON, GEORGIA REVOLUTIONARY
SOLDIER

FATHER OF ALIZANNAH HANSON

Family tradition says that Samuel Hanson was from Charles County, Maryland, and we know from family records that he came to Georgia with the "Chesapikers", (sic), and settled first in Richmond and Columbia County in Georgia. Smith's story of Georgia and Georgia People lists land grants to Samuel and Thomas Hanson, 1774-1790, in St. Paul's Parish, Richmond County. Very little is known of him, except for his Revolutionary record and his land transactions in various counties, though he was a man of property, including slaves, which were few in early day Georgia. He was witness to a deed in Richmond County in 1788. Only one of his children, so far as we know, came to Texas—the youngest child, George W. Hanson, for whom Nathan Aldredge was guardian (November 3, 1823, Book K, Bonds, p. 210) after Samuel's death. After moving from Columbia County, Samuel Hanson acquired land in Jackson County,* and in Baldwin County, in the area cut off into Morgan County, where he died. His home was located on Hard Labor Creek, adjoining the home of Nathan Aldredge. He was given Bounty Land by the State of Georgia for his services in the Revolution, 500 acres in Washington County, reserved for Revolutionary soldiers, April 6, 1784; acquired 500 acres in Richmond County in 1785, and another 500 acres in Richmond in 1801. His wife, Peggy Hanson, drew in the 1827 Lottery from Morgan County, as the widow of a Revolutionary Soldier. Samuel Hanson died in Morgan County, leaving a will, signed April 2, 1817, and probated August 27, 1821, and naming his wife, Peggy Hanson, as Executrix, and his son, William Hanson, as Executor. On February 26, 1829, the above Executors sold some of the land in Jackson County, consideration \$500.00. On January 6, 1829, Nathan Aldredge sells William Hanson, as Executor of the Estate of Samuel Hanson, deceased, Lot No. 76, 20th District, originally Baldwin County, now Morgan County, containing 202½ acres, for \$1,500.00, to settle a debt he owed the estate of Samuel Hanson, and receipt for same was signed by the

*1798 Tax Digest of Jackson County, Georgia.

following legatees: John W. Hanson, Richard W. Hanson, William R. Williams (husband of daughter Elizabeth), George W. Hanson, Samuel Hanson, Ninian Barrett (husband of daughter Ann Henley), and Anderson Ray, evidently the husband of Mary S. Hanson, who was not married at the time of her father's death.

The following is the Will of Samuel Hanson of Morgan County, Georgia, Will Book 1814-1830, pp. 95, 96, 97; probated August 27, 1821, and recorded August 30, 1821:

Exact copy of the

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF SAMUEL HANSON

In the name of God Amen. I Samuel Hanson of Morgan County, and State of Georgia, being of perfect mind and memory, calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, after recommending my soul into the hands of the Almighty God our heavenly Father and my body to be buried at the discretion of my executors, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following, viz:

1st: I will and bequeath unto my four daughters each a little negro apiece exclusive of their proportionable part of the balance of my estate, namely, I give my daughter, *Alizannah Alldridge* one negro girl named Charlota, and I give unto Elizabeth Williams one negro girl name Carolina, and I give unto Ann *Hendly* Barrett one negro girl name Matilda, and I give unto Mary S. Hanson one negro girl name Dafney.

2nd: I will and bequeath unto my wife, *Peggy Hanson* all the balance of my estate both real and personal during her natural life and after her death to be equally divided between all my children in the following manner.

3rd: I will and bequeath unto my son Richard W. Hanson this lot of land whereon I now live valued at thirteen hundred and fifty dollars.

4th: I will and bequeath unto my son George W. Hanson the tract of land I purchased from Peter Hughes valued at thirteen hundred and fifty dollars.

5th: I will and bequeath unto my son Thomas W. Hanson's children namely, Louisa Hanson, Thomas Hanson and John O. Hanson one lot of land valued at five hundred dollars known by number Seventy-Six twentieth Dist. Morgan County drawn by Cathren Freeman of Wilks County.

6th: I will and bequeath unto my daughter Mary S. Hanson one negro girl name Mary, valued at three hundred dollars.

7th: As I desighn impartiality an equal division of my estate among all my children except my daughters which I have given a negro extra; I therefore name several of my children which I have given five hundred dollars each, and I intend the same to be considered as a part of their legacy: To William Hanson, to *Alizannah Alldridge*, to Elizabeth Williams (to Ann H. Barnet or Barret) and to Samuel Hanson five hundred dollars each.

8th: I then desire all the balance of my estate both real and personal to be equally divided between all my children except Richard and George until the amount of each of their legacies—amount to thirteen hundred and fifty dollars and then Richard and George to have an equal part of the overplus (if any) with all the rest of my children, and Thomas W. Hanson's three children to receive an equal part of my estate with my children that is they have their father's part. But should the balance of my estate fail to make the legacies of William Hanson, Thomas Hanson's heirs, *Alizannah Alldrige*, Elizabeth Williams, Ann H. Barrett, Samuel Hanson, John W. Hanson, and Mary S. Hanson amount to thirteen hundred and fifty dollars then and in that case the said Richard Hanson and George Hanson to refund back so as to make all the legacies equal. I do appoint and nominate *my wife Peggy Hanson* Executrix and my son William Hanson Executor to this my last Will and Testament, revoking and disannulling all other wills by me before written. In witness I the said Samuel Hanson have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 2nd day of April 1817.

his
Samuel x Hanson (1 S)
mark

Signed sealed published as the last will of Samuel Hanson in our presence

Burel Russell
his
Allen x Land
mark
Henry Land

We have the records of marriage of the following children of Samuel Hanson, in Morgan County, Georgia:

Marriage Book, 1823-1834:

p. 15: Richard W. Hanson and Sarah Loyd, July 15, 1824.

p. 46: George W. Hanson and Parthena Turner, October 6, 1826.

p. 50: John W. Hanson and Nancy Barrett, June 30, 1825.

Marriages in the First Will Book, not paged:

Samuel Hanson and Elizabeth Patillo, February 21, 1813.

Elizabeth Hanson and William Williams, January 14, 1813.

Alizannah Hanson had married Nathan Aldredge in Jackson County, Georgia, October 11, 1810, before the family had settled in Morgan County.

The Tax Digests of Morgan County, Georgia, for 1811, list Samuel Hanson with land in Morgan, Richmond, and Wilkinson Counties, Georgia. Jackson County land is not mentioned for this year, though he did not dispose of his land there until 1813, when he transferred some acreage there to John W. Shackelford on a corner of Thomas Hanson's line, July 20, 1813, (Book G, p. 76). In 1810 he had been listed in Jackson County on the waters of Red Stone Creek, with 430 acres of land, 12 slaves, and one four wheel carriage, and with 166 and three-fourths acres in Richmond County, on Spirit Creek, adjoining SIMS, presumably William Sims, father of his wife, Margaret (Peggy) Sims, who was an early settler in Richmond and Columbia County.

This same Tax list of 1811 for Morgan County lists Edward Hanson with land in Jackson and Morgan; Jesse Hanson with land in Morgan; and John Henson with land in Morgan and Jones counties, and as Agent for the orphans of Radford Clarke. The names Hanson, Hinson and Henson, have all been used in the various county records. In 1802, William Henson, Jesse Henson, and Rev. Joseph Henson were listed on the Tax Records of Clarke County, which was taken from Jackson in 1801. Jesse Hanson seems to have moved about considerably for we found him in Jackson in 1798, on Wild Cat Creek, in Clarke County in 1802, in Morgan in 1811, in Walton in 1820, and in Fayette County in 1830, Census, age 60-70. He probably was dead by 1840, as no further records were found for him. We have not established any connection between these Hansons and our Samuel, but presume that they were kinsmen.

There was also a Thomas Hanson living in Columbia county as early as 1793, when he was listed as Lieutenant of Columbia County Militia, Capt. Foster's Company, on March 27, 1793 (Georgia Military Affairs, Vol. 1, pp. 357 and 360). Thomas Hanson drew land in St. Paul's Parish, later Richmond County, 1774-1790, and the marriage of one Thomas Hanson to Elizabeth Evans, February 20, 1788, in Richmond County, with Samuel Hanson as Security, indicates that they were related and probably brothers. In the Lottery of 1820, from Jackson County, Thomas Hanson drew as a Revolutionary soldier, and William Hanson also received Bounty Land as a Revolutionary soldier. These men may have been brothers of Samuel, but we have found nothing official to establish this fact. On September 5, 1803, Thomas Hanson and wife, Elizabeth, and John King and wife, Letitia, of Columbia County, executed a deed to 500 acres of land in Franklin County, on the waters of the Oconee River, establishing the fact that they were in Columbia County before moving to Jackson, and probably moved to Jackson at the same time as Samuel Hanson.

William and George W. Hanson, sons of Samuel Hanson, moved from Morgan County, Georgia, to Chambers County, Alabama, circa 1832. William Hanson died in Chambers County circa 1839, leaving a will, with considerable property devised to his wife, Margaret (Peggy), and his children, including two minor heirs, Louisa Hanson and Williams J. W. Hanson, for whom George W. Hanson was guardian. Peggy Hanson, widow of William Hanson, married again soon after the death of her husband, to Beverly Slaughter, who applied to the Court of Chambers County for his wife's dower, and other property to which she was entitled, October 23, 1839. The petition was granted and dower set off in Chambers County, Alabama. By November 20, 1841, Peggy Hanson Slaughter had died and George W. Hanson petitioned the Court for permission to sell the real estate belonging to the estate of William Hanson, naming the following heirs: Thomas C. Hanson, Thomas C. Ward, Philip Lumpkin, Samuel C. Hanson, and Patrick Jack, all adults, residing out of the state of Alabama, William Crymes of Macon County, Alabama, and the two minors, Louisa Hanson and Williams J. W. Hanson, for whom George W. Hanson was guardian. Peggy Hanson seemed to be a rather indifferent mother, for she failed to appear in response to citation as guardian of her minor children, when George W. Hanson was appointed guardian. These records were found

in the 4th Volume of the Minutes of Orphans Court of Chambers County in 1839, and 1841, and the documents recite that William Hanson was formerly from Morgan County, Georgia.

From Goodspeed's History of Southern Arkansas, published in 1890, from Union County, Arkansas, we learned that George W. Hanson had ten children. He was a Magistrate of Chambers County, Alabama, for eighteen years, moved to Conecuh County, Alabama, in 1857; to Sabine County, Texas, in 1859, and within the year moved to Union County, Arkansas, where he died in 1887 at the age of eighty-three. His wife, Parthena Turner, whom he married in Morgan County, Georgia, died in Union County, Arkansas, in 1871, at the age of sixty-six. We have no record of the children of George W. Hanson except for one son, T. S. Hanson, who was born in Chambers County, Alabama, February 20, 1844, as the 9th child of ten children born to George W. and Parthena Turner Hanson. T. S. Hanson enlisted in the Confederate Army in 1861, at the age of seventeen, as a member of Company A, 15th Arkansas Regiment, and at the time of the surrender was living at Marshall, Texas. He married Laura Shepherd of Columbia County, Arkansas, in 1878, daughter of John P. and Rebecca Shepherd, who died in 1889. The only children whose names I have are: Isadora, Anna May, and John Meadors Hanson, though there may have been others.

MISCELLANEOUS HANSON RECORDS

MARRIAGES:

Richard P. Hanson and Eliza Sophia Wray (Ray), July 4, 1810, Oglethorpe County, Vol. 5, p. 172, of Georgia D. A. R. Historical Collections.

The above marriage was also recorded in Wilkes County, Georgia.

Francis M. M. Hanson and Mary M. Branden, Jasper County, September 17, 1837.

Edmund Henson and Nancy Jones, February 25, 1806, Columbia County, Georgia.

Jesse Hanson and Polly Nail (Neal), August 10, 1828, Morgan County, Georgia.

Samuel Hanson and Ann Rice, September 12, 1809, Columbia County, Georgia.

Samuel Hanson and Elizabeth Patillo, February 21, 1813,
Morgan County, Georgia.

The above Samuel may have been the son of Samuel
Hanson and Peggy Sims.

Henderson Hanson and Penelope Mayne, December 19,
1814, Morgan County, Georgia.

Nancy Hinson and Aquilla Felps, December 1, 1807,
Clarke County, Georgia.

Jesse Hanson and Elizabeth Petty, February 6, 1836,
Morgan County, Georgia.

John Hanson and Maria Billups, Jackson County mar-
riages, 1805-1811.

Thomas K. Hanson and Creasy Moseley, February 7,
1828, Morgan County.

Thomas Hanson and Fanny Thompson, December 31,
1829, Morgan County, Georgia.

WILLS:

Thomas Hanson, Will Book A, p. 41, Jackson County,
November 13, 1811.

Thomas Hanson, Sr., Will Book 1, p. 44, signed in 1827,
proved in 1831, in Newton County, Georgia.

Edward Hanson in Morgan County in 1815, First Will
Book, 1808-1818.

William Hanson, Administration in Morgan County in
1821.

John Hanson, May 3, 1806, Wilkes County, Georgia.

Mary Hanson, wife of above John Hanson, Will Book,
1819-1836, p. 15.

James Hanson, Will Book, 1830-1860, Morgan County,
Georgia.

William Hanson, Will Book, 1830-1860, Morgan County,
Georgia.

1827 LOTTERY:

Peggy Hanson drew in this Lottery as the widow of a
Revolutionary Soldier, Post Office, Adair's District,
Morgan County, Georgia.

Thomas Hanson's orphans drew in this Lottery from
Adair's District, Morgan County, Georgia.

John Hanson, Morgan County, Christian's District.

James Hanson, Newton County.

1832 OR GOLD LOTTERY:

Abner Hanson, Jefferson County, Georgia.

Elizabeth W. Hanson, Newton County, Georgia.

George H. Hanson, Newton County, Georgia.

George W. Hanson, Coweta County, Georgia.

Jesse Hanson, Coweta County, Georgia.

Thomas Hanson, Walton County, Georgia.

Thomas Hanson, Newton County, Georgia.

Thomas K. Hanson, Heard County, Georgia.

Thomas R. Hanson, Heard County, Georgia.

W. Hanson, Columbia County, Georgia.

The records of Alizannah Hanson have been given in the chapter of Nathan Aldredge and his descendants. Several Hanson kinsmen were in the Texas Revolution, but I have been unable to establish the correct relationship.

CHAPTER 5

WILLIAM SIMS

DEPUTY SURVEYOR AND COLONIAL SOLDIER OF
NORTH CAROLINA.

SURVEYOR AND REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIER
OF GEORGIA.

FATHER OF PEGGY SIMS HANSON.

The family of William Sims is an ancient one and goes back to the earliest identified ancestor William Symes of England, who died July 27, 1597, and married Elizabeth Hill, daughter of Robert Hill of Yarde (Somerset) and his wife, Alice Clark. From the Harlein Society publications, p. 110, we learn that William Symes of Charde, County of Somerset, England, was granted arms in 1591, as follows: "Azure, three scallops, or; crest, a demi-hind, rampant, and erased, or." The English spelled the name Symes, but by 1733, the name was spelled variously as Syms, Simms, or just Sims. The line of descent for our William Sims from William Symes, taken from Adam Symes and his descendants by Jane Morris, follows:

Generation:

1. William Symes, of Charde, Somerset, will probated July 27, 1597, Somerset Wills, First Series (Brown), p. 52. His son,
2. John Symes, b. 1581, d. October 21, 1661, at age of 80, m. Amy Horner, daughter of Thomas Horner, of Mill County, Somerset. (Brown's Somerset Wills, p. 52). There is an epitaph for him at Frampton Cotteral, Gloucester County, where he requested in his will that he be buried, which recites that John Symes of Poundsford, Somerset, was "greatly renowned for wisdom, justice, integrity, and sobriety, which talents he did not hide in a napkin, but religiously exercised in the whole conduct of his life, especially in government of the county wherein he bore all the honorable affairs incident to a country gentleman, as knight of the shire, high sheriff, deputy lieutenant for many years, and justice of the peace for forty

years and upward." He left a will, dated October 5, 1658, and proved December 19, 1661.

Among others, he names his son,

3. Thomas Symes, m. 1640, Amy Bridges, daughter of Edward Bridges, and Philippa, daughter of Sir George Speke. (Brown's Somerset Wills, p. 48).
His son,
4. George Symes, eldest child, was born circa 1643, d. 1687, lived in the West Indies, and married there Dorothy Everard, d. after April 30, 1706, only child of Thomas Everard and his second (?) wife, Elizabeth, of the Island of Antigua, in the West Indies. After the death of Thomas Everard, his wife, Elizabeth, married John Vernon, Esquire, and Dorothy was persuaded to make over her inheritance from her father to her step-father. John Vernon attempted to rectify this matter in his will by providing that Dorothy and her four brothers and sisters should receive 50,000 pounds of sugar apiece, payable ten years after his death, January, 1699. Litigation over this inheritance lasted for many years, and was apparently not settled until after the death of John Vernon, Jr., son of John Vernon, Esquire.

The above George Symes emigrated in 1687, the year of his father's death, from Antigua to Surry County, Virginia, but returned to Antigua in 1698, in an effort to collect his inheritance. He died in Hanover County, Virginia, circa 1718-1723. He probably married Sarar Snead Simes.

Their son,

5. Adam Symes of Surry and Brunswick County, Virginia, b. circa 1689, d. July, 1773, m. circa 1708, Mary Isham, d. circa 1747. He left a will in Brunswick County, naming his nine children, and his wife, Mary, signed March-15-1732 and probated July-15-1733.

Issue of Adam Symes of Surry and Brunswick counties, Virginia and Mary Isham:

1. George of Brunswick, b. 1709.
2. Adam, b. 1711, d. 1771, m. Tabitha, daughter of Ambrose and Ann Jackson.
3. John of Surry and Brunswick, b. 1713, d. 1778, m. 2) in Isle of Wight County, Virginia, Honour Lightfoot.

4. *William, b. circa 1715*, of Brunswick County, Virginia and Johnston County, North Carolina, d. 1814 in Columbia County, Georgia, m. Susannah Bullock, daughter of Richard Bullock and Ann Henley Bullock.
5. James Symes.
6. David Symes of Brunswick and Sussex counties, Virginia, d. 1773.
7. Charles Symes of Edgecombe County, North Carolina, m. Esther Murry.
8. Isham Symes, who removed to North Carolina, living successively in Bladen, Greenville and Wake counties in North Carolina.
9. Mary Symes, who married William Smith.

The above William Symes (No. 4), sixth generation from William Symes of Charde, Somerset, England, is the man with whom this history is concerned. He was a Deputy Surveyor in North Carolina in 1766, and active in the Militia of that state, as recorded in North Carolina State Records. He was evidently so busy as a Militia man that he did not marry until 1740 when he married Susannah Bullock, in Hanover County, Virginia. Most of the Bullock and Sims families lived in Hanover and Surry counties. By 1758 William Sims had removed from Virginia to North Carolina, for on November-10-1758, he and his wife, Susannah, convey 200 acres in Hanover county to Zachariah Tate of Hanover County, (Vol. 8, County Note Book, by Milnor Ljungstedt). The following are some of his activities as a member of the North Carolina Militia:

North Carolina State Records:

Vol. 4, p. 1052:

William Sims asks Council, held in Council Chamber in New Bern, Oct. 2-1750, for more pay for himself and the two men under his command, for attending the Fort at the mouth of the Cape Fear River, William, Capt. of the Fort. p. 710: Council at New Bern, Nov.-27-1744, William Sims granted 300 acres, Edgecombe County.

Vol. 9, page 258:

Council held in Wilmington Sept. 22, 1766. Robert Kerr asking for a change in the lines of his land patent Sept. 25,

1754. Ordered that it be changed according to the re-survey by William Sims, Dept. Surveyor, recorded in Book 12, page 275.

Page 344:

Field report of the Reg. of Mil. for Wake Co. at a General Muster Oct. 6, 1772. William Sims, Capt., Joel Sims, Ensign.

Page 689:

Return of Reg. of Mil. for Wake Co., Oct. 6, 1773, William Sims, Capt., Joel Sims, Ensign.

Page 441:

Expenditures made by Gov. Tryon for public service from the time of his marching from Newbern with the troops, Apr. 24, 1771, till their return. Paid William Sims on express from Gen. Waddell, L5.

Page 463:

William Sims receipt to Gov. Tryon for above.

Order Books of Orange County, cited in Scott's History of Orange County, Published Richmond, 1907, pg. 60:

"If Orange County ever sent an organized command to the French and Indian Wars no record of it has been found. The records do disclose that sundry of her citizens went to the Wars but always from another county. Among these names is that of Ambrose Powell who was a commissioned officer and in 1757 WILLIAM SIMS appears as a soldier in Hogg's Rangers, commanded by Ambrose Powell, Gent., staff officer in the Virginia Forces."

William Sims and his wife, Susannah, removed to Georgia circa 1774, and settled in Richmond and Columbia County, where he died. He participated in the East Florida Campaign after moving to Georgia as recorded in the following:

From Auditor's Journal, Savannah, Georgia, under date of August 4, 1782, on file in the Comptroller General's Office:

"The United States due William Sims for hire of a horse for seventy days in the Expedition against East Florida in support of Mad Anthony Wayne in his raid on Florida. 1778, Five pounds and five shillings." This expedition was

William Sims' Revolutionary service in Georgia was under Col. James McNeil, who gave a certificate April 7, 1784, upon which William Sims asked for Bounty in Washington County, reserved for Revolutionary soldiers, and his name is also listed in the certified list of Georgia Troops. His son, Mann Sims, was also a Revolutionary soldier.

William Sims was a Surveyor in Georgia, and his name appears countless times on the various land transactions. He acquired vast tracts of land in Georgia, and from the Land Grants listed in the Georgia Department of State, from 1784-1801, he acquired more than nine thousand acres of land in Richmond and Columbia counties. One of the earliest grants was on Uchee Creek, St. Paul's Parish, Richmond County. His sons, Mann and Leonard Sims, also were issued extensive grants. William lived to be about ninety-eight years old, and by the time of his death his possessions had dwindled, judging from his will. His will follows:

The Last WILL and TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM
SIMS, Dec'd.

Registered 3 May 1815.

"In the name of God Amen I William Sims senr. of the State of Georgia and County of Columbia being weak in body but of sound mind and disposing memory do make and ordain this to be my last will and testament and do dispose of the property which it has pleased the Almighty to help me with in manner and form following—

First—It is my will and desire that all my just debts be paid by my executors herein after named.

Item—I give and bequeath to my son Mann Sims One Dollar to him and his heirs forever—

Item—I give and bequeath to my Daughter Ann Hendly Cowen one dollar to her and her heirs forever.

Item—I give and bequeath to my daughter *Peggy Hanson* one dollar to her and her heirs forever.

Item—I give and bequeath to my son Lenny Sims one dollar to him and his heirs forever.

Item—I give and bequeath to my executors hereinafter mentioned all the rest and residue of my real and personal Estate during the life of my daughter Aggy Sims in trust upon the following terms stipulations and conditions to wit, that the whole of my real and personal Estate shall be kept

together during the life of my said daughter Aggy and that the profits of the same shall be applied to her support and maintenance and the surplus if any shall be applied to the general improvement of my Estate at the discretion of my executors. It is also my will and desire that my daughter in law Mary Penn Sims have the care and direction of my daughter Aggy during her life.

Item—After the death of my daughter Aggy I give and bequeath the tract of land whereon I now live Containing one hundred and fifty acres (more or less) to my Grandson William Sims (son of Abner Sims) and if he should die without heirs then and in that case I do give and bequeath the said tract of land to the next oldest surviving son of my son Abner Sims to him and his heirs forever.

Item—All the rest and residue of my estate of every description I give and bequeath (after the death of my daughter Aggy Sims) to my daughter in law Mary P. Sims, widow of Abner Sims to her and her heirs forever.

Lastly I do constitute and appoint my friends John W. Smith, and Peter Crawford, Executors of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking and annulling all other will or wills, heretofore made by me, and only ratifying and confirming this to be my last will and testament.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this fifth day of March, 1813.

Signed, sealed and pronounced
by the testator as his last will
and testament in our presence,
Thomas Parker
L. B. Smith
Charles T. Bealle.”

Signed,
William Sims, Senr.

The above will on file in Columbia County, Georgia, Will Book H. pp. 335-336.

SOME MARRIAGES IN COLUMBIA COUNTY OF THE CHILDREN OF WILLIAM SIMS:

Abner Sims to Mary Penn Bealle, January-10-1792.

Leonard Sims to Mary Harvey, March-25-1800.

Leonard B. Sims to Mary Cochran, July-19-1833.

RICHMOND COUNTY:

Mann Sims to Margaret McGruder.

OTHER SIMS MARRIAGES, COLUMBIA COUNTY:

- Keziah Sims to Jared Pounds, October-29-1807.
 Jonathan Sims to Mary Albritton, August-10-1809.
 Reddick Sims, —— to —— Walker, June-25-1807.
 Martha Sims to John Dunn, December-5-1810.
 Horatio Sims to Eliza Flint, November-28-1816.
 Gazzaway W. Sims to Anna B. Zachary, September-20-1836.

SOME SIMS DEEDS IN COLUMBIA COUNTY,
 GEORGIA:

- October-25-1777: William Sims, Planter, from John Dias, both of Richmond County, for thirty pounds, current money of Georgia, 100 acres, on both sides of a branch of Uchee Creek, joining Charles Crawford and William Sims lines. Said land was granted Moses Dias March-28-1758 and is known as the Brick House Tract. Registered May-22-1797, Deed Book D. p. 116.
- January-10-1795: William Sims to Mann Sims, both of Columbia County, two Negroes, Jack and Stepney, for 100 pounds. Recorded June-14-1797, Book D, p. 125.
- January-21-1796: William Sims to Abner Sims, both of Columbia County, for forty pounds, 146½ acres on Brick House Fork of Uchee River. Recorded, July-26-1804.
- January-25-1796: William Sims to Abner Sims, for 40 pounds and "for keeping and maintaining my daughter, Aggy Sims and her child, Martin Sims," the following slaves: Jenny and her four children, viz. Bett, Billy, Peter and John, and also one Negro fellow, George. Recorded May-29-1809, Book D, p. 363.
- April-11-1802: William Sims to *his grandson, William Hanson*, both of Columbia County, one Negro or lad, named Isaac, now in possession of "*my daughter, Peggy Hanson.*" Recorded July-1802, Book E, p. 285.
- March-4-1797: Leonard Smith and *Abner Sims*, to David Maxwell and Thomas Haynes, Executors of Anthony Haynes, for \$594.43, 288 acres on Uchee Creek, joining Peter Crawford, Abner Sims, Charles Crawford, Dawson and Atkinson. Recorded Sept.-14-1797, Book D. p. 181.

May-7-1794: Abner Sims, of Columbia County from Francis Hornsby and Nancy, his wife, of Richmond County, "one whole hundred acres" on Uchee Creek. Recorded September-29-1794, Book B, p. 329.

March-24-1807: Abner Sims of Columbia County, buys from John Barham of Southampton County, Virginia, a Negro wench, Tener, and her two children, Louisa and Edward. Recorded March-24-1807.

February-23-1814: Mary Sims, Executrix and Charles T. Bealle, Executor, of the will of Abner Sims, deceased, appoint Capt. Willoby Barton of the city of Augusta, our attorney to demand and receive from the Paymaster of the U. S. the wages due William Sims, a minor, and son of Abner Sims, deceased, for a six months tour in the service of the United States, under General John Floyd, and in the Company of said Capt. Willoby Barton. Said William Sims died in the service of the United States and was at the time of his death under the age of twenty one.

Wit: Leonard B. Sims
Peter Crawford, J. P.

Signed, Mary Sims, Executrix,
Charles Bealle, Execr.

Book P, p. 387,
Recorded February-24-1814.

May-7-1833: Mary P. Sims, from Robert Phillips, administrator of the estate of George Hill, late of Richmond County, 330 A. on Uchee Creek, joining Crawford and Cummins.

Witness: W. P. Bealle, Hezekiah Grubbs, and W. M. Williams.

Recorded, Book KK, p. 21, January-22-1836.

December-7-1838: Mary P. Sims, from Mary Walker for \$1500.00, 627 A, on South side of Wrightsborough Road, and joining George M. McGruder, Charles J. Denham, Wm. Tindell, Alfred Tindell, and Benj. S. Cox.

Wit: A. M. Albritton, Wm. Doyle, J. P.

Registered, March-17-1841.

January-16-1839: Mary P. Sims from Nancy Underwood, both of Columbia County, 100 A. for \$250.00. Land is bounded on the North by the estate of Abner Sims,

etc., being part of the 300 A. granted to *James Aldridge* and by his heirs conveyed to Charles Atkinson, December-25-1786. Land was left to Nancy Underwood by will of Wm. Underwood, deceased.

Witness: E. Underwood, Thomas Skinner, J. P.

Recorded March-17-1841.

March-1-1844: Mary P. Sims, to Jeremiah L. Z. Cliett, both of Columbia County, 91 A., surveyed February-19-1844 by Jas. D. Green.

Witness: Robt. E. Wooding, James Knox, J. P.

Registered, September-16-1848.

September-8-1806: Abner Sims to Thos. Roe, Sr., and Thos. Roe, Jr. for \$1300.00, two hundred A. on Brick House Fork of Uchee Creek, beginning at a post oak, thence with *HANSON'S* line, and mentions *Edmond Hanson's* line.

Witness: Thos. Bealle, Peter Crawford, J. P.

Mary Sims, wife of Abner, relinquishes her dower.

Recorded September-11-1806.

April-28-1787: Mann Sims and wife, Margaret of Richmond County, to Wm. Sullivan, for 20 pounds, 200 A. bounded by Stephen Days (Dias) and by vacant lands on all sides, grant to Mann Sims, dated August-17-1785.

Witness: Wm. Sims, Abner Sims.

Recorded April-24-1810, Book O, p. 431.

September-6-1788: Mann Sims and Margaret, his wife, of Richmond County to Fitzmorris Hunt of said county, for fifty pounds, 200 A. on Little River, bounded by Polk's and Middleton, grant dated December-17-1784.

Signed, Mann and Margaret Sims.

Witness: John Tindell and Thomas Chambless.

Recorded April-28-1791, Book A, p. 161.

May-7-1790: Mann Sims to John Willingham, Jr., both of Richmond County, originally granted Sims December-17-1784., Book B, p. 136.

Witness: Abner Sims, Permely Davis.

March-23-1805: Mann Sims, of Columbia County, to Charles

Conner, of Burke County, for \$400.00, 400 acres on branch of Big Kioka Creek, Granted to Mann Sims, September-14-1789.

Witness: Mills Woodward, Joseph Sikes and Wm. Sims.
Recorded June-3-1805, Book M, p. 509.

April-29-1819: *William Sims* (which I am sure must have been *Mann Sims*, who signed the deed, with William Sims as a witness) and Margaret, his wife (who of course is the wife of *Mann* and not *William Sims*), of Columbia County, to Thomas Cumming, of Richmond county for \$264.00, twenty acres on Euchee Creek, bounded by land granted John Grubbs, and on all other sides by land granted Edward Powell.

Signed: Mann Sims, Margaret Sims.

Witness: Wm. Sims, James Yarborough, J. P.

Registered August-31-1819.

May-1-1815: Mann Sims to Horatio Sims, both of Columbia County, for \$1000.00, 400 acres on Kioka Creek, granted Mann Sims, September-14-1789.

Witness: Henry William, Jr., James Wood, Allen Lovelace.

Book P, p. 458.

February-10-1817: Horatio Sims and Betsy, his wife, one of the legatees of Thomas H. Flint, deceased, to John Collins, Sr., 75 acres on Cane Creek. Signed: Horatio Sims and Elizabeth Sims.

Recorded: July-14-1818, Book R, p. 316.

November-17-1820: Horatio Sims, to Ezekiel Reed, 25 acres "adjoining myself and Ezekiel Reed."

Witness: Caleb Eubanks and Reubin Luke,
Mark Price, J. P.

Book Z, p. 37.

December-1-1829: In accordance with a fi fa issued out of a suit of James Cartledge Vs. Horatio Sims, Isaac Horton, Sheriff, sold the property of Horatio Sims to Mary P. Sims for \$405.00. Said property consists of 330 A. on Uchee Creek, joining Crawford and Cummings.

Witness: Jas. Germany, J. P., Augustus Darby, James Cartledge, J. I. C. Registered December, 1829.

June-18-1808: James Sims, to "beloved son, Jonathan Thomas Sims," three slaves: Luke, Ludy and Jerry.

Witness: Elisha Walker and Jonathan Germany.

Recorded February-26-1811, Book O, p. 393.

June-12-1808: James Sims, for love and affection to daughter, Martha Barnes Sims, three slaves: Dorcus, Peter and Silvey.

Wit.: Elisha Walker and Jonathan Germany.

Recorded February-27-1808, Book O, p. 396.

September-6-1808: James Sims to his son, Jared Pounds, "all my stock of horses, cows, pigs, livestock, sheep and household and kitchen furniture."

Wit.: W. E. Johnson and Amos Albritton, Book O, p. 394.

January-24-1809: James Sims to the children of his daughter, Obedience Ledlow—

September-15-1818: Christian Sims, Executrix and Gerard (?) Pounds, (probably Jared Pounds), Executor of James Sims, to Archibald Heggie, 40 acres on Big Kiokee Creek.

Wit.: John W. Yarborough, Wm. Booker, J. P.

Recorded: September-28-1815, Book W, p. 48.

May-30-1815: Jared Pounds, deed of gift "to my beloved mother Christian Nature Sims," stock of horses, cows, hogs, sheep, also household and kitchen furniture, wagon and gear, also four slaves, "which was deeded to me by James Sims," also Gilbert, the increase of Tarta (?).

Wit.: Thomas W. Murrell, John Dunn.

Recorded: April-15-1820, Book W, p. 274.

August-1-1795: Benjamin Sims, Esq., from George Naylor, both of Augusta Georgia for \$2002.86 three hundred A. on Big Kiokee, including Red Bird Island and Bare Island, "formerly the property of Rev. Daniel Sturgis. Book C, p. 109.

October-1-1850: Leonard B. Sims buys at Sheriff's sale arising out of the suit of John Smith vs. Mary P. Sims, for \$250.00, one hundred and fifty acres adjoining Nathaniel Bailey and George A. Hill. This sale was in

obedience to a fi fa issuing out of a suit of John Smith vs. Mary P. Sims.

Wit.: Benjamin Adams, John A. Staples.

Recorded, March-19-1851, Book OO, p. 357.

April-22-1853: Leonard B. Sims, to Jackson Haddox, 150 A. both sides Dyas Creek, bounded on the North by George W. Crawford, East by Bryant and Bailey, and on all sides by lands lately sold by the Sheriff of sd. county as the property of George A. Hill and now the property of David L. Curtis.

Wit.: R. V. Gutchins and Jas. D. Green, J. P.

Recorded, June-11-1853.

April-22-1863: Leonard B. Sims, to Erasmus J. Dozier of Richmond County, for \$3,500.00, 417 acres bounded on the North by Phoenician Ramsey and Jesse A. Walton, on the East by Miss Eliza Crawford, and the Tudor Branch, on the South by the Rev. George H. Cliett's and Turner Clanton's, and on the West by Turner Clanton's and Phoenician Ramsey.

Wit.: J. A. Walton, Jas. H. Spears and N. E. Bailey.

Recorded, September-12-1863.

COLUMBIA COUNTY GEORGIA, WILL OF
MANN SIMS

(Son of William Sims)

Written: May-15-1822 and proved March-3-1823.

I, Mann Sims, of said state and county, being at this time in tolerable health of body and of perfect mind and disposing memory, but calling to mind the uncertainty of death and wishing to preserve harmony and contentment in family after my departure—bequeath my soul to God

1st. Beloved wife, Margaret, Negro girl Salina, to dispose of at her death as she thinks proper.

2nd. All remainder of real and personal property to wife during her life, or while she remains a widow.

3rd. To son, William Sims, one Negro man Steppe (?), a horse to the value of \$50.00, a good saddle and bridle, two cows and calves, sow and pigs.

4th. To son John Sims, 200 acre tract of land in Warren Co.

on Ogeechee River, one Negro woman, Sook, and her child, Cinda.

5th. To son Horatio, two Negroes, Peter and Lydia, also two Negroes he has in his possession, named Lucy and George, against whom there are two judgments, but when these are paid he is to remain in full and free possession of said Negroes. Tract on Greenbrier Creek.

6th. Daughter, Susan Pullin, one Negro man, George, and girl, Nelly, and \$500.

7th. Son, Ninian Sims, one Negro man, Dick, a horse, bridle and saddle and \$250.00, two cows and calves, sow and pigs.

8th. Daughter, Mary Ann Sims, four Negroes: Dave, Judy, Sidney, and Mary; a horse worth \$50.00, saddle and bridle, 2 cows and calves, a sow, and pigs.

Wife, Margaret, Executrix, sons John and Horatio, Executors, and friend, Arthur Foster. Signed, Mann Sims.

Wit.: Mary Foster, Ann Davis, Jacob Downs, Arthur Foster.
Recorded, March-3-1823, Will Book W, pp. 79-83.

BARTLETT SIMS*

Bartlett Sims, a colorful figure in the early days of Texas, was probably connected with the Sims family treated in this chapter, though we have not definitely identified him with any particular family. He came to Texas with Stephen F. Austin's Old Three Hundred, and settled in the Municipality of Mina (Bastrop), circa 1824, and by 1825 he was married to Sally Curtis. His first land grant in 1824 was in Wharton County, but he had lived at Bastrop, and at the time of his death he was living in Williamson County. He was an active participant in both the civic and military affairs of the infant Colony, and was appointed Surveyor of the Colony by Stephen F. Austin in 1824. I found many records of his military achievements in the Texas State Archives, among the Public Debt Papers of the Republic of Texas. In June of 1826 he served as Captain of a company sent out against the Waco and Tawokoni (sic) Indians. In March of 1829 he was elected Captain of the Fourth Company of Militia, and in 1832, at the meeting held at San Felipe de Austin, he was appointed to the subcommittee of Safety

*Data: Vol. 2, Handbook of Texas, p. 614 and History of Texas by John Henry Brown, Vol. 1, pp. 158, 227, 228, 229, and Public Debt Papers of the Republic of Texas.

and Vigilance, as a member of the convention from Bastrop. He again represented Bastrop at the Convention of 1833, and at the Consultation in 1835, and as an Officer, under Robert M. Coleman in the Sumerville Campaign in 1835. All of the above services are verified by receipts and certificates on file in the Public Debt Papers of the Republic of Texas, signed variously by Governor E. M. Pease, Edward Burleson, and John M. Swisher, Auditor. He was listed among the tax payers of Bastrop in 1838, but probably moved shortly thereafter to Williamson County.

There was a Bartlett Sims, son of George Sims, of Brunswick County, Virginia, who may have been the ancestor of Bartlett Sims of Texas.* George Sims was the son of Adam Sims of Surry and Brunswick County, and his wife, Mary Isham, and a brother of our William Sims, who married Susannah Bullock. George Sims, (wife Martha Walton), left a will in Brunswick County, Virginia, Meherrin Parish, signed June-3-1763, and probated September-26-1763, naming Bartlett Sims as one of his children. Other children listed were: George, who removed to Granville County, North Carolina, and was the author of the famous "Nutbush Paper," which was credited with the organization of the Regulators of North Carolina, and leading to the Battle of Alamance; Adam; Hannah, who married Thomas Lyall; a daughter who married Allen Love, and a daughter who married Peter Thomas.

The above Bartlett Sims married Catherine, sometimes called "Cathey." Several members of this family moved to North Carolina, and to Georgia, and a will signed in Warren County, Georgia, by one Bartlett Sims Sr., who names his wife as Catherine, and son, Bartlett, as Executor, may well be the Bartlett Sims of Brunswick County, named in his father's will, and the Bartlett Sims, Jr., may be the Bartlett Sims, of Texas history.

NATHAN SIMS OF SOUTH CAROLINA

There was another prominent Sims family who lived in Granville County, North Carolina, whom I believe was connected with our William Sims, but I have been unable to identify them with the family, though many of the given names are the same and both of them had descendants who settled in Georgia. This is the family of Nathan Sims, who

*Adam Symes and His Descendants, by Jane Morris.

came from Granville County, to South Carolina, and settled in Abbeville District, South Carolina, where he left a will, signed December 15, 1802 and proved January 20, 1803.* He names his wife, Mary, and the following children: Amelia Griffin, Lorraine Calhoun, Sarah Smith, Susannah Bond, Agnes Smith, Downs Sims, Martin Sims, John Sims, George Sims, Sterling Sims, William Sims, and Leonard Sims.

You will notice the repetition of the familiar Sims names of Sarah, Susannah, Agnes, John, George, William and Leonard.

The family historians disagree as to the name of the father of the above Nathan Sims, some saying that the father was Edward, and others that it was Matthew Sims. At any rate, we know that Nathan resided at Sims Cross Roads, now Coronaca, and was married twice; first to Agnes (probably Agnes Bullock), and second, to Mary Downs. The son of Nathan, Leonard Sims, was Executor of the Estate and in the files of the administration, February 26, 1803, he mentions: "cash to Marton Wigginton for a horse for my *step-mother*, agreeable to the will."

Issue of Nathan Sims and his two wives: Agnes and Mary Downs:

1. Martin Sims, m. Anna J. Howard.
2. George Washington Sims, m. Serena Camilla Holliday, May-20-1843, daughter of Allen Holliday.

Issue of George Washington Sims and Serena Holliday:

- 2-1. Jaycynthia (Cynthia) Sims, m. October-16-1873, Joseph Warren Tatom. (Book J, p. 2, Lincoln Co., Ga.)

Issue of Jaycynthia and Joseph Warren Tatom:

- 2-1-1. George Leonard Tatom, b. October-23-1874.
 - 2-1-2. Elizabeth Catherine Tatom, b. September-6-1876.
 - 2-1-3. William Alexander Tatom, b. August-25-1878.
 - 2-1-4. John Stovall Tatom, b. January-16-1883, d. 1883.
3. John Sims.
 4. Leonard Sims, b. Abbeville District, South Carolina, left will in Lincoln County, Georgia, recorded in Will Book D, pp. 190-192, March-10-1827, m. in 1803 Rachel Gullatt. All of the children were born in Lincoln County, Georgia.

*Will Book 1, p. 277, Box 87, Pkg. 2150.

Issue of Leonard Sims and Rachel Gullatt:

- 4-1. Eliza Jane Sims, d. June-23-1852, m. Barry Arnett.
- 4-2. Teresa Sims, d. September-19-1826, unmarried.
- 4-3. Rebecca Florence Sims, d. September-25-1826. Unmarried.
- 4-4. Elizabeth Sims, d. September-27-1826. Unmarried.
- 4-5. Edna Sims, d. October-3-1826. Unmarried.
- 4-6. George Washington Sims, b. March-7-1822, d. March 6-1865, m. Camilla E. Holliday.
- 4-7. William Sims, b. August-25-1805, d. January-24-1882, m. Elizabeth Frazier, February-18-1830, daughter of John Frazier, b. October-12-1812, d. November-28-1899. William Sims left a will in Lincoln County, Georgia, Will Book F, pp. 18-21.

Issue of William Sims and Elizabeth Frazier:

- 4-7-1. Leonard Sims, b. October-10-1832, d. January-24-1882, m. 1) December-4-1852, Susan Murph, m. 2) January-29-1866, Sally Graham.
- 4-7-2. John Sims, b. May-8-1834, d. April-3-1901, m. a widow, Mrs. Nancy Jones Cantelow.
- 4-7-3. George Sanders Sims, b. January-17-1836, d. June-17-1915, m. March-18-1860, Katherine Ann Parks.

Issue of George S. Sims and Katherine Parks:

- 4-7-3-1. Lizzie Sims, b. April-23-1862, d. May-7-1905. Unmarried.
- 4-7-3-2. George S. Sims, b. August-8-1865, d. 1934, m. Dec.-19-1907, Kitty Perryman.
- 4-7-3-3. William F. Sims, b. Sept.-28-1867, d. 1947, m. August-13-1892, Sarah J. Sturkey.
- 4-7-3-4. John A. Sims, b. July-25-1869, m. Anna Shackelford.
- 4-7-3-5. Leonard W. Sims, b. September-27-1871, d. January-29-1930. Unmarried.
- 4-7-3-6. Mary Mildred Sims, b. November-15-1874, m. December-19-1905, Ben Hill Dunaway.
- 4-7-3-7. Robert L. Sims, b. October-28-1876, d. 1943, m. March-12-1903, Clara Perryman.

4-7-3-8. Lucinda (Lucy) Jane Sims, b. December-15-1877, d. April-15-1918, m. February-13-1899, John Morgan Nash.

Issue of Lucy Jane Sims and John Morgan Nash:

4-7-3-8-1. John Sanders Nash, Jr., b. September-6-1900, m. Bessie Walker.

4-7-3-8-2. George Leonard Nash, b. October-4-1902, m. Ruth Nettie Button.

4-7-3-8-3. Iris Nash, b. December-16-1904, m. December-24-1938, James Thomas Sale. Iris Nash Sale is Clerk of the Superior Court of Lincoln County, Georgia, the first woman to be elected to this office.

4-7-3-8-4. Mary Lizzie Nash, b. August-31-1906, m. Oct.-11-1924, Marcus Brown Prince, Jr.

4-7-3-8-5. Maggie Lucy Nash, b. August-13-1908, m. Dec.-24-1938, Roy H. Bailey.

4-7-4. Sentilliar Priscilla Sims, b. September-9-1838, m. Benjamin Wright.

4-7-5. Eliza Jane Sims, b. September-23-1840, d. October 26-1926. Unmarried.

4-7-6. William Baxter Sims, b. May-10-1842, d. May-24-1862. Unmarried.

4-7-7. Mary Rachel Sims, b. January-11-1845, m. December-22-1869, William P. Tatom.

4-7-8. Millie Ann Sims, b. December-23-1847, d. October 7-1881, married November-19-1875, Macon Crawford Butler.

4-7-9. Alexander Berry Sims, b. October-28-1849, d. November-19-1929, m. December-16-1876, Nettie Zellars, b. September-27-1853, d. October-16-1939.

Issue:

4-7-9-1. Lilliam Sims, b. September-18-1880.

4-7-10. Henry Livingston Sims, b. January-14-1852. Died in infancy.

4-7-11. Susan Elmira Sims, b. May-2-1855, d. October 11-1940, m. March-17-1882, James Crawford.

4-8. Leonard Sims, Jr., d. October-24-1883, m. 1) October-23-1846, Myra Wright, m. 2) Amanda Gullatt.

5. William Sims, fifth child of Nathan Sims, no record.
6. Sterling or Starling Sims.
7. Amelia Sims, daughter of Nathan Sims, d. 1841, m. 1) Richard Griffin, d. 1785, m. 2) John Cowan, d. 1822. Amelia removed to Marion and Hinds County, Mississippi, and thence to Wayne County, Missouri, where she died.

Issue of Amelia Sims and Richard Griffin:

- 7-1. Buckner Griffin, b. October-15-1786, m. circa 1840, Patsy Freeman.
- 7-2. Nathan Griffin, b. April-8-1788, m. 1804, Putnam County, Georgia, Nancy Wright.
- 7-3. Lucinda Griffin, b. December-4-1792, m. Jeremiah Walker, b. November-25-1798.
- 7-4. Jane Griffin, b. September-10-1795, m. 1) Lewis Stovall, b. November-25-1789, m. February-1-1812 in Lincoln County, Georgia, m. 2) November-5-1831, Stephen Stovall.

Issue of Jane Griffin and Lewis Stovall:

- 7-4-1. Louisa Stovall, b. November-16-1813.
- 7-4-2. Amanda Stovall, b. May-17-1815, d. January-7-1862, m. March-24-1831, William Albea, b. March-23-1803, d. September-1-1854.

Issue of Amanda Stovall and William Albea:

- 7-4-2-1. Mary Jane Albea, b. June-28-1832.
- 7-4-2-2-. Lewis Joseph Albea, b. August-19-1833.
- 7-4-2-3. Savannah Matilda Albea, b. May-15-1835.
- 7-4-2-4. Thomas Henry Albea, b. September-17-1841, d. April-23-1912, Sandersville, Georgia, m. March-6-1884 Annie Lamar Tatom.

Issue of Thomas H. Albea and Annie Lamar Tatom:

- 7-4-2-4-1. Lamar Albea, m. November-20-1912, Frank B. Chambers.
- 7-4-2-4-2. Garnet Lewis Albea, m. Vivian Van-Houtton.
- 7-4-2-4-3. Kathleen Albea.
- 7-4-2-5. Louisa Amelia Albea, b. August-31-1844.
- 7-4-2-6. William Burgess Albea, b. August-31-1846.

- 7-4-2-7. Georga LaFayette Albea, b. April-29-1848, m. Sallie Candler.
- 7-4-2-8. Emma Rebecca Albea, b. April-29-1850, d. March-6-1927, m. George Kendall.
- 7-4-3. Mary Stovall, b. January-28-1817, m. John Norman.
- 7-4-4. Matilda Stovall, b. December-17-1818, m. Nicholas Ware.
- 7-4-5. Thomas Stovall, b. June-27-1820, d. in New Orleans.
- 7-4-6. William Stovall, b. April-9-1822.
- 7-4-7. Amelia Stovall, b. March-12-1824.
- 7-5. Peggy (Margaret) Griffin, daughter of Amelia Sims, and Richard Griffin, b. January-15-1797, m. James McMillan.
- 7-6. Agnes Griffin, b. October-27-1798, m. ———— Smith.
8. Downs Sims, son of Nathan Sims. No record.
9. Loraine Sims, daughter of Nathan Sims, m. William Calhoun.
10. Susannah Sims, daughter of Nathan Sims, m. Col. William Bond.
11. Agnes Sims, daughter of Nathan Sims, m. M. Smith.
12. Sarah Sims, daughter of Nathan Sims, m. ———— Smith.
- Miscellaneous Sims Data:

From Georgia State Archives:

Passports issued by Benjamin Hawkins, Temporary Agent of Indian Affairs, South of the Ohio, 1796-1801, recorded in his Journals, and published by the Georgia Historical Society, Vol. IX, p. 356:

Items:

1. Leonard Saunders Sims of Warren County, Georgia, given Passport for "A Journey of Amusement," on February-26-1801. Endorsed by William Falkener, J. P., and certified by the Clerk, under the county seal, as to "his propriety of Character."
2. Passports issued by the Governor of Georgia, 1785-1820, p. 261: December-5-1810: Mr. William Sims, with wife and one child, given Passport through the Creek Nation.

p. 294: Friday, October-4-1811: Mr. Nathan Sims, with wife, and children, and two Negroes, from Franklin County, Georgia, granted Passport through the Indian Nations to the Western Country.

p. 308: January-15-1812: Passport issued to Mr. Charles H. Sims with wife, five children and one Negro, to travel through the Indian Nations to the Western Country.

3. *Lottery of 1820, Vol. 2, for Oglethorpe County:*

p. 128: Sterling Sims drew in this Lottery from Putnam County, Georgia.

4. *First Marriage Book of Franklin County, Georgia:*

p. 185: Nathaniel Sims and Winnifred Bulloch, July 31, 1806.

p. 189: Hull Sims and Polly Allen, March 25, 1812.

p. 192: Hope Sims and Hannah Varner, December 8, 1816.

p. 191: Polly Sims and William Reid, November 21, 1813.

p. 194: Rebecca Sims and David Candell, November 25, 1817.

p. 202: John Sims and Rhoda Rogers, November 19, 1827.

5. *Morgan County, Georgia, Deeds:*

Deed Book A, p. 168: Nathan Sims of Franklin County, sells 202½ acres in Morgan County, 15th District, to Constantine Purkins (sic), March 19, 1808.

6. *Morgan County, Georgia, Marriages:*

Sterling Sims and Sarah Heard, January 1, 1829, by Benjamin Bowen, M. G.

7. *Putnam County, Georgia, Marriages:*

William Sims and Elizabeth White, December 1, 1811.

Robert M. Sims and Nancy Waldrop, December 7, 1817.

CHAPTER 6

RICHARD BULLOCK, THIRD, AND HIS
DESCENDANTS.FATHER OF SUSANNAH BULLOCK, WHO MARRIED
CAPTAIN WILLIAM SIMS.

The Bullock family is an illustrious one, going back to Captain Hugh Bullock of England and Virginia, some of whose descendants settled in North Carolina. The early records refer to him either as Sir Hugh Bullock or Captain Hugh Bullock.

When I first began collecting data about this family, I optimistically planned to write a history of the family, but the data is so voluminous that time, labor, and expense, will not permit its completion in this book. I shall merely give a brief outline of the family, showing descent from Captain Hugh Bullock, Gentleman, and his wife, Mary, and leave the writing of the history of the family to a future historian. I know of no better or more able person for this task than Dr. Lewis T. Bullock, of Los Angeles, California, who has wisely devoted his efforts and talents to this one family, and knows more about the family than anyone I know.

The progenitor of the Bullock family of Virginia and North Carolina was the above Captain Hugh Bullock, b. 1580, who appears in the official records of Virginia as a member of the King's Council as early as 1631. Just when he arrived in Virginia is uncertain, but we know that he was an influential man, with considerable property, both in England and in Virginia. On March 12, 1634, at James City, Virginia, Captain Hugh Bullock was granted 2,550 acres of land on the Pocosin, "South East of Otter Pond," in York County. (Virginia Land Office, Patent Book 1, 1623-1643, p. 158.) By deed dated July 8, 1637, and recorded in York County, Hugh Bullock, Gentleman, of London, England, joined by his wife, Mary, conveys to his son, William Bullock, his corn mill, saw mill, and plantation in Virginia. We know from the date of this deed and the reference to his residence in London, that Hugh Bullock had returned to

England. He left a will in England*, dated October 22, 1649, and probated November 2, 1650, which follows:

“WILL OF HUGH BULLOCKE
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Pembroke 168.

HUGH BULLOCKE of London, gent. All Hallows Barking 72 years of age and dim sighted. Will 22 October 1649; proved 2 November 1650. I have the half of Dungeon-esse lights which I purchased from Sir Francis Howard. The half of which half I sold to Andrew Burrell which half was purchased from him by my son William Bullocke. My son William married William Lamply's daughter and purchased William Bin's part in the other half and my son William at his going into Virginia let his part for £100 per annum. To my grandchild Frances, daughter of my said son William, £20 per annum during term of the patent which has 17 years to run. To Mary Bennett, now living in London, £4 per annum during the patent. To Ellinor, daughter of my sister Ann Mason, £3 per annum during patent. To Mary Rose, widow, living in Ratcliffe, 40s per annum. To Barnard Smith, my deputy in Custom House, £3 per annum during patent. My estate in Virginia amounting to £100 per annum left me there 10 years past to my son William and his son Robert. Executors: John Limbry Esq. and Barnard Smith. Overseer: Master of the Trinity House for the time being. To Mary Snow, wife of Nicholas Snow, 7s. yearly; to Elizabeth her sister 7s yearly. Witnesses: William Walkett, James Turner, Benjamine Sheppard, Scr. Proved by Samuell Burrell, principal creditor.”

Some genealogists, including W. M. Creasey, claim that Captain Hugh Bullock had two other sons, besides William, who was mentioned in the will, who followed their brother William to the Colonies; James Bullock, who settled in Massachusetts, and Richard, who was in the Colonies by 1632, and a member of the Governor's Council. I have no record of James, but my research convinces me that Richard

*Va. Magazine of History and Biography, Vol. XVIII, No. 3, July, 1910.

of the Governor's Council, was definitely a son of Captain Hugh.

Captain Hugh Bullock made frequent trips to England from Virginia, to attend to his business affairs, but he was present at the meetings of the Council in 1632, 1633, and 1634. In 1637 he was one of the members of the Council whom the King directed should be retained, but probably because of his age and his interests in England, he declined to serve, for we know that he died in England. His son, Richard, was also a Colonial Councillor. In Hennings Statutes, Vol. 1, p. 202, it is recorded: "Grand Assembly. Holden at James City, the first day of February, 1632-33, Captain Richard Bullock, present." This Richard Bullock died in Surry County, Southwark Parish, leaving a will, signed March 25, 1703, and probated July 6, 1703. He names his wife, Mary, his son, Richard, not yet eighteen years of age, and leaves bequests to Henry Hollingsworth and his Godson, Richard Phelps. (Surry County Will Book, 1694-1709, p. 287.)

WILL OF RICHARD BULLOCK, OF SURRY
COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

"In the Name of God Amen I Richard Bullock of Southwark Psh: in County of Surry being weak and Sick of body but of prfect Sence and memory of mind doe make and ordaine this to be my last Will and testament hereby Revoking making Void all former Wills by me made.—

First I bequeath my Soul to Almighty God my Creator trusting through the merritts and ——?—— of my blessed Saviour and Redeemer Jesus Christ to have assurd remission of all my Sinns my body I commit to the Earth from whence itt came to be buried with Christian buriall and for what worldly goods itt hath pleased God to bestow on me I give and bequeath in manner following—

Impr: I give unto Henry Hollingsworth att my decease a Cow Calve—

Item: I give unto Godson Richd Phelps a two Year old heifr a wastcoat pr of breeches and a Cloath Coate—

Item: I give unto my Son Richd Bullock when he comes to be of ye age of Eighteen Yeaeres ye Plantacon whereon I now live with all yee Land belonging to itt to him and his heires for Evr. I allsoe give him tenn pounds in Cash

wch I have Now by me ye which I doe desire ye Honble Benjamin Harrison Esqr to keep in his hands untill my Son Richd comes to be of ye Age of Eighteen. I give more unto my Son Richard a feathr Bed and furniture belonging with Seven Peuter dishes two pewter basons, twelve pewter plaites twelve Spoons four porringers one brass kettle quanty twenty gallons a brass skimer and Ladle one gunn and bible. I alsoe give my Son Richard Six Coes—

It—I give unto my Loveg wife Mary Bullock all ye rest of my Estate wtsoever both real and personall and to be by her disposed of as she shall think Convenient to the debts and Dews yt now oweing me and doe desire my Loveing wife to buy my Son Richd a young Mare to be given to him when of Age this is my last Will and to which I hereunto Sett my hand and seal this 25th day of March in the Year of or Lord 1703.

Signed Sealed and delivered Richard Bullock (Seal)

in ye presence of us

David Parker

At a Court held at Southwark for the

Adam Heeth

County of Surry 6th July 1703

William Short

The above will of Richard Bullock, deced: proved by the oaths of the witnesses was admitted to bee recorded and is recorded by

Test:

Fra: Clements

Cl: Curr:

A Copy — Teste

Dpt. Clerk

O. E. Savedge.”

The above Richard Bullock, Jr. (wife Susannah), mentioned in the above will, died in Prince William County, Virginia, leaving a will, signed February 21, 1738/39, and proved March 24, 1739. It was this Richard Bullock who was the father of Richard Bullock of Granville County, North Carolina, who married Ann Henly, and whose daughter, Susannah, married William Sims.

Worth S. Ray, an outstanding genealogist, and one of my valued friends, in his *Colonial Granville County*, lists Edward Bullock, son of Robert and grandson of William (son of Captain Hugh), as the father of Richard Bullock of Gran-

ville County, North Carolina, but offers no proof, and in my correspondence with him, after the publication of the book, he admitted that additional facts that he had uncovered made him believe that he might have been mistaken. The will of the above Richard Bullock, Jr., father of Richard Bullock of Granville County, North Carolina, follows:

WILL OF RICHARD BULLOCK, JUNIOR

“In the name of God Amen the twenty first day of February 1738-9, according to the computation of the Church of England, I, Richard Bullock of Prince William County being in perfect memory praised be Almighty God for the same do make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following:

First: I bequeath my soul to Almighty God my maker hoping through the meritorious death and passion of Jesus Christ my only Savior and Redeemer to receive free pardon and forgiveness for all my sins and as for my body to be buried in a Christian like manner, I leave and bequeath to my beloved wife, Susanna Bullock my whole estate both real and personal during her natural life and after her decease to be distributed as hereafter mentioned.

To my son Thomas Bullock three hundred acres of land beginning upon Skinker and Ludwell's line to him and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten forever.

To my daughter Rachel Bullock three hundred acres of land adjoining to the aforesaid tract to her and the heirs of her body lawfully begotten forever.

The rest of my land laying on the South West side of the Beaver Dam to my son Richard Bullock and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten.

To my daughter Sarah Bullock all my land on the Northeast side of the Beaver Dam to her and the heirs of her body lawfully begotten forever.

To my daughter Rachel Bullock two negro men John and Robin to her and the heirs of her body lawfully begotten forever.

To my daughter Sarah Bullock two negroes named Harry and Sandy to her and the heirs of her body lawfully begotten forever.

To my son Richard Bullock negroes Monmouth, Will and Cardno and their increase to him and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten forever.

I also give to my son Thomas my short gund and to my son Richard my long gund and at the decease of my above said wife my will is that the whole personal estate be equally divided among my four children, viz: Thomas, Rachel, Sarah and Richard Bullock and lastly I constitute my two trusty and well beloved friends Charles Morgan and John Graham to be executors of this my last will and testament revoking all other wills and testaments.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first above written.

Richard Bullock (Seal)

Witness:

G. Roth

Hugh Adso Will proved by Charles Morgan one of the
Thos. Ribinson Executors named March 24, 1739."

Charles Morgan, one of the Executors of Richard Bullock, named in his will, settled the accounts of the Estate March 24, 1741. Quit rents were paid on 1550 acres of land and 13 months and three weeks board and schooling paid for the son, Richard Bullock, Jr. Thomas Bullock qualified as Guardian for Sarah Bullock on March 26, 1744.

On March 14, 1734, Captain John Williams of King George County executed a deed to Richard Bullock of King George County for 972 acres of land in Hamilton Parish of Prince William County, and this land is shown to be part of the land which Richard Bullock disposed of in his last will and testament.

Richard Bullock, Third, removed from Hanover County, Virginia, to Granville County, North Carolina, but before leaving Virginia he served in the French and Indian War. On November 25, 1759, he made application for Bounty Land for his services in Col. Byrd's Regiment for the year 1758, which was approved at a Court held for Orange County. (Vol. 1, p. 157) William Sims was also a soldier in Hogg's Rangers from Orange County in 1757. Richard Bullock died in Granville County, North Carolina, leaving a will signed October 27, 1764, and proved in the November Court. In his will he mentions his land in Orange County, evidently

the Bounty Land he had received as a soldier in the French and Indian War. His will follows:

WILL OF RICHARD BULLOCK, III.

In the name of God Amen: I, Richard Bullock, of the County of Granville and Province of North Carolina, being very sick though of perfect sense and memory, thanks be to Almighty God, and calling to mind the uncertainty of this life, and that all flesh must yeald unto death whenever it shall please God to call, therefore I appoint this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following,—first and principally I give my soul unto God that gave it me and my body to the earth to be buried in such manner as my executors hereinafter named shall think fit, in sure and certain hopes of Eternal life through the merits of Jesus Christ my Mediator and Redeemer and for my Temporal Estate in hereafter it hath pleased God to bless me with—I give and bequeath as follows after my just debts are paid:

1. I give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah Sims one shilling Sterling.

2. I give and bequeath to Henry Vandyck one shilling Sterling.

3. I give and bequeath to my daughter Agnes Williams one shilling Sterling.

4. I give and bequeath to my son Zachariah Bullock one shilling Sterling.

5. I give and bequeath to my son William Bullock one shilling Sterling.

6. I give and bequeath to my son John Bullock one shilling Sterling.

7. I give and bequeath to my daughter Susanna Sims one shilling Sterling.

8. I give and bequeath to my grand-daughter Ann VanDyck one feather bed and furniture to the value of Eighty Pounds Virginia Money.

9. I give and bequeath to my grandson Zachariah Nicholls one feather bed and furniture to the value of Eighty Pounds Virginia Money.

10. I give and bequeath to my daughter Agatha Nicholls one shilling Sterling.

My will and desire is that my land on Ellibies Creek in Orange County to be sold to pay part of the debts, and I leave the land and plantation whereon I now live to my wife during her natural life—likewise all the remainder of my estate, after my just debts are paid.

11. I give and bequeath to my son Nathaniel Bullock after my wife's decease the land and plantation whereon I now live and after my said wife's decease.

12. I give and bequeath to my two youngest sons, Leonard Hendley Bullock and Nathaniel Bullock all my estate except what is otherwise devised, to be equally divided between them, and my desire is that my estate be not appraised.

I like wise appoint my said wife and son Leonard Hendley Bullock my Executor and Executrix of this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof, I have herewith set my hand and affix my seal, this 27th day of October, 1764.

Richard Bullock (Seal)

Signed and sealed and declared
to be his last will in presence of

William x Shaw

Philemon Hawkins

Julius Howard

{ JURATS

Granville Court, N. C.

November Court

This will was proven in open Court by the oaths of Philemon Hawkins and Julius Howard subscribing witnesses thereto and on motion was ordered to be recorded.

Test. S. M. Benton, C. C."

The children of Richard Bullock and Ann Henly were:

1. Leonard Henly Bullock, m. 1) Fannie Hawkins, November 17, 1760, daughter of Philemon Hawkins; m. 2) Susannah Goodloe (nee Martin) August 16, 1766.
2. Zachariah Bullock, who never married and moved to South Carolina.
3. Nathaniel Bullock, m. Mary Hawkins, August 12, 1760, daughter of John Hawkins.

4. Col. William Bullock, m. Elizabeth Lewis (nee Taylor).
5. John Bullock, m. 1759, Mary Mitchell.
6. Sarah Bullock, m. John Sims, brother of William Sims.
7. Agnes Bullock m. 1) George Keeling, divorced; m. 2) Judge John Williams.
8. Agatha Bullock, m. John Nuckles.
9. Anna Bullock, m. Henry Vandyck.
10. SUSANNAH BULLOCK, m. WILLIAM SIMS, and removed to Georgia.

Col. William Bullock (No. 4 in list above), came to Granville County with his father, and was a Major in the Colonial Army, and Sheriff of Granville County in 1771. One of his sons, Richard Bullock, married Mary P. Hunt, and moved to Austin, Texas, where he lived next door to the French Embassy.

William Bullock, son of Captain Hugh Bullock, evidently planned to sail for America immediately after his father's death, and before his departure made his will, May 10, 1650, which recites that William Bullocke, Gentleman, of Essex, "being bound for Virginia in the parts beyond the seas," leaves his property to his wife, Elizabeth, trusting that she will provide for their daughter Frances, and their son Robert. He names his wife, Elizabeth, as Executrix, and the witnesses were: Thomas Harrison, and Richard Mills. (Pembroke 61, from Virginia Magazine of History and Biography, Vol. XVIII, No. 3, July, 1910). In the Virginia General Court Records of April, 1672, there is an entry of a suit by Robert Bullock, "son and heir of William Bullock, who was son and heir of Hugh Bullock," versus Col. Peter Jennings, guardian of John Matthews, deceased, in regard to a tract of land containing 5500 acres in Warwick county.

Ann Henly, who married Richard Bullock, Third, was the daughter of Leonard Henly, who was the son of Reynolds Henly, who settled in James City county as early as 1661. On October 26, 1694, Leonard Henly was granted 300 acres in James City county, "175 acres thereof, as heir to his father Reynolds Henly, deceased, to whom it was sold December 15, 1661, by Thomas Holiday."* This Leonard Henly married a Miss Richardson by whom he had: Major Richardson Henly of Merry Oaks, James City County;

*William and Mary Quarterly, Vol. 5, p. 38, and Vol. 3, p. 65.

Leonard Henly of Henrico; Turner Henly of James City County, and William Henly, whose descendants settled in Amherst; and, according to Worth S. Ray, Rev. Samuel Henly, Henrietta Henly, who m. Richard Henderson, and Ann Henly, who m. Richard Bullock.

From my research concerning the Bullock family I have concluded that the line of descent from Capt. Hugh Bullock to Richard Bullock of Granville County, North Carolina, is as follows:

1. Captain Hugh Bullock, of York County, Virginia, b. 1580 in England, d. in England in 1650, m. Mary.
His son,
2. Richard Bullock and wife, Mary, Surry County, Virginia.
His son,
3. Richard Bullock and wife, Susannah, Prince William County, Virginia.
His son,
4. Richard Bullock, Granville County, North Carolina, and wife, Ann Henly.

The above Henlys were members of Blissland Parish, New Kent County, Virginia, where they were listed in the Vestry Book. In 1759, Leonard Henly was listed as a member of the Vestry and in 1774 it was reported in the Vestry book that Richardson Henly had "removed from the Parish."

The best known Arms of the Bullock family follows:

Arms: Argent, a chevron gules, between three bulls' heads, or.

Crest: Five battle axes, blades sable, staffs, or, ribboned gules.

Motto: Nil Conscire sibi, meaning "To be conscious of no fault."

CHAPTER 7

REUBIN ALDRIDGE AND HIS DESCENDANTS.
SON OF JAMES ALDREDGE, REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIER AND BROTHER OF NATHAN
ALDREDGE, 1789-1865.

Reubin Aldridge was evidently the eldest son of James Aldredge, though he spelled his name *Aldridge*, and his brother Nathan spelled his name *Aldredge*. According to the record in his family Bible he was born in North Carolina, May 26, 1770, died in Salem, Russell County, Alabama, October 23, 1847, m. in Columbia County, Georgia, September 15, 1795, Sarah Liverman (daughter of Matthias Liverman), b. in North Carolina in 1774, d. in Salem, Alabama, October 31, 1860, and buried in County Line Cemetery, Concord Church yard, beside the grave of her husband. This Church and Cemetery was donated to the Baptists by Reubin Aldridge.

Reubin Aldridge left a will in Russell County, Alabama, signed October 1, 1847, and probated November 2, 1847, in which he names the following children: Levisa, James, Lewis, Sarah Goodwin, Matthias, Clark and Nathan. Because of the lack of punctuation in the will, some of the researchers in Russell County have mistaken the slaves given to the various children as children of Reubin, but, fortunately, Reubin kept a list of his slaves, with date of their births, and we have been able to separate the slaves from the children. The list has been preserved by one of his descendants, Mrs. Oscar Lane, of Atlanta, Georgia, and is as follows:

"Birth of Slaves belonging to Reubin Aldredge:

Bram was born August 9, 1818.

Hilliard was born April 3, 1819.

Matilda was born March 17, 1822.

Charles was born December 6, 1823.

Dred was born February 11, 1825.

Sarah was born January 10, —.

Peter was born May 28, 1829.

Jane was born January 25, 1831.

Violet was born February 13, 1833.

Harriette was born July 5, 1835."

The will of Reubin Aldridge follows:

“WILL OF REUBIN ALDRIDGE

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN

I Reuben Aldridge at present of the State of Alabama, Russell County being in sound mind and disposing memory and knowing that God has appointed for all men to die—Do make ordain and constitute this my last Will and Testament revoking all others heretofore made.

First.

I recommend my Sole to the favor of God who first created my existence. Then touching my temporal or worldly estate, it is my will that all my just debts be paid. Then I give to my beloved wife Sarah all the lands I am now possessed of on Section Ten Township Nineteen and Range Twenty eight and all the land I own on the east half of the northeast quarter of Section nine in Township nineteen and Range twenty eight lying east and southeast of the branch running through the north end of said tract cropping the Road near the house where Jourdan Goodwin lives— Also the crop that is on the plantation, or as much thereof as may be sufficient for her support, together with my cart and oxen and buggy, with the following Negroes three in number viz. Moses and Mariah his wife and Clarissa a girl, Also two work horses or mules with all the plantation tools, also as much of the Stock Cattle, hogs & sheep as she and my Executors may think sufficient for her support and all the household and kitchen furniture. All of said property to belong to my wife during her life time or widowhood. And as I have heretofore given all my children a portion of my property viz my daughter Lavicy, Bram a boy worth when given four hundred dollars & the following tract of land viz the Southwest quarter of Section Sixteen Township Nineteen and Range Twenty eight containing one hundred and sixty acres valued at Six Hundred dollars the amount in cash I actually paid for said land—

To my son James, Camby, a girl worth three hundred dollars when given—To my Son Lewis, Hilliard a boy worth when given four hundred dollars—To my daughter Sarah,

a girl Sarah worth when given three hundred dollars—To my son Matthias a girl Lizzy worth when given two hundred dollars—To my son Clark, Charles a boy worth when given four hundred dollars—To my Son Nathan, Dread a boy worth when given four hundred dollars—and it is further my will that the balance of my estate both real and personal be sold (except my negroes, and it is my will that they be appraised and allotted off if it can be done by persons appointed for that purpose so as to make each ones part equal as the above named negroes was not of equal value at the time given, except my Sons James & Matthias. It is my will and desire that their proportionable part go to the lawful heirs of their natural bodies to be kept together until their youngest heir becomes of age, left with my Executors to appoint some proper person to attend and keep said property together till their youngest heir becomes of age.

It is also my wish that my Executors hereinafter named should mark a distance off to constitute their mother and if it meets her approbation to sell the land willed to her and purchase a place more convenient, as it is my wish that they keep her near them as long as she lives and at her death it is my will that the property left to her be divided equally as the foregoing property.

And I do hereby nominate and appoint my Sons Nathan and Clark my lawful executors to carry this my last Will and Testament into effect according to the true intent and meaning thereof.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the first of October A. D. 1847 Eighteen Hundred and Forty-Seven and the Seventy third year of the Independence of the United States of America.

Reuben Aldridge (L.S.)

Signed in the presence of

William Davis

Wm. T. Swift

Sterling H. Pitts.

The State of Alabama

Russell County

Before me Ulysses Lewis Judge of Orphans Court of said County personally William Davis, William T. Swift and Sterling H. Pitts who being sworn and examined de-

poseth and saith that they are Subscribing witnesses to the Instrument now Shown them and which purports to be the last Will and Testament of Reuben Aldridge late of said County deceased, that they Sign the same as witnesses and in the presence of the said Reuben Aldridge deceased and in the presence of each other specified and whose names thereto appeared that we saw each other and the said Testator Sign the Same and that the Said Reuben Aldridge published and ordered the same to be his last Will and Testament and that the said Reuben Aldridge when publishing and declaring the same was of sound mine and disposing memory.

Sworn to in open court this 2nd Nov. 1847		Wm. Davis
Ulysses Lewis Judge C. C.	}	Wm. T. Swift
	}	Sterling H. Pitts.

An Obituary appearing in a Russell County, Alabama, newspaper, gives us much information concerning Reubin Aldridge, and also helps to prove that he was the brother of Nathan Aldredge. The reference is to "his only surviving brother" who could be none other than Nathan, who did not die until 1860, and was the only other Aldredge in Russell County at that time, old enough to be the brother. All other Aldredges in the county have been definitely identified. The Obituary follows:

"TRIBUTE OF RESPECT:

At a regular conference, held with County Line Church, Russell County, Alabama, October 23, 1847, the following proceedings were held:

Whereas it has pleased our Heavenly Father, this morning, at 15 minutes after 7 o'clock, to call from the Church Militant our highly esteemed, much beloved, and useful brother, Reubin Aldridge, to the Church Triumphant, it is deemed proper to take such steps as will hand his memory down to those that may come after him. Therefore, be it resolved that this Church deeply sympathizes with the beloved family of our deceased brother in their affliction; and further, that we appoint a committee to draw up a short obituary, to be appended to these proceedings, recorded in our Church book, and that the family of our deceased brother be furnished with the same, and that a copy be sent

to the Alabama Baptist Church and Christian Index for publication. Done in Conference, October 23, 1847.

James Cadenhead, Moderator,
L. M. Dodson, Clerk, Pro Tem.

Died, at his residence in Russell County, Alabama, on the 23rd instant, Mr. Reubin Aldridge, in the 77th year of his age. The disease which wasted his strength was of several months continuance. It commenced with a slight inflammation of the lungs, terminating in a permanent affection.

Mr. A. was born in one of the upper counties of N. C. While in infancy, his father emigrated to Georgia, and settled in Columbia County. When he grew up, he united with the KIOKEE Baptist Church in February, 1804, and was baptized by the devoted servant of God, Abram Marshall. He moved from Columbia county to Richmond county, from thence to Baldwin county, and united in the constitution of Camp Creek Church, and was there ordained to the Deacon's office, in the year 1812. He lived there until the year 1818.

Our newly settled state (Alabama) was inviting emigrants, and Mr. A. was among the first that emigrated. He settled in Autauga county in the Winter of 1818. He did not forget his vows to the Lord. He was instrumental in the organization of churches, often travelling over 100 miles to represent his church in the Association. He remained in Autauga county till the year 1828; he then moved back to Georgia, and was there instrumental in the organization of Talbottom Church, serving the church there as Deacon till the year 1836. He then again moved to Alabama, and settled at his late residence.

The reader will discover that the subject of this short notice was, the greater part of his long life, a pioneer. In this, he was eminently useful, much above ordinary men of like character. The writer of this notice was present when he breathed his last. He retained his proper senses entire, to the last moment, and said, a few minutes before his departure, that his confidence in the blessed Redeemer was firm and unshaken. He called his aged companion, his only surviving brother, his children, grandchildren and neighbors that were present, gave them his hand, bid them farewell, and exhorted them to live for God. Indeed, there was nothing gloomy about his dying chamber; it was a solemn place, but one which was calculated to strengthen the feeblest saint.

He left an aged companion, seven children, many grand and great grandchildren, and many friends to mourn his irreparable loss. And we earnestly exhort them to live as their deceased friend lived, in order that they may die as he died.

Signed,

Wm. T. Swift, Chairman of Com."

Reubin Aldridge was not only active in his Church, while living in Autauga County, Alabama, but was also active in civil affairs. He served as Justice of the Peace for Autauga County from November 8, 1820-1822, when he was succeeded by his son, James Kendrick Aldridge. Lewis Aldridge, another son, was Constable for Autauga County, September 12, 1821, and a member of the Seventh Regiment of the Autauga County Militia.

Reubin Aldridge, in his will, names all of his children as legatees, except James and Matthias, and leaves their share of the estate to the children of these two sons. In the final settlement of the estate, p. 123, of Records of Annual and Final Settlements D, of Russell County, Alabama, March 4, 1863, the various legatees are named. James Kendrick Aldridge and Levisa White are both dead at this time, so their heirs are named. The children of Matthias are also named, though Matthias is empowered to control their inheritance until they are of age. The various heirs are as follows:

Lewis Aldridge, of Mississippi.

Sarah L. Goodwin, of age, Russell County, Alabama.

Clark Aldridge, of age, Russell County, Alabama.

Nathan Aldridge, Jr., of age, of Russell County, Alabama.

Children of Matthias Aldridge:

Clementine, of Mississippi.

Susan Meeks, of Mississippi.

Martha Kelly, of Texas.

James Aldridge, of age, of Mississippi.

Dovie Ann, of Mississippi, married, but husband's name unknown.

Two minors, names unknown.

Children of James Kendrick Aldridge, deceased:

Sarah A. Aldridge, wife of Joe M. Omal (?) of Mississippi.
James Aldridge.

Frances Hill, wife of Horatio Hill, Russell County,
Alabama.

Lucinda Williams, wife of James Williams, of Pike
County, Alabama.

Virginia Stephens, wife of Thomas Stephens, of
Mississippi.

Children of Levisa White:

Sarah Connie, of Arkansas.

Reubin White's children: Reubin White, deceased.

William R. White, d. circa 1842.

Sarah Jane White.

Elijah A. White.

Iverson (?) C. White.

One child, name unknown.

Rebecca Hinton, wife of German Hinton, of Louisiana.

Nancy Lynn, wife of Elbert Lynn of Russell County,
Alabama.

Amanda McBride, wife of Joe McBride, of Macon
County, Alabama.

Effie Dickens, wife of C. Dickens.

The U. S. Census for 1850 for Beat No. 2 in Russell County, Alabama, lists Sarah Aldridge as head of the family, age 76, born in North Carolina, and the following as members of her family: William Aldridge, age 25, born in North Carolina; Sarah Goodwin, age 45, born in North Carolina; Mary Hightower, age 25, born in Georgia, Cuthbert Hightower, age 6, born in Georgia; and William Hightower, age 4, born in Georgia.

Reubin and Sarah Aldridge were married in Columbia County, Georgia, in 1795, and if Sarah Goodwin was 45 in 1850, she was born in 1805, and was born in Georgia, Columbia County, instead of North Carolina, and listed in the Census. The William Aldridge listed in the Census as living with Sarah Aldridge, widow, has not been identified, for

he was not one of Sarah's children. He was probably a kinsman. The Mary Hightower listed in the Census was Sarah's granddaughter, daughter of Sarah Goodwin, who had married Cuthbert Hightower in 1843. Cuthbert Hightower was evidently dead at this time, and Mary, and her three Hightower children, were living with Sarah.

ISSUE of Reubin and Sarah Liverman Aldridge.

1. Levisy (Levisa) Aldridge, born circa 1797. Levisa Aldridge probably died in Russell County, Alabama, for she is buried in Linwood Cemetery in Columbus, Georgia, just a few miles over the Alabama line in Georgia. She was married to Clinton White, though we have no record of the date of her marriage. It is evident that she and her husband both died before her children were grown, for they lived with their relatives in Russell County. (Data for the White records was secured from Mrs. Oscar Lane of Atlanta, Georgia, Mrs. J. F. Snellings and Ethelbert A. Chappell, of Phenix City, Alabama.)

Issue of Levisa Aldridge and Clinton White:

Levisa Fannie, Amanda, Effie, Mary Ann, Nancy, Sally, Becky, William, Joseph and Henry (Tip), and Reubin dead at settlement of Reubin, Sr's estate 1847.

Issue:

- 1-1. Levisa Fannie White, d. April 19, 1915, called "Frank" by most of the relatives, married August 9, 1857, Lee County, Alabama, Isham Brooks Cadenhead, Confederate Soldier, Co. H, 34th Alabama Volunteers, who died July 22nd, 1864. Killed in battle of Atlanta.

Issue: Lorenzo Warren Brooks Cadenhead, William Michael Isham Cadenhead, Euphemia Levisa Eliza Cadenhead, and Brooksie Ann Eudora Elizabeth (Dora) Cadenhead.

Issue:

- 1-1-1. Lorenzo Warren Brooks Cadenhead, born June 24, 1858, Russell County, Alabama, d. 1948-49, married November 7, 1893, in Galveston, Texas, Martha Elizabeth Massey, born June 10, 1867, d. Nov. 14, 1922.

Issue: Mabel, Myrtle, William Brooks, Luther Warren, Joseph Wheeler, James Albert, Frances Elizabeth, and Richard Lee.

- 1-1-1-1. Mabel Cadenhead was born September 4, 1895, in Huntsville, Alabama, and married June 16, 1918, in Phenix City, Alabama, to Jesse Clifford Farrar, born March 13, 1897, died April 29, 1932, in Standing Rock, Alabama.
- 1-1-1-2. Myrtle Cadenhead was born June 9, 1897, in Huntsville, Alabama, married December 25, 1925, to Otis Davis of Columbus, Georgia.
- 1-1-1-3. William Brooks Cadenhead was born in 1898 in Limestone County, Alabama.
- 1-1-1-4. Luther Warren Cadenhead was born in Limestone County, Alabama, April 29, —.
- 1-1-1-5. Joseph Wheeler Cadenhead, b. 9-26-1901, Huntsville, Alabama, d. 8-12-1903.
- 1-1-1-6. James Albert Cadenhead, b. 2-29-1904, Huntsville, Alabama.
- 1-1-1-7. Frances Elizabeth Cadenhead married September 17, 1927, William Caldwell, Columbus, Georgia.
- 1-1-1-8. Richard Lee Cadenhead, b. 10-21-1909, in Huntsville, Alabama, married 1934, Annie Mae Aflect.
- 1-1-2. William Michael Isham Cadenhead, b. 2-25-1860, d. 1-3-1929, m. 10-31-1887, Mary Mollie Womack.
- Issue of William Michael Isham Cadenhead and Mollie Womack:
- 1-1-2-1. Homer Augustus Cadenhead, b. 12-9-1888.
- 1-1-2-2. Elizabeth (Bessie) Eudora Cadenhead, b. 12-8-1889, m. 3-20-1936, A. E. Dudley (brother-in-law).
- 1-1-2-3. Herbert Gaston Cadenhead, b. 5-29-1891, married 1-29-1930, Lottie Louise Riley.
- Issue: Herbert Gaston, Jr., Peggy June, and William Kenneth.
- Issue:
- 1-1-2-3-1. Herbert Gaston Cadenhead, Jr., b. 9-14-1930.
- 1-1-2-3-2. Peggy June Cadenhead, b. 9-30-1933.
- 1-1-2-3-3. William Kenneth Cadenhead, b. 7-9-1935.
- 1-1-2-4. Warren Brooks Cadenhead, b. 8-10-1894,

married twice, 1) 1-17-1915 to Eva Modling, who died in 1920.

Issue:

1-1-2-4-1. One child, James Haywood Cadenhead, b. 11-7-1915.
m. 2) Callie C. Grimes.

Issue:

1-1-2-4-2. Ellen Edith Cadenhead, b. 1-21-1929.

1-1-2-4-3. Lee Richard Cadenhead, b. 3-6-1932.

1-1-2-5. Dessa Mae Cadenhead, b. 11-7-1895.

1-1-2-6. Sherwood Paul Cadenhead, b. 4-14-1897, married 3-4-1917, Ida Louis Hunter. Issue: Jessie Ruth, Sherwood Jack, Bessie Louis and Margaret.

Issue:

1-1-2-6-1. Jessie Ruth Cadenhead, b. 1-21-1918, m. 8-23-1935, Herbert Sheffield. Issue, one child, Sherwood James Sheffield.

Issue:

1-1-2-6-1-1. Sherwood James Sheffield, b. 10-26-1936.

1-1-2-6-2. Sherwood Jack Cadenhead, b. 10-26-1920.

1-1-2-6-3. Bessie Louis Cadenhead, b. 6-29-1924.

1-1-2-6-4. Margaret Cadenhead, b. 10-26-1931.

1-1-2-7. Marielle Cadenhead, b. 10-12-1900, d. 1-3-1935, m. 11-11-1926, A. E. Dudley. Issue: Asa Eric, Madeline and Mollie Joyce.

Issue:

1-1-2-7-1. Asa Eric Dudley, Jr., b. 7-26-1927.

1-1-2-7-2. Madeline Dudley, b. 8-8-1928.

1-1-2-7-3. Mollie Joyce Dudley, b. 2-16-1930.

1-1-3. Euphemia Levisa Eliza Cadenhead, b. 9-18-1862, d. 3-2-1920, m. 11-12-1882, James O'Grady. Issue: Oscar Durwood, James Luther, William Alphonso, Maude Inez, Francis Clifford, Annie Lucile and Homer Brooks.

Issue:

- 1-1-3-1. Oscar Durwood O'Grady, b. 8-14-1883, married 10-26-1902, Florence Maude Statham, b. 8-26-1886. Issue: Thelma Neville and Wilma Ann.

Issue:

- 1-1-3-1-1. Thelma Neville O'Grady, b. 7-8-1903, m. 7-24-1924, Allen James Matthews.

- 1-1-3-1-2. Wilma Anne O'Grady, b. 8-10-1904, married 12-23-1919, Leonard Ray. Issue: Robert Leonard, Jr., and Lester Homer.

Issue:

- 1-1-3-1-2-1. Robert Leonard Ray, b. 6-29-1920.

- 1-1-3-1-2-2. Lester Homer Ray, b. 9-2-1922.

- 1-1-3-2. James Luther O'Grady, b. 12-8-1885, d. 2-27-1931, m. 5-19-1918, Hamilton Linda Smith. Issue: James Luther, Jr., Thomas Judge, Annie Loui, Rebecca Corinne and Louis Eugene.

Issue:

- 1-1-3-2-1. James Luther O'Grady, Jr., b. 5-26-1919, d. 10-17-1921.

- 1-1-3-2-2. Thomas Judge O'Grady, b. 8-23-1920.

- 1-1-3-2-3. Annie Lou O'Grady, b. 5-11-1923.

- 1-1-3-2-4. Rebecca Corinne O'Grady, b. 1-4-1925.

- 1-1-3-2-5. Louis Eugene O'Grady, b. 9-23-1926.

- 1-1-3-3. William Alfonzo O'Grady, b. 2-22-1888, d. 10-16-1927.

- 1-1-3-4. Maude Inez O'Grady, b. 1-4-1890, m. 11-15-1911, J. Franklin Snellings. Issue: J. Franklin, Jr., Martha May, Florence Rebecca, Doris Inez, Elizabeth Oline and William O'Grady.

Issue:

- 1-1-3-4-1. J. Franklin Snellings, Jr., b. 7-6-1913, m. 9-29-1936, Lorain Berot.

- 1-1-3-4-2. Martha May Snellings, b. 5-1-1915.

- 1-1-3-4-3. Florence Rebecca Snellings, b. 6-19-1917, m. 6-23-1935, Frank Bookman.

- 1-1-3-4-4. Doris Inez Snellings, b. 1-19-1919.
- 1-1-3-4-5. Elizabeth Oline Snellings, b. 4-20-1925.
- 1-1-3-4-6. William O'Grady Snellings, b. 8-2-1930.
- 1-1-3-5. Francis Clifford O'Grady, b. 10-14-1898, d. 9-30-1918.
- 1-1-3-6. Annie Lucile O'Grady, b. 10-14-1900, m. 8-14-1921, Albert Claud Smith. Issue: Albert Claud, Jr., and Robert Neal.
- 1-1-3-7. Homer Brooks O'Grady, b. 10-7-1902, d. 7-30-1923.
- 1-1-4. Brooksie Ann Eudora Elizabeth Cadenhead, b. 1-7-1865, d. 3-6-1920. Unmarried.
- 1-2. Amanda White, daughter of Levisa Aldredge and Clinton White, m. Joe McBride of Macon County, Alabama. Issue: Dora, Betty, May, Sallie, Joe, John, Fannie, Nannie, Nealy and Jim.
- Issue:
- 1-2-1. Dora McBride married Joe Martin. Issue: Jerry, Maybelle, Earsel, Alfonso, Nellie, Ferrell.
- 1-2-2. Betty McBride, m. Wilburn Roberson.
- 1-2-3. May McBride, m. Jim Thornton.
- 1-2-4. Sallie McBride, m. William Hugh McKenzie.
- 1-2-5. Joe McBride, m. Laura Owens (or Fannie Owens).
- 1-2-6. John McBride, m. Nannie Green.
- 1-2-7. Fannie McBride, m. Charlie Howard.
- 1-2-8. Nannie McBride, m. John Colee (Corlee).
- 1-2-9. Nealy McBride, m. Frederick Worrell.
- 1-2-10. Jim McBride, m. Ellen Elder.
- 1-3. Effie White, daughter of Levisa Aldredge and Clinton White, died in 1913, m. Ernest Clinton Dickens. She was reared by her Uncle Clark Aldredge. Issue: Eudora (Donie), Will, Henry, Mary Jane, Theodosia, Ernest, called "Duck."
- Issue:
- 1-3-1. Donie Dickens, b. Greenville, Alabama, 9-15-1850 or 1855, d. 10-31-1921, in Phenix City, Alabama, buried in Columbus, Georgia, m. in Phenix City, Alabama,

circa 1877, John Summersgill, b. 7-7-1862, d. 7-7-1923.

Issue: Henry, May, Clinton, Katie, Lala.

Issue:

1-3-1-1. Henry Summersgill. Unmarried.

1-3-1-2. May Summersgill, m. in Phenix City, Alabama, 5-22-1900, Jesse Payne, Jr. Issue: Jessie May, John, Edwin, Erin, Richard.

1-3-1-3. Clinton Summersgill, of Montgomery, Alabama, m. 1907, Freddie Lane. Issue: Louise, Marvin Thomas, Edith, Bettie and Billie.

1-3-1-4. Katie Summersgill, m. 9-2-1915, Joseph G. McGarr. Issue: Joseph G., Jr., Mary Kathryn and John Edwin.

1-3-1-5. Lala (or Lola) Summersgill, m. 1-5-1915, D. F. Parker (or J. G. McGarr). No issue.

1-3-2. Will Dickens, b. 9-2-1859, Greenville, Alabama, d. 9-25-1925, in Phenix City, Alabama. Unmarried. Buried in Columbus, Georgia.

1-3-3. Henry Dickens, b. 9-12-1862, in Greenville, Alabama, d. 1935, in Columbus, Georgia; m. Mattie Harris. Issue: William David, Fannie Mae, m. Will Jordon, Ernest and Clinton.

1-3-4. Mary Jane Dickens, b. 1-16-1854 (?), d. May, 1927, m. Elisha Morris. Issue: Winfield, Effie, Estella, Bertha, Hattie and Pearl.

Issue:

1-3-4-1. Winfield Morris. Unmarried. d. World War I.

1-3-4-2. Effie Morris, m. ————Gasey. (?)

1-3-4-3. Estella Morris, m. ———— Clegg.

1-3-4-4. Bertha Morris, m. ———— Kemp.

1-3-4-5. Hattie Morris m. ———— Morman.

1-3-4-6. Pearl Morris, m. ———— Kelly.

1-3-5. Theodosia Ernest (Duck) Dickens, b. Greenville, Alabama, d. circa 1900, m. Charles Murphy in Phenix



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City, Alabama, called Brownville at that time, and is buried in Columbus, Georgia.

Issue:

- 1-3-5-1. Ernest Murphy, b. 1882, d. 4-25-1917.
- 1-4. Sallie White.
- 1-5. Rebecca White, m. Mr. Henson or Hinton.
- 1-6. Mary Ann White.
- 1-7. William White.
- 1-8. Joseph White.
- 1-9. Henry (Tip) White, m. Mary Allen.

Issue:

- 1-9-1. Jennie White, m. ———— Gregg.
- 1-9-2. Fannie White, m. ———— Kirkland.
- 1-9-3. Effie White, m. ———— Bonner.
- 1-9-4. Gussie White, m. ———— Walker.
- 1-9-5. Wade White, m. ———— Kirkland.
- 1-9-6. Doc White, m. ———— Essie Walker.
- 1-9-7. Watt White, m. Lou Knairean.
- 1-9-8. Raymond White, m. Willie Brown.
- 1-10. Nancy White, m. Ethelbert Lynn, and moved to Chapel Hill, Texas.

Issue:

- 1-10-1. Saphronie Lynn, m. John Henry Chappell.

Issue:

- 1-10-1-1. Ethelbert A. Chappell, m. Electa Roney, Phenix City, Alabama.
- 1-10-1-2. John Chappell, m. Birdie Carroll.
- 1-10-1-3. Rayford Chappell.
- 1-10-1-4. George Chappell.
- 1-10-1-5. Ida Chappell, m. ———— Hill.
- 1-10-1-6. Claude Chappell, m. Emma Lee.
- 1-10-1-7. Charlie Chappell, m. 1) ———— Blair; m. 2) Susie Matthews; m. 3) Lalia Edwards.

- 1-10-1-8. Pearl Chappell, m. George Milner.
- 1-10-1-9. Irene Chappell, m. Clyde Layfield.
- 1-10-1-10. Dan Chappell, m. Lucille Noble.
- 1-10-1-11. Helen Chappell.

2. James Kendrick Aldridge was the second child of Reubin and Sarah Liverman Aldridge. The census of 1850 lists him as 52 years of age, hence he was born in 1798. His wife, Frances is listed as 46, which would place her birth in 1804. They are listed with three children, Lucinda, age 17, Virginia, age 15, and James, age 12. We know that James Kendrick Aldridge was married before 1829, for on September 10, 1829, he and his wife, Frances, sign a joint deed in Russell County, Alabama, transferring certain property to Nathan Aldridge, with Clark Aldridge as a witness, and Matthias Aldridge the Acting J. P. This deed was not recorded until 1840, which was probably the date of death of James Kendrick Aldridge. The above three children, with the addition of Sarah and Frances, are named as heirs in the administration of the estate of Reubin Aldridge, final settlement, in 1863, and James Kendrick Aldridge is referred to as deceased.

From the above administration report and from Marriage records of Russell County, Alabama, we have the following record of James Kendrick and his descendants.

Issue:

- 2-1. Lucinda B. Aldridge, b. 1833, m. January 9, 1851, James Williams, Pike County, Alabama.
 - 2-2. Virginia Aldridge, b. 1835, m. September 1, 1857, Thomas Stephens, of Mississippi.
 - 2-3. James Aldridge, b. 1838. No record.
 - 2-4. Frances A. Aldridge, m. Horatio Hill, December 21, 1848, Russell County, Alabama, Marriage Records.
 - 2-5. Sarah A. Aldridge, wife of Joe M. Omal (?), of Mississippi.
3. Lewis Aldridge was another one of the children of Reubin and Sarah Aldridge, who moved to Mississippi at an early day and we have very little data about him. From *A Complete History of Mississippi Baptists*, by Leavell and Bailey, Vol 1, pp. 566, 576, 575, we learn that he was an active member of the Yolabusha Association,



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and at the Troy Mississippi Church, constituted in 1840. In 1843 he was in charge of the Association Missions, and in 1846 was elected a Deacon of the Troy Church. In 1852 he was appointed Chairman of the Executive Board of the Association and was described thus: "Lewis Aldridge was brave in battle, a soldier of the Mexican and Confederate Wars, and brave and honorable in religious circles. He was born a gentleman and never lost his bearing. He was the father of the wife of Col. Hicks Barksdale of Hardy Station." The name of the Troy Church was changed to Hardy Station. In a letter to the Author in 1918, Mrs. F. M. Aldridge, of Greenwood, Mississippi, stated that one of the sons of Lewis Aldridge was F. M. Aldridge, Confederate soldier, killed at the Battle of Shiloh, whose son, F. M. Aldridge, Jr., married Kate George.

4. Sarah L. Aldridge, daughter of Reubin and Sarah Liverman Aldridge, was born in 1805, according to the Census Records of 1850, and died in 1867. In 1850 she was living in Salem, Alabama, with her widowed mother, and she is listed as Mrs. Sarah L. Goodwin. We do not know the given name of her husband. We know that she had two children, Mary M., and Jordon M., and she may have had others. She is buried in Concord Church Yard, County Line, Alabama.

Issue:

- 4-1. Mary M. Goodwin was born in 1825 and is buried in Concord Church Yard, County Line Cemetery. She left a will in Russell County, Alabama, dated 2-16-1907, and probated 12-5-1910. Mary M. Goodwin married 1) 6-29-1843, Cuthbert Hightower. Married by Nathan Aldredge, J. P., Marriage Book 1834-45, p. 92.

Issue:

- 4-1-1. Cuthbert Hightower, Jr., b. 1844, in Georgia, living in Salem, Alabama, in 1850.
- 4-1-2. William Hightower, b. 1846, in Georgia, living in Salem, Alabama, in 1850.
- 4-1-3. Hudson Hightower, married Zipsie Boyd.

Mary Goodwin Hightower married 2) 11-30-1851, Abner Pitts, b. in Newberry County, South Carolina, died in 1867, in Salem, Alabama. Abner Pitts was

listed in the 1850 Census of Russell County, Alabama, as living with the family of William Burt, and his age was given as twenty-eight. The 1860 Census lists him with a wife and three daughters. Family tradition says that he went to Alabama on a hunting trip and was so well pleased with the country that he decided to make it his home. His death occurred just as he was getting ready to leave for the War between the States. The 1870 Census does not list his wife and children, but if they moved out of Russell County, they later returned, for the will of Mary Goodwin Hightower Pitts is filed in Russell County. (Married by Clark Aldredge, J. P.)

Issue of Mary Goodwin Hightower and 2nd husband, Abner Pitts:

4-1-4. Susan C. Pitts, b. 1854, Russell County, Alabama, m. ———— Speare. Issue: Nina, Effie, Abner, Hillary.

4-1-5. Sarah Goodwin Pitts, b. circa 1856, m. Solon Boyd. Issue: Daughter, Solon Boyd.

4-1-6. Hillary Pitts. Unmarried.

4-1-7. Lodusky D. Pitts, married Reubin Hugley.

4-1-8. Drayton Abner Pitts, b. 11-5-1863, Russell County, Alabama, m. 12-24-1887, Annie Pawnee Eiland, b. 3-11-1864.

Issue:

4-1-8-1. Douglas Drayton Pitts, b. 1893.

4-1-8-2. Grace Truman Pitts, b. 9-24-1889, m. 8-5-1918, Edgar Eugene Cox, b. 4-3-1880.

Issue:

4-1-8-2-1. Gene Cox, b. 2-4-1925, Albany, Georgia, m. 10-6-1945, Washington, D. C., to Lieut. Col. Roland Bennett Anderson.

Issue:

4-1-8-2-1-1. Roland Bruce Anderson, b. 9-23-1946.

4-1-8-2-1-2. Gene Cox Anderson, b. 2-18-1948, in Lima,

4-1-8-3. Ruby Pitts, b. 1891, m. Roy Smith.

Issue:

4-1-8-3-1. Grace Smith, b. 8-22-1922.

- 4-2. Jordan M. Goodwin, son of Sarah L. Aldredge Goodwin, and brother of Mary M. Goodwin Hightower. He married December 2, 1846,* in Chambers County, Alabama, Mary Gray, but died without issue, and was preceded in death by his wife. He left a will in Russell County, Alabama, dated 9-20-1849, and recorded 12-8-1849 (Book 1, 1838-49, p. 182), in which he devises all of his property to his sister, Mary M. Hightower, with the exception of his wife's clothes, which he leaves to his mother-in-law, Elizabeth Gray.
5. Matthias Aldridge, son of Reubin and Sarah Liverman Aldridge, b. March 18, 1804, d. January 4, 1870; m. 1) January 22, 1824, to Mildred _____, b. September 28, 1807, d. October 4, 1844; m. 2) Sarah Ann Savage, b. February 9, 1825, d. 1895, and buried near West, Mississippi.

Matthias Aldridge, of Russell County, Alabama, bought Lot. No. 128, in 27th District of Sumter County, Georgia, formerly Lee County, from Richard Sloan of Meriwether County, on December 10, 1838, and sold this land to Joseph Cobb, of Marion County, Georgia, on March 5, 1840. (Deed Records E, Sumter County, Georgia, pp. 288 and 228.) It was probably at this time that Matthias removed to Mississippi. The dates listed below for the family of Matthias Aldridge were kindly furnished the author by Mr. N. Leon Aldridge, of West, Mississippi, and were taken from the Family Bible of his grandfather, Matthias Aldridge, and his father, Nathan Lewis Aldridge.

Issue of Matthias and Mildred Aldridge:

- 5-1. Susan Aldridge, b. October 13, 1824, m. August 6, 1842, Simon Clark.
- 5-2. Sarah L. Aldridge, b. April 21, 1826, d. September 18, 1845.
- 5-3. Jasper N. Aldridge, b. October 31, 1827, d. September 16, 1852, m. May 31, 1849, Missouri F. _____.
- 5-4. Martha E., b. August 28, 1829, m. August 6, 1843, Isaac Kelly.
- 5-5. Mary A. Aldridge, b. March 11, 1831, d. November 13, 1857.

*Chambers County Marriage Record No. 3, p. 335.

- 5-6. Thomas I. Aldridge, b. January 3, 1833, d. November 9, 1863.
- 5-7. Doryan Aldridge, b. January 22, 1835.
- 5-8. James M. Aldridge, b. December 6, 1836, d. July 17, 1864.
- 5-9. Emily Aldridge, b. August 8, 1837, d. August 22, 1837.
- 5-10. Jane C. Aldridge, b. October 31, 1839.
- 5-11. William H. Aldridge, b. December 3, 1841, d. March 17, 1885.
- 5-12. Reubin C. Aldridge, b. August 18, 1843, d. September 14, 1843.

ISSUE of Matthias Aldridge and Sarah Ann Savage:

- 5-13. John M. Aldridge, b. December 19, 1849, d. January 11, 1862.
- 5-14. Allis Wade Aldridge, b. May 30, 1858, m. October 14, 1886, Thomas P. Richerson.
- 5-15. Ben F. Aldridge, b. July 6, 1862, d. September 10, 1885.
- 5-16. Nathan Lewis Aldridge, b. December 30, 1863, d. April 21, 1949, m. January 23, 1889, Lou Weeks, d. September 1, 1945.

Clementine, listed in the administration reports of Reubin Aldridge, Senior, does not appear in the above list, though she could be Jane C., listed as No. 5-11, with her name being Jane Clementine, and Dovie Ann listed in the same administration records must be the Doryan of the Bible records. The Bible records were kept by the second wife of Matthias, so she could have made some mistakes about the names of the children of the first wife.

- 6. Clark Aldridge, b. in Georgia 11-25-1810, d. 10-20-1882, and buried in County Line Cemetery, about five miles from Salem, Alabama, married 12-2-1830, at Chalybeate Springs, Georgia, Mary Rollins, born in Chalybeate Springs, a fashionable resort of 1830, in Meriweather County, November 25, 1811. The Chalybeate Springs were owned by Mary Rollins' father. Parents of Mary Rollins were Loderick and Rachel Rollins. Mary Rollins Aldridge died July 1, 1880.

Clark Aldridge was a prosperous and influential man in Alabama, and a favorite with all of the relatives,

and though he was seriously ill for many years, he lived to a ripe old age. In June 1836, he made a trip to North Carolina, on horseback in an effort to regain his health.

In a letter to his wife from Ashville, North Carolina, dated June 8, 1836, he mentions the fact that he was eleven days on the road, a distance of 275 miles, and that his horse was very much jaded, but that he planned to go on to Lexington, Kentucky.

He listed his route as follows:

From home to Thomaston	20 miles
Shady Dale, Jasper County	65 miles
Watkinsville, Clark County	37 miles
Danielsville	22 miles
Pickensville, South Carolina	70 miles
Ashville, North Carolina	63 miles

He addressed his wife in Talboton, Georgia, so she was probably visiting there while her husband was away. Clark Aldridge held many positions of honor and trust in his county and was a tower of strength in the Baptist Church to which he belonged. A newspaper item in the local paper at the time of his death had the following account, under date of October 23, 1882, signed by E. W. L.:

“Died at his residence in Lee County, Alabama, on 20th of October, 1882, Deacon Clark Aldridge, age 73 years. He united with the Baptist Church at Talboton, Talbot County, Georgia, in the 20th year of his age and his membership was with the following churches, Macedonia, Meriweather County, Georgia; Concord, Lee County, Ala. He united in the constitution of County Line Church, Lee County, Ala., where he spent the rest of his life, 44 years. He was also a Deacon for half a Century. His walk was that of a Christian, and he was beloved by all who knew him. He also assisted in the constitution of the Tuskegee Association of Ala. and served as their Clerk for six years.

In his last years he passed much suffering and affliction. He never entirely regained what he lost in a fall from a buggy, going home from the last Associa-



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tion he attended with the Tuskegee Church. Elder D. L. Duffie preached his funeral in his church, County Line, after which a hymn was sung, the lines of which Clark composed, and requested that it be sung at that time. His body was taken to its last resting place by the Masons, who interred it with Masonic honors."

Clark Aldredge, in addition to caring for his large farming interests, and serving in his Church, also served a term in the State Legislature, 1857-1858, and held several County Offices. He not only reared a large family of his own, but cared for several nieces and nephews who were left orphans at an early age.

Issue of Clark and Mary Rollins Aldredge:

Amanda, Reubin L., Lewis Green, James Kendrick, Elizabeth Jane Davis, Nathan Matthias, Nancy Emily and John Fletcher.

- 6-1. Amanda Ann Aldredge, b. 10-17-1831, d. 7-15-1868, m. 3-1-1849, Salem, Alabama, Eldridge Adams. Issue: Lorenzo (Ren), Samuel, William, Dora, Eugene, Luke, Charlie and Madison.

Issue:

- 6-1-1. Lorenzo (Ren) Adams, b. Salem, Alabama, d. July, 1919, and buried Notasulga, Alabama, married Tennie Cook. Issue: Sidney L., Minzo, Zadie, Woodson and Rosalie.

Issue:

- 6-1-1-1. Sidney L. Adams, married Carrie Tillery. Issue: One child, Eunice Adams.
- 6-1-2. Samuel Adams, b. Lee County, Alabama, d. circa 1916, buried County Line Church Yard, near Salem, Alabama. Unmarried.
- 6-1-3. William Adams, m. and moved to Arkansas. Issue One child, Luke Adams.
- 6-1-4. Dora Adams, b. 1855-1858, Lee County, Alabama, d. 3-21-1930, m. circa 1877, John Blakeley. Issue: Ernest, John and Lilly.

Issue:

- 6-1-4-1. Ernest Blakeley, b. Columbus, Georgia, m. Florence Bass; no issue.

6-1-4-2. John Blakeley, b. Columbus, Georgia, m. 1) in 1905, Estelle Weltch, d. 1916; m. 2) Alma Dix, 1927.

Issue:

6-1-4-2-1. Evelyn Blakeley, b. 1-12-1908, in Columbus, Georgia, m. 10-9-1935, Frank Black, Radio Orchestra Leader Magic Key Program. No issue. John Blakeley m. 2) 1927, in Ozark, Alabama, Alma Dix.

6-1-4-3. Lilly Blakeley, b. 2-26-1883, Columbus, Georgia, d. 2-16-1910, m. Preston Childs 6-28-1905.

Issue:

6-1-4-3-1. Lillian Childs, b. 1907, m. 1930, Charles Lardent.

Issue:

6-1-4-3-1-1. Charles Lardent, Jr., b. 7-2-1935.

6-1-5. Eugene Adams, b. Lee County, Alabama. Unmarried.

6-1-6. Luke Adams, b. circa 1860, Lee County, Alabama, d. 12-14-1914, buried West Point, Georgia, m. 1-4-1888, Adelaide Hutchinson. Issue: Annie Mae, Lewis N., Mattie Elizabeth, Charlie D., and Jim Lee.

Issue:

6-1-6-1. Annie Mae Adams, b. 1-16-1890, Harris County, Georgia, m. Harvey Cotton, West Point, Georgia. Issue: Annie Lewis, Camilla, Eugene and Harvey.

6-1-6-2. Lewis Nathaniel Adams, b. 1-6-1892, Troup County, Georgia, d. West Point, Georgia.

6-1-6-3. Mattie Elizabeth Adams, b. 6-21-1894, Troup County, Georgia, m. 10-10-1923, John Homer Garner.

Issue:

6-1-6-3-1. Jacqueline Garner, b. 8-2-1924.

6-1-7. Charlie Adams, b. 10-3-1863, Lee County, Alabama, d. 6-4-1889, buried County Line Cemetery.

6-1-8. Madison Eldridge Adams, b. 5-2-1866, Lee County, Alabama, d. Columbus, Georgia, 4-10-1910, m. 12-25-1890, at Columbus, Georgia, Mary Kelton. Issue: Huson E., Margaret D., and Mary L.

Issue:

6-1-8-1. Huson E. Adams, b. 5-13-1893, d. 3-11-1904.

6-1-8-2. Margaret D. Adams, b. 11-7-1895, m. 1) Hugh Eades in Birmingham, Alabama, 1-4-1913.

Issue:

6-1-8-2-1. Mary Kelton Eades, b. 12-2-1913. Margaret D. Adams Eades married 2) 1-30-1924, Frank Henry, in Miami, Florida.

Issue:

6-1-8-2-2. Walter Lindsey Henry, b. 8-30-1927.

6-1-8-3. Mary L. Adams, b. 10-23-1899, Columbus, Georgia, m. 6-3-1919, Dr. R. L. Workman, Birmingham, Alabama.

Issue:

6-1-8-3-1. Laura Anne Workman, b. 10-24-1923.

6-2. Reubin Loderick Aldredge, b. 11-15-1833, d. 8-10-1834, buried County Line Cemetery.

6-3. Lewis Green Aldredge, b. 7-31-1835, in Georgia, d. 6-6-1862, as a Confederate Soldier in Richmond, Virginia, in the First Alabama Hospital. Buried in Richmond, Virginia. Lewis Green Aldredge married 1-20-1858, Julia Ann Garrett.

Lewis Green Aldredge, Sr., was a member of the 14th Regiment of Alabama Volunteers. A letter to his father, Clark Aldredge, under date of March 25th, 1862, just three months before his death, from Richmond, Virginia, gives a very interesting account of his Company and some of his Alabama friends. It is as follows:

“Dear Father:

It is now Tuesday morning. It is nice, delightful, weather, warm, and pleasant for the season. I reckon you are all planting corn. Well, the news about the war is very brash and doubtful. President Davis has taken the field at Fredericksburg; he has command of the force up and down the river at that place.

The great W. L. Yancy is here making speeches day and night; he had better shoulder his musket. No time to speak, we want fighting men. He says we have



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no friends to help us, we must do our own fighting. You will see his speeches in the papers.

The Hon J. L. Carry says "The war will not last long but will be bloody." I expect that the Yankees will cut off communication between here and Alabama, and if so, you will not hear from me much more till the war closes. From what I hear, the people are going to hold Richmond. Even if the Yankees entirely surround us, we will never give up till the last moment; so if I am cut off from you all at home, I will submit to it cheerfully, and you must too. I have endeavored to prepare for the worst, so, if it comes, I feel ready to meet it.

We have marching orders to North Carolina, to Goldsboro, but I don't know whether we will go or not. I think that we will leave soon, but do not know WHEN we will go, nor WHERE, only we are expecting to leave here every hour. But you know how that is. We don't know for certain until we start. We have marching orders, but they can be changed very easily.

Some are getting sick. Jack Smtih is very sick, but none of our Company are dangerously sick. Ben L. has been very sick, but is now able to walk about. He was as bad off as John Allen, who is improving fast, but is now getting well fast.

Well, Richmond is not as lively as it was when you were here. Martial Law has cast a gloom over the city. Goods of every description is very high, and going up every day. No regular market in anything. Just as the war is and the fights, so is the market. Captain Harrington sends his respects to you. He is quite poorly, but is up and about.

Well, as to where the next hard fight will be or is expected, Fredericksburg, hot work ahead. No fight is expected at Manassas, the Yankees frightened and retreated, gone back. That move is said to be one of the best military moves made since the war commenced. That is given up by the Yankees. Ten were brought in Sunday night, caught at Winchester, and that is what they say about it. Our pickets are bringing in some every day.

Well I will try to keep you posted, if I can, as to where I am. I must close. My love to all, goodbye.

Lewis G. Aldredge.”

Issue:

6-3-1. Lewis Green Aldredge, Jr., b. 7-21-1861. Unmarried.

6-4. James Kendrick Aldredge, son of Clark and Mary Rollins Aldredge, b. Lee County, Alabama, 4-17-1838, d. Columbus, Georgia, 2-9-1901, m. Lee County, Alabama, 10-23-1866, Martha Harriette Crockett, b. 8-2-1848, Morgan County, Georgia, daughter of David Crockett and Temperence Daniel. James Kendrick Aldredge was married by his former Captain in the Confederate Army, who was a Baptist Minister. Captain Arrington was in command of Company G, 45th Alabama Regiment, to which James Kendrick was attached.

Issue of James Kendrick and Martha Harriette Aldredge:

6-4-1. Mary Temperence Aldredge, b. 11-1-1867, Lee County, Alabama, d. 12-22-1889. Unmarried.

6-4-2. Harriette Roby Aldredge, b. Lee County, Alabama, 4-2-1870, m. Columbus, Georgia, 10-14-1897, Nathaniel Hooper Williams.

Issue:

6-4-2-1. Neville Hooper Williams, b. 5-26-1901, d. 4-12-1910.

6-4-2-2. Martha Louise Williams, b. 2-18-1903, d. 1-3-1930, m. 7-9-1926, Charlton Reed Roberts.

Issue:

6-4-2-2-1. Martha Roberts, b. 6-21-1924.

6-4-2-2-2. Anne Roberts, b. 10-23-1927.

6-4-3. Jimmie Odessa (Dessa) Aldredge, b. 3-14-1877, m. Columbus, Georgia, 6-15-1898, Oscar Brown Lane, b. 2-22-1868, in Union Springs, Alabama, d. 4-9-1943.

Issue:

6-4-3-1. Gladys Elizabeth Lane, b. 12-2-1899, in Columbus, Georgia, m. 6-15-1926, in Atlanta, Georgia, to Robert Hunter Tarrant. Robert Hunter Tarrant served in the First World War, and was commission-

ed a Second Lieutenant in 1917, following his training at Officers Training Camp, Ft. McPherson, Georgia. He was assigned to the 326 Infantry, 82nd Division, and went over seas with his Division in 1918. He served at San Mihiel and the Argonne, returned home and was mustered out of the service August 19, 1918.

Issue of Gladys Elizabeth Lane and Robert Hunter Tarrant:

6-4-3-1-1. Betty Anne Tarrant, b. December 20, 1928, m. June 15, 1952, John Edwin Nelson.

Issue:

6-4-3-1-1-1. Robin John Nelson, b. March 31, 1953.

6-4-3-1-1-2. Karen Nelson, b. April 6, 1956.

6-4-3-1-2. Robert Lane Tarrant, b. October 18, 1931, m. August 3, 1954, Katherine Welch.

Issue:

6-4-3-1-2-1. Robert Lane Tarrant, Jr., b. February 17, 1956.

6-5. Elizabeth Jane Davis Aldredge, b. in Alabama 1-14-1841, d. 1897, married in Salem, Alabama, in 1883, Alex Milford. No issue.

6-6. Nathan Matthias Aldredge, b. 2-3-1845, Russell County, Alabama, d. 1-19-1862, near Evansport, Prince William County, Virginia, as a Confederate Soldier, when only 17 years of age. He was a member of Company A, 14th Alabama Regiment, commanded by Col. Thomas J. Judge. He was mustered into service at Camp Johnston, 20th September 1861.

6-7. Nancy Emily Aldredge, b. 10-23-1847, d. circa 1881, married 10-23-1866, in Lee County, Alabama, William S. Adams.

Issue:

6-7-1. Clark Adams, died young.

6-7-2. Twins, Fannie and Thomas, died in childhood.

6-7-3. Willie Adams, b. 1870, d. 1916.

6-7-4. Mamie Adams, b. 1876.



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6-8. John Fletcher Aldredge, b. 3-13-1855, d. 11-14-1881, m. 11-14-1877, in Beulah, Alabama, Sallie Louise Adams, b. 1-11-1858, d. 4-1-1905.

Issue:

6-8-1. Bertha Fletcher Aldredge, b. 8-9-1878, d. 5-25-1950, m. 3-20-1900 in Opelika, Alabama, J. Tom Roberts.

Issue:

6-8-1-1. Thelma F. Roberts, b. 1-9-1901, Beulah, Alabama, m. 12-23-1919, Robert N. Allred, b. 10-13-1900.

Issue:

6-8-1-1-1. Dorothy Allred, b. 1-3-1921.

6-8-1-1-2. Janice Allred, b. 12-16-1922.

6-8-1-1-3. Thelma Jean Allred, b. 12-23-1925.

6-8-1-2. James A. Roberts, b. 3-21-1906, d. 4-9-1906.

6-8-1-3. Edward Cooper Roberts, b. 2-6-1910, m. August 7, 1940, Ora Belle Graham, b. 1-30-1913.

6-8-2. Jimmie Clark Aldredge, b. 1879, Lee County, Alabama, m. 10-5-1899, Arie Lillie Stanfield.

Issue:

6-8-2-1. Mary Lucille Aldredge, b. 11-22-1900, married 6-10-1920, Columbus, Georgia, Francis Hendrix Foster.

Issue:

6-8-2-1-1. Francis Hendrix Foster, Jr., b. 8-5-1930.

6-8-2-2. Olen Jackson Aldredge, b. 6-15-1903, m. 12-22-1934, Jessie Golden.

6-8-2-3. Bertha Elza Aldredge, b. 2-19-1905, m. in West Point, Ga., Johnnie Layfield Shehane.

Issue:

6-8-2-3-1. Layfield Shehane, Jr., b. 2-15-1924.

6-8-2-3-2. Marylin Shehane, b. 9-26-1936.

6-8-2-4. Jamie Aldredge, b. 6-6-1907, d. 2-28-1916.

6-8-2-5. Lillie Belle Aldredge, b. 4-13-1912, m. Enoch Sprayberry in Opelika.

Issue:

6-8-2-5-1. James Edmond Sprayberry, b. 7-23-1932.

6-8-2-5-2. Mary Rebecca Sprayberry, b. 3-22-1935.

6-8-2-5-3. Nancy Sprayberry, b. 10-16-1936.

6-8-3. Loderick Rollins Aldredge, son of John Fletcher Aldredge and Sallie Adams Aldredge, b. 7-1-1881, d. 8-21-1953, m. 11-14-1906, Luella Brennan.

Issue:

6-8-3-1. Dorothy Aldredge, b. 10-26-1907, married 10-26-1930, Clinton Calhoun.

Issue:

6-8-3-1-1. Dorothy D. Calhoun, b. 10-6-1932.

6-8-3-2. Marguerite Aldredge, b. 1-13-1911, m. 5-24-1935, J. L. Ivey.

6-8-3-3. Brennan Aldredge, b. 2-25-1913.

6-8-3-4. Rollins Aldredge, Jr., b. 7-19-1920.

7. Nathan Aldridge, youngest child of Reubin and Sarah Liverman Aldridge, was born in Morgan County, Georgia, October 9, 1812, d. Salem, Alabama, March 8, 1896, m. Talbot County, Georgia, October 8, 1833, by Henry Hand, M. G., Saluda C. Weeks, b. January 16, 1814, d. May 31, 1883.

In the 1850 Census for Russell County, Alabama, Nathan Aldridge was listed as 38 years old; his wife, Saluda, 36 years old, and two children were living with them: Susan Aldridge, age 15, and Sarah Aldridge, age 11. I have been unable to identify these two girls, for though Nathan had two daughters, their names were: Carrie and Emma (or Puss).

Nathan Aldridge was a Confederate Soldier and served in David Read Russell's County Reserves, Company D, 1st Class Militia, a Home Guard Outfit, and was mustered into service at Opelika, Alabama, August 13, 1864, at which time he was 52 years old.

Issue of Nathan Aldridge and Saluda C. Weeks:

- 7-1. Carrie Aldridge, b. July 7, 1834, d. June 10, 1859, m. 1) LaFayette McGraw; m. 2) Sam C. Fears, b. January 14, 1833, d. October 14, 1903.

Issue of Carrie Aldridge and LaFayette McGraw:

7-1-1. William N. McGraw, b. November 30, 1853, d. March 22, 1882.

7-1-2. Homer D. McGraw, b. 1855, m. 1) Artie E. Meadows, b. May 21, 1871, d. January 29, 1915; m. 2) Nettie Lewis, Opelika, Alabama. No issue. Mentioned in his grandfather's will in 1890.

7-1-3. Charlie McGraw, b. June 6, 1857, d. August 27, 1923, m. Lucy Floyd, b. July 4, 1861, d. July 4, 1914.

Issue:

7-1-3-1. Charlie McGraw, Jr.

7-2. Emma Aldridge, called "Puss," m. D. H. Garrett, b. August 20, 1849, d. January 9, 1886.

Issue:

7-2-1. Nathan Garrett. Unmarried. Moved to Texas.

7-2-2. Mattie Garrett, b. 1865, m. ——— Cleere.

Nathan Aldridge left a will in Lee County, Alabama, signed January 1, 1890, and probated May 23, 1897. (Will Record A. p. 433). He makes bequests to his daughter, S. C. Fears, and his grandchildren, Nathan Garrett, Mattie Garrett, Homer D. McGraw and Charles T. McGraw.

The descendants of Nathan Aldridge listed Carrie Aldridge as the daughter of Nathan, and listed her husband as LaFayette McGraw. However, the records of the Probate Court are confusing on this point. On March 6, 1861, Nathan Aldridge, Jr., as Administrator on the estate of LaFayette McGraw, recites that the children of LaFayette McGraw, William N. McGraw, age seven, Homer D. McGraw, age five, and Charles T. McGraw, age ten, were living with him, and that the widow of the deceased, SUSAN C. McGRW, had a separate estate, greater than her share in the estate, and was not entitled to distribution in the estate. So, whether it was Carrie, or Susan, who was the wife of LaFayette McGraw, and mother of William N., Homer D., and Charles T. McGraw, I have been unable to figure out.

CHAPTER 8

ISAAC ALDRIDGE, TEXAS REVOLUTIONARY
SOLDIER.SON OF JAMES ALDREDGE, AND BROTHER OF
NATHAN AND JOHN ALDREDGE

The name of the Aldredges has been spelled variously, both in the Georgia and Texas records as Aldredge, Aldridge and Aldrich. Reubin Aldridge spelled his name Aldridge, but Nathan, his brother, spelled the name Aldredge.

James Aldredge, father of Isaac, was living in Putnam county, Georgia, in 1808, at least he owned land in that area, for in February of 1808 he deeded Land Lot No. 270 in Putnam county to John Calloway. This sale was probably made in preparation for his removal to Morgan county, for by 1810 he was listed on the tax records of Morgan county. Putnam county was taken from Baldwin county in 1807, as was Morgan county, and we know that James Aldredge had previously lived in Baldwin county.

Isaac Aldridge, like so many Georgians, was thrilled with the stories of the struggle of Texas for its Independence. No doubt he was also influenced by the spirit of adventure, and the promise of cheap or free land in this romantic country, where there were so many opportunities offered to settlers. His brother John was already in Texas, so he left his wife and three children in 1835, enlisted with his kinsman, Uriah Irwin Bullock, of Macon, Captain of the Georgia Battalion, under Fannin's command, for the Texas Revolution, expecting to send for his family, after the struggle was over, and he was settled in this new country. His adventure was short lived for he was massacred, with the other brave men of the Georgia Battalion, at Goliad.

From official records at the Texas State Archives, Harris county, Trinity county, Limestone county, Harbert Davenport's *Notes from an Unfinished Study of Fannin and His Men*, and extensive correspondence with Mr. Davenport before his death, and official records from Putnam county, Georgia, and correspondence with descendants, I have been able to definitely identify the family of Isaac Aldridge, and establish his record as a soldier in the Texas Revolution, who died at Goliad, March-27-1836.

In November, 1853, Owen J. Aldridge, for himself and other heirs of Isaac Aldridge, deceased, petitioned the Legislature of Texas for a grant of two-thirds of a league of land, as an augmentation of Isaac Aldridge's headright, alleging that Aldridge, a married man, served Texas as a soldier until killed in the Goliad massacre, with the members of the Georgia Battalion; that without the knowledge or consent of the heirs, one, A. Wynns had administered on the estate, in Houston, and had obtained a headright certificate for one-third of a league of land, located it, sold the land at an administrator's sale, and pocketed the proceeds. This is borne out by the records of Harris county, Republic of Texas, at the following sessions of the Court: April term of the Probate Court and May term of the Court, of 1838, and February and March terms of the Court in 1839. The official papers were signed by Wynns and Lawrence, Administrators. On March-30-1840, a summons was issued by the Court requiring A. Wynns, Administrator, to show cause why he had not filed a Certificate for one-third of a league of land, the headright of the deceased, as required by a former Court order. Their only report showed collection of 1920 acres of unlocated Bounty land, and twenty-five dollars and five cents in Military paper, though Wynns had claimed a third of a league in addition to the Bounty Land and the \$25.05 in Military paper. What disposition was made, in the final settlement, is unknown, as the Clerk of Harris county reported to the author that there were no other papers on file concerning the case.

I have been unable to identify Owen J. Aldridge, as a kinsman of Isaac Aldridge, for Emeline Aldridge Adams, daughter of Isaac, certified that Isaac had only three children: herself, a sister, Rebecca, Ann Aldridge Curry, and a child who died at the age of seven. I found a record in Macon county, Alabama, of one Owen J. Aldridge, who married, December-1-1876, Ann Griffin, the marriage being performed by Lewis Alexander. (Macon county, Alabama, Marriage Records). This is the only record found for Owen J. Aldridge.

The claim of Owen J. Aldridge and others in 1853 was rejected by the Legislature for want of proof, but it was renewed in 1861, supported by affidavits from several people who had known Isaac Aldridge and his family in Georgia, and by one man who had served with him in the Georgia Battalion, and the claim was approved by special Legislative Act. (Memorial No. 88, April-16-1861, Texas State Archives.) William S. Dobbs of Trinity county, Texas, and Thomas P.

Bagby, of the same county, both swore that they had known Isaac Aldridge and his family in Putnam and Houston county Georgia, knew of his departure for Texas in 1835 for the Revolution, and of his massacre at Goliad. They also certified that they were personally acquainted with Emeline Adams, daughter of Isaac Aldridge, and George W. Curry, grandson of Isaac, and could vouch for the truth of their claims. Thomas J. Smith, of Fort Bend county, Texas, a surviving member of Captain Uriah Irwin Bullock's Company of the Georgia Battalion, also testified that he knew Isaac Aldridge in the Georgia Battalion, prior to the Goliad massacre, that he came to Texas, in 1835, and was mustered into service at Velasco, and served up to the time of the massacre at Goliad.

The Texas State Land Office records show the following grants for Isaac Aldridge:

1. Bounty Certificate No. 2375 for 640 acres (Montgomery Bounty File, No. 101), February-13-1838, due him for service in the army from December-23-1835-March-27-1836, and for having fallen with Fannin;
2. Donation Certificate No. 264, for 640 acres of land, March-4-1838, "due him for having fallen with Fannin at the massacre at Goliad";
3. Bounty Certificate No. 1836, January-13-1838, for 1280 acres of land. (Milam File No. 365.)

Part of the land issued to the heirs of Isaac Aldridge by the Legislature in 1861 was located in Trinity county, Texas, and sold in 1902 to J. B. Gibson. Abstract No. 67, in Trinity county contains an affidavit signed by Emeline Adams, of Limestone county, Texas, making proof of heirship, in which she says that she is the daughter of Isaac Aldridge and his wife, Mary (Polly) Weathington Aldridge, and is now 73 years old. Her mother died in 1853. Her father, Isaac Aldridge, left Georgia for the Texas Revolution when she was seven years old, in 1835, leaving his wife, Mary, and two other children besides Emeline, one of whom died at the age of seven. The only surviving children of Isaac and Mary Aldridge were Emeline Aldridge Adams, and a sister, Rebecca Ann Aldridge, who married S. C. Curry circa 1847, and had two children, only one of whom survives, G. W. Curry of Jewett, Texas, whose father, S. C. Curry, was still living in 1902 at Montgomery, Louisiana. Emeline further recited that she married A. J. Adams, who died in 1860.

The marriage license of Isaac Aldridge and Polly Weath-
ington is recorded in Putnam county Georgia, Marriage
Book C, p. 57, February-6-1824, and the Return states the
following: "Celebrated the within, February-12-1824, Jesse
Little, J. P."

A letter to the author in 1937 from Charlie Neal Curry,
of Buffalo, Texas, son of G. W. Curry, gives the following
record of the Curry family:

George W. Curry, b. August-18-1853, d. April-23-1934, m.
1874, in Montgomery, Grant Parish, Louisiana, Jannie Vic-
toria McCain, b. 1856.

Issue:

1. Octavia Curry, b. August-17-1876, m. N. A. Craig.
2. Eunice Curry, b. July-27-1878, m. R. L. Teddlie.
3. Sam Henry Curry, b. April-3-1882.
4. Steve Curry, b. May-30-1883.
5. Charlie Neal Curry, b. July-23-1886, m. June-9-1911, in
Jewett, Texas, Mamie Tatum.

CHAPTER 9

JOHN ALDREDGE.

SON OF JAMES ALDREDGE, AND BROTHER OF
REUBIN, NATHAN, AND ISAAC

John Aldredge, brother of Nathan, left Georgia for Texas at an early date, and his family lost touch with him. Because of the fact that there were two men named John Aldredge in the early history of Texas of about the same age, and because of conflicting stories of the kinsmen, it has been very hard to identify the right John Aldredge, as son of James. Communication was difficult in those early days, and when a man left word that he "had gone to Texas" his family rarely expected to hear from him. Many of the family believed that the John Aldredge who was massacred at Goliad belonged to our family, and they did not even know that he was married. After extensive research and the sifting of all available records the writer is sure that John Aldredge of Angelina county, Texas, was the son of James, and that the John Aldredge, a member of the Georgia Battalion, who was killed at Goliad was of another family.

In order to establish the parentage of John Aldredge of the Texas Revolution, the author did extensive research in the counties where his heirs received their various grants for his services, and learned the following, which seems conclusive,

On October-30-1888, in Randolph county, Alabama, Henry Aldridge made affidavit that he was a half brother of George Aldridge who died January-6-1872; that John Aldridges mother was named Polly, and born in the State of Rhode Island, and died in 1830, and was the first wife of George Aldridge, while his mother (wife of the said Henry) was named Mary Aldridge. He recited that John Aldridge had no living brothers and sisters, was not married, and that he, Henry Aldridge, was the only living half brother, and the only surviving heir, as a half brother William Aldridge died during the War between the states, leaving no heirs, and a half sister, Telitha, died unmarried. This proof of heirship was supported by several people in Alabama who knew the family, and John's lands were awarded to Henry Aldridge.

My Uncle, Nathan Aldredge Davis, told me when I first began my Aldredge search, that his mother, Jane Aldredge

Davis, told him that an Uncle, John Aldredge, lived in Angelina county, Texas, and died circa 1856, and that one of his daughters had married a Mr. Gann. With that as a clue, I began my search, and the records that follow were secured from Mrs. Otto Dunn, of Lufkin, Texas, Angelina county, who is a great granddaughter of John Aldredge and his wife, Jane Harvey Aldredge. Judging from the places of birth of the children, John Aldredge did considerable moving about and it is no wonder that his family lost all trace of him. The first child was born in Kentucky in 1818, and the second child was born in Tennessee in 1821, and the others were born in Mississippi and Texas. The record follows:

John Aldredge, b. in Georgia in 1878, d. in Angelina county, Texas, circa 1856, m. Jane Harvey, b. in South Carolina in 1796, and d. in Clawson, Angelina county, Texas, where both she and John are buried.

Issue:

1. James J. Aldredge, b. 1818 in Kentucky, m. Mary Ann Russell, b. 1825, in Louisiana.

Issue:

- 1-1. Thomas Benton Aldredge, b. 1842 in Mississippi, d. as Confederate soldier.
- 1-2. Martin Van Buren Aldredge, b. in Mississippi, November-18-1845, d. in Lufkin, Texas, December-31-1921, m. Mary Jane Allen, b. July-31-1848.
- 1-3. Benjamin Franklin Aldredge, b. in Texas in 1848, d. in childhood.
- 1-4. Leonora Aldredge, b. in Texas in 1851, m. Thomas Wilcox. Lived in Mills county.
- 1-5. Jackson Jasper Aldredge, b. in Texas in 1854, died in Falls county as a child.
- 1-6. John Russell Aldredge, b. in Texas in 1857, died in Mills county, Texas.
- 1-7. James W. Aldredge, b. in Texas in 1860.
2. Joel Aldredge, b. February-26-1821, in Tennessee, m. June-27-1847, Frances Russell, sister of Mary Ann, who married James J. Aldredge. Frances Russell Aldredge was born in Louisiana April-9-1830, and died November-10-1919. Joel Aldredge died during the War Between the States.

Issue of Joel Aldredge and Frances Russell:

- 2-1. Jemimah Aldredge, b. July-4-1848, d. April-23-1913, m. George W. Hopper.
3. Jesse Aldredge, d. in childhood.
4. John D. Aldredge, b. in Mississippi in 1831, m. Nancy Red. They were separated and he moved to Falls county, Texas. Nancy died at Cordova Springs in Angelina county.
5. Polly (Mary) Aldredge, m. John Evans.
6. Aletha Jane Aldredge, m. Nathan Wilson Gann.

Issue:

- 6-1. James Delaney Gann, m. Ella Granbury.
- 6-2. Nathan Aldredge Gann, m. 1) Jane Parish, in Arkansas, who died in Cass county, Texas; m. 2) Mary Mays, and lived in Hays county, Texas.
- 6-3. John Wesley Gann, m. Winnie Holly.
- 6-4. George Gann, m. Katie Wideman.
- 6-5. Sarah Jane Gann, m. C. C. Wright.
- 6-6. Frances Ann Gann, m. Thomas J. Dunn.
- 6-7. Aletha Rutha Gann, m. Harmon Tiller.
- 6-8. Mary Ann Lee Gann, m. Henry Thompson.
- 6-9. Mary Louise Gann, d. in infancy.
- 6-10. Sam Houston Gann.

- Issue, among others: W. D. Gann, and Mrs. Otto Dunn.
7. Martha Ann Aldredge, m. Meshack Red.

John Aldredge probably did not move to Texas until after the Battle of San Jacinto, for his first land grant was received in 1836. In 1850 he deeded some property to John D. Gann, and in 1852 he conveyed some land to his son, John D. Aldredge and to his daughter, Martha Ann Red. He died in 1856.

CHAPTER 10

KINSMEN IN THE TEXAS REVOLUTION.

The Georgia Battalion:

No unit in the Texas Revolution has been as neglected as the Georgia Battalion, mainly because of the fact that most of the members were butchered at Goliad, without having had the opportunity to enter the fighting. It was the only unit in the Texas Revolution that furnished its own arms, ammunition and equipment, and it was the unit for which Joanna Troutman, of Knoxville, Crawford County, Georgia, furnished the Texas Flag.

Extensive research by the author in Macon, Georgia, the home of Uriah I. Bullock, and most of his men of the Georgia Battalion, was inspiring—the record in the Macon paper of the public meetings, where subscriptions were taken for the undertaking and men recruited, and the stirring speeches made by the patriots who were in sympathy with the Texans desire for freedom and justice.

Because of the similarity in long hand of the capital letters “J” and “I”, Uriah Bullock, who was elected Captain of the Company, has been recorded in both Georgia and Texas records as Uriah J. Bullock. In searching the Bibb County, Georgia, records for an original signature of Uriah Bullock, in order to settle the question, the initial could either be read as “J” or “I”, so it was not until Bible records of the family in Macon were found, confirmed by records in Coleman County, Texas, where the heirs inherited his Texas land, was the matter finally settled, and the real name of Uriah Bullock determined as URIAH IRWIN Bullock. A similar mistake was made in the case of David Holt, of the Georgia Battalion, who was listed as David J. Holt when his name was David Isaac Holt according to Bible records of his family in Georgia.

In preparation for writing this article, I visited Macon, Georgia, where the Georgia Battalion was recruited, read all of the Macon newspapers of the period of the Texas Revolution, studied the Census records of Bibb and Jones County, Georgia, and the records of Christ Episcopal Church, of Macon, of which the Bullocks, including Charles and Uriah, were Charter members; searched the records in the County Court House, and interviewed many members of the Bullock family. From these records and from data gathered from

Butler's History of Macon, Brown's History of Texas, the Texas Almanac of the period, Clarence Wharton's History of Texas, records in the Texas and Georgia State Archives, and extensive correspondence with Texas' two famous historians, L. W. Kemp and Harbert Davenport, this report has been prepared.

On November 12, 1835, a public meeting was held in Macon, Georgia, for the purpose of creating interest in the Texas Revolution, to secure volunteers for the organization of a Company, and to secure funds for financing the expedition. The enthusiasm was so great that thirty-two men at the meeting enrolled for the expedition, among them, Uriah and Monroe Bullock and Joseph A. Stovall, of Macon, and Isaac Aldridge, of Putnam County, and \$3150.00 was collected. Recruiting continued and three companies were formed in Macon and en route to Columbus, Georgia, where two more companies joined them, other recruits were added. It was while en route to Columbus that a stop was made at Knoxville, Crawford County, Georgia, and Joanna Troutman presented the famous Lone Star Flag to the Corps.

The Georgia Battalion was composed of five companies: Capt. Amon King's Company of 23 men; Captain Uriah Bullock's Company of 42 men; Captain James C. Winn's Company of 42 men; Captain Wadsworth's Company of 34 men; and Captain Isaac Ticknor's Company of 42 men.

The LaFayette Battalion was composed of Captain Jack Shackelford's Red Rovers (mostly from Alabama), so called for the red jeans which were their uniform, of 63 men; Captain Burr H. Duval's Company, mostly from Kentucky, of 44 men; Captain Samuel O. Pettus' Company of the San Antonio Greys, of 33 men, and Captain P. S. Wyatt's Company of 32 men. They were augmented by the addition of Captain Ira Westover's Company of so-called Regulars, authorized by the Consultation, of 46 men to form a Regiment. There were 31 soldiers who were listed as unattached. Some of the reports said that the Regiment was organized at Refugio on February 14, 1836, while others report that the organization took place at Velasco upon landing.

In the Macon, Georgia, Telegraph for November 12, 1835, there was an article entitled, "Latest From Texas" under a New Orleans date line of January 4th, which reported "On Sunday, December 20th, four schooners, the Pennsylvania, Camancho, America, and Santiago, arrived at Velasco, having on board about 220 volunteers in the cause of liberty, from the State of Georgia. They immediately

enlisted as a portion of the permanent volunteer corps, and elected William Ward their First Major; W. Wadsworth, Captain of the Columbus Volunteers; Uriah Bullock, Captain of the Macon Volunteers, and James C. Wynn, Captain of the Georgia Riflemen."

Among the men who enlisted at Moblie, from which place the volunteers sailed to New Orleans, and on to Velasco, was Lieutenant Memory B. Tatom and his brother, First Corporal Joseph B. Tatom. The story of the Goliad massacre is so well known and so well told by famous historians that it is certainly unnecessary to retell the story here. Lieutenant Memory B. Tatom and his young brother, Corporal Joseph B. Tatom, and Joseph A. Stovall, were among the slain, but Captain Uriah Bullock was one of the few in his Battalion who escaped death due to the fact that he was ill with the measles and was left at Velasco and was not with his men at Goliad.

In the State Archives of Texas there is an interesting letter from J. W. Fannin, Jr., addressed to Mr. Edmond Andrews or Robert Wells and Company, under date of January 24, 1836, at Velasco, Texas, in which he says:

"My friend, Captain Bullock is too unwell with measles to go by water, and proceed by land to Copen. He has spent several hundred dollars in bringing to our aid his Company, and is now without resources.

I am nearly so, and must ask you to advance him from twenty to fifty dollars, and I will repay it when I get back, and greatly oblige.

Your friend, etc.,

J. W. Fannin, Jr."

After the war was over, Governor H. V. Johnson of Georgia, under authorization of the Georgia Legislature and approved by Governor E. M. Pease of Texas, authorized by the 6th Legislature of Texas, August 6, 1856, agreed that instead of reimbursing the state of Georgia for the arms, ammunition and equipment loaned by the state of Georgia to Fannin, and lost at Goliad, the money should be used to erect a monument at Goliad to the Georgia Battalion. There is extensive correspondence between the two Governors, and letters from William F. Fannin of LaGrange, Georgia, December 27, 1856, who was empowered by the State of Georgia to make the arrangements, on file at the Georgia State Archives, and at the Texas State Archives, concerning the matter, among the Governor's letters. However, this was

never done and even today there is no Memorial anywhere in Texas to the brave men of the Georgia Battalion, though there are memorials to *Fannin and His Men*, for which the State appropriated \$15,000.00 in 1888. A search of the records of the State Treasury of Texas failed to show where any money was ever paid over to a fund for the Georgia Battalion, though it was authorized by the Texas Legislature. Even at this late date something should be done.

URIAH IRWIN BULLOCK

From the records found in Macon, Georgia, the author has decided that Uriah Irwin Bullock was a lovable, magnetic, and impractical man, who was brave and civic minded, but visionary. He evidently invested everything that he had in his venture in the Texas Revolution and returned to his home city almost penniless. His debts had accumulated while he was away and there are many records in the Bibb County Court of various judgments against him. However, he was popular enough to be elected to the State Legislature after his return to Georgia. He only served one term, and perhaps becoming discouraged over his many financial difficulties decided to move to another state and recoup his fortunes. He moved to Panola County, Mississippi, in 1841, where he died in 1854.

Uriah Irwin Bullock, by Certificate No. 899, received a grant of 320 acres of land from the State of Texas, which was located in Coleman County, Texas, and patented March 19, 1859, for his service in the Army of the Republic from December 23, 1835, to May 2, 1836. By the time that Uriah's heirs qualified for this land grant, the land in question had been sold to the State for taxes, but a letter on file in Coleman County from the State, recites that the taxes had been paid by the heirs and the land redeemed. The Bullock heirs sold this land May 16, 1883. In the proof of heirship, necessary before the land could be acquired or sold, Frank White of Memphis, Tennessee, a brother-in-law of Uriah Bullock, on November 21, 1881, made affidavit that the following were the children of Uriah Bullock and his only living heirs:

Carollie Bullock, wife of W. G. Means, of Concord, Columbus County, North Carolina.

Bettie Bullock, widow of A. R. Bowdre, Panola County, Mississippi.

Eugenia Bullock, wife of W. G. Boardman, Panola County, Mississippi.

Charles F. Bullock of St. Mary, Knox County, Ohio.

The above heirs qualified for the grant.

The following records of the Bullock family were furnished by Mrs. Tolar Harrold Boone, of Macon, Georgia, from Bible records in her possession:

Daniel Bullock, Revolutionary soldier from North Carolina, d. in 1821, m. June 4, 1777, Mary Whitehurst, d. May 29, 1845.

Issue of Daniel and Mary Whitehurst Bullock:

1. Joseph Bullock, m. Elizabeth Brantley December 29, 1808, Hancock County, Georgia.
2. James Bullock, m. Miss Byrd in North Carolina.
3. Batson Bullock, b. 1784, d. 1862, m. Comfort Turner, of Salisbury, Maryland.

Issue:

- 3-1. Elizabeth Whitehurst Bullock, b. 1805, m. February 13, 1827, Charles Cotton.

Issue:

- 3-1-1. Eliza Watson Cotton.
- 3-1-2. James Hall Cotton.
- 3-1-3. Louisa Clifford Cotton.
- 3-1-4. Marian Jappre Cotton, m. Albert Blackshear.

Issue:

- 3-1-4-1. Charles Cotton Blackshear, b. 12-1-1862, d. 1928, unmarried.
- 3-2. Charles Bullock, b. 1807.
- 3-3. *Uriah Irwin Bullock*, b. 1808, m. Sara Cox; moved to Mississippi.
- 3-4. Maria Bullock, b. 1810, m. Allen Brooks.
- 3-5. Mary Ann Bullock, b. 1814, d. December 17, 1880, m. December 8, 1836, Thomas Harrold, d. November 7, 1887.

Issue:

- 3-5-1. Mary Elizabeth Harrold, b. November 11, 1837, Macon, Georgia, d. Americus, Georgia, July 15, 1912.
- 3-5-2. Uriah Bullock Harrold, b. Macon, Georgia, February 17, 1839, d. September 10, 1907.

- 3-5-3. Louisa Eveline Harrold, b. Macon, Georgia, December 23, 1840, d. Americus, Georgia, November 2, 1912.
- 3-5-4. William Harrold, b. April 22, 1844, d. August 5, 1906.
- 3-5-5. Caroline Bragg Harrold, b. July 4, 1846, d. August 18, 1854.
- 3-5-6. Maria Harrold, b. February 24, 1848, d. July 11, 1935.
- 3-5-7. Eliza Clifford Harrold, b. January 4, 1853, d. March 3, 1855.
- 3-5-8. Caroline Clifford Harrold, b. January 29, 1855, d. January 27, 1856.
- 3-6. Caroline Bullock, b. 1815, m. Mr. Bryant.
- 3-7. Sarah Eveline Bullock, b. 1819, m. Mr. Combs.
- 4. Charles Bullock, 4th child of Daniel Bullock and Mary Whitehurst, b. 1784, d. September 10, 1829, m. Mrs. Eliza A. Grantland, widow of Fleming Grantland, b. 1791, d. January 28, 1819.
- 5. Irwin Bullock, m. Ludufucia (?) Pounds, in Putnam County, Georgia, August 29, 1816.

Issue:

- 5-1. Virginia Bullock, m. Mr. Waller.
- 5-2. Sarah Bullock, m. April 23, 1833, William N. Oliver.
- 5-3. Joseph Bullock.
- 5-4. Amerette Bullock, m. Mr. Newberry.
- 6. Ellen Bullock, m. William Wood.
- 7. Sarah Bullock, m. Henry Ross.
- 8. Susan Bullock, m. Frederick Sims.

Issue:

- 8-1. Charles Sims.
- 8-2. Mary Sims, m. Mr. Bray.
- 8-3. Susan Sims.

MONROE BULLOCK

Monroe Bullock, listed on the Muster Rolls of the Georgia Battalion, has proved to be a very elusive person. He enlisted in the Georgia Battalion in Macon, Georgia, and

it is presumed that he was a kinsman of Captain Uriah Irwin Bullock, though no data has been found to establish this fact. He was awarded a land certificate for his services in the Texas Revolution, but for some unknown reason he never located a claim. According to Mr. Harbert Davenport, the Texas Historian, this was probably due to confusion over an award to David M. Bullock, an "old settler", whose family lived in East Texas. Mr. Davenport also says that Monroe Bullock left Goliad on duty March 12, 1836, and was not with Ward at Refugio, or with Fannin at Goliad. His assignment, "on duty", was either Cox's Point, or Dimitt's Landing, for the purpose of collecting and securing the supplies there. This assignment was responsible for saving his life. Miss Lillian Wright of Macon, Georgia, says that Monroe Bullock died in Ocala, Florida, December 29, 1861, in his 45th year; that General Robert Bullock of Ocala, Florida, was his brother, and their father was probably one Richard Bullock whom tradition says was shot and killed by one of his own sons, as he sat reading in his living room.

JOSEPH A. STOVALL

Joseph A. Stovall died at Goliad. He was the son of George Stovall of Macon, Georgia, who qualified as his heir, received his army pay, and his Donation Warrant. His mother was Elizabeth *Jeter* Stovall, wife of George. The family also lived at Jasper County, Georgia, at one time. His grandparents were: Thomas and Elizabeth *Cooper* Stovall of Henry County, Virginia; his great-grandfather was George Stovall, Jr.; his great, great-grandfather was George Stovall, Sr., son of the emigrant, Bartholomew Stovall.

DAVID HANSON

David Hanson was issued Donation Certificate No. 919 for 640 acres of land, July 1, 1839, for having participated in the storming and capture of Bexar, December 5-10-1835. On February 13, 1838, he received Bounty Certificate No. 2371 for 640 acres for having served in the Army from March 16th to September 15th, 1836. He was a member of Captain J. P. Lynch's Company at muster, August 31, 1836.

From: Comptroller's Military Service Records, Texas State Archives: Camp Lavaca, "September 15, 1836: This is to certify that David Hanson produced to me satisfactory evidence showing that he joined the Texas Army on 16th of March last, and performed duty faithfully up to the 16th July at which time he joined my Company, and done his duty as a

soldier up to the 15th September, making a tower of six months and is this day honorably discharged.

J. P. Lynch, Capt.
Hill Creek.

E. Morehouse,
Col. 1st Regt. Vol.”

“Bexar, December 14, 1835. This is to certify that David Hanson entered the service in the Volunteer Army of Texas on the 10th day of Oct. at Gonzales and left home on the Third of the same month, and has served faithfully in the same Army up to this date, and is this day honorably discharged, allowing eleven days to march home.

Thos. H. Borden, 3rd Lieut.,
Capt. Bird's C.,

Edward Burleson, Com. in Chief.”

HANSON, THOMAS—Name omitted from the official San Jacinto rolls as printed in 1836. In the Public Debt Papers, Archives, Texas State Library is an affidavit signed by former Captain Isaac N. Moreland, in which he states that Mr. Hanson “fought bravely” at San Jacinto. He stated further that Mr. Hanson furnished a horse for use of the artillery and for this was due sixty-five dollars. The affidavit was dated March 19, 1839. Colonel William G. Cooke also signed an affidavit that Mr. Hanson participated in the battle.

Mr. Hanson came to Texas in 1830, as is shown in the duplicate Headright Certificate issued to him June 21, 1852, by the Matagorda County Board. He was a member of Captain Philip Dimett's Company in 1835. He was issued Bounty Certificate No. 4026 for 1280 acres of land, September 14, 1858, for serving in the army for twelve months, period of enlistment not stated, in 1836-37. On January 21, 1852, he was issued Donation Certificate No. 410 for 640 acres of land for having participated in the battle of San Jacinto.

Captain James B. Wells signed an affidavit October 8, 1852, in which he stated that sometime during the month of March, 1836, he was sailing master of the schooner *Liberty*, Captain Brown, commanding, and at Captain Brown's orders took a small boat from Mr. Hanson, a pilot in Matagorda Bay, for the use of the Government of Texas, and that

he believed the Government was due Mr. Hanson the sum of One hundred dollars for that boat.

The following concerning Mr. Hanson is found in Comptroller's Military Service Record:

Captain A. Burns of the schooner *Kosciusko* stated August 9, 1836, that Captain Hanson piloted his boat up to Lynn Landing (Labacca Bay) and down to the pass Cavello.

Captain J. D. Boylan of the schooner *Viper* stated September 17, 1836, that Captain Hanson conducted the *Viper* from Pass Cavallo to the Labacca and back again in safety.

Captain Alexander Henry at Matagorda Bay November 14, 1837, certified that Captain Hanson had taken the schooner *San Jacinto* loaded with stores for the army of Texas, from sea and saved it from being wrecked after the passengers and crew had abandoned her.

Captain Hanson was living in Indianola, Calhoun County, February 19, 1858, when he sold Certificate No. 4-26 to D. M. Stapp.

WILLIAM B. ALDRIDGE

The records of William B. Aldridge are very meager, but we know that he came to Texas from Alabama, and lived at San Felipe de Austin during the days of the Republic, where he owned considerable property. At Columbia, Texas, August 23, 1836, Captain Moseley Baker, who commanded the Post opposite San Felipe, certified that certain property belonging to William B. Aldridge, in San Felipe, was burned by his orders in pursuance of orders from General Sam Houston, Commander in Chief. This was done to prevent the property from falling into the hands of the Mexicans. The property consisted of the following: five houses in the town of San Felipe, three houses situated opposite Peyton's Tavern; one house occupied by Mr. A. E. Baker as a store house, and one house occupied by William B. Travis as an office. Value of the property was fixed at \$2800.00. The bill was allowed by the Republic of Texas at a meeting in Houston, May 25, 1839, and William B. Aldridge acknowledged receipt of the money, June 10, 1839. (Comptroller's Military Service Records, Texas State Archives.)

In another early record, in the Probate Court of Austin County, Texas, William B. Aldridge of Brazoria County, makes a final report as Administrator of the Estate of Henry

Cheavis, to which he was appointed, and asks to be discharged, March 6, 1835, which was done, September 12, 1837. He describes himself as the only heir of Henry Cheavis, though no relationship is given.

A headright certificate for one league and one labor of land was issued to William B. Aldridge, January 25, 1838, and a location made by said Aldridge for twenty-four labors, one-half in Austin County, and the other half in Colorado County, though the two tracts were never patented. On January 25, 1868, he received a certificate in Archer County, 38 miles from the town of Belknap.

ISAAC ALDRIDGE, discussed in another chapter.

LIEUTENANT MEMORY B. TATUM AND CORPORAL JOSEPH B. TATUM

The above two brothers came to Texas from Montgomery, Alabama, and were in Captain Isaac Ticknor's Company, of the Fannin command. They both died at Goliad. There were several law suits concerning their Texas land, which is discussed in another chapter.

BARTLETT SIMS. Discussed in another chapter.

Other Georgians in the Texas Revolution. From Georgia State Archives, 1958.

Banks, Reason—Born in Georgia; served in Captain William S. Fisher's Company; died in Georgia in 1885.

Bell, James M.—Born in Georgia; served in Captain Mosely Baker's Company.

Bryant, Benjamin Franklin—Born in Wilkes County, Georgia, March 15, 1800; Served as captain of the Seventh Company of the Second Regiment of Texas Volunteers, commanded by Col. Sidney Sherman; died March 4, 1857, at Bryant's Station on Little River, Milam County, Texas.

Burton, Isaac W.—Born in 1805, in Clarke County, Georgia; served in Captain Henry W. Karnes' Company; died at Crockett, Texas, in 1841.

Franklin, Benjamin C.—Born in Georgia, April 25, 1805; served in Captain Robert J. Calder's Company; died December 25, 1873, at Galveston, Texas.

Gay, Thomas—Born in Georgia in 1800; served in Captain Mosely Baker's Company; died in Washington County Texas, in 1842.

- Hill, Abraham Webb ("Asa")—Born in Georgia in 1815; served in Captain Henry W. Karnes' Company of Cavalry; served as a substitute for M. M. Hillin, Captain John G. McGehee's Company; died in Bastrop County, Texas, in 1884.
- Jack, William Houston—Born in Wilkes County, Georgia, April 12, 1806; served in Captain William H. Patton's Company; died in Brazoria County, Texas, on August 20, 1844.
- King, W. P.—Born in Georgia; served in Captain Henry W. Karnes' Company.
- Lamar, Mirabeau Buonaparte—Born August 16, 1798, at Louisville, Georgia; captain of Cavalry Company, died December 19, 1859, at Richmond, Texas.
- Lind, John F.—Born in Georgia; served in Capt. Amasa Turner's Company.
- Mason, Charles—Born in Georgia in 1812; served in Capt. Andrew Briscoe's Company.
- Moreland, Isaac N.—Born in Georgia; Captain of Artillery; died June 9, 1842, at Houston, Texas.
- Pratt, Thomas P.—Born in Georgia in 1809; served in Captain William S. Fisher's Company; died in Lampasas County, Texas, in 1875.
- Price, Hardy W. B.—Born in Georgia in 1817; served in Capt. Benjamin Franklin Bryant's Seventh Company of the Second Regiment of Texas Volunteers; commanded by Col. Sidney Sherman.
- Pruett, Leroy—Born in Georgia; served in Captain Hayden Arnold's company; reenlisted in Capt. Arnold's Company.
- Smith, William—Born in Georgia in 1802; served as substitute in Captain William M. Logan's Company.
- White, John Carey—Born in Georgia in 1815; served in Capt. James Gillespie's company, died at or near Navasota, Texas, in 1893.
- Wilkinson, Leroy—Born in Georgia; served in Captain William J. E. Heard's company.

CHAPTER 11

MORE ABOUT THE DAVISES.

Writing the history of the Davis family of Georgia has been a tedious and frustrating job, mainly because the records of Burke County, where the family first settled, have been destroyed and we have had to depend on the few facts gleaned from the Georgia State Archives, and the memory of the oldest descendants. We believe that John Davis, Senior, the Revolutionary soldier, from Botetourt County, Virginia, was married twice, though we do not know the name of the first wife, and we have been unable to locate the first husband of "the widow McCormick" whom he married the second time. "The widow McCormick" had one, and probably two, grown McCormick sons when she moved to Georgia, and must have died soon after coming to Georgia, as we have found no records there for her. When the Davis history was written, Vol. 2 of *Southern Kith and Kin*, the author believed that the first husband of "the widow McCormick" was Francis McCormick, but later research revealed that this was a mistake, so we shall have to delve further for her husband, and perhaps "leave her to Heaven" as in so many genealogical problems.

Since the publication of Volume 2, Eleanor Davis McSwain (Mrs. Horace L. McSwain) has worked tirelessly to complete this record in Georgia, North Carolina, and Virginia, but with disappointing results, though she has been able to definitely establish the records of John Davis, Esquire, son of John Davis, Senior, Revolutionary soldier, from the official records of the State of Georgia. Fortunately for us, John Davis, Esquire, was an educated man and served his state in many official capacities, where his records are on file in the Georgia State Archives as Lieut. Col. of Burke County Militia, as Colonel of Burke County Militia, as a member of the Georgia House of Representatives, the State Senate, Commissioner of the town of Waynesborough, county seat of Burke County, President pro tem of the Georgia Senate, and Justice of the Inferior Court of Burke County.

The Welsh spelled the family name in several different ways: Davy, Davies, Davie, and Davis. Our John Davis apparently spelled his name as DAVIES, while a resident of Burke County, but simplified it to DAVIS after moving to Twiggs and Bibb Counties.

When Volume 2 of Southern Kith and Kin was written the author was unable to find any record of the land on which William Davis resided, because the records of Twiggs County, where he resided, in the part cut off from Wilkinson County, had been destroyed. In April of 1958 the Tax Digests at the Georgia State Archives were searched and his home located from 1826-1833, at which time he removed to Russell County, Alabama. His home was located in Capt. Bostick's District from 1826-1833, where he paid taxes for 605 acres of land adjoining Hickman on Stone Creek, where his father lived, and for eight slaves. The land of his father, John Davis, Esquire, had been annexed to Bibb County by a Special Act of the Legislature at the request of John Davis, and though the land adjoined William, it was in a different county.

Mrs. McSwain has also made a diligent search for records of the McCormick family and for the Jones family. Rebecca Jones was the wife of John Davis, Esquire.

Mrs. McSwain is one of the best genealogists I have ever known—patient, persistent, accurate, and enthusiastic—and because of her knowledge of Georgia and North and South Carolina records, is the one best qualified to write this chapter on the Davis family, which follows:

MORE ABOUT THE DAVISES

BY ELEANOR DAVIS MCSWAIN

With the similarity of names, the destruction of Family Bibles, old letters and courthouse records, persons searching to find the history of their families have a very difficult task. The many persons by the name of Davis scattered in all the forty-eight states are not of the same origin and few of them are related. Some are descendants of immigrants from Scotland, England, Wales, and some of persons who have adopted the name for convenience.

Having spent almost thirty-eight years in an effort to trace our Davis Family, I would like to state some facts I have collected in my search. The search began when I was about seventeen years old. One day in 1920 Father came in the house bringing a book he had found in a box of old books that had been discarded and put in the smokehouse by Cousin Albert Ray when he sold his place to Father and moved away in 1908. The books were in a corner and somehow managed to escape Mother's notice or she would have had them thrown out as she always threw away any-

thing she was not using. The book Father had was "HISTORY OF GEORGIA BAPTISTS" by Campbell. In it Father showed me the biographical sketch of Vincent A. Tharp, and said, "He is one of your Mother's kin". I read the article and ever since I have been interested in genealogy!

Having learned of Mother's people I questioned Father about the Davis Family. He knew the names of his great uncles, but little about them, so he told me to go to see his aunt, Mollie Tharp, who lived about a half mile from us. Aunt Mollie was born Mary Ann Rebecca Davis, daughter of Elisha and Mary Parker Davis, and had married George Washington Tharp. At that time Aunt Mollie was about seventy years old with a clear mind and a remarkable memory. She was a good manager. She and Uncle George lived in a big, gabled two story home they had built when they were young on the site where a house built by her father, Elisha Davis, son of John Davis, Esquire, had burned about 1878. All of their children at this time were married and gone except a daughter, Cousin Bessie.

I had been going to Aunt Mollie's for many years and dearly loved her. She was a dignified lady of the old school. She had gotten heavy in her old age so walked slowly and talked slowly, but her keen blue eyes never missed anything. After dinner every day she always took a nap. When she arose she put on a fresh dress, combed her white hair neatly, and got out her mending. In the long summer afternoons she sat on the porch to do her sewing and many are the afternoons that I sat there questioning her about our family in the early days. It was my privilege to talk to Aunt Mollie about our family for nearly nine years as I went often to see her and sometimes stayed there several days at a time.

When I first questioned Aunt Mollie about the family she sent me upstairs to an old trunk to get some pages with the Bible Records on them. The old Bible had long been gone, but the pages with the dates of births, deaths, and marriages had been preserved. In the old trunk were letters written during the War Between the States and afterwards by her brothers. Many of them I read and now I wish very much that I had brought them downstairs along with the Bible Records as the house burned in 1929 and nothing upstairs was saved.

The Tharp Family Bible records began in 1760, and the Davis Family Bible records began in 1776. The births of the slaves were recorded as well as those of our family. I copied these records and began to find out what became of each

of them and to learn all I could about their descendants. Not only could Aunt Mollie tell me about her people, but she also knew a great deal about her husband's people, the Tharps. Uncle George, her husband, also helped by telling me stories of his family and of Twiggs County in the early days.

Aunt Mollie told me that her grandfather, John Davis, Esquire, and his wife, Rebecca Jones, had moved to Twiggs County from Burke County, Georgia. Her father, Elisha Davis, was born in Burke County. John and Rebecca Davis lived at the foot of the hill from Aunt Mollie's house not more than a mile away. It was very near Stone Creek. The house they had lived in was gone but Father took me there where we found bits of glass, etc., where the old house had been. Father and I crossed Stone Creek on a foot log, climbed a high hill and went to the graves of John and Rebecca Davis. Although their graves were marked with names and dates of birth and death there is no information there about where they were born.

Aunt Mollie also said that John's father was John Davis, Revolutionary soldier, who married a "Widow McCormick". John Davis, Sr., lost his life in the Revolution when John, Jr., was a very small child. Mrs. Davis had some McCormick children before she married John Davis, Sr. One of the McCormick children was William McCormick who went to Pulaski County, Georgia, where some of his descendants are still living.

Not much was known of John and Rebecca Davis before they came to Burke County, Georgia. I asked her about any brothers or sisters that they might have had. Aside from the McCormick half brother she did not know of any. She had never heard her father mention any uncles or aunts, so she felt that if he ever had any they either died young or did not come to Georgia with John and Rebecca Davis. If Elisha Davis had any relatives by any name in Georgia, Aunt Mollie did not know of them, unless they were descendants of Elisha's brothers and sisters.

We had an elderly cousin, Mrs. Ella Lundy Taylor, who was both a Tharp and a Davis descendant and was very interested in collecting facts about the family, so was supposed to know more about them than anyone. One afternoon Aunt Mollie went with me to call on Cousin Ella. I took my notebooks so I could write down any information she could give me. Although Cousin Ella gave me many facts about her grandmother, Martha Davis, oldest daughter of John

and Rebecca Davis, who married William A. Tharp, and their descendants, she could not give me any information about the Davis Family before they went to Burke County.

At that time there were other grandchildren of John and Rebecca Davis still living, so I thought perhaps they could help me with the early history. I went to see Cousin Olivia Davis Hodges and her sister, Cousin Georgia Davis King. Their father was James McCormick Davis, one of the children of John and Rebecca Davis. "Uncle Jim", as the family called him, lived to be a very old man and died in 1894. Father had known him well. Cousin Olivia and Cousin Georgia did not know of any uncles and aunts that their father had. I called on them several times hoping they might recall some detail about their grandparents that I did not already have, but I did not get any help.

Several years later I met their brother, Cousin Jerry Davis of Houston County. Cousin Jerry could not add anything to my list of facts about his grandparents. Two more of the children of Uncle Jim Davis lived in New York and were quite interested in their family. They were Cousin Henrietta Davis Carbone and Cousin Jean Trautman. I have had the pleasure of meeting both of these ladies and have read letters they wrote about the family. They stated that their father told them that his mother, Rebecca Jones, when a very small child had known John Paul Jones, the American patriot. But they did not know where she was living at the time.

There was still another granddaughter of John and Rebecca Davis that I knew well for many, many years, and that was Cousin Minnie Davis Scott who lived at Lakeside, near Macon. Her daughter, Mildred, was a good friend and I often visited there. Many times I have questioned Cousin Minnie about her grandparents. She could not add any further information to what I had collected.

In all I personally knew seven of the grandchildren of John and Rebecca Davis over a period of years. Not one of them ever knew of any relatives in Georgia other than the McCormicks in Pulaski County.

Since the records of Burke County and Twiggs County have been destroyed I set out several years ago to find out what is of record today in Georgia on John Davis, Rebecca Jones, William McCormick, and Ezra Jones, whose name is in our Bible Records.

I have made many trips to the Georgia State Archives, interviewed many persons whose name was Davis or were of Davis descent, written scores of letters and examined records in twenty-eight eastern Georgia Counties. To date I cannot connect any Davis Family with our John Davis, Revolutionary Soldier, who married the Widow McCormick and are the parents of John Davis, born March 4, 1776.

Many facts on John and Rebecca Jones Davis, William McCormick, and Ezra Jones not included in "Southern Kith and Kin", Volume 2, by Jewel Davis Scarborough, are given below.

JOHN DAVIES (DAVIS) ESQUIRE

Since a fire destroyed the early records of Burke County, Georgia, there are few records of Burke County in existence today of the period before 1850. The best source of information of early Burke County that I have found is the Georgia State Archives in Atlanta and even there the information is meagre. On my numerous trips there I have examined "THE GEORGIA SENATE JOURNAL" from 1789 through 1802, and "THE EXECUTIVE JOURNAL" from 1793-1815. In addition I studied "MILITARY COMMISSIONS", "JUSTICES OF PEACE" 1799-1812, and many other State records. This gives a record from 1789-1815. In this period I noted any Davis or Davies that I saw mentioned although I was chiefly interested in John Davis or John Davies. The recorders were not careful to distinguish between the name Davis and Davies, sometimes spelling it both ways in recording an event.

During the period from 1789-1815 by far the majority of notices about persons in these records by the name Davis or Davies who were county or State officials, were from Burke County. That is interesting in view of the fact that examination of some of the many Georgia counties at that period will reveal that many persons by the name Davis or Davies lived in them. In my long search I can definitely say that not many of the numerous Davis families were in public affairs of any kind. If so, I have not found it in the official records.

Lack of space will not permit me to mention the services of any but those of the persons by the name of John Davis or John Davies. I noted four references to persons by this name who were not from Burke County. One was in Liberty County for a land grant, another was a tax receiver in

Columbia County, a Lieutenant by that name resigned in Elbert County, and one was mentioned in Walton County. I missed a few but references to John Davis in any but Burke County were very infrequent.

Not only was the name John Davis or Davies mentioned often in the Burke records, but there were many other Davis names as well. As early as 1789 John Davies was Judge of Inferior Court in Burke County. In 1790 John Davies was Commissioner of the town of Waynesboro. By 1796, we learn that John Davies resigned as Clerk of Inferior Court. These references definitely were *not* to our John Davis, born in 1776, as he would have been too young. Our John Davis signed his name John Davies while he was in Burke County and he is listed in records as John Davies. What was the relation of these two men by the same name who were both interested in the same civic affairs? Perhaps some future historian will know.

I do not know when our John Davis went to Burke County, but Aunt Mollie told me he went there with his half-brother, William McCormick, and William's son, Mathew Mathias McCormick, who was born in Burke County in 1794. ("MEMOIRS OF GEORGIA", Vol. 2, published by Southern Historical Association, p. 708.)

From records of EXECUTIVE JOURNAL September 23, 1796-October 13, 1797, p. 46, John Davis was made Captain of Artillery in Burke County Militia. That I believe to be our John Davis, for in the records of "EXECUTIVE JOURNAL" 1709-November 4, 1800, p. 226, John Davis was appointed Lieutenant Colonel, Burke County Militia. The same fact is recorded on page 101, in "MILITARY COMMISSIONS" (1798-1800) and states: "John Davis, Esquire, appointed Lieutenant Colonel, Commandant of the First Regiment of Burke County Militia, 23rd of May 1799." I am certain that this Lieutenant Colonel is the same man who later moved to Twiggs County and was the Captain John Davis who received a promotion. The reason that I am certain that Lt. Col. John Davis is the same man that came to Twiggs County and was our ancestor, is because I have papers that my ancestor wrote and signed and the handwriting is like the signature I saw on the original Passport to Solomon Boykin, dated January 20, 1803, in Burke County, giving him permission to go to Mississippi Territory. This Passport was signed by seventeen men headed by "Jno. Davis, Lt. Col. Comd't." There are several Passports signed by Jno. Davies as Lt. Col. Then in 1804 he began to

sign them "Jno. Davies, Col. 1st Reg't. Burke Militia". Evidently by 1804 he had been promoted to Colonel, but I have been unable to find a notice of that fact in the records.

The "EXECUTIVE JOURNAL" 1793-1796, p. 45, John Davis is appointed Commissioner for the Town of Waynesboro. From 1803-1805, John Davis of Burke County was a member of the House of Representatives in Louisville, Georgia, the State Capital.

These last two notices could possibly refer to the services of either of the two men by the name of John Davies who were in the early records of Burke County. However, I think they are services of John Davis, Jr., who later came to Twiggs County, for I know that he was a Commissioner of the town of Waynesborough for he resigned from that office in 1808 and I did not find any other appointment of a John Davis as Commissioner for the town of Waynesborough after 1796.

Perhaps the best information of all on our John Davis is to be found in the GEORGIA SENATE JOURNAL, 1807-1810. At that time he was spelling his name John Davies and most of the time it was recorded as Davies. (I wish he had not dropped the "e" in the name for it would be much simpler.) There is a copy of this book in the Washington Memorial Library in Macon. It is not indexed, but I have read it page by page.

The Capital of Georgia was moved from Louisville to Milledgeville after the treaty made with the Indians that gave the white man the land between the Oconee and the Ocmulgee Rivers. The move was made in the year 1807.

It was to Milledgeville that John Davis came in 1808 to represent Burke County as a State Senator. Although still a very young man, John Davies took a very active part in the Senate. On Monday, November 7, 1808, Hon. John Davies was put on a committee "on the State of the Republic". On November 11, 1808, "Flournoy presented a petition from the Thespian Society of the City of Augusta, which was read and referred to a special committee. "Davies" was on that committee. On November 16, 1808, a committee was appointed to "prepare and Report a bill to revise, amend and consolidate the several militia laws now in force in this state". Davies was put on that committee.

On November 22, 1808, a message from the House of Representatives was read by Mr. Holt, their clerk: "Mr. President—the House of Representatives has passed a reso-

lution appointing George Poythress, Jeremiah W. Williams and William Stone, Commissioners for the town of Waynesborough to fill the vacancies occasioned by the resignation of John Davies, John Whitehead and George Poythress.

Evidently John Davies resigned while he was away in Milledgeville, attending to state affairs.

John Davies must have been the chairman of the committee on the State of the Republic, for on December 1, 1808, he made a report from that committee to the Senate.

When the Senate convened on November 6, 1809, John *Davies* returned to represent Burke County and John *Davis* came to represent Walton County. Before then the recorder always spelled the name John Davies. Now the recorder put by each man's name the county from which he came in order to distinguish them. They were *John Davies (of Burke)*, and *John Davis (of Walton)*. Sometime later it was written John Davis (of Burke).

I had often wondered why all older members of the family in speaking of John Davis always said "John Davis of Burke". I can see why that notation was made.

On November 13, 1809, "Mr. Davies (of Burke)" notifies the Senate that he will tomorrow move for the appointment of a committee to prepare and report a bill to alter and amend an act to regulate and keep in repair the public roads and bridges in the Counties of Burke, Jefferson, Richmond, Greene, and Morgan, as far as respects the counties of Burke, Jefferson and Richmond."

On November 27, 1809, "the Senate chose the Honorable John Davies (of Burke)" their President pro tem.

In the year 1810, John Davies did not return to the Senate to represent Burke County, but Mr. William Byne came as Senator. On November 7, 1810, Mr. Byne presented a motion: "Resolved that the Executive appointment of Col. John Davies as a Justice of the Inferior Court of Burke be and the same is hereby confirmed." Two pages later under the same date a reference made to the appointment reads: ". . . in the resolution confirming the Executive appointment of John Davis, Esq., a Justice of the Inferior Court for the County of Burke". His name has thereby been changed from Col. John Davies to John Davis, Esq., about the same time. How can any one keep the records straight?

In the Archives is a list of persons who were entitled to draw in the Lottery of 1803. On that list Col. John Davis

is entitled to two draws but he was not one of the fortunate drawers.

In the Washington Memorial Library in Macon is a copy of an early Georgia newspaper, "GEORGIA EXPRESS" printed in Athens, Georgia, on January 7, 1809. Among the persons listed as subscribers of this paper was Col. John Davis of Waynesboro. (Waynesboro is the county seat of Burke County.)

In the Georgia State Archives is a file cabinet marked "SERVICE RECORDS OF GEORGIA". That file shows John Davis as J. P. 1813-1817. On checking the appointment I found that he was in Burke County then. Then the file shows the appointment of John Davis as J. P. 355 Dist. Twiggs County on January 31, 1817. He moved to Twiggs County about that time. After he came to Twiggs County he signed his name John Davis.

John Davis received an appointment for J. I. C. (Judge of Inferior Court) Bibb County on February 12, 1823, and again January 11, 1825. By that reference is added the date it ended—1826. That is when his death occurred.

There is in the State Archives the original Tax Digest of Twiggs County for 1818. Since it is one of the rare original documents of Twiggs County, it is very important.

Listed in Captain Bullock's District of Twiggs County is:

	Acres	Dist.	Lot	County
John Davis	607	7		Twiggs
Trustee for				
Raka Lindsey	202½	6	137	Twiggs
Guardian for				
Elijah Jones	550 acres of land in Wayne Co.			

I have been unable to find anything about Raka Lindsey, but would certainly like to know why John Davis was a trustee for her. I have been able to find some information on Elijah Jones.

From all the references above it can be seen that about the time John Davies of Burke County married Rebecca Jones in 1796, he became very active in community affairs. It is not often that so young a man becomes a public figure at such an early age. I have read that in Georgia, after the Revolution, times were so hard that it was difficult for the children to go to school so many of them were uneducated. Since settlers coming in from North Carolina and Virginia

were better educated they were in great demand as public officials. As soon as they arrived they began taking their places as county officials, representatives to the State Legislature and Senate and other positions which required an education. Possibly that explains why John Davis became interested in public affairs.

In the Cherokee Lottery of 1832, there were two persons by the name of Davis in Bibb County who were fortunate drawers. On page 365, "Rebecca Davis, w.s.i.w. of Groce's District" and on page 360, "Elisha Davis, Groce's District". The abbreviation meant, "widow of a soldier of the Indian Wars."

The above mentioned Rebecca was the wife of John Davis, Esquire (Col. John Davies), and Elisha Davis was one of their children. At that time a family by the name of Groce lived near the Davis family and it is in the same general neighborhood in which I now live.

WILLIAM McCORMICK

The earliest record I have on William McCormick, half-brother of John Davis, Esq., places him in Burke County, Georgia. It was there that Mathew Mathias McCormick was born in 1794. ("MEMOIRS OF GEORGIA", Vol. 2, p. 708.)

In the records of the Georgia State Archives in Atlanta, I found in the *EXECUTIVE JOURNAL* Nov. 1799-Nov. 1800, two letters from Peter J. Carnes, Solicitor General, Middle District, to James Jackson, Governor of Georgia at that time. The first letter dated April 17, 1800, states in part, "Wm. McCormick, attorney of John Willson, Esq., has applied for a return of deposit of the monies of the Georgia-Mississippi Company being sixty-eight shares therein, a scrip of which is herewith referred to you with the power.

The scrip or receipt is in the name of Mathias Maher, but expresses that he or his assigns is entitled to the proportion expressed. Mr. Maher has indorsed it under which Mr. Willson claims."

This letter was written at Louisville, Georgia. Louisville is in Jefferson County and adjoins Burke County. On the next day Peter Carnes again wrote to Gov. Jackson stating that he had decided that William McCormick had the right to collect the money.

I give reference to these two letters first because Mr. Maher must have been a friend of William McCormick's for

William named his son Mathias McCormick and that name is not a very common one. Second, I later found out that John Willson was born in Ireland and had been in America for fifty-four years when he died. (HISTORICAL COLLECTIONS of GEORGIA, Vol. 1, p. 130.) He died in 1813 and is buried in Augusta. The will of John Willson shows he left his property to a brother in Ireland and also mentions a nephew in Augusta, and a brother in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. Some of the deeds for land purchased by Willson are witnessed by William Davis.

Mathias Maher was granted a license with John Willson in Richmond County, Georgia, March 18, 1790. (HISTORICAL COLLECTIONS of GEORGIA, Vol. 2, p. 314). Later there are references to Matthias Maher & Co. (HISTORICAL COLLECTIONS of GEORGIA, Vol. 2, p. 254, February 2, 1792.) Maher is a Pennsylvania name.

Our family tradition states that our William McCormick and John Davies came from Virginia. I have no doubt that is true, but I think the families were in Pennsylvania before they stopped in Virginia. David McCormick, Esq., and Thomas Davis, Esq., two very prominent Georgians of this period whose paths I have carefully traced in Georgia, were both from Philadelphia. David McCormick first bought land in Georgia in 1795, (Montgomery County, Georgia records, Deed Book CPG, p. 65). Thomas Davis first came to Augusta, Georgia, in 1794 (HISTORICAL COLLECTIONS OF GEORGIA, Vol. 2, p. 283). He purchased land in Montgomery County, Georgia (Deed Book CPG, p. 29). The careers of David McCormick and Thomas Davis closely parallel that of John Davis, Esq., John Davis was with Thomas Davis for they were present at a Court Martial in 1800.

There are few people with whom I can definitely connect either John Davis or William McCormick, and those few are all from Pennsylvania. Both David McCormick and John Willson were born in Ireland, but I have no doubt that William McCormick's people also came from Ireland for most McCormicks did.

While living in Burke County, William McCormick drew in the Lottery of 1803, but he was not a fortunate drawer (Georgia State Archives.)

In the Superior Court Records of Pulaski County, Deed Book "A", page 42, is recorded a deed made in Burke County, Georgia, from William McCormick to Jeremiah Gilstrap for some fractional lots in the 24th district of Wilkinson

County on the "Oakmulgee River". The deed was witnessed by Bryan Williams and Sampson Jenkins, and is dated January 21, 1808. Sampson Jenkins went before a Justice of Peace to swear that he saw William McCormick sign the deed. The Justice of Peace was John Davis, no doubt the half-brother of William McCormick, and our John Davis, Esquire.

William McCormick left Burke County and went to Pulaski County, Georgia, to live. The *HISTORY OF PULASKI COUNTY*, page 46, gives a list of the first Grand Jury of Pulaski County and William McCormick is on that list.

The Census of 1820 of Pulaski County lists William McCormick and he was also one of the successful drawers of Pulaski County in the Lottery of 1821. William McCormick was also a Coroner of Pulaski County (*ORDINARY'S MINUTES 1818-1841*, p. 117). He died in 1823 and Mathew Mathias McCormick was appointed administrator of his estate (*ORDINARY'S MINUTES 1818-1841*, p. 141). At that time all of his children were grown for he left no orphans. There are many descendants of William McCormick still living in Pulaski County, Georgia.

Many years ago I went to Hawkinsville with my Aunt, Mrs. Lillie Davis Wimbish, and a cousin, Hattie Davis Gambrell, to see Mrs. James McGriff, a McCormick descendant. We spent the day there and ate a most delicious dinner. I have since been back to Hawkinsville a number of times and know several of Mrs. McGriff's daughters. Unfortunately they do not know anything of William McCormick before he came to Georgia.

EZRA JONES

Although I had found genealogy very interesting through the years, I was never even tempted to begin a search for any person by the name of Jones as that looked like a hopeless task until presto, I was caught!

My interest began in 1954 when I saw in the State Archives in the "TWIGGS COUNTY TAX DIGEST of 1818" where John Davis, Esq., of Twiggs County was guardian of Elijah Jones and paid tax for him on land in Wayne County. I knew that the notation, "Elijah Jones, son of Ezra Jones, was born January 16, 1802," was in our Bible records, though Aunt Mollie did not know anything of either Elijah or Ezra Jones.

I started looking for the names **Elijah** and **Ezra Jones** as I worked. Sometimes I found the name **Elijah**, but rare indeed is there an **Ezra Jones**. I found an **Ezra B. Jones** living in Baldwin County, Georgia, listed in the Land Lottery of 1827, but knew he was not the man for whom I was searching as his son would not have needed a guardian if he were still living and capable of looking after his affairs.

In reading the "GEORGIA STATE SENATE JOURNAL" (1807-1812), I came across three interesting items. On November 3, 1817, "From the County of Wayne Attended the Honorable **Ezra Jones** who produced his credentials and was qualified by the President and took his seat." Unfortunately **Ezra Jones** did not have time to do any service for his county, for on November 9, 1807, just six days after he was seated, the Senate voted "To wear crepe in memory of **Ezra Jones**, late Senator from Wayne Co."

There was one more very interesting item on November 19, 1807: "Resolved that the sum of seventy-five dollars be appropriated out of any monies in the treasury to defray the expense incurred by the interment of the Hon. **Ezra Jones**, deceased." In vain have I tried to find where the State of Georgia buried him. I made a trip to the State Archives and even with the kindness of competent help we could not find any record that shed any light on where **Ezra Jones** was buried. Since 1807 was the year that the capital was moved to Milledgeville from Louisville, I went to both towns on a hunt for the grave. I was unable to find his grave.

Not being able to get any help from the correspondence I had with the officials at the Wayne County court house, I went to Wayne County. The early records were in bad condition. The very earliest records of the county were destroyed by fire, I was told. On the shelves were loose papers that had once been pages of old record books. I looked at the stack of loose papers and wondered if it would be worth while to try to find anything in that stack. Patiently I worked and was rewarded for my search for I found the "Final Settlement of the Estate of **Ezra Jones**, Esq." It was dated the nineteenth day of September, eighteen hundred and thirteen.

In the final settlement the property was divided equally between **Elizabeth Jones**, **Elijah Jones** and **William Jones**. **Elizabeth Jones** was his widow, I believe, for it was she who advertised his estate for sale in 1807 in a Savannah newspaper. However, in 1813, she was married to **Richard Lev-**

eritt, for it was recorded in Marriage Book "A", p. 2, under the date September 1, 1809.

Elizabeth Jones received among other things, one hundred and fifty acres of land originally granted to Henry Summerlin and purchased by Ezra Jones (Deed Book "B", pp. 37-38, September 5, 1807). Further examination of records showed that Richard Leverett married Fanny Hogans, February 4, 1825. Several years later he sold the land originally granted to Henry Summerlin that was given to Elizabeth Jones in the division of the estate of Ezra Jones.

In this final division of the estate of Ezra Jones, William Jones was always mentioned before Elijah Jones, so perhaps he was the older of the two boys. Among the things they shared equally was 550 acres of land that the record stated was granted to Ezra Jones by the State of Georgia on the seventeenth of November, 1806. The land was originally in Glynn, but was set off in Wayne County.

By 1818, when John Davis, Esq., was guardian for Elijah Jones, tax was paid in Elijah's name for the whole of the 550 acres. I could not find any record in Wayne County that showed how Elijah had the whole amount. Either William Jones was of age and gave it to him, or William had died and the whole had been given to Elijah. Elijah lived in Twiggs County a while after the death of John Davis, Esq., in 1826, for I have in my possession an original deed that he signed as a witness in 1831. It was signed in the presence of William Davis, J. P. William Davis was the oldest son of John Davis, Esq.

From the records in the Georgia State Archives on the Lottery of 1806, Ezra Jones of Wayne County drew Lot 22, District 8, Wilkinson County. The "EXECUTIVE MINUTES" 1806-1808, lists the appointment of Ezra Jones as Captain of Militia, but the district was left blank.

We know that Ezra Jones was a close kinsman of Rebecca Jones Davis, for she and her husband took his son, Elijah, to rear, possibly when Elizabeth Jones Leverett died. John Davis put Elijah's date of birth in the Bible along with those of his own children.

The untimely death of Ezra Jones cut short the career of a man who showed great promise. In the short space of 1806-1807, he was granted land by the state, won land in a lottery, was appointed an officer in the militia and elected to the Senate of the State of Georgia. Not one of the records stated where Ezra Jones had lived prior to 1806. Since

Wayne County was Indian Land until the Treaty of 1803, and white settlers did not go there until after that date, it is certain that Ezra Jones went to Wayne County an educated, competent adult.

Not being able to find any earlier references to Ezra Jones in Georgia, I tried South Carolina, North Carolina, and Virginia. In the records that I have examined I have been able to find only one reference to any Ezra Jones to date. That was a marriage record in Rowan County, North Carolina, in 1796, of Ezra Jones and Margaret Hunt. *IF* our Ezra was married twice this could have been an earlier marriage.

Perhaps at some future date someone will be able to find more on Ezra Jones, for the name is most uncommon.

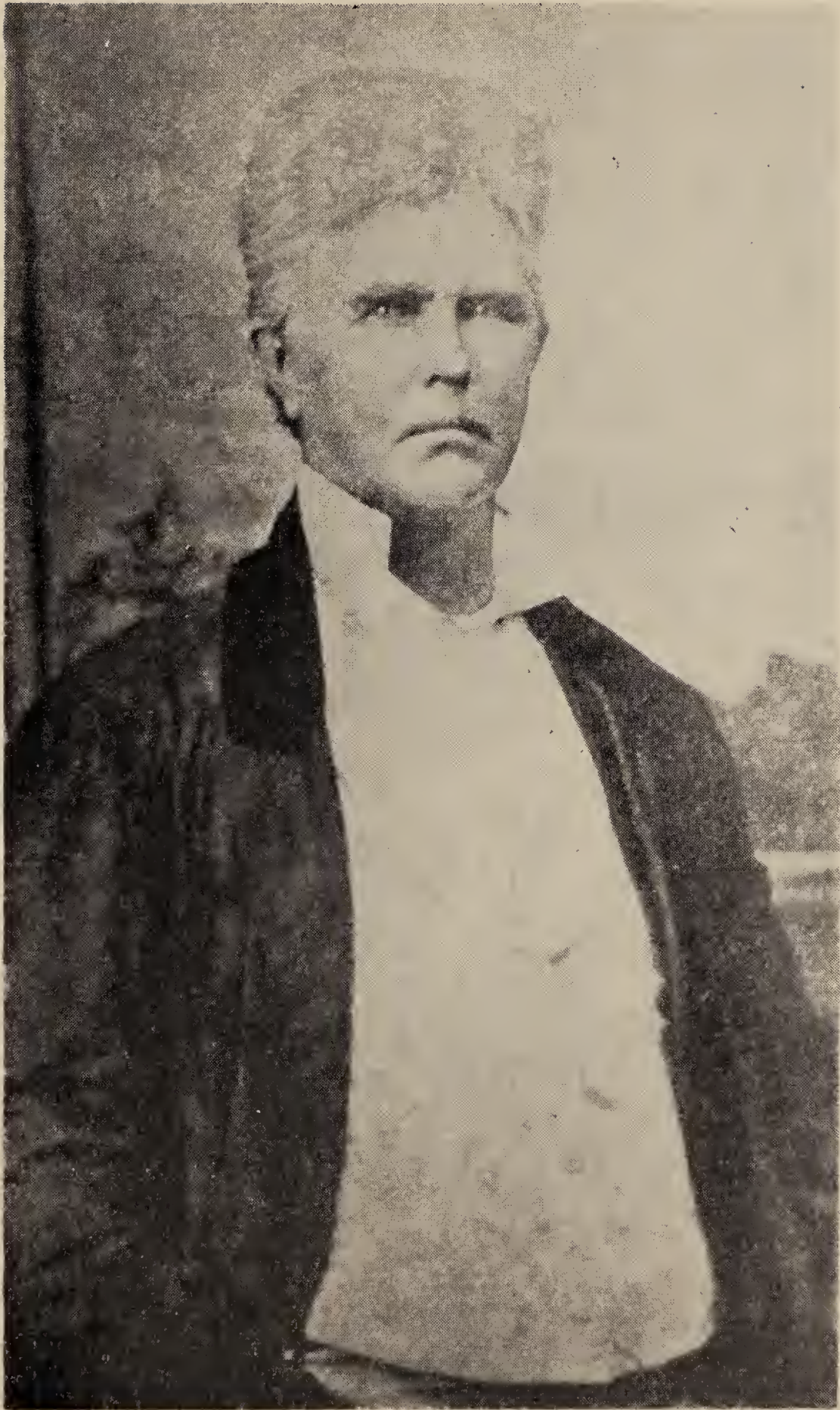
WILLIAM DAVIS

Uncle William, in the stories that Aunt Mollie told me, was always distinguished as "the one who moved away". She never knew Uncle William, but recalled the visit of Cousin Britt Davis, a son of William Davis, when she was a child. It was a great event when the cousin came from what was then distant parts for I have heard the visit spoken of many times by several persons in the family.

It has been very difficult to find exactly where Uncle William lived before he left Twiggs County. I have spent many hours trying to locate an old deed bearing his name. Although I have not been able to find a deed bearing his name where he bought or sold property in Twiggs, I am able to say, with certainty, where he lived.

In the Georgia State Archives is the list of appointments for men who were made Justices of the Peace. In the year 1824, William Davis, of Bostick's District, was appointed J. P. in Twiggs County. (The William Davis of the sketch is not to be confused with an earlier William Davis who came to Twiggs County and was appointed J. P. in the year 1813. He later left Twiggs County and moved to Pulaski County. He died there in 1819 and left his will.)

Uncle William lived in Bostick's District possibly as long as he was in Twiggs County, for he was there in 1826, 1830, and 1833, according to Tax Records. The Tax Records for those years are listed alphabetically, so there is no way of knowing by reading them what persons lived in a given neighborhood. However, the Census of 1830 for Twiggs County, is not listed alphabetically, but the names are given



WILLIAM DAVIS

by persons who lived in a certain district. I have examined the 1830 Census of Twiggs County and know the property and home places of a number of persons in the same neighborhood in which William Davis lived. In this way we are able to locate Bostick's District.

The Tax Digest for 1826 lists the name William Davis in Bostick's District, but puts no information about him. In the year 1830 William Davis of Bostick's District pays tax on 8 slaves and 605 acres of land on Stone Creek. He is also listed as the guardian of Stephen Melton. In the Tax Digest for 1833, William Davis paid tax on 10 slaves and 605 acres on Stone Creek adjoining R. Davis. R. Davis was his mother, Rebecca Davis. Her property was on the west side of Stone Creek and had been placed in Bibb County when that county was surveyed.

Since the destruction of the records of Twiggs County does not let us have a complete record of the division of the estate of John Davis, Esq., we have to use the available records in the Bibb County Courthouse. When John Davis, Esq., died in 1826, copies of the estate proceedings were put on file in Bibb County. At that time the records state that Elisha Davis purchased Lots 90, 68, and 150 acres of Lot 91, 50 acres of Lot 89, and 150 acres of Lot 25, from his father's estate. Elisha Davis built his home on a hill about a mile from Stone Creek. Rebecca Davis continued to live in her home at the foot of the hill near the creek.

Rebecca Davis died in 1844. On the first day of January of 1847, two deeds were made and later recorded in Bibb County. From his brother, David Davis, the executor of the estate of Rebecca Davis, Elisha Davis bought some land which from the description of the land lot numbers, showed the land to be on the hill near his home. On the same day he bought from David Davis, the executor of the estate of John Davies, some land whereupon Rebecca Davis had lived since her husband's death. The home place of Rebecca Davis was in Land Lot 92. When she died this lot and some other land was sold to Elisha Davis (Bibb County Deed Book "I & J", p. 523). The lots purchased by Elisha Davis were Lots 92, 93, and 50 acres of Lot 91 (Elisha already owned 150 acres of Lot 91 which he purchased in 1828 from his Father's estate, hence that shows that Rebecca Davis owned Lots 92, 93, and part of 91, lying on the creek.) All of that land is on the West bank of the creek. If the lands of William Davis were on Stone Creek, adjoining those of Rebecca Davis, as the Tax Record states, then William Davis would have to own Lot 24, and the part of Lot 25, not owned by his brother,



ELIZABETH BROWN GARDNER DAVIS

MRS. WILLIAM DAVIS

Elisha Davis. They are on the East bank, adjoining Rebecca Davis. This land was once in Wilkinson County, then in Twiggs. Lot 24 is in the 28th District of Wilkinson, and adjacent to Lot 1, of the 27th District of Wilkinson, now Twiggs county.

Lot 24 and part of Lot 25 would not give William Davis his 605 acres, but I do not know at this time whether his plantation lay to the Northeast of Stone Creek, or further to the East. However, we can say, with certainty, that William Davis lived in Twiggs county, in what is known now as the Dry Branch Community.

After Uncle William moved away and went to live in Russell County, Alabama, across the river from Columbus, Georgia, his brother, Elisha Davis, went to visit him, carrying his family. They travelled in a coach, with the driver sitting outside. My grandfather, John Norwood Davis, was a child at the time, but vividly remembered the trip. The thing that impressed him most was the fact that the family dog, a large Dalmation, walked all of the way behind the coach to Columbus, and back.

The Tax Digest for 1826 lists the name of William Davis in Bostick's District but gives no further information concerning him. In the year 1830 William Davis paid tax on eight slaves and 605 acres of land on Stone Creek, and also paid tax as Guardian of Stephen Melton. In the Tax Digest for 1833, just before removing to Alabama, he paid tax on 10 slaves and 605 acres of land on Stone Creek adjoining Rebecca Davis. Rebecca Davis was his mother. Her property was on the West side of Stone Creek, and had been placed in Bibb county when that county was surveyed.

Since the destruction of the records of Twiggs county does not enable us to get a complete record of the division of the estate of John Davis, Esquire, father of William, we must use the available records in the Bibb County Court House. When John Davies, Esquire died in 1826, copies of the estate proceedings were placed on file in Bibb county. At that time, the records state that Elisha Davis purchased Lots 90, 68, and 150 acres of lot 91, 50 acres of lot 89, and 150 acres of Lot 25, from his father's estate. Elisha Davis built his home on a hill about a mile from Stone Creek, while Rebecca Davis continued to live at her home at the foot of the hill, near the creek.

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Lot 24 and part of Lot 25 would not give William Davis his 605 acres, but I do not know at this time whether his plantation lay to the Northeast of Stone Creek or further to the East. We can say with certainty, however, that William Davis lived in Twiggs county in the area now known as Dry Branch Community. The first seven children of William Davis were born in Twiggs county, and the other five in Russell county, Alabama, according to the Bible records from William's own Bible.

On December-26-1831, the Stone Creek Academy was chartered by the State of Georgia and William Davis, William A. Tharpe, Elisha Davis, Jeremiah A. Tharpe, and Thomas Campbell were named as Trustees. (Digest of Georgia Law, by Polhill and Cuthbert, published in 1832).

William Davis married Elizabeth Brown Gardner, only child of Lewis Gardner, Jr., and Mary Liverman, in Wilkinson county, Georgia. Mary Liverman was the daughter of Matthias Liverman, formerly of Richmond and Columbia county, Georgia. In a newspaper on file in Washington Memorial Library, Macon Georgia, *The Georgia Messenger*, under date of March-3-1824, William Davis gives official

notice, as Administrator of the estate of Matthias Liverman of Wilkinson county, Georgia, that nine months after date he would offer for sale two tracts of land, belonging to the estate: one tract containing 152½ acres, being part of Lot No. 186, in the 27th District of Wilkinson county, and the other tract containing fifty and one half acres in the 12th District of Wilkinson county, being a part of Lot 200, both tracts being on the Long Slash. Since the early records of Wilkinson county have either been lost or destroyed, no information could be secured from this administration.

Mary Liverman had married Lewis Gardner, Jr., in Columbia county, Georgia, March-12-1805. After the death of Lewis Gardner, Jr., Mary Liverman Gardner married Charles Leith, January-9-1813, in Richmond county, Georgia. Charles Leith was dead by 1825, for Mary Leith is listed as head of a family in the tax records of Twiggs county for that year. She had evidently moved to Twiggs county to be near her only child, Elizabeth Brown Gardner, who had married William Davis in 1823. When William Davis and his family moved to Russell county, Alabama, Mary Leith moved there also, where she died in 1861. Her grandson, Lewis Gardner Davis, was appointed Administrator of her estate at the December term of Court of Russell county in 1861, and final returns were made in September, 1863. The heirs listed in the various documents were: L. G. Davis, John Davis, Mary L. Harris, wife of B. W. D. Harris, residing in Russell county, Alabama; R. J. Nelms, wife of E. A. Nelms, and George W. Davis, residing in Upshur county, Texas; William D. Davis, T. J. Davis, and B. F. Davis, in the Army of the Confederacy; Georgia C. Davis, Chattahoochie county, Georgia; J. M. Davis and B. W. Davis, minors, in the Confederate Army. The other child of William and Elizabeth Brown Gardner Davis was Elizabeth Gardner Davis, wife of George C. Benton, died in 1860 with no heirs.

CHAPTER 12

MAJOR WILLIAM RUSSELL.

PATRIOT, SOLDIER AND PIONEER.

Major William Russell was a colorful pioneer, who grew up on the frontier of Tennessee, and spent his last years in the wilderness of North Alabama. Saunders, in his History of North Alabama, describes the Russell family as, like Chevalier Bayard, "without fear and without reproach". Unfortunately, we have been unable to locate the birthplace of Major William Russell, or to definitely identify his parents, though some of the early records recite that he was born in old Tryon County, North Carolina, which is now Rutherford County. On July 26, 1775, a Committee of Safety was organized in Tryon County and one George Russell was elected a member of Captain Hampton's Company.

Family tradition recites that William Russell went with his father to the Watauga settlement in Tennessee, where they were prominent in the organization of that area. When the Articles of Association were drawn up in the Watauga Settlement in 1772, William Bean and George Russell were named as among the thirteen Commissioners, and William Tatham, who was described as "a young Englishman", was elected Clerk of the Court.*

The land comprising the Watauga Settlement was claimed by the Indians, but they eventually relinquished their claim and sold a vast tract, called Transylvania, to Judge Richard Henderson and Leonard Henly Bullock and Associates, of North Carolina. Charles Robertson was given Power of Attorney to sell these lands to settlers and among the first patentees was George Russell. In response to a petition of the settlers to the Legislature of North Carolina, since they needed protection in this vast wilderness, the "County of Washington, North Carolina" was established in 1777. Among the members of the Committee who prepared and presented the petition were George Russell and William Bean, with William Tatham, Clerk, signing as a non-member of the Committee. The William Bean referred to above, son of William Bean of Pittsylvania County, Virginia, according to tradition, married a daughter of one William Russell, and Russell Bean became the first white

*Ramsey's Annals of Tennessee.

child born in the State of Tennessee. Whether the above William Russell is Major William Russell we do not know, though we do know that a family of Beans came to Alabama with the Russells and that Hon. Jesse Bean was a prominent citizen of Franklin County, Alabama, in the early days.* When Leah Jackson Hudson Russell made application for a Pension as a widow of a soldier in the War of 1812, Armistead Bean signed one of the necessary affidavits, saying that he had known them in Tennessee since boyhood.

Among the list of the first Magistrates for this new district, we find the names of George Russell and William Bean. Thus this area, known first as the Wautauga Settlement, then Washington County, North Carolina, in 1777, then in 1785 as the State of Franklin, was transferred back to North Carolina until 1790, when it became the "Territory South of the Ohio." In 1796 the entire area became the State of Tennessee. The Russells, Tatoms, and Stovalls were kinsmen, and tended to follow each other in the various migrations as it was necessary, for protection, that families travel in groups. It appears to the author that George Russell, of the Wautauga Settlement, may have been the father of Major William Russell, who was the progenitor of the Russells described in this history.

Giles County, Tennessee, was established in 1810, and we know not only from family records, but from official sources, that the Russells and Stovalls were early residents there, though the Stovalls had settled first in Georgia after removing from North Carolina. From Giles County, Tennessee, the Russells and some of their Tatom kinsmen, along with the Beans, moved from Giles County to Franklin County, Tennessee, and then over the state line into present day Franklin County, Alabama, where the county seat was named Russellville in honor of Major William Russell.

The Tennessee Legislature passed an Act in 1807, providing for the establishment of Franklin County, and also providing for the holding of the first Courts in 1808 at the home of Major William Russell, near Cowan (Goodspeed's *History of Tennessee*, page 798), but unfortunately the early records of these Courts have been destroyed. In *Historic Spots of Tennessee*, by Mrs. A. S. Bowen, (page 435), the homes of Major William Russell and Jesse Bean are listed in Franklin County, Tennessee, in 1808. In 1809 the Legislature of Tennessee provided for holding an election in

*It seems significant that the Beans and Russells are buried in the same private cemetery in Lawrence County, Alabama.

Franklin County to select seven Commissioners who would select the county seat and acquire the necessary land. Winchester was chosen and a Court House and Jail erected, but soon after their erection they were destroyed by fire. The Legislature then passed another Act providing for a Lottery to finance their replacement and *William Russell, Sr.*, was one of the four Commissioners appointed to conduct the Lottery.

A large part of the lands in Franklin County, Tennessee, was awarded by North Carolina for military service, while the territory was part of that state, and General Andrew Jackson was among the number that acquired land there, though he never lived in the area. In 1808 both William Russell and his brother, Absolem Russell, received grants on the Boiling Fork River in the area.

A careful search of the records of Franklin County, Tennessee, where Major William Russell and so many of his kinsmen lived, was very disappointing as so many of the early records had been destroyed, some by Yankee soldiers in the War Between the States, and others by careless handling and negligence. For an old county, with very important records, it was almost heartbreaking. There were no marriage records prior to 1838, and no Court Minutes or Administration proceedings prior to that time. The deeds, too, were disappointing as there were no joint signatures of husband and wife to the deeds, so it is presumed that Tennessee women had no dower rights when property was conveyed, at least from 1808-1850, the time covered by the search.

Franklin County, Tennessee, was filled with Russells, but no data was found showing whether or not they were of the same family. I feel sure that some of them were sons of Major William, while others may have been brothers or nephews, but there was no way to prove it, except where I already had the facts. The following deeds were found for Major William Russell and his brother, Absolem, and for his son, George Russell, and others whom I am sure were kinsmen:

1. *William Russell:*

From Volume ABCGH, p. 26: Grant No. 256: "In consideration of military service performed by William Dixon to the State of North Carolina, Warrant No. 4225, dated 12 December, 1796, and entered 3rd August 1807, by No. 11, as an Occupant Claim, there is granted by the State of Ten-

nessee to *WILLIAM RUSSELL*, assignee of the heirs of William Dixon, 200 acres lying in White County, in the 2nd District, 9th range, 2nd section, on the Boiling Fork of the Elk River, beginning at a sassafras on *ABSOLEUM RUSSELL'S* north boundary line . . . Knoxville, Tennessee, 15 June 1808.

John Sevier."

2. Deed Book A, p. 63: "6 March 1810. *WILLIAM RUSSELL*, of the county of Franklin, State of Tennessee, to Hugh Montgomery of the same, for \$800.00, a tract of land on the waters of the Boiling Fork of the Elk River, 'beginning at a sassafras southeast corner to said William's 200 acre tract and on *ABSOLEM RUSSELL'S* north boundary line . . . 160 acres'. Witnesses, Samuel Handley and Robert McKneey. Proved by the oath of William Russell, before Absolom Russell, Clerk."

3. Deed Book ABCGH, p. 306: "13 September 1811, *WILLIAM RUSSELL* to *ABSOLOM RUSSELL*, a Negro fellow by the name of Jerry, about 22 years of age. Proved by William Russell (evidently son of Major William), and Enos Blackbeard (or Blackbourn), at October session of Court, 1811, with A. Russell, Clerk."

4. Deed Book J, p. 264: "8 April 1822, William Russell of Franklin County, Tennessee, to John Lewis, Lot No. 44, in the town of Winchester. Witnesses, David Love, as agent, George M. Carroll. Proved, April Session of Court, 1812, by A. Russell, Clerk."

5. Deed Book ABCGH, p. 147: "11 February 1812, *WILLIAM RUSSELL* of Franklin County, Tennessee, to *TEMPLE SARGENT*, for \$500.00, a Negro woman, Cate, aged 17 or 18 and her child, Vine, aged one year. Witnesses: Edmond Russell and Solomon Wagner. Proved October term of Court, before Edmond Russell, Clerk."

6. Deed Book ABCGH, p. 80: "11 February 1812, *WILLIAM RUSSELL* to Solomon Wagner, for \$600.00, three Negroes, a woman by name of Silvie, aged 24 or 25 years, a boy named Ned, aged about 8 or 10 years, and a boy named Nelson, aged about 4 or 5 years. Witnesses: Edmond Russell and Temple Sargent. Proved at April session, 1812, before A. Russell, Clerk."

7. Deed Book ABCGH, p. 173: "18 May 1812, *WILLIAM RUSSELL*, of Franklin County, Tennessee, to Martin Little, for \$350.00, a tract of land on the Boiling Fork of the Elk River, in the 2nd District, 9th range, 2nd section, beginning

at the Southeast corner of ABSOLOM RUSSELL'S occupant claim, and in the South boundary of WILLIAM RUSSELL'S claim, 40 acres. Proved October 7, 1812."

8. Deed Book ABCGH, p. 197: "10 December 1813, Rebecca Tally, John Tally, and Jacob Tally, Administrators of John Tally, deceased, for \$202 to WILLIAM RUSSELL, a Negro boy named Sam, about four years old. Proved by Alexander Perryman, witness, January term of Court, 1814, before Edmond Russell, Clerk."

9. Deed Book F and K, p. 133: "17 October 1814, WILLIAM RUSSELL, Sr., and Temple Sargent, Administrators of Absolom Russell, deceased, of the State of Tennessee, Franklin County, to James Russey, Lot No. 48, in the town of Winchester."

10. Deed Book J, p. 313: "17 February 1817, WILLIAM RUSSELL, Sr., of Franklin County, Tennessee, to Edmond Russell, for \$200.00, a tract of land in the 2nd District, 9th range, 2nd section, of the Boiling Fork of the Elk River, granted to the said William Russell by the State of Tennessee, as an occupant claim, number of grant 256. Witnesses: George Russell and Nancy Russell. Proved April Session of Court, 1817." (Nancy Russell was the first wife of George Russell.)

11. Deed Book F and K, p. 38: "7 November, 1818, WILLIAM RUSSELL, Sr., of the one part, of the ALABAMA TERRITORY and Franklin County, and William Champion of Franklin and State of Tennessee, for \$600.00 in hand paid, \$500.00 by William Champion and \$100.00 by William G. Bossy, the said WILLIAM RUSSELL conveys to William Champion a tract of land in Franklin County, Tennessee, on the waters of the Boiling Fork of the Elk River, beginning at the northeast corner of William Russell's 200 acre occupant claim to William Champion's corner of the tract he now lives on . . . to GEORGE RUSSELL's line . . . 120 acres more or less being 100 acres granted said William Russell as per grant No. 8339, dated 23 April 1811, and 20 acres granted William P. Anderson. Witnesses, Elijah Russell, George Russell, and proved by oaths of Elijah and George Russell, February term of Court, 1819. E. Russell, Clerk."

12. *George Russell:*

There were two George Russells in Franklin County, Tennessee, one of whom was a son-in-law of Jesse Perkins, and named in his will in 1823. We know this is not the son of Major William Russell, for George Russell, son of Major

William was only married twice: 1) to Nancy Brooks, who died in 1818, and 2) to Leah Jackson Hudson, December 28, 1820. *George Russell* died October 17, 1831.

1. Deed Book F and K, p. 81: "25 February 1819, William Champion, of Franklin County, Tennessee, to George Russell, tract on the waters of the Boiling Fork of the Elk River, being a part of two surveys, one conveyed by WILLIAM RUSSELL, Sr., to William Champion, and the other by William R. Anderson to William Champion, 20 acres".
 2. Deed Book ABCGH, p. 471: ".... February 1821, George Russell of Franklin County, Tennessee, to Mathew L. Dixon, tract on the Boiling Fork of the Elk River, . . . to Absolom Russell's occupant claim, in the south boundary line of William Russell's 200 acre occupant claim, 40 acres, but of which 40 acres, 9 acres has been previously sold by MARTIN LITTLE to John Cowan. Witnesses, Solomon Wagner and E. Russell."
 3. Deed Book ABCGH, p. 473: "23 February 1821, George Russell to Mathew L. Dixon, tract on the Boiling Fork of the Elk River, beginning at MARTIN LITTLE'S northwest corner, 14 acres. Witnesses, E. Russell and Solomon Wagner."
13. Absolom Russell:

We know that Absolom Russell was a son of Major William Russell, from the report of *A BACK WOODSMAN*, listed in this book. He also served as County Clerk in Franklin County, Tennessee, as evidenced by his signature on several of the deeds. He died 1813-1814, and his estate was administered by William Russell, Sr., and his brother-in-law, Temple Sargent, who as administrators, sold Lot No. 48 in the town of Winchester, Tennessee, belonging to him.

1. Deed Book ABCGH, p. 11: "By virtue of a part of Certificate No. 15, dated 13 July 1807, obtained from the Board of Commissioners for West Tennessee by Joseph Martin and entered 5th August 1807, by No. 62, as an occupant claim, there is granted by the State of Tennessee unto *ABSLOM RUSSELL*, assignee of the said Joseph Martin, 200 acres in White county in the 2nd District, 9th range, 2nd section, on the waters of the Boiling Fork of the Elk River . . . Knoxville, Tenn., 15 June 1808".

2. Deed Book ABCGH, p. 84: "13th February 1812, William P. Anderson of Rutherford County, Tenn., to *Absolom Russell*, a tract of land on the waters of the Boiling Fork of the Elk River, beginning at the southwest corner of William Russell's 100 acre tract and in the north boundary of his 200 acre tract . . . to the north boundary line of a 40 acre tract granted said William Russell, 402 and three fourths acres.
3. Deed Book ABCGH, p. 100: "From the Commissioners appointed to lay off the town of Winchester, to *Absolom Russell*. p. 56: Another deed from the same Commissioners to *Absolom Russell*, Lot No. 48, in the town of Winchester."
4. Deed Book ABCGH, p. 148: "30 January 1813, *Absolom Russell*, to William Cox, a tract of land on the Boiling Fork of the Elk River."

Other Russells listed in the Deed Records of Franklin County, Tennessee:

The land of all of the Russells listed below was located on the Boiling Fork of the Elk River, and adjoining the lands of Major William and George and Absolom Russell, and it is almost certain that they were at least kinsmen and came together to Franklin County, Tennessee.

14. *Edmond Russell:*

1. Deed Book J, p. 314: "21 December 1815, Matthew Robertson and Nathaniel Hunt, to *EDMOND RUSSELL*, lot in Winchester."
2. Deed Book F and K, p. 76: "21 August 1816, *Edmond Russell* to Ralph Crabb."
3. Deed Book J, p. 308: "July 24, 1817, *Edmond Russell* to John Hoggett."
4. Deed Book J, p. 312: "24 July 1817, *Edmond Russell* to John Hoggett of Davidson County, Tenn."
5. Deed Book ABCGH, p. 351: "22 December 1817, Thomas Crutcher to *Edmond Russell*, lot in Winchester."
6. Deed Book J, p. 313: "17 February 1817, William Russell, Sr., of Franklin County, Tenn., to *EDMOND RUSSELL*, for \$2000.00, tract of land, etc., on the Boiling Fork of the Elk River. Witnessed by George and his wife, Nancy Russell." (Quoted in full under *WILLIAM RUSSELL*.)

7. Deed Book ABCGH, p. 352: "25 August 1818, Robert Dugan to *Edmond Russell*, tract on the dry fork of the Boiling Fork of the Elk River."
 8. Deed Book ABCGH, p. 353: "16 December 1818, James Estill and *Thomas Garner* to *Edmond Russell*."
 9. Deed Book F and K, p. 43: "Jan. 21, 1819, Edmond Russell to Em. Raines."
 10. Deed Book ABCGH, p. 351: "25 January 1819, John P. Erwin of Nashville, Tenn., to *Edmond Russell*, lot in Winchester.
 11. Deed Book ABCGH, p. 389: "12 October 1819, *Edmond Russell* of Franklin County, Tenn., to Moses Runnels, tract of land in the 2nd district, 9th range, 2nd section, on the Boiling Fork of the Elk River, beginning at a sassafras on Absolom Russell's north boundary . . . adjoining the tract sold by George Russell to Thomas D. Wiggins, until it intersects the line of the 200 acres granted to William Russell, Sr., and being 200 acres conveyed by William Russell, Sr., to Edmond Russell by indenture dated 17 February 1817. Witnesses, Thomas A. Williams, Elisha Reynolds and John Hopper."
 12. Deed Book J, p. 532: "19 March 1825, *Edmond Russell* to Wallis Estill, M. D."
15. *John Russell*:
1. Deed Book ABCGH, p. 236: "27 October 1812, James M. Lewis of Murry (sic) County, Tenn., to *JOHN RUSSELL*, David Russell, Jr., David Counts and Peter Counts, for \$2000.00, 740 acres, Grant No. 4324, Warrant, No. 625, Franklin County, Tennessee."
 2. Deed Book F and K, p. 304: "4 January 1825, Stephen W. Donathan to *John Russell*, tract on the waters of the Elk River granted to Henry Montford.
16. *Henry Russell*.
1. Deed Book J, p. 48: "2 August 1815, *Henry Russell* of Franklin County, Tennessee, to Peter Harris, tract in the 2nd district, of the 9th range, of the 2nd section on the Boiling Fork of the Elk River, 200 acres being part of Warrant No. 4225. Witnesses: Curtis G. Gray and Sam P. Serrs. Proved at October Court Session, 1815 by Edmond Russell, Clerk."

17. *Lewis Russell.*

1. Deed Book F and K, p. 25: "13 November 1818, Andrew Erwin, of Augusta, Georgia, to *Lewis Russell*, of Franklin County, Tenn. Title Bond."
2. Deed Book D, p. 218: "20 January 1823, Lewis Russell to William Houston."

18. *Thomas Russell.*

Deed Book F and K, p. 86: "1 August 1818, *Thomas Russell* to Burges Sisk, land on the Boiling Fork of the Elk River, being part of a tract granted to Henry Winford."

In addition to the deeds listed, I also found the will of James Sargent, father of Temple Sargent, in what appeared to be the first will book of Franklin county, p. 98, dated September 21, 1825, though no probate was found. He names his wife as Jenny Sargent, and his children: Phebe Bowers, Frankey Evans, Rebecca Hannum, Johnson Sargent's heirs, James Sargent, Henry Sargent, *TEMPLE SARGENT*, and Betsy Jennings, to whom he leaves only one dollar as they had previously received their share of his estate. After his wife's death he leaves the balance of his estate to his daughters, Ritty and Nicy, Martha Badgett, his grand-daughter, and Mary Jane, "my wife's grand-daughter". He also leaves his grandson, *WILLIAM RUSSELL*, a Negro boy named Granville. Witnesses were: Joseph H. Bradford and John Goodwin, and Executors named were: wife, Jenny, Edmond Russell, and Francis A. Oakley.

I have been unable to identify the grandson, William Russell, unless James had more than one child to marry into the Russell family. We know that his son, Temple Sargent, married the daughter of William Russell, whose name was probably Lucy Russell, but one of their children would not be named Russell. It might be that Major Russell married a daughter of James Sargent, and the William Russell mentioned as grandson was of this marriage.

William Russell was first a Captain and then a Major. Records at the National Archives revealed that the following were soldiers in the Creek Indian War of 1812, from Franklin County, Tennessee, under Major William Russell, in his Tennessee Volunteer Spy Company, and in his Tennessee Separate Battalion of Mounted Gunmen, and it is almost certain that they were all kinsmen:

1. Lewis Russell, enlisted at Winchester, Franklin County, Tennessee, traveled 35 miles from Winchester, to

Fayetteville, Lincoln County, Tennessee, where he was mustered into service; served in Captain William Russell's Company of Major William Russell's Separate Battalion of Mounted Gunmen. (Captain William Russell was Major William Russell's son.)

2. Absolem Russell, (brother of Major William Russell), member of Captain William Russell's Mounted Spies, served from October 4, 1813, to November 23, 1813; died November 23, 1813, of wounds received at the fight at Talladega, Alabama, November 9, 1813.
3. William Russell, 2nd Sergeant, member Captain Russell's Company of Tennessee Volunteer Mounted Gunmen, of Major William Russell's Separate Battalion (Nephew of Major William Russell).
4. William Russell, member of Captain William Russell's 1st Regiment of Tennessee Volunteer Mounted Gunmen. Served from September 28, 1814, to March 27, 1815.
5. Edmund Russell, private, in Major William Russell's Separate Battalion, Mounted Gunmen. Listed as "servant to Major Russell", September 28, 1814, to March 27, 1815.
6. Isham Russell, 4th Sergeant of Captain William Russell's Tennessee Volunteer Mounted Gunmen of Major William Russell's Separate Battalion, enlisted September 28, 1814, and mustered into service at Fayetteville. Marched from his home at Winchester, to Fayetteville. Mustered out of service March 17, 1815.
7. James Russell, Captain George Michie's Company of Tennessee Volunteer Mounted Gunmen, of Major William Russell's Separate Battalion, enlisted September 28, 1814. Place of residence, Lebanon, Wilson County, and mustered into service at Fayetteville, 80 miles from his home. Honorably discharged April 1, 1815.
8. John Russell, place of residence, Winchester, Tennessee, member of Captain William Russell's Company, 1st Regiment of Tennessee Volunteer Mounted Gunmen, under Major William Russell's Separate Battalion. Served for 183 days.
9. George Russell, son of Major William Russell, private in his father's Company of Tennessee Volunteer Spy Company, volunteered at Winchester, Tennessee,

October 1, 1812, served until January 1, 1814, and was honorably discharged.

10. Captain William Russell, son of Major William Russell, served in Tennessee Volunteer Mounted Spies Company from October 4, 1813, to April 4, 1814.

Records from the National Archives in Washington, of which I have photostatic copies, give authentic proof of Major William Russell's service in the Creek War, of 1812, first as Captain of Spies and later as Major of a Battalion of Mounted Gunmen, from the State of Tennessee. Since they are so important, they have been copied in full:

From: National Archives, Washington, D. C.

"Sir: State of Alabama, October 1st, 1820.

I received your letter enclosing a letter from The Treasury department at Washington city under cover of the 4th of September last, wherein it appears the 3rd auditor of the Treasury department is unable to find me enrolled on the regiment I belong to or what paymaster I was paid by or to identify me as an officer for the time I served in order to pay my two accounts for horse hire while in the military service of the United States, which I transmitted on in August last.— I was a Captain of Mounted Spies in the Creek War under the immediate command of Major General Andrew Jackson from the 4th October 1813, to the 4th April 1814, and was not attached to any regiment. I was paid by Alpha Kingsley, District, paymaster for the above service as stated.— The latter service from the 28th September 1814, to the 27th March, 1815, I was a Major, commanded a Battalion, and marched with my Battalion on the Escumbia route and did not march to New Orleans with General Coffie's Brigade, therefore my Battalion was mustered in and out of service separately and not attached to any regiment, nor was I commanded by any Colonel. I am not able to say exactly whether I was paid off as Major by Coleman or Searcy as paymaster, as near about the time Coleman was removed from office as paymaster and Robert Searcy appointed in his place, I was in Nashville. I made out my accounts for my services and left them with Mr. Alexander as there was no money at that time to pay me off and for him to receive the money for me when it come, and he done so. Whether he received it from Coleman or Searcy I am not able to say, but the money was paid over by one of them to Mr. Alexander for me. My field and Staff roll was filed with Coleman. If they will look over Coleman's and Searcy's

accounts they will see my services identified as a Major, as I have stated, I received from Robert Searcy, paymaster, myself for the hire of one horse for the time specified in my two accounts sent on for horse hire. It is probable they might find some difficulty in identifying me because they will see a nephew of mine as a Captain in the same service and time attached to my Battalion of the same name. I am in hopes they can now find my two services at Washington City identified as I have stated in my two accounts for the hire of three horses. If they will have the goodness to examine Coleman's and Searcy's notes and accounts for my last services as a Major, as Coleman and Searcy are both dead, I suppose you would be unable to ascertain in Nashville for me which of them, C. or S., paid me off, so as to state to the 3rd Auditor's office correctly for my last service as Major, commanding a separate Battalion. I expect you can get a certificate from Captain A. Kingsley as he is in Nashville, certifying to my first service as a Captain, as he paid me off. I am sorry to think, as I am so well known as a late officer in the south and I can't be identified as such at Washington City—I wish the money to be enclosed to me at Nashville, Tennessee, to your care as there is less danger of it's being lost on my carriage, and you can apprise me of it as soon as you receive it, or send it to me by the first opportunity, and for your trouble for me shall be reconciled by your

Old Friend

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Rec'd January, 1821 of Col. Nathan Lawson, paymaster General the amount of Two accounts for horse hire to William Russell, one for One hundred and Twenty five dollars and twenty cents, the other for one hundred and forty four dollars and eighty cents, both amounting to Two hundred and seventy dollars, agreeable to his order, drawn in my favor on each duplicate account, it being for his own use and benefit.

\$270.00

W. C. Bedford.

Treasury Department

Third Auditor's Office

October 24, 1820.

The claims of Wm. Russell for the allowance of 40 cents per day for the full number of horses to which he was en-

titled as a Captain of Tennessee Spies and Major of a separate Battalion of Tennessee Volunteer Mounted Gunmen, are herewith referred to the Pay Master General.

It appears from the Field and Staff Muster Rolls on file in the accounts of Pay Master, R. Searcy, that he served as a Major from the 28th of September 1814, to the 27th of March, 1815, and received Seventy two 40/100 dollars for the allowance of one horse.

There are no rolls of his company as Captain of Spies in the office; he received, however, the allowance for one horse from the 4th of October, 1813, to the 4th of April, 1814, amounting to Seventy three 20/100 dollars from P. W. Searcy. The rolls do not state the number of horses he had in service.

(signed) ? ?

Col. Nathan Lawson,

Pay Master General."

When the War of 1812 was over, Major Russell moved with his family to Alabama Territory in the area that is now Franklin County, Alabama.

Many people have confused Major William Russell with his son, Captain William Russell, and with Col. William Russell, no relation, all of whom were active in the War of 1812. No less an authority than Peter Brannon, of the Alabama State Archives, confused the records of Major William Russell, of Russellville, Alabama, with Col. William Russell of Virginia, who was with General Jackson at the Battle of New Orleans. He furthermore states in a sketch called "The Girl I Left Behind Me", written for the Alabama Woman's College, History 21, that William Russell of Russellville, Alabama, was never named Major Russell in official documents, though I have photostatic documents from the National Archives to the contrary. Major William Russell of Russellville, Franklin County, Alabama, gained fame at the Battle of Horseshoe Bend in the War of 1812, and is mentioned many times in the histories of this battle, but according to his own statement he did NOT accompany Jackson to New Orleans. Mr. Brannon also said that Col. William Russell was buried at Newburg, Alabama, when it was *Major William Russell* who was buried at Newburg, near the place where he had lived for many years. A report of his death is recorded in *The Tuscumbian*, a newspaper of Tuscumbia, Alabama, at that time in Franklin County, and filed in the Alabama State Archives with the Colbert County

papers. Colbert County was not formed from Franklin County until 1867. The report follows:

“March 28, 1825. Died at his residence in the county on Wednesday, the 16th inst. Major William Russell, aged about 63 years. In the demise of this man Society has lost an ornament, the poor of his neighborhood a kind benefactor, the survivors of his family, an indulgent protector, and his Country, a patriot. On our Western frontier from his boyhood, the aboriginal enemies of his country always found him a vigilant and active opponent, but never an unrelenting victor. An officer in the late Creek and Seminole Wars he had the friendship of his Commander and the love and respect of his men. These best exhibit his character as a soldier.”

This obituary was followed in *The Tuscumbian*, on November 8, 1826, by the following notice:

“Administrator’s Sale: In pursuance of the petition of William Russell (son of Major Russell), Administrator of all and singular, etc., of the estate of William Russell, Sr., deceased, it is ordered by the Court of said county that on the 1st day of February, 1827, at the Court House in the town of Russellville, Lots No. 277, No. 279, and ½ Lot No. 104, be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, belonging to the estate of the said William Russell, deceased, lying and being in the town of Russellville, and that publication of said order be made once a month for three months in succession in *The Tuscumbian*, previous to sale. Signed, John Davis, C.C.C.”

The death of Major William Russell was also reported in the Huntsville, Alabama, *Southern Advocate*, copied from the *Raleigh Register*, of May 10, 1825, as follows: “Major William Russell, of Rutherford County, died in May, in Franklin County, Alabama.”

We do not know the exact age of Major William Russell at the time of his death, and we have two different ages given by descendants and newspaper items: one that he was “more than sixty-three”, and the other, that he was eighty years old,* which seems more likely, as he is always described as “aged” at the time of his death. If he was eighty years old, I believe that he was the William Russell, private, who was in the Battle of King’s Mountain, with the other Tennessee mountaineers.

*Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Arkansas, p. 353.

All of the early records of Franklin County, Alabama, were destroyed by fire, so we were lucky indeed to find the above records in the files of Colbert County. Deed records from Franklin County, Alabama, might have told us more about Major William Russell, and through them we might have learned the name of his wife, though it is possible that she was dead by the time he moved to Alabama Territory. In the Census records of Lawrence County, Alabama, for 1860, we found where L. J. Russell, age 85, born in Virginia, was listed with the Moses P. Cunningham family, but I believe that this was intended for Leah Jackson Hudson Russell, wife of George Russell, and that the age should be 55 instead of 85. The above Leah, born in Virginia, age 55, was listed in 1860, the same Census, in *Franklin* County, Alabama, with the family of her daughter and husband, Lucy A. Beck and husband, J. W. Beck. The Census records are not always dependable, and the ages given are sometimes approximate. There is *no* record in the *1850 Census*, either in Franklin or Lawrence County of the above L. J. Russell, who is listed as 85 in 1860, hence I am convinced that the record refers to Leah, and that she was enumerated twice, and the age should be 55 instead of 85.

Thomas M. Owen, in his *History of Alabama and Dictionary of Alabama Biography*, Vol. IV, p. 1483, gives a short sketch of Major William Russell, soldier and pioneer settler of Franklin County, Alabama. He recites that he died and is buried at Newburg, ten miles east of Russellville, County seat of Franklin County, named for Major William Russell. "He was the grandfather of Rev. George D. Russell, Baptist Minister, and of Oran Sargent; the great-grandfather of B. H. Sargent, Dr. Russell M. Cunningham, of Birmingham, and of Edward LaFayette Russell, President of the Mobile and Ohio Railroad. About 1816, he removed from Tennessee to Alabama, locating in "Russell's Valley", Franklin County. He founded the old town of Russellville, and when the site was changed, his name was given to the new town. He acquired extensive holdings of land, carried large farming operations, and encouraged the establishment of various industries, including iron production. Many of these industries were destroyed by Federal Troops in 1865. He was a Democrat, Children: William, George, who married Leah Judson,* a daughter who married Temple Sargent; last residence, Newburg". Mary Little, whose husband was probably Martin Little, was another daughter.

*This is wrong, as George Russell's wife was named Leah Jackson Hudson, and not JUDSON.

Another report in *Distinguished Men, Women, and Families of Franklin County, Alabama*, by Adams, published in 1927, gives practically the same information, but goes more into detail in discussing Temple Sargent and his descendants. He reported that Temple Sargent was a very important man in the early history of the county, married first a daughter of Major William Russell, and after her death married a Miss Lester, though all of his children were probably by his first wife. He died in Russellville, and is buried in a private cemetery south of Russellville, on Mt. Hope Road, and near the home of W. E. Willmarth, west of Waco. The inscription on his tomb is as follows:

“Sacred to the memory of Temple Sargent, born in Caswell County, N. C., on the 2nd day of December, 1781, and departed this life on the 18th day of August, 1850. He was a member and Deacon of the Baptist Church for many years.”

Temple Sargent represented Franklin County, Alabama, in the State Legislature from 1819-1827, and again in 1834-1835.

Some of the descendants mentioned were: A daughter who married Cordy Skinner, one time Probate Judge of Franklin County some of whose children were: Temple, Rufe, and William Skinner, Jr., and the first wife of W. D. Bowen; Oran Sargent, who married Mary Ann Gholson, daughter of Francis Gholson.

Among the prominent descendants of Major Russell mentioned by Mr. Adams were: George Daniel Russell, Baptist Minister, Dr. Russell M. Cunningham, who was reared near Mt. Hope, B. F. Little, former merchant of Russellville, and later of Tuscumbia, and Edward LaFayette Russell.

Among the living descendants of Temple Sargent mentioned, without special identification, were the following: Judge B. H. Sargent, Pelham Sargent, Sam J. Frank, and Ralph Bowen, Mrs. Elmer Hill, Sam McCulloch, Mrs. Cecil Reed, Mrs. Coburn, Mrs. Roy Hester, Mrs. Everett Henley, and Mrs. John Jackson.

Major William Russell was a personal friend of General Andrew Jackson, afterwards President of the United States, and personally signed his papers in the War of 1812. One of Major Russell's sons, George Russell, married a kinsman of General Jackson, Leah JACKSON Hudson. General Sam Houston served under Major Russell in the Battle of Horse-

shoe Bend, as did David Crockett, whose family lived near the Russells in Tennessee; and George Russell, son of Major William, was a close friend of David Crockett. The Burlesons, famous in Texas history, were not only friends and neighbors in Tennessee, but continued their friendship in North Alabama, where both families settled after leaving Tennessee. There is a story in the family that Rufus Burleson of Texas was baptized into the Baptist church by George Daniel Russell, grandson of Major William, and that as a token of his friendship presented his friend his grandfather's gun, used in the War of 1812. Though it was reported that the gun was given to the Baylor University Museum, or to the Archives at the Alamo, no record of it has been found.

We believe that Major William Russell probably served at King's Mountain, in the Revolutionary War, but we have found nothing to substantiate our belief. However, we have ample proof of his service in the War of 1812, and proof of the service of his two sons, William, Jr., and George.

The only children whose names we have are William, Jr., George, daughter who married Temple Sargent, and daughter who married Martin (?) Little, though we feel sure there were other children. There were many Russells in Franklin County, Tennessee, at the time Major William lived there, though we have not identified them with a particular family, and believe that they must have been kinsmen.

An article in the Jacksonville Republican, Jacksonville, Alabama, Thursday, April 5, 1838, and on file in the Alabama State Archives, gives such a splendid picture of the bravery of the Russells and their pioneer friends in Alabama, and of the difficulties encountered in holding their land, that it seems important to print it in its entirety.

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From the Globe

THE SQUATTERS.

War in its mildest features, prosecuted by civilised nations, brings wretchedness and misery, sufficient to induce statesmen to pause and weigh well the consequences,

before they plunge a country into its horrors; but when the power of the civilized, calls to its aid the cruelty and barbarity of the savage; when towns and cities are levelled and plundered by the one, and the smoking cabin, and mangled bodies of women and children, mark the desolating track of the other. Surely each portion of our population has a just claim to the respect and protection of our public men; and if any difference is made, humanity should incline them to feel most for those whose sufferings have been greatest. Has this been the case with our public men? Have they shown the same regard for the protection of the poor frontier people who were exposed to the tomahawk, and scalping knife of the cruel Indian, as they have shown to the cities and towns exposed to a foreign foe? Let your millions given for "breakwaters", dry docks, Navy Yards, canals, fortifications, city debts, city losses, etc., to the one, and the unfeeling, and reproachful terms of "squatters", paupers, and plunderers, applied so freely to the other, answer the question.

I have been led to these reflections from hearing the debate in the United States Senate, on a bill which proposes to let the men who have improved public lands have the preference in becoming the purchasers of their improvements at Congress price. I was surprised to hear a distinguished Senator from Kentucky speak of those persons, in language so well calculated to degrade them in public estimation, and to harden the public feeling towards their claim; and, with a view that their worth may be truly known, a few simple facts relating to their feelings, habits, patriotism, and usefulness, will be laid before the American people.

In the late war with the British, and their bloody allies, the Creek Indians, a large portion of what is now Alabama was taken from the Creeks, and for some time remained an uninhabited wilderness. In the year 1816, the Russells, (a family from Tennessee) who had borne a distinguished part in that war, moved over, and settled south of Tennessee river, in what is known as Russell's Valley. The father, sons, and son-in-law, and some neighbors planted the first corn that ever grew in that then remote valley. Before their corn had ripened, the major general in the United States service had to send two of his field officers on a tour of duty through this wilderness; their journey being long, through a country mostly unsettled and without supplies, he told them "to inquire for any of the Russels; say they were in the public service, and if there was any provision in the country, that the Russels would get it for them."

The gallant Brooke, and a distinguished officer yet living, (whose name I will not mention) together with their servants, set out on this journey, and after two days' hard travel from the outer settlements in Tennessee, they arrived at the cabin of young *William Russell*, in Russell settlement. A plain dressed young married woman came to the door to answer their call. They told her "they were tired and hungry, that their horses had eaten no corn since they crossed the river, and could travel no further, and that they wished to stay all night." Looking at their rich clothing, unlike any thing she had seen in the settlement, she concluded they were land speculators, and told them firmly and peremptorily that "they could not stay." "But said Col. Brooke," (who was wholly unconscious of the cause of her refusal,) "madam, we are the friends of General Jackson, who told us to call on *Captain Russell* and say so, and that *Captain Russell* would not only let us lodge with him, but would get us feed for our horses; and, madam," continued he smiling, "we must stay". Raising to her full height, and her eyes flashing as she spoke, "sir, said she, "Bill Russell fought as hard for his country as General Jackson did; his *youngest* brother, *Ab*, (*Absolom*) was shot dead in General Jackson's sight; and I don't see why General Jackson should now be sending his friends here to look up our little places and take our labor from us. "Besides", said she, "we have not more than six bushels of corn in the house, to last us until corn comes again; this we brought over a hundred miles. You shall not stay". "Madam", replied the gallant Brooke, "we are not land speculators; we are soldiers in the country's service, on our way south; and can you not give us lodging and something to eat?" "Oh yes," said she, "if that is true, you can get down and stay, if it should take the half we have". "As you have so little corn, and so far to go for more, we will turn our horses in the range tonight", said Brooke, "and will only ask for a little to feed with in the morning". "Never mind us," said she; "we can ride our horses as we please, and they can do on the range; but as you are in service, and have hard riding to do, yours must be well fed."

The gallant officers put up for the night and were sheltered, fed and lodged; and although they did not walk on carpets, feast upon dainties, or sleep on beds of down, yet they had the best the squatters cabin could afford; and it was given, too, with such kindness, such high-souled patriotism, that had the distinguished Senator from Kentucky himself been present (with all his hatred of squatters) must have won his admiration. In fact, it had such

an effect upon Brooke, that long afterwards he spoke of it as "the best meal", and "sweetest sleep" he had ever enjoyed. After taking an early breakfast, the officers set out on their journey; no persuasion could induce this kind woman to accept of any compensation.—She had never yet charged money for a meal's victuals, or for a bed to sleep on", and she hoped they did not think her mean enough to begin now, by charging those who led soldiers lives, and had their country to fight for. No: she only wished she had better to give them; because they looked like they had been used to better than she could get for them there in the woods.

The *Russells* and their neighbors made a crop of corn, and the next year added some hundred families to their settlement; they built one Baptist and one Methodist meeting house, and no people were more constant or sincere in their devotions; and could those members of Congress, who now abuse and denounce all settlers on public lands as squatters, intruders and plunderers, but have seen these neighbors assembled together on a Sabbath, engaged in fervent prayer to the most high God, they would never again indulge in such feelings and expressions in relation to the first settlers of a country.

The Spanish Governors holding the Florida posts (aided by a few miscreant British subjects), soon engaged a remnant of the Creek and Seminole tribes of Indians, in a war upon the frontier inhabitants; and the regular forces being insufficient to chastise them, General Jackson made a call on Tennessee and Georgia for additional forces; and knowing that the *Russells* were brave, skilful, and well acquainted with Indian warfare, he wrote to old William Russell "to raise a company of men to act as spies, and join him on his march". No sooner was the letter received than the neighborhood was collected, a company of men raised and equipped, and although subject to no law, they placed themselves voluntarily under the most rigorous military regulations and joined the army in time to be "first in battle", and their aged commander, although above sixty years of age, and the campaign was the most arduous ever performed on the continent, yet did he go through it with the animation and ardor of youth. And here let me relate an anecdote of this worthy veteran, worth placing upon a nation's record. About one thousand Seminoles were found embodied at Mickasuckie, ready for battle, and the spies were directed to bring on the engagement, and then fall back upon the center so as to enable the wings to surround and kill or take the whole of the enemy; but the woods being open, and the attack of

the spies so furious, the Indians gave back and finally took to the swamps, the spies pursuing and almost keeping among them until they got into the water, the flanks being unable to surround, or the centre to overtake them. General Jackson, not a little vexed at finding the game had been driven out of, instead of being drawn into, his net, called Russell to him, and in rather an angry tone required whether he did not remember his orders, to engage with the Indians and then fall back, so as to draw them into the line? "Yes, General (replied the old man), I believe you did; but plague take their yellow skins, I never ran from one of them yet; I could not do it, General". It is useless to tell the reader, that General Jackson was satisfied with such an excuse from his old veteran.

After the Indians were subdued, the General discharged his militia and volunteer forces, and the old patriot Russell and his associates returned to Russell's Valley, and although they had tired down and left behind every horse but five, out of sixty carried from home, yet not a murmur was heard; and to prove beyond question the depth of their love of country, before summer was out a body of Creek Indians making their way to the West defeated a party of whites below Tuscaloosa; upon the hearing of which, within twelve hours time Russell had a company mounted and in pursuit; the Indians, however, made their escape.

Such have been the virtues and services of the Russells and their neighbors, and such is the feelings and worth of hundreds of patriots in all the new States who do not happen to be rich enough to own land. Reader, can you wonder at members from those States knowing those people, should be anxious to save them harmless from the avarice of those who may happen to have a little more money, and who covet their places, made valuable only by their own labor? Ah! but you are ready to say "there is no danger", "no man would bid against an upright settler for his little improvements made in the wilderness". Don't mistake so far the nature of avarice; although the inhabitants of Russell's Valley had the first corn, and made the sacrifices which I have enumerated, they had scarcely time to recruit themselves from their land march, ere they were summoned by the President's proclamation "to attend the sale of their lands at "Huntsville". Yes, these patriots were brought into competition with holders of Yazoo stock, and the very men who I had seen rushing into battle undismayed by the war whoop of the savage, or the crack of his deadly rifle, were now seen to tremble and sweat at every pore, when about coming

into contact with Yazoo scrip, or the reams of uncut bank notes which had been made and issued to buy public lands with. Nearly all the settlement were driven from their homes by the very people their valor had protected; and even the veteran Russell who "had never in his life run from a yellow skin" was humbled, and made to quail before a sordid wretch with a white one; a man who had never wet his feet in his country's service. The old man's land (improvement rather) was bid up on him to near thirty dollars per acre and being unable to pay the money he was compelled to forfeit his bid and the next day was publicly attempted to be disgraced by the United States officers, who ordered a proclamation to be made of his defalcation, and he was not allowed to bid again at the sale. He was not disgraced, however: Alabama, looking upon him as one of her patriot fathers has perpetuated his memory by calling one of her counties Russell in grateful recollection of his services.

Here let me ask the American people whether they live in town or country, whether in style dwelling or humble cabin, was it humane, just, and right to drive those patriots from their improvements with Yazoo scrip and bank notes? The bank broke, and the Government never got pay for the land, and would it not have been far better to have given their homes at Congress price? I ask also those members of Congress who speak so contemptuously of squatters, denouncing them as plunderers, whether they would not have hated the man who bid old Major Russell's land upon him? Why, let me further ask are those who are now settled on public lands denounced? Hundreds, nay thousands, of them in the different States are as good as the Russells and their neighbors. Do you never expect to want their services again, that you must not only refuse to sell them their improvements at Congress price, but you must also insult them by opprobrious words? If you are too niggardly to give those who fight your battles their small tracts at Congress price, what makes your hearts so open and generous that you can give to States and rich companies thousands, nay hundreds of thousands, of acres of your best lands without getting any price whatever? A state wants to build a capitol, dig a canal, make a railroad, and you give by millions. A company wants to make a canal, a city to pay its debts, and you give by thousands and hundreds of thousands; but let a poor frontiersman want his improvement and offer to pay your fixed price, he cannot get it. Why? You know you cannot get much more, yet you not only refuse him, but you abuse him in such language that a

stranger to him would believe instead of being one of the men who had fought and would again fight your battles, that the frontier men had done nothing but plundered or stolen your property. In fact, your language towards the savage who has waylaid our paths and slain our men, burned our dwellings, and massacred our families, is kind when compared with that used towards our poor squatter whom I have shown to be the country's best friend "in the day and the hour of danger."

"A BACK WOODSMAN."

Thomas M. Owen in his *History of Alabama and Dictionary of Alabama Biography* says: The Cherokee Indian Settlement, established circa 1785, was located at the old *Russell Place*, on the East side of Brown's Creek, at the crossing of the present road from Warrenton to Albertville, in the present county of Marshall."

DESCENDANTS OF MAJOR WILLIAM RUSSELL

Major William Russell was probably born in Tryon, now Rutherford County, North Carolina, but moved at an early date to Eastern Tennessee. The exact date of his birth is unknown as the records vary, some saying that he was born in 1760, and others that he was born in 1745, estimating his birth from the records of his death which gave his approximate age. Unfortunately, we do not know the name of his wife or the date of his marriage, and since no records were found of her in Alabama, or in Franklin County, Tennessee, where the marriage records have been destroyed, it is presumed that both her marriage and her death occurred in Giles County, Tennessee, where the family lived before moving to Franklin County, Tennessee. His death occurred near Newburg, Alabama, March 25, 1825, and was reported in Alabama and in Raleigh, North Carolina, both records reciting that he was born in Tryon County, North Carolina. He did not leave a will, but his son, William Russell, Jr., was Administrator of his estate and acting in that capacity, sold certain lots in Russellville, Franklin County, Alabama, all of which is reported in the administration proceedings on file in the Alabama State Archives with the records of Colbert County, which was established from Franklin County in 1867. This is fortunate indeed for the family historian, for all of the early records of Franklin County, Alabama, have been destroyed. It is possible that Major William Russell married a daughter of James Sargent, though this is a wild guess and has been discussed in a previous chapter.

We only have the names of four of Major William's children, though we feel sure that there were others, some of whom may have remained in Tennessee. Those whom we have identified are: William, a daughter who married Temple Sargent; a daughter, Mary (Mollie), who married a Little, possibly Martin Little; and George.

William was evidently the eldest child, and after the War of 1812 removed to Arkansas, so we know nothing about him or his descendants. Temple Sargent and his family remained in Russellville, Franklin County, Alabama, and some of the descendants are there today, while Mary Little and her children, William, Claiborne, and Ann moved to Lawrence County, Alabama, where George and Leah, his wife removed.

Most of the descendants of Mary Little moved in later years to Tuscumbia, county seat of Colbert County.

Issue of Major William Russell and his wife:

1. William Russell, Administrator of his father's estate. We have no information concerning this son, except that he was a soldier in the Creek Indian War, during the War of 1812, under his father, and was a Captain of a Company of the Tennessee Volunteer Spies Company. We know that he had a son, William Russell, who was also in the War of 1812 in the Company with his father, and that the family eventually moved to Arkansas.
2. Mrs. Temple Sargent, whose given name we do not know, though family tradition says that her name was Lucy, died in Franklin County, Alabama, and her husband subsequently married Louisa Lester, daughter of Frederick and Dolly Lester, who came from Lunenburg County, Virginia, to Lawrence County, Alabama, and finally moved to Franklin County where they are buried.

The will of James Sargent, father of Temple Sargent, is on file in Franklin County, Tennessee, and quoted in another chapter. In the will he names his son Temple Sargent, among others.

Issue of Mr. and Mrs. Temple Sargent:

- 2-1. Oran Sargent, b. circa 1813, m. Mary Ann Gholson, b. February 3, 1818, d. March 17, 1865.

Issue:

- 2-1-1. Harvey Gholson Sargent, m. Rebecca Harris, daughter of Benjamin and Nancy Harris, of Franklin County, Alabama.

Issue:

2-1-1-1. Harvey Owen Sargent, b. October 24, 1875, m. October 17, 1906, at Hamilton, Alabama, Minnie Mack Pearce.

Issue:

Mack Pearce Sargent, Gwendolyn and Eloise Sargent. There were other children, but we have no record of them.

2-1-2. Stephen Douglas Sargent, d. 1906, m. Mary Frances Lucas, d. 1901.

We only have the names of two children of this marriage though we know there were others: Margaret Russell Sargent, who married Boyce Broadus, and Pelham Sargent, of Russellville, Alabama.

2-1-3. Sue Sargent, m. Thomas McCullough.

2-1-4. Kate Sargent, m. George W. Bowen.

2-1-5. Oscar Sargent.

2-1-6. S. T. Sargent.

2-2. Dolly Ann Sargent, m. Cordy Skinner.

There has been some confusion among the descendants concerning Dolly Ann Sargent, as some relatives contend that Dolly Ann Sargent married her first cousin, James Madison Sargent, and after his death married 2) Robert West. It is possible that there were two people by the name of Dolly Ann Sargent which caused the confusion. Well, take your choice, as we have no official proof of either assumption—just family tradition.

Issue of Dolly Ann Sargent and Cordy Skinner:

2-2-1. Mary (Mollie) Ross Skinner, b. in Franklin County, Alabama, m. October 13, 1886, in Russellville, Alabama, by S. S. Anderson, Probate Judge, William Drewery Bowen. After the death of Mary Ross Skinner, William Drewery Bowen married Eliza Evelyn Hurst. There were six children by the first marriage: William Oran, George Russell, Mary Elizabeth, John Cordy, Daniel Vertner, and Minnie Dallas. The four children by the second marriage were: James Cassius, Mary Caroline, Atley Josephine, and Charles Albert.

George Russell Bowen, above, was the father of Miss Josephine Bowen of Corpus Christi, Texas, who furnished the data concerning her family.

2-2-2. Temple Skinner, b. July 18, 1847, d. November 10, 1884.

2-2-3. Rufus Skinner, died without issue.

2-2-4. William Clayton Skinner, d. 1933, m. a widow, Mrs. Mollie Thompson. There were two children of this marriage, Rufus and Mamie, but both of them died in childhood.

2-3. James Sargent. No records.

2-4. Roan Sargent. No records.

James and Roan Sargent were listed as children of Temple Sargent in Owen's History of Alabama, but I have found no records concerning them.

3. Mary (Mollie) Russell, evidently married in Franklin County, or Giles County, Tennessee, before the family moved to Franklin County, Alabama, and we believe that her husband was Martin Little, though we have no proof. She was born circa 1780 and was a widow by 1830 when she was listed as head of a family in the 1830 Census of Franklin County, Alabama. She had three or four children: Edmond, Claiborne, Ann, who married John B. Guthrie, and possibly William. By 1850 the family had moved to Tuscumbia, County seat of Colbert County, which was cut off from Franklin County in 1867, so in 1850 it was still a part of Franklin County. In 1850 Mary Little was listed in Tuscumbia, Alabama, with the family of John B. Guthrie and his wife, Ann, and was listed as seventy years of age and born in Virginia. In 1780 the people living in Eastern Tennessee did not know whether they lived in North Carolina or Virginia as the boundaries had not been settled at that time.

In the records of the Commissioner of the General Land Office in Washington, D. C., from Franklin County, Alabama Territory, William Russell, Jr., on July 25, 1827, assigns the West half of his land grant to Mary Little, who conveys it to Edmond Little on May 5, 1829, who received the patent and assigns it to Claiborne Little. In the 1820 Census of Franklin County, Alabama, William Little is listed; in the 1830 Census, Mary and Claiborne Little are listed; and in 1840 we found Claiborne and William Little. By 1840 Mary Little had moved to Lawrence County, Alabama.

Issue of Mary Little and Martin (?) Little:

- 3-1. William Little, b. 1800 in Tennessee, m. Minta ———, 1850 Census of Franklin County, Alabama.

Issue:

- 3-1-1. John Little, b. 1830, in Alabama.
- 3-1-2. Ann Little, b. 1833, Alabama.
- 3-1-3. William Little, b. 1839, Alabama.
- 3-1-4. Samuel A. Little, b. 1846, Alabama.
- 3-2. Edmond Little, b. 1807, in Tennessee, m. Elizabeth J. Little, b. 1811, in Tennessee.

Issue of Edmond and Elizabeth J. Little:

- 3-2-1. Valeria Little, b. 1831, in Alabama, m. by Rev. Jeremiah Dailey, May 25, 1854, Alfred C. Matthews. (Huntsville, Alabama, *Southern Advocate*, June 7, 1854.)
- 3-2-2. Mary Little, b. 1837, in Alabama.
- 3-2-3. Luther Little, b. 1840, in Alabama.
- 3-2-4. Lucilius Little, b. 1843, in Alabama.
- 3-2-5. Garofilia (?) Little, female, b. 1845, in Alabama.
- 3-2-6. Madora Little, b. 1847, in Alabama.
- 3-3. Claiborne Little, m. Sarah Bruton, and had eight children. He moved from Franklin County, Alabama, to Tuscumbia, which was later cut off into Colbert County, Alabama. Three of his sons were Confederate soldiers: Benjamin F. Little, Coleman R. Little, and John C. Little. The latter two were members of the 10th Mississippi Infantry and lost their lives in the service of the Confederacy.

Issue:

- 3-3-1. Benjamin F. Little, b. near Russellville, Alabama, November 30, 1842, m. 1) August 2, 1864, at Tuscumbia, Alabama, Mattie Inman, daughter of John D. Inman of Tuscumbia; m. 2) Emma Jones, daughter of Daniel Jones of Holly Springs, Mississippi.

Issue of Benjamin F. Little and Mattie Inman:

- 3-3-1-1. John C. Little.
- 3-3-1-2. Mattie R. Little, m. F. W. Ross.
- 3-3-1-3. Sac Little.

Issue of Benjamin F. Little and Emma Jones:

- 3-3-1-4. Lulie W. Little.
- 3-3-1-5. Edward Little.

- 3-3-1-6. Laura F. Little.
- 3-3-1-7. Henry Little.
- 3-3-1-8. Benjamin Little.

When only 19 years of age, Benjamin F. Little enlisted in the Confederate Army as Second Sergeant of Company H, of the 4th Alabama Infantry Regiment. After the Battle of Manassas he was promoted as a Lieutenant, and in 1862 was transferred to the Army of the Mississippi. He later became Captain of the 5th Alabama Cavalry and finally acted as Recorder of the Military Court for the Northern District of Alabama. After the war he located in Tusculumbia, where he continued to live until his death.

- 3-4. Ann Little, b. in Alabama in 1820, m. John B. Guthrie, b. 1801 in Virginia.

Issue of Ann Little and John B. Guthrie, Lawrence County, Alabama:

- 3-4-1. William Guthrie, b. 1834.
- 3-4-2. Absolom Guthrie, b. 1836.
- 3-4-3. Nathaniel Guthrie, b. 1838.
- 3-4-4. Sarah Guthrie, b. 1840.
- 3-4-5. Lousithy Guthrie, b. 1842.
- 3-4-6. John Guthrie, b. 1845.
- 3-4-7. Clementine Guthrie, b. 1849.

Mary Little was living with this daughter in Lawrence County, Alabama, in 1850, and her age was given as seventy.

- 4. George Russell, son of Major William Russell, b. circa 1794, in Tennessee, d. near Newburg, Alabama, October 17, 1831, m. 1) Nancy Brooks in Franklin County, Tennessee, who died in 1818; m. 2) Leah Jackson Hudson in Franklin County, Alabama, December 28, 1820; married by Anthony White, Justice of the Peace, proved by affidavits of Wilson Hudson and Armstead Bean, December 11, 1850. Leah Jackson Hudson was born in Virginia circa 1805, and died at her home, two and one-half miles south of Mt. Hope, in Lawrence County, Alabama, sometime after 1879. She remained a widow for many years and then married Archibald Stovall, August 21, 1853, at the home of her son, George Daniel Russell. She was married by John C. Roberts. L. M., which, I presume, meant "Licensed Minister". (Probate Court Record Book A, p. 182.)

After the death of George Russell, Leah received a Bounty Grant of 80 acres for his services in the War of 1812, but she was denied a Pension in 1878-1879, because of her subsequent marriage to Archibald Stovall.

We know very little about George Russell, except for his military record in the War of 1812. From the affidavits of his wife, when applying for a Pension, we learned that he was only 18 years old in 1812 when he enlisted for service in the War of 1812; that he was five feet tall, with dark hair and dark complexion, and that he had married Nancy Brooks in Franklin County, Tennessee, who died in 1818. He served with his father, Major William Russell, in the Tennessee Volunteer Spy Company, and in the Tennessee Mounted Gunmen, enlisting at Winchester, Tennessee, and was with his father's Company in the famous Battle of Horseshoe Bend. (Military Pension Files, and Bounty Land Files, National Archives, Washington, D. C., WQ 18015, War of 1812, and BL Wt., 48807-80-50.)

One of the kinsmen has said that George Russell had a son by his first wife, though I believe that this is a mistake. There were two George Russells in Franklin County, Tennessee, and I believe that it was the other George who had a child. Our George was only 18 in 1812, when he enlisted with the Tennessee Militia, and his first wife died in 1818, though we do not know the date of the marriage. He must have been very young.

Leah, wife of George Russell, lived to be quite old, so many of the grandchildren knew her and could accurately describe her. She was an educated woman even though she had grown up on the frontier. In her old age she lost her sight and when applying for a pension in 1878 and 1879, she had to sign with a mark, because of her blindness and not because of lack of education. One of her grandsons, Simpson Franklin Russell, called "Frank", knew her very well, and in an article written for the family in 1930 gives such an interesting description that it is printed below:

SKETCHES FROM MEMORY OF MY PATERNAL GRANDMOTHER, LEAH JACKSON RUSSELL

"What I relate is from my memory of what I heard her tell in my presence when I was a very small boy. These conversations took place during her visits to my father's family when she came from Tusculumbia, North Alabama, to visit us in North Mississippi. It was always a thrilling

event for our family. Everyone became almost painfully circumspect, not that we did not venerate and love her to adoration, but we dreaded her severe criticism and her sometimes caustic judgments. She had read and devoured the literature that had reached her circle. The Bible, Shakespeare, and the history of the foundation and development of our American Republic were at her tongue's end. She delighted in quoting the Declaration of Independence in its entirety, and whole sections of the Constitution of the United States. She could quote page after page of the great speeches of all of our famous statesmen down to her day. She was severe in her criticism of Alexander Hamilton and Henry Clay, and all broad constructionists. She was inherently a Democrat and lived to excoriate all "Yankee-dom". She gave her youngest son, Uncle Ben, to the perishing cause of Liberty as he was killed at the head of his company of North Alabama Volunteers in a charge at the battle at Murfreesborough, Tennessee. I have often heard my mother (Emily Stovall Russell) say that Uncle Ben was the best man she ever knew.

Grandma Russell (Leah J. Hudson Russell) was the center of attraction wherever she was found, and no one thought that it was egotism. She was always conscious of her great intellectual powers and exerted them without effort.

I was peculiarly fortunate in that I never fell under her criticism. For me she had nothing but praise for which I rendered her worshipful adoration.

My mother, (Emily Menville Stovall), was not yet sixteen when she married my father (George Daniel Russell), and never knew what it was to work. She and Pa went to live with grandmother. Ma told grandmother that she knew nothing about housekeeping and asked grandmother to teach her. The tasks began with a pot of soap and she proved herself such an apt student that she finally made one of the very best housekeepers.

Grandma's maiden name was Hudson and her mother was French, her family fleeing from France with the persecuted Huguenots. They located first in England and then came at an early date to Virginia. I have completely forgotten the French name. Grandmother frequently spoke of a brother who was a member of the Virginia Legislature and noted for his devotion to the cause of Liberty, and his powers as an orator. Grandmother's personality was irresistible and her self confidence was always evident, though it was

never mistaken for egotism. This describes also my beloved sister, Addie (wife of Isaac Polk Scarborough), whose physical characteristics were identical with that of my grandmother. In our childhood days, Addie's head was covered with dark curls, but after an illness her curls were gone. Grandma and Addie were perfect types of brunette French women. The French Huguenot blood that flowed into the American Colonies has been a strong factor in determining the democratic thought of this great Republic. Populations are increasing, radical changes are being wrought in nearly all governments; new economic systems are being born and tested. Error, greed, lust, sin must destroy itself, and eternal, Immortal Truth reign supreme. Man—God's man—made in God's image and in his likeness, is consciously coming into his own eternal, immortal inheritance. My grandmother and my sister, Addie, clearly demonstrate the law of atavism.

Grandmother Russell was the second wife of my grandfather, George Russell, who was the second son of Major Bill Russell. He had one son by his first wife, but I do not know his name. When quite young he went to Jefferson, Texas, at that time the head of navigation on Red River, where he became a roustabout (?). He acquired quite a fortune for that day and time, married and had several children. He and his wife were killed in a steamboat explosion on Red River. Stillwell (?) H. Russell, Attorney General of Texas, while my brother, Dallas Russell, was District Attorney of Bastrop County, was a descendant of this family. This fact Dallas learned from Stillwell himself. After we came to Texas Pa met a prominent Baptist preacher from Jefferson who gave him the history of his half-brother.

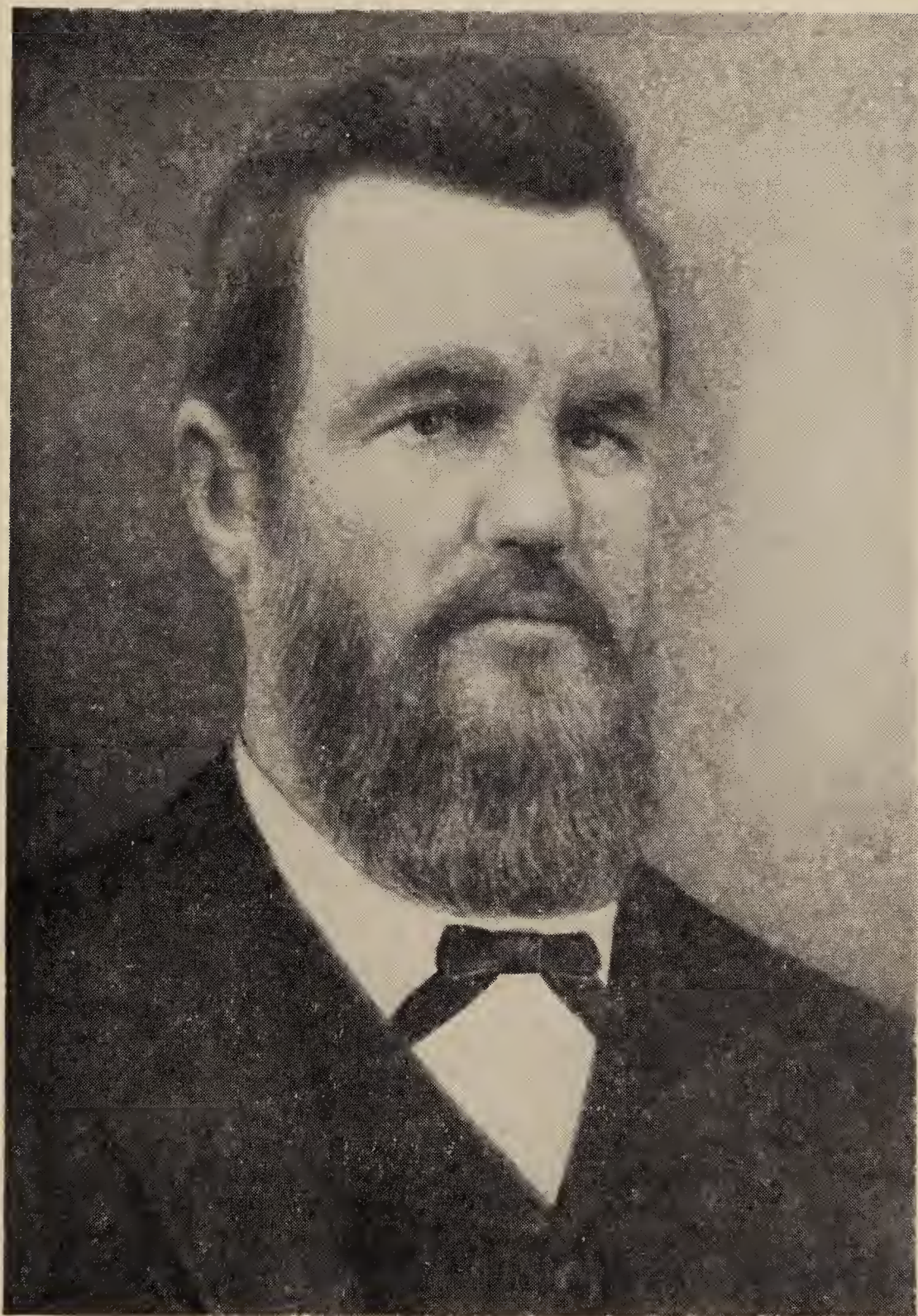
Grandmother told many thrilling stories of her lonely vigils during Grandpa's frequent hunting excursions and many stories of Major Bill Russell's adventures. Of General Jackson sending him to find out the fate of Ft. Mims during the Creek Indian Wars, which he did, but had his hunting shirt shot full of holes, though he escaped with a few scratches. Col. Gordon sent Grandpa George Russell and David Crockett to locate the Indians. After two days they found the deserted Indian Camp, with fires still smoking and large quantities of corn buried, but the Indians were gone. General Jackson then sent Major Bill Russell, my great-grandfather, and his oldest son, Captain Bill Russell, out to try to locate the Indians. They rode to the top of a hill and Major Bill, as was his custom, dismounted and stood by the side of his horse to listen. There was a great cawing

of crows. Major Bill said to his son: "That is too many crows. Those are Indians." Almost at once the opposite slope came alive with Indians, which frightened the Major's horse and he ran away, leaving the Major afoot. He ordered his son to go at once and report the matter to General Jackson and he would get to camp if he could. In going up the hill he gained on the Indians, but in going down hill they gained on him. General Jackson's army was stationed in Horseshoe Bend, a bend of the Taladega River, and into this bend the charging Indians rushed with Major Bill in the lead. Soon his famous rifle was cracking with deadly effect. This was one of the greatest slaughter of Indians in Indian Warfare. The bravery of this Indian charge was never excelled and General Jackson's victory was complete, practically ending the war.

This battle, however, did not end the history of Major Bill Russell's old gun. I have furnished a more elaborate history of it to George, which I think that he has. The gun now rests as a souvenir in the Davy Crockett Room of the Alamo, I feel sure that it was placed there by Albert Sydney Burleson of San Antonio, who was Post Master General under Woodrow Wilson. Mr. Richard Burleson and Dr. Rufus Burleson exhausted their efforts to secure a place for it in Baylor University, and my brother, George Dallas Russell, tried to rescue it from Murry Burleson. I taught Murry Burleson's children for three years and he allowed me to care for the gun and to hunt squirrels with it in the Colorado river bottoms. I felt that I was a reproach to the Russell name if I failed to hit a squirrel anywhere except in the head. It was hand made and kept in such prime condition that every dent of the hammer could be plainly seen. To me it was a symbol of that Liberty and bravery for which it has always spoken and for which it still speaks for generations yet unborn."

The gun mentioned above has not been located in either Baylor University, the Alamo, or the Museum of the Daughters of the Republic, in Austin, Texas.

George and Leah Jackson Hudson had seven children according to early Census records, but we only have the names of five: George Daniel Russell, famous Baptist Preacher; Nancy Russell, who married first, William Harris, and after his death married Moses Cunningham; Lucy Russell, who married J. W. Beck, and Richard Russell.



GEORGE DANIEL RUSSELL

Issue of George and Leah Jackson Hudson Russell:

- 4-1. George Daniel Russell, b. Franklin County, Alabama, April 29, 1824, d. Lampasas, Texas, February 16, 1884, m. Moulton, Lawrence County, Alabama, August 11, 1842, Emily Menville Stovall, b. June 5, 1826, Lawrence County, Alabama, d. January 19, 1904, in Baird, Callahan County, Texas, at the home of her son, Benjamin Lee Russell. Emily Menville Stovall was the daughter of William Stovall and his first wife, Cynthia Tatom.

For many years there was a misunderstanding concerning the father of Emily Stovall, due to an Obituary written by a Baptist Minister, in Lampasas, at the time of George Daniel Russell's death. This Obituary stated that A. L. Stovall was Emily's father when as a matter of fact he was her brother. The Obituary was written by a Baptist Minister in Lampasas, who had only known the Russells for a short time, and who probably received his data from someone not closely connected with the family. Fortunately, for the records, convincing proof of the correct lineage was established in 1878 and 1884, in Coleman and Wilbarger counties, in Texas, in law suits there requiring proof of heirship when Emily swore that Absolem Lewis Stovall was her brother, and that William Stovall and Cynthia Tatom Stovall were her parents. The Obituary was printed in many of the Baptist papers in Alabama and Mississippi, so it has been hard to convince many of the descendants that Rev. James N. Carroll, the Minister, was mistaken in his facts. The Obituary follows:

"OBITUARY.

A STANDARD BEARER HAS FALLEN.

Hardly had the echoes from the funeral notes of the death of Z. N. Morrell and W. W. Maund died away before they ring out again, telling in their sad tones that Brother G. D. Russell, a truly great, and good man in Israel, a standard bearer in the Lord's Army, has fallen. I am sorry that time and space forbid a lengthy notice of his life and death. They are both highly worthy of record. For the benefit of his bereaved family and many friends, I give the following plain statements:

George Daniel Russell, son of Elder George and Leah J. Russell, was born April 29, 1824, in Franklin County, Alabama, converted at the early age of 14, and united with the Missionary Baptist Church, at Mt. Nebo, in the county of his nativity. At Moulton, Lawrence County, Alabama, Aug-

ust 11th, 1842, he was married to Emily M. Stovall, A. L. Stovall, the bride's brother, officiating. He was called to ordination September 17th, 1849, by the Macedonia Church, in Franklin County. The Presbytery ordaining him consisted of A. L. Stovall and J. C. Vincent.

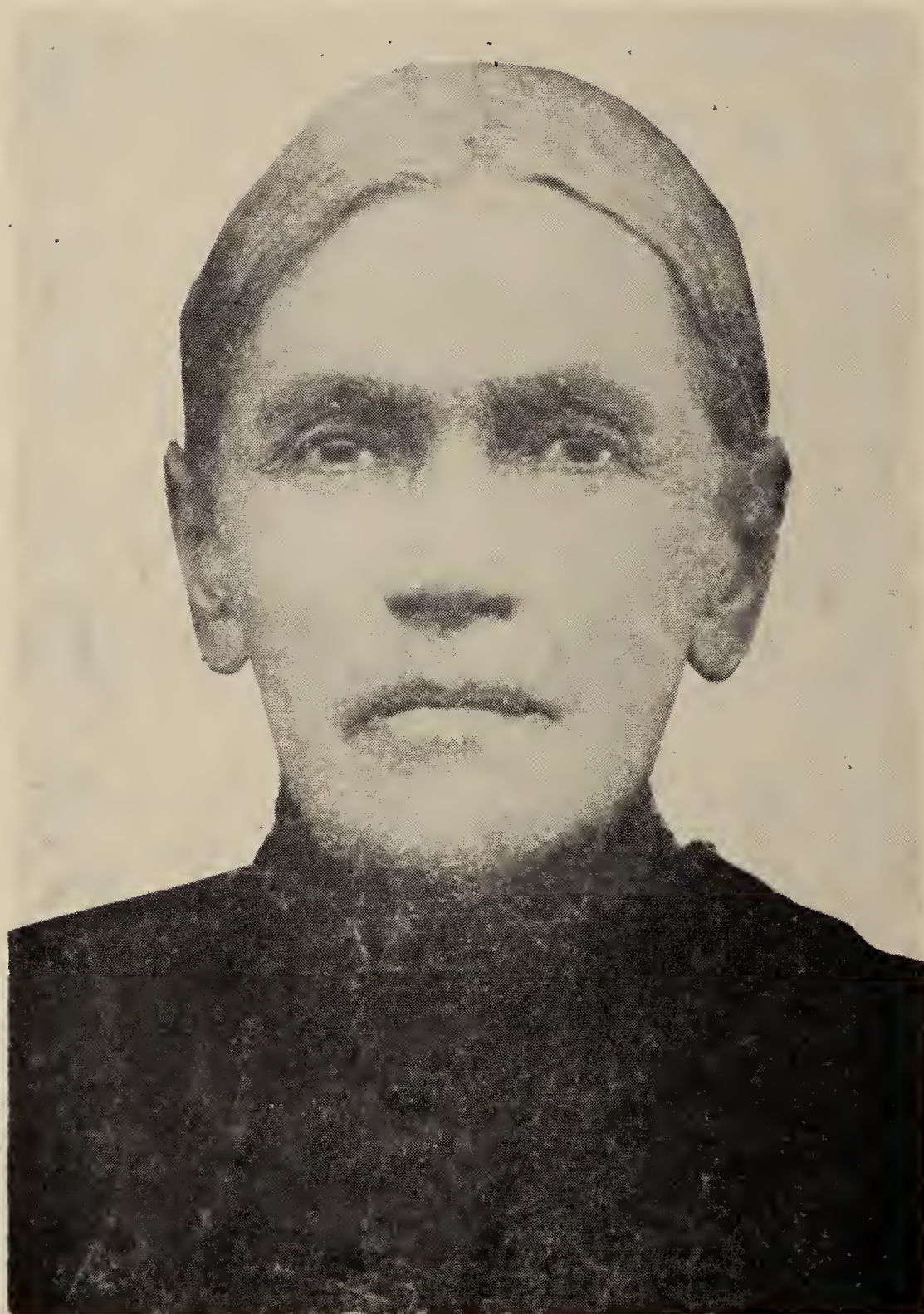
From September 17th, 1849, to 1853, his labors were confined to North Alabama. In 1853 he moved to Lee County, Mississippi, where he preached and taught for eighteen years, having charge of from two to four churches all the time.

In the fall of 1870, on account of declining health, he moved to Texas. His physicians also advised him to stop preaching, but his constantly burning desire to preach the gospel of the Son of God, to lost souls, impelled him to preach. He could not stop. He settled near Lexington, now in Lee County, Texas.

A man of his ability could not remain long without a field. He was soon called to the Lexington and Prospect Churches, which he served successfully for three years. He also preached one year at Middleton Springs. His health declining early in the year 1874, he moved to a point near Davilla, in Milam County. Here he remained about one year and was pastor of Davilla and San Gabriel Churches. In the winter of 1875 he moved to Williamson County, near Circleville. He soon had all of the churches that he could possibly attend to. While there he was pastor for a while at least of Friendship, Macedonia, Indian Creek, and Prairie Springs churches.

Last September, one year ago (1882), he reached Lampasas. His constitution was now broken down. He must at last give up the work which lay so near his heart. He could preach no more. Only once or twice after moving here did he attempt it. He was able to attend church but few times. He was a great, but patient, sufferer. February 16th, 1884, he breathed his last. Thus passed away a good man, leaving a wife, seven sons, five daughters, nineteen grandchildren, and a host of friends to mourn his loss.

A loving husband and a good father, self educated, but well educated, never having gone to school but five months. His wife taught him his first lesson in grammar. He was a strong friend of education, especially ministerial education. As a preacher he was logical, forcible, earnest, popular and successful. I will never forget the text of the first sermon I ever heard him preach—"If the righteous scarcely be saved



EMILY MENVILLE STOVALL RUSSELL

etc." This was at Liberty Church, in Burleson County. How I then loved to hear him sing—"There is rest for the weary", etc.—the rest to which he is now gone, but "Rock of Ages" was his favorite.

Loving wife, forty two years his bosom companion, weep not! Soon you will meet him where separations are no more. Fatherless children, remember his loving counsel—meet him in Heaven. You have the earnest sympathy of his pastor.

James M. Carroll.

Lampasas, Texas, Feb. 21st, 1884.

Tennessee Baptist, please copy."

Emily and George Daniel Russell, who was a Missionary Baptist Preacher, continued to live in Franklin and Lawrence counties, in Alabama, where George served many Baptist churches, until his removal to Mississippi in 1853 with William Stovall and his family. The first five children were born in Alabama, and all of the others were born in Mississippi (Pontotoc and Lee Counties), except Gussie, the youngest child, who was born in Lexington, Burleson County, Texas, which later, by the changing of county lines, was located in Lee County, Texas.

After moving to Mississippi, George Daniel Russell became a prominent member of various Baptist associations where he taught and preached for eighteen years. Leavell and Bailey's *Complete History of Mississippi Baptists* described him as an able preacher, especially interested in missionary and educational work. In 1854 he met with the Judson Association, at Hickory Grove Church, in Pontotoc County, Mississippi, where he preached the missionary sermon, and in 1857 he was employed by the Association for missionary work. In 1859 he was reported as a prominent pastor of the Aberdeen Association whose churches were mostly in Monroe, the northern part Chickasaw, and the southern part of Pontotoc counties.

George Daniel Russell moved with his family to Texas in 1870, and settled in Burleson County, where he served the Lexington and Prospect churches, and the one at Middleton Springs. In 1874 he moved to Milam County, near Davilla, and was pastor of the Davilla and San Gabriel churches. In 1875 he moved to Williamson county, near Circleville, and during his residence there served, among others, the following churches: Friendship, Macedonia, Indian Creek, and Prairie Springs.

The Burleson and Russell families had been friends in Tennessee, continued their friendship in Alabama, where they were neighbors, and in Texas, where they were interested especially in the Baptist denomination and in Baptist educational institutions, and members of the family say that it was the friendship of George Daniel Russell and Rufus Burleson which brought him to Texas.

By 1882, George Daniel Russell's health became impaired and he decided that the climate of West Texas would be beneficial. His first stop was in Lampasas, and though he planned to move further West, he became too ill to make the journey and died in Lampasas, on February 16, 1884.

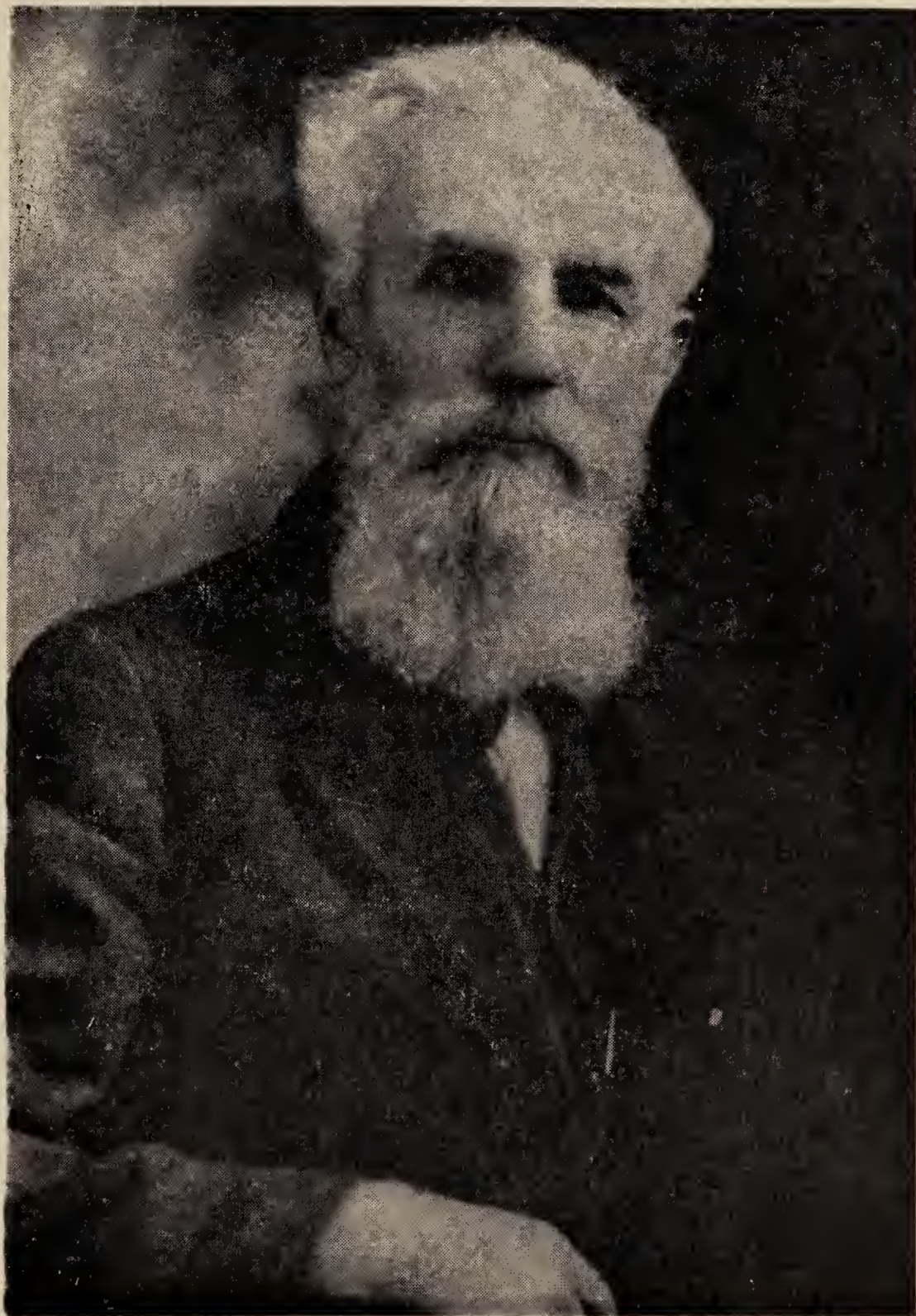
After the death of her husband, Emily Stovall Russell moved with some of her younger children to Callahan County, Texas, where she continued to live until her death in 1904.

Issue of George Daniel Russell and Emily Stovall Russell:

- 4-1-1. William Absolem Russell, b. 1843, d. 1939.
- 4-1-2. Edward Lafayette Russell, b. 1845, d. 1911.
- 4-1-3. George Dallas Russell, b. 1847, d. 1878.
- 4-1-4. Adonirom Judson Russell, b. 1851, d. 1902.
- 4-1-5. Lucy Russell, b. 1853, d. post 1900.
- 4-1-6. Simpson Franklin Russell, b. 1855, d. 1933.
- 4-1-7. Mary Adeline Russell, b. 1857, d. 1911.
- 4-1-8. Cynthia Alice Russell, b. 1859, d. 1943.
- 4-1-9. Oscar Beauregard Russell, b. 1861, d. 1897.
- 4-1-10. Laura Russell.
- 4-1-11. Benjamin L. Russell, b. 1864, d. 1948.
- 4-1-12. Gussie Russell, b. 1872, d. 1953.

Little is known of the first child of Emily and George Daniel Russell, though he lived to be 96 years old, for he moved to Oregon at an early day and contact with him and his family was lost. The meager record follows:

- 4-1-1. William Absolem Russell, b. Lawrence County, Alabama, in 1843, d. in Eugene, Oregon, in 1939, m. Ollie Thomas.



WILLIAM ABSOLEM RUSSELL

Issue:

4-1-1-1. Eula Russell, m. Charlie Bessanet.

4-1-1-2. William Russell.

4-1-1-3. Jessie Menville Russell, m. ——— Marshall.

William Absolem Russell was a Confederate soldier, enlisting in Mississippi, and served until the war was over.

4-1-2. Edward Lafayette Russell was the second child of Emily and George Daniel Russell. He was born in Franklin County, Alabama, August 19, 1845, and died in Washington, D. C., January 28, 1911, and is buried in Mobile, Alabama, where he had lived since 1898. He was married twice, 1) in Verona, Mississippi, January 20, 1869, to Emma Davis, daughter of Marion J. Davis, who died in Washington, D. C.; and 2) to Margaret Tarleton Billups, of Mobile. Both of his children were born to the first wife.

Edward L. Russell moved with his parents to Pontotoc County, Mississippi, in 1852-53, and attended the local schools in Verona. In 1862, when only seventeen years old, he joined the Confederate Army as a member of Captain Thomas Ashcraft's Company, 41st Mississippi Infantry, under General W. F. Tucker's Command. He enlisted as a private, but in spite of his youth he was soon made an Ensign and was Color Bearer for his Regiment. He served until the war was over, was in some of the fiercest battles—Corinth, Murfreesboro, Chickamauga, the campaign with Hood in Tennessee, and in the Battle of Atlanta, and finally in the battles around Mobile. He was wounded several times, but recovered quickly and was back in the ranks.

When the war was over, Edward Russell returned to Mississippi, and worked for a time in the general mercantile establishment of Norton and Company in Tupelo, but he was determined to enter the law, and spent all of his spare time studying. In 1870 he moved to Texas, settling in Caldwell County, and soon thereafter he was admitted to the Bar. The ties in Mississippi were strong, however, and in 1873 he returned to Verona where he practiced for four years, and was so successful that in 1876 he was appointed Vice President and General Solicitor for the Mobile and

Ohio Railroad in the state of Mississippi, finally becoming its president in 1897. He was still in the employ of this company at the time of his death.

Edward Lafayette Russell was not only a famous lawyer and Executive, but was beloved by the people of Mississippi as the "highest type of American citizen, eloquent in the forum as well as gallant on the tented field", according to Fairfax Harrison, Director of the Mobile and Ohio Railroad in the *Confederate Veteran*, of March, 1911. His popularity was demonstrated not long before his death when the citizens of Verona held a special celebration in his honor, calling it "Russell Day", with speeches from famous men of the state, an elaborate dinner in an oak grove near the school which he had attended, and presentation of a gold and silver loving cup to him at the close of the celebration. A special train brought the guests and visitors to Verona and among them were: R. V. Taylor, General Manager of the Mobile and Ohio; J. C. Kincannon, Railroad Commissioner of Mississippi, and W. K. Abernathy, Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Senate of Tennessee.

The Mobile and Ohio Railroad, in appreciation of his long and faithful service, erected a beautiful Memorial Fountain in his honor in the Beauregard Street passenger station in Mobile after his death. In addition to his legal and railroad honors, he had served as Trustee for the Mississippi State University, and was a Presidential Elector in 1888 and 1892.

Issue of Edward Lafayette Russell and Emma Davis Russell:

- 4-1-2-1. Eoline Russell, unmarried.
- 4-1-2-2. A son, Fred, who died in Washington while still in college there.
- 4-1-3. George Dallas Russell, the third child of Emily and George Daniel Russell, was born in Franklin County, Alabama, May 29, 1847, died in Bastrop, Texas, February 2, 1878, m. December 2, 1869, in Saltillo, Lee County, Mississippi, to Mary Valula Kyle.* He moved to Texas in 1870, living for a short time at Lexington, Burleson county. He later moved to McDade, Bastrop County, where he practiced law until January 1, 1873, when he formed a partnership

*License issued November 30, 1869, Lee County, Mississippi, Marriage Records, Book 1, p. 534.



EDWARD LAFAYETTE RUSSELL



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MOBILE, ALABAMA

with a famous Texas law firm, Jones and Sayers, of Bastrop, and moved to that city. It was not long until he was recognized as one of the leading lawyers of his district, and in 1876 he was elected County Attorney of Bastrop County.

The Obituary in a Bastrop newspaper reported on his death as follows:

“The remains of the late George D. Russell were followed to their last resting place by one of the largest processions of Masons and citizens we have ever witnessed in Bastrop. All the stores and business houses were closed and the utmost respect shown to the memory of one who was universally beloved by all.”

Issue of George Dallas Russell and Mary V. Kyle Russell:

4-1-3-1. Lilla L. Russell.

4-1-3-2. Jones K. Russell, b. 1873, d. 1901.

4-1-3-3. Clarence Dallas Russell, b. October 22, 1874, m. December 25, 1901, Jessie Wagner.

Issue:

4-1-3-3-1. Raye Russell, daughter, m. ——— Hoffman.

4-1-3-3-2. Evelyn Russell, m. ——— Thomas.

4-1-3-3-3. Mary Angeline Russell. Unmarried.

4-1-3-3-4. Jessie Daye Russell, m. ——— Richardson.

4-1-3-4. Eva Russell, m. ——— Alexander.

4-1-4. Adonirom Judson Russell, known in his family as Jud, was named for the famous Baptist Missionary, Adonirom Judson, and was born in Lawrence County, Alabama, in 1851, d. in Oxford, Mississippi, June 4, 1902, (at the age of 51), married Annie Given, date unknown.

Jud Russell moved with his parents to Pontotoc county, Mississippi in 1852, settling at Harrisburg, near where Tupelo now stands, the area later being incorporated in Lee county, Mississippi. He attended school in Verona, taught by his father, and R. M. Leavell, who held the chair of English at the University of Mississippi, in Oxford, at the time of Jud's death, and at whose home he was visiting when death occurred. He spent much time in his boyhood learning the

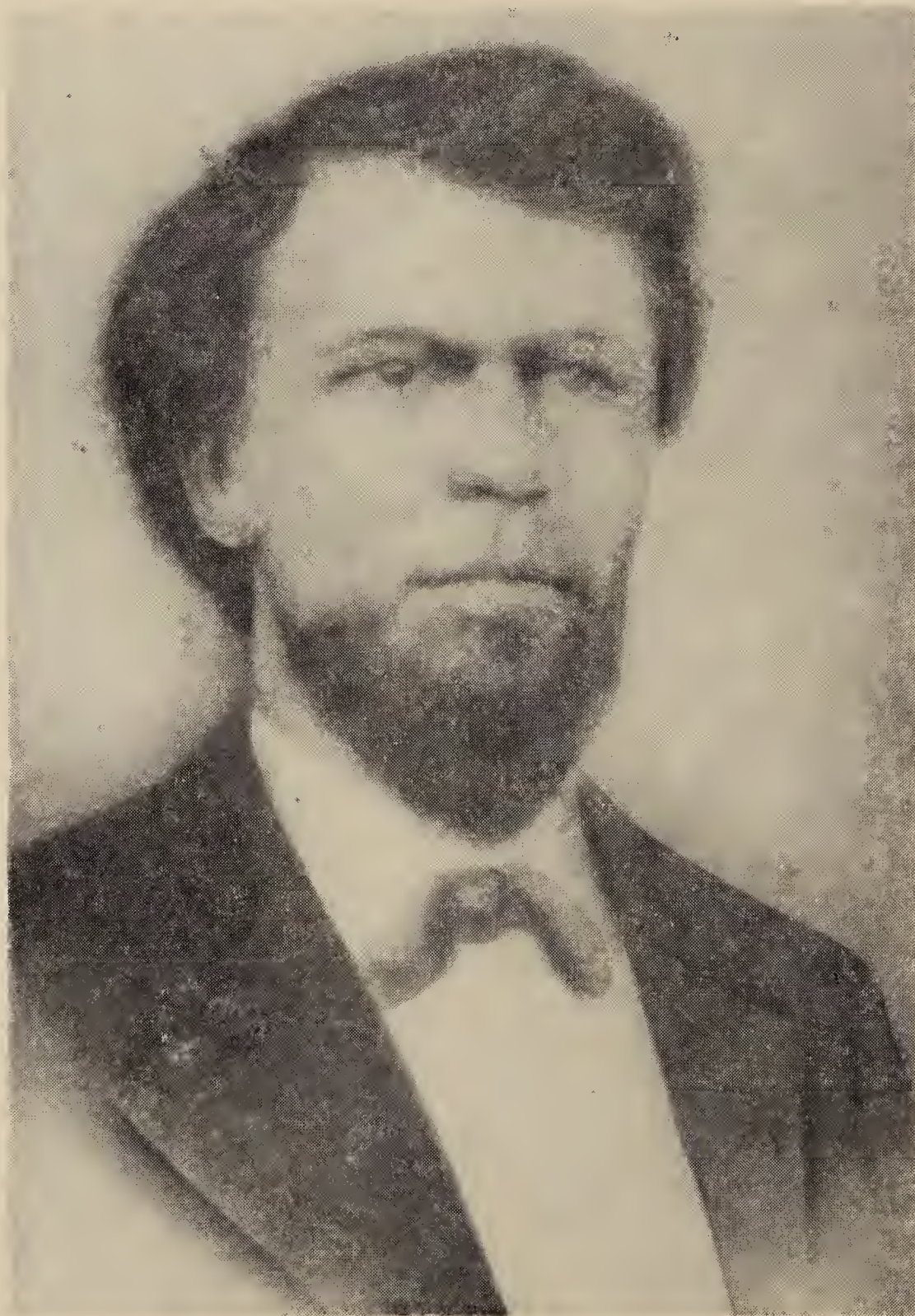
printer's trade, working for the *Verona Times* in 1867, and when his family moved to Texas, he worked for the *Austin, Texas, Gazette*, and the *Bastrop Texas Advertiser*, but the law was his chosen profession, and he continued to study while working as a printer. He also spent a short time while in Texas as a school teacher. When his brother, Edward Lafayette Russell, returned to Verona, Mississippi, to practice law, Jud went with him, and became his partner and like his brother, he was employed in various capacities by the Mobile and Ohio Railroad. After a short time, Edward L. moved to Mobile, and Jud moved in 1889 to Meridian, Mississippi, as Attorney for the Mobile and Ohio. He had always been interested in politics and government, and in 1895 he was elected, without opposition, to the Mississippi Legislature, and then as Speaker of the House of Representatives, which position he held at the time of his death. He was active in the Masonic Lodge and a member of the Democratic Executive Committee of the state.

At the time of his death he had come to Oxford, Mississippi, to deliver the Commencement address at the University and died the next morning from a heart attack, which the local Doctors called "paralysis of the heart". The subject of his address was: "Individualism the Basis of Character", and in spite of his illness the local paper at Oxford described it as magnificent.

The Meridian newspaper, *The State*, gave a full description of Jud's appearance in Oxford, of his death, and the ceremonies connected with his funeral, in its issue of Saturday, June 7, 1902, and described him thus: "Mississippi's Best Beloved Son Passes away at the Zenith of a Splendid and Useful Career," and said that if he had lived he would no doubt have been the state's next Governor. Besides many dignitaries of the Mobile and Ohio Railroad in attendance at the funeral in Meridian, there was a host of officials of the state, among them the Governor of Mississippi, Secretary of State, the Attorney General, the Auditor, members of the Railroad Commission, the Superintendent of Education, delegations from the Senate and the House, and an especial escort from the University of Mississippi.

Issue of Adonirom Judson Russell and Annie Given Russell:

- 4-1-4-1. Clifford Russell.
- 4-1-4-2. Anita Russell.
- 4-1-4-3. Susie Russell.
- 4-1-4-4. Amalie Russell.



GEORGE DALLAS RUSSELL

Unfortunately we do not have any further record of this family or of their descendants.

4-1-5. The fifth child of Emily and George Daniel Russell was: Lucy C. Russell, b. 1853, in Lawrence County, Alabama, d. 1902, m. in Williamson County, Texas, to Benjamin Eber Allen, of Spartanburg, South Carolina, and removed to Spartanburg after her marriage. Members of the family say that Lucy and her husband had twelve children, but only seven have been located. The family, and the various children continued to live in South Carolina, with the exception of one son, Ben Allen, who came to Texas in 1902. The children listed below may not be in their correct order and there are few dates, for it has been impossible to get data from surviving members of the family.

Issue of Lucy R. and Benjamin Eber Allen:

4-1-5-1. Daisy Allen, b. in Spartanburg, S. C., m. 1896, Willie Smith.

Issue: Allen Smith, b. 1899.

4-1-5-2. Russell Allen, m. Hattie Chapman, 1905.

Issue: Lucy Rosalie Allen.

4-1-5-3. Benjamin Eber Allen, Jr., b. October 3, 1882, d. in Abilene, Texas, in 1935, m. 1907, in Stamford, Texas, to Alma Lee Glover, and lived in Callahan County, Texas, after marriage.

Issue of Benjamin Eber Allen, Jr., and Alma Lee Glover Allen:

4-1-5-3-1. Lucile Allen, b. 1909, m. 1932, Marvin McCree.

Issue:

4-1-5-3-1-1. Allen McCree, b. 1937.

4-1-5-3-1-2. Elise McCree, b. 1945.

4-1-5-3-2. Russell Allen, b. 1910, m. 1937, Zelma Fay Couch.

Issue:

4-1-5-3-2-1. Ann Allen, b. 1942.

4-1-5-3-3. James Allen, b. 1912, d. ———.

- 4-1-5-4. Woodward Allen, b. Spartanburg, S. C., d. in 1935, in Boston, Massachusetts.
- 4-1-5-5. (Ebb) Allen, b. 1890, and lives in Orlando, Florida; has three children.
- 4-1-5-6. Jim Allen, b. in Spartanburg, S. C., married Della Harmon in 1905.
- 4-1-5-7. Lottie Allen, b. 1892, m. Ben Maynard and lives in Charlotte, North Carolina.
- 4-1-6. Simpson Franklin (Frank) Russell, b. March 5, 1855, in Pontotoc County, Mississippi, d. April 4, 1933, in Callahan County, Texas, and buried at Cottonwood, m. September 14, 1881, Eudora Virginia Armistead. Frank Russell came to Texas with his parents circa 1870, and in his youth taught school. However, for most of his life he was a farmer. He had an unusual mind and was vitally interested in government. He was devoted to his family and remembered much of their history, for he was old enough to remember his grandfather, William Stovall, and his grandmother, Leah Jackson Russell, before moving to Texas. He ran for the Legislature in 1901 and an article from the Eastland county paper, the Chronicle, at that time, gives an accurate description of him. The article was as follows:

“The Chronicle places the name of the Hon. Frank Russell in its announcement column for Representative of the 81st District. He is conceded to be one of the ablest men in our county, one of the best speakers, and the most forcible debater. He is an honest man, a candid man, and a courageous man. He is a practical farmer, and hard worker, as well as a man of fine education, broad minded and liberal. No more capable man could be selected as our standard Bearer.”

Issue of Simpson Franklin Russell and Eudora Virginia Armistead Russell:

- 4-1-6-1. George Dyer Russell, b. July 23, 1881.
- 4-1-6-2. Eudora Menville Russell, b. December 11, 1884.
- 4-1-6-3. Lucy Bobo Russell, b. 1887, d. at age of three.
- 4-1-6-4. Benjamin Franklin Russell, b. December 3, 1889.



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- 4-1-6-5. Edmond Barry Russell, b. July 2, 1893.
- 4-1-6-6. Mary Elizabeth Russell, b. July 28, 1895.
- 4-1-6-7. William Judson Russell, b. September 5, 1897.
- 4-1-6-8. Wylie Fontaine Russell, b. 1898, d. in infancy.
- 4-1-6-9. Mattie Leah Russell, b. July 10, 1900.

4-1-6-2. Eudora Menville Russell, second child of Simpson Franklin Russell and Eudora Virginia Armistead Russell, was born December 11, 1884, m. October 20, 1903, in Eastland County, near Curtis, to Felix E. Mitchell, b. December 30, 1882, in Erath County, Texas, near Stephenville, d. August 2, 1954, in Baird, Texas. Felix Mitchell taught school for many years before beginning the practice of law. He passed the Bar Examination in 1928, and began the practice in Cross Plains, but in 1932 he was elected County Attorney of Callahan County and moved to Baird, the county seat. He served as County Attorney for 22 years, a position which he held at the time of his death.

Issue of Eudora Menville Russell and Felix E. Mitchell:

- 4-1-6-2-1. Bennie Eudora Mitchell, b. June 4, 1904.
 - 4-1-6-2-2. John Henry Mitchell, b. October 23, 1906.
 - 4-1-6-2-3. Nancy Kathleen Mitchell, b. February 21, 1910.
 - 4-1-6-2-4. Lucibel Mitchell, b. February 28, 1912.
 - 4-1-6-2-5. Daniel Russell Mitchell, b. November 28, 1914.
 - 4-1-6-2-6. Ritchey Menville Mitchell, b. February 20, 1917.
 - 4-1-6-2-7. Edith La Verne Mitchell, b. December 21, 1919.
 - 4-1-6-2-8. Patricia Marilyn Mitchell, b. April 13, 1923.
 - 4-1-6-2-9. Ivadel Mitchell, b. July 6, 1926.
 - 4-1-6-2-10. Felix Edmond Mitchell, b. October 23, 1927.
- 4-1-7. The seventh child of George Daniel and Emily Stovall Russell was Mary Adeline Russell, called Ad-

die by her family, b. May 26, 1857, in Pontotoc County, Mississippi, between Verona and Tupelo, d. November 13, 1911, in Rising Star, Texas, m. June 11, 1874, in Williamson County, Texas, Isaac Polk Scarborough, b. August 19, 1846, in Union Parish, Louisiana, d. July 31, 1917, in Rising Star, Texas, where he and his wife are both buried.

Mary Adeline Russell came with her parents to Texas in 1870, and after her marriage lived for a few years in Williamson County, but moved with her husband and family to Callahan County circa 1883, where they lived most of their married life. Though her husband, Isaac Polk Scarborough, was a preacher in the Church of Christ, he made his living farming. West Texas was still a pioneer country in the early Eighties, Indians still roamed over the land, wild animals were numerous, roads were few, and transportation was difficult and dangerous, but in spite of the hardships encountered, the family remained in West Texas where they reared and educated their children. Further records of Isaac Polk Scarborough and his family can be found in Vol. 3 of Southern Kith and Kin.

Issue of Mary Adeline Russell and Isaac Polk Scarborough:

- 4-1-7-1. Lula Scarborough, b. July 29, 1877, d. March 11, 1937.
- 4-1-7-2. Gertrude Fowler Scarborough, b. December 26, 1878, d. May 9, 1954.
- 4-1-7-3. Dallas Scarborough, b. March 14, 1882, d. September 26, 1957.
- 4-1-7-4. Byron Scarborough, b. July 19, 1884, d. November 10, 1911.
- 4-1-7-5. Homer Scarborough, b. July 19, 1886, d. April 11, 1948.
- 4-1-7-6. Vera Scarborough, b. April 9, 1888, d. October 11, 1948.
- 4-1-7-7. Carrie Scarborough, b. May 2, 1893, d. March 11, 1955.
- 4-1-8. Cynthia Alice Russell was the eighth child of Emily Stovall and George Daniel Russell, b. August 14, 1859, in Verona, Mississippi, d. April 10, 1943, in



SIMPSON FRANKLIN RUSSELL

Plainview, Texas, m. June 16, 1886, to Roquella Day, b. June 1, 1858, in Wharton County, Texas, d. June 26, 1936, in Plainview, Texas.

Issue of Cynthia Alice Russell and Roquella Day:

4-1-8-1. Clifford Hood Day, b. October 1, 1888, near Cisco, Texas, m. August 29, 1909, in Abilene, Texas, to Ada Lee Wingo, b. March 30, 1890, in Haskell, Texas, daughter of Ben D. Wingo and Harriet L. Harris.

Issue of Clifford Hood Day and Ada Lee Wingo:

4-1-8-1-1. Charles C. Day, b. July 10, 1910, Hawley, Texas, m. March 21, 1934, Mamie Flowers.

4-1-8-1-2. Dorothy Jean Day, b. August 4, 1912, Plainview, Texas, m. July 26, 1942, Robert H. Horne.

4-1-8-1-3. Ben R. Day, b. July 9, 1914, m. June 1, 1938, Evelyn Weiss.

4-1-8-1-4. Barbara June Day, b. March 10, 1916, m. December 23, 1955, D. E. McGohey.

4-1-8-1-5. Fred Alden Day, b. August 19, 1917, m. February 14, 1942, Pauline Rutledge.

4-1-8-1-6. Bell Bert Day, b. May 21, 1919, m. June 30, 1942, Vernene Franks.

4-1-8-2. James Woodie Day, b. January 22, 1891, near Cisco, Texas, m. January 10, 1915, in Plainview, Texas, Nancy Jane Fletcher, b. June 7, 1895, Clay County, Texas.

Issue of James Woodie Day and Nancy Jane Fletcher:

4-1-8-2-1. Jo Day, b. Hale Center, Texas, July 13, 1916, m. February 1, 1936, Ralph E. Griffitts.

4-1-8-2-2. James Woodie Day, Jr., b. August 5, 1920, Hale Center, Texas, d. in World War 2, September 18, 1944.

4-1-8-2-3. Lawrence Edward Day, b. January 8, 1923, Hale Center, Texas, d. February 9, 1951, m. August 30, 1947, Carmen Hitchcock.

4-1-8-2-4. Betty Sue Day, b. October 22, 1924, Hale Center, Texas, m. August 1, 1944, J. E. Walker.

4-1-8-3. Annice Menville Day, b. May 29, 1892, Cross Plains, Texas, m. May 25, 1912, Abilene, Texas, Raymond Adron Young, b. July 23, 1888, Clyde, Texas, son of William (Mud) A. Young and Ida Belle Humphrey.

Issue of Annice M. Day and Raymond Adron Young:

4-1-8-3-1. Eloise Young, b. 1913, d. 1915.

4-1-8-3-2. Raymond Adron Young, Jr., b. 1915.

4-1-8-3-3. Alice Belle Young, b. 1917.

4-1-8-3-4. Frankie Madge Young, b. 1920.

4-1-8-3-5. William Day Young, b. 1922.

4-1-8-3-6. Arthur Lee Young, b. 1924.

4-1-8-3-7. Edmond E. Young, b. 1927.

4-1-8-3-8. Ben Russell Young, b. 1929.

4-1-8-3-9. John Wendell Young, b. 1931.

4-1-8-3-1. Eloise Young, b. October 1, 1913, in Plainview, Texas, and d. September 7, 1915.

4-1-8-3-2. Raymond Adron Young, Jr., b. June 12, 1915, Plainview, Texas.

4-1-8-3-3. Alice Belle Young, b. September 13, 1917, Hale Center, Texas, m. April 6, 1943, Walterboro, South Carolina, Robert Thornton East, b. January 7, 1913, Nathalie Virginia, son of William Morton East and Minnie Lee Ridgeway.

Issue of Alice Belle Young and Robert Thornton East:

4-1-8-3-3-1. Paula Renae East, b. January 31, 1945, Fort Worth, Texas.

4-1-8-3-3-2. Bobbie Belle East, b. September 5, 1948, Nathalie, Virginia.

4-1-8-3-3-3. Sheila Ruth East, b. February 18, 1952, Nathalie, Virginia.

4-1-8-3-4. Frankie Madge Young, b. April 10, 1920, Plainview, Texas, m. May 28, 1947, Rube Davis, Jr., b. November 29, 1924, Oenaville, Texas, son of Rube Davis and Margaret Zelma Trout.

Issue of Frankie Madge Young and Rube Davis, Jr.:

4-1-8-3-4-1. Terry Ray Davis, b. January 25, 1948, Corsicana, Texas.

4-1-8-3-4-2. Bren Marr Davis, b. September 28, 1951, Brenham, Texas.

4-1-8-3-5. William Day Young, b. February 24, 1922, Plainview, Texas, m. December 24, 1947, Ellen Marie Hill, daughter of Ernest Hill and Girlie Jones.

Issue of William Day Young and Ellen Marie Hill:

4-1-8-3-5-1. Craig Young, b. October 26, 1950, Abilene, Texas.

4-1-8-3-5-2. Diane Young, b. June 19, 1953, Abilene, Texas.

4-1-8-3-6. Arthur Lee Young, b. September 6, 1924, Plainview, Texas, m. May 26, 1947, in Denton, Texas, Wanda Lee Allmon, b. August 20, 1926.

Issue of Arthur Lee Young and Wanda Lee Allmon (or Altmon):

4-1-8-3-6-1. Sharon Young.

4-1-8-3-6-2. Susie Young.

4-1-8-3-6-3. Mike Young.

4-1-8-3-7. Edmond E. Young, b. August 8, 1927, Clyde, Texas, m. Pat Patterson.

4-1-8-3-8. Ben Russell Young, b. August 5, 1929, Clyde, Texas, m. April 15, 1953, Doris Rogers.

4-1-8-3-9. John Wendell Young, b. February 11, 1931, Clyde, Texas.

4-1-8-4. Frank Day.

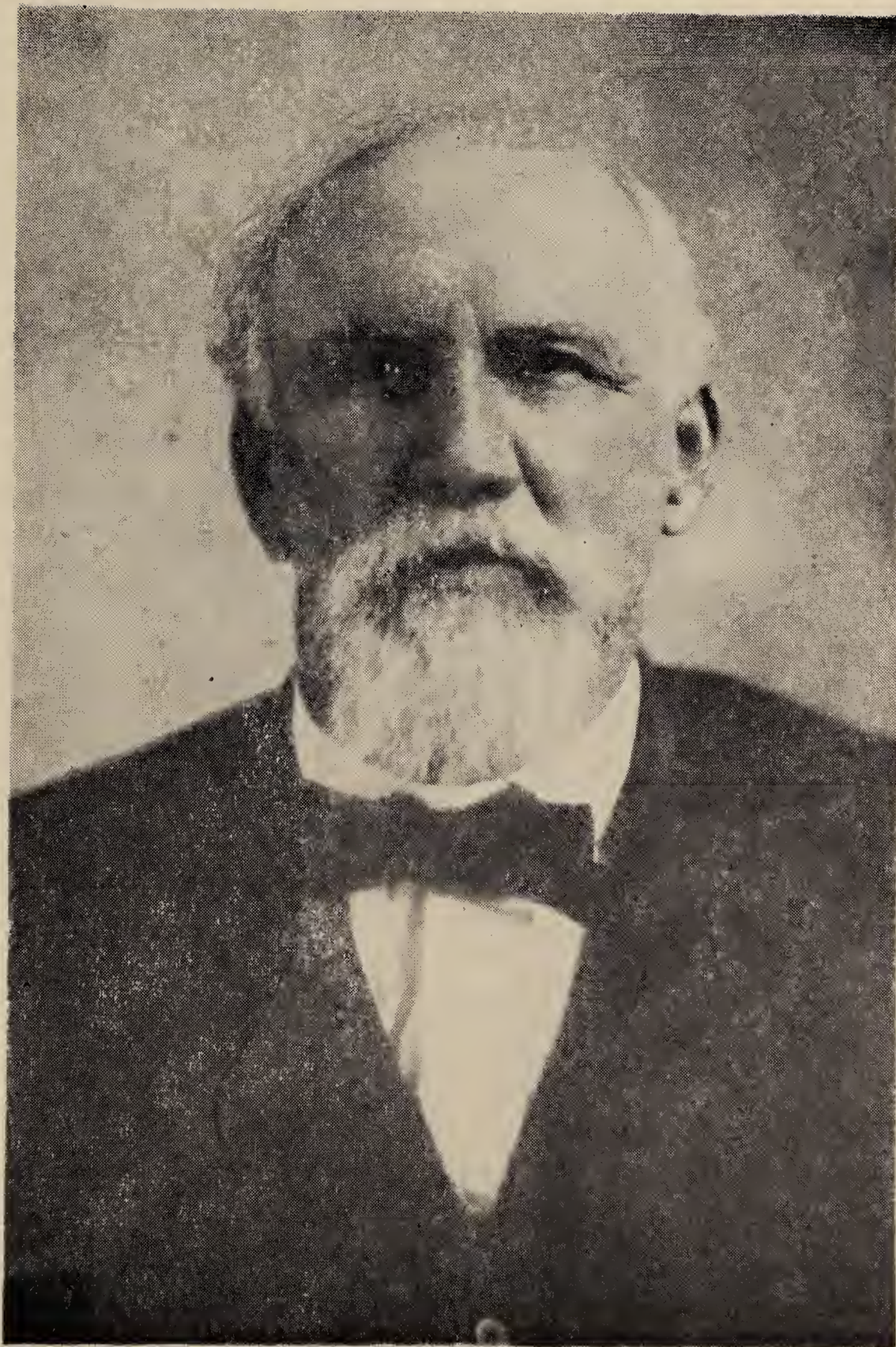
4-1-8-5. Freddie Day, b. August 31, 1898, Abilene, Texas, d. Bellflower, California, m. William Henry Slaughter, who died in the California earthquake in _____.

Issue of Freddie Day and William Henry Slaughter:

4-1-8-5-1. Frank Gidney Slaughter, b. July 12, 1920, Plainview, Texas.



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4-1-8-5-2. Jessie Lee Slaughter, m. V. E. Madison.

4-1-8-5-3. Alice Cynthia Slaughter.

4-1-8-6. Madge Day, b. March 25, 1900, Abilene, Texas, m. May 12, 1928, in Dallas, Texas, Walter Ross Stevens, b. June 8, 1887, Daingerfield, Texas, son of John R. Stevens and Jennie Rogers.

Issue of Madge Day and Walter Ross Stevens:

4-1-8-6-1. Betty Ross Stevens, b. February 14, 1933, Wichita Falls, Texas.

4-1-8-6-2. John Day Stevens, b. February 14, 1935, Wichita Falls, Texas.

4-1-8-7. Edward Day.

4-1-9. The ninth child of Emily Stovall and George Daniel Russell was Oscar Beauregarde Russell, b. August 31, 1861, d. March 20, 1896 (or 1897), and buried in Baird, Texas; m. 1880, Lela E. Eubank, b. July 26, 1865, in Salado, Texas, d. March 12, 1953, in San Luis Obispo, California, and was buried in Baird, Texas.

Issue:

Edith Mae Russell, m. Will Cutbirth.

Oscar Burton Russell.

William Stovall Russell.

Clarence Tatom Russell.

Emily Claire Russell.

Robert Lee Russell.

John Russell.

Eunice Vivian Russell.

4-1-10. The tenth child of Emily Stovall and George Daniel Russell was Laura Russell, born circa 1863, moved to West Texas with her parents, married Tom Berry and lived in Vernon, Texas. There were several children, but we have no record of this family.

4-1-11. Benjamin Lee Russell was the eleventh child of Emily Stovall and George Daniel Russell, b. October 25, 1864, in Verona, Mississippi, d. October 20, 1948,

in Baird, Texas, at the age of 83, m. April 12, 1891, Katie Surles, b. February 24, 1872, daughter of John Surles.

Benjamin Lee Russell received his legal education at the University of Texas, but before beginning the practice of law he taught school for many years. He also served as County Attorney for Callahan County, as County Judge, and was a member of the State Legislature. He was active until the time of his death, in church, civic and fraternal circles. He was a member of the Shriners, a 32nd Degree Mason, and a member of the Knights of Pythias for more than fifty years. No man was held in higher esteem in the county where he had lived for sixty years than Benjamin Lee Russell.

Issue of Benjamin Lee Russell and Katie Surles:

- 4-1-11-1. Olbern J. Russell, b. January 6, 1893, m. Helen McIntyre, December 21, 1913.
- 4-1-11-2. Wendell Russell, b. October 19, 1894, died in the service in 1918, in World War I, unmarried.
- 4-1-11-3. Benjamin L. Russell, Jr., b. October 31, 1897, m. Lula Mae Boydston, December 15, 1917.

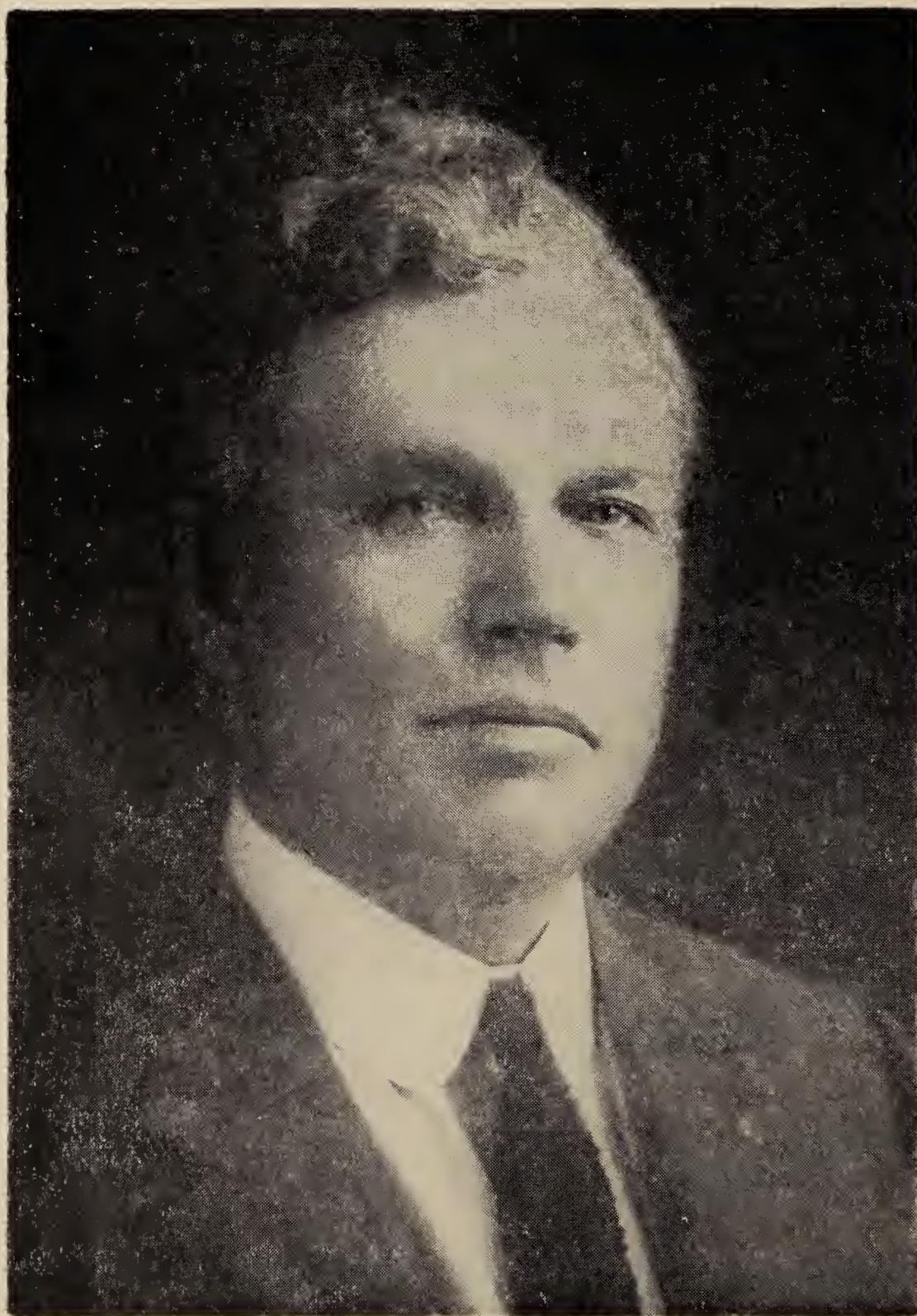
Issue of Benjamin L. Russell, Jr., and Lula Mae Boydston:

- 4-1-11-3-1. Benjamin Lewis Russell.
- 4-1-11-3-2. Elaine Russell.
- 4-1-12. The twelfth child of Emily Stovall and George Daniel Russell was Augusta (Gussie) Clifford Russell, b. July 31, 1872, in Lexington, Lee County, Texas, d. in Baird, Texas, December 8, 1953, m. May 7, 1890, Majer Edward Surles, Baptist Minister, d. in 1895.

Gussie Russell Surles lived a long and useful life and was active almost up to the time of her death. Widowed after only five years of marriage, she had the responsibility of rearing her children and resumed her profession of teaching, following this profession for nearly thirty years in various towns of West Texas, where she was loved and admired by a host of people.

Issue of Gussie Russell and Majer Edward Surles:

- 4-1-12-1. Louie Day Surles, b. November 17, 1891, m. Charles Boone Holmes.



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Issue:

4-1-12-1-1. Charles Boone Holmes, Jr., b. July 8, 1909.

4-1-12-1-2. Madge Holmes, m. Frank Bearden.

Issue:

4-1-12-1-2-1. Taber Bearden.

4-1-12-1-2-2. Karen Bearden.

4-1-12-1-2-3. Thomas Bearden.

4-1-12-2. Edward Russell Surles, b. June 27, 1893, d. October 2, 1951, m. June 20, 1918, Vera Enola Whitworth.

Issue:

4-1-12-2-1. Edward Russell Surles, Jr., b. January 10, 1919, m. Emily Hereford.

Issue:

4-1-12-2-1-1. William Russell Surles, b. 3-20-1944.

4-1-12-2-1-2. David Hereford Surles, b. 11-10-1947.

4-1-12-2-1-3. Richard Surles, b. 8-15-1954.

4-1-12-2-2. Burnell Surles, b. 1-4-1923, m. William Charles Gruver.

Issue:

4-1-12-2-2-1. Lee William Gruver.

(They also have two adopted children: Steve and Fred Gruver.)

4-1-12-3. Katie Lee Surles, b. June 3, 1895, m. William Miller Oliver.

Issue:

4-1-12-3-1. William Russell Oliver, b. 8-7-1925, married and has three children: Joe, Bill, and Sue Ann.

4-1-12-3-2. Wenton Oliver, b. 2-27-1929, m. Dorothy Roessler.

Issue:

4-1-12-3-2-1. Diana Oliver.

4-1-12-3-2-2. Lanelle Oliver.

4-1-12-3-2-3. Mickey Lou Oliver.

4-1-12-3-2-4. Mike Oliver.

4-1-12-3-3. Don Oliver.

- 4-2. Lieutenant Benjamin H. Russell, b. 1827, Confederate soldier, who was killed at the Battle of Murfreesborough, Tennessee, December 31, 1862, m. Martha Jane Britnell, b. 1828.

There were six children of the marriage: Elizabeth, who married John Tapley Richeson, George Russell, Richard Russell, William Russell, who never married, Nannie Russell, who died at the age of sixteen, and Carrie Russell, who drowned in childhood. Lieutenant Benjamin Russell enlisted at Tuscumbia, Alabama, August 16, 1861, age 34, in Company H, of the 16th Alabama Infantry, as a Second Lieutenant. His wife, Martha J. Russell, applied for a Pension and it was granted May 2, 1887.

- 4-3. Lucy Russell, b. 1829, in Alabama, m. J. W. Beck, b. 1819, in Tennessee. In the 1860 Census for Franklin County, Alabama, Post Office, Newburg, Leah J. Russell was living with her daughter Lucy above. Leah had gotten a divorce from Archibald Stovall sometime between the years 1855 and 1860, and had her name restored to RUSSELL. We have no other data concerning the Becks.

- 4-4. Nancy Russell, fourth child of George Russell and Leah Jackson Hudson, b. in Alabama, April 24, 1830, d. July 17, 1911; m. 1) William Harris, b. in Georgia in 1827. William Harris died in 1851, and Nancy m. 2) May 3, 1852, Moses Cunningham, who was twice her age, b. November 12, 1806, d. February 18, 1885. Nancy and Moses Cunningham are both buried in the Rock Springs Cemetery, Mt. Hope, Lawrence County, Alabama.

Nancy Russell Harris Cunningham was a very remarkable woman for her day. She had inherited her mother's flair for politics and government and kept up her interest in everything that was going on. During her long widowhood she travelled extensively, wrote a column for several newspapers, was active both in the Baptist Church to which she belonged and in the Presbyterian Church to which the Cunninghams belonged, where there is a memorial tablet to her memory. A Scrap Book kept by her daughter, Lucy Eva Cunningham, wife of Robert Gibson Roberson, and owned by Mrs. W. A. Pickens, a grand-daughter, of Route No. 1,



GUSSIE RUSSELL SURLES

Mt. Hope, Alabama, is filled with clippings from the various newspapers to which she contributed. There are poems, essays, obituaries, society items, travel stories, and much material concerning her son, Russell McWhorter Cunningham, who was quite prominent in political circles while serving as Lieutenant Governor of Alabama, and a short time as Governor.

On June 26, 1892, Nancy visited the World's Fair in Chicago, and in an article written for the *Moulton Alabama Advertiser* she describes her trip in detail. She traveled on the L. and N. Railroad, and she describes with a great deal of ability, the country through which she passed, the important people whom she met, en route, and in her trip to Washington before returning home. In passing through Tennessee she recalls that her youngest brother, Lieutenant Benjamin H. Russell, of the 16th Alabama Regiment of the Confederate Army, was killed at Murfreesborough, and quotes from a letter written to Benjamin's widow, by his Commanding Officer.

The newspaper articles are well written and she frequently discusses the members of the family. She mentions her grandfather, Major William Russell, "who was first a Captain and then a Major", who spent his last days at his farm two miles south of Newburg, where his sturdy pioneer house was still standing at the time her article was written.

Nancy and Moses Cunningham had four children: Russell McWhorter Cunningham, Lucy Eva Cunningham, Bennie Cunningham, and Carrie Cunningham, but we only have data for two of the children: Russell M. Cunningham and Lucy Eva, who married Robert Gibson Roberson.

Issue of Nancy and Moses Cunningham:

4-4-1. Dr. Russell McWhorter Cunningham, b. August 25, 1855, at Mt. Hope, Lawrence County, Alabama; m. 1) August 13, 1876, Franklin County, Alabama, Sue Moore, daughter of Judge J. E. Moore; m. 2) Annice Taylor of Birmingham.

Issue of Dr. Russell Cunningham and Sue Moore:

4-4-1-1. Dr. Moses Cunningham, m. Kathleen Hundley.

Dr. Russell McWhorter Cunningham was not only a very successful physician and held many important positions in the medical profession, but held many civic honors. He

represented Franklin County in the State Legislature in 1880, and after removing to Birmingham, Jefferson County, Alabama, in 1896, represented that county in the State Senate, where he was elected President. He was elected Lieutenant Governor of Alabama, and served for one year as Governor in the absence of Governor Jelks, who was ill.

4-4-2. Lucy Eva Cunningham, m. Robert Gibson Roberson.

Issue:

4-4-2-1. Lillian Russell Roberson, b. July 14, 1889, m. William Arthur Pickens May 31, 1911.

Issue of Lillian Russell Roberson and William Arthur Pickens:

4-4-2-1-1. Merwyn Clay Pickens, b. May 29, 1912.

4-4-2-1-2. Harold McWhorter Pickens, b. July 4, 1913.

4-4-2-1-3. William Earl Pickens, b. August 30, 1914.

4-4-2-1-4. Winnie Davis Pickens, b. January 29, 1916.

4-4-2-1-5. Lucy Margaret Pickens, b. January 1, 1918.

4-4-2-1-6. Malcolm Hoyt Pickens, b. April 21, 1919.

4-4-2-1-7. Cecil Roberson Pickens, b. November 2, 1920.

4-4-2-1-8. Infant, still born, January 11, 1921.

4-4-2-1-9. Benjamin Wayne Pickens, b. October 23, 1924.

4-4-2-1-10. Gene Cole Pickens, b. April 4, 1927.

4-4-2-1-11. Erskin Gayle Pickens, b. September 14, 1928.

4-4-2-1-12. Reginald Waldo Pickens, b. March 3, 1930.

4-4-2-1-13. Nancy Caroline Pickens, b. April 23, 1931.

I am sure there were other children of Lucy Eva Cunningham and Robert Gibson Roberson, but I have no data for them.

CHAPTER 13

THE STOVALL FAMILY.

The Stovall family is a fascinating one to study, but its ramifications are so extensive that it would take a life time to adequately treat it, and a World Atlas to follow its members in their far flung migrations. This history will not attempt to give a complete record of the family, but will give enough of the early records of the family to show their origin, and be devoted primarily to the children of Josiah and Mary (Polly) Hicks Stovall, who married into the Tatom family. Mr. William H. Dumont, of Washington, D. C., has done a magnificent job in collecting data on the family and is eminently qualified to write the history, so it is hoped that he will do so and give to the public the benefit of his knowledge and research.

The progenitor of the family in America was Bartholomew Stovall, who was born June 24, 1665, in Surry, at Guilford, England, and died in Henrico County, Virginia, May 1, 1721. His will was signed January 14, 1718, and proved in Henrico County, Virginia, by the oaths of Ezekile Sudbury, and Ashford Hughes, and the affirmation of Stephen Hughes, Quaker, May 1, 1721. The will is on file in the Virginia State Library, Henrico County Miscellaneous Court Records, Vol. 3, p. 543, but is in very bad condition. Parts of it are missing, but most of it is quite legible.

Bartholomew Stovall probably came to America circa 1684, and married Ann Burton, daughter of Thomas Burton and Susannah Allen of "Cobbs", Virginia, August 8, 1693.¹ After the death of Bartholomew Stovall, his widow married John Saunders in 1725. Bartholomew Stovall, in his will, names his wife, Ann, his daughter, Hannah, and his sons, George, William and Thomas. There are several places in the will where other names were mentioned, but the ravages of time have completely obliterated those names, so whether they were of other children we do not know. However, from the deed records it has been definitely established that there were two other sons, Bartholomew and John. Bartholomew names his wife, Ann, as Executrix, and his property on the river was divided between his wife and his children. From the records in Virginia it appears that his home was on

1. Henrico County, Virginia, Marriage Record, Vol. V, p. 435.

Deep Creek, on the South side of the James River, in the area which later became Powhatan County, Virginia. By the changing of county lines, Deep Creek was first in Goochland County from 1725 to 1749, and in Cumberland County from 1749 to 1777, when Powhatan County was formed.

Some family historians believe that Bartholomew Stovall, the Emigrant, was the son of one George Stovall and his wife, Joan, who in June 1665, at a Quaker meeting in England, registered the birth of a son, Bartholomew, but we have found no official proof to substantiate this claim.

Worth S. Ray, in his *Tennessee Cousins*, p. 653, gives the dates of death of the following children of Bartholomew Stovall, the Emigrant, as: George Stovall, 1786; Thomas Stovall, 1801; Bartholomew Stovall, 1771; William Stovall, 1736; *John Stovall*, who married Dorcus, d. 1775, in Granville County, North Carolina, and lists the husband of Hannah as Luke Wilkes.

As said before, no effort will be made to follow any of the Stovall lines, except the direct descent from Bartholomew, the Emigrant, to Josiah Stovall, Jr., who married Elizabeth A. Tatom; *Rebecca Stovall*, second wife of John Tatom, Jr.; *Elizabeth Stovall*, who married LeRoy Tatom; and *William Stovall*, who married Cynthia Tatom, all of whom were children of Josiah Stovall, Sr., who was the son of John Stovall, Sr., (and his wife, Dorcus), of Granville County, North Carolina, and grandson of the Emigrant, Bartholomew Stovall.

Stovall Family:

Bartholomew Stovall, b. June 24, 1665, in Surry, Guilford, England, d. May 1, 1721, date of the probate of the will, m. Ann Burton August 8, 1693.

Issue:

1. George Stovall.
2. William Stovall.
3. Thomas Stovall.
4. Hannah Stovall.
5. Bartholomew Stovall.
6. *John Stovall, Sr.*

The above John Stovall, Sr. (No. 6), was probably born circa 1712, died 1798, m. Dorcus. He re-

moved to Granville County, North Carolina, where he received his first land grant there in 1750.

John Stovall, Sr., first patented land in Goochland County, Virginia, on Deep Creek, in 1732² and on October 8, 1734, John and his brother, Bartholomew, sold a tract of land in Goochland, and Dorcus signed off her dower rights.³ In 1750 John Stovall moved to Granville County, North Carolina, and in 1774, John Stovall of Granville County, sold to Bartholomew Stovall, of Cumberland County, Virginia, the land patented to him in 1732. The last deed on record for him in Goochland was in 1743, and the first deed recorded for him in Granville County, North Carolina, was in 1750, from Robert James, Jr.⁴ John added to his holdings in Granville County and had considerable property at the time of his death, including a number of slaves, which he bequeathed to his children and his grandchildren. He made a deed of gift of some land to his son, Josiah Stovall, August 19, 1772, soon after Josiah's marriage.⁵

John Stovall was too old to serve as a soldier in the Revolutionary War, but he qualified as a Patriot by supplying corn to the Revolutionary Army.⁶ He was a member of the Militia in 1754 and 1755, and took the Oath of Allegiance in 1778.⁷ He is listed in Captain John Sallis' Company at a General Muster, on October 8, 1754, along with William Hicks, John Stovall, Jr., and Bartholomew Stovall.

Issue of John and Dorcus Stovall:

1. Drury, m. Ann Stone.
2. Bartholomew, m. 1) Ann Boswell; m. 2) Susannah
_____.
3. *Josiah, (1749-1798), m. Mary (Polly) Hicks.*
4. William, m. Sarah Reat.

2. Patent Book 15, p. 135, Virginia State Library.

3. Goochland County Records, Book 2, p. 24.

4. Deed Book A, p. 344, Granville County, North Carolina.

5. Deed Book K, p. 91, Granville County, North Carolina.

6. Army Accounts, North Carolina Comptroller's Office, Book B, p. 269.

7. North Carolina Colonial Records, Vol. 22, pp. 176, 177, 365, 366, and 375.

5. Benjamin, m. 1) Ann —————; m. 2) Mrs. Jane Jennings Farrar; m. 3) Mrs. Jane Griffin Stovall, widow of Lewis Stovall.
6. John, m. Mary Ann Wilkins.
7. George, m. Ann Newton.
8. Thomas, m. Prudence —————.
9. Elizabeth, m. William Pool.
10. Ann, m. Owen Griffin, who left a will in Wilkes County, Georgia, recorded in 1790.
11. Delilah, m. Aaron Pinson.

WILL OF JOHN STOVALL (1700-1781)

Will recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Granville County, North Carolina, in Record of WILLS, Book 1, page 313.

“In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN STOVALL of Granville County and State of North Carolina being of sound and perfect mind & memory, bless be God. I do this twenty ninth day of July in the year of our Lord, One thousand seven hundred and eighty one make and publish this my last Will & Testament in manner & form following that is to say first let all my just debts be paid.

Secondly I lend unto my beloved wife during her life in widowhood all my land whereon I now live also four negroes, Vist: Aggy, Anthony, Jacob, & Jane, likewise all my household & kitchen furniture, likewise all my stock of horses, cattle, sheep, & hogs while she lives a widow, Secondly, when ever my (sic) marries or dies, I give & bequeath my land lent unto her unto my son DRURY STOVALL.

Thirdly, I give and bequeath unto my son BARTHOLOMEW STOVALL after my wife's marriage or decease my negro Anthony.

Fourthly I give unto my son JOSIAH STOVALL my negro Aggy, Robin and Hannah & their increase after my wife marries or dies.

Fifthly, I give and bequeath unto my son WILLIAM STOVALL after my wife marries or dies my negro Jacob.

Sixthly, I give & bequeath unto my son DRURY STOVALL after my wife marries or dies my negro girl Jane & her increase.

Seventhly, I give and bequeath unto my three grand daughters, Rebecca Stovall, Susannah Stovall, Mary Stovall, daughters of THOMAS STOVALL, after my wife marries or dies, all my beds & furniture to be equally divided between them.

Eighthly, I give and bequeath unto my son in law, Owen Griffin my negro girl named Patt & her increase, my bell mettle skillet, Dutch oven and looking glass.

Ninthly, I give and bequeath unto my son BENJAMIN STOVALL my negro woman Fanny and her increase from this time.

Tenthly, I give and bequeath unto my Grand Son John Stovall, son of THOMAS Stovall, my negro boy James, likewise my saddle with a horse to be raised out of that part of my estate to be sold, the horse to be worth Ten or twelve pounds V. C. to be judged by my executors to be worth that sum in the year one Thousand Seven hundred & Seventy four, likewise all my wearing apparel.

Eleventhly, I give and bequeath unto my son in law Aaron Pinson a negro girl named Phillis and her increase from this time.

Twelfthly, I give and bequeath unto my son in law William Poole my negro girl named Dilsey and her increase from this time.

Thirteenth, I give and bequeath unto my son JOHN STOVALL a negro boy named Abraham.

Fourteenth, I give unto my son GEORGE STOVALL five shillings sterling to be raised out of that part of my estate that is to be sold.

Fifteenth, I give and bequeath unto my son DRURY STOVALL my brandy still & the appurtenances.

Lastly my will and desire is that after my wife's marriage or death that all the remainder of my estate not already bequeathed be sold and the money arising from the sale be equally divided between all my children except my son GEORGE and I hereby constitute & appoint my sons BARTHOLOMEW STOVALL, BENJAMIN STOVALL & DRURY STOVALL Executors of this my last Will & Testament revoking all other wills by me heretofore made.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 29th day of July in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred & eighty one.

JOHN STOVALL (Seal)

Sign'd, seal'd and Declared to be the last Will & Testament of the said JOHN STOVALL in the presence of us who was in the room with him.

Samuel Smith
 William Knight Granville County SS November Court
 John Young A. D. 1781

This Will was duly approved by the oaths of Samuel Smith & John Young, Exec. and ordered to be recorded then BARTHOLOMEW STOVALL & DRURY STOVALL qualified as Executors to the said Will. Test

Reuben Searcy C. C."

The following sons of John Stovall, Sr., removed from Virginia to Granville County, North Carolina, circa 1750: *Josiah*, Bartholomew, Drury, Benjamin, John Jr., George, William and Thomas, and in 1771 four of them were listed as privates in Col. Richard Henderson's Regiment of Foot, Captain Yancey's Company. Sometime after the Revolution, *Josiah*, Bartholomew, Benjamin, Drury, George, and two brothers-in-law, Owen Griffin and William Pool, removed to Georgia, settling in Oglethorpe County and in Wilkes County, in the part that was cut off in 1796 to form Lincoln. After the death of *Josiah* in 1798, his family remained in Georgia until 1811, when his widow, Mary (Polly) Stovall, migrated to Mississippi Territory with a number of her children and kinsmen, and settled first in present Marion county, and then in Hinds County, Mississippi.

Josiah Stovall left a will in Lincoln County, Georgia recorded in Will Book B, p. 15, December 14, 1798, which was also filed in Hinds County, Mississippi, in connection with a law suit among the heirs concerning a settlement of the estate by Drury Stovall and some slaves that were removed from Georgia to Mississippi.

WILL OF JOSIAH STOVALL (Abt. 1749-1798)

Will recorded 14 December 1798

Will Book B, p. 15, Lincoln County, Georgia.

"In the name of God, Amen, I, JOSIAH STOVALL of the state of Georgia and Lincoln County being sick and weak in body but in sound mind and memory do constitute and ordain this to be my last will and testament."

First I will that all my just debts be paid.

Second, it is my will and desire that all the rest of my children that has not received anything that it shall be given to them as my beloved wife can spare or as she thinks proper that she can spare to those that has not rec'd anything or as they may need or as they may marry.

Item, I give and bequeath to my daughter POLLY one negro girl named Fanny, in case said daughter POLLY should die it is my will that the said negro girl Fanny may return again to the family. N. B. It is my will and desire that said negro girl Fanny should not be traded traffect (sic) nor sold to any person from the said daughter POLLY in case she may marry if her husband may want to sell or make way with her. If he should, it shall be taken by the family or executors and lend to her her lifetime and then to her heirs if anything else at her death a division in the family of her and her increase.

Item, I do lend to my loving wife the tract of land I now live on containing three hundred and fifty acres with the negroes viz: Jessy and Spencer and Hannah and her increase and Villi (?) with all my stock of horses and cattle and hogs together with all the household furniture and plantation tools for the benefit and education of my small children and support of them and support of my beloved wife POLLY STOVALL.

Item, It is my will and desire that the plantation and tract of land may be sold that I bought of Edward Jones where he now liveth containing two hundred acres in order to discharge my just debts if the executors think they can sell it to the value of it or else that to remain to the use of my beloved wife her lifetime. It is my will and desire that if my beloved wife should die before my small children should be raised that it may all continue together for the support and benefit of raising my small children and then for them that has not rec'd anything they may have as much as them that has had and then an equal division be made of all living remaining amongst all my children which estate is kept together.

Lastly, I do appoint my loving wife POLLY Executrix and my son DRURY STOVALL and CHARLES STOVALL executors of my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I do set my hand and affix my seal
this 17 day of November 1798.

his
JOSIAH x STOVALL
Mark

Test:

Elisha W. Holmes
John Tatom
Wm. Right
Stephen Stovall"

You will note that the will only mentions three children by name: a daughter, Polly, and two sons, Drury and Charles, who were named Executors, but in an estate settlement in 1804, the following heirs were named: Polly Stovall, the widow; Charles, David, Ralph, Josiah, William, Polly (a daughter), Lewis, John, Elisha Holmes, for his wife, Sally, nee Sally Stovall; Charles Kennon, for his late wife, Lucy, nee Stovall. For some reason all of the children were not named.

Mary (Polly) Hicks Stovall is buried in "Old Friendship Cemetery," which is believed to be called the Smylie Cemetery today.* An Obituary, written by L. R. Holloway, Baptist Minister, whom some of the descendants claim was a son-in-law, recites that Mary (Polly) Hicks Stovall raised seventeen children—ten sons and seven daughters. Most of our records list just nine sons, but if Mr. Holloway is correct there may have been another son, Thomas, about whom we have been uncertain, who was the ancestor of Simeon Stovall whom we have not been able to place. Mr. Holloway married Jane Stovall, whom some family historians say was a daughter of Josiah, but we have found no proof for this claim.

In an article written by Mrs. Mims Williams and placed in the Mississippi State Archives by Mrs. Calvin S. Brown, Historian of the Mississippi D. A. R., entitled *Some Pioneer Women of Mississippi*, there is an interesting account of the Stovall family and Mary (Polly) Hicks Stovall and her pioneering family. She tells of their removal to Marion and Pike County, Mississippi, with their Lares and Penates, where they left "the grooves of their plows and the mound of their graves."

*Hinds County, Mississippi, Marriage Records, Book 3, p. 424: James J. Smylie to Mrs. Sarah E. Stovall. License issued October 23, 1854, m. October 24, 1854, by Thomas Ford.

Josiah and Mary Hicks Stovall had twenty children according to family tradition, and either eleven or twelve moved with them from Virginia to North Carolina. We only have authentic proof for sixteen children, though there may have been another one, Thomas, whom we have failed to locate. The sixteen children were:

1. Mary, b. 1769; m. 1) William Ratliff; m. 2) her cousin, Stephen Stovall.
2. Drury, b. 1770, m. Lucy Wright.
3. Priscilla, b. 1774, m. Thomas Harvey.
4. *Josiah, Jr.*, b. 1776, m. 1) *Elizabeth A. Tatom*; m. 2) Jane _____.
5. Charles, m. Mrs. Lucy Ashton.
6. Ralph, m. 1) Martha Harrington; m. 2) Sarah Doughty or Daughterity.
7. *William*, b. 1780, m. 1) *Cynthia Tatom*, daughter of Abner Tatom; m. 2) Mrs. Nancy Johnson; m. 3) Margaret _____.
8. *Rebecca*, b. 1782, m. as his second wife, *John Tatom, Jr.*
9. John, b. 1785, m. Elizabeth Jones.
10. Ann, b. circa 1786, m. Richard Ratliff.
11. *Elizabeth*, b. 1787, m. *LeRoy Tatom*.
12. Lewis, m. Jane Griffin.
13. Gilbert, m. Ruth Spencer.
14. Sarah, m. Elisha Holmes.
15. Lucy, m. Charles Kennon.
16. David, m. Mary Wright, and PERHAPS
17. Thomas.

Josiah Stovall bought a tract of land from his brother-in-law, William Pool⁸, Granville County, North Carolina, December 9, 1772. In a sale of a tract of land in Granville County by Josiah, his wife, Mary, signs off her dower rights.⁹

Because of the confusion concerning the many children of Josiah and Mary Hicks Stovall, Mr. W. H. Dumont, who has made an exhaustive study of the family, has prepared

8. Deed Book M, p. 126, Granville County, North Carolina.

9. Deed Book O, p. 208, Granville County, North Carolina.

a chart giving official proof of the line of descent, extracts from which are copied below:

“JOSIAH STOVALL and his Children.

There has been some confusion as to the names and number of children of Josiah Stovall (b. 1749, d. 1798) who moved from Granville County, North Carolina, around 1785, to that part of Wilkes County, Georgia which later became Lincoln County. There is one family tradition that there were 20 children; others claim there were 17 or 19 children. The names of several of the children are different in the various lists. Most of this confusion is based on a list in a Bible claimed to be Josiah's, and which has been reported to be in the possession of a Mrs. Ida Cassidy, Terry, Mississippi, a descendant of Josiah.

Miss Mary Ratliff, Raymond, Mississippi, a granddaughter of Anne Stovall, (daughter of Josiah), wrote to Wm. H. Dumont on March 11, 1941, that she had tried to see this Bible, but was unable to do so. She had also written to a niece of Mrs. Cassidy and asked for the names and dates. What she received was only a list of names but no dates. She noticed that this list was the same as one Miss Ratliff had previously given to another member of the family. The late Miss Tommie Foster, Tchula, Mississippi, tried, without success, to locate this Bible in 1949.

Since the list of children's names, as reported as being in this Bible has been widely published and is believed to be incorrect in many details, the following list of children's names has been prepared from the records. These include the Will of Josiah Stovall, a deed, and court records in Mississippi. Only sixteen names are verified as being children of Josiah.

Many of the family traditions list Jane as being one of Josiah's children, but none of the following references list her or her two husbands (James M. Chiles, or Rev. Lewis B. Holladay) as an heir. Neither are the names of Thomas, Henry, Stephen and Joseph included in any of these references except Stephen, who was a witness to Josiah's will. As Stephen married Polly, Jr., he could not have been a son of Josiah. The county records of Georgia and Alabama show that Joseph was a synonym of Josiah.

In the following table, the order that each child is listed in the seven references is shown; in addition, the year of

birth as taken from census or family records, the year of marriage, and to whom married.

REFERENCES

1. Will of Josiah Stovall: filed December 1798, Lincoln County, Georgia, Will Book A, page 15. Only three of the children are named in this record. Drury and Charles as Executors, and Polly. "Younger children" are mentioned. This will was later filed in Hinds County, Mississippi.

Witnesses to Will: John Tatom (husband of Rebecca Stovall)

Stephen Stovall (nephew)

William Wright (father-in-law of David Stovall)

E. Holmes (husband of Sarah Stovall)

2. Deed wherein Polly Stovall, widow of Josiah Stovall sells some land in 1804 in Lincoln County, Georgia; filed in Deed Book F, page 32. The children are listed in the following order: Drury, Charles, David, Ralph, Josiah, Jr., William, Elisha Holmes for his wife, Sarah, Chas. Kennon for his late wife, Lucy; Polly, and John.

3. Chancery Court Cause No. 176: Stovall vs. Stovall-Escomptification of Will of Josiah Stovall, Hinds County, Mississippi, June 1834:

Ralph Stovall, Hinds County, Mississippi.

Elisha Holmes and Sarah, his wife, Pike County, Mississippi.

William Kennon (heir of Lucy Stovall,) Hancock County, Mississippi.

———— Jones and Polly, his wife, heirs of Lucy Kennon.

John Stovall, Hinds County, Mississippi.

LeRoy Tatum and Elizabeth, his wife, Hinds County, Mississippi.

Simpson, Griffin, William, and John Ratliff (children of Anne), Hinds County, Mississippi.

William, Griffin and Sarah Stovall (children of Gilbert) Hinds County, Mississippi.

Thomas Harvey and Lella, his wife, Hinds County, Mississippi.

Thomas, Mary, Betsy and Matilda Ratliff (children of Anne).

Mrs. Polly Stovall (widow of Josiah Stovall, Sn.)
Hinds County, Mississippi.

4. Probate Court, Cause No. 176, Hinds County, Mississippi, June 23, 1834:

Drury Stovall, Executor of Josiah Stovall, deceased.

Josiah, David, William and Betsy Stovall, children and heirs of David, deceased, in States of Tennessee and Alabama.

Josiah Stovall of Alabama.

Rebecca Tatum, Lincoln County, Georgia.

William Stovall of Alabama.

John Ratliff, Singleton Durham and Lucy, his wife, of Alabama, and Josiah Stovall, Columbia County, Georgia (children of Polly Stovall, Jr.)

The children and heirs of Lewis Stovall, not known in Georgia.

5. Estate of Mary Stovall, Hinds County, Mississippi: John Stovall applies for administrator papers on his mother's estate, since she "died on the 13th instant." He claimed that he was a son of Mary and that there were 14 other heirs. December 18, 1845.
6. Cause No. 843: Consent of the heirs of Mary Stovall for John Stovall to serve as administrator for her estate. December 18, 1845:

Sarah W. Stovall (widow of Ralph Stovall).

Enos Doughtry (heirs of Anne Stovall).

Thomas Harvey.

Ruth H. Stovall (widow of Gilbert Stovall).

Elizabeth Tatom and Joseph W. Tatom.
7. Cause No. 843: Summons by Probate Court, Hinds County, Mississippi; March 4, 1848, in the estate of Mary (Polly) Stovall:

Thomas Harvey and wife (Pricella, whd.)

Elizabeth Tatom.

William Stovall, Griffin Stovall, S. A. Wells, and
Sarah Wells, his wife (heirs of Gilbert Stovall, whd.)

Jos Jones, Good Jones and Ralph Jones (heirs of
Ralph Stovall)

*Photostat in possession of Wm. H. Dumont.

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Name	Born Year	Married Year	Married To Whom	Reference							
				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
1. Drury	1770	1803	Lucy Wright	1	1		1				
2. Charles		1809	Mrs. Lucy Ashton	2	2						
3. David		bef. 1800	Mary Wright	3			2				
4. Ralph	1776	bef. 1811	1. Martha Harrington	4	1				2	4	
			2. Sarah Doughty								
5. Josiah	1776	bef. 1806	1. Elizabeth _____		5			3			
			2. Jane _____								
6. William	1781	bef. 1809	1. Cynthia Tatom*		6			5			
			2. Mrs. Nancy Johnson								
			3. Margaret Elisha Holmes	7	2						
7. Sarah		bef. 1804	Charles Kennon								
8. Lucy 1/*		bef. 1804			8		3				
9. Polly ?	1769	1804	1. William Ratliff	3	9			6			
		1808	2. Stephen Stovall (18)								
10. Pricella	1774	1816	Thomas Harvey			8			4	1	
11. Rebecca	1782	?	John Tatum					4			
12. John	1785	1815	Elizabeth Jones	10	4				1	1	
13. Anne	1786	1805	Richard Ratliff			6				3	
14. Elizabeth	1787	1818	Leroy Tatum			5			6	2	
15. Lewis	1789	1813	Jane Griffin					7			
16. Gilbert	1794	1815	Ruth Spencer			7			5	3	

1/*Died before 1804

*Will of Abner.

NOT PROVEN AS CHILDREN OF JOSIAH STOVALL

Name	Year Born	Married Year	Married To Whom	Reference
17. Jane		?	1. Jas. M. Chiles 2. Rev. Lewis B. Holladay	
18. Stephen ¹⁻²	1778	1808	1. Mrs. Polly (Stovall) Ratliff (9)	
		1824	2. Mrs. Jane Farrar	
		1831	3. Mrs. Jane (Griffin) Stovall (widow of Lewis Stovall-15)	
19. Henry ³		1822	Dorcus Tabor	
20. Thomas ¹⁻²		1815	Mary Carroll	
21. Joseph				

STOVALL—TATOM Connections:

Four children of Josiah Stovall, Sr., married into the Tatom family: Josiah, Jr., Elizabeth, William Stovall, and Rebecca. *Josiah Stovall, Jr.*, son of Josiah and Mary Hicks Stovall, b. according to Census Records in North Carolina in 1776, and died in Lawrence County, Alabama, circa 1855. He married 1) Elizabeth A. Tatom, daughter of Abner and Mary Curren Tatom of Granville County, North Carolina, and Lincoln County, Georgia, and mentioned in her father's will in 1819, on file in the First Will Book of Madison County, Alabama, Mississippi Territory, p. 204. Josiah, Jr., married 2) in Lawrence County, Alabama, Jane ———.

The marriage of Elizabeth A. Tatom to Josiah Stovall, Jr., and of Cynthia A. Tatom to William Stovall, are verified by affidavits of members of the family in Court Actions in Wilbarger, Fayette, and Coleman Counties, in Texas, when there were various law suits over some property granted by the State of Texas to Lieutenant Memory B. Tatom, and his brother, Sergeant Joseph B. Tatom, for service in the

1-2. Sons of Benjamin Stovall, brother of Josiah.

3. Son of George Stovall, brother of Josiah."

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Texas Revolution in 1836, when proof of heirship was required.

1. Josiah Stovall, Jr., moved from Lincoln County, Georgia, to Giles County, Tennessee, with his family and in 1814 and 1817 he was Overseer of the Roads. He was on the Jury Panel in Giles County in 1815. He bought 420 acres of land in Giles County in March of 1818, which he sold the following December, at which time he was living in Cotaco County, Alabama, a county which later became Morgan County. He was Overseer of the Roads for Morgan County in 1822; a Juror in 1824, and listed there in the Census of 1830. By 1834, he had removed to Lawrence County, Alabama, for in that year he and his wife, Elizabeth, sold some land to John Tatom, and his residence was given as Lawrence County.¹⁰ He probably moved to Lawrence County between 1831 and 1834, where he continued to live until his death.

In 1846, Lawrence County, Alabama, Journal Book L, pp. 421, 422, Josiah Stovall, Jr., transfers some land and slaves to his two sons, Archibald Stovall, and William Tatom Stovall, and his granddaughter, Eliza Ratliff, daughter of Archibald Stovall, in satisfaction of debts he owed them.

It appears from the records that all of the children of Josiah, Jr., were by his first wife, Elizabeth A. Tatom.

Issue of Josiah Stovall, Jr., and Elizabeth A. Tatom:

- 1-1. *Archibald Stovall*, son of Josiah Stovall, Jr., and Elizabeth A. Tatom, b. Oct.-2-1799, d. Feb.-12-1881, m. 1, _____ Ratliff; m. 2) May-20-1830, Mrs. Jane Brown Rucker, b. 12-23-1802, d. 8-27-1852, widow of Edmond Rucker, whom she married August 19, 1819; m. 3) Mrs. Leah Jackson Hudson Russell, widow of George Russell, and was divorced; m. 4) Mrs. Elizabeth Rogers Reed Sept.-10-1861 in Itawamba County, Mississippi, widow, who had one Reed child, Casenda, b. 1855. She died in Ellis County, Texas, Jan.-25-1895.

Archibald Stovall gave bond as Justice of the Peace in Lawrence County, Alabama, April 5, 1841, and in June of 1843, he was appointed School Commissioner. On December 11, 1846, his father, Josiah Stovall, Jr., repaid a debt to him and his brother,

10. Deed Book 5, p. 17, Lawrence County, Alabama.

William Tatom Stoval by deeding him some land in Lawrence County, and made gifts to his (Archibald's) daughter, Eliza Ratliff Stovall, granddaughter of Josiah Stovall, Jr. At the May Court of 1847, he was ordered by the Court of Lawrence County, Alabama, to report on his guardianship of his daughter, Eliza Ratliff Stovall. In February of 1848, he made a final settlement on the guardianship of Eliza, and in April of the same year, Eliza signed a receipt that she had received the property held by Archibald as her guardian and was discharged.

Archibald paid tax in Lawrence County, 1848-1855, on eight or ten slaves, but no slaves were listed for him after that time. He was wise enough, I suppose, to dispose of them before they were liberated during the War Between the States.

At the December Court in Lawrence County, in 1852, Archibald Stovall was appointed guardian of the minor heirs of his deceased wife, Jane Stovall, and on January 4, 1853, he gave bond for \$8,000.00 with Josiah J. Stovall and Crockett McDonald as Security, as Administrator of the estate of Jane Stovall. On January 11, 1853, he gave bond for \$4,000.00 as guardian for Robert G. Stovall, John H. Stovall, and Docenda (Lucinda) Stovall, minor heirs of Jane Rucker Stovall. In a division of the estate of Jane Stovall, February 5, 1853, one slave each was awarded to the following: Lucinda J. Stovall, Robert G. Stovall, John H. Stovall, Josiah J. Stovall, and the two Rucker children by Jane's first marriage—Samuel B. Rucker and R. H. C. Rucker.

Archibald Stovall married Mrs. Leah Jackson Hudson Russell, widow of George Russell, at the home of her son, George Daniel Russell, in Lawrence County, Alabama, August 21, 1853, but it was not a happy marriage and the couple were divorced. There was no issue of this marriage. We do not know the exact date of the divorce, but it was after October, 1855. In February, 1854, Archibald and Leah signed a joint deed for some land to William Boling, and again, in October 1855, they signed a joint deed for 200 acres of land in Lawrence County, Alabama, to William H. Bowling.

Issue of Archibald Stovall and Miss Ratliff:

- 1-1-1. Eliza Ratliff Stovall, m. Dec.-20-1848, John C. Harris, in Lawrence County, Alabama.

Issue of Archibald Stovall and Mrs. Jane Brown Rucker:

- 1-1-2. Josiah J. Stovall, m. April 4, 1849, Sarah E. Raley. In 1850 one Sarah Stovall, age 18, was living with William and Martha Raley in Lawrence County, Alabama. Unless Josiah J. Stovall and Sarah Raley were divorced, this could not be the wife of Josiah J. Stovall, for he was living in 1853 when he signed a bond for Archibald Stovall.

- 1-1-3. John H. Stovall, b. 1835, in Itawamba County, Mississippi, tax rolls, 1856-1859.

- 1-1-4. Robert Stovall, b. 1837, m. January 8, 1857, Josephine Bowling.

- 1-1-5. Docenda Stovall (Lucinda), b. 1840, m. April-4-1855, E. M. Crayton.

Issue of Archibald Stovall and Mrs. Elizabeth Rogers Reed:

- 1-1-6. Mary Elizabeth Stovall (1862-1900).

- 1-1-7. Archibald (Archie) Stovall, (1865-1927), b. Sept.-2-1865.

- 1-1-8. William Tatom Stovall, b. April 6, 1867, m. April 1, 1888, in Texas, Sarah Elizabeth _____, b. January 15, 1870, in Missouri, d. August 29, 1912, in Texas.

Issue of William Tatom Stovall and Sarah Elizabeth:

- 1-1-8-1. Walter Adams Stovall, b. August 16, 1893, in Texas, m. Frances Eva _____.

Issue:

- 1-1-8-1-1. Walter Adams Stovall, Jr., b. August 30, 1922.

- 1-1-8-1-2. Harding Collidge Stovall, b. August 3, 1923.

- 1-1-8-1-3. Charles William Stovall, b. August 16, 1928.

- 1-1-8-2. Eva Mae Stovall, b. March 12, 1895.
- 1-1-8-3. Myrtle Icy Stovall, b. June 21, 1898.
- 1-1-8-4. Bonnie Virginia Stovall, b. May 31, 1904.
- 1-1-8-5. Howard Houston Stovall, b. February 7, 1907.
- 1-1-8-6. Joel Clinton Stovall, b. August 31, 1908.

1-2. *William Tatom Stovall:*

William Tatom Stovall of Lawrence County, Alabama, second child of Josiah Stovall, Jr., and Elizabeth A. Tatom, b. circa 1804, d. 1857, m. 1) before 1825, Mrs. Mary Johnson, d. circa 1831, widow of John Johnson, m. 2) June-14-1832, Nancy Montgomery, m. 3) Louisa _____, b. 1818 in Tennessee. The records are sometimes confusing for in the 1840 Census for Lawrence County there were three William Stovalls, and two William Tatom Stovalls.

The above William Tatom Stovall's first wife, Mrs. Mary Johnson, had one child by her first husband, John Johnson, Peggy Elizabeth Johnson, and at the September Court in Lawrence County, in 1825, William Tatom Stovall was appointed her guardian. Both Mary Johnson Stovall and her daughter were dead by 1831 when William was authorized by the December Court to apply their property to his own use. William Tatom Stovall's second wife, Nancy Montgomery, died before 1850, for in the 1850 Census his wife was listed as Louisa. All of the children of William Tatom Stovall appear to be children of Nancy Montgomery Stovall, except Franklin who was not quite one year old in 1850, and a daughter Lucy, who was listed as seven years old in the 1860 Census. The wife Louise is not listed in the 1860 Census so she must have died between 1853-1860, at the time of the birth of Lucy.

In a deed in Lawrence County, Alabama, dated May-12-1842, William Tatom Stovall deeds some slaves to his children, Cynthia McVey Stovall, Jane Walker Stovall and James Currin Stovall, and when his estate was divided in 1861, at the time of his death, the only children listed as legatees were Jane Walker Stovall, and James Currin Stovall. Cynthia McVey Stovall had probably died by that time. In 1868 Jane W. Stovall and James Currin Stovall, sold their interest in their

father's estate to William Harris, the Administrator, and in June of 1868, in another transaction, James Currin Stovall and his wife, Mary D. Stovall, sold their property in Lawrence County to William Harris. It is probable that they were preparing to move away from Lawrence County at that time."

Issue of William Tatom Stovall and Nancy Montgomery:

- 1-2-1. Cynthia McVey Stovall, b. 1834, probably dead by 1850, as she was not listed in the Census for that year.
- 1-2-2. Jane W. Stovall, b. 1836, m. Lee County, Mississippi, March-12-1868, W. P. Montgomery, (Book 1, p. 249).
- 1-2-3. Dr. James Currin Stovall, b. 1838, was killed in Travis County, Texas, March-16-1885, m. Mary Dopsil, who after her husband's death married J. B. Rogers, in Austin, Texas.

Dr. James Currin Stovall and his wife, Mary D. Stovall signed a joint deed in Austin, Texas, on January-11-1878. According to an affidavit of Mrs. Mary D. Rogers, in Travis County, Texas, March-24-1896, Dr. James Currin Stovall purchased two tracts of land in Travis County, in 1880, the Alexander Eanes Survey of 160 acres, and the P. J. Wyche survey of 131 acres, situated about twelve miles Southeast of Austin. This land was in the village of St. Elmo.

*Issue of Dr. James Currin Stovall and
Mary D. Stovall:*

- 1-2-3-1. Gilbert C. Stovall, married in California when quite young, but was divorced, and died intestate November-27-1895 and without issue in Austin, Texas, where he is buried in Oakwood Cemetery.
- 1-2-3-2. Novella Stovall, m. December-22-1880, William J. Smith.

Issue of Novella Stovall and William J. Smith:

- 1-2-3-2-1. Eselle Smith, died at the age of two.
- 1-2-3-2-2. Ethel C. Smith, died at age of 24, unmarried.
- 1-2-3-2-3. Gilbert S. Smith, d. in 1917 in First World War, unmarried.

1-2-3-2-4. Novella Wade Smith, d. 1931, unmarried.

1-2-3-2-5. W. R. Smith, who on June-2-1933 was the only surviving member of the Dr. James Currin Stovall family.

1-2-4. William Gilbert Stovall, Confederate soldier, enlisted as a private in Jeff Davis Legion, Mississippi Cavalry, promoted to Second Lieutenant, and then to Captain of Company B, 1st Regiment of Chickasaw County, Mississippi Militia. He was born in Lawrence County, Alabama, February-20-1843, d. November-4-1907 in Okalona, Mississippi, m. 1867 Eleanor LaGrone, b. June-3-1849, d. December-11-1915.

*Issue of William Gilbert Stovall and
Eleanor Augusta LaGrone:*

1-2-4-1. A. Tonquin Stovall.

1-2-4-2. Mattie Stovall, b. October-24-1870, d. February-3-1942, m. Harvey Lee Morrison.

1-2-4-3. I. B. Stovall, female, b. December-26-1872, d. May-12-1940. Unmarried.

1-2-4-4. Anna Stovall, b. March-4-1875, d. July-3-1926, m. 1894, Charles Evans Saunders, of Starkville, Mississippi.

Issue of Anna Stovall and Charles Evans Saunders:

1-2-4-4-1. Tonquin Stovall Saunders, b. 1895, d. 10-31-1895.

1-2-4-4-2. William B. Saunders, b. September-23-1896, m. Margaret Johnson of Amory, Mississippi, in 1923, and had one daughter, Lois Ann Saunders, b. June-1-1926, m. 1944 Richard Harner.

1-2-4-4-3. Charles Evans Saunders, Jr., b. September-4-1901, m. December-23-1925, Grace Elizabeth McLean, daughter of Charles Earl and Sarah B. McLean, of Summit, Mississippi.

*Issue of Charles Evans Saunders, Jr. and
Grace Elizabeth McLean:*

1-2-4-4-3-1. Jane Saunders, b. May-4-1929, m. April-9-1949, Marion G. Stewart.

Issue:

1-2-4-4-3-1-1. Sarah Ann Stewart, b. May-15-1950.

1-2-4-4-3-2. Charles Evans Sanders, Third, b. March-23-1932, m. 1952, San Antonio, Texas, Connie Reimer.

1-2-5. Sarah Elizabeth Stovall, the fifth child of William Tatom Stovall and Nancy Montgomery, b. 1845, m. December-3-1866 in Lawrence County, Alabama, George W. Ponder.

1-2-6. Mary H. Stovall, b. 1848, m. December-5-1865, William J. Wasson, Lawrence County, Alabama.

1-2-7. Franklin Stovall, evidently the son of Louise, third wife of William Tatom Stovall, was born in 1849.

1-2-8. Lucy Stovall, b. 1853, as she was seven years old in the 1860 Census. Her mother probably died between 1853 and 1860, as she is not listed in the Census for that year.

1-3. Bannister Stovall, the third child of Josiah Stovall, Jr., b. circa 1811, m. March-15-1829 in Lawrence County, Alabama, Polly Ann Joll. No further record.

WILLIAM STOVALL AND CYNTHIA TATOM:

1. William Stovall and his brother, Josiah Stovall, Jr., sons of Josiah Stovall, Sr., married sisters, Cynthia and Elizabeth A. Tatom, who were daughters of Abner Tatom and his wife Mary Currin, of Granville County, North Carolina, and Lincoln County, Georgia.

William Stovall, b. circa 1780, Granville County, North Carolina, d. 1863, in Pontotoc County, Mississippi; m. circa 1806, Cynthia Tatom, who died in 1831.

William Stovall was one of the sixteen children of Josiah and Mary Hicks Stovall, of Granville County, North Carolina. He was born in Granville County, North Carolina in 1780, and moved with his parents to Wilkes County, Georgia, in 1786, in the area later cut off to form Lincoln County, Georgia. He was married to Cynthia Tatom, daughter of Abner and Mary Curren Tatom, in either Wilkes or Lincoln County. (The Tatoms, too, came originally from Granville County, North Carolina). We

do not have an official record of the marriage of William Stovall and Cynthia Tatom, but believe that it was circa 1806, and have the following records as proof of the marriage:

1. On October 18, 1809, in Lincoln County, Georgia, William Stovall sells a parcel of land to his brother, John Stovall, and his wife, Cynthia, signs off her dower rights. John Stovall had sold this land to William on April 1, 1807, and it is described as 263 acres of land on the Savannah River. It is probable that William sold this land in preparation for his removal to Giles County, Tennessee.

2. In 1819, in Madison County, Alabama, Mississippi Territory, Abner Tatom, in his will on file in the county, names his daughter, Cynthia Stovall, and his daughter, Elizabeth A. Stovall, who had married Josiah Stovall, Jr., brother of William.

3. Two Tatom brothers, Lieutenant Memory Bibb Tatom, and First Corporal Joseph Bibb Tatom, of Mobile, Alabama, served in Ticknor's Company of the Texas Revolution, and were massacred at Goliad in 1836. They were the sons of James Tatom and his wife, Elizabeth Bibb, who were married in Lincoln County, Georgia, November 20, 1806. After much litigation in several Texas counties, it was discovered that Memory Bibb Tatom had been married and his wife and child had died, but Joseph Bibb Tatom was just a lad and was unmarried. Various land grants were awarded by the State of Texas to soldiers of the Texas Revolution and their heirs, and there were many applicants for the land of the Tatom brothers. Among the applicants was Emily Stovall Russell (Mrs. George Daniel Russell), daughter of William Stovall and Cynthia Tatom Stovall, who made affidavit in Coleman, Fayette and Wilbarger counties, in Texas, where some of the land was located, that Cynthia Tatom Stovall, wife of William Stovall, of Lawrence county, Alabama, was her mother, and the Aunt of the two Texas heroes—Lieutenant Memory Bibb Tatom and his brother, First Corporal Joseph Bibb Tatom. Similar affidavits were filed by other heirs. Emily Stovall Russell also swore that her mother died in 1831, when she, Emily, was only four years old.

William Stovall and his brother, Josiah Stovall, Jr., who had married Cynthia and Elizabeth A. Tatom, respectively, evidently did not remain long in Georgia after their mar-

riage, but moved to Giles County, Tennessee. The exact date is not known, but it was probably between 1807-1809, as William's first child, Amanda, who married Stephen Bennett, was born in Georgia in 1807, and his second child, Absolem Lewis Stovall, was born in Giles County, Tennessee, December 25, 1809. Deeds in Giles County, Tennessee, and various Court Records verify the fact that Josiah, Jr., was still there in 1817, though William had moved to Alabama by 1813, and is listed on the tax records of *Cotaco* County, Alabama, from 1813-1816. *Cotaco* County, no longer in existence, embraced the area ceded by the Cherokees at Turkeytown Treaty, and received its name from the *Cotaco* Creek which flows through the county. The name of the county was changed to Morgan in 1821.

William Stovall was settled in Lawrence County, Alabama, by 1819, for on September 2, 1819, he was named a Justice of the Peace for Lawrence County. His wife, Cynthia, died there in 1831, and left surviving her seven children as follows: Amanda, Absolem Lewis, Cynthia Elizabeth, Mary Ann, Nancy K., Emily and William Tatom Stovall. Though William Stovall was married twice after the death of Cynthia, all of his children were of his first marriage.

The opening up of the lands in Alabama found many of the early Tennessee settlers migrating to this new and wonderful country after the War of 1812, and the worst danger from Indians had passed. Perhaps William and Josiah Stovall, Jr., were influenced in their decision by the fact that their wives were anxious to be near their father, Abner Tatom, who had migrated there from Georgia, and was living in Madison County, Alabama, Mississippi Territory, where he died in 1819, and had been accompanied by his other children and many kinsmen. Alabama land grants list William Stovall as receiving a grant in Lawrence County in 1829, June 30th; and Josiah Stovall's grant was listed in Morgan County, May 7, 1831, though he later removed to Lawrence County where he died.

Other early Alabama Stovall land grants were to:

John Stovall, in 1820; Peter Stovall, in 1821; Thomas Stovall, in 1822; Frederick Stovall, in 1827; William T. Stovall, in 1831; Benjamin Stovall, in 1831; Drury Stovall, in 1831, and Henry Stovall in 1832.

William Stovall remained a widower for twelve years after the death of Cynthia, but in 1843, in Lawrence County,

Alabama, he married a widow, Mrs. Nancy Johnson, and on April 28, 1843, he and Mrs. Johnson entered into a marriage contract which is on file in Lawrence County. This contract was signed on April 28, 1843, before Joseph Sandlin, Justice of the Peace, but was not filed for record until June 7, 1863, after William's death. (Book K, pp. 362 and 363.) The contract provided that both William Stovall and Mrs. Johnson would retain their separate property, both real and personal, since both of them had children by previous marriages, and wished to provide for them out of their separate estates; that all future debts of both of them would be borne by each of them out of their separate estates; and that all future acquisition in land or property would vest in each of them individually. Mrs. Johnson relinquished her dower rights and William relinquished any rights that he might have as her husband.

In 1852, William Stovall removed to Pontotoc County, Mississippi, where many Stovalls and Tatoms lived. Whether his wife, Nancy Johnson Stovall, died before the removal is not known, but she was dead by 1860, when the Census of Pontotoc county for that year listed William's wife as Margaret. We do not know Margaret's surname, or the date of this marriage. Unfortunately, the records of Pontotoc county for this date are missing in the Probate Court, and though some records are mentioned in the General Index, the books could not be found.

William Stovall died in Pontotoc County, Mississippi, in 1863. We do not know the exact date of his death, but it was after March 11, 1863, for on that date he deeded 55 acres of land in Pontotoc County to three of his grandchildren, Mary M., Stephen D., and Jemima (Gemima) Bennett, children of his eldest child, Amanda Bennett, widow of Stephen Bennett, who made her home with him after the death of her husband. On January 30, 1863, he made a deed of gift of a slave, named Margaret, "to my son, William T. Stovall." (Book 15, p. 752.)

Cynthia Elizabeth Stovall, daughter of William Stovall, who married Thomas Caruth in Lawrence County, Alabama, July 11, 1836, died in 1844, and her four children, James, Absolem, Mary A., and Cynthia Emily, were living with their grandfather in 1850, and in 1860 the two youngest children, Mary A., and Cynthia Emily, were still living with William, in addition to Amanda Bennett, and her three youngest children, mentioned above. We have no further record of

James and Absolem Bennett, but they were of age in 1860, and it is presumed that they may have married and moved to homes of their own.

Simpson Franklin Russell, son of Emily Stovall and George Daniel Russell, and grandson of William and Cynthia Tatom Stovall, in a letter to one of his grandchildren, Mrs. Eddie Roam, in 1929, mentions his two cousins who were living with his grandfather, Mary and Emmie Caruth. He was born at his grandfather's house and was familiar with all of the members of the household and gave an accurate description of his grandfather whom he remembered vividly. The description was as follows:

"William Stovall was above five feet, ten inches tall, with black hair, and very dark eyes. He had a charming personality, was a lover of horses, and a fearless rider. He was also an enthusiastic hunter and a crack shot, and always kept a pack of deer and fox hounds. His home was a typical southern plantation, worked by Negro slaves, who were devoted to him because of his kindness to them and his consideration of their welfare. These slaves were exceptional for they were descendants of the most famous tribes of Africa. They were tall, straight, and athletic, with high foreheads, straight noses, high cheek bones, and thin lips. Their hair was kinky, but it stood out from the skull and not like that of the flat nosed, thick lipped Africans. Their color was not black, but ginger cake brown. They were mild tempered, mechanically minded, energetic, faithful, and truthful in their statements. Their intellect was far superior to the common, black Africans. Washington was grandfather's overseer, and his wife, whom we called "Aunt Martha," was the family cook. When I was born she was also my nurse."

The above description of William Stovall helps to visualize him, his physical appearance, his habits, and his disposition, and from other records we learn of his kindness to his family, his protection of his widowed children and their children. He was the typical Patriarch and old time Southern Gentleman, who never lost the feeling of his responsibility for his family. His children were:

- 1-1. Amanda, b. 1807, d. after 1860, m. 1821, Stephen Bennett.
- 1-2. Absolem Lewis, b. 1809, d. 1872, m. 1830, Nancy K. Harris.

- 1-3. Mary Ann, m. February 15, 1832, William Caruth.
- 1-4. Cynthia, d. 1844, m. 7-11-1836, Thomas Caruth, Lawrence County, Alabama.
- 1-5. Nancy L., b. 1816, d. 1869, m. 1830, William Harris.
- 1-6. Emily, b. 1826, d. 1904, m. 1842, George Daniel Russell.
- 1-7. Dr. William Tatom, b. 1828, m. 1) May 19, 1852, by A. L. Stovall, Sarah C. Ewing; m. 2) Lucy Ratliff.

Records of the above children have been secured from official Court Records, Census Records, Family Bibles and Tombstone records, and personal interviews with living descendants.

Issue of William Stovall and Cynthia Tatom Stovall:

- 1-1. Amanda Stovall, b. 1807, in Lincoln County, Georgia, d. after 1860, when she was living in Pontotoc county, Mississippi, with her father; m. December 27, 1821, in Lawrence County, Alabama, Stephen Bennett, b. 1799 in South Carolina, and died before 1850 in Lawrence County, Alabama. Amanda and Stephen Bennett had ten children: Catherine, Temperence, Absolem, William, John, Archibald, Mary, Nancy, Stephen D., and Amanda Gemima (Jemima). We only have records of Mary and Amanda Gemima, except Census records of 1850.

Issue of Amanda Stovall and Stephen Bennett:

- 1-1-1. Catherine Bennett, b. 1824, in Alabama.
- 1-1-2. Absolem Bennett, b. 1828, in Alabama.
- 1-1-3. Temperence Bennett, b. 1832, in Alabama.
- 1-1-4. William Bennett, b. 1834, in Alabama.
- 1-1-5. John Bennett, b. 1836, in Alabama.
- 1-1-6. Archibald Bennett, b. 1839, in Alabama.
- 1-1-7. Mary Bennett, b. 1841, in Alabama, m. Carpenter Mitchell in Tupelo, Mississippi. Carpenter Mitchell was a Confederate soldier, and after the war he and his wife moved to Jacksboro, Texas, where he served for one term as Tax Assessor. We only have the record of one child, though there may have been others.

Issue of Mary Bennett and Carpenter Mitchell:

1-1-7-1. Ann Mitchell, b. 10-25-1865, in Tupelo, Mississippi; m. 1) in 1892, Wiley Reed; m. 2) in 1896, Frank Pierce Bradley.

Issue:

1-1-7-1-1. Wiley Frank Reed, b. Waxahachie, Texas, in 1893.

1-1-7-1-2. William Carson Bradley, b. Waxahachie, Texas, 7-28-1896.

1-1-7-1-3. Robert Bradley, b. Waxahachie, Texas, 12-12-1899.

1-1-7-1-4. Julia Bradley (Thompson), b. Waxahachie, Texas, 5-9-1902.

1-1-7-1-5. Frances Bradley (Mathis), b. Waxahachie, Texas, 4-21-1905.

1-1-7-1-6. George Bradley, b. Waxahachie, Texas, 4-4-1908.

1-1-7-1-7. Richard Bradley, b. Waxahachie, Texas.

1-1-8. Nancy Bennett, b. 1843, Lawrence County, Alabama.

1-1-9. Stephen D. Bennett, b. 1846, Lawrence County, Alabama.

1-1-10. Amanda Gemima (Jemima) Bennett, b. 6-22-1848, Lawrence County, Alabama, d. 8-28-1892; m. 9-10-1868, William Ausburn Davis. There were seven children of this marriage.

Issue of Amanda Gemima Bennett and William Ausburn Davis:

1-1-10-1. Nannie Pitts Davis, b. Tupelo, Mississippi, 9-14-1869.

1-1-10-2. Mary Elizabeth Davis, b. Okalona, Arkansas, 9-14-1872.

1-1-10-3. William Absolem Davis, b. Okalona, Arkansas, 11-11-1874.

1-1-10-4. Stephen Davis, b. Okalona, Arkansas, in 1876.

1-1-10-5. Minnie Davis, b. Waxahachie, Texas, in 1879.

1-1-10-6. Maud Bennett Davis, b. Waxahachie, Texas, 2-22-1883. Professor of Education and Dean of Women, Trinity University, San Antonio, Texas, a flourishing Presbyterian University that had its beginning in Tehuacana, Texas, was moved to Waxahachie, and finally to San Antonio. Maud Davis is the only surviving child of Amanda Gemima and William Ausburn Davis.

1-1-10-7. Robert Hanks Davis, b. Ferris, Texas, 7-8-1887.

There was another William Stovall who died in Pontotoc County, Mississippi, in February, 1861, who had previously lived in Lawrence County, Alabama, but he has not been identified with the other Stovalls there. According to the Census of 1860 for Pontotoc County, Mississippi, this William Stovall was 55 years old, born in Georgia, and had seven children as follows: Martha A., Lumpkin M., William P., Woodville, Anthony E., Josephine, Evergreen, and Mary. His wife was listed as Mary A., age 47, and born in Georgia. The first three children were born in Georgia, and the others in Mississippi. One of the children at least moved to Texas—Woodville. This William Stovall is probably the man who married Mary Jackson in Lawrence County, Alabama, February 25, 1825, and was the son of David Stovall, son of Josiah Stovall, Sr.

1-2 The second child of William and Cynthia Tatom Stovall was Absolem Lewis Stovall, b. Giles County, Tennessee, 12-25-1809, d. 7-4-1872, in Tupelo, Mississippi, and buried in Greenwood Cemetery in Tupelo; m. 9-14-1830, in Lawrence County, Alabama, to Nancy K. Harris, sister of William Harris who had married Nancy Stovall. He moved with his parents from Giles County, Tennessee, circa 1813, to Lawrence County, Alabama, and thence to Tupelo, Mississippi, in 1852. On January 27, 1842, in Lawrence County, Alabama, he gave proof that he was a licensed Baptist minister. He was on the tax rolls of the county from 1848-1852, and in 1848 he was listed as Tax Assessor. He paid taxes on a gold watch and eight slaves, in addition to his other property. He and his wife, Nancy K., sold 420 acres of land in Lawrence County to H. Gee Parham in 1852, on the eve of moving to Mississippi.

Absolem Lewis Stovall was an outstanding preacher in the Baptist Church and flattering records of his life and work can be found in many Baptist histories: Leavell and Bailey's *Complete History of Mississippi Baptists*, and *History of Muscle Shoals Baptist Association*, among the number. While living in Moulton, Alabama, he served the following churches in Lawrence County: Town Creek, Moulton, Macedonia, and Courtland. He was Clerk of the Muscle Shoals Association from 1840-1850; was Moderator from 1851-1852, when he moved to Mississippi. He assisted in organizing the Judson Association in Mississippi, and up to the time of his death was Moderator. He was pastor of three Mississippi churches at the time of his death in 1872, Tupelo, Centreville, and Pilgrim's Rest. He was described in the *History of Mississippi Baptists* as "a most amiable Christian gentleman, beloved by all who knew him. He had a face to see which was a benediction and an inspiration," and one of his friends said of him that he "would prefer to see Stovall sitting in the pulpit to hearing many other preachers deliver a homily."

Absolem Lewis' four children were: Cynthia Elizabeth, Peter Benton Stovall, James Tatom Stovall, and Absolem Rousseau Stovall.

*Issue of Absolem Lewis Stovall and
Nancy K. Harris Stovall:*

1-2-1. Cynthia Elizabeth Stovall, b. 1833, d. 2-18-1875, in Tupelo, Mississippi; m. 3-7-1850, James S. Ewing, b. 1825, d. 1881. Their home was at Town Creek, in present Lee County, Mississippi. After the death of Cynthia in 1875, James Ewing m. 2) Matt Bradley, circa 1877, and had the following children: Rebecca Ewing, Charlie Ewing, who married Nobie Heard, and Clementine Ewing, who married George Hearne.

Issue of Cynthia Elizabeth Stovall and James S. Ewing:

1-2-1-1. John McWhorter Ewing, b. 1851, m. ————?

John McWhorter Ewing and his wife had four children though the following list may not be in the correct order of birth:

1-2-1-1-1. Cynthia Ewing, m. Frank Jeffers.

1-2-1-1-2. Boyd Ewing, m. Ethel Price.

- 1-2-1-1-3. Roye Ewing, m. Maggie Macaha (?)
- 1-2-1-1-4. Hester Ewing, d. unmarried.
- 1-2-1-2. Mary C. Ewing, b. 1852.
- 1-2-1-3. William Franklin (Frank) Ewing. Died unmarried.
- 1-2-1-4. James Lewis Ewing, b. 1855, d. 1919, m. 1902, Aurelia Merritt in Garrett, Texas.
- Issue:
- 1-2-1-4-1. Vashti Ewing, m. Sidney Cave.
- 1-2-1-4-2. Willie Nell Ewing, m. Joe Fleetwood.
- 1-2-1-5. Elizabeth Caroline Ewing, b. 1856, d. 1-14-1901, in Lee County, Mississippi, m. 8-31-1871, Charles Sullivan Jones, b. 6-3-1846, in Georgia, d. 7-13-1933, in Amory, Mississippi.
- Issue: May not be in correct order of birth.
- 1-2-1-5-1. Rube Jones.
- 1-2-1-5-2. Thornton Jones.
- 1-2-1-5-3. McQuinton Jones.
- 1-2-1-5-4. Lois Cynthia Jones, b. 12-22-1882, Lee County, Mississippi, m. 3-31-1902, in Nettleton, Mississippi, to William Percy Johnson, b. 3-22-1878, d. 6-22-1949, son of Lycurgus Johnson (1841-1896), Monroe County, Mississippi, and Margaret Carson (1842-1892), m. 1869, in Monroe County, Mississippi.
- Issue:
- 1-2-1-5-4-1. Margaret Caroline Johnson, b. 8-11-1903, m. William B. Saunders.
- Issue:
- 1-2-1-5-4-1-1. Lois Ann Saunders, b. 6-1-1926, m. Richard Horner.
- 1-2-1-5-4-2. Loraine Johnson, b. 9-19-1905, m. 3-2-1924, Joe Vaughan Liddell, b. 5-15-1901.
- Issue:
- 1-2-1-5-4-2-1. Billie Joyce Liddell, b. 2-21-1927, m. Dr. George L. Lemmons, Lexington, Mississippi.

1-2-1-5-4-2-2. Joe Ann Liddell, b. 7-17-1937.

1-2-1-5-4-3. Lois Evelyn Johnson, b. 3-31-1912, Amory, Mississippi, m. Charles Harold Burbon.

1-2-1-5-4-4. Charles William Johnson, b. 7-25-1914, Amory, Mississippi, m. 7-27-1939, Charleen Johnson.

Issue:

1-2-1-5-4-4-1. William Britt Johnson, b. 9-20-1944.

1-2-1-6. Joseph F. Ewing, b. 1857, m. Belle Pratt in Mississippi, and died in Ferris, Texas.

Issue:

1-2-1-6-1. Lela Ewing, m. Dr. Henry Smith, Palo Pinto, Texas.

1-2-1-6-2. Mary Ewing, m. Scott McDaniel, Ferris, Texas.

1-2-1-6-3. Maggie Ewing, m. George Green, West, Texas.

1-2-1-6-4. Florence Ewing, m. Gene Moore, Lancaster, Texas.

1-2-1-6-5. Joe Ewing, a daughter, m. _____, Palo Pinto, Texas.

1-2-1-7. Robert Russell Ewing, b. 1860, m. circa 1886, in Mississippi, Sallie Sullivan, and moved to Ferris, Texas, where he died.

Issue:

1-2-1-7-1. Joe Ewing, m. Elsie Hyatt, Ferris, Texas.

1-2-1-7-2. Amanda Ewing, m. Ross Batchelor, Ferris, Texas.

1-2-1-7-3. Bud Ewing, m. Edith Warren.

1-2-1-7-4. Mary Ewing, unmarried.

1-2-1-8. Peter Benton Ewing, b. 1862; m. 1) Sallie Crayton in Mississippi; m. 2) Liza Kelly in Ferris, Texas.

1-2-1-9. Absolom Lewis Ewing, b. 1866, unmarried, Tupelo, Mississippi.

1-2-1-10. Lou Ewing, b. 1870, m. Bob McKay in Ferris, Texas.

Issue:

1-2-1-10-1. Bob McKay.

1-2-1-10-2. Abbie McKay.

1-2-1-10-3. Jessie McKay.

1-2-1-10-4. Tony McKay.

1-2-1-11. Ben Ewing, youngest child of Cynthia and James Ewing, born in Tupelo, Mississippi, in 1872, and moved to Texas in 1885. He married Maggie Merritt, sister of Aurelia Merritt, who married his brother James Ewing in Garrett, Texas, in 1902, and has lived in Palmer, Ellis County, Texas, for a number of years.

Issue:

1-2-1-11-1. Jimmie Belle Ewing, b. 1903, in Garrett, Texas, m. 1925, Albert Horace Newberry.

Issue:

1-2-1-11-1-1. Albert Ewing Newberry, b. 10-2-1929, m. 8-1-1951, Joan Hoover.

Issue:

1-2-1-11-1-1-1. Carol Leigh Newberry, b. 7-30-1952.

1-2-1-11-1-2. Eva Lou Newberry, b. 10-22-1931, m. 1949, Johnnie Miller.

1-2-1-11-2. Louella Ewing, m. 7-2-1925, Onis T. (Bud) Lisman.

Issue:

1-2-1-11-2-1. Onis Earl Lisman.

1-2-1-11-2-2. Margaret Nell Lisman, m. 6-12-1951, Wayne Wylie.

Issue:

1-2-1-11-2-2-1. Sherrie Lou Wylie, b. 7-9-1952.

1-2-2. The second child of Absolom Lewis Stovall and

Nancy K. Harris, was Dr. Peter Benton Stovall, b. in Lawrence County, Alabama, in 1834, and died in 1863, in Pontotoc County, Mississippi, where he had moved with his father and mother in 1852. He married September 27, 1854, in Pontotoc County, Mississippi, Nancy M. Campbell. He was a Confederate soldier and served in the 17th Mississippi Regiment. No issue.

- 1-2-3. James Tatom Stovall, third child of Absolem Lewis Stovall and Nancy K. Harris, b. in Lawrence County, Alabama, October 6, 1836, d. August 27, 1902, m. 1-10-1844, Pamela Ross Milwee, b. 1-10-1844?, d. 7-27-1921, daughter of James and Cynthia Milwee.

James Tatom Stovall lived at different times in Lee County, Mississippi, and in Milam and Williamson County, Texas.

Issue:

- 1-2-3-1. Addie Harris Stovall, b. 1-13-1861, d. 10-23-1861.
- 1-2-3-2. Peter Franklin Stovall, b. 10-31-1862, d. 12-16-1894, Thorndale, Texas, m. 1888, Allie Bonds.
- 1-2-3-3. Nannie J. Stovall, b. 2-15-1866, d. 2-21-1866.
- 1-2-3-4. Absolem Lewis Stovall, b. 4-24-1867, d. 1-8-1909, Weir, Texas, m. 1893, Ellen Fagan.
- 1-2-3-5. Sylves Stovall, b. 8-10-1869, d. 8-15-1869.
- 1-2-3-6. James William Stovall, b. 8-7-1871, d. 3-8-1891, Thorndale, Texas, unmarried.
- 1-2-3-7. John Vade Stovall, b. 7-23-1873, d. 7-23-1933, m. 1895, Lucy Sims. Residence, San Gabriel, Texas.
- 1-2-3-8. Inez Tatom Stovall, b. 12-12-1875, d. 3-2-1953, Ferris, Texas, m. 1896, in Ferris, Texas, to John Wilson.
- 1-2-3-9. Rufus Clemens Stovall, b. 7-23-1879, m. 6-7-1905, Emma J. Grove.

Issue:

- 1-2-3-9-1. Newell G. Stovall, b. 8-16-1908.
- 1-2-3-9-2. Rufus C. Stovall, Jr., b. 8-15-1910.
(Both married and have several daughters.)
- 1-2-3-10. Ross Russell Stovall, b. 10-14-1883, d. 2-9-1887, Thorndale, Milam County, Texas.

1-2-3-11. Charles Cooper Stovall, b. 10-28-1885, d. 1912, unmarried.

1-2-4. The fourth child of Absolem Lewis Stovall and Nancy K. Harris was Absolem Rousseau Stovall, b. 1842, in Lawrence County, Alabama, d. in Cherry Creek, Pontotoc County, Mississippi, June 18, 1885; m. 1) June 23, 1865, in Pontotoc County, Mississippi, by George Daniel Russell, Minister of the Gospel, to Rebecca A. Thompson, died January 10, 1880; m. 2) November 19, 1882, by J. Cummings, J. P., to Mrs. Mary J. Hoke, in Pontotoc County, Mississippi. This last marriage was an unhappy one, and on February 2, 1885, Absolem Rousseau Stovall filed suit for divorce in Pontotoc County, Mississippi. Absolem Rousseau Stovall, named Rousseau for his great-aunt, Mrs. Ann Tatom Rousseau, widow of Dr. George Rousseau, who lived with his father and mother for thirty-two years, enlisted in the Confederate army at Popular Springs, Mississippi, on August 2, 1861, as a private. He was later promoted to First Lieutenant of Company "C", of First Mississippi Infantry. After the death of his wife, Rebecca Thompson, Absolem Rousseau Stovall was named as guardian of his children: W. B.; Laura E.; Nannie A.; John T.; Jennie B.; Clara H.; Peter B.; and Rebecca M. (Minute Book 3, p. 193, Pontotoc County, Mississippi.) On June 19, 1882, he was named administrator of the estate of Rebecca Stovall. According to Miss Pearl Caldwell of Cherry Creek, Mississippi, a retired Baptist Missionary, whom the author visited in April of 1956, two of the Stovall children—Virginia (Jennie), and Nan, lived with friends, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Wells, in Cherry Creek, until their marriage.

*Issue of Absolem Rousseau Stovall and
Rebecca A. Thompson:*

1-2-4-1. William Burl Stovall, b. 1866, in Pontotoc County, Mississippi, m. December 8, 1889, by D. G. N. Bigham, Minister of the Gospel, to Miss L. L. Lemons in Pontotoc County, Mississippi.

1-2-4-2. Laura Elizabeth (Bettie) Stovall, b. 1867, m. John Hightower.

1-2-4-3. Nan A. Stovall, b. 1869, m. Boley High.

1-2-4-4. John Tatom Stovall, b. 3-29-1871, d. 5-22-1955,

in Coleman, Texas; m. 1) 11-11-1891, in Conway, Arkansas to Arlena (Lena) Browning, d. _____?

After the death of his wife, Arlena, John Tatom Stovall married 2) Mrs. _____? Riley. John Tatom Stovall moved from Conway, Arkansas, to Ferris, Texas, in 1892. He was in Lee County, Texas, in 1880, moved to San Angelo, Texas, in 1911, and to Coleman in 1913.

Issue of John Tatom Stovall and Arlena Browning:

(This probably is not correct order of birth of children.)

- 1-2-4-4-1. John R. Stovall, Coleman, Texas.
- 1-2-4-4-2. W. B. Stovall, Coleman, Texas.
- 1-2-4-4-3. S. L. Stovall, Berkeley, California.
- 1-2-4-4-4. Robert D. Stovall, Lohn, Texas.
- 1-2-4-4-5. Mrs. W. A. Meacham of Ft. Worth, Texas.
- 1-2-4-4-6. Mrs. M. W. Nuckolls, Colorado City, Texas.
- 1-2-4-4-7. Mrs. W. A. Miller, Corpus Christi, Texas.
- 1-2-4-4-8. Mrs. Cam Shields, of Pendleton, Indiana.

John Tatom Stovall had the following step-children: Newton Riley of El Campo, California; Mrs. Curtis Moore of Coleman, Texas; Mrs. Morgan Laird, of Dayton, Texas, and Mrs. David Rhodes of Coleman, Texas.

- 1-2-4-5. Clara Stovall, b. 1873, m. Joe High.
- 1-2-4-6. Virginia B. (Jennie) Stovall, b. 1875, m. John L. Bullock. Residence: Lancaster, Texas.

1-3. Mary Ann Stovall, the third child of William Stovall and Cynthia Tatom Stovall, was born in Lawrence County, Alabama, exact date unknown, m. in Lawrence County, Alabama, 2-15-1832, William Caruth. She was dead by 1878, leaving one surviving child, Alexander Caruth, according to a deposition of James Tatom Stovall in Fayette County, Texas, in 1878, when qualifying as an heir of Memory B. and Joseph B. Tatom, his cousins, who died at Goliad in the Texas Revolution.

Issue:

1-3-1. Alexander Caruth.

1-4. Cynthia Ann Stovall, the fourth child of William and Cynthia Tatom Stovall, was born in Lawrence County, Alabama, exact date unknown, died in 1844, m. 7-11-1836, in Lawrence County, Alabama, to Thomas Caruth. She must have died soon after the birth of Cynthia Emily Caruth, who was born in 1844. In 1850, Cynthia Ann's four children were living with their grandfather, William Stovall, in Lawrence County, Alabama.

Issue:

1-4-1. James Caruth, b. 1838.

1-4-2. Absolom Caruth, b. 1839.

1-4-3. Mary A. Caruth, b. 1842, m. 1867, Frank Barton, Tupelo, Mississippi.

1-4-4. Cynthia Emily Caruth, b. 1844, m. 1865, A. M. Phillips, Tupelo, Mississippi. In the 1860 Census of Pontotoc County, Mississippi, where William Stovall had moved in 1852, the above Mary Ann Caruth and her sister, Cynthia Emily, were still living with their grandfather, though the two boys were not listed. They had probably married by that time and moved away. In addition to the two Caruth grandchildren, Amanda Stovall Bennett, eldest daughter of William Stovall, and three of her children—Mary M., Stephen D., and Amanda G., were living with William Stovall in Pontotoc County, Mississippi, in 1860.

On June 7, 1889, various heirs of Lieutenant Memory Bibb Tatom and his brother, First Corporal Joseph Bibb Tatom, who died at Goliad in the Texas Revolution, transferred some land in Wilbarger County, Texas, which they had inherited from these soldiers, and J. L. Caruth of Rockwall, Milam County, Texas, was listed among the heirs who signed the deed. This was possibly the son, James Caruth, b. 1838, who was living with his grandfather in Lawrence County, Alabama, in 1850. Nothing further is known about this man or his family.

In the Town Creek Cemetery of Moulton, Lawrence County, Alabama, there are tombs for several Caruths, but whether they are of the same family as the husbands of

the two daughters of William Stovall is unknown. The inscriptions are as follows:

James H. Caruth, b. January 25, 1818, d. Feb. 18, 1893.

Angelina T., wife of J. H. Caruth, b. Nov. 19, 1821,
d. Jan. 9, 1885.

Nancy E. Caruth, b. Sept. 17, 1847, d. April 20, 1888.

Larrow (?) D. Caruth, b. Sept. 16, 1849, d. August 8, 1884.

Anna C. Caruth, b. April 18, 1858, d. Nov. 5, 1881.

1-5. The fifth child of William and Cynthia Tatom Stovall was Nancy L. Stovall, b. 1816, in Lawrence County, Alabama, d. 10-4-1869, in Moulton, Alabama; m. by George Daniel Russell, M. G., June 28, 1830, in Lawrence County, Alabama, William Harris, b. in Grainger County, Tennessee, in 1806; died in Decatur, Alabama, 6-28-1884. William Harris was the brother of Nancy K. Harris, who married Absolom Lewis Stovall. He moved from Lawrence County to Decatur in 1875.

Issue of Nancy L. Stovall and William Harris:

1-5-1. Simpson Harris, b. 1831.

1-5-2. Sarah Lucinda Harris, b. 5-12-1835, in Lawrence County, Alabama, d. 5-11-1902; m. 1-14-1851, David M. Jamison*, b. 11-30-1823, d. 8-10-1914. There were 14 children, but the only one whose name we know is Mrs. Youngblood. Two of the daughters of the Jamisons married two Bowen brothers of Russellville, Alabama.

1-5-3. Cynthia L. Harris, b. 1838.

1-5-4. Christopher Columbus Harris, fourth child of Nancy Stovall and William Harris, was born in Lawrence County, Alabama, 1-28-1842, and was still living in 1915, as he was a member of Congress from May 11, 1914, to March 3, 1915. He probably died in 1915. On February 16, 1869, he married Julia C. Wert, daughter of Michael Wert and Esther Caroline Cowan, of Moulton, Alabama. Michael Wert had moved from Courtland, Alabama, in 1838, to Moulton, and was married there in 1839.* Christopher Columbus Harris enlisted

*David M. Jamison was the son of Joseph Jamison, b. in Kentucky in 1787, and his wife, Jane, b. in Kentucky, 1802.

*Saunders, *Early Settlers of Alabama*, p. 115.

in the Confederate Army as a private, joining Company F, 16th Alabama Infantry Regiment, and was promoted to Lieutenant. He participated in the battles of Shiloh, Chickamauga, Jonesboro, and Franklin, and was wounded at Shiloh. He was captured by the Northern troops and spent several months in prison at Camp Chase. He returned to Moulton, Alabama, after the war, was admitted to the Bar in 1866, served as Circuit Clerk, and Solicitor of Lawrence County. He moved to Decatur in 1872, and in addition to his law practice he served as President of the First National Bank of Decatur, which he organized. There were seven children of C. C. and Julia Wert Harris, five of whom were living in 1921, but we only have the name of one—William Wert Harris, of Montgomery, Alabama, b. 10-27-1870, who was a lawyer and served as private secretary of the Supreme Court of Alabama.

- 1-5-5. Andrew Jackson Harris, b. 1844, in Moulton, Alabama, but moved at an early date to Nashville, Tennessee. The date of his death is unknown, but he was still living in 1904, for on January 19, 1904, he wrote to his cousin Ed Russell of Mobile, from Nashville, expressing his sympathy in the death of Ed's mother, Emily Stovall Russell, who was his Aunt. We do not have the name of the wife of Andrew Jackson Harris, though we do have the names of four children: Ida, Eugene Owen, Carlton Craddock, and William Franklin.

Issue of Andrew Jackson Harris and his wife:

- 1-5-5-1. Ida Harris, m. October 9, 1888, George W. Brush, and lived in Austin, Texas.
 1-5-5-2. Eugene Owen Harris.
 1-5-5-3. Carlton Craddock Harris.
 1-5-5-4. William Franklin Harris.

The above children are probably not given in the correct order of birth.

Dixon and Kemp in their *Heroes of San Jacinto* (p. 256), list an Andrew Jackson Harris in the Texas Revolution, but no connection with the Harris family above has been found. The reference is as follows: "Andrew Jackson Harris, born in Tennessee, emigrated to Texas in 1831, served under Lieut. W. J. Russell, Commander of the Schooner "Brazoria", at the

Battle of Velasco in 1832. He was issued Bounty Certificate No. 128 for 320 acres of land for serving in the army from April 18th, to June 18th, 1836. Mr. Harris died in Brazoria County prior to 1855, when his widow died. A son, Thomas B. Harris, was appointed administrator of his mother's estate.

1-5-6. Laura A. Harris, b. 1847.

1-5-7. Louella Harris, b. 1849.

1-5-8. Naomi Harris, b. 1852.

1-5-9. E. E. Harris, b. 1855.

It was stated in *Northern Alabama, Historical and Biographical* published in 1888, that William and Nancy Stovall Harris had 13 children, but the above nine are the only ones that have been located.

1-6. Emily Menville Stovall, sixth child of William Stovall and Cynthia Tatom, b. June 5, 1826, Lawrence County, Alabama, d. January 19, 1904, Baird, Callahan County, Texas; m. Moulton, Lawrence County, Alabama, August 11, 1842, George Daniel Russell. For complete record of Emily and George Daniel Russell, see the Russell chapter.

*Issue of Emily Menville Stovall and
George Daniel Russell:*

1-6-1. William Absolem Russell, b. 1843, d. 1939.

1-6-2. Edward LaFayette Russell, b. 1845, d. 1911.

1-6-3. George Dallas Russell, b. 1847, d. 1878.

1-6-4. Adonirom Judson Russell, b. 1851, d. 1902.

1-6-5. Lucy Russell, b. 1853, d. post 1900.

1-6-6. Simpson Franklin Russell, b. 1855, d. 1933.

1-6-7. Mary Adeline Russell, b. 1857, d. 1911.

1-6-8. Cynthia Alice Russell, b. 1859, d. 1943.

1-6-9. Oscar Beauregard Russell, b. 1861, d. 1897.

1-6-10. Laura Russell.

1-6-11. Benjamin Lee Russell, b. 1864, d. 1948.

1-6-12. Gussie Russell, b. 1872, d. 1953.

1-7. The seventh and youngest child of William Stovall and Cynthia Tatom was *Dr. William Tatom Stovall*.

Dr. William Tatom Stovall was born in 1828, in Lawrence County, Alabama, d. December 5, 1906. He was married twice, 1) May 19, 1852, to Sarah Clementine Ewing, d. circa 1870, (sister of James S. Ewing, who married Cynthia Elizabeth Stovall), daughter of Absolem Lewis Stovall. Dr. William Tatom Stovall m. 2) October 7, 1874, Lucy J. Ratliff.

By 1880 Dr. William Tatom Stovall and his family were settled in Senatobia, Mississippi, where he lived until his death. On August 6, 1891, he wrote to his sister, Emily (Mrs. George Daniel Russell), from Senatobia, Mississippi, listing his children, their occupations, and their places of residence. He also said that Lucy's father was still living in Verona, Mississippi, though quite feeble. From this letter, Census Records, and data from Dunbar Rowland's History of Mississippi, we have the following list of descendants:

Issue of Dr. William Tatom Stovall and Sarah Clementine Ewing:

- 1-7-1. Lucella Stovall, b. 1854, m. Dr. Turner, and had five children, Lucella Turner, age 16, being the eldest (in 1891).
- 1-7-2. Virginia (Jennie) Stovall, b. 1855, m. Dr. Long and had five children. Residence: Leland, Mississippi, (in 1891).
- 1-7-3. Dr. Joseph Pendleton Stovall (1857-1912) lived first in Longtown, Mississippi, and moved later to Panola. His father reported that he had two children (in 1891), but we only have the name of one: Dr. William Davidson Stovall, of Madison, Wisconsin.
- 1-7-4. Cynthia Stovall, b. 1859, d. 1940. Unmarried.
- 1-7-5. Peter Simpson Stovall, b. August 28, 1863, d. 1922, m. November 1, 1889, in Tupelo, Mississippi, Annie Read Asken, daughter of John Outlaw Asken and Mary Reed Asken. He removed to Clinton, Mississippi, and on November 7, 1911, was elected State Treasurer of Mississippi.

Issue of Peter Simpson Stovall and Annie Read Asken:

- 1-7-5-1. Lee Tatom Stovall.
- 1-7-5-2. Bessie Mae Stovall, m. ——— Green.

- 1-7-5-3. Christine Stovall.
- 1-7-5-4. LeRoy Stovall.
- 1-7-5-5. Russell Harris Stovall.
- 1-7-5-6. Louisa Asken Stovall.
- 1-7-5-7. John A. Stovall.
- 1-7-5-8. William Tatom Stovall.
- 1-7-5-9. Mary Reed Stovall.
- 1-7-5-10. Peter Simpson Stovall, Jr.
- 1-7-5-11. Clement Ewing Stovall.
- 1-7-6. Addie Stovall, b. 1867; m. 1) B. L. Milam and lived in Greenville, Mississippi; m. 2) ———— McGee.
- 1-7-7. Sallie Stovall, b. 1869, m. Mark Daugherty. Her father reported in his letter in 1891 that Sallie graduated from the Blue Mountain Female College, June 12, 1891, at which time she was unmarried.

1. *Rebecca Stovall.*

Rebecca Stovall was another one of the children of Josiah Stovall, Sr., who married a Tatom.

Rebecca Stovall, b. circa 1782, d. May 2, 1852, m. John Tatom, Jr., d. November 30, 1830, as his second wife. She is listed in the 1850 Census of Lincoln County for that year. We do not have an official record of her marriage which, we believe, occurred in Lincoln County, but have adequate proof of the marriage through various other Court records quoted elsewhere in this chapter.

John Tatom, Jr., was the son of John Tatom, Sr., who died in Lincoln County, Georgia, where he left a will. John, Jr., moved from Granville County, North Carolina, to Lincoln County, Georgia, soon after the death of his first wife, Martha Hicks, circa 1798. His first wife, Martha Hicks, was the daughter of William Hicks of Granville County, North Carolina, whom he married in Granville County August 1, 1782, the marriage Bond being signed by John Tatom, Sr., and William Hicks. William Hicks left a will in Granville County, North Carolina, in which he names his daughter, Martha Tatom, signed first, May 14, 1796, and Codicil added on February 7, 1797, in which he recites that "My daughter, Martha Tatom, since the signing and sealing of this my last will and testament, has departed this life", and provides that the Negro man, Sam, left to Martha, be sold and the

proceeds divided among Martha's children. The will was probated in the August Court of Granville County, North Carolina, 1799. From the above, we know that Martha Hicks Tatom died between May 14, 1796, and February 7, 1797.

The will of William Hicks follows:

WILL OF WILLIAM HICKS

Granville County, North Carolina.

Signed, May 14, Codicil signed February 7, 1797.

Recorded: August Court, 1799.

(William Hicks, m. Mourning Hunt, May 27, 1778; Bondsmen: Wm. Hicks and John Seary. From: Granville County, North Carolina, Marriages, 1746-1857).

"In the name of God Amen I William Hicks of Granville County and State of North Carolina being in perfect mind and memory do make & ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following, Viz, Imprimis & first I give or rather resign my Soul to the Almighty God from which I Received it, and my body to be buried in a Christian Manner; First it is my Will that all my Just debts be paid,

Item I give & bequeath to my loving wife Mourning Hicks all the estate she brought to me and all the Estate she possessed before I married her, and do warrant and defend the same from any Claim that may be made by my Heirs provided that my Estate shall not be liable for any Debts that she my aforesaid wife might have Contracted or owed previous to her marriage with me.

Item I give and bequeath unto my son Abner Hicks the following articles, Viz, The Land & Plantation whereon I now live by Estimation three hundred and Eighty Six Acres, And the following Negroes, Lewis Hannah and Flushing to him & his Heirs forever. Likewise one-third of all my Stock of whatsoever kind also all my working Tools of Whatsoever kind I will that if my son Abner Hicks should die Leaving no Lawful Issue then the aforementioned Land & Negroes &c. Shall Devolve to the Survivors his Sisters, Viz, Mary Debruler, Anne Mathews, Martha Tatom and Prissilla Duncan and my daughter Susanna Wilkins tho my daughter Susanna Wilkinses Share of the Above to be given as I shall hereafter mention. Likewise I give and unto Son Abner one feather bed and firniture.

Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Prissilla Duncan Thirty five pound Virginia money to be raised out of my Negroe Man Ned and my Moveable Estate:

Item I give and Bequeathe to my daughter Martha Tatom My negroe man—Sam to her and her heirs forever.

Item I will that my negroe gals Mima and Sarah Be sold at the Highest bider and the money put out at Interest at the disscression of my Executors hereafter Mentioned and the Interest ariseing from such money to be given at the disscression of my Executors towards the Support and maintainance of my Daughter Susanna Wilkins and her children: and also the above Mentioned part in case of my son abners Death without Lawful Issue to be given towards the support of my said daughter as above directed but in Case her present husband Should die before her to wit My daughter Susanna then my will is that she have the princable and Interest of the above mentioned money paid and delivered to her as her own property.

Item I will that all the rest of my Estate of what kind so ever Except negroes: be sold and Equally divided amongs all my Daughters: Susanna Wilkinse part lying as above directed; My will is that my Negroe Man Nel be sold at the highest bider amongst my Children all Except my Daughter Susanna Wilkins or any person Living near his wifes place of abode:

Lastly I appoint my worthy Friend Benjamin Hester my son William Hicks and my son Abner Hicks Executors of this my Last Will and Testament & Do hereby make Void all other wills by me heretofore made in Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal this Fourteenth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety six.

Wm. Hicks (Seal)

Signed, Seald and Delivered
& acknowledged in presents of

Reuben Talley	}	JURANTS
John Hicks		
Samuel Allen, Jr.		

I William Hicks do make the following Codicil to this my last Will and Testament Viz Whereas my Daughter Martha Tatom since the signing Sealing and acknowledging

of this my last will has departed this Life My will and desire is that my Negroe man Sam Left to her as afore mentioned Be sold at the highest Bidder at Two years Credid by my Said Executors and the money ariseing from Sd Sail to be Equally Divided amongst all her Children in Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this Seventh day of February anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and ninety Seven.

Wm. Hicks (Seal)

Signed sealed and Acknowledged

in presents of

R. Talley

R. Talley, Junr.

State of N. Carolina

Granville County

} August Court A. D. 1799

The foregoing last Will & Testament of William Hicks Decd. was duly proven in open Court by the Oaths of Reuben Talley John Hicks and Samuel Allen Junr. and also the Codicil thereto by Reuben Talley and Reuben Talley, Junr. Subscribing witnesses thereto, and ordered to be Recorded. And at the same time Benjamin Hester, William Hicks and Abner Hicks Qualified as Executors to the same.

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WILL OF JOHN TATOM, JR.

“In the Name of God Amen.

I, John Tatom being in my sound mind and calling to memory that it is appointed for all men to die and wishing to have all my worldly matters disposed of to my own satisfaction before this time arrived to myself Do therefore make and Ordain this to be my last will and testament.

In the first place it is my wish that my body be buried in a decent manner in the second place it is my wish that all my just debts be paid as soon after my decease as the nature of the case admits. In the third place it is my will & desire that my beloved wife Rebecca have enjoy & possess so long as she lives or remains a widow the tract of land and premises on which I now live. I also give to her during

her natural life or widowhood all my household and kitchen furniture, all my horses, cattle, hogs, cart & oxen and all my farming utensils.

In the fourth place I give and bequeath to my daughter Susanah, now Susanah Morgan a negro "Boy named "Bob which said Boy had heretofore been given to and put into her possession and whom I have valued at Three Hundred Dollars for which sum she is to account with my Executors in a final settlement of my estate.

In the fifth place I give and bequeath to my daughter Nancy, now Nancy Harris a negro girl by the name of Julia which said girl has heretofore been given to and put into her possession and whom I have valued at Three Hundred Dollars and for which sum she is to account with my Executors in a final settlement of my estate.

In the sixth place, I give and bequeath to my son Wiley G. Tatom a negro boy named Abram which said boy I have heretofore given to & put into his possession and whom I have valued at three hundred dollars and for which sum he is to account with my Executor in a final settlement of my Estate.

In the Seventh place I give and bequeath to my son Leroy Tatom a negro girl named Eliza which said girl I have heretofore given to & put into his possession and whom I have valued at three hundred dollars and for which sum he is to account to my Executor in a final settlement of my estate.

In the eighth place I give and bequeath to my son "Benjamin Franklin a negro boy by the name of Sam.

In the ninth place I give and bequeath to my daughter Katherine now Katherine Floyd, Emily now Emily Zellars, Henrietta Tatom & Elizabeth Ann Tatom, and to my sons Abner Tatom, Joseph W. Tatom, William V. Tatom & John H. Tatom & Benjamin Franklin Tatom one negro each of the value of three hundred dollars which valuation is to be made by executors & by two men chosen by them for that purpose & should any of said negroes be valued at more than three hundred Dollars that child to whom said negro may be given must be accountable to my executors for the overplus in a final settlement of my Estate and should any of said negroes be valued at less than three hundred dollars, that child to whom said negro must have given to it by my executors in

a final settlement of my Estate a sum of money equal to that which the negroes falls short of three hundred dollars.

In the tenth place I give & bequeath to my son Wiley G. Tatom whom I hereby appoint agent or Trustee, for my daughter Aurrilla, now Aurilla Edmunds, one negro of the value of three hundred dollars for the sole use benefit and behoof of said Aurilla Edmunds the value of said negro to be ascertained as in the case of the other children to whom no negroes has yet been given.

In the eleventh place, I give & bequeath to my beloved Wife Rebecca, four negroes which she is at liberty to choose out of all the negroes before any of them are given away and which she is entitled to possess, use and enjoy during her natural life or widowhood. I also give her a horse saddle and bridle & a good feather bed & furniture which she can dispose of at her death as she pleases.

In the twelfth place, is my will & desire that all my children should continue with their mother until they come of age or marry, also that their negroes should remain there in common in assisting to make a support until their coming of age or marring render it necessary for my Executors to give them their negro or negroes—it is also my wish that my younger children needing more education should be sent to school at the expense paid out of my estate generally.

In the thirteenth place it is my will and desire that on the death of beloved wife "Rebecca that all of my "Real estate and all my personal estate including household & kitchen furniture, horses, cattle, hogs, cart and oxen & all farming utensils, belonging to my estate together with the negroes that I have not heretofore by this my last will disposed as well as the four negroes which I have given to my beloved wife "Rebecca during her natural life or widowhood be sold at public sale and such credit as my surviving executors shall deem most advantagious to my Estate & the proceeds thereof equally divided between all my children except Aurrilla Edmunds whose proportional part thereof is to be placed in the hands of my son Wiley G. Tatom her Trustee for her sole use benefit and behoof.

In the last place I hereby nominate ordain and appoint my beloved wife "Rebecca Executrix & my son Wiley G. Tatom executor to this my last will and Testament and I do hereby revoke and disown all wills and Testament by here-

tofore made and hereby confirm this to be my last will and Testament only will.

Witness my hand and seal this fifth day of November, 1825.

John Tatom (L. S.)

Signed & sealed in the presence of

Charles Statham

James E. Todd

John McDowell

Georgia, Lincoln County.

Personally appeared in open court, John McDowell who being duly sworn deposes and saith that he saw John Tatom, sign, seal publish and declare this writing to be and contain his last will & testament. That at the time thereof, he was of sound disposing mind & memory, and that he did it freely without compulsion & that he saw Charles Statham and James E. Todd sign and offer their names as subscribing witnesses thereto with himself.

Sworn & subscribed to in open court.

This 3th January 1831

Thomas W. Murray, J. I. C.

John McDowell

Rem Remson, J. I. C.

Recorded 5th January 1831

William Jones, J. I. C.

Francis F. Fleming, C. C. O.

On November 2, 1801, in Lincoln County, Georgia, John Tatom, Jr., made bond as Guardian of the following orphans: Nancy Tatom, Abner Tatom, Wiley G. Tatom, LeRoy Tatom, Asa Tatom, Susan (Susannah) Tatom, and Aurilla Tatom. The bond for \$2000.00 was signed by John Tatom, A. Tatom, and Samuel Davis, but was not recorded until October 12, 1839. On January 4, 1806, John Tatom, Guardian of Susannah Tatom and others, reported the receipt of \$10.00 from William Hicks of Granville County, North Carolina, as Executor of the estate of William Hicks, deceased, and the Minute Book of the Court of Ordinary of Lincoln County, Georgia, shows that John Tatom, Jr., made a Return as Guardian.

The children listed above were undoubtedly the children of Martha Hicks Tatom, and the other children listed in the will of John Tatom, Jr., were the children of Rebecca Stovall Tatom.

Issue of John Tatom, Jr., and Martha Hicks Tatom:

- 1-1. Susan (Susannah) Tatom m. ——— Morgan.
- 1-2. Nancy Tatom, m. Joseph Harris, October 19, 1813
(Book C, p. 16, Lincoln County, Georgia.)
- 1-3. Wiley G. Tatom, m. Nancy Zellars, b. November 14,
1795.
- 1-4. LeRoy H. (icks) Tatom, m. Elizabeth Stovall.
- 1-5. Abner Tatom, m. Amelia T. Murray.
- 1-6. Aurilla Tatom m. February 3, 1806, John Edmonds
(Lincoln County Marriage Book G, p. 9.)
- 1-7. Asa Tatom. He must have died young as we have no
record of him.*

Issue of John Tatom, Jr., and Rebecca Stovall:

- 1-8. Katherine (Katie) Tatom (1801-1883).
- 1-9. Emily Tatom (1802-1868).
- 1-10. Elizabeth Ann Tatom.
- 1-11. Henrietta Tatom, m. Adam Harnesberger.
- 1-12. Benjamin Franklin Tatom.
- 1-13. William S. Tatom.
- 1-14. Joseph W. Tatom.
- 1-15. John H. Tatom (1821-).

The children may not be listed in the correct order of birth. All of the above children were listed in the will of John Tatom, Jr., except Asa, who must have died before the writing of the will.

We have no records of Susannah Tatom Morgan, Nancy Tatom Harris, Abner Tatom, Aurilla Tatom Edmonds or Asa Tatom, children of Martha Hicks Tatom, and few records of Wiley G. Tatom. Records of LeRoy Tatom and his wife, Elizabeth, are given elsewhere in this chapter.

- 1-8. *Katherine (Katie Tatom).*

Katherine Tatom, listed as No. 8 in the list of children of John Tatom, Jr., was a daughter of Rebecca Sto-

*On November-25-1801, John Tatom, Jr., gives "my son Asa Tatom," Power of Attorney to collect legacies left his children by Wm. Hicks.

vall Tatom, b. 1801, d. December 2, 1900, and buried at Floral Hill Cemetery in Palmetto, Georgia. She married January 25, 1820, in Lincoln County, Georgia, (Book 1, p. 113), Alexander Floyd, Jr., b. 1796, in South Carolina, son of Alexander Floyd, Sr., Revolutionary soldier. He died during the War Between the States and is buried in Carrollton, Georgia.

Issue of Katie Tatom and Alexander Floyd, Jr.:

- 1-8-1. *John Stovall Floyd*, b. December 20, 1820, d. September 24, 1887.
- 1-8-2. Wiley Floyd, died as a youth.
- 1-8-3. Tatom Floyd, m. Ellen Florence.
- 1-8-4. *William Warren Floyd*, b. 1837, d. 1908.
- 1-8-5. Frank Floyd, b. 1840, d. as a Confederate soldier.
- 1-8-6. Mary Floyd, m. Henry Heath.
- 1-8-7. Emily Ann Floyd, m. June 3, 1847, William Jackson.
- 1-8-8. Catherine Floyd, b. 1833, m. Melmuth Terry.
- 1-8-9. Rebecca Floyd, m. 1) Thaddeus D. Watkins, December 27, 1849, m. 2) ——— Hammett. (Book B, p. 146, Campbell County, Georgia).

John Stovall Floyd, above, and William Warren Floyd are the only ones for whom we have any further record.

- 1-8-1. *John Stovall Floyd*, b. December 20, 1820, d. September 24, 1887, m. 1) Harriet Rebecca Heath, b. 1824, in Georgia, d. 1878, and buried near her home in Palmetto, Georgia; m. 2) "the widow Broach."

Issue of John Stovall Floyd and Harriet R. Heath:

- 1-8-1-1. Alfred, "Uncle Buddy," Floyd. No record.
- 1-8-1-2. Wiley A. Floyd, b. 1847, in Georgia, d. before 1929, m. February 8, 1868, Mary F. Hern.

Issue of Wiley A. Floyd and Mary F. Hern:

- 1-8-1-2-1. Verdie Floyd.
- 1-8-1-2-2. Ruby Floyd.
- 1-8-1-2-3. Mamie Floyd.

1-8-1-2-4. Kitty Clyde Floyd, d. February 2, 1918, m. January 31, 1900, Lewis Gardner Davis, Jr., b. January 13, 1879, d. October 20, 1909.

Issue of Kitty Clyde Floyd and Lewis Gardner Davis, Jr.:

1-8-1-2-4-1. Ruby Floyd Davis, b. November 22, 1905, m. August 22, 1929, Robert Edwards Wynne, b. October 29, 1905.

Issue:

1-8-1-2-4-1-1. Katherine Anne Wynne, b. November 1, 1948.

1-8-1-2-4-1-2. Carol Jean Wynne, b. January 4, 1950.

1-8-1-3. William Rufus Floyd, b. September 6, 1848, in Georgia, d. January 7, 1924, m. November 24, 1872, Georgia Ann Cook, b. October 25, 1858, d. January 28, 1917.

Issue of William Rufus Floyd and Georgia Ann Cook:

1-8-1-3-1. Annie Floyd, m. Homer Terry August 29, 1894.

1-8-1-3-2. James Floyd.

1-8-1-3-3. Herbert Floyd.

1-8-1-3-4. Lola Floyd, m. Thomas Luther Brown.

1-8-1-3-5. Marie Floyd, b. October 29, 1900, m. April 3, 1920, Early Lee Green, b. October 18, 1896.

Issue:

1-8-1-3-5-1. Estelle Floyd Green, b. February 27, 1921, m. February 18, 1942, Tom Rensden, Jr.

1-8-1-4. Mary Floyd, b. October 6, 1850, m. January 13, 1870, W. E. Woodley.

Issue:

1-8-1-4-1. W. E. Woodley, Jr., died in infancy.

1-8-1-5. Victoria J. Floyd, m. November 30, 1871, Bannister R. Morrow, Tallapoosa, Georgia.

Issue:

1-8-1-5-1. Willie Morrow, m. ——— Lane, and had one child, Marie Lane.

1-8-1-5-2. John Floyd Morrow.

1-8-1-5-3. John William Morrow.

Issue of John William Morrow: (wife's name unknown).

1-8-1-5-3-1. Mrs. Mabel Morrow Kent.

1-8-1-5-3-2. Mrs. Jeanette Morrow Lamb.

1-8-1-6. Lillian Virginia Floyd, b. December 26, 1871, d. March 26, 1930, m. November 26, 1887, Lazerus Summerlin.

Issue of Lillian Virginia Floyd and Lazerus Summerlin:

1-8-1-6-1. Edna Earl Summerlin, b. June 26, 1889, d. November 13, 1918, m. a Mr. Gray.

Issue:

1-8-1-6-1-1. Rev. Willard Donald Gray, b. January 17, 1912.

1-8-1-6-1-2. Virginia Elizabeth Gray, b. January 16, 1914.

1-8-1-6-1-3. Edna May Franklin Gray, b. January 2, 1916.

1-8-1-6-1-4. William Everett Gray, b. March 19, 1918.

1-8-1-6-2. Willie C. Summerlin, b. January 1, 1891, d. March 2, 1892.

1-8-1-6-3. Inez Franklin Summerlin, b. October 26, 1892, d. June 11, 1915.

1-8-1-6-4. John Summerlin, b. March 19, 1896.

1-8-1-7. Epenetus P. Floyd, b. September 6, 1856, d. May 13, 1929, m. May 11, 1892, Genevieve Phillips Couch, widow of B. M. Couch, Sr. She was born March 4, 1866, daughter of John Darwin Phillips and Mary Elizabeth Davis, died, October 17, 1950. Epenetus Floyd graduated at the University of Georgia School of Medicine in 1887.

Issue of Epenetus Floyd and Mrs. B. M. Couch, Sr.:

1-8-1-7-1. Son, died in infancy.

1-8-1-7-2. Harriet Lucile Floyd, b. June 28, 1896; m. 1) Frank Westwood Brannon, June 14, 1915,

deceased; m. 2) Theodore Carlton Pierson, b. July 22, 1895, New Hampshire.

1-8-1-7-3. Morgan Floyd, died in infancy.

1-8-1-8. Frank Floyd, m. December 1, 1886, Lola Perkerson. No issue.

1-8-4. *William Warren Floyd*, No. 4 above, b. 1837, d. 1908, m. December 21, 1871, Emma S. Swann, b. 1851, d. 1935, William Warren Floyd was a Confederate soldier.

Issue of William Warren Floyd and Emma S. Swann:

1-8-4-1. James Swann Floyd.

1-8-4-2. Mamie Floyd. Unmarried.

1-8-4-3. Charles Alexander Floyd. Unmarried.

1-8-4-4. Henry Howell Floyd. Unmarried.

1-8-4-5. Winnie Davis Floyd, m. December 11, 1918, Charles Arthur Wynn, retired Marine General.

Issue:

1-8-4-5-1. Arthur Wynn, Jr.

1-9. *Emily Tatom*, No. 9 in the list of the children of John Tatom, Jr., daughter of Rebecca Stovall Tatom, b. January 2, 1802, in Lincoln County, Georgia, d. October 25, 1868, m. Solomon Zellars in Lincoln County, Georgia, b. November 16, 1798, d. August 2, 1862.

Issue of Emily Tatom and Solomon Zellars:

1-9-1. John Alexander Zellars, b. October 4, 1827, died June 21, 1856.

1-9-2. Simeon Zellars, b. May 3, 1829, d. May 18, 1916, m. Narcissus Camp.

Issue of Simeon Zellars and Narcissus Camp:

1-9-2-1. Horace Zellars, m. Berennie Steed.

Issue:

1-9-2-1-1. Horace Zellars, Jr., d. April 25, 1954, age 89.

1-9-2-1-2. Thomas Peter Zellars, m. Bessie Orr.

1-9-3. William Stovall Zellars, b. February 7, 1831, d. November 7, 1907, m. Ann Watts.

Issue:

- 1-9-3-1. William A. Zellars, m. Mattie Cook.
 1-9-4. Martha Henrietta Zellars, b. May 21, 1832, d. July 14, 1905, m. ———— Moss.

Issue of Martha H. Zellars Moss:

- 1-9-4-1. Rufus Moss.
 1-9-4-2. Lela Moss.
 1-9-4-3. Sims Moss.
 1-9-4-4. Lucy Moss.
 1-9-4-5. Ella Moss.
 1-9-5. Thomas Edward Zellars, b. Newton County, Georgia, February 25, 1834, d. January 24, 1914, m. December 21, 1869, Mary Ella Moreland, b. August 31, 1851, Heard County, Georgia, daughter of Thomas Coke Moreland and Emma Barnett.

*Issue of Thomas Edward Zellars and
Mary Ella Moreland:*

- 1-9-5-1. Jessie Aline Zellars, m. October 16, 1894, William Asbury Ward.

Issue:

- 1-9-5-1-1. Ella Zellars Ward, b. September, 1897, d. June 14, 1927.
 1-9-5-1-2. W. A. Ward, Jr., m. August 14, 1934, Clyde Partlow.
 1-9-5-2. Thomas Moreland Zellars, m. 1895, Clara Emily Fuller.

*Issue of Thomas Moreland Zellars and
Clara Emily Fuller:*

- 1-9-5-2-1. Lieutenant Thomas Edward Zellars, b. Grantland, Georgia, August 11, 1898, d. June 12, 1924, m. Mary Gresham. Lieutenant Zellars was killed by an explosion on the U. S. Battleship Mississippi, while commanding Turret No. 2, in long range practice at San Pedro, California. In a "Golden Book," the cherished possession of his mother, are tributes to him for his heroism from every state in the Union.

1-9-5-2-2. Margaret Zellars, b. March 30, 1900.

1-9-5-2-3. Emily Zellars, m. Duncan C. McNeal, Jr.

1-9-5-2-4. Mary Ella (Mellie) Zellars, m. Beaumont Davidson, Jr.

1-9-5-3. Ellen Garrett Zellars, m. 1) Hiram Abner Camp, d. 1913; m. 2) Congressman William Charles Adamson. No issue.

1-9-5-4. Emma Belle Zellars, m. February 14, 1907, Isaac Newton Orr.

Issue:

1-9-5-4-1. Eleanor Orr, m. Charles Moseley Roan.

1-9-5-4-2. Dora Johnson Orr, m. Bradley Wilkinson.

1-9-5-4-3. Emma Orr, m. Dr. James Harris Arnold.

1-9-5-5. Estelle Zellars, m. Daniel Braxton Blalock.

Issue:

1-9-5-5-1. Daniel Braxton Blalock, Jr., b. July 22, 1912.

1-9-6. Mary Naomi Zellars, m. Thomas P. Dean.

Issue:

1-9-6-1. John Dean, m. Lou Arnold, Grantville, Georgia.

Issue:

1-9-6-1-1. Lewis Arnold Dean, m. Callie M. Latimer.

1-9-6-1-2. Ella Zellars Dean, m. Gordon Perry.

1-9-7. Solomon Tatom Zellars, b. January 10, 1838, d. September 13, 1886, m. Mary Barnes.

Issue:

1-9-7-1. Thomas Edward Zellars.

1-9-7-2. Solomon Tatom Zellars.

1-9-7-3. Mattie Zellars, m. ——— Varnier.

1-9-7-4. Peter Zellars.

1-9-7-5. Dana Zellars.

1-9-8. Elizabeth Rebecca Zellars, b. July 2, 1840, m. 1) Mr. Harrison, m. 2) Mr. Woodley.

1-9-9. Peter Calvert Zellars, b. March 10, 1844, d. as a Confederate soldier at the Battle of Sharpsburg, in 1862, at age of 18.

1-10. Elizabeth Ann Tatom, d. 1850, m. January 21, 1840 (Lincoln County, Georgia Marriage Book 1806-1849) Epenetus Heath, b. 1814, d. January 2, 1862. Will in Campbell County, Georgia.

Issue:

1-10-1. Sallie Heath, educated at College Temple in Newnan, Georgia, m. Anselm B. Leigh, son of Benjamin Leigh and Emily Shaw Leigh.

Issue:

1-10-1-1. Willie Leigh, died unmarried.

1-10-1-2. Lilla Leigh, died unmarried.

1-11. Henrietta Tatom, daughter of John Tatom, Jr., and Rebecca Stovall, d. February-29-1860, and was the third wife of Adam Harnesberger, d. September-6-1864. Will probated October-3-1864. They were married October-10-1831.

Issue of Henrietta Tatom and Adam Harnesberger:

1-11-1. John Tatom Harnesberger, b. February-19-1833, d. 1919, m. February-24-1853, Nancy Jones Bentley, b. September-8-1834, d. August-7-1898.

Issue:

1-11-1-1. John Stephen Harnesberger, b. December-8-1860, unmarried.

1-11-1-2. Benjamin Tatom Harnesberger, b. July 30-1863.

1-11-1-3. Wilmer Harnesberger, b. November-26-1870, m. February-11-1903, Kate Burgess.

Issue:

1-11-1-3-1. Ralph F. Harnesberger, b. September-28-1909.

1-11-1-4. Minnie Harnesberger, b. November-25-1873. Unmarried.

1-11-2. Stephen Zellars Harnesberger, b. September-4-1834, d. February-21-1871, m. March-1-1866, Anne Brooks, d. September-6-1878.

Issue:

- 1-11-2-1. Mary Lou Harnesberger, b. June-22-1868, Thomaston, Georgia.
- 1-11-2-2. Harvey Flew Harnesberger, b. October-27-1869, Sycamore, Georgia.
- 1-11-3. William Calvert Harnesberger, b. June 27, 1838, d. November 14, 1843.
- 1-11-4. Adam Harnesberger, b. March 29, 1839, d. 1920, by drowning.
- 1-11-5. Benjamin Henry Harnesberger, b. February 28, 1841, d. February 11, 1846.
- 1-11-6. Mary Rebecca Harnesberger, b. November 16, 1843, m. March 6, 1864, Captain John Gibson, Upson County, Georgia, Executor of the estate of Adam Harnesberger.

Issue:

- 1-11-6-1. Edgar Gibson. Unmarried.
- 1-11-6-2. Emma Gibson, married twice, first husband's name unknown; second husband, Mr. Johnson, Statesboro, Georgia, by whom she had one child, Gibson Johnson, d. 1954.
- 1-11-7. William Henry Harnesberger, b. June 11, 1845, d. 1880, m. October 4, 1870, Sarah Jones, b. June 8, 1852, d. January 27, 1920.

Issue:

- 1-11-7-1. Wyatt Adam Harnesberger, b. July 15, 1871, d. unmarried.
- 1-11-7-2. James Jones Harnesberger, b. May 18, 1873, m. December 24, 1918, Carolyn Connell.

Issue:

- 1-11-7-2-1. James Jones Harnesberger, Jr., b. 1919.
- 1-11-7-2-2. Sarah Elizabeth Harnesberger, b. 1921, m. Bailey Florence.

Issue:

- 1-11-7-2-2-1. Skippy Florence.
- 1-11-7-2-2-2. Susan Florence.

- 1-11-7-3. Clyde Warren Harnesberger, b. August 30, 1875, d. October 19, 1947, m. Myra Wright, b. March 26, 1878, d. February 20, 1908.
- 1-12. Benjamin Franklin Tatom. Lived all of his life in Lincolnton, Georgia. He served for a number of years as Ordinary for Lincoln County. He never married. Left a will in Lincoln County.
- 1-13. William Stovall Tatom, b. May 31, 1815, d. December 14, 1883, m. February 16, 1842, Lincoln County, Georgia, Katherine Parks, b. October 3, 1818, d. December 2, 1900.

Issue of William Stovall Tatom and Katherine Parks:

- 1-13-1. William Parks Tatom, b. January 17, 1844, d. December 16, 1926, m. Mary Sims, sister of Alexander Sims, father of Miss Lillian Sims, Lincolnton, Georgia.

Issue of William Parks Tatom and Mary Sims:

- 1-13-1-1. Frank Tatom, d. 1891.
- 1-13-1-2. Sally Tatom, d. June 22, 1928, m. Ollie Weeks, born 1872, who married Mrs. Ethel Atkinson Taylor January 6, 1834, after Sally's death.

Issue of Sally Tatom and Ollie Weeks:

- 1-13-1-2-1. Alton P. Weeks.
- 1-13-1-2-2. Mary Weeks, m. Robert Lee.
- 1-13-1-2-3. Myra Weeks, m. W. D. Moxley.
- 1-13-1-2-4. Willie Weeks.
- 1-13-2. Joseph Warren Tatom, b. July 13, 1845, d. November 1, 1926, and buried in Goshen Church Cemetery, Lincoln County, Georgia, married October 6, 1873, Jacyntha (Cynthia) E. Sims, b. January-15-1846, daughter of George W. Sims and Camilia. (Book J, p. 2, Lincoln County, Georgia), d. February 21, 1913.

Issue of Joseph Warren Tatom and Jacyntha Sims:

- 1-13-2-1. George Leonard Tatom, b. October 23, 1874, d. December 18, 1953, m. November 16, 1902 Kate Caldwell, d. October 28, 1911.
- 1-13-2-2. Elizabeth Catherine Tatom, b. September 6, 1876, unmarried.

1-13-2-3. William Alexander Tatom, b. August 25, 1878, d. January 8, 1939, m. March 4, 1903, Harriet Carswell.

1-13-2-4. John Stovall Tatom, b. January 16, 1883, d. December 7, 1883.

1-13-3. Wiley Gabriel Tatom, b. June 18, 1847, m. January 12, 1875, Georgia E. McMekin.

Issue:

1-13-3-1. Augustus Stovall Tatom, b. January 12, 1877, d. October 6, 1913, m. Kate Rees. No issue.

1-13-3-2. Carrie McMekin Tatom, b. January 27, 1882.

1-13-4. Thomas Lewis Tatom, b. May 6, 1849, d. November 15, 1931, unmarried.

1-13-5. Elizabeth Rebecca Tatom, b. January 4, 1852, d. January 28, 1885, m. T. H. Remsen.

Issue:

1-13-5-1. Harry Remsen.

1-13-6. John Stovall Tatom, b. September 6, 1854, d. January 16, 1862.

1-13-7. Emily Catherine Tatom, b. July 10, 1858, d. August 23, 1903, and buried in City Cemetery, Lincolnton, Georgia, m. December 12, 1882, Alexander Stevens Willingham, b. June 1, 1883, d. February 10, 1926, and buried in Lincolnton, Georgia.

Issue of Emily Catherine Tatom and Alexander Stevens Willingham:

1-13-7-1. William Willingham, b. January 31, 1888, d. February 21, 1905. Unmarried.

1-13-7-2. Clyde Willingham, b. September 27, 1889, d. October 10, 1889.

1-13-7-3. Anne Sarah Willingham, b. August 31, 1899, Lincoln County, Georgia, m. December 28, 1921, Wilburn Tutt Dunaway, b. May 17, 1889.

Issue of Anne Willingham and Wilburn Tutt Dunaway:

1-13-7-3-1. John Alexander Dunaway, b. June 5, 1925.

1-13-7-3-2. Emily Anne Dunaway, b. May 22, 1931.

- 1-14. Joseph W. Tatom, d. September 15, 1852, son of John Tatom, Jr., and Rebecca Stovall. No record. Probably moved to Hinds County, Mississippi.
- 1-15. John H. Tatom (1821-1896), m. July 21, 1859, Barbara Zellars, Lincoln County, Georgia. (Book I, p. 84, Lincoln County, Georgia). Barbara Zellars was born in Lincoln County, Georgia, October 6, 1837, d. Sandersville, Georgia, June 27, 1923.

Issue of John H. Tatom and Barbara Zellars:

- 1-15-1. Annie Lamar Tatom, b. June 7, 1860, Lincolnton, Georgia, d. March 4, 1836, Sandersville, Georgia, m. March 10, 1884, Thomas H. Albea, in Lincolnton, Georgia, b. September 17, 1841, d. Sandersville, Georgia, April 23, 1912.

Issue of Annie Lamar Tatom and Thomas H. Albea:

- 1-15-1-1. Lamar Albea, m. November 20, 1912, Frank B. Chambers.
- 1-15-1-2. Garnet Lewis Albea, m. Vivian Van Houtton.
- 1-15-1-3. Kathleen Albea. Unmarried.
- 1-15-2. Mary (Mollie) Gibson Tatom, b. June 4, 1862, d. May 6, 1905, m. John M. Wright.
- 1-15-3. Newton Long Tatom, b. December 29, 1865, d. August 15, 1927, m. July 1, 1896, Maggie Ware.
- 1-15-4. Robert Zellars Tatom, b. August 17, 1868, Lincolnton, Georgia, m. December 17, 1890, Lena Hartwell Ware, b. December 22, 1868, Auburn, Alabama (Pine Knot), daughter of George Pierce Ware, and Augusta Malvina Reynolds. (Adopted and raised by the name of Tarver).

Issue of Robert Zellars Tatom and Lena Hartwell Ware:

- 1-15-4-1. Annie Myrtle Tatom, b. July 12, 1892, Lee County, Alabama, m. June 22, 1922, Paul Adams.
- 1-15-4-2. Margaret Lena Tatom, b. May 14, 1894, Lee County, Alabama, d. April 19, 1930, Opelika, Alabama, m. March 4, 1918, John H. Dyer.
- 1-15-4-3. Lettie Florence Tatom, b. October 27, 1902, Notasulga, Macon County, Alabama, m. October 14, 1928, James E. Levans.

1. *Elizabeth Stovall*, another daughter who married a Tatom.

Elizabeth Stovall, b. 1787, d. circa 1882, m. January 21, 1818, in Marion County, Mississippi, LeRoy H. Tatom, b. 1794, d. October 6, 1843, at Spring Ridge, Hinds County, Mississippi. Spring Ridge is a country community about seven or eight miles Southeast of Raymond, Mississippi. Elizabeth Stovall was one of the four children of Josiah and Mary Hicks Stovall to marry into the Tatom family. LeRoy Tatom was the son of John Tatom, Jr., and his first wife, Mary Hicks, whom he married in Granville County, North Carolina, before moving to Georgia. John Tatom, Jr., father of LeRoy, married Rebecca Stovall, daughter of Josiah and Mary Hicks Stovall, and sister of above Elizabeth, after the death of his first wife, mother of LeRoy. So we see that LeRoy H. Tatum married the sister of his step-mother.

John Tatom, Jr. (son of John Tatom, Sr., and Dorcus) and his second wife, Rebecca, continued to live in Lincoln County, Georgia, where they both died and where John, Jr., left a will, but LeRoy evidently moved to Mississippi with the Stovalls and their kinsmen.

LeRoy Tatom probably settled first in Marion County, Mississippi, with the other Tatoms and Stovalls, and his land was cut off into Pike County when that county was formed from Marion in 1815. He was listed as a Justice of the Peace for Pike County, September 17, 1823, and again on January 10, 1827,¹¹ but removed to Hinds county soon after that time, as he is listed on the Tax Rolls of Hinds county from 1830-1843, the year of his death. His wife, Elizabeth, is listed on the Tax Rolls for 1847 and 1849.

Elizabeth Tatom, soon after the death of her husband, on October 8, 1844, sold a tract of land containing four acres, "near the Methodist Church," believed to be her home site, to John Rainey for ten dollars.¹² This must have been to settle a debt, as ten dollars could not have been the price of FOUR ACRES.

On October 30, 1843,¹³ Mary (Polly) Stovall makes a deed of gift to her daughter, Elizabeth Tatom in Hinds County, Mississippi. She lived with this daughter for many

11. Register of County Appointments, 1818-1824, Pike County, p. 42.

12. Hinds County Deed Book 17, p. 132.

13. Hinds County Deed Book 16, p. 495.

years before her death. The deed recites that "in consideration of many years of kindness and untiring attention given me by my son-in-law, LeRoy H. Tatom, and my daughter, Elizabeth Tatom, I hereby give unto my beloved daughter, Elizabeth Tatom, and her heirs, the following named Negroes: Negro woman Nancy, about forty-five years old, and her child, Margaret, about one year old, which Negroes are to be her property from my death. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal, date above.

Signed—Mary Stovall."

The above deed of gift was filed in Hinds County, January 29, 1844, and recorded January 30, 1844.

In the January term of the Hinds County Court in 1846, in the distribution of the personal property of Mary (Polly) Stovall, the following distribution was made:

Elizabeth Tatom (wife of LeRoy H. Tatom), one slave;
 Benjamin Stovall, one slave;
 Sarah Chiles, one slave;
 J. M. Chiles, one slave;
 J. M. Chiles, one chest and a bed;
 Mary Cook, 2 feather beds.

An Obituary for LeRoy H. Tatom appeared in *The Southron* of Jackson, Mississippi, October 11, 1843, as follows:

"TATOM, LeROY H.—OBITUARY, from

THE SOUTHRON (JACKSON), October 11, 1843

Died October 6, 1843.

DIED—at his residence, Spring Ridge, Hinds County, Miss., of congestive fever, on Friday evening, 6th inst., in the 49 year of his age, LeRoy H. Tatom.

In this bereavement, God in His Providence has seen fit to deprive a wife of a fond and devoted husband, an aged and helpless mother-in-law, of a respectful and dutiful son, on whom she has for many years depended for support and protection in her old age; an interesting family of children of an affectionate and truly devoted father, numerous friends of a neighbor in the strictest sense of the term, and the community of a valuable citizen and faithful public servant,

whose faults were so few as scarcely to be remembered against him, but whose kind and generous heart, coupled with his generous actions, won for him the confidence and esteem of all who knew him. His place in the circle in which he moved cannot be filled."

LeRoy Tatom was not very prosperous in his later years, and his estate was declared insolvent at the time of his death. Elizabeth Tatom, his wife, and Wiley G. Tatom, brother of LeRoy, were administrators, but as the estate was insolvent there was no distribution of property except personal, mentioned in the Court records. Among those cited to appear before the final settlement of the estate were: Sarah and James M. Chiles, William H. Hampton, guardian of John F. Tatom, minor heir of LeRoy H. Tatom, and John and Mary Cook, (signed Maryann Cook). John F. Tatom, of course, is a son, and it is presumed that Sarah Chiles and Maryann Cook are daughters, though we have no further record of these heirs.

On January 19, 1844, under order of the Court of Chancery, there was a sale of the personal effects of LeRoy H. Tatom, and the papers were signed by John R. Chiles, and William J. Kittrell, before Enos Daughtry, J. P. On November 30, 1843, Elizabeth Tatom and Wiley G. Tatom, administrators of the estate of LeRoy H. Tatom, deceased, petitioned the Court of Hinds County, Mississippi, for permission to sell certain property of the deceased in Hinds County, including some Negro slaves. The estate was declared insolvent on June 27, 1845, at the January term of the Court, and the final report of the estate was made by Elizabeth and Wiley G. Tatom, on November 13, 1848. Wiley G. Tatom was a brother of LeRoy H. Tatom, both of whom were sons of John Tatom, Jr., of Lincoln County, Georgia.

Proof that Elizabeth Stovall was the daughter of Josiah Stovall, Sr., and his wife, Mary (Polly) Stovall, may be found in the following Court Records in Hinds County, Mississippi:

1. Chancery Court, Cause No. 176, June 1834: Mentions heirs of Josiah Stovall, Sr. Among them, LeRoy Tatom and Elizabeth, his wife, of Hinds County, Mississippi.
2. Chancery Court, Cause No. 843, December 18, 1845; Consent of the heirs of Mary (Polly) Stovall for John Stovall to serve as Administrator. Elizabeth Tatom listed among the heirs. Her husband, LeRoy was dead at this time.
3. Chancery Court, March 4, 1848: Summons of the heirs of Mary (Polly) Stovall. Elizabeth Tatom listed.

CHAPTER 14

THE TATOM FAMILY.

The fact that our ancestors were so careless in the spelling of proper names is an endless source of trouble for the genealogist, and nowhere is this more clearly indicated than in the spelling of the Tatom name. It is spelled variously as Tatom, Tatham, Teatem, Tatume, Tatem, and Tatam, etc., ad infinitum. The early Virginia members usually spelled the name Tatom, but descendants of the same family in Georgia, usually spelled the name Tatum, while the New Englanders spelled the name Tatem and Tatum. Except in a few instances the name will be spelled as Tatom in this record, as it is difficult to follow the various spellings, especially since a single person will spell the name at least three different ways in a single document or letter.

Just where the Tatoms originated is unknown to the author, since our study only goes back to their beginning in England in the early 17th Century, when the first Tatom settlers embarked for Virginia.

Whether the American branch was entitled to Arms has not been established, though Burke's General Amory lists a Tatum Crest and Arms, as does Fairbairn. The Arms and Crest listed by Burke are as follows:

Arms: Gyronny of six argent and Azure, three martlets sable.

Crest: A dexter arm embowed in armour proper, garnished gold, holding in the hand three arrows, all Proper.

Fairbairn lists a slightly different one:

Arms: Gyronny of six, gold and blue, three martlets blue.

Crest: Out of a Ducal coronet, a plume of three ostrich feathers proper.

In the early days of the colonization of America, the Somers Islands, (Bermuda) sometimes called the "Summer Islands", were considered a part of Virginia, and were so recognized by both the London and the Virginia Company. Their settlement was the result of an accident. In 1609 Sir George Somers set out for America with a ship load of Colonists for Virginia. They left Plymouth, England, June 2, 1609, in the "Sea Vulture", but were shipwrecked on one of the Bermuda Islands, and following reports of the land

and its advantages, fifty colonists were sent out from England in 1612. The Tatoms were among those early settlers and after a few years moved over into Virginia.

From: Records of the Virginia Company.
Vol. 1, p. 425:

At a Quarter Courte Helde for Virginia, the 15th of November, 1620:

Some of the Somers Islands Company complained that the Bermuda lands sold to them did not contain as much land as specified in their contract, and they asked that additional lands, to make up the difference, be allotted to them in Virginia, on that side of the coast nearest to them—either at Ronoq (Roanoke) southerly, or else at a place convenient for them, which is not already inhabited. The Courts agreed as follows:

To allot to them 100 acres of land in Virginia for every share they held, and fifty acres for each person transported there. They were also given 5000 acres on which to settle those transported—one man for every share, which must be accomplished before 1625.

The colonization of the Somers Islands was undertaken by the Virginia Company under authorization of James 1st of England in 1606, and upon reorganization of the Company the first colonists were dispatched to America in 1609, led by Sir George Somers. Before the organization was completed Sir George Somers died in Bermuda, November 9, 1610. In order to finance the Bermuda colonization, the Virginia Company sold its rights to some of its members and a new company was formed in 1612, and its Charter extended to include all islands within 300 leagues of Virginia, and the name of the Corporation was changed to "Governor and Company of the City of London for Plantation of the Somers' Islands". This company, in turn, sold its rights in 1612 and another company was formed, consisting of 120 persons, sixty of whom proceeded to the Islands.

According to the plan of the company, Richard Norwood, a Surveyor, divided the islands according to the terms laid out in the Letters Patent, which provided that one-fourth of the land should be common land to defray the public expenses, and that the rest of the land should be divided into eight Tribes, named for the leading members of the Company, each Tribe containing fifty shares of twenty-five acres each. The Survey was carried out circa 1618, and a chart of the Survey placed in the British Museum,

dated 1626. The names of the Tribes were: Hamilton, Smith, Devonshire, Pembroke, Paget, Warwick, Southampton, and Sandy. St. George Island, with the small islands around it, and part of the main island, was set aside for the common land, and the eight tribes and St. George constituted the nine parishes.¹ Most of the colonists were Quakers.

FIRST GENERATION IN BERMUDA

Samuel Tatam was one of the early settlers in Bermuda, or the Somers Islands, locating in Warwick Tribe, close to Port Royal, where Captain Butler's expedition disembarked, which was composed of settlers from the city of London and its vicinity. He was listed in the early records as mariner, planter, trader, and member of the Council from Warwick Tribe. The first official record of him was found in a Petition to the Governor in 1662, concerning the growing of tobacco and the disposition of their crops. Another reference was found in the meeting of the Council November 20, 1626, when Samuel Tatam as member from Warwick Tribe, signed a petition of grievances against Captain Stockes. In March, 1629-1630, Samuel Tatam served on the Grand Inquest.

SECOND GENERATION IN BERMUDA

Samuel Tatem did not leave a will in Bermuda, but it appears from the records that he had the following children: Captain Nathaniel Tatem, Sr., Chirurgeon (Physician), of Warwick and Paget Tribes; Samuel Tatem of Somerset in Sandy Tribe; Nehemiah, Councillor of Warwick Tribe, a daughter, Hannah, who married Charles Sothern.² Samuel Jr., occupied shares at Sandy Tribe; Captain Nathaniel, Sr., Chirurgeon, and Nehemiah represented Warwick Tribe in the Council Chamber.³

In 1646, from the Colonial Records of Bermuda, Abell Shingleton acknowledges a debt to Nathaniel Tatem, and on November 21, 1659, he is listed as a Church Officer of Warwick Tribe; and in 1660 served as a Juror. On October 18, 1678, he bought or leased 17 acres of land from Edmund Underwood. He served on the Grand Inquest in April of

1. Historical Geography of the British Colonies, by Sir C. P. Lucas.

2. Will of Charles Sothern, March 26, 1670, mentions Mr. Nathaniel Tatem, brother of my wife, Hannah.

3. Tatum Narrative by Richard P. Tatum.

1679. He died sometime after 1686, the date of the signing of his will, proved October 26, 1687.⁴ In his will, Bermuda Wills, Book 3, pp. 11-13, Nathaniel Teatem, Sr., Chirurgeon, lists his wife as Mary Teatom, and leaves his property to her during her life time, excluding a Negro, Jack. To his son, Nathaniel, who resides in the Bahama Islands, fifty pounds and the above Negro, Jack, and the 100 pounds already received; to his daughter, Mary, his wife's dresses and a Negro woman named Hannah; to his daughter, Elizabeth, after his wife's death, one African named Bess, the great Cupboard in the hall, a little table and a fforern (?) in the chimney chamber; to his son, Samuel, after his wife's death, his dwelling house, etc., and the great table and two fforences (?) in the hall, and one great chair; to his daughter, Sarah, the profit of his shallop that went to the Bahamas. After the death of his wife, Mary, all of his possessions were to be divided between his three children: Mary, Elizabeth and Samuel. Wife Mary, Executrix, and cousin, Benjamin Wainwright, Executor.

Signed, November 14, 1686.

Since his wife was living, it seems queer that he assumed the right to give away her dresses.

THIRD GENERATION IN BERMUDA⁵

Nathaniel Tatem, mariner, son of Captain Nathaniel Tatem, Sr., Chirurgeon, married Elizabeth Turner, daughter of Jonathan Turner, Gentleman of Devonshire Tribe, and Bridget Trimmingham, daughter of Governor John Trimmingham. Jonathan Turner, in his will, under date of December 19, 1705, mentions his son-in-law, Nathaniel Tatem, and gives his daughter, ½ share (no. 12) in Pembroke Tribe in 1690. Paul Trimmingham in his will of 1689, mentions his sister Bridget, wife of Jonathan Turner of Devonshire Tribe.

Nathaniel Tatem, mariner, listed by his father in his will as being in the Bahamas, continued to live in Barbadoes, where he left a will May 18, 1711, Barbadoes Wills, Vol. 5, p. 481, describing himself as of the Island of Bermuda and makes the following disposition of his property.

1. Two hundred acres of land, part of 550 acres purchased of Joseph Church, with the mansion house thereon, situate, lying and being in Elizabeth River, in Virginia, "to son Nathaniel Tatom."

4. Tyler's Quarterly, Vol. 28, No. 1, July, 1946.

5. Bermuda Wills, Book 4, p. 74.

2. One hundred and seventy-five acres of land being part of the aforesaid 550 acres, next adjoining, the 200 acres given my son, to daughter Mariam Tatam.
3. The remaining 175 acres of the above tract bought of Joseph Church, to daughter, Martha Tatam.
4. To daughter, Elizabeth Tatam, a parcel of land in Elizabeth River, containing 160 acres, more or less, bought of William Beerton.
5. All the rest of the property, after debts are paid, to wife, Elizabeth Tatam, now in Bermuda, to dispose of as she sees fit. Wife Elizabeth named as Executrix.

Will signed April 3, 1711, by Nathaniel Tatam, "now in the Island of Barbadoes", and proved May 18, 1711, by Richard Harwood, one of the witnesses.

It appears from the records that Elizabeth Tatom, wife of Nathaniel, removed to Virginia immediately after her husband's death, and on May 15, 1718, in the Bermuda Court of Assizes, there was a suit against her concerning recovery of three slaves. She was described as "Elizabeth Tatam, of Virginia, widow and administrator of the estate of Nathaniel Tatum, Mariner, late of these islands, deceased."

By September 29, 1735, Nathaniel Tatam, Third, mentioned in the above will of his father, Nathaniel Tatam, Mariner, was settled in Virginia and looking after his shipping interests. In a letter to Mr. James Cox, recorded in Bermuda, he expresses the hope that Captain Harwood has chartered his ship to Mr. Jonathan ———, but if not, and if Captain Harwood does not come to Virginia in said ship, the instructions are that the ship should be sent direct to Virginia. He instructed Mr. Cox to take particular care of the ship, not speaking with any ship whatsoever while homeward bound, or come to anchor, except in great want or to preserve life, and not to be extravagant in fitting the ship out for the voyage. In a postscript he urges Mr. Cox to be kind to "my son John".

Nathaniel Tatam appears to have been the only one of the children of Nathaniel, the Mariner, to move to Virginia; the other descendants moving to New York and New England.

Nehemiah Tatem, son of Samuel, the original settler in Bermuda, married Patience Bullock, daughter of William Bullock, and Patience Painter, and had at least two sons, John and Samuel. Samuel was a Quaker, but John was a

member of the Presbyterian Church.⁶ In 1688 Samuel purchased 50 acres near Flushing, Long Island, and in 1689, John purchased 50 acres on Woodbury Creek, Province of West Jersey, where he died in 1738.⁶

No effort has been made to trace the families of these two men, for this history is concerned only with the Southern branch who settled in Virginia, and whose members migrated to North Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky, Georgia, Alabama, and Texas, where they played an important part in developing the country. This Southern branch is descended from Nathaniel Tatom, Sr., Chirurgeon, of Warwick and Pagent Tribe of Bermuda, son of Samuel Tatam, of Warwick Tribe, near Port Royal, Bermuda.⁷

FOURTH GENERATION

Captain Nathaniel Tatom of Norfolk County, Virginia, was undoubtedly the son of Nathaniel Tatom, Mariner, who left a will in Barbadoes, signed April 3, 1711, and proved May 18, 1711. He was located first in Charles City County, and later in Norfolk County. He left a will in Norfolk County, dated October 18, 1737, and proved in August, 1739. The will is in very bad condition and parts of words and sentences are missing, but there is enough present to be able to reconstruct the missing parts. He names his wife, Ann, and the following children: Nathaniel, John, Trimingham, and Love. The legacies are as follows:

1. Nathaniel: 150 acres in Elizabeth River, and the mansion house there after the death of his mother; a Negro man, Tom; sixty pounds current Virginia money to build him a house on the land given him, should he need one before the death of his mother, "and not before".
2. Trimingham: A lot with houses thereon, in Norfolk town; three Negroes, Dick, Sam and Rose:
3. Love: A Negro, James, called "Mug", feather bed and furniture, half dozen leather chairs, and half dozen cane and cedar chairs, with oval table, and Negro woman, Beck; and lot in Norfolk, bought of Peter Malbone.
4. John: A Negro, James, called "Gray"; 750 acres on Crane Island, with houses located there at the mouth of Elizabeth River.

6. Tatum Narrative, by Richard P. Tatum.

7. Historical Geography of the British Colonies, by Lucas.

The wife, Ann, after payment of legacies, was to have all the rest of the property, including sixteen slaves, and to hold a lot on Crane Island and in Norfolk, until John and Trimmingham come of age. He bequeathed all of his vessels: his ship "Caesar, and half of the Brigantine, 'Charming'", his flat boats, and sailing boats, and 200 pounds current Virginia money to his four children: Nathaniel, John, Trimmingham, and Love. He names his wife, Ann, as Executrix, and his friend, John Hutchings, Executor.

As an afterthought, he left twelve pounds Virginia currency to Mary Snellings, daughter of William Snellings, relationship not given.

FIFTH GENERATION

JOHN TATOM, SR., REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIER

John Tatom, Sr., son of Captain Nathaniel Tatom, of Norfolk County, Virginia, and his wife, Ann, was born in Norfolk County, Virginia, circa 1720, and died in Wilkes County, Georgia, in 1793.⁸ He married 1) in Norfolk County, Virginia, November 7, 1743, Ann Wright,⁹ b. circa 1725, daughter of Captain Stephen Wright and his wife, Pembroke. Captain Stephen Wright was born 1680-1690, probably in England, as he mentions land in England in his will. He died in Norfolk County, Virginia, in 1748, where his will was probated, March 16, 1748.

John Tatom, Sr., may have married 2) to Aley Smith, in Norfolk County, Virginia, March 30, 1774, as this marriage is recorded there, and we know of no other John Tatom there at that date, but when he died in Wilkes County, Georgia, in 1793, he names SARAH as his wife in his will. Hence, we have three marriages for John Tatom, Sr., without knowing definitely which wife was the mother of the various children.

Captain Stephen Wright, father of Ann, in his will, names his wife, Pembroke, and his children, Ann Tatom, Katherine Wright, and son, Stephen Wright. His wife, Pembroke, his friend, James Nimmo, and "my son-in-law, John Tatom" were named Executors. He also mentions his grandson, Stephen Tatom, to whom he bequeaths one hundred

8. File S. and T., Wilkes County, Georgia, signed March 21, 1793, and proved October 8, 1794.

9. McIntosh Abstract of Norfolk County Wills, p. 219.

pounds, to be placed at interest until he became of age. The legacies were as follows:

To Ann Tatom: Three slaves; Margaret, Mary and Luke; "the household stuff she had when first married," and fifty pounds currency. If she is not satisfied with these legacies she was to receive only one shilling.

To Katherine Wright: Two hundred and twenty five pounds currency; a Negro girl, named Amy, one roan mare and saddle.

To Stephen Wright: All of the lands and Negroes, not willed away; all of the lands that were given to his "mother in law", after her death; all stock not willed away, and all money in Virginia and England after legacies are paid; all oak plank sawed after Capt. Powell has been satisfied, and no more sawed until Stephen becomes eighteen.

To wife Pembroke: The use of the following slaves during her lifetime: Sambo, Phyllis, Diana, Isbell, Luke, Betty, Roger, Sammy, James, Rose, Sarah, Daisy, Jack, Peg and Jenny; one hundred pounds current money; the plantation he lives on, with two thirds of all cattle, sheep, and hogs that belong to the plantation; a gray mare and side saddle; all lands, etc., to be equally divided between his wife and son Stephen. If Pembroke should die before her mother, the mother to have the use of the following slaves: Sarah, Sambo, Phyllis, Diana, Isbell, Luke and Betty; all crops of corn, peas, and tobacco "of this present year" to be divided equally between wife Pembroke and son Stephen.

John Tatom qualified as Executor, but the other two, Pembroke, wife of Stephen, and James Nimmo, "refused the burden thereof".¹⁰

While living in Virginia, near Portsmouth, in Norfolk County, John Tatom, Sr., served as a member of the House of Burgesses from Norfolk County, September 14, 1758-November 9, 1758, and from February 22, 1759-November 1, 1759. On June 5, 1761, he had been elected to the Vestry of the Portsmouth, Virginia, Parish Church, receiving the highest number of votes of the twelve men elected, and on June 18, 1761, at a Court held in Norfolk County, he took the oath of office and subscribed to the Doctrine and Discipline

10. Norfolk County Virginia Wills, Book H, p. 239.

of the Church of England.¹¹ The Portsmouth Parish was established in 1761, when the Elizabeth River Parish was divided into three Districts: Elizabeth River, Saint Brides, and Portsmouth. John Tatom, Sr., was also listed as a Justice of the Peace for Norfolk County from April 11, 1764-April 20, 1775.¹²

We do not know the exact date of the removal of John Tatom, Sr., to North Carolina, but we do know that he was there during the Revolution, in Hillsborough District, where his sons served in the Army from that state.

John Tatom, Sr., removed from North Carolina to Wilkes County, Georgia, soon after the Revolutionary War, because of the attractive offers made by the State of Georgia to Settlers. On March 17, 1785, Thomas Owen, of Wilkes County, Georgia, sold 200 acres on Pistol Creek to John Tatom, Sr., and the Tax Digests of Wilkes County for that year list him with 200 acres.¹³ He was listed with only one poll, so his children were evidently all married and of age.

On October 26, 1792, John Tatom, Sr., of Lincoln County, Georgia, which was formed from Wilkes, bought 200 acres in Wilkes from John Dooley,¹⁴ and on June 20, 1796, Abner Tatom, son of John Tatom, Sr., and one of the Executors of his father's estate, sold 200 acres on Newford Creek to William Jones.¹⁵

We know from Captain Stephen Wright's will that John Tatom, Sr., was married to his daughter, Ann Wright, by 1748, but since we do not know the date of his marriage to Sarah, we do not know which of the children were Sarah's and which were the children of Ann. However, it is safe to assume that the children who remained in North Carolina were the children of the first marriage, and it is possible that all of the children were of the first marriage.

John Tatom, Sr., died in Wilkes County, Georgia, where he left a will, naming his wife, Sarah, and the following children: William, Henrietta Fullilove, deceased daughter, Elizabeth Ann Hicks, Keziah Goodwin, deceased, Abel, Ab-

11. Lower Norfolk County Antiquary, Vol. 1, pp. 18, 19.

12. Justices of the Peace, Colonial Virginia, Bulletin of Virginia State Library, Vol. XIV, Nos. 2 and 3, April and July, 1921.

13. Davidson's Early Records of Wilkes County, Georgia, Vol. 1, p. 66.

14. Lincoln County, Georgia, Deed Book A, p. 24.

15. Ibidem, Deed Book B, pp. 54, 55.

ner and John. He directs that his children in Georgia notify those still in North Carolina, and among those whom we located were: Barnard or Barnett Tatom, and Absolem Tatom, not named specifically in the will. He directs that his property be divided into nine equal parts, which would take care of the nine children. We know that Bernard, Absolem and Keziah did not come to Georgia to live, and it is also possible that Elizabeth Ann remained in North Carolina, as we have found no records of her in Georgia.

LAST WILL and TESTAMENT of JOHN TATOM, Deceased

I, JOHN TATOM, Senior, of Wilkes County and State of Georgia, tho weak in Body, yet thro the great mercy and goodness of God, of perfect memory and sound understanding; do constitute this, my last will & Testament and desire that it may be received as such.

FIRST: I do most humbly bequeath my Soul to God its maker, hoping a gracious reception through the blessed Redeemer, who atoned for my Sins; My Body I give to the Earth from whence it was taken, until the general Resurrection; expecting at that time, a happy union with the Soul.

SECONDLY, I desire that all my just Debts be paid.

THIRDLY. I give my dear wife SARAH (second wife) a descretionary power to use my Estate as she may think proper for her own subsistence during life.

4thly. I give unto my son WILLIAM, two cows & calves, a featherbed, and an equal portion of house-hold goods with those of my children who have been already furnished from my house.

5thly. After the foregoing articles are Satisfied, I order the rest of my estate to be divided unto Nine equal parts, and distributed as follows Viz: One Ninth part to be paid or delivered to the Children of my deceased Daughter HENRIETTA FULLILOVE, to be divided equally amongst them—One Ninth part to be paid or delivered to the Children of my Daughter ELIZABETH ANN HICKS, to be equally divided amongst them—One Ninth part to the children of my Daughter (deceased) KESSIA, as follows, Viz: Five pounds out of said Share I give unto Samuel Goodwin, her eldest Son, the remainder of said Ninth part to be divided into three equal parts, and the other Sons of my said Daughter is to have one of those parts divided equally between them, and their Sisters, the other two parts divided equally be-

tween them. The other two Ninth parts is to be divided equally between the rest of my Children, that is to say, each of them to have one Ninth part of my whole Estate, after the first four Articles of this Will is complied with, as therein mentioned. My SONS in this state is to give notice to those in North Carolina, before they divide the Estate, and none of it is to be sold, only among each other of the Heirs.

LASTLY, I do hereby appoint my Sons, Abel Tatom, Abner Tatom, JOHN TATOM, and William Tatom to be my Executors to this my will in Testimony to this I set my hand and affix my Seal—the 21st Day of March in the year of our Lord—1793.

Signed: JOHN TATOM (seal).

Witness present, Signed:

Thomas Owens

James Hester
his

Thomas x Shannon Ser.
mark

STATE OF GEORGIA, WILKES COUNTY:—

Personally appeared before me James Hester, and Thomas Owen, two of the subscribing Witnesses to the Within Will and being by me duly Sworn saith that they Saw, JOHN TATOM Sign Seal publish and declare the within Instrument of Writing to be his last Will & Testament, and that at the time of his so doing he was Sound Mind disposition and Memory to the best of their knowledge & belief & that Thos. Shannon Ser. made his mark as a Witness thereto. Proved approved & Established this 8th day of Oct. 1794.

Signed: Da Terrell RC.W.C.

This original will is still on file in Wilkes County, Georgia. It was originally recorded in Will Book D.D., which was destroyed by fire, but the will itself is still intact in the Ordinary's Office in Washington, Georgia, in File of S. and T., just inside the Vault door, according to the affidavit of the Ordinary, Edgar L. Smith, November 14, 1953. The name on the original is spelled TATOM.

Issue of John Tatom, Sr., and his three wives, Ann Wright, Alsey Smith, and Sarah ————:

Approximate date of birth:

1-1. Bernard or Barnett Tatom, b. circa 1744.

- 1-2. Absolom Tatom, b. circa 1745.
- 1-3. Abel Tatom, b. circa 1747.
- 1-4. Henrietta Tatom Fullilove, b. circa 1749.
- 1-5. Abner Tatom, b. circa 1751.
- 1-6. Elizabeth Ann Tatom Hicks, b. circa 1753.
- 1-7. John Tatom, Jr., b. circa 1755.
- 1-8. Keziah Tatom Goodwin Newby, b. circa 1757.
- 1-9. William Tatom, b. circa 1759.

BERNARD OR BARNETT TATOM:

1-1. We know very little about Bernard or Barnett Tatom, as he did not move to Georgia with the other members of his family. He may have lived for a short time in South Carolina, for on December 18, 1797, he gave Power-of-Attorney to Robert Cook of York County, South Carolina, to "demand, recover, and receive from my brothers, Abel and Abner Tatom, Executors of my father's estate in the state of Georgia, all my legacies left me by my Father", witnessed by Joseph and Jane Davie. (Deed Book A, p. 50, Lincoln County, Georgia.) In 1800 Barnett Tatom and John N. Newby sign receipts for their part of the legacies.

Bernard Tatom, on November 16, 1773, bought one hundred acres of land in Granville County, North Carolina, for one Hundred and forty six pounds, thirteen shillings, and four pence, Proclamation money, from Burgess White, whose wife, Martha White, relinquished her dower. Witnessed by Samuel Goodwin and Hugh Currin. (Granville County Deed Book K, p. 137). On August 20, 1778, Bernard Tatom married Mary Thompson in Granville County, North Carolina. (Marriage Records 1761-1868). On October 29, 1783, Bernard Tatom and Mary, his wife, sold this same land for 100 pounds Virginia currency, to Richard Wilkins. The deed was proved at the May Court, 1784, by the oath of Thomas Pomfret Davis. (Deed Book O, p. 296.)

We know that Barnard Tatom was a Revolutionary soldier from the State Records of North Carolina by Clark, for he is listed in the Abstracts of the Army Accounts, Vol. XVII, 1781-1785, as being paid for his services. He was listed in the Hillosborough District of North Carolina in the 1790 Census, in the Tabb's Creek District, which is where his land was located as described in the deed recited above. Some records say that he removed to Tennessee and we know that he purchased land in Sumner County, Tennessee.

ABSOLEM TATOM

1-2. Absolem Tatom, the second child of John Tatom, Sr., was a lawyer and was probably the best known of the children, as he was not only a soldier in the Revolution, but was very active in the public affairs of North Carolina, and we have many records of him from official documents. He lived all of his life in Hillsborough, North Carolina, but died and is buried in Raleigh, North Carolina, the inscription on his tomb reading: "In memory of Absolem Tatom Esquire, who departed this life December 20th, 1802, a member of the House of Commons from the town of Hillsborough, age 60 years". Members of the family say that he was only fifty-seven years of age. He was not married and in his will he left his property to his brothers and sisters, nieces and nephews, and various kinsmen and friends.

Absolem Tatom's will was signed December 17, 1802, and was proved in the Orange County, North Carolina Court in the February Term, 1803. Besides bequests to various friends, and slaves, he leaves the following to members of his family:

First: "To my eldest brother, Barnet Tatom", \$2000.00.

Second: "To brothers Abner, John and William Tatom", \$1000.00 each.

Third: "To the children of my deceased brother Abel Tatom", \$1000.00.

Fourth: "To the children of my deceased sister, Henrietta Fullilove", \$1000.00.

Fifth: "To the children of my deceased sister, Keziah Goodwin, Alias Newby, except Samuel Goodwin, who is otherwise provided for", \$1000.00.

Sixth: "To my nephew, Samuel Goodwin", of the town of Fayetteville, house and lot etc., in Hillsborough.

Seventh: Various legacies of land and money to faithful slaves and friends. After legacies are paid, the remainder of the estate to be divided equally among his brothers and sisters, named above.

On January 7, 1809, Stovall Pool, guardian of his daughter, Bonetta Pool, gave receipt to Samuel Goodwin, Executor of Absolem Tatom, deceased, for \$160.00. In 1807, in Franklin County, Georgia, Benjamin Pulliam appointed Abner

Tatom to collect his wife's inheritance from Absolem Tatom. His wife was Jemima Fullilove, daughter of Henrietta Tatom Fullilove. On March 15, 1804, Stovall Pool, in Wilkes County, Georgia, had been appointed guardian of his daughter, Bonetta Pool.

The following record is copied from:

Biographical Directory of the American Congress: 1774-1949: p. 1806:

"Absolem Tatom:

Representative from North Carolina; born in that state in 1742; sergeant in Greenville, North Carolina Militia in 1763; during the Revolutionary War was commissioned First Lieutenant in the First North Carolina Continental Regiment, September 1, 1775; promoted to the rank of Captain, June 29, 1776; resigned from the Continental Army on September 19, 1776; enlisted as Assistant Quartermaster and keeper of the arsenal in the State Service at Hillsborough, N. C., August 15, 1778; was contractor for Hillsborough in 1778; Major of detachment of the North Carolina Light Horse February 12, 1779; was Clerk of Randolph County Court in 1779; elected to the State House of Commons, but was unseated because he already held the office of County Clerk; was district auditor for Hillsborough in 1781; one of three Commissioners appointed by Congress to survey lands granted to Continental soldiers in the Western Territory (later Tennessee), in 1782; private secretary to Governor Thomas Burke in 1782; State Tobacco Agent in 1782; elected surveyor of North Carolina by the Continental Congress in May 1785; delegate to the Constitutional Convention in 1788; elected as a Republican to the Fourth Congress, and served from March 4, 1795,-June 1, 1796, when he resigned; again served in the State House of Commons 1797-1802; died in Raleigh, N. C., December 20, 1802; interment in Old City Cemetery." He was the first Secretary of the Society of the Cincinnati in North Carolina.

ABEL TATOM

Mr. J. A. Crawford of Nashville, Tennessee, descendant of Abel Tatom, spent a great many years, as well as a great deal of money, collecting data about the Tatom family. He visited the counties where the Tatoms lived and gathered many interesting stories from the living descendants. His data is supported by authentic Court Records and documents, and is a marvelous heritage for his son, a successful Dentist in Nashville, and his other kinsmen. The data he

collected is embodied in a loose leaf note book, written in the most beautiful longhand that I have ever seen, and the easiest to read. He most generously loaned this storehouse of information to me, with permission to copy anything that I needed, and much of the data I have concerning Abel Tatom and his descendants is from Mr. Crawford's manuscript.

- 1-3. Abel Tatom was the third child of John Tatom, Sr., and his wife, Ann Wright, and came to Georgia with his father, who settled first in Wilkes County, Georgia, and was finally located in Lincoln County, Georgia, on Soap Creek, when that county was formed from Wilkes. He was born either in Norfolk County, Virginia, or in Granville County, North Carolina, circa 1747, and like his brothers, served in the State Militia and as a Revolutionary soldier from North Carolina. From the Minutes of the Court, Granville County, North Carolina:

"A Regiment of Foot was organized in the county of Granville, commanded by Captain Christopher Harris, taken the 17th of August-1770". Among those listed: John Tatom, Sergeant, Bernard Tatom, Sergeant, and Abel Tatom, private. From the North Carolina Revolutionary Army Accounts, Vol. XI, p. 35; Folio 4, Raleigh, N. C.; "Abel Tatom, Nine pounds, and two shillings." Milly Tatom, wife of Abel, drew in the Lottery of 1827, from Monroe County, Georgia, as the widow of a Revolutionary soldier. Abel Tatom was one of the Executors of his father's estate. He died in 1798, and his wife, Milly Harris, b. circa 1755, d. in Monroe County, Georgia, in 1832, leaving a will, administered on his estate. She was granted Letters of Administration, November 3, 1798. In December, 1799, Isaac Tatom, one of the children, gave his mother a receipt for his part of the estate. (Will Book 2, 1796-1805). An Inventory of the estate was ordered by the Court of Lincoln County, Georgia, September 18, 1805. Milly was made guardian of the minor children, Silas, Thomas and Frances Tatom, and made many reports on the guardianship, which are reported in the Minutes of the Lincoln County Court. Abel Tatom's property was sold after his death on November 1, 1801, and some of the purchasers were: Isaac Tatom, Milly Tatom, James Turner, David Murray, William Mays, and Abner Tatom.

After the death of her son, Isaac Tatom, who married Mary Jane Stinson, Milly Tatom cared for his five children as Mary Jane died also soon after her husband's death. Milly removed to Monroe County, Georgia, with her children and

her wards, circa 1820, where she died and left a will. The will was signed October 19, 1826, and probated September 27, 1832. Silas and Thomas Tatom, sons, were named Executors, and it was witnessed by Gabriel Christian, William L. F. Jackson, and Juliann Christian. The will provided:

First: That the two slaves, Jenny and Moses, should not be sold except to members of the family, and that the slaves must be given their choice of masters. All other property to be sold and divided among the heirs.

Second: Silas Tatom was to receive one-fourth of proceeds of all sales.

Third: Daughter, Frances Turner, was to have one-fourth.

Fourth: One fourth part of the estate was to be divided among the following grandchildren: Bometer (or Bonita) Davis, Sarah Wideman, Mary Turner, Abel Tatom and John M. Tatom.

Fifth: One fourth part of all property to the children of Thomas Tatom, as well as the tract of land where Thomas lives, being the 6th District of Monroe County, Georgia. Thomas is given authority to manage all property or to sell it for the benefit of his children, if he so decides.

We only have the names of four children of Abel and Milly Harris Tatom, though there may have been others, as there is such a wide margin between the birth of Isaac Tatom and the minor children for whom Milly was guardian. It is also possible that Abel Tatom was married twice and that Milly was his second wife. We know that Stovall Pool of Lincoln County, Georgia, was one of the heirs of Abel Tatom, for on January 6, 1806, for \$160.00 paid to him by Milly Tatom, he relinquished his claim to his share of 400 acres of land on Soap Creek, "as one of the heirs and distributees of Abel Tatom, deceased". Witnesses were William and Richard Ratliff. This was probably the inheritance from William Hicks of Granville County, North Carolina.

Milly Tatom and her family were Methodists, but were orthodox in their beliefs. Mr. Crawford, in his notes loaned to me, tells of an interesting story about Milly and her experience with the very unorthodox Lorenzo Dow, famous Methodist Evangelist, who spent some time in Georgia. He was expelled from the Methodist Church at one time, but reinstated and in Charleston, South Carolina, was convicted of libel. He was a guest of Milly Tatom while in Lincoln

County, Georgia, but was invited to leave after spending the night because Milly was so displeased with the doctrine he taught. Lorenzo mentions this incident without giving names in one of the many books and journals he wrote in his declining years.

Issue of Abel Tatom and Milly Harris Tatom:

- 1-3-1. Isaac Tatom, b. in North Carolina circa 1773, d. 1805.
- 1-3-2. Silas Tatom, b. circa 1785; m. April 7, 1816, "Patsy" Mays.
- 1-3-3. Thomas Tatom, b. circa 1787.
- 1-3-4. Frances Tatom, b. October 14, 1794, d. November 7, 1858, m. September 28, 1809, Meshack Turner.

There may have been other children.

- 1-3-1. Isaac Tatom, b. circa 1773 in Norfolk County, Virginia, d. in Lincoln County, Georgia, 1805, leaving a will; m.¹⁶ circa 1794, Mary Jane Stinson, b. 1777, d. 1806. Mary Jane Stinson was the daughter of Alexander Stinson, b. circa 1733, d. Lincoln County, Georgia, leaving a will and his wife, Jane Baker, whom he married in 1760.

According to a romantic story in the manuscript of J. A. Crawford, Alexander Stinson's real name was Alexander Stephenson, and the story of his life formed the basis of Robert Louis Stephenson's *Kidnapped*. Members of the family believed so strongly in the tradition that when the English Government advertised for the heirs of the kidnapped boy, the Stinsons of Georgia registered their claim to his inheritance. So many years had gone by and so much evidence destroyed that the claim was denied for lack of proof. The will of Alexander Stinson was signed in Lincoln County, Georgia, August 6, 1806, and proved July 5, 1813. The witnesses were: John Tatom, John Matthews, and David Glaze. Among the legatees were the heirs of Jane Tatom, deceased, who were given eight slaves: Andy, Nancy, Mime, Thomas, Daniel, Betsy, Peter and Nicholas.

Jane Tatom was the executor of the estate of her husband, Isaac Tatom, and there are many records in the Lincoln County, Georgia, Court Minutes concerning the administration. However, Jane Tatom only lived one year after the

16. Will Book C, Lincoln County, Georgia, pp. 102, 103, 107.

death of her husband, dying September 8, 1806, with Archibald and Joseph Stinson acting as administrators of her estate. There was a report of the administration on February 7, 1807, and in the Court Minutes for March 30, 1809, Milly Tatom was paid for the maintenance of the following children of Jane Tatom, deceased: Sally Tatom, Abel Tatom, Mary Tatom, and John Tatom, for the years 1807 and 1808.

Issue of Isaac and Mary Jane Stinson Tatom:

- 1-3-1-1. Bometa or Bonita Tatom, b. circa 1795, m. ——— Davis.
- 1-3-1-2. Sarah Frances Tatom, b. circa 1797, d. August 14, 1872, m. January 14, 1819, Joseph Wideman, d. October 28, 1870.
- 1-3-1-3. Mary Tatom, b. circa 1799, m. Lincoln County, Georgia, January 14, 1819, Abednigo Turner.
- 1-3-1-4. Abel Tatom, b. August 27, 1801, d. September 16, 1886, m. May 11, 1823, Eleanor Key Stokes, daughter of Ignatius and Rebecca Benson Stokes, of Jasper County, Georgia, b. June 10, 1806, d. October 10, 1868.
- 1-3-1-5. John M. Tatom.

ABEL TATOM, JR.

1-3-1-4. Abel Tatom, Jr., listed above, was a Methodist Preacher. His parents died when he was about four or five years old, and he was raised by his grandmother, Milly Tatom, and moved with her in 1820 to Monroe County, Georgia. After his marriage to Eleanor Key Stokes in 1823, he continued to live in Monroe County for many years, but in 1845 or 1846, he moved to DeLand County, Florida. In 1848 he moved to Cotton Valley in Macon County, Alabama, and resided on the Union Springs and Tuskegee highway. After the death of his wife and the marriage of his children, he sold his home in Macon County, Alabama, and lived among his children. He died at the home of his daughter, Sarah B. Crawford, and was buried in the Tuskegee City Cemetery.

On April 2, 1841, in Russell County, Alabama, Abel Tatom presented to the Court the record of his authority as a duly ordained Minister of the Methodist Church by

Rev. Joshua Soule, Bishop, and was given full authority to celebrate the rites of matrimony in the State of Alabama. The document was on file in Macon County, Alabama.

Issue of Abel Tatom, Jr., and Eleanor Key Stokes:

- 1-3-1-4-1. Sarah Benson Tatom, b. May 6, 1824, d. December 16, 1907, m. January 2, 1840, William Gilliam Crawford, b. February 13, 1810, d. June 27, 1867.

Issue of Sarah Benson Tatom and William Gilliam Crawford:

- 1-3-1-4-1-1. Eleanor Crawford, b. 1841.
 1-3-1-4-1-2. Abel Hill Crawford, b. 1843, m. 1884, Rebecca A. Potts.
 1-3-1-4-1-3. William Crawford, b. 1845.
 1-3-1-4-1-4. Sarah Crawford, b. 1850.

Abel Hill Crawford and Rebecca Potts Crawford were the parents of Mr. J. A. Crawford of Nashville, Tennessee.

- 1-3-1-4-2. Elizabeth Harris Tatom, b. May 20, 1827, d. September 14, 1858, unmarried.
 1-3-1-4-3. John Nelson Tatom, b. April 5, 1830, m. January 20, 1852, Ellen H. Wilde.
 1-3-1-4-4. Isaac Ignatius Tatom, b. October 11, 1833, m. 1859, Elizabeth Adams.
 1-3-1-4-5. Mary Jane Tatom, b. December 23, 1836.
 1-3-1-4-6. Martha Ann Tatom, b. February 6, 1841, d. April 2, 1902. Unmarried.
 1-3-1-4-7. Nancy Eleanor Tatom, b. February 22, 1845, d. June 14, 1879, m. January 21, 1874, Benjamin Rush Nix.
 1-3-1-4-8. Abel Fletcher Tatom, b. September 1, 1848, d. April 8, 1926, m. Mary Frances Jones.
- 1-3-2. Silas Tatom, son of Abel and Milly Harris Tatom, was born in 1785, m. April 7, 1816, Martha (Patsy) Mays. After the death of his father, he purchased his father's property from the other heirs, and remained in Lincoln County when the other members of the family moved to Monroe County, Georgia, and served at one time as Justice of the Peace for the county.

1-3-3. Thomas Tatom was born circa 1787, and removed with his mother and her family to Monroe County, Georgia, after the death of his father. He and his children are named in the will of his mother, Milly Tatom, in Monroe County, Georgia, already quoted.

1-3-4. Frances Tatom, daughter of Abel and Milly Harris Tatom, m. Meshack Turner, son of Shadrack and Margaret Hill Turner, in Lincoln County, Georgia, September 28, 1809.

HENRIETTA TATOM

1-4. Henrietta Tatom, fourth child of John Tatom, Sr., b. Norfolk County, Virginia, circa 1749, was dead in 1793, when her father signed his will. m. John Fullilove, a Revolutionary soldier. She moved with her father from Norfolk County, Virginia, to Granville County, North Carolina, and thence to Wilkes and Lincoln County, Georgia.

Henrietta Tatom Fullilove was mentioned as deceased in the will of her father, March 21, 1793. In the first Tax Digest of Wilkes County, Georgia, undated, John Fullilove is listed with 600 acres of land, seven polls and twelve slaves.

We know very little about Henrietta and her family and only have the names of three children, though there may have been others.

Issue of Henrietta Tatom and John Fullilove:

1-4-1. Susannah Fullilove, married Benjamin Taylor. In the Returns of the estate of John Tatom, Sr., in March of 1802, Benjamin Taylor receipts for part of the legacy of his wife, Susannah Fullilove. (Early Records of Wilkes County, Georgia, by Davidson, Vol. 2, p. 296.)

1-4-2. Temperance (Tempe) Fullilove, married John Taylor, who also receipts for the legacy of his wife, Temperance, from the estate of John Tatom, Sr. Temperance Fullilove married John Taylor in Oglethorpe County, Georgia, January 20, 1801.

1-4-3. Jemima Fullilove married Benjamin Pulliam. In 1807 Benjamin Pulliam appointed Abner Tatom of Lincoln County, Georgia, his attorney to demand of the Executors of the estate of Absolem Tatom, late of the town of Hillsborough, North Carolina, "My part

of the legacy out of said estate in consequence of my marriage with Jemima Fullilove, daughter of Henrietta Fullilove". (Historical Collections of the Georgia D.A.R., Vol. 1, p. 268.

ABNER TATOM

- 1-5. Abner Tatom, fifth child of John Tatom, Sr., and Ann Wright, b. circa 1751, in Norfolk County, Virginia, d. 1819, Madison County, Alabama, Mississippi Territory, leaving a will; m. in either Norfolk County, Virginia, or Granville County, North Carolina, Mary Currin, daughter of James Currin and Elizabeth Wheeler Currin. James Currin left a will in Granville County, North Carolina, signed July 7, 1779, in which he names his daughter, Mary. The will was proved at the February Court in 1782, when his wife, Elizabeth Wheeler Currin, and his son, Hugh Currin, qualified as Executors. It is probable that both Elizabeth and Hugh were dead by 1786, for on that date another son, James Currin, qualified as executor.

Abner Tatom served both in the Militia of Granville County, and as a Revolutionary soldier. He was born in Norfolk County, Virginia, moved with his family to Granville County, North Carolina, and thence to Wilkes County, Georgia, in the part cut off to form Lincoln County.

On April 6, 1784, Abner Tatom applied to the Governor and Council of the State of Georgia, for a headright for himself and three others, saying that he was "a resider of this state and never had any lands granted him." He asked that 350 acres be laid out for him in Washington County. The land was evidently granted him in Wilkes County, for he is listed on the Tax Rolls of Wilkes County in 1787 with 350 acres.

He was the first Clerk of the Superior Court after the county was formed, and one of the Tax Districts was called "Captain Abner Tatom's District". From the Minutes of Lincoln County, 1796-1805; p. 1: "The Honorable Superior Court for the county of Lincoln, met agreeable to the Act of the Assembly, at the home of Mr. Josiah Stovall, on Monday, 16 day of May, 1796. Present: His honor Benjamin Telfair, Esquire, Abner Tatom, Clerk of said Court entered into Bond, agreeable to law, with John Tatom, William Tatom, Newell Walton, and William Smith, his securities, whereupon he took the oath prescribed by the law of this state, and the oath directed by the Constitution of the United

States." Many of Abner Tatom's family lived in the Tatom District, which was evidently on Soap Creek, where their property was located, among them: Milly Tatom, Silas Tatom, Thomas Tatom, and Shadrack, Meshack, and Abednigo Turner, who had married into the family. Abner Tatom served for several years as Clerk of the Court, and the author of this history saw many documents signed by him written in beautiful penmanship, quite superior to the writing of most of the Clerks of that period.

Abner Tatom and his brother, Abel, were named as Executors of their father's estate, and on February 6, 1797, they prayed for a warrant for 165 acres of land in the name of the heirs, and the warrant was granted. On January 17, 1791, Abner and his father, John Tatom, Sr., administered on the estate of Jesse Newby, husband of Keziah Goodwin Newby, daughter of John Tatom, Sr. On November 12, 1803, Abner Tatom was appointed Commissioner of the Lincoln County Academy. On December 6, 1808, Abner Tatom and his wife, Mary, of Lincoln County, Georgia, deeded 205 acres of land in Lincoln County bordering Mill Creek, annexed to a grant to Abner Tatom under date of November 26, 1801, to William Walton, for \$1200.00. This sale was probably made in preparation for his move to Mississippi Territory, and was probably his home site. Abner Tatom was active in the public affairs in Mississippi Territory as he was in Lincoln County, Georgia, and there are many records of him from official documents. Among his activities were the following:

From Archives of Mississippi Territory, Minutes of the Orphan's Court, Madison County, Mississippi Territory:

1. Abner Tatom, Gentleman, Justice of the Quorum, November 16, 1812. He served as Justice of the Quorum 1812-1817.
2. Tax Rolls, Madison County, Mississippi Territory, 1811, Series B, Vol. 19: Abner Tatom, 160 acres, Class C, 2nd quality land, situated on 2nd Creek, U. S. grant; two wheels or pleasure carriages, and eleven slaves. Same entry for 1812.
3. Territorial Papers of the Mississippi Territory by Carter, Vol. VI, p. 760: Abner Tatom was one of the signers of a Petition to Congress by the settlers on the Public Lands, west of the Tennessee River, in 1815.

Abner Tatom left a will in Madison County, Alabama, Mississippi Territory, signed July 15, 1819, and proved

in the September Court of 1819. He left his property to his wife, Mary, and to five of his seven children: Elizabeth A. Stovall, Barnett, Cynthia Stovall, John Tatom, and Nancy Tatom. His son, Absolem, was dead by this time, and his son, James, had already received his inheritance. His will follows:

WILL OF ABNER TATOM

Recorded in Madison County, Alabama, in small Will Book, page 204.

"In the name of God Amen I Abner Tatum of the County of Madison, Alabama Territory, of sound mind, do make constitute and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following, viz: My soul I recommend to Almighty God and my body to be decently buried at the discretion of my executors herein after named;

Item 1st My will is, that my Executors pay my debts in the way they may Judge most beneficial to my legatees herein after named.

2nd. I give my beloved wife a discretionary power to retain as much of my Estate as may remain (after my debts are paid) as she may deem necessary for her support during her life. The residue that she does not keep to be equally divided among my five children (to wit) Elizabeth A. Stovall, Barnett Tatom, Cynthia Stovall, John Tatom and Nancy Tatom.* Except such bequest as I may hereinafter make, the negroes and other property my said children may receive in the lifetime of my wife all to be valued by some persons. If convenient my desire is that my daughters Elizabeth A. and Cynthia keep each the negro boy they now have at their valuation.

3rd I give and bequeath to Eliza W. Sturgus the late widow of my deceased son Absalom Tatom Ten Dollars.

4th If my son James do and shall on application pay unto my executors for the benefit of my estate the sum of eight hundred dollars My will and desire is that he be exonerated from the payment of any further sum which he is at this time indebted to me but if he fails or refuses to pay the sum aforesaid in manner aforesaid I wish him to have no

*Note by Jewel Davis Scarborough: Nancy Tatom was Nancy (Ann) Rousseau, widow; no children.

part of my Estate and my executors to act as they deem right as to the debt which he owes me. (James was father of Memory B. and Joseph B. Tatum.)

5th I give and bequeath to my daughter Nancy one hundred and twenty five dollars in lieu of a horse. (Nancy was Ann Rousseau, widow.)

6th I give and bequeath to my sons, Barnett and John Tatum the sum of \$60.00 each to make up the value of the horses heretofore given them.

7th The following notes now in my possession and made payable to me are not my property but the property of the Estate of James Currin dec'd late of Granville County, North Carolina, and were reserved to pay a debt said to be owing to Young Miller & Co. and dated the 29th December 1800 for which I gave a receipt to James Hester then of the Town of Lisbon, Lincoln County Georgia, all said notes under seal, two of same made by William Curlin and Joseph Peace one for \$400, one other for \$143.37½ one note made by Kexiah Curvin for \$245.62½ one made by Caty Dallas for \$313.0¼ one note made by James Hester for \$555.56¼ and one note made by John Owens and Joseph Peace for \$162.87½.

8th It is my will and desire that neither my Executrix nor executors may be compelled to give security for their Executorship to this my last will & Testament.

9th My wife Mary is hereby nominated and appointed Executrix and my sons Barnett and John Tatum Executors of this my last will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 15th day of July, 1819.

A. Tatom (Seal)

Signed, Sealed and Declared by the
said A. Tatum to be his last Will
and Testament.

In presence of us

Charles Betts

Wm. Lampkin

John W. Looney.

State of Alabama

Orphan's Court of Madison County September Term 1819:
The foregoing The Last Will and Testament of Abner Tatom

deceased was here produced and the due execution subscribing and acknowledgment thereof here duly proved by the oaths of Charles Betts William Lamkin and John M. Looney the subscribing witnesses thereto whereupon said will was ordered to be recorded.

Test.

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Recorded in Will Book No. 1, pp. 204, 205, and 206.”

EXECUTORS BOND FOR ABNER TATOM ESTATE

KNOW All men by these presents, that we, Mary Tatom, Barnett Tatom, John Tatom, Joshua Falconer, William Lamkin & John M. Looney, all of Madison County are held and firmly bound unto Leroy Pope, Chief Justice of the Orphans Court of said County and his successors in office, in the sum of Ten Thousand dollars, to the due payment whereof we bind ourselves & our heirs. Sealed with our seals and dated this 27th day of September 1819. The condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bound, Mary Tatom, Barnett Tatom & John Tatom, Executrix & Executors of the last Will and Testament of Abner Tatom, dec., shall make or cause to be made a full and perfect inventory of all and singular goods, chattels, and credits of said testator which shall or have come to the possession or knowledge of said Executrix and Executors, or into the possession of any other person for them, and the same shall cause to be exhibited in the registrar's office of the Orphan's Court of Madison County within three calendar months from this date and the said goods, chattels and credits of said deceased at the time of his death which shall have come to the possession of said Mary, Barnett & John, or of any other person for them, do well and truly administer according to law and the Will of said deceased, and shall cause to be made a just and true account of their administration within three Calendar Months from this date, and all the rest and residue of said goods, chattels, and credits which shall be found remaining upon account of said administration, the same being first examined and approved by the Orphan's Court afore-

said, shall deliver and pay to such person or persons respectively, at and by the will of the deceased, or shall be by law entitled to receive the same, then the above obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force.

Mary Tatom	(seal)
Barnett Tatom	(seal)
John Tatom	(seal)
Joshua Falconer	(seal)
Wm. Lamkin	(seal)
John M. Looney	(seal)

1050

Est. of A. Tatom

BOND

27 Sept. 1819.

Executors Bond in the Estate of Abner Tatom, deceased, file No. 1050, Probate Court, Madison County, Alabama.

Issue of Abner Tatom and Mary Currin Tatom:

1-5-1. Elizabeth A. Tatom, b. 1787, m. Josiah Stovall, Jr. (See Stovall Chapter.)

1-5-2. Barnett Tatom, b. 1793, m. July 10, 1820, Mary S. Underwood.

1-5-3. Cynthia Tatom, d. 1831, m. William Stovall. (See Stovall Chapter.)

1-5-4. John Tatom, b. —, d. —, m. Mary Baker.

1-5-5. Nancy (Ann) Stovall, m. Dr. George Rousseau.

1-5-6. Absolem Tatom, m. Elizabeth W. Gresham, March 16, 1809.

1-5-7. James Tatom, m. Elizabeth (Betsy) Bibb.

Issue of Abner Tatom and Mary Currin Tatom:

1-5-1. Elizabeth A. Tatom, b. 1787, m. Josiah Stovall, Jr. (See Stovall Chapter.)

1-5-2. Barnett Tatom, b. 1793, m. July 10, 1820, Madison County, Alabama, Mary S. Underwood. (Marriage Book C, p. 109.)

The Superior Court Notes of Madison County, Alabama, list Barnett Tatom as a member of the Jury, and on June 19,

1816, he witnessed a deed between Kinchen Massengale and his wife, Eleanor, to Robert Cowan (Cowman). We only have the names of two daughters, but we know from Census records that there was a son. By 1830, Barnett Tatom was living in Morgan County, Alabama, but by 1840 he had moved to Lawrence County. Barnett Tatom was one of the Executors of his father's estate. James Tatom, son of Abner, and brother of Barnett, was indebted to his father, who provided in his will that unless James paid into the estate \$800.00 on demand, he would not be released from the full debt and would receive no part of the estate. On November 1, 1819, Barnett Tatom demanded payment of the \$800.00 in Lincoln County, Georgia, and was refused. Samuel Davis and John Tatom made affidavit to that effect, and the affidavits were filed in Madison County, Alabama, in Deed Book E, p. 500. The affidavit recited that Abner Tatom was lately deceased in Alabama Territory.

The Huntsville Alabama *Democrat*, November 6, 1841, carried the following news item:

"Died in Lawrence County, near Milton's Bluff, on 29th of September, 1841, Mrs. Mary S. Tatom, consort of Barnett Tatom, Esquire, age 48, and on the 1st of October, 1841, Mary Jane Tatom, age 16, and on the 4th of October, 1841, Elizabeth C. Tatom, age 19, the two latter the daughters of Barnett and Mary S. Tatom. All died of bilious pleuresy".

There were also two sons of this marriage, Crabb or Crobb Tatom, who died as a Confederate soldier, and John R. Tatom, who was residing in Lamar County, Texas, in 1878.

1-5-3. Cynthia Tatom, d. 1831, m. William Stovall. (See Stovall Chapter.)

1-5-4. John Tatom, son of Abner and Mary Currin Tatom, m. March 21, 1821, Madison County, Alabama (Marriage Book C, p. 92), Mary Baker, b. 1804. John Tatom died in Itawamba County, Mississippi, early in 1850, and his wife, Mary, was listed in the Census of 1850 as head of a family. John Tatom's will was probated in the March term of Court and Abner C. Tatom named Executor, but the will itself could not be found.

1850 Census:

Mary K. Tatom, age 46.

Martha Tatom, age 13.

James B. Tatom, age 19.

Robert B. Tatom, age 9.

Nancy E. Tatom, age 16.

William A. Tatom, age 5.

There was another son, Abner C. Tatom, but he was living in Morgan County, Alabama, and had married before the 1850 Census, and is not listed with the family, and a daughter, Angelico Tatom, who had married Peter W. Stovall.

Mary Baker Tatom left a will in Itawamba County, Mississippi, signed January 7, 1859, and proved April 27, 1859, in which she names six children and two sons-in-law: Phillip O. Stovall and Joseph B. Morrow. I have been unable to identify Phillip O. Stovall with the family as a son-in-law, but the 1870 Census of Morgan County, Alabama, lists the following:

Phillip O. Stovall, age 48, b. in Alabama (1822).

Louisa Stovall, age 40, b. in Alabama (1830).

Robert Stovall, age 15, b. in Alabama (1855).

William Stovall, age 12, b. in Mississippi (1858).

James Stovall, age 3, b. in Alabama (1867).

Martha Stovall, age 1, b. in Alabama (1869).

This family was still in Morgan County, Alabama, in 1880.

Joseph B. Morrow must have been the husband of Nancy E. Tatom, who may have died before the writing of her mother's will. The six children listed in the will were: Abner C. Tatom; Angelico Stovall, wife of Peter W. Stovall; James B. Tatom; Martha E. Jackson, wife of Franklin Jackson; Robert B. Tatom, and William A. Tatom.

Issue of John Tatom and Mary K. Baker Tatom:

1-5-4-1. Abner C. Tatom, m. June 13, 1841, in Morgan County, Alabama, Martha J. Orr. The family lived at Moorsville, Itawamba County, Mississippi, in 1860; in Tupelo, Lee County, Mississippi, in 1870, and had returned to Morgan County, Alabama, by 1877.

Issue of Abner C. Tatom and Martha J. Orr:

1-5-4-1-1. Mary E. Tatom, b. 1844, m. H. L. Robinson.

1-5-4-1-2. Jacob O. Tatom, b. 1845.

1-5-4-1-3. Francis L. Tatom, b. 1848.

- 1-5-4-1-4. William H. Tatom, b. 1850.
- 1-5-4-1-5. Margaret M. Tatom, b. 1851.
- 1-5-4-1-6. Nancy G. Tatom, b. 1853.
- 1-5-4-1-7. Sarah E. Tatom, b. 1854.
- 1-5-4-1-8. Laura A. Tatom, b. 1856.
- 1-5-4-1-9. Joanna A. Tatom, b. 1859.
- 1-5-4-1-10. Charlie Tatom, girl, b. 1865.

The only children listed in the 1870 Census were: Maggie, Nannie, Sallie, Laura and Charlie.

- 1-5-4-2. Angelico Tatom, b. March 8, 1828, d. February 27, 1861, Itawamba, Mississippi; m. Peter W. Stovall, b. 1824, son of Drury Stovall, 1790-1892, and his wife, Elizabeth Orr.

Issue of Angelico Tatom and Peter W. Stovall, Sr.:

- 1-5-4-2-1. D. Christopher Stovall.
- 1-5-4-2-2. J. C. Stovall.
- 1-5-4-2-3. Peter W. Stovall, Jr.
- 1-5-4-2-4. Ora J. Stovall, m. J. W. Little.
- 1-5-4-2-5. Matilda M. Stovall, m. W. Henry Walton.
- 1-5-4-2-6. M. E. Stovall, m. J. G. Nonney (or Navery).

- 1-5-4-3. James Baker Tatom, b. Morgan County, Alabama, November 17, 1830, d. June 6, 1922, m. July 17, 1856, S. Frances Moorman, b. Franklin County, Alabama, October 26, 1837, d. November 7, 1897. James Baker Tatom was a Confederate soldier and lived at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and Guntown, Mississippi, in Lee County, and also in Itawamba County, Mississippi. The family came to Texas circa 1877 and settled in Burnett county, at Wolf's Crossing. They moved to Callahan County, Texas, in 1892, where James Baker Tatom died. He is buried at Cottonwood, Texas.

Issue of James Baker Tatom and S. Frances Moorman:

- 1-5-4-3-1. Maude M. Tatom, b. Itawamba County, Mississippi, September 2, 1857, d. July 6, 1909, m. November 20, 1873, John Gandy.

- 1-5-4-3-2. Nannie A. Tatom, b. Itawamba County, Mississippi, November 22, 1858, d. March 25, 1928, m. November 20, 1879, Sebe Harwell, in Burnett County, Texas.
- 1-5-4-3-3. David Moorman Tatom, b. Itawamba County, Mississippi, August 2, 1860, d. July 1, 1940, m. August 13, 1890, Mamie Churchill and lived in Omaha and North Platte, Nebraska.
- 1-5-4-3-4. J. Belle Tatom, b. Itawamba County, Mississippi, May 5, 1862, d. June 23, 1940, m. November 20, 1879, Joe Brazile in Burnett County, Texas; died in Arizona.
- 1-5-4-3-5. Charles P. Tatom, b. Itawamba County, Mississippi, August 7, 1866, d. March 5, 1939, m. Edna ——— in Montana, and died in the State of Washington.
- 1-5-4-3-6. R. B. Tatom, b. Lee County, Mississippi, November 12, 1868, d. July 10, 1870.
- 1-5-4-3-7. Granville Currin Tatom, b. Lee County, Mississippi, August 7, 1873, d. November 19, 1941, m. in Atwell, Callahan County, Texas, July 15, 1894, Vida Darden.
- 1-5-4-3-8. William Marcellus Tatom, b. Lee County, Mississippi, June 1, 1876, m. January 6, 1901, Maude Rouse, b. Freestone County, Texas, January 20, 1881.
- Issue of William Marcellus Tatom and Maude Rouse:
- 1-5-4-3-8-1. Lawton Tatom, b. January 3, 1902, d. May 18, 1905.
- 1-5-4-3-8-2. Alton Tatom, b. Callahan County, Texas, November 8, 1903, m. Eunice Hutchins, July 16, 1922.
- 1-5-4-3-8-3. Otis Tatom, b. May 26, 1905, m. January 10, 1927, Viola Payne.
- 1-5-4-3-8-4. Mabry Tatom, b. January 21, 1907, m. November 22, 1925, Marie Payne.
- 1-5-4-3-8-5. Roy Tatom, b. October 11, 1908, m. July 29, 1928, Leta Foster.

1-5-4-3-8-6. Howard Tatom, b. September 27, 1910, d. October 11, 1911.

1-5-4-3-8-7. Jessie Tatom, b. February 1, 1913, m. May 15, 1936, Bland Odom.

WILL OF MARY TATUM, wife of John Tatum, who was son of Abner Tatum of Madison County, Alabama.

MISSISSIPPI }
ITAWAMBA COUNTY }

I, Mary Tatum of the County and State aforesaid being in good health and sound mind, but knowing that it was once appointed for all to die, do make and ordain this to be my last will and testament.

Item First I will that all my just debts be paid out of my estate, and the remainder to be equally divided with my six children to-wit: Abner C. Tatum, Angelico Stovall, wife of Peter W. Stovall, and James B. Tatum, Martha E. Jackson, wife of Franklin Jackson, and Robert B. Tatum and William A. Tatum.

Item the 2. I do further will to my son-in-law Phillip O. Stovall five dollars as his interest in my entire estate, further more, I also will to me son-in-law Joseph S. Morrow the sum of five dollars as his interest in my entire estate. I do hereby affix my hand and seal to this my last will and testament, signed, sealed in the presents of _____ this 7th day of January, 1859.

Mary Tatum (Seal)

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI }
ITAWAMBA COUNTY }

Before me, Eli Phillips, Clerk of the Probate Court of said County, personally appeared Mary Tatum whose genuine signature appears to the foregoing last will and testament and acknowledged that she signed, sealed and delivered the same on the day and date thereof for the purposes therein contained.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court at office in Fulton this 27th day of April, A. D. 1859.

Eli Phillips, Clerk.

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI }
 ITAWAMBA COUNTY }

I, Eli Phillips, Clerk of the Probate Court of said County do hereby certify that the foregoing will together with the certificate of acknowledgement thereon was filed in my office for record on the 27th day of April, A. D. 1859, and that the same has been duly recorded in Deed record book No. 14, on pages 446 and 447.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court at office in Fulton, this the 29th day of April, A. D. 1859.

Eli Phillips, Clerk

By: A. Smith Fru, D. C.

NANCY (ANN) TATOM

1-5-5. Nancy (Ann) Tatom, daughter of Abner Tatom and Mary Currin Tatom, m. March 20, 1820,¹⁷ in Madison County, Alabama, Dr. George Rousseau, who died in Mobile, Alabama, in 1826.

Ann (Nancy) did not remarry and lived with her nephew, Absolom Lewis Stovall for thirty-two years, until her death in Tupelo, Mississippi, in 1868. Dr. George Rousseau was the son of William Rousseau, who left a will in Putnam County, Georgia, signed June 25, 1819, and proved August 22, 1820. He described himself as being from Fauquier County, Virginia, and named his wife, Lydia, his sons, John, Travis, George, and Mozea, and his daughters, Betsy, Peggy, and Lydia. His sons were named Executors.¹⁸

From the Marriage Records of Putnam County, Georgia, the following marriages were listed:

Lydia Rousseau to Anderson Ward, August 24, 1815.

Travis Rousseau to Elizabeth Parham, May 6, 1814.

John Rousseau to Huldah Evans, 1815.

On May 22, 1820, George L. Rousseau was named Captain of Cavalry, Second Division, Fourth Brigade, Seventh Regiment, of Alabama.¹⁹ Dr. George Rousseau of Court-

17. Marriage Book 3, p. 99.

18. Book A, p. 134.

19. Vol. 6, Alabama Historical Quarterly, p. 269.

land, Alabama, was authorized to practice medicine in the State of Alabama prior to September 22, 1824, and was enrolled with the Medical Board at Huntsville.²⁰

Mozea Rousseau came to Texas in 1828 with Stephen F. Austin's Colony.

ABSOLEM TATOM

1-5-6. Absolem Tatom, named for his Uncle, m. Eliza W. Gresham in Lincoln County, Georgia, who married a Sturgis after her husband's death. She was named in the will of Abner Tatom in Madison County, Alabama, in 1819, as Eliza W. Sturgis "widow of my deceased son, Absolem Tatom". There was evidently no issue of this marriage.

JAMES TATOM

1-5-7. James Tatom, b. in Lincoln County, Georgia, d. before 1836, in Hamburg, South Carolina, m. in Lincoln County, Georgia, November 20, 1806, Elizabeth (Betsy) Bibb.

James and Betsy Bibb Tatom lived in Lincoln County, Georgia, for a few years after their marriage, and then moved to Abbeville, South Carolina, and thence to Hamburg, South Carolina, Edgefield District, where James died. According to statements of his relatives and friends, he operated a hotel in both places. He was probably not very successful for he was unable to pay his debts to his father, and was not awarded anything in his father's will for this reason.

Elizabeth (Betsy) Bibb was the daughter of Richard J. Bibb and his wife, Charity, who moved from Hope Hull, Montgomery County, Alabama, in 1835, to Washington County, Texas, where Richard died in 1844, and Charity in 1845.

After the death of James Tatom circa 1835-1836, his wife, Elizabeth Bibb Tatom, moved to Montgomery, Alabama, where she died shortly thereafter.

Issue of James Tatom and Elizabeth (Betsy) Bibb:

1-5-7-1. Sarah Tatom, b. circa 1807, d. 1830, unmarried, in Hamburg, South Carolina.

20. Tuscumbia Telegraph, January 16, 1828, p. 3, Alabama State Archives.

1-5-7-2. Lieutenant Memory Bibb Tatom, b. circa 1809, d. March 27, 1836, at Goliad in the Texas Revolution, m. 1830, in Abbeville, South Carolina, by Rev. William H. Barr, at the residence of Dr. J. F. Griffin, Claudia Cornelia Hastie of Columbia, South Carolina; who m. 2) May 15, 1838, in Mobile, Thomas C. Church, who died in New Orleans, October 23, 1848, Claudia Cornelia Tatom Church died in New Orleans November 28, 1843.

Issue of Memory B. Tatom and Claudia Cornelia Hastie:

1-5-7-2-1. Virginia Tatom, b. 1836, died at the age of eighteen months. Claudia Cornelia Hastie Tatom Church had three children by her second husband: Richmond B. Church, Sarah F. Church, and Charles H. Church, but Richmond B. Church, b. 1839, was the only one of the children to survive his parents.

1-5-7-3. First Corporal Joseph Bibb Tatom, b. circa 1818, d. at Goliad March 27, 1836, during the Texas Revolution and was unmarried.

1-5-7-4. Mary C. Tatom, b. circa 1825, d. September 11, 1840, m. March 8, 1838, David C. Cobb, in Hamburg, South Carolina.

First Lieutenant Memory Bibb Tatom, his brother, First Corporal Joseph Bibb Tatom, and his brother-in-law, Henry Hastie, enlisted in Montgomery, Alabama, for service in the Texas Revolution, and were in Captain Isaac Ticknor's Company, recruited in Montgomery and equipped and financed by Edward Hannick of Montgomery at his own expense. They sailed from Mobile January 19, 1836, and all three were massacred at Goliad, March 27, 1836.

In 1850 the State of Texas passed an Act of the Legislature awarding Donation and Bounty warrants to the heirs of its soldiers and various tracts were awarded to the heirs of the Tatom brothers in Coleman, Fayette, Wilbarger and other counties. Many of the heirs had not heard of the Tatom brothers for many years and knew little about the family. Until the various law suits were tried involving the title to the land and witnesses examined, they did not know that Memory Bibb Tatom had been married and had a daughter, Virginia, or that there were two daughters of

James and Elizabeth Bibb Tatom, in addition to the two sons who were in the Texas Revolution, Sarah and Mary C. Tatom.

Much of the Tatom and Stovall data in this book was secured from the various official records in Coleman, Fayette and Wilbarger counties, from affidavits, deeds, and Proof of Heirship records of the numerous claimants from which we were able to get a rather complete history of the James Tatom family and their relatives who were descended from the sisters of James Tatom, father of Memory Bibb Tatom and Joseph Bibb Tatom, the Texas Revolutionary soldiers.

Joseph Bibb Tatom was a mere youth of about eighteen when he joined the Texas army and was unmarried. He was either poorly educated or a very careless speller, judging from the letter which he wrote from Goliad to his sister, Mary, in Montgomery, Alabama, but his brother, Memory Bibb Tatom, who was about thirty years old in 1836, was educated in the law and practiced his profession in Abbeville, South Carolina, and after moving to Montgomery, Alabama, in 1831, following his marriage in 1830 to Claudia Cornelia Hastie, was a Teller in the State Bank of Alabama, in Montgomery.

The letter of Joseph Bibb Tatom to his sister, Mary, and extracts from the letter of Mrs. Memory Bibb Tatom (Claudia) to General Lamar follows:

Certified copy of a letter on file in the District Court of Fayette County, Texas, in Cause No. 3243, styled:

JAMES T. STOVALL, et al, vs. ROBERT WOLTERS, et al

Texas Goliad 10 March 1836.

Dear Sister:

In haste I write you a few lines to inform you that I am in fine health and Brothers is increasing me with eight more volunteer Companies the whole ammounting to five hundred men and fortified at Goliad and expect an attack daily. Sant Antone was attacked Sixteen days ago the mexican forces are between five & Six thousand strong ours were one hundred & fifty I believe they have been reinforced by about fifty malitia making two Hundred men they are in the Alamo which is a strong Garrison they were attacked on the 20 February early in the morning and the firing has not yet ceased for one moment they have thrown 2 thousand bomb Shells into the Allomo and cannonaded it con-

tinual though they have not even wounded an Ammerican
the conveniences of writing are So bad that I must stop.
Give my respect to Capt. Sommerville & family & show him
this letter.

Your Brother

Jos. B. Tatom

The slaughter among the *mexicans* have been great Some
Hundreds

ENDORSEMENTS: Miss Mary Tatom JBT

Montgomery, Ala.

Filed May 14th, 1878

Jno B Holloway

C D C F C

TATEM, MEMORY B.

First Lieutenant

Age

Married

Ticknor's Company

Mobile, Alabama

On March 6, 1837, M. B. Tatem's widow wrote to General Lamar "My lamented husband, M. B. Tatem * * * fell in the fatal massacre at Goliad * * * it is only a short time since I could nerve myself to make application for the land coming to Mr. Tatem, my brother, Henry Hastie, and his brother, Joseph Tatem. They arrived in Texas on the 19th of January, 1836, and were always first in danger or duty, they were actuated by far nobler feelings than pecuniary advantages, when they joined the Texans in their struggle for liberty, and I may truly say my husband made great sacrifices to join that little band of patriots;—his life has been the forfeit of his enthusiasm; * * * When Mr. Tatem left for Texas his circumstances were extremely deranged, and both his creditors and debtors have taken advantage, as they often do, of his widow's unprotected situation." (Lamar Papers, No. 436). There was soon another Goliad victim, for on June 7, 1837, Mary C. Tatem, a minor over 12 years old, appeared in probate court in Edgefield District, South Carolina, to show that she was without father or mother living and no living relations in the state, and that she was residing in the family of Mr. Walter B. Meriwether, and was desirous that he should be appointed her guardian, which was done; and on Dec. 29, 1837, Walter B. Meriwether, guardian of the estate of Mary C. Tatem, a minor, collected the pay, and drew the land certificates due M. B. Tatem. (CMSR No. 6110, State Library.) For once there was no greedy administrator to despoil the soldier's estate.

Prepared by

Archives Division, Texas State Library.

Davenport, Notes From an Unfinished Study of Fannin and His Men, 415-416; Texas State Archives.

- 1-6. Elizabeth Ann Tatom, sixth child of John Tatom, Sr., and Ann Wright, b. circa 1753, m. Granville County, North Carolina, March 24, 1778, William Hicks. We have no records of this child and believe that she must have remained in North Carolina when her father moved to Georgia.

JOHN TATOM, JR.

- 1-7. John Tatom, Jr., b. circa 1755, d. November 30, 1830, m. 1) Granville County, North Carolina, August 1, 1782, Martha Hicks, d. 1797; m. 2) Rebecca Stovall, b. circa 1782, d. May 2, 1852, Lincoln County, Georgia.

John Tatom, Jr., was a Revolutionary soldier and served from the Hillsborough District, North Carolina. He enlisted May 24, 1777, was discharged May 10, 1779, and received a Military Warrant for 274 acres of land for his services. He is listed in the State Records of North Carolina by Clark (Vol. 15, pp. 15, 57, 245, 732), in Captain Tilmon Dixon's Company, First Battalion, under Colonel Thomas Clark, and in the Roster of North Carolina Soldiers of the Revolution. (See Stovall Chapter.)

- 1-8. Keziah Tatom, b. circa 1757, d. 1793, at the time of the writing of her father's will; m. 1) in Granville County, North Carolina, Samuel Goodwin; m. 2) Jesse Newby. Keziah Goodwin Newby remained in North Carolina when her father moved to Georgia, and we have very few records of her family. Some of her Newby children came to Georgia, but the Goodwin descendants remained in North Carolina.

Jesse Newby, husband of Keziah, came to Georgia for he left a will in Wilkes County, listed in Will Book DD, 1799-1792, pp. 92, 94, in the Index, but the will itself was destroyed by fire along with most of the other wills listed in the Index. Abner Tatom was named as Administrator and made a Return November 22, 1801, showing cash from John Lowry, Administrator for Bishop Hicks, deceased, and from Robert H. Taylor, and paid a judgment to Thomas

Walton.²¹ On January 17, 1791, in Minutes of the Court, Wilkes County, Georgia, Abner Tatom was appointed Administrator of Jesse Newby, deceased, with John Tatom, security, and William Tatom, witness.²² In the first Tax list of Wilkes County, undated, Jesse Newby is listed with one poll in Captain Pope's District,²³ and in 1800 John N. Newby, evidently a son of Keziah, gave a receipt for his part of the legacy from John Tatom, Sr.²⁴

Samuel Goodwin, first husband of Keziah, left a will in Granville County, North Carolina, signed January 4, 1775, and proved at the February Court, 1775. The will follows:

"In the Name of God Amen I Samuel Goodwin of Granvil County Being Sick & weak of body but of Sound & perfect mind & memory do make & ordain this my Last will & testament in Manner & form following that is to Say Imprimies I give & bequeath to my Loveing wife Kezia Goodwin my best feather bed & furniture Her Rideing Saddle one Cow and Stear one Iron Pot & a frying pan one pale & Pigan & Half a dozen puter plates & Half a dozen Spoons one pyne table & two of the Best guilt trunks Also one puter Dish & Bason & my Dutch oven one pyne Cheft & also my Rideing Horse Also four Barrels of Corn & four Hundred weight of Meat and after my Debts are Paid the Remainder I give to my Son Samuel Goodwin Also i give to Him Burkette on the New Testament Also I give to him my wearing Apparrel & Lastly i do Constitute and Appoint My Father in Law John Tatom and my Brother Lemuel Goodwin Executors of this my last will & Testament hereby Revoking all former Wills and Bequeths by me heretofore made & Declaring this to be my last will & testament In Witness whereof I have Hereunto Set My Hand & Seal this forth Day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand Seven Nundred & Seventy five.

Samuel Goodwin (Seal)

John Fullilove Jurat

Edwd. Bullock

Leml. Goodwin Exr. qualified.

Granville County. SS February Court, A.D. 1775

21. Davidson's Early Records of Georgia, Vol. 1, p. 50.

22. Ibidem, Vol. 2, p. 267.

23. Ibidem, Vol. 2, p. 39.

24. Ibidem, Vol. 2, p. 296.

This Will was duly prov'd by the Oath of John Fullilove and on Motion was Order'd to be Recorded at the same time Lemuel Goodwin Qualified as Executor to the said Will.

Teste: Rueben Searcy, C.C.

Truly Recorded by Rueben Searcy, C. C."

1-9. William Tatom, another son of John Tatom, Sr., has been a very elusive person, and few records have been found for him. We know that he came to Georgia with his father and was old enough to be a Revolutionary soldier. From the files of Wilkes county in the Georgia State Archives, in Atlanta, we found the following: "William Tatom: Resolved, as the opinion of this committee that the petition of William Tatom, No. 5, praying payment for a horse, lost while a soldier on duty in Capt. Giles Troop of Horse, prior to the Treaty of Shouderbone, is sufficient proof, and that the petition should be granted." His brothers are: Bernard (Barnett), Absolom, Abel, Abner, and John Tatom, Jr., of Norfolk County, Virginia, and Wilkes County, Georgia.

In 1789, William Tatom witnessed a deed of Edward Jones in Wilkes County, Georgia,²⁵ and in 1791 he witnessed the will of Jesse Newby.²⁶ In 1812 he was listed on the Tax Rolls of Hancock County, Georgia, with 481½ acres of land in Hancock, and 202½ acres in Twiggs County. As Administrator for Seth Tatom, he was taxed for 287½ acres in Hancock, and 202½ acres in Wilkes. As Administrator for Nathaniel Tatom, he was taxed for 287 acres in Hancock. Among those entitled to draw from Hancock County in the 1806 Land Lottery for Ocmulgee lands, were: Nathaniel Tatom, Sr., one draw; Nathaniel Tatom, Jr., two draws, and William Tatom, one draw.

HOWELL TATOM

There has been much confusion concerning the records and lineage of Howell Tatom because of the fact that there were two men by that name, who were born at about the same time: Howell Tatom of North Carolina and Howell Tatom of Georgia and Alabama. They were evidently kinsmen, and undoubtedly descended from the same Nathaniel Tatom, the emigrant. Both families came from the same

25. Davidson's Early Records of Wilkes County, Georgia, Vol. 2, p. 90.

26. Ibidem, Vol. 2, p. 267.



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section of Virginia, and lived near each other in North Carolina. There may be mistakes in this report, but from the records that I have searched, my conclusions seem to be correct.

Howell Tatom, b. circa 1753, Revolutionary soldier of Davidson county, North Carolina, was the son of Joshua Tatom and his wife Amy Chappell, and named in his father's will in Halifax county, North Carolina in 1765. Joshua's father was Christopher Tatom, whose wife was Bridget Scott Tatom. Bridget Scott Tatom was named as daughter in the will of John Scott, in Prince George county, Virginia, June-9-1724. It appears from the records that Joshua and Amy Chappell Tatom had only two children: Howell and James. James Tatom died in Nashville, Tennessee, in 1821, and in his will left his property to "my only brother, Howell Tatom".

Howell Tatom, m. Rosannah Wendel in Davidson county, Tennessee, December-24-1795, and they were divorced in 1812. We only have records for two children, Edwin, with whom his mother was living in 1853, and Eliza, who married Micajah Wade, both of whom were named in the administration of Howell's estate in Davidson county, Tennessee, May-26-1825, with Stephen Cantrell, as administrator.

Rosannah Wendel Tatom married second, in Bedford county, Tennessee, Alexander Claxton who died in Pulaski county, Arkansas, in 1849. Rosannah Claxton on November-16-1853, from Sebastian county, Arkansas, age 76, applied for a pension, as the widow of Howell Tatom, Revolutionary soldier. Her application was denied because of her divorce and remarriage.

Christopher Tatom, father of Joshua, was born in 1683, and died January-16-1750 in Surry county, Virginia. He had been Clerk of Nottaway Church, of Albermarle Parish, for forty years, and had also served as a Vestryman of the Parish, March-19-1740. (Surry Will Book 3, pp. 132-134).

The military services of Howell Tatom are well known, and on file both in Washington and in Tennessee, hence it seems unnecessary to enumerate them here. Suffice it to say that at different times, from 1775 to the end of the war, he served as Ensign, Lieutenant, and Captain with North Carolina troops, and continued his service under Gen. Andrew Jackson, in the War of 1812, after which time he was appointed Military Store Keeper at Nashville. He was a

lawyer, and served as Judge of the Circuit Court in Nashville, the city for which he was a Trustee, at the time it was built.

Howell Tatom of Wilkes county, Georgia, who removed to Alabama, was the son of Peter Tatom, of Wilkes county, son of Edward, son of Nathaniel, son of the first Nathaniel, the emigrant. Peter Tatom, of Wilkes county, Georgia, left a will in that county, (Book C, p. 23), signed July-20-1791, codicil added August-1-1791, and probated August-11-1791. He names his wife, Rebeckah, and the following eight children: Howell, to whom he gives 200 acres in Wilkes, of the home place; Epps, 287½ acres of Bounty Land, on Richland Creek, in Greene county; Peter, choice of land on Richland Creek, in Greene county; and "my five last children", not yet fifteen years old, Rebeckah, Nancy, Polly, Sally, and Thomas. He devises 300 acres of the land called "Greeneland", and the home place to his son Thomas, after the death of his mother. He names his wife Rebeckah, and son Howell, as Executors.

From records in *Georgia Military Affairs, 1775-1793*:

Vol. 1, pp. 287, 289: Lieutenant Howell Tatom, Lower Battalion of Wilkes, Militia, Capt. Jesse Clay's Company;

Wilkes county, October-9-1789. Peter Tatom, private, Capt. Jesse Clay's Company; Epps Tatom, private, Capt. Jesse Clay's Company.

On March-3-1807, in Greene county, Georgia, the Court appointed Howell Tatom, guardian of the orphans of Peter Tatom, deceased.

On December-7-1797 and December-13-1797, Howell Tatom purchased land in Oglethorpe county, evidently adding to the land left him by his father, and adjacent to his holdings. Oglethorpe county was taken from Wilkes in 1783.

On July 27-1812, Howell Tatom married Rebecca Pearce, b. 1796, daughter of Benjamin Franklin Pearce, in Oglethorpe county, Georgia. They removed to Autauga county, Alabama, circa 1818, where Howell died in 1833. Rebecca, after her husband's death, removed with her sons to Union county, Arkansas. Soon after the removal to Arkansas, Rebecca married a Mr. Williamson, and after his death she married, October-9-1851, Matthew F. Rainey, who came to Union county from New Orleans in 1843, and was the first



MAMIE BYRD BRINCK

merchant in El Dorado, Arkansas. Rebecca died in Union county, Arkansas, in 1867, and was buried at Steamboat Landing, in the county.

Issue of Howell Tatom and Rebecca Pearce Tatom:

1. Jesse Tatom, b. May-26-1813, d. in Mississippi, m. 1) Miss Ivey, in Alabama, m. 2 Josephine Aikin, in Union county, Arkansas, m. 3) Miss Hardy, in Alabama.
2. Benjamin Franklin Tatom, b. August-6-1815, d. October-9-1919, m. 1836 in Autauga county, Alabama, Saphronia Neal, b. September-22-1822, d. in Union county, Arkansas, 1901.
3. Edmond Pearce Tatom, m. Eliza, whose son, Organ, married A. W. Aikem, and a daughter, Ailcey.
4. Thomas J. Tatom. Unmarried.
5. William H. Tatom, m. Harriette McCullough, January-12-1851.

On January-12-1810, Peter Tatom, son of Peter Tatom, Sr., and wife, Rebeckah, married Nancy Sledge, in Hancock county, Georgia. Hancock county was taken from Greene in 1786. Peter was still in Hancock county on December-20-1808, when he sold a parcel of land, in Baldwin county to Hackney Walker, of Randolph county. He was listed on the tax rolls of Hancock county in 1812, with nine slaves.

On November-16-1818, one Peter Tatom married Dicey Hayes in Jones county, Georgia, and removed to Autauga county, Alabama, where he left a will, signed March-20-1847, and proved October-14-1847, in which he names his wife, Dicey and three children, John B. Tatom, Elizabeth Spurlock, and William H. Tatom. He names "my brother William", as Executor. Many people have confused this Peter Tatom with Peter Tatom who married Nancy Sledge, but they are definitely two different people. The Peter Tatom of Greene and Hancock counties had no brother

William, but there was a William Tatom who left a will in Abbeville county, South Carolina, naming a son Orvil, who may have been the "brother William", referred to in the will of Peter Tatom, of Autauga county.

I have been unable, after extensive research, to identify Howell Tatom, of North Carolina, who married Henrico Organ, with the Tatoms of Alabama, but there were two different families there and some future historian may be able to unravel the hopelessly mixed records. The only possible solution would be that Howell Tatom, of North Carolina was the same as the Howell of Wilkes county, Georgia, and that Henrico Organ was his first wife, though this seems to me to be a very remote possibility.

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