

# William WATKINS & Descendants

## First Generation

1. **William WATKINS** was born 1685/1690 in Curles Plantation, Henrico County, VA. He died about 1781 in Cornwall Parish; Charlotte County, VA.

Tradition is that two brothers came to James City county, in the early settlement of Virginia. One family seated in the Northern Neck (and we have no record of his descendants), and the other brother remained in the Peninsula, between York and James Rivers, and was progenitor of the following line. His widow, two daughters and at least one son survived him. He was scalped by the Indians, but the time and manner of his death (if by war, or massacre) is lost, and unfortunately, also his baptismal name. His son:

William Watkins (1), was born about 169?, and is cited in an old family paper as being of Chesterfield County. Patents of early Watkins were numerous on either side of James river, in what was then Henrico county, and also in York county. From Chesterfield, to Prince Edward county, after 1728, may be traced the line of William Watkins. Name of wife not known. A close search of records of Chesterfield and Charlotte might throw some light on the names of his wife and of his children, of whom there were six sons and two daughters. Of these the Family MS. preserved the names of but two sons; Richard and James Watkins.

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Historical and Genealogical Notes and Queries: DESCENDANTS OF WILLIAM WATKINS

William Watkins living in Chesterfield County, Virginia, 1745, where he was sheriff before 1748, moved to Lunenburg and was of vestry of Cumberland parish, that part which fell into Charlotte County, 1764, when his home then became Charlotte County. Wife, Martha. Children:

John, died 1770?, of Brier Creek, grandfather of Mrs. Jac Morton of Rockbridge.

Richard, of Prince Edward County, Virginia, and Mason’s Grove, Tennessee, married Miss Spencer of Virginia. His descendants in Tennessee and Alabama, a grandson, John Rush Watkins.

James, born 1728, of Charlotte county, and Elbert County, Georgia, m. (1755) Martha Thompson, of Chesterfield and Amelia.

Martha (?), m. Robert (?) Breedlove (names tentative), of Lunenburg 1759, and Charlotte counties.

Elizabeth, m. \_\_\_\_\_ Breedlove (both sisters m. Breedlove), and was living in Hancock, GA 1805.

Sally, died 1813, m. 1762, James Bouldin, b. 1732, d. 1801, of Lunenburg and Charlotte counties, and had 1) Elizabeth, born 1763, m. 1788, James, b. 1757, son of Cornelius and Elizabeth (Wyatt) Collier, of Charlotte county, and moved to South Carolina. A son, Henry Watkins, b. 1801, Governor of Alabama; 2) Ephraim Bouldin; 3) William Watkins Bouldin; 4) Thomas Bouldin; 5) James Bouldin, m. his cousin Elizabeth Green Bouldin; 6) Sally Watkins Bouldin, m. Col. Henry Spencer, of Charlotte County. James Bouldin’s brother, Wood Bouldin, m. Joanna, sister of Governor Tyler. They were sons of Thomas Bouldin, the immigrant.

William, “the younger” died 1821, living in Chesterfield, 1745, probably married into the Osborne family, moved, perhaps to Charlotte and then to Dinwiddie County, 1768, when William Watkins was justice. A daughter married Lipscomb Ragland of Halifax County, VA, and wrote of her father’s death, in 1821, to Dr. John Watkins, of Burnt Corn, Alabama, son of Richard. Her descendants moved to North Carolina, Mississippi and Alabama.

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1736 - P.339, Caroline County, Virginia Order Book 1732 - 1740 (Part 2), abstracted and compiled by John Frederick Dorman.

14 May 1736: Action on the case. Eliza. Harrison agt. Thomas Swiney. Jury, John Gooch, Wm. Herndon, Wm. Pickett, Wm. Watkins, William Willow, Richard Long, Wm. Brown, Wm. Bramlett, Jno. Monday, Sherwood James, Henry Woodcock and Roger Quarles, find for the plaintiff L2.15. - current money. William Pickett, foreman.

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William Watkins, born Bet. 1685 - 1690 in King and Queen County, VA; died 1781 in Charlotte County, VA. He was the son of Henry Watkins, Jr. and Katherine Pride. He married Martha Herndon 1726.

Notes for William Watkins: <http://www.angelfire.com/al3/jorge/alagen.htm#johncwat1>

"The information on the sons of William Watkins was provided by a letter from Pernette Carter- Providence Road, Charlotte, N.C. to Amy Watkins dated January 16, 1954. According to Ann Mosley Walker's research, William was Sheriff of Chesterfield Co., VA before 1745. He later moved to Charlotte Co., VA in 1764."

More tidbits were found at [www.lva.lib.va.us/dlp/genbib/](http://www.lva.lib.va.us/dlp/genbib/) under the Battle Papers.

More About William Watkins:

Occupation: Sheriff of Henrico County, Virginia. First Deputy Clerk of Chesterfield County in 1752.

Residence: Chesterfield, Henrico, King and Queen, and Charlotte County, VA - According to Owen's, Dictionary of Alabama Biography, p.1730

1704 Quit Rents of Virginia lists three acreages to William Watkins, 137 acres in King & Queen County, 50 acres in New Kent County, and 120 acres in Henrico County.

Source: Henry Watkins of Henrico County, Jane Allen 1985. A conveyance of land was made to him by his father in 1692. This text is also the source for each of William's children. In addition to the children listed, Ms. Allen indicates three other daughters:

A daughter married John Breedlove

A daughter married Benjamin Breedlove

A daughter married \_\_\_\_\_ Jones and had son James.

Will Book 1:365 WILLIAM WATKINS will dated 2 Apr 1781 Probated 6 Dec 1784

Will of William Watkins (1692-1784)

In the name of God, Amen,

I, William Watkins of the Parish of Cornwall and County of Charlotte, being of souns and perfect memory, and calling to mind the incertainty of this life, do make and ordain this my last will and testament.

Imprima. I desire, that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid. Item. I give and bequeth to my son Richard all that part of my tract of land and plantation lying to the Northward of the Ridge, lying between the two branches, also four negroes, to wit, Jack, Nancy, Aaron and Tuck, fifteen head of cattle, fifteen sheep, three beds and furniture, all my stock of hogs, all my pewter and kitchen furniture, to him and his heirs forever. Item. I give and bequeth to my grandson William, son of my son Richard, one negroe girl named Letty, to him and his heirs forever. Item. I give and bequeth to my son Benjamin all the other part of my tract of land lying Southward of the Ridge, between the branches aforesaid, to him and his heirs forever. Item. I give and bequeth the residue of my stock of cattle to be equally divided between my sons-in-law, Benjamin Breedlove, John Breedlove, and my son Benjamin Watkins. Item. I give and bequeth to my grandson Richard Worsham, if he lives to return from the Army, one negro boy named Cuff to him and his heirs forever. But in case he should not return to receive him, I direct that the said negro may be divided in the same manner as the residue of my negroes are directed to be divided. Item. I give and bequeth to my Grandson James Jones (if he lives to return from Army), one negro boy named Isaac, to him and his heirs forever, but in case he should not return to receive him, I direct the said negro be equally divided in the manner the residue of my negroes are directed to be divided. Item. All the residue of my negroes, and other estate not before given, I bequeth to be equally divided between my sons James, William, Joseph, John, and Benjamin, and my son-in-law John Breedlove, to hold to them respectively and their heirs forever.

I direct that my estate shall not be appraised. Lastly, I constitute my sons, James, William, and John, to be whole and sole executors of this my last will and testament; hereby revoking all other wills by me heretofore made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 2nd day of April, 1781.

Sealed, signed, published, and declared by the same William Watkins to be his last will and testament.  
Signed William Watkins, L.S.  
In the presence of:  
Thomas Spencer, Jr.  
Gideon Spencer  
Lucy Watkins

Notes: Witness, Lucy Watkins was grand-daughter of William. Three days later, witnesses Thomas Spencer and Lucy Watkins were married.

William married **Martha HERNDON** about 1726. Martha died 1781.

Question on ancestry.com forum: Who was the father of Martha Herndon?:

Answer: EDWARD "My Mother and father are 7th cousins. Father descends from Edward Herndon who married Mary Waller, daughter Martha married William Watkins, daughter Mary Watkins married Benjamin Breedlove etc..."

On other side ..Martha's sister Ann married James Lee, son, William Lee married Nancy Ann Graves, dau Nancy Ann Lee md unknown, son Solomon Parks Lee md Mary McLaughlin ETC. Documentation should be available in Herndon, Graves, Waller family histories."

Further email from James Blair:

There may not be any proof. As with so much else in this Herndon line, it seems that the information just isn't there in the records, and so assumptions have been made by various Herndon descendants, and these assumptions persist even though there is no evidence to substantiate the "creative genealogy".

John Goodwin Herndon argued that the surname of William Watkins' wife must have been Herndon, and that she was a daughter of Edward Herndon, even though it's not known whether any such person as Martha Herndon existed, or (if she did), who her father might have been. The reasons advanced by JGH are:

a) He says that James Watkins, son of William and Martha of Charlotte County, named a daughter Sarah Herndon Watkins.

William did have a son named James (named in his will), but I haven't been able to discover whether it's verified that this was the James Watkins who married Martha Thompson, or, if so, whether they really did give one of their daughters the middle name of Herndon, or, if they did so, why they did so.

None of the other Watkins children are said to have given their offspring the middle name of Herndon. If their mother had been a Herndon, it seems odd that the Herndon name appears only amongst James' children and grandchildren but not amongst the children or grandchildren of any of his siblings. That suggests to me that either the father of Sarah Herndon Watkins was a different James Watkins, or else that James had a connection with the Herndons which wasn't shared by his siblings. (See next paragraph).

b) A John Herndon in Charlotte County named a James Watkins as an executor of his will (<http://members.tripod.com/~GRACEGENES/wjherndon.htm>). JGH calls this his STRONGEST evidence, but in reality the will doesn't give any clue as to the relationship between the executor and the will-writer, and only John Goodwin Herndon could see in it convincing evidence that the executor's mother was the will-writer's sister.

These two pieces of "evidence" may be connected. If the James Watkins who had a close association with John Herndon was the same James Watkins who (perhaps) named a daughter Sarah Herndon Watkins, that seems to me to fit better than imagining that the reason John Herndon bypassed his sons John, Joseph, and James, and his sons-in-law Thomas Clayton and Martin Turman, to name James Watkins as his executor, was because he was a nephew by marriage.

If the witnessing of that will really is the best evidence for the Watkins-Herndon marriage that has been found, then I will delete yet another of John Goodwin Herndon's speculations and mark Martha down as Martha UNKNOWN.

However, there may be better evidence to support the theory, which I haven't come across.

- Unknown Female Child Watkins, born 1732; died Bet. 1760 - 1826; married Philip Jones.

Other reference(s) to HERNDON'S:

Father: Joseph Herndon d: Aft. 1850 In Charlotte CO, VA - his daughter Jane HERNDON married February 9, 1798 in Charlotte County, VA, Francis ROBERTS b: ABT 1774 Charlotte CO, VA; <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/%7Ejolee/families/robertsf.htm> d: ABT 1864 Charlotte CO, vA

They had the following children:

- + 2 M i. **James B. WATKINS** was born 2 May 1728 and died 21 Dec 1798.
- + 3 M ii. **William "the younger" (Jr.) WATKINS** was born about 1730 and died 1821.
- + 4 F iii. **Sophia WATKINS** was born 1735 and died 1780.
- 5 M iv. **Joseph WATKINS** was born 1737.  
Joseph married **Mary Holt BOISSEAU**.
- + 6 M v. **John (son of Wm) WATKINS** was born 1739 and died 1770?.
- 7 F vi. **Mary WATKINS** was born 1741.  
Mary married **Rev. Benjamin BREEDLOVE**.
- + 8 F vii. **Sally WATKINS** was born 1743.
- + 9 F viii. **Elizabeth WATKINS** was born 1746.
- 10 M ix. **Benjamin (son of Wm) WATKINS** was born 1748.  
Benjamin married **Mildred WHITLOCK**.
- + 11 M x. **Richard (I) WATKINS** was born 26 Jan 1750/1751.
- + 12 F xi. **(daughter) WATKINS**.

## Second Generation

2. **James B. WATKINS** (William) was born 2 May 1728 in Chickahominy, Henrico, Va. He died<sup>1</sup> 21 Dec 1798 in Petersburg, Elbert County, GA.

JAMES WATKINS: Birth: 2 May 1728 in Chickahominy, Henrico, Va.; Death: 21 Dec 1800 in Chesterfield Co., Va. Was the father of JOHN WATKINS. (Martha Thompson was the wife of JAMES Watkins.). The grandfather of Robert H. Watkins was James the First (born 1728 ), second son of William Watkins , of Chesterfield county, Va. - (See Hayden 's Virginia Genealogies, Daniel Family, for this James Watkins ).

From the ancestry file of Phil Sherrod.

Note: James Watkins will was dated Feb. 10, 1800, proved in open Court July 27, 1801, recorded 31 July 1806 Wilkes County, GA Record of Wills 1792-1801 pages 242-246.

Some of the notes for James Watkins (1st) and his descendants are from:

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~coffman/EarlySettlersOfAlabama.html>  
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James Watkins (the first), of Amelia, now Prince Edward, county, Va., born, (probably in Chesterfield county ), 5 Feb., 1728 ; died Wilkes County, Ga. , 21 Dec., 1800 ; married (20th Nov., 1755 ) Martha Thompson (b. Chesterfield county, Va. , 10 Dec. 1737 , d. Wilkes County, Ga. , 26 Oct., 1803 ), daughter of Robert Thompson , of Chesterfield county and Branch's Creek , planter and goldsmith. Her hair and eyes were dark - his light. They were of the Baptist faith, and she quite handsome and notable as a housekeeper. It is said he was sheriff of Chesterfield before removing to Amelia. They came to Georgia 1796, and lived with their eldest sons, who had secured homes in Elbert, Wilkes and Lincoln counties; four of their sons were of the fair type, and four with dark eyes and hair, and all born in Virginia .

Issue:

- 1, William (3);
  - 2, James (3), Jr.;
  - 3, Sarah Herndon (3);
  - 4, Robert H (8);
  - 5, Samuel (3);
  - 6, John (3);
  - 7, Thompson (3);
  - 8, Joseph (3);
  - 9, Isham (3),
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"Georgia's Landmarks, Memorials and Legends" page 9-11:

PETERSBURG, GA; "On February 3, 1786, for the convenience of planters in the immediate neighborhood, an Act was passed by the Legislature at Augusta, authorizing Dionysius OLIVER to erect on his land a warehouse to be used for the inspection and storage of tobacco; and from this circumstance dates the commencement of the town of Petersburg."

"Many of the early settlers in this particular neighborhood, according to Colonel Jones, were from Virginia, and besides bringing with them to Georgia a love of the weed, they also possessed a high appreciation of tobacco as an article of prime commercial value. Since the lands in this locality were well adapted to the culture of the plant, it soon became the market crop of the farmers..."

"Under the invigorating spell of the tobacco trade, Petersburg began to grow. The area was divided into town lots, with convenient streets intersecting each other at right angles. The warehouse was located near the confluence between the two streams, but far enough removed from the water's edge to escape an overflow. In the course of time others were built in the same neighborhood, including one by WILLIAM WATKINS, who secured Legislative permission in 1797. The intellectual character of the residents is attested by the fact that in 1802 eighteen of the principal citizens of the town organized themselves into a union, the avowed purpose of which was the diffusion of knowledge and the alleviation of want. Its membership was as follows: Shaler HILLYER, president; John Williams WALKER, secretary; Memorable WALKER, Oliver WHITE, James Sanders WALKER, John A. CASEY, Thomas CASEY, ROBERT WATKINS, William Jones, Albert Bruxe, ROBERT H. WATKINS, Rigual N. GROVES, Nicholas POPE, Andrew Greene SEMMES, James COULTER, William Waytt BIBB, Garland T. WATKINS, and Thomas BIBB. Dr. W. W. Bibb became a United States Senator. He was also the first Territorial Governor of Alabama, an office in which he was succeeded by his brother, Thomas Bibb. The town was governed by commissioners, who were first chosen by the Legislature and afterwards by the local citizenship."

"In the zenith of its prosperity, the town numbered between seven and eight hundred souls, and was considered second in importance only to Augusta. As long as the tobacco trade continued, the town flourished; but with the rise of the cotton plant it began to decline. The residents gradually moved to other localities. Only a few remained to peole the little grave yard of this deserted village; and today sunken wells and moss covered mounds, with an occasional loose brick from some ancient chimney pile, survive to tell the wayfarer where Petersburg once stood in the forgotten long ago."

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"Early Settlers of Alabama"

The Watkins Family.

Our readers will remember that in connection with Dr. Thos. A. Watkins , we gave an account of a branch of this family which settled about Augusta, Ga. These descended from "Thomas Watkins , of Chickahominy ." I will now speak of another from Prince Edward county, Va. , which came mostly to Elbert county, Ga. , in the latter part of the last century. There are good reasons for believing that both these branches have descended from a common ancestor, but I have not been able to make out the connection.

William was the first of the latter branch whose name appears in the family records. His son James (I will call him the first) was born 5th of February, 1728, was married to Martha Thompson 20th of November, 1755, and died 21st December, 1780. His wife, Martha, was born 10th December, 1737, and died the 20th October, 1803. This Martha was daughter of Robert Thompson, who was a goldsmith, and had money to lend. Mrs. Harris (the mother of the late Stephen W. Harris, of Huntsville - and their granddaughter, in a long written account she gave me, thirty years ago said she remembered her grandparents, James and Martha Watkins, very well; that he was of ordinary stature, well set, of

light complexion and blue eyes, and her grandmother was a handsome woman of medium size, and black eyes. This union produced in nineteen William, James, Sarah, Robert, Samuel, John, Thompson, Joseph and Isham. Of these: William, Samuel and John first moved to Georgia 1783, for they were all born in Prince Edward County, VA. After awhile about 1796 (Mrs. Harris) the rest of the family moved also, and the old people now "well stricken in years" with them. They were devoted members of the Baptist Church. I will speak of their eight sons and one daughter in order especially of those who came to Lawrence county, and generally of those who migrated to Madison and Montgomery counties in Alabama, or remained in Georgia.

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Elbert County Georgia  
Superior Court  
Deed-Mortgages  
Middle fork Falling Creek  
Glover's Mill

1802, March 20-This Indenture made between James Bell and Olive his wife unto William H. Moon. For and in consideration of the sum of \$500 dollars, sell & convey a parcel of land containing 130 acres known by the name of Glover's Mill tract, granted John Glover and 30 acres granted John Wilkins, Sr. including to the high water mark of said mill pond on both sides the Middle fork Falling Creek. Registered 16th April 1804

81/16 Elbert County Deed Book  
J: 42

Old mill pond 1804, March 31-This Indenture made between William H. Moon unto John Wilkins. For and in consideration of the sum of \$24 dollars, sell & convey a parcel of land on both sides of the old mill pond including the mill pond, containing 44 acres, 20 acres belonging to said Moon.  
Registered 17th April 1804

81/16 Elbert County Deed Book  
J: 45

James married<sup>2</sup> **Martha THOMPSON**, daughter of Robert THOMPSON (goldsmith), on 20 Nov 1755. Martha was born 1737 in Chesterfield Co., VA. She died 22 Nov 1803.

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Cemetery records: died age 69 yrs 3 mos.

They had the following children:

- + 13 M i. **William (2nd of the name) WATKINS of Courtland, AL** was born 20 Oct 1756 and died 28 Aug 1832.
- + 14 M ii. **James (Jr.) WATKINS of Petersburg, GA** was born 20 Oct 1758 and died 10 Oct 1824.
- + 15 F iii. **Sarah Herndon (1st of the name) WATKINS** was born 20 Jun 1760.
- + 16 M iv. **Robert H. (son of James) WATKINS** was born 7 Jun 1762.
- + 17 M v. **Samuel WATKINS of Petersburg, GA** was born 17 May 1765 and died Oct 1835.
- + 18 M vi. **John (son of James B.) WATKINS of Petersburg, GA** was born 12 Feb 1766 and died 6 Apr 1841.

- + 19 M vii. **Garland THOMPSON WATKINS** was born 17 Aug 1770 and died 12 Jan 1843.  
20 M viii. **Joseph WATKINS of Petersburg, GA (Cotton Gin Fame)** was born 17 May 1772 in Virginia.

By James E. Saunders:

Joseph Watkins, another son of James Watkins (the first), was born May 17, 1772, and lived in Elbert county, Ga. He married, first, Mary Sayre, and after her death, her sister Delia. He never had any children.

Dr. Elbert A. Banks, of New York City, reminds me that I had made but a slight reference to Joseph Watkins (son of James Watkins, the first). That I did not mention the fact of the connection of his name with the mention of the cotton gin, and he sends me an article on the subject published in the Montgomery Advertiser several years since. The following is an extract from that article: "The cotton gin was invented and patented by Joseph Watkins, of Elbert county, Ga. At the death of Mr. Joseph Watkins, his papers, with this patent, fell into the hands of John Watkins, his brother, and at the death of Mrs. John Watkins, née Richardson, who married (11) Mr. Harris, who survived her husband many years, it came into the possession of Mrs. Martha P. Jones, formerly of Wilks county, Ga., and was unfortunately burned, immediately after the late war between the States. Mrs. Jones was the sister of the second wife of John Watkins, and the sister of the writer of this article. A short time before Mr. Watkins' invention (the exact date of which the writer does not recollect), two bags of cotton had Chasleston, S. C., in the seed; but it was thought it could never become an article of commerce, on account of the difficulty of separating the seed from the lint. Great excitement prevailed on the subject, and the invention of a machine for that purpose was much talked of and discussed.

Mr. Whitney, a school teacher from Connecticut, was then spending his time with Mrs. Green, on her estate in the neighborhood of Savannah. As he was from the land of inventions, he was earnestly applied to, to invent a cotton gin. He immediately became deeply interested in the subject. Mr. Watkins was living at old Petersburg, on the Savannah river, fifty miles above Augusta, where he had his cotton gin in successful operation.

Mr. Whitney hearing of this, determined to make him a visit. Mr. Watkins received Mr. Whitney with the liberal hospitality of a Southern planter, and during the day he showed him his cotton gin. Mr. Whitney returned home, and made such alterations, or perhaps improvements, on his machine, as to obtain a patent on his cotton gin also. We have heard this subject repeatedly discussed in the Watkins family, and Mr. Watkins was always blamed for not indicting Mr. Whitney for a breach of his patent right. He was constantly urged to do so, but being a wealthy Southern planter and amateur mechanic, who pursued his inventions more for his amusement and the gratification of his tastes, than for the purpose of money making, never did it. Mr. Whitney, however, never realized anything from his invention, so called. Not content with the sale of his patent rights, he claimed a part or the profits of each separate gin. This the planters stoutly resisted. He was therefore constantly involved in a series of expensive and ruinous law suits, each one of which was a never failing source of enjoyment to the Watkins family (Joseph Jones, M. D.).

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JOSEPH WATKINS AND THE COTTON GIN:

Joseph Watkins (3), (b. in Virginia 17th May, 1772), celebrated planter of Georgia, m. (I) Mary Sayre, of New Jersey, and (II) her sister, Delia Sayre. "Archie Stokes" said Mrs. Mary (Watkins) Saunders, "was called the merchant prince of Petersburg, Ga. He went to New York and there married one of the Misses Sayre. Her four sisters came to Georgia with them. Two of these sisters married, successively, my great uncle, Joseph Watkins, and another married Dr. Elijah Stuart, of Elbert county, and another married Andrew, son of Samuel Rembert." Joseph Watkins left no children to inherit his talents and wealth. His home was near Petersburg, then a bustling, thriving tobacco market. "To-day it is a wilderness of blackberry bushes, with not even a ruined chimney to mark the spot."

"He was a planter of large means, and in studying the application of mechanics, more for pleasure than for profit, discovered, and made, the first gin for upland cotton and had it in successful

operation while Eli Whitney, at the house of Mrs. Gen. Nathaniel Greene, in Savannah, Ga., - puzzled and thwarted - was working at a similar model. Upon hearing of Mr. Watkins ' invention, he did the wise thing in going to inspect it in person. He was courteously received, in the old-time Southern style, and shown by the amiable host over the whole plantation, and all its attractive features and improvements delightedly exhibited, and he found the new gin corresponded with his own conception, with the additional idea that one cylinder, studded at right angles with parallel rows of wire teeth to tear the lint from the seed, and another cylinder provided with brushes to sweep it off, and revolving, not above, but on a horizontal plane, would greatly improve his original plan," etc. This was in 1792, and he soon had a success.

"But every one in Georgia regarded Whitney merely as the improver and introducer of the cotton gin, and not the inventor; and Watkins was continually urged to bring counter-suits against Whitney; but, as was said, he had studied the application of mechanics more for amusement than profit, and invariably refused and allowed things to take their own course. Whitney was born in Massachusetts , in 1765 . He had been disappointed in gaining the position of private tutor in a private family, for which he had come South, and Mrs. Greene befriended him with the fortunate result to the world.

"All that is here stated regarding Joseph Watkins can, upon demand, be thoroughly substantiated." (See article by Hugh N. Starnes, in the "Southern Bivouac " for December, 1885, on "The Cotton Gin, its Invention and Effect.")

Joseph married (1) **Mary SAYRE**.

Note in the Augusta Chronicle, December 14, 1805: (Note: not sure if this Mrs. Joseph Watkins?!)

"Died, at Petersburg, a few days past, Mrs. Watkins, consort of Joseph Watkins. of that place."

Joseph also married (2) **Delia SAYRE**.

+ 21 M ix. **Isham WATKINS** was born 28 Feb 1774 and died 8 Jul 1820.

3. **William "the younger" (Jr.) WATKINS** (William) was born about 1730. He died 1821.

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" William, "the younger" died 1821, living in Chesterfield, 1745, probably married into the Osborne family, moved, perhaps to Charlotte and then to Dinwiddie County, 1768, when William Watkins was justice. A daughter married Lipscomb Ragland of Halifax County, VA, and wrote of her father's death, in 1821, to Dr. John Watkins, of Burnt Corn, Alabama, son of Richard. Her descendants moved to North Carolina, Mississippi and Alabama."

Note sure of relationship: Duke(s) Families of the South Carolina Low Country

In 1775, Capt. Robert Lide led a company of volunteer militia from the northeast side of the PeeDee River, from Brown's Creek to Three Creeks, in St. David's Parish; William Watkins was his second lieutenant. The Watkins name reappears in the Duke family as the maiden name of Joan Duke, wife of William Duke of Christ Church Parish, SC. A William Watkins was a member of her family who has been identified as the owner of a timber operation near Hobcaw Point. Also in 1767/68, Thomas Sims is listed as lessee and Thomas Lide as lessor (G-3, 595) in a real estate transaction. A Jacob Blackwell also served in Lide's militia unit.

1704 VA Rent Rolls Watkins Wm Henrico County, 1705

William married **Mary OSBORNE**.

They had the following children:

22 F i. **(daughter) WATKINS**.

(daughter) married **Lipscomb RAGLAND**.

4. **Sophia WATKINS** (William) was born 1735. She died 1780.

John (Capt.) **WORSHAM** b: 1731 p 833 Geneol. of VA Fam, Vol V, 1981, Genel. Publ CO, Baltimore d: 1779 date



from pamstone@digital.net d: 1779 date from pamstone@digital.net

. +Sophia WATKINS m: 1754 Father: William Benjamin Watkins Mother: MARTHA HERNDON b: 1735 d: 1780 date from Epes d: 1780 date from Epes

. 2 Richard WORSHAM b: Aft. 1754 Went to Wilkes CO, Ga, by 1786 d: Aft. 1790 Justice of Peace of Wilkes CO, GA d: Aft. 1790 Justice of Peace of Wilkes CO, GA

..... +Mary WINGFIELD d: 1818 d: 1818

Sophia married **John WORSHAM**.

They had the following children:

+ 23 M i. **Richard WORSHAM**.

6. **John (son of Wm) WATKINS** (William) was born 1739 in Briery Creek, Charlotte Co., VA. He died 1770?.

John, died 1770?, of Brier Creek, grandfather of Mrs. Jac Morton of Rockbridge.

John married **Mary MOORE**.

They had the following children:

24 M i. **George WATKINS**.

8. **Sally WATKINS** (William) was born 1743.

Sally married **James BOULDIN**, son of Thomas BOULDIN. James was born 1732. He died<sup>3</sup> 1801.

They had the following children:

+ 25 M i. **Ephraim BOULDIN**.

+ 26 F ii. **Elizabeth BOULDIN** was born 1763.

27 M iii. **William Watkins BOULDIN**.

28 M iv. **James BOULDIN**.

James married **Elizabeth Green (his cousin) BOULDIN**.

29 F v. **Sarah "Sally" BOULDIN**.

Sarah married (1) **Henry SPENCER of Charlotte**, son of John SPENCER of Charlotte Co., VA and Sally WATKINS, on 10 Jun 1802 in Charlotte County, VA. Henry was born 1780 in Charlotte County, VA.

Birth: 1780 in Charlotte County, Virginia

Death: 1844

Census: 1820 Charlotte County, Virginia

Census: 1840 Charlotte County, Virginia 5 households away from Thomas Spencer

Sarah also married (2) **Col. Henry SPENCER of Charlotte Co., VA**.

9. **Elizabeth WATKINS** (William) was born 1746.

"living in Hancock, GA 1805."

Elizabeth married **John BREEDLOVE**.

They had the following children:

+ 30 M i. **William Watkins BREEDLOVE**.

11. **Richard (I) WATKINS** (William) was born 26 Jan 1750/1751 in Chesterfield County, VA.

Richard was a Revolution soldier, (Pension #R11195).

Richard Watkins, born January 26, 1750/51 in Chesterfield & Charlotte County, VA - He was the son of William Watkins and Martha Herndon. According to the Dictionary of Alabama Biography, p.1730; died Bet. 1779 - 1842; married Elizabeth Parish (Parrish) May 1773 in According to the Marriage Bonds & Ministers Returns of Charlotte Co. VA 1764-1815 Knorr, 1951 p. 87 (marriage of Richard & Elizabeth Parish).

1) William Watkins, born 1772 in Virginia; died 1855; married (1) Martha Walthall; married (2) Ruth Pope; married (3) Malinda Rogers. (note: is this right??? See Richard)

2) Samuel G. Watkins, born 1773; died 1857; married Martha Peebles.

3) Joseph P. Watkins, born 1781 in born in Chesterfield Co., VA and moved to Petersburg, GA, and later to Rutherford Co., TN; died 1858; married Jacintha Seat. Later moved to Rutherford County, Tenn.

4) Henry Watkins, died 1836 in Georgia.

5) Martha Watkins.

6) Richard (?) Watkins, born in Virginia, married (1st) Miss Walthall (no issue); and married (2d) Ruth Pope, sister of Col. Leroy Pope, of Huntsville, Ala., and had Dr. Richard Leroy Watkins (4), of Mobile, Ala. ; in drug business before the Civil War. He married (1st) -, in Claiborne county, Ala. , and (2d) Miss Cunningham, of Cincinnati. Issue (by first marriage): James (5) and Ruth Watkins (5), and several by the second.

7) Dr. John Watkins, of Burnt Corn, Marengo County, Ala. (born in Virginia 176- died before 1850 ); educated in Virginia. Formed a medical partnership, in Georgia , with Dr. William N. Richardson (who married Susan, daughter of James Watkins, the second, who was widow of Mr. John Oliver, of Petersburg, Ga.). He removed to Alabama Territory 1813 ; member of the Convention (1819) which framed the Constitution for the admission of Alabama into the Union. It is not known whom he married. See Picketts' Hist. of Ala. for mention of his attendance upon Texas. John (Polk) Watkins, born 1785 in within 5 miles of Appomattox Court House, VA; died August 09, 1853 in Burnt Corn (Monroe County, AL; married Mary Thomas Hopkins Howard August 29, 1831 in Belleville (Conecuh County), AL.

Elizabeth Parish (Parrish), born in Henrico County, VA. She was the daughter of William Goodwyn.

Notes for Richard Watkins: <http://www.angelfire.com/al3/jorge/alagen.htm#johncwat1>

According to the will of William Watkins, the grandsons listed were John, William, Joseph Parrish, and Samuel Watkins.

These brothers are noted in the Early Settlers of Alabama by Saunders in the handwritten notes.

The Morman Church's library list his birthday as January 26, 1751 in Chickahominy, VA.

vi. Martha Watkins.

William Watkins, was the son of Richard - Richard Watkins, born January 26, 1750/51 in Chesterfield & Charlotte County, VA - According to the Dictionary of Alabama Biography, p.1730; died Bet. 1779 - 1842. He was the son of William Watkins and Martha Herndon. He married Elizabeth Parish (Parrish) May 1773 in According to the Marriage Bonds & Ministers Returns of Charlotte Co. VA 1764-1815 Knorr, 1951 p. 87 (marriage of Richard & Elizabeth Parish). I have four sons for him: Dr. John Watkins, Joseph Parrish Watkins, William Watkins, and Richard (II) Watkins.

Richard married **Elizabeth PARRISH** on May 1773.

They had the following children:

- + 31 M i. **William (II) WATKINS** was born about 1773 and died 1860/1865.
- 32 M ii. **Samuel G. WATKINS** was born 1773. He died 1857.

Samuel G. Watkins, born 1773; died 1857; married Martha Peebles.

Samuel married **Martha PEEBLES**.

- + 33 M iii. **Joseph Parrish WATKINS** was born 1781 and died 1858.
- + 34 M iv. **Dr. John WATKINS of Alabama** was born 1785 and died 9 Aug 1853.
- + 35 M v. **Richard (Jr) WATKINS**.
- 36 M vi. **Henry WATKINS** died 1836 in Georgia.
- 37 F vii. **Martha WATKINS**.

12. **(daughter) WATKINS** (William).

(daughter) married **Phillip JONES**.

They had the following children:

- 38 M i. **James JONES**.

### Third Generation

13. **William (2nd of the name) WATKINS of Courtland, AL** (James B., William) was born 20 Oct 1756 in Maury County, TN. He died 28 Aug 1832 in Courtland, Lawrence Co., AL.

From ancestry file of Phillip Sherrod

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~coffman/EarlySettlersOfAlabama.html>

From notes of James Saunders:

William Watkins, second of the name (b. 20th of October, 1756 , d. in Lawrence county, Ala., 28th May, 1832 ), m. (1785 ) Susan Clark Coleman (b. 1769 in Virginia , d. Lawrence county, Ala., 1843), a beautiful and charming woman, ward of the prominent Baptist preacher, Jeremiah Walker. They moved to Georgia 1790 , and to Murray county, Tenn., 1808. In that year, accompanied by Col. Leroy Pope and Thomas Bibb (Governor of Alabama in 1820), he rode on horseback to New Orleans through Alabama and Mississippi , returning via Natchez, where they were joined by John W. Walker , first United States Senator of Alabama, (brother of the Rev. Jeremiah ). Their route lay through various Indian tribes, and was very interesting. He removed to Madison county, Ala., in 1819, and finally (in 1827) to Lawrence County, Ala. His brother, Samuel , and nephew, Robert H. Watkins , having preceded him 1821 . He purchased the now "Widow Bird place," near Courtland. He was active and cheerful in old age, and much sought by young people for his bright qualities.

1. William Watkins, the eldest son of James the First and Martha , was born 20th October, 1756. He was married to Susan Clark Coleman about 1789, in Elbert county, Georgia . She was born 25th February, 1769. He was a stalwart, finely formed man, with black eyes and dark complexion; and she was a beautiful and very charming young woman of the same complexion, and a notable housekeeper (Mrs. Harris .) After some years of prosperity, his imagination was inflamed by accounts of the great fertility of Maury county, Tennessee; and he moved to that county, and, at length, when his relatives began to settle in North Alabama, he removed to Madison county, about 1819; a poorer man than when he left Georgia . He had been worsted in his encounter with the tall thick heavy timber of Tennessee . The farmers had not learned to girdle the timber, let it die, cut down the cane, and then at some dry time set fire to it, and when everything is as hot as an oven, the burning is complete. Such a conflagration where thousands of canes heated by the fire are exploding every minute, resembles a battle of musketry. The settlers either didn't know, or had not time to wait for this process. William Watkins encountered the forest in the "green tree," and not in the "dry," and was badly defeated.

In Madison county he had begun to retrieve his fortunes when I saw him for the first time; and although sixty years ago, I shall never forget what occurred. I was sitting in the back parlor at Dr. James Mannings , when his niece and the young ladies in the front room exclaimed: "Why! Uncle Billy , how are you?" He was then 70 years old; but he sprang up and struck his heels together twice, and said: "That's how I am." They asked him why people could not do that "now-a-days." He answered emphatically that it was owing to "calomel, coffee and Prunella shoes. There was something quite original in his manner, and a great deal of droll humor. I have known three of this old Watkins family who were born

(all of them) before the revolution, and who had the same cast of character; and all men of solid judgment and keen judges of human nature. Some years afterward Mr. William Watkins moved to Lawrence county and died near Courtland on the 28th May, 1832, 76 years of age. His wife lived until 20th April, 1843 . These old people were much revered, and good members of the Baptist Church.

William married **Susan Clark COLEMAN**. Susan was born 1769. She died 1843 in Lawrence Co., AL.

They had the following children:

- + 39 M i. **Coleman WATKINS** was born 1786 and died 1819.
- 40 M ii. **Milton WATKINS (never married)**.  
Died unmarried.
- + 41 M iii. **James Coleman WATKINS** was born 1800.
- + 42 M iv. **William (3rd of the name) WATKINS** was born 1798 and died 1859.
- + 43 F v. **Martha WATKINS** was born 1810 and died 20 Apr 1843.

14. **James (Jr.) WATKINS of Petersburg, GA** (James B., William) was born 20 Oct 1758 in Prince Edward County, VA. He died 10 Oct 1824 in Elbert County, GA.

By James E. Saunders:

This James was the second of that name. Like his brothers William and Samuel he was born before the revolution and on the 20th October, 1758. In person he differed from them, for he had blue eyes and light complexion. He was of ordinary stature, but well set and of fine judgment and great industry.

On the 27th February, 1779, he married Jane Thompson, daughter of Isham Thompson and Mary Ann Olive, his wife. Jane Thompson was a pretty woman with black eyes and a notable housekeeper (Mrs. Harris).

Their home was a few miles above Petersburg, Ga., on the bank of the Savannah river. They were not wealthy, but independent. The plantation, however, was fertile, for it comprised an island in the river and rich creek lands, and there was a mill on it. Although foreign luxuries were not to be had then, the family abounded in domestic comforts. One who sits near me while I write, has been telling of the home of her grand parents where she spent so many Saturdays when a child - of the hill, on which the mansion stood shaded by forest trees with wide spreading branches - of the cool spring at the foot of the hill, and the gourd which hung upon a nail driven into a tree near by - of throwing off her shoes and stockings and wading in the branch - of the large watermelons brought from the island - of the apples and peaches, and cherries, and the cherry pies made in deep plates and full of juice to the brim. I give a side glance at her. She is looking through the window in the distance. She is a child again, and her black eyes alternately sparkle, or are dimmed by tears as scenes of other days flit across the landscape of her memory. She sees a light,

"That ne'er shall shine again  
On life's dull stream."

The daughters of the family were black-eyed, and noted for their beauty; not that kind of beauty which disappears like the morning dew, but a quality founded on a good constitution, which retains the bloom on the cheek long after youth has departed. I have seen four of these ladies, and even in old age "they were fair to look upon." These daughters were trained to habits of industry. There were no sewing machines, mantuamakers or milliners in that day, and each girl had to win her diploma with her own fingers, and the exercise of her individual taste. Of course having to rely exclusively on the needle for the fabrication of their dresses, there were no superfluous flounces or "fubelows" as now. And perhaps there was another reason: the figures of the girls, in that day, were most perfect, and such illusions in dresses as are now common were not required to hide personal defects.

The sons were brought up to labor, and habits of business. There was one exception. The youngest was most indulged, "wore soft clothing," and in the sequel we shall see the effect.

In this family there were not only physical influences which gave force to the character of the young, but a spirit of pure and simple piety imbued members generally. Their Methodism was earnest and pronounced, and sprang from the pure seed planted by John Wesley himself, while he was in Georgia . This country home was the resort of many of the rising young men of Georgia , and its sons and daughters formed worthy alliances, and families of great respectability in Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi and Texas trace their origin to it. Two of the sons died before marriage. Garland T.

served during the war of 1812, returned home, and being a man of great sprightliness, he studied law, but died before he commenced the practice. Another son, Theophilus, died at the age of 15 years. The other children of James and Jane Watkins we shall notice briefly in succession.

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Glover's Mill - Middle Fork Falling Creek  
Written: 1821

Elbert County Georgia  
Superior Court  
Deed-Mortgages  
Savannah River-island

1821, March 6-I, James Watkins, Sr. for natural love and affection towards my Son, James Watkins, Jr. convey all my landed estate, a tract on Savannah River containing 700 acres. Also an island containing 330 acres of land, another tract in South Carolina on Rocky River and Savannah River containing 200 acres. Registered 18th November 1821

81/17 Elbert County Deed Book  
S: 110

James Watkins is buried in the Bethlehem Methodist Church Cemetery. His grave was re-interred in this cemetery about 1950 when the gravesites in the Old Petersburg Town was covered with water from the Clarkes Hill Dam.

James married **Jane THOMPSON**, daughter of Isham THOMPSON and Mary Ann OLIVER.

They had the following children:

44 M i. **Garland Thompson (2nd of the name) WATKINS (never married)** was born 1780. He died 1816.

"Early Settlers of Alabama," by James Saunders. Garland T. served during the War of 1812, returned home, and being a man of \_\_\_\_ sprightliness, he studied law, but died before he commenced the practice. "

+ 45 M ii. **Maj. Robert H. WATKINS** was born 1 Oct 1782 and died 10 Sep 1855.

+ 46 F iii. **Mary Thompson WATKINS** was born 5 Mar 1784.

+ 47 F iv. **Sarah Herndon (2nd) WATKINS of Athens, GA** was born 12 Jan 1786 and died 1870.

+ 48 F v. **Martha WATKINS** was born 1787 and died 1865.

+ 49 F vi. **Jane (dau of James & Jane) WATKINS** was born 1789 and died 1837.

+ 50 F vii. **Susan (dau of James & Jane) WATKINS** was born 17 Mar 1791.

+ 51 F viii. **Eliza (dau of James & Jane) WATKINS** was born 5 Feb 1793.

52 M ix. **James (III) (son of James) WATKINS** was born 1795. He died 1826.

James Watkins, the son of James Watkins (the second), was born September 20, 1795. His youth gave much promise, which his manhood did not fulfil. He was educated for a lawyer; had a fine person, and married Miss Jane Urquhart, of Augusta. He became intemperate and died about 1825, with no issue.

James Watkins (4) (b. 20th September, 1795 , d. 15th March, 1826 ) m. Jane , daughter of Dr. John Urquhart , of Augusta, Ga. No issue. "Educated for the law, and of handsome person, too much prosperity was his ruin." He became dissipated, and died young - no issue. His widow m. Dr. William Weeden , of Huntsville, Ala. (2d wife), and their descendants are numerous.

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James married **Jane URQUHART**.

+ 53 F x. **Sophia Herndon WATKINS** was born 1797 and died 1856.

54 M xi. **Theophilus WATKINS (died at age 15)** was born 1799. He died 1814.

15. **Sarah Herndon (1st of the name) WATKINS** (James B., William) was born 20 Jun 1760.

Descendants of Sarah Herndon Watkins (3)

III. Sarah Herndon Watkins (3) (b. Prince Edward county, Va. , 20th June, 1760 ; d. Huntsville, Ala. ); only daughter of James and Martha (Thompson) Watkins ; m. Capt. Robert Thompson (3) ("Old Blue,") of Amelia county, Va., son Robert (2), who was son of Robert ,(1) the "goldsmith and banker." Issue: 1. Sophia (Manning) (4). 2. Pamela (Bibb) (4). 3. Eliz. (Tate) (4).

SARAH WATKINS THOMPSON: (by James Saunders)

In a family of nine, Sarah was the only daughter of James Watkins and Martha Thompson, and was born 20th of June, 1760 . I have heard the old people say that in her youth she was very beautiful. She married, in Georgia , Capt. Robert Thompson, who for distinction where there were so many of the same name, was called "Old Blue." His father, Robert , was the son of Robert Thompson , the immigrant (from England) and the brother of Martha Thompson; and so Captain Thompson and his wife, Sarah Watkins , were cousins. The captain was a man of uncommon sagacity, and like his grandfather, the goldsmith, "he always had money to lend." He was a merchant of Petersburg, Ga. , and moved with his sons-in-law, at an early day, to Huntsville, Madison county, Ala. , where both he and his wife died.

They had three children; Sophia, Pamela and Eliza. Sophia married Dr. James Manning, a man of great worth and modesty. Their eldest daughter married Gen. Bartley M. Lowe; Dr. Felix Manning, their son, married Sarah Millwater, and settled in Aberdeen. Peyton married Sarah Weedon, James married Indiana Thompson, William married Frances Weedon, and Robert married Louisiana Thompson.

Pamela married Thomas Bibb, who was a brother of Gov. William W. Bibb, and on his death succeeded him in that office by virtue of being President of the Senate. Their children were numerous, and the Bibbs, Bradleys and Pleasants are scattered, like the descendants of Dr. Manning, over several States. It does not comport with the plan of my brief articles, to give a detailed account of these families, but simply to fix a few links from which those who live after me can finish the family chain."

Sarah married **Capt. Robert "Old Blue" THOMPSON**, son of Robert THOMPSON (goldsmith).

Married his cousin.

They had the following children:

+ 55 F i. **Sophia THOMPSON** was born calculated 1780.

- + 56 F ii. **Pamela THOMPSON.**
- 57 M iii. **Elizabeth (Mrs. Tate) THOMPSON.**

16. **Robert H. (son of James) WATKINS** (James B., William) was born 7 Jun 1762 in Georgia. He died in Georgia.

From ancestry file of Phillip Sherrod

Descendants of Robert H. Watkins

IV. Robert H. Watkins (3) of South Carolina (b. Pr. Edward co., Va. , 7th June. 1762 ); m. Jane , daughter of Drury and Eleanor (Oliver) Thompson . Issue: Seven sons, most of whom died young. One of these, Leric (3), the youngest (perhaps), was ward of his uncle, John Watkins. He inheired a fortune, and lived a life of pleasure, and died young and unmarried.

Robert married **Jane (dau of Drury & Eleanor) THOMPSON**, daughter of Drury THOMPSON and Eleanor.

They had the following children:

- 58 M i. **Leric WATKINS.**

17. **Samuel WATKINS of Petersburg, GA** (James B., William) was born 17 May 1765 in Prince Edward County, Virginia. He died Oct 1835 in Courtland, Lawrence Co., AL.

Samuel Watkins was the son of James Watkins (the first) and Martha Thompson. He was born in Prince Edward county, 17th of May, 1765, more than 120 years ago; removed to Elbert County, Georgia, about 1783, and there married Eleanor Thompson, daughter of Robert Thompson and sister of "Old Blue." She had been born also in Virginia, in the same county, and was a woman of great beauty, a notable housekeeper. Mr. Samuel Watkins was not only a large cotton planter on Broad river , but a merchant doing a large business in the town of Petersburg, Ga. For twenty years or more this place was noted for the intelligence and wealth of its inhabitants. Its importance, however, was far greater than its population. Here lived at one time, the Bibbs, the Olivers, the Watkinses, the Stokes, the Popes, the Walkers, the Remberts and a number of other aristocratic families. It was here that the wealthy young Benjamin Sherrod found his beautiful and wealthy bride, Eliza Watkins, the eldest child of Mr. Samuel Watkins. This city in epitome, was sustained by the lucrative trade of the Broad River planters on the Georgia, and the Calhoun settlement on the South Carolina, side - and academic facilities for education were furnished for the young men at an academy under the charge of Dr. Moses Waddel, a distinguished educator, near the house of Patrick Calhoun, the father of John C. Calhoun. Dr. Waddel married his sister. He was afterward president of the Georgia University, where the writer was a student. But this little city began to wane. Its wealthy and talented citizens emigrated, one by one, mostly to Alabama , and it was literally depopulated. A sentimental descendant of one of these families, seeking to find "where the home of his forefathers stood," would have to employ a guide to show him the site of the ruined town.

Mr. Samuel Watkins purchased a large tract of land in this county, extending from the head of Spring creek southward to the Brown's ferry road, and his eldest son, Paul J. Watkins, moved out, and prepared the lands for cultivation, and built the houses, so that his father, when he came to his new home, had but to hang up his hat. At this time, although an old man, he was very fine looking, with brown eyes, and a dark but rich complexion. He seemed to enjoy his release from mercantile life, and the society Georgia friends by whom he was surrounded. He was very polite and graceful, and like most retired merchants, dressed very neatly. Now, in warm weather you often see cotton planters of his age in their broad halls, going slip-shod; but I never saw him under these circumstances when his feet were not cased in fine pumps.

Like all of his name, he was full of humor. Colonel Sherrod's young sons, during a vacation, were visiting the old gentleman, with a large pack of dogs. Says he, "Boys, why don't you go to work? Why do you idle your time in this way!" "Why, grandpa, we have no work to do, and we don't know where we can get any." He relieved them of the difficulty by accepting their proposition to burn brush in his new ground at a quarter of a dollar a day. Well, next Monday morning, bright and early, the boys came over and brought all their dogs with them. To tell the truth, they worked pretty well, except when the dogs would jump a rabbit. Then they would break ranks, for the temptation was too strong to be resisted. At the end of the week the boys proposed a settlement. The old gentleman required each one to make out his account, and then he made out his. Upon charging them and their dogs a very moderate amount for board, he brought them a little in his debt. The boys looked amazed, and cried out, "Grandpa!" all in one breath. But he insisted that there was no stipulation for him to furnish board gratis. Col. William Sherrod, who furnished me with this amusing incident, says that this lesson from the old gentleman was worth more to him than any he ever learned at school, and that he never signed an agreement after he grew up without the "burning brush" contract coming into his mind, and without having every material stipulation inserted before he signed it.

Mr. Samuel Watkins and his wife were members of the Methodist Church. They had a family of five children. Eliza, the first wife of Colonel Sherrod, who died (as we have already said) in Georgia, Paul J., Edgar , and Elmira, who married Rev. Edgar M. Swoope.

Mr. Paul J. Watkins after clearing up the Spring Creek place for his father moved to a large tract he had purchased on the Tennessee River below Brown's Ferry. This place, also, he reduced to cultivation and founded a home still called "Flower Hill." He had married Elizabeth Watt, a young lady of sweet face, great vitality and remarkable love of flowers. She was not a botanist who filled her garden with ugly blossoms on account merely of their rarity, but cultivated varieties for their beauty and fragrance, hence the name of this family seat, which was dedicated to hospitality. She was a woman of energy and an excellent manager. His days were assiduously devoted to business. But when night came he was unlike most of our farmers who are still thinking over their business, and laying plans for to-morrow. No, a general cheerfulness pervaded the mansion. On his violin he would accompany one of his daughters who were excellent performers on the piano, with the most enlivening music. The tunes were popular, and the effect was delightful. If farmers were more studious to render their homes happy, their sons would not be so anxious to abandon them for the excitement of cities where they are so often wrecked both in body and soul.

Eliza , daughter of Paul J. Watkins , married John Phinizy. Their daughter, Lizzie, married Samuel Pointer ; Maggie married James Strong ; Watkins married Lucy Sykes , and Maud, Ferdinand and James are still single.

Susan A., daughter of Paul J. Watkins , married Ephraim H. Foster. Their son, James H. , married Ida Speaks ; Bettie married Thomas Pointer ; Harry C. married Laura Dove ; Fannie C. married William Wallace , and Narcissa H. , Susie A. and Ephraim H. are single.

Amelia , a daughter of Paul J. Watkins , married Edward Munford . They had but one child, Paul , and he died unmarried.

Martha J., as we have stated, married William S. Bankhead. No issue.

Mary E., youngest child of Paul J. Watkins , married James Branch . Their children are James H. , who married Cornelia Bail . Their children are Joseph C. , Susan S. and Robert W.

Eleanor, daughter of Mr. Samuel Watkins , married Jessie Thompson , and died in a short time after her marriage, without issue. (hand written r9 476)

Edgar, a son of Mr. Samuel Watkins, died recently, never having married.

From ancestry file of Phillip Sherrod.

Birth: 17 MAY 1765 in Virginia

Death: OCT 1835 in Lawrence County, AL

Occupation: merchant in Petersburg, VA; later planter on Broad River, GA

Note: Merchant of Petersburg, VA, and a large planter on Broad River near the Savannah River, Elbert Co., GA, near his brother James Watkins. He came from Virginia in 1790. After the death of his wife, in 1821, he settled a large plantation called "Cotton Garden," on Spring Creek. Samuel Watkins' will was dated September 1, 1835, proved October Court 1835, Recorded in Lawrence County, AL. Orphans Court 1835-1840 pages 112-115.

Samuel Watkins (b. Va. , 17th May, 1765; d. Lawrence co., Ala. , October, 1835), married (1792) Eleanor Thompson . She was a sister of Robert (or "Blue") Thompson, of Amelia co., Va. , with whom he formed a mercantile partnership in Petersburg, GA., both removing to North Alabama 1825 - Samuel Watkins' plantation in Georgia, was near the Savannah River, Elbert Co. , and near his brother, James Watkins. He came from Virginia in 1790. "My Aunt Eleanor 's home," said recently, Mrs. Martha (Watkins) Harris, of Columbia, Ga. , "was noted for its fine surroundings, even in those early days, and especially its lovely flowers, which were her specialty. The old lady rode in her coach, always attended by her black maid in great state."

Samuel married **Eleanor THOMPSON**, daughter of Robert THOMPSON (goldsmith).

They had the following children:

+ 59 F i. **Eliza H. WATKINS** was born 1793 and died 1817.



- + 60 M ii. **Paul J. "Don" WATKINS** was born 1795.
- + 61 F iii. **Elmira WATKINS.**
- 62 F iv. **Eleanor WATKINS.**

Eleanor Watkins married her cousin, Jesse Thompson, nephew of "Old Blue." Died a short time after her marriage. No issue. He removed to Russellville, Ala., it is said, and died in New Orleans.

Eleanor married **Jesse THOMPSON.**

- 63 M v. **Edgar WATKINS.**

Edgar Watkins (4) never married, lived with his sister, Mrs. Swoope , and died after the war.

18. **John (son of James B.) WATKINS of Petersburg, GA** (James B., William) was born<sup>1</sup> 12 Feb 1766. He died 6 Apr 1841 in Elbert County, GA.

"Cemetery at Petersburg, Georgia (Elbert County)

#2878: John Watkins  
 February 12, 1766  
 April 6, 1841  
 "He left a wife and five children"

Note: From James Larry Wilson with the Sons of American Revolution (August 2006):

He provided a listing of the graves buried now at Bethlehem Methodist Church on Welcome Church Road and Hyw 72. These were removed from the old town of Petersburg, GA that went defunct about 1850. From 1780-1820 the town was the 3rd largest in GA but because of the cotton crops replacing the tobacco crops and then later the railroad bypassing Petersburg and Elbert County the town became a ghost town. It is now covered with water from the Lake Clarke Hill (in 1954). James Watkins (SR) (Feb 5, 1728-Dec 21, 1798) and John Watkins were buried there in Petersburg, GA and then reinterred in the Bethlehem Methodist Church in 1950+-.

John married (1) **Susan DANIEL**, daughter of Chesley DANIEL. Susan died 6 Jan 1827.

By James E. Saunders:

Mr. John Watkins was born 12th February, 1768. He lived and died in Georgia. He married Susan Daniel, of Virginia; who had blue eyes and a delicate constitution; and he survived her many years. Whilst I was a student at Athens he, with his two daughters, Lucy and Sarah, spent a summer at the house where I boarded. He was in person and manners much like his brothers, of whom I have already spoken. He was a man of fine judgment and despised all dandyism in manners and dress. During the "Reign of Terror" in France , many Frenchmen of distinction and refinement sought refuge in America . Our people felt much commiseration for them (for they were generally destitute), and freely received them into their houses. One of those gentlemen was offered a home in his house. Whenever Mr. Watkins entered he would rise and bow most politely, and hand him a chair. This amused him at first, but after awhile it became annoying. One morning in June, when it was showering nearly every day, and the grass growing fearfully, and things were going wrong generally, Mr. Watkins , after several hours of turmoil, entered the house, heated and vexed. The Frenchman rose, as usual, and said; "Mr. Watkins ! do take a chair," and was more profuse in his attention than usual. Mr. Watkins waved the Frenchman imperiously away, and said: "Do sit down, and don't be such a fool." The Frenchman could understand but little English, but he could read "manner," and did not parlezvous around so mnch, and after that restrained his politeness.

John Watkins (3), Elbert county, Ga. (b. Prince Edward county, Va. , 12th February, 1768 , d. 5th March, 1841 , Petersburg, Ga. ), m. (I) (27th October, 1798 ) Susan , daughter of Chesley and Judith (Christian) Daniel , of North Carolina. They lived in Petersburg , and had also a plantation five miles above, called "Thorn Hill ."

Cemetery Recrods: Consort of John Watkins, died age 57 yrs and 9 mos.

They had the following children:

- + 64 F i. **Lucy Woodson WATKINS** was born 27 Feb 1800 and died 7 Jul 1852.

- + 65 M ii. **John Daniel WATKINS** was born 1801 and died 1890.
- + 66 F iii. **Sarah H. (dau of John & Susan) WATKINS** was born 1803.
- 67 F iv. **Mary (dau of John & Susan) WATKINS** was born Feb 1806. She died<sup>1</sup> 13 May 1818 in Petersburg, Elbert County, GA.

"Cemetery at Petersburg, GA (Elbert County)

#2880: Mary Watkins, daughter of John Watkins

Died May 13, 1818 - 12 years 4 months

- 68 F v. **Susan (dau of John) WATKINS of Petersburg** was born 1809 in Granville, NC.

Susan, daughter of Mr. John Watkins , was married to Judge Robert Daugherty (brother of Judge Charles and William Daugherty , of Georgia ). One of their daughters, Susan , married William D. Humphries, Esq., of Columbus, Miss., and another, Sarah, married Robert Leonard .

Susan Watkins (4), married (1833 ), Judge Robert Dougherty , of Clark county, Ga ; who d. 1868 .

They removed to Tuskegee, Ala. , 1843 , where he rose to eminence at the bar. Was Judge of the 9th Judicial District for eighteen years, until his death. He was a fine type of the American wit and humorist of his day, and at times playing almost boyish pranks upon his relatives and friends. His fun-loving reputation made him a worthy rival of the celebrated Judge Longstreet , of Ga. , and many are the anecdotes preserved of his "quips and jests" in the family. Issue, nine children (four dying in childhood):

(1.) William Dougherty (5), died in Columbus, Miss. , 1880 .

(2.) Charles Dougherty (5), C. S. A., 3rd. Ala. Reg. Fatally wounded at "Seven Pines," and died a prisoner at Fortress Monroe, Va.

(3.) Sarah Banks Dougherty (5), married Capt. R. H. Leonard , and lives at Talbotton, Ga.

(4.) Rebecca Carlton Dougherty (5), married Col. W. D. Humphries , of Columbus, Miss. Her mother, Mrs. Susan Dougherty , lived with them until her death.

(5.) Lucy Young Dougherty (5).

End of descendants of John Watkins (3).

Susan married<sup>4</sup> **Judge Robert DOUGHERTY** on 3 Jan 1833 in Clarke County, GA.

- + 69 F vi. **Martha (dau of John & Susan) WATKINS** was born 13 Sep 1807 and died 25 Dec 1896.

John also married (2) **Mary "Polly" MOSELEY**.

Cousin of John C. Calhoun

He m. (II) Polly Moseley , cousin of John C. Calhoun . (Her sister married Dr. Joseph Jones .) She married (II) Dr. William Richardson , whose first wife was Susan Watkins (widow of Major John Oliver , of Petersburg, Ga. , and his 2d wife). She m. (III) Mr. Harris . (See Early Settlers of Alabama .)

- 19. **Garland THOMPSON WATKINS** (James B., William) was born 17 Aug 1770. He died 12 Jan 1843 in Alabama and was buried in Marks-Mathews Burial Ground, Montgomery County, Alabama.

By James E. Saunders:

"Thompson Watkins, son of James Watkins (the first) was born on 17th August, 1770. He married Nancy Taliaferro, a very industrious, economical woman. They lived near Broad river. They had but two children: Zachariah, the eldest, married Edna Bibb, daughter of Peyton Bibb. James Franklin married Martha Marks, daughter of Mr. Merriwether Marks " (Governor Gilmer). The only child of this marriage was Rebecca, who married Samuel Matthews. She was very wealthy but remained a widow for many years. I understand she has married again.

"Thompson Watkins (3), of Elbert county, Ga. (b. in Virginia 17th August, 1770 ), married Nancy, sister of Gen. Benj. Taliaferro, of Virginia and Georgia, and daughter Zachariah Taliaferro, of Amherst county, Va. They resided a while in

Wilks county, Ga. , and then removed to Montgomery, Ala. In Wilkes county, Ga., their place adjoined Mrs. Watkins' sister, Mrs. Sally (Taliaferro) Harvie\*, and a mile or two from Broad River."

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"The Wilkes County Papers 1773-1833"

"GARLAND T. WATKINS vs Bracy M. OWEN, debt, November Term 1806, Superior Court."

Garland married **Nancy TALIAFERRO**, daughter of Zachariah TALIAFERRO of Amherst county, Va. and Mary Braxton BOUTWELL. Nancy was born 1772.

Nancy Taliaferro married Thompson Watkins. She was a very industrious, economical woman. By her exertions she made her husband a citizen of property. They lived a mile or two from Broad River, and near Mrs. Sally Harvie's, Mrs. Watkins's sister. They had but two children. Zachariah, the oldest, married Edna Bibb, the daughter of Mr. Peyton Bibb. James married Martha Marks, daughter of Mr. Meriwether Marks.

They had the following children:

70 M i. **Zachariah Taliaferro WATKINS** was born 1796.

married Edna , daughter of Peyton Bibb

Zachariah married **Edna BIBB**, daughter of Peyton BIBB and Martha COBB.

+ 71 M ii. **James Franklin WATKINS** was born 2 Feb 1805.

21. **Isham WATKINS** (James B., William) was born 28 Feb 1774. He died 8 Jul 1820 in Meridianville, AL.

The children of Isham Watkins were found at:

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~coffman/EarlySettlersOfAlabama.html>

Remained active at Pope's Chapel, GA until 1814 when he moved to Alabama.

Isham married **Emily TALIAFERRO**, daughter of Col. Benjamin TALIAFERRO (sometimes called General) and Martha MERIWETHER.

They had the following children:

+ 72 F i. **Martha (dau of Isham) WATKINS** was born 23 Sep 1798 and died 21 Feb 1822.

+ 73 M ii. **Benjamin Taliaferro (son of Isham) WATKINS** was born 27 Dec 1799.

74 F iii. **Betsy (dau of Isham) WATKINS.**

Betsy married **Thomas BELL.**

75 F iv. **Sarah (dau of Isham) WATKINS.**

Sarah married (**Mr.**) **DISMUKES of Davidson County, TN.**

76 M v. **Albert Joseph WATKINS** was born 1805.

"Married four times; had a large family"

Perhaps his son? "Early Settlers of Alabama," "Albert J. Watkins was the son of Albert Watkins, and was a good soldier He survived the [Civil] War and moved West."

77 F vi. **Emily (dau of Isham) WATKINS.**

Emily married (**Mr.**) **WILSON of Elkton, TN.**

78 F vii. **Mary (dau of Isham) WATKINS.**

"Mary married Henry Bell, of Columbus, Miss. One of her sons, William, was Lieutenant in Mexican war, and lost an arm."

Mary married **Henry BELL of Columbus, MS.**

79 F viii. **Harriet (dau of Isham) WATKINS.**

80 M ix. **Isham Eldridge WATKINS of Madison Co., MS.**

Isham married (**Miss**) (**dau of Ben**) **LEFLORE.**

23. **Richard WORSHAM** (Sophia WATKINS, William).

Richard married **Mary WINGFIELD.**

They had the following children:

+ 81 F i. **Elizabeth WORSHAM.**

25. **Ephraim BOULDIN** (Sally WATKINS, William).

Ephraim married **Jane Flippin BEDFORD.**

They had the following children:

82 M i. **Robert Ephraim BOULDIN.**

Marriage 1 Sarah Barksdale Britten b: 31 OCT 1802

Married: 21 JAN 1821

Children

Elizabeth Jane Bouldin b: 13 OCT 1825 in Charlotte Co., Virginia

Margaret Drusilli Stith Bouldin b: 18 JUL 1833

Henrietta "Etta" Samuel Bouldin b: 23 NOV 1835

Henrietta Bouldin b: 1836

1850 Census, Charlotte Co., Charlotte Clarke Microfilm 940 (Broderbund CD #309, page 4295:

Bauldin, Robert E, 56, physcian & planter, RE worth 6000, born Charlotte County, VA:

Sarah B, 47, born Halifax(?)

Margaret, 16, born Charlotte

Henrietta, 16, born Charlotte

26. **Elizabeth BOULDIN** (Sally WATKINS, William) was born 1763.

Elizabeth married **James COLLIER**, son of Cornelius COLLIER and Elizabeth WYATT.

They had the following children:

+ 83 M i. **Henry Watkins COLLIER Gov. of Alabama** was born 1801.

30. **William Watkins BREEDLOVE** (Elizabeth WATKINS, William).

William married **Sarah Herndon FOSTER.**

They had the following children:

84 M i. **Richard Foster BREEDLOVE.**

31. **William (II) WATKINS** (Richard (I), William) was born about 1773 in Virginia. He died 1860/1865 in Arkansas or Texas.

Pope, Ruth Watkins, William Jr. 15 May 1806 Georgia  
Elbert County

Email from Linda M. Watkins, April, 2004:

"Hello Virginia, I am so pleased to hear from you. Yes, I have been doing Watkins research for years and unfortunately I haven't written it up as I go along so I have boxes and boxes of notebooks, binders.

First of all, you may have a wonderful connection for me. For years, Troy Watkins, of Mississippi and I, both descendants of William and Martha Herndon Watkins, Troy through James and I am from Richard's line have been searching for a male Watkins descendant of Thomas of Swift Creek and Thomas of Chickahominy....who would submit material for a DNA test. Both Troy and I believe that our William, born 1690 was a son of Henry and thus the brother or half brother of your Thomas. Troy and my dad, now deceased, have very close, almost perfect matches. If we could get one of your line, a Male Watkins to do this we could have the proof that we are looking for the the two lines are closely related.

Here are a few things I know off the top of my head, my Watkins ancestor, William Watkins, son of Richard who was the son of William and Martha, lived in Petersburg, GA and was one of the very early founders of Huntsville, ALA. He married the sister of Leroy Pope and was connected with that family in both cities. He later married the mother of my family line; my great grandfather was Dr. John Alexander Watkins of Bradley County, Arkansas.

I was recently in Wales and spent two days at the National Library and SOOOO many Watkins there. I have done research in Alabama and especially in VA and I know of a lot of papers that could answer more questions if I could get back to VA. I found lots of letters in the library of VA written in the 1860's to the guy who wrote the pamphlet of "Thomas of Chickhomany" and included were a couple from my great grandfather.

My William born about 1772 in Va, who was in GA and in ALA. He married 3x. I can't find record of a marriage to his first wife, Martha Walthall.....but have seen a tombstone in ARK stating his connection to wife 3, Malinda Rogers. He died in ARK or TX in about 1860-65. He was in construction in Ala and a public figure.....county sheriff, I think. He did have children by marriage #2...including a Leroy Watkins who lived in Mobile, Alabama and had a drugstore there. Have you looked at the book, Early Settlers in ALabama? Lots of Watkins in it."

William married<sup>5</sup> (1) **Ruth POPE** on 15 May 1806 in Elbert County, GA.

They had the following children:

85 M i. **William Pope WATKINS** was born 1 Oct 1811 in Georgia. He died 29 Feb 1872 in Shelby County, TX.

Family moved to Shelby Co., TX. in 1849 according to Confederate Pension Application of Joseph Pope Watkins, son of William Pope Watkins.

William married **Mary Eveline ("Polly") MCADAMS** on 12 Mar 1834 in Marshall County, TN.

Children

Joseph Pope WATKINS b: 27 AUG 1837 in Blount Co., AL.  
Rutha ("Ruthy") Jane WATKINS b: 27 DEC 1839 in Blount County, AL  
Nancy Ann ("Nan") WATKINS b: 28 MAR 1843 in AL  
Louie C. WATKINS b: 23 DEC 1845  
Mary WATKINS b: ABT. 1848  
James Monroe WATKINS b: 20 OCT 1848 in Blount Co., AL  
Margaret Martivia ("Mattie") WATKINS b: 10 DEC 1851  
Margie WATKINS b: ABT. 1853 in TX.  
William H. WATKINS b: 21 JUN 1855 in TX.

86 M ii. **Henry (son of Wm) WATKINS**.

87 M iii. **Leroy Richard WATKINS**.

William also married (2) **Melinda ROGERS**.

They had the following children:

88 M iv. **John Alexander WATKINS** was born 4 Apr 1821 in Warren, Bradley Co., Arkansas.

33. **Joseph Parrish WATKINS** (Richard (I), William) was born 1781 in Chesterfield Co., VA. He died 1858.

Joseph P. Watkins (b. -); removed to Petersburg, Ga. , and, later, to Rutherford county, Tenn.

Email from Fred McCord, Nashville, TN, April 2, 2004. A descendant of Joseph P. Watkins:

"Virginia, Joseph P. Watkins and Jacintha Seat are my 3rd great grandparents.

Their daughter Icepheny married William Hardy 15 March 1830 in Davidson Co.  
, Tn.

There is a will of Martha Watkins of Rutherford Co. dated 11 Jan 1837 that mentions her brother Henry M. Watkins deceased of Georgia and a brother John Watkins living in Alabama, also that should her daughter Mary Ann die before marriage that Martha Hardy the daughter of my niece of the western district shall have 500 dollars, her beloved son in law John F. Sharpe was executor.

My Hardy line had moved from middle Tn. to the new counties of west Tn., they ended up in Madison , Gibson and later what would be Crockett Co. Tn. I had found your link you sent several years ago with the help of another Watkins now in Tx. She also is from the same family line.

Joseph P. Watkins and wife are buried in Masons Grove Crockett Co., Tn. in the Todd Cemetery. Another of their sons b. 1829 also named Benjamin Franklin Watkins, perhaps after an Uncle, married into another of my lines, the Mason line. He is buried in Rosehill in Humboldt, Gibson Co., Tn.

Thanks for the contact,  
Fred McCord in Nashville, Davidson Co., Tn."

Joseph married **Jacintha SEAT**.

They had the following children:

89 F i. **Icephany WATKINS**.

Icephany married **William HARDY**.

90 M ii. **Benjamin Franklin WATKINS**.

Internet postings regarding Benjamin Franklin WATKINS: by Patricia Harris

Dr. Benjamin Franklin Watkins, son of Joseph Parrish Watkins. Benjamin Franklin Watkins was married to Sarah Elizabeth Mason who was born 16 Sept 1841. I have her death as 3 Mar 1925.

Sarah Elizabeth Mason was the daughter of Green Hill Mason and Frances C. Wood b Oct 1807. Green Hill was son of Abraham Mason and Margaret Curry; Abram Mason was son of Isaac Mason b 31 Jan 1753 probably DE and Parthena Hall Mason b DE.

By Colleen Taylor

This is what I know:

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THE NASHVILLE CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE 1858

June 17, 1858

SARAH P. WATKINS d/o George and Sarah Harding born Williamson Co., Tenn., Dec. 2, 1839; md Dr. B. F. Watkins, Jan. 22, 1857; died April 16, 1858.

Any help would be greatly appreciated! This Sarah P. HARDING WATKINS was my husband's great, great, great grandfather's sister.

Benjamin married **Sarah Elizabeth MASON**.

34. **Dr. John WATKINS of Alabama** (Richard (I), William) was born 1785 in within 5 miles of Appomattox Court House, VA. He died 9 Aug 1853 in Burnt Corn (Monroe County), AL.

Dr. John Watkins, born 1785 in within 5 miles of Appomattox Court House, VA; died August 09, 1853 in Burnt Corn (Monroe County), AL. He was the son of Richard Watkins and Elizabeth Parish (Parrish). He married Mary Thomas Hopkins Howard August 29, 1831 in Belleville (Conecuh County), AL.

Wife: Mary Thomas Hopkins Howard, born 1810; died January 14, 1889. She was the daughter of Brutus Howard and Sarah Thomas Richardson (Goodwin).

Dr. John Watkins, of Burnt Corn, Marengo county, Ala. (born in Virginia 176- died before 1850 ); educated in Virginia.

Formed a medical partnership, in Georgia , with Dr. William N. Richardson (who married Susan, daughter of James Watkins, the second, who was widow of Mr. John Oliver, of Petersburg, Ga. ). He removed to Alabama Territory 1813 ; member of the Convention (1819 ) which framed the Constitution for the admission of Alabama into the Union. See Picketts' Hist. of Ala. for mention of his attendance upon Texas.

John Watkins was born 1793 near Appomattox Courthouse. He died 1853 Burnt Corn, Monroe, AL. He was the son of Richard and Elizabeth (Parish) Watkins. He was the grandson of Wm. and Martha Watkins of Charlotte VA and Chesterfield VA. He graduated in medicine in 1814 in Philadelphia, and first located in Abbeville, SC. He practiced medicine in the family of John C. Calhoun. He came to AL about 1818. He was the only doctor between Alabama and the Chattahoochee River. He had several children. One was Emma Richardson who m. Rev. C.P. Fountain.

Notes for Dr. John Watkins: <http://www.angelfire.com/al3/jorge/alagen.htm#johncwat1>

The Watkins' family bible (in the possession of John Cumming Watkins, Jr.) does not include a date of birth for Dr. John Watkins. Notes written by family members in the margins of W. Brewer's Alabama: Her History, Resources, War Record, and Public Men From 1540 -1872. Montgomery, AL: Barrett & Brown, Steam Printers and Book Binders, 1872, pp. 195 indicate that he was born in 1795 and graduated in medicine at Philadelphia in 1814 at the age of 21. According to the Dictionary of Alabama Biography by Owens, it states that he was born in 1793. According to the Alabama census of 1850 for Monroe County (p. 15 -#196), John Watkins was listed as being 65 years old and his wife Mary was listed as being 40. From this census information and the inscription on his tombstone in Burnt Corn (Monroe County), AL noted that he died at the age of 68 in 1853. All of this would indicate that he was born in 1785.

According to Brewer, W. Alabama: Her History, Resources, War Record, and Public Men From 1540 - 1872. Montgomery, AL: Barrett & Brown, Steam Printers and Book Binders, 1872, pp. 195 -196.

"the memory of John Watkins lingers in Conecuh. He was born within five miles of the present Appomattox Courthouse, Virginia, in 1775 (Note: This date has been changed by family members to 1795 & 1780), and was connected with many of the best families of that State. He was liberally educated, and was graduated in medicine at Philadelphia in 1804 (note this date has been changed by family to 1814). He shortly after removed to South Carolina, where he practiced in the family of Hon. J. C. Calhoun in Abbeville. In 1813 (note this date has been changed by family member to 1816) he came to the Tombigbee settlement, and soon after made Claiborne his permanent home. At that time he was the only physician between the Alabama and Chattahoochee rivers, and he was fully employed. He represented Monroe in the convention of 1819 that framed the constitution for the would be State, and the same year was chosen the first senator from the county. He settled in this county soon after it began to be peopled, and in 1828 was elected to the senate from Butler and Conecuh. Three years later he served Conecuh in the other branch of the legislature. In 1842-45 he represented Monroe and Conecuh in the senate, which was his last connection with public life. He died in 1854 (note this date has been changed by family member to 1853) on the verge of fourscore years (Note: This age has been changed by family members to sixty-eight years). He was a man of extraordinary physical powers,, and betrayed his age neither in his faculties nor his appearance. His manners were plain, and rather brusque, but his benevolence and hospitality were proverbial. He never sought popularity, but the people of Conecuh and Monroe honored him whenever he was a candidate. His literary taste and devotion to scientific research led him to collate one of the completest private libraries in the State, and his range of information was wide. In his 55th year (note this age has been changed by family members to 40th year) he married Mrs. Hunter, sister to Hon. W. B. H. Howard of Wilcox, and one of his sons is a physician and planter of Lowndes, while another fell in defence of his country during the late war. (Note: The name of Richard Watkins is hand written in at the end of this section).

pp. 445 - List John Watkins as a senator from Monroe County in 1819 and 1842.

According to , Dictionary of Alabama Biography, p. 1789

John Watkins,.... son of Richard and Elizabeth (Parish) Watkins, the former a native of Virginia, who lived in that state and in Tennessee; grandson of William and Martha Watkins, who lived in Chesterfield and Charlotte County, Va.

According to Brantley, Mary E. Early Settlers Along the Old Federal Road in Monroe & Conecuh Counties Alabama. Baltimore, MD: Gateway Press, 1976, p.99

Dr. Watkins came in a caravan from South Carolina to the Fort Mims area shortly before the Massacre in 1813. He administered aid to the surviving victims. He continued to live in this section for awhile and then moved to Burnt Corn where he reared his eight children.

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The earliest doctor in these parts was Dr. John Watkins. He served the "Bigbee" Settlement and Claiborne Community before moving to Burnt Corn. At one time he was the only doctor between the Alabama River and the Chattahoochee

River.

Admission ticket for a lecture on anatomy (course of 1814 to 1815) at the University of Pennsylvania issued to John Watkins (in the possession of John C. Watkins, Jr. in Tuscaloosa, AL).

According to "Early AL Settlers", John Watkins formed a medical partnership in GA with Dr. William M. Richardson

More About Dr. John Watkins:

Burial: Burnt Corn Baptist Cemetery, Burnt Corn (Monroe County), AL

Occupation: Physician, represented Monroe and Conecuh County in the Alabama Congress

More About Mary Thomas Hopkins Howard:

Burial: Bryan, Texas

Children of John Watkins and Mary Howard are:

i. Benjamin Franklin Watkins, born July 08, 1832 in Bellville (Conecuh County), AL; died December 25, 1905; married Virginia Marion Atkinson July 14, 1856 in Monroe County.

More About Benjamin Franklin Watkins:

Burial: Bryan, Texas

Military service: Confederate Army

Occupation: Physician

More About Virginia Marion Atkinson:

Burial: Bryan, Texas

ii. Richard Hopkins Watkins, born December 20, 1834; died September 24, 1864 in Camp Douglas (Federal Prisoner of War Camp), IL.

Notes for Richard Hopkins Watkins:

A copy of a letter written by R. H. Watkins to friends (Mr. John or Chris Ramsey) dated July 21, 1864 from Camp Douglas, IL:

Dear Sirs:

I write to inform you that I am a prisoner of war and I am in prison at this place. I was captured at Shelbyville, Tenn., on the 27th of June, 1864 and am at this time very much in want of some money. I know that times are hard and I dislike to make this request of you. I want money to purchase paper and stamps to write home with also many other necessaries such as tobacco and vegetables and some few articles of clothing. My health is not good and I hope that we will soon be exchanged. When I last heard from home they were all well hoping that these few lines will reach you soon and that you will comply with my request, I remain

Yours truly,

R. H. Watkins

Richard H. Watkins Co. A, 1st Confederate Regiment

iii. Henry Howard (Hal) Watkins, born November 10, 1837; died 1921; married Ida Chapman September 06, 1877.

iv. Mary Howard Watkins, born February 04, 1840; married Edward Lett Mosely Abt. 1861.

v. Sarah Goodwin Watkins, born August 30, 1842.

vi. John Polk Watkins, born March 15, 1845 in Burnt Corn (Monroe County), AL; died July 11, 1897 in Burnt Corn (Monroe County), AL; married Susan Moore Cumming December 15, 1874 in Wilcox County.

vii. William Brutus Watkins, born September 30, 1847; married Caledonia Harrison April 16, 1876.

viii. Emma R. Watkins, born October 31, 1851; married C. P. Fountain July 07, 1886.

John married **Mary Thomas Hopkins HOWARD**.

They had the following children:

91 M i. **Benjamin Franklin WATKINS** was born 8 Jul 1832.

Benjamin Franklin Watkins, born July 08, 1832 in Bellville (Conecuh County), AL; died December 25, 1905; married Virginia Marion Atkinson July 14, 1856 in Monroe County.

More About Benjamin Franklin Watkins:

Burial: Bryan, Texas

Military service: Confederate Army

Occupation: Physician

More About Virginia Mario

92 M ii. **Richard Hopkins WATKINS C.S.A.** was born 20 Dec 1834. He died Sep 1864.

Richard Hopkins Watkins, born December 20, 1834; died September 24, 1864 in Camp Douglas



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Richard H. Watkins Co. A, 1st Confederate Regiment

- 93 M iii. **Henry Howard WATKINS** "Hal" was born 10 Nov 1837. He died 1921.

Henry Howard (Hal) Watkins, born November 10, 1837; died 1921; married Ida Chapman September 06, 1877.

- 94 F iv. **Mary Howard WATKINS** was born 4 Feb 1840.

Mary Howard Watkins, born February 04, 1840; married Edward Lett Mosely Abt. 1861.

- 95 F v. **Sarah Goodwin WATKINS** was born 30 Aug 1842.

- 96 M vi. **John Polk WATKINS of Alabama** was born 15 Mar 1845 in Burnt Corn (Monroe County), AL. He died 11 Jul 1897 in Burnt Corn (Monroe County), AL.

John Polk Watkins, born March 15, 1845 in Burnt Corn (Monroe County), AL; died July 11, 1897 in Burnt Corn (Monroe County), AL. He was the son of Dr. John Watkins and Mary Thomas Hopkins Howard. He married (1) Susan Moore Cumming December 15, 1874 in Wilcox County. She was the daughter of Samuel James Cumming and Susan Singletary or Moore Wiggins.

Notes for John Polk Watkins:

According to the plaque on the front steps of Gorgas Library at The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL:

John Polk Watkins was a 3rd Lieutenant in the formation of an escort company of cavalry which in 1864 entered the service of the Confederate States of America under Bascom T. Shockly with nineteen students of The University of Alabama and twenty-eight other young men to defend the University of Alabama during the Civil War. They had their first baptism of fire on June 24, 1864 and served faithfully with Brigadier General Dan Adams as his escort to the close of the unequal struggle of the south for separate state sovereignty and were paroled at Gainesville, Alabama on May 10, 1865.

More About John Polk Watkins: <http://www.angelfire.com/al3/jorge/alagen.htm#johncwat1>

Burial: Bethany Baptist Church Cemetery, Burnt Corn (Monroe County), AL

Notes for Susan Moore Cumming:

Based on the Watkins family bible. Her obituary found in the Mobile Register (local newspaper of Mobile (Mobile County), AL):

Sue Moore Cumming was born in Monroeville, Alabama in 1849, the daughter of Judge Samuel James Cumming and Susan Moore Wiggins. Her girlhood was spend in Camden, Alabama; where her father engaged in the practice of law. For her primary education she attended Camden

Institute. Going later to Baltimore, she spent several years perfecting herself in literature, music, and art.

Shortly after her return South she was married to John Polk Watkins, on December 15, 1874. John Polk Watkins was the son of Dr. John Watkins, of Burnt Corn, Alabama, who was a member of the first legislature and one of the framers of the first constitution of Alabama.

She died in Mobile, Alabama on February 19, 1938, at the age of eighty-eight years.

More About Susan Moore Cumming:

Burial: Burnt Corn Baptist Cemetery, Burnt Corn (Monroe County), AL

Children of John Watkins and Susan Cumming are:

i. Hallie Watkins, born March 22, 1875; died October 1971; married Felix J. Radcliff.

More About Hallie Watkins:

Burial: Mount Vernon, AL

ii. Susie Cumming Watkins, born September 23, 1878; died June 23, 1879.

More About Susie Cumming Watkins:

Burial: Burnt Corn Baptist Cemetery, Burnt Corn (Monroe County), AL

iii. Elizabeth (Lill) Watkins, born October 17, 1880.

iv. John Cumming Watkins, born February 19, 1882 in Burnt Corn (Monroe County), AL; died March 04, 1971 in Mobile (Mobile County), AL; married Mrytle Lizzette Van Devender October 17, 1931 in Mobile (Mobile County), AL.

Notes for John Cumming Watkins:

He was a member of the Infant Mystics Mardi Gras Society (it is the second oldest Mardi Gras Society in Mobile) for several years in the 1930s. In 1962 he was honored by Marion Institute for being the oldest living allumnus. His daily attire was formal with a coat and tie. Every morning he ate a large breakfast including eggs, bacon, grits and toast. He also enjoyed mackerel with his eggs. On special occassions, he would drink a glass of sherry and smoke a cigar. He enjoyed long walks alone. For his honeymoon, he and his wife took the train to Niagara Falls, NY for a week. During the last thirty years of his life, he and his wife regularly would have their physicals completed at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN.

More About John Cumming Watkins:

Burial: Pinecrest Cemetery, Mobile (Mobile County), AL

Degree: 1904, Associate of Arts from Marion Military Institute, Marion, AL

Occupation: Clerk in the Accounting Department of the Mobile Gas Corporation, Chief Clerk to the Trainmaster of the M & NO (Mobile & New Orleans) Division of the Louisville and National Railroad, Realestate sales associate in Mobile

Notes for Mrytle Lizzette Van Devender:

Information from Van Devender Family Bible's Family Record Page

At her retirement she was awarded a fifty year pen for meritorious service from the Telephone Pioneers of America. She enjoyed entertaining, especially around the holidays. Because of her work schedule she had a Nanny for her son (named Emma Harris) and a cook (named Zodia McIntosh).

More About Mrytle Lizzette Van Devender:

Burial: Pinecrest Cemetery, Mobile (Mobile County), AL

Occupation: Service Observing Supervisor for Southern Bell Telephone Company

Retirement: 1962, After 48 years of service with ATT

v. Mary Howard Watkins, born June 05, 1887; married S. E. Howard.

vi. Amy Watkins, born November 20, 1890; died May 1979; married Charles McDonald.

Notes for Amy Watkins:

Her likeness is seen in the mural on the rotunda dome of the Alabama State Capital in Montgomery Alabama. Her Mobile art teacher, Roderick McKenzie, was the artist who painted the capital dome mural in the late 1930s. Mr. McKenzie needed a side saddle for his work which he borrowed from Amy. However, when the mural was completed and seen by Amy she was surprised that the only female figure in the mural was herself riding in a side saddle on a horse. During her career as a Mobile and Fairhope artist, she specialized in oil portraits and pastels. She won numerous awards at art shows among them being the First National Bank of Mobiles #1 in show award. She also worked as a commercial artist in the late 1920s and early 1930s. During this time, she worked with the deCelle Studios in Mobile assisting in the design of Madri Gras floats

for several mystic societies.

More About Amy Watkins:

Burial: Fairhope Cemetery (Baldwin County), Fairhope, AL

Degree: Bachelor of Fine Arts from Sullins College, Bristol, VA

Occupation: Artist who studied in New York City at the Art Student League and at the Chicago Art Institute

97 M vii. **William Brutus WATKINS** was born 30 Sep 1847.

William married **Caledonia HARRISON** on 16 Apr 1876.

98 F viii. **Emma R. WATKINS** was born 31 Oct 1851.

Emma married **C.P. FOUNTAIN** on 7 Jul 1886.

35. **Richard (Jr) WATKINS** (Richard (I), William).

Richard married (1) (Miss) **WALTHALL**.

Richard also married (2) **Ruth POPE**.

Ruth Pope, sister of Col. Leroy Pope, of Huntsville, Alabama.

"Wilkes County Papers 1773-1833" page 202

"Richard AYCOCK vs. LEROY POPE, debt, May Term 1805, Superior Court. Recorded in Book K., fo. 30."

They had the following children:

+ 99 M i. **Dr. Richard Leroy WATKINS**.

## Fourth Generation

39. **Coleman WATKINS** (William (2nd of the name), James B., William) was born 1786. He died 1819.

Coleman Watkins (4) (b. 1786 , d. 1819 ) m. 1809 , Tabitha Goode (b. 1792 , d. 1874 ), daughter of John and Ann (Freeman) Goode , of Abbeville District, S. C. (see Goode 's "Virginia Cousins). (She m. (11) 1821 , Col. Benj. Sherrod , of Lawrence county , whose first wife was the daughter of Samuel Watkins ). Issue: 1, William Willis (5) and 2, Samuel Goode Watkins (5).

Coleman Watkins was the eldest of their children (except three who died in infancy). He married Tabitha Goode, who was born near Cambridge, S. C. , 25th April, 1792. They lived in Madison county. They had two children; William Willis and Samuel Goode, both of whom are living. William Willis has been married twice. His first wife was Susan Burt. Their children were John Coleman, who married a Miss McWeaver, of Louisiana , and died, leaving two children, Jennie and Coleman. 2 Adelaide, 3 Caroline and 4 Frank.

Of Caroline, the widow of Edward P. Shackelford , we have already spoken. Adelaide married a Mr. Guitor, and lives in Bibb county. The second wife of William Willis was Mrs. Martha Whitin , of Tuscaloosa , and by this marriage there were four children, Goode, Thomas, Leigh and Tabitha. Samuel Goode, second son of Coleman and Tabitha Watkins, has been married three times. First to Caroline Olive , secondly to Martha Jane Foster, and thirdly to Elizabeth Daniel. There were no children of the two first marriages. Those from the third are Sandy H., John W., Elizabeth D. and Goode. Coleman Watkins died in a few years, and Benjamin Sherrod, who reared her two boys as if they were his own, and gave them handsome legacies in his will.

Coleman married **Tabitha GOODE-WATKINS** (**widow of Coleman Watkins**), daughter of John GOODE of Abbeville District, SC. Tabitha was born 22 Apr 1792. She died 14 May 1873.

His second wife (1818 ) was the widow of Coleman Watkins, son of William, with several children. She was Talitha Goode (b. 22 April, 1792 , d. 14 May, 1873 ) daughter of John Goode of Abbeville District, S. C. Besides her Watkins and Sherrod children, the second Mrs. Sherrod reared, also, Llewellyn Oliver, son of

her sister, Ann Goode, and Dionysius Oliver, of Edgefield County, S. C. (See Oliver ; and "Goode's Virginia Cousins.")

Talitha's first husband, Coleman Watkins, was a cousin of Col. Benjamin Sherrod's first wife, Eliza Watkins. The Goodes, were English & went from Bermuda Islands to settle at Richmond Virginia as early as 1760.

They had the following children:

- + 100 M i. **William Willis WATKINS** was born 1810.
- + 101 M ii. **Samuel Goode WATKINS** was born 1816.

41. **James Coleman WATKINS** (William (2nd of the name), James B., William) was born 1800.

James Coleman, the third son of William Watkins, was a merchant of Courtland. He was married three times, first to Isabella M. Moore. The issue was Milton, Samuel and Sarah I. Milton and Samuel were members of the celebrated Eighth Texas Cavalry in the late war; and I happen to know that Colonel Wharton detailed them for dangerous service, and heard him say they were amongst the bravest soldiers he had. I understand that Milton died in 1885 . Susan I. married Arthur A. Acklen, who conducted a drug business in Courtland, and died there, and who had been reared in Huntsville, of a fine old family. Their daughter, Blanche, married Mr. Macke, of San Marcos, Texas. They have six children. For his second wife Mr. Watkins married Lottie Williams . The children were: William (who joined the Eighth Texas, and died early in the war), Paul James , Jane M. , and Martha . Jane M. married Thos. Simmons , and when she became a widow married a Mr. Woods ; had a son by the first and a daughter by the second, marriage. They live in Texas .

James C. married for his third wife Mary Calvert, in Moulton, Ala. Her sister, Susan, married Jack Hays, the celebrated Indian fighter of Texas . By this third marriage the issue was Calvert , Mary , Hettie and Bettie

James Coleman Watkins (4), of Seguin, Texas (b. 1800 , d. 1833 ), m. (1823 ) Isabella , sister of Wm. Moore , Madison county, Ala. He m. (II) Letty Williams , niece of Mrs. Wm. Fitzgerald, Sr., of Courtland, Ala. He m. (III) Mary Calvert (sister of Mrs. Jack Hays , wife of the noted Indian fighter). Issue first marriage (Moore ): 1, Milton (5) (d. 1885 ), C. S. A., m. Ann E. L. McGehee , and had nine children (See Addenda, McGehee .); 2, Samuel H. (5), of San Marcos, Texas , C. S. A., Eighth Texas Cavalry, Gen. Wheaton ; 3, Susan (5) m. Arthur , son of William Acklen , of Huntsville, Ala. , and had Blanche (7), m. Mr. McKee , of Texas , and has six children; Mattie (6) d. y., and Corinne (6) d. y. Issue second marriage (Williams ): 4, Thomas (5) d. s, p.; 5, Martha (5) m. Capt. James Peacock , of San Antonio, Texas , and has several children; 6, Jennie (5) m. (I) Thos. Simmons and had two children, and (II) - Woods , and moved to Texas : Issue third marriage (Calvert ): 7, Calvert (5); 8, Mary (5); 9, Hetty (5); 10, Battle (5).

Memo from "Letters from Forest Place"...living in TX by Feb. 1849."

James married (1) **Isabella MOORE**.

They had the following children:

- + 102 M i. **Milton WATKINS C.S.A.** was born 1 Nov 1824 and died 1885.
- 103 M ii. **Samuel WATKINS C.S.A.**

Samuel H. (5), of San Marcos, Texas , C. S. A., Eighth Texas Cavalry, Gen. Wheaton.

Another of James Coleman Watkins older sons was Samuel. He had children and he was still alive on the 1920 census at age 92 but I can't find anyone who is researching him. In 1920, he was living at San Marcos in Hays Co., TX.

- + 104 F iii. **Susan WATKINS**.

James also married (2) **Lottie/Lettie WILLIAMS** on 25 Jan 1834.

Cousin of Sarah Epes Watkins, wife of Dr. Thomas A. Watkins of MS and TX....reference found in "Letters from Forest Place".

Married: James C. Watkins to Littia G. Williams on Jan 25, 1834

They had the following children:

105 M iv. **Thomas (son of James Coleman) WATKINS.**

+ 106 F v. **Martha WATKINS.**

107 F vi. **Jennie M. WATKINS.**

Jennie (5) m. (I) Thos. Simmons and had two children, and (II) - Woods , and moved to Texas

Jennie married **Thomas W. SIMMONS.** Thomas died<sup>2</sup> 1870.

"Early Settlers of Alabama," Thomas's grandfather was John Simmons: "an excellent saddler, and a man of slight but fine person. He uniformly dressed well, and had very genteel manners. He and the Dewoodys, into which family he married more than sixty years since, descended the Tennessee river in a flatboat. The Dewoodys landed at a place called Cotton-Gin Port, in Limestone county, and he, with his family, consisted them of only his wife and one child (our worthy postmaster - who was Alfred D. Simmons) floated on to Lawrence county, and went out to their new home at Moulton. The Dewoodys were a very respectable family, and descended from Willy Dewoody, who emigrated from Ireland when 18 years of age. His wife was Hannah Alexander, a Pennsylvanian by birth." Agnes Dewoodys was John Simmons wife.

"Early Settlers of Alabama," Thomas W. was in the same company - wounded at the battle at Williamsburg, and taken prisoner, exchanged in a short time, and remained with the army until the close of the war. He married Jennie M. Watkins, daughter of James C. Watkins. He died in 1870."

James also married (3) **Mary CALVERT.**

They had the following children:

108 M vii. **Calvert WATKINS.**

E. Richards notes when we tried to follow up on someone who had posted info about Calvert:

Calvert Watkins was the son of James C. Watkins by his third wife Mary Calvert. There is a busy poster in his descendency. I don't have her name but she is a Gibson. dgibson912@sbcglobal.net

109 F viii. **Mary (dau of James) WATKINS.**

110 F ix. **Hetty WATKINS.**

111 F x. **Bettie WATKINS.**

42. **William (3rd of the name) WATKINS** (William (2nd of the name), James B., William) was born 1798 in Georgia. He died 1859 in Huntsville, AL.

Per James Saunders:

William , the fourth son of William and Susan , lived in Madison county . He married Harriet Anderson , sister of John and Richard Anderson . Their children were Mary , Susan , Ann , John William , Martha , Harriet , and Robert. Ann married Henry C. Bradford . John William married Lydia Hayes , and Martha married Wm. Spotswood , a descendant of Alex. Spotswood , who was governor of Virginia in colonial times (1714 ).

William Watkins (4) (b. Georgia 1798 , d. Huntsville, Ala. , 1859 ) m. (1826 ) Harriet (d. 1856 ), daughter of John Anderson , of Montgomery county, Md. Issue: 1, John Wm. Watkins (5), of Nashville, Tenn. (b. Alabama 1827 ), m. (I) Lydia Harris , and m. (II) daughter of Wm. Hayes , of Nashville . Issue first marriage: 1, Robert (6); 2, Kate (6) m. George Dury , of Nashville .

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William Watkins states his late consort Harriet Watkins died in Lauderdale County, intestate; he is granted Letters of Administration and made bond for \$40,000, with John Watkins, Wm. E. Spotswood and Henry C. Bradford his securities. [Note: Harriet Anderson...see Vol. 71.)

William married **Harriet ANDERSON**, daughter of John ANDERSON. Harriet died in Lauderdale County, AL.

Sister of John and Richard Anderson.

They had the following children:

112 M i. **John William WATKINS** was born 1827 in Alabama.

John married **Lydia HAYES**.

113 F ii. **Mary Susan WATKINS of Huntsville, AL** was born 1830.

+ 114 F iii. **Ann WATKINS of Huntsville, AL** was born 1832.

+ 115 F iv. **Martha WATKINS of Huntsville, AL**.

116 F v. **Harriet WATKINS of Huntsville, AL**.

Harriet Watkins (5) m. Wm. Fackler , of Huntsville, Ala. ; 6, Robert Watkins (5), of Pine Bluff, Ark. , twice married; issue not known, and 7, Ophelia Watkins (5).

Harriet married **William FACKLER of Huntsville, AL**.

117 F vi. **Robert WATKINS of Pine Bluff, ARK**.

43. **Martha WATKINS** (William (2nd of the name), James B., William) was born 1810. She died 20 Apr 1843 in Courtland, AL.

Martha, the youngest child of William and Susan, was born in 1810. Being the only daughter she was reared, and educated, with great care. For many years she was under the special supervision of Mrs. De Vandel, who by her graceful manner had such eclat, then in Huntsville, and, years afterward, in Mobile. She was also a woman of genius, and transmitted it to her daughters; one of whom wrote "Mrs. John Johnson Jones," a satire which had quite a "run" in that day. And well did young Martha repay the care bestowed on her by a mother of excellent mind and great discretion, and that gifted instructress, Mrs. De Vandel. She married a young commission merchant of New Orleans who was reared in New York - William Vermylie Chardavoyne. It was a marriage of affection, ratified by judgment. The husband was descended from a Huguenot family, which fled from France from Roman Catholic persecution, on the fall of the Protestant stronghold of La Rochelle. Elise Chardavoyne was the founder of the family in New York and his direct descendant. William Chardavoyne married Susanna Vermylie of an old Knickerbocker family of New York (see Baird's "History of the Huguenots of New York," and "The Huguenot Colony of New York," in which these families have honorable mention). The head of the family was knighted in France on account of valorous conduct, and raised to the peerage by the title of "Count de Chardavoyne " and came into possession of the Lordship of Crevecouer et Valse, by marriage and descent (see "History of French Kings and their Retainers," in which their coat of arms is minutely described). Such a descent is not to be despised; but dearer by far to this family should be the remembrance of that heroic virtue, which sustained their ancestors in the surrender of everything for conscience sake.

On the marriage of William V. Chardavoyne and Martha Watkins she accompanied him to New Orleans, but after a few months the state of her health required her to return to North Alabama. I was in New Orleans afterward, and business detained me for several weeks. I spent much of my time in the office of the young husband. The city was threatened with cholera, and I returned home. In a few days news was received of his death by that fell disease. A son had been born to her, and she wrote the pathetic entry in her diary: "Wife, mother and widow in less than one year!"

Maj. William V. Chardavoyne is that son. He married Lavinia Harris, daughter of Mr. Daniel Harris, of Madison county who married Eliza Bentley - both from Virginia. Chardavoyne are Martha, who married Major Thom , Civil Engineer on the Muscle Shoals Canal, and Edward, who is a young man (has since married Miss Annie Pippin, of Courtland, Ala.).

Martha married **William Vermylie CHARDAVOYNE**. William died 1833 in New Orleans, LA.

Martha Watkins (4) (b. Murray county, Tenn. , 1810 , d. Courtland, Ala. , 24th October, 1885 ). All that was exalted in womanhood and in society, family and church, and a gentle teacher of the young in her old age. Her influence will long linger in Courtland . Married (1), 1832 , William Vermylie Chardevoyne , son of Wm. , who m. (1800 ) Susanna Vermylie , of an old Knickerbocker family. The Count de Chardevoine et Crévecour Valué was knighted 1191 at Ascalon , in Palestine , "for ye valorous conduct in ye Crusade," and raised to the peerage on his return. After the fall of La Rochelle the family emigrated to Holland , and thence to the British colonies in America . "Crest, a heart argent with lance shivered against it. Motto, "Le Cœur Duer." Arms: Three chevrons crossed over ye fleur de lys argent on a field azure. The whole surmounted by ye coronet of a count of France ." Elias Chordavoyne came to New York 1692 . -

(Baird's Hist. of Huguenots of America , ana Hist. of the Colony of N. Y. )

Mr. Chardavoynne died in New Orleans of cholera a year after marriage, and leaving a posthumous son, Maj. William Chardavoynne, of Courtland, Ala. The widow m. (II) 1843 Dr. Jack Shakelford , of the Texan war fame. No issue. - (Early Settlers.)

They had the following children:

- + 118 M i. **Maj. William Vermylie (II) CHARDAVOYNE** was born 27 Jun 1833 and died 1 Jul 1904.
- 45. **Maj. Robert H. WATKINS** (James (Jr.), James B., William) was born 1 Oct 1782 in Prince Edward County, VA. He died 10 Sep 1855 in Pulaski, TN.

By James Saunders:

"Robert H. Watkins (b. Prince Edward county, Virginia, 1st October, 1782 , d. Pulaski, Tennessee , 10th September, 1855 ). Successful planter and merchant of Petersburg, Georgia . Member of Legislature. Followed his uncle, Samuel Watkins , to Lawrence county, Alabama , in 1821 , bringing with him his wife's brother, John Oliver , of whom he was guardian.

He married, in Petersburg, Ga. (25th April, 1805 ), Prudence Thompson OLIVER (b. Petersburg, 22d October, 1788 , d. Huntsville, Ala. , October, 1868 ), daughter of John and Frances (Thompson) Oliver , of Petersburg, Ga. He settled in Lawrence county, Ala. , four miles north of Courtland , and built a large red brick mansion, called "Oak Grove." In old age he partitioned out his lands and slaves to his children and removed, in 1849 , to Pulaski, Tenn. , and made his home near his youngest child, Robert H. Watkins, Jr. Here they lived in great content until his death, when his widow, with an ample income, thenceforth resided alternately with each of her children, driving to their homes with her own carriage, maid and coachman. Issue:

1. Mary Frances; 2. Sarah Independence; 3. James Lawrence; 4. Virginia Prudence; 5. Louisa Matilda; 6. Robert H., Jr.,

By James E. Saunders:

Major Robert H. Watkins was born 1st October, 1782. In person he was over six foot in height, and had a finely proportioned person. His eyes were black and his nose acquilline. He was noted for a perseverance which never flagged, and great sagacity in practical business, and for an unselfish devoted to the welfare of his children, which is gratefully remembered.

On the 25th April, 1805, he married Prudence T. Oliver, who was born 22d October, 1788. She was the daughter of Mr. John Oliver, a merchant and planter of great worth and purity of character. The late Dr. Samuel C. Oliver, so long State Senator from Montgomery, and Rev. Christopher D. Oliver, D. D., of the Methodist Church, South, descended from the same stock. Major Watkins was the neighbor and intimate friend of Colonel Sherrod, of whom we have spoken in a previous number; but they were rivals in cotton planting. In their rapid accumulation of wealth (which was only equaled by one planter in Madison county ), they advanced "pari passee." Major Watkins owned all the land from the first hill north of Courtland to the Tennessee river; and when Colonel Sherrod, for want of room, took his flight to the Chickasaw cession, Major Watkins passed the Tennessee river and made large purchases on Elk river . As managers, however, they differed very much in their modes of action. Major Watkins a man of wonderful physical strength and endurance, superintended his overseers as closely as they did the hands - and he moved business on with great energy. While Colonel Sherrod , whose health would not bear exposure, accomplished about as much by systematic management; but to do this he had to employ overseers of a higher grade and at greater costs.

But there was a principle of action which was common to both of those great managers, and that was never to expend labor on poor land. If this was correct policy then when the labor was owned, how much more is it now, when it is dear. On the plantations I cultivate, it requires double the number of laborers it did before the emancipation, to work the same land; and it is therefore very costly. No matter on what contract you work, labor must be paid in some form - labor must have food and clothing, and houses and fuel, in winter; therefore you should work (as the eminent planters did) none but rich lands. But how are we to make them so? I answer: study your farming papers, as an essay on that subject would be out of place here.

In their old age Major Watkins and his excellent wife moved to Pulaski , and after some years they died. She had been a

most exemplary and humble Christian from her youth. When quite old he also was brought into the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

"Letters from Forest Place... A Plantation Family's Correspondence, 1846-1881". edited by E. Grey Dimond and Herman Hattaway; University Press of Mississippi, 1993

page 9: from Letter between Letitia A. Watkins, in school, to her mother, Sarah, October 21, 1848. " We went to Nashville in the sage last Saturday and we stayed at the Suwanee House and they had silver forks. Aunt Prudence and Uncle BOB WATKINS are living in Nashville. I saw cousin Mary Sanders and children and cousin Sarah Foster and cousin Louisa Harris. She has two children...."

Robert is noted as being the "black sheep" of the family, in a footnote.

Robert married **Prudence Thompson OLIVER**, daughter of John OLIVER and Frances THOMPSON.

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Letitia Watkins wrote her mother, Sarah F. Watkins, on October 21, 1848, from Columbia, TN, where she was in school: "Aunt Prudence and Uncle Bob Watkins are living in Nashville. I saw cousin Mary Sanders and children, and cousin Sarah Foster and cousin Louisa Harris. He has two children." "Sarah Sherrod is in Nashville, but I did not see her."

They had the following children:

- + 119 F i. **Mary Frances WATKINS** was born 13 Nov 1809 and died 6 Feb 1889.
- + 120 F ii. **Sarah Independence WATKINS** was born 4 Jul 1811 and died 30 Jan 1887.
- + 121 M iii. **James Lawrence WATKINS** was born 1814 and died 1891.
- 122 F iv. **Virginia Prudence WATKINS** was born 1816. She died 12 May 1837.

Virginia Watkins , (b. 22nd October, 1816 , d. 12th May, 1837 ) , m. (30th October, 1833 ) Hon. Thomas J. Foster (b. Nashville, Tenn. , 1813 , d. Lawrence, Ala. , 12th February, 1887 ) , son of Robert and Rose (Coleman) Foster , Nashville, Tenn . He was the youngest of seven sons, a large planter in Alabama . Member of Confederate States Congress in 1861 . But first, went as Colonel of a regiment; and aided in locating and constructing Fort Henry , under Governor Tilghman of Tennessee . Was elected to United States Congress in 1865 , over General Garth and C. C. Sheats , but prevented by the 'Radicals,' from taking his seat (like other patriots of that trying period). Of courtly bearing and fine conversational talent, his popularity was great.

No children.

Virginia married **Hon. Thomas J. FOSTER**.

He married (II) 1844 , Ann Hood , of Florence Alabama . (Her nephew is "the gallant Hood , of the U. S. Warship "Maine," which was blown up in Havana Harbor , then serving in the war with Spain.) Children of this marriage were: 1. James , of Lawrence county, Ala. , m. Tillie Toney , and had two daughters. 2. Coleman , unmarried, and educated, with his brother, at Edinburgh, Scotland . 3. Annie m. (1872 ) Lieutenant Longshaw , of U. S. Army.

Colonel Foster m. (III) Mrs. Longshaw . His son, Coleman Foster , is a planter on the Tennessee river , Lawrence county, Ala. , 1899 .

- + 123 F v. **Louisa Matilda WATKINS** was born 1819 and died 1892.
- + 124 M vi. **Robert H. ( Jr.) WATKINS of Birmingham, AL** was born 1824.

46. **Mary Thompson WATKINS** (James ( Jr.), James B., William) was born 5 Mar 1784.

By James E. Saunders:



Mary (Polly) Thompson , daughter of James Watkins (the second) and sister of Major Robert H. Watkins , was born 5th of March, 1784 , and married Dr. Asa Thompson 15th January, 1801, in Elbert county, Ga. The doctor lived a few miles from Petersburg , and was a practising physician, and cotton planter. They moved to Madison county, Ala. , and settled in Mullins' Flat. He died about fifty-five years ago. She was left to rear and educate the younger children, and well did she perform that duty. She was a good manager of property as well as children.

Mary Thompson Watkins (4), "Polly" daughter of James and Jane (Thompson) Watkins (b. 7 March, 1784 , d -) m. (15 Jany., 1801 ) in Elbert County, Georgia . Dr. Asa (b. -, d. 1832 , in Huntsville, Ala. ) son of William and Mary (Wells) Thompson . Issue:

(1) Louisiana (5) m. Robt. Manning , no issue:

(2) Asa Watkins (5), m. Mary Lewis , of Hancock County, Ga. ;

(3) Dr. Wells (5), of Waco, Texas , m. Louisa , dau. of James Harrison , Columbia, Miss. , no issue: (4) Indiana m. James Manning , of Huntsville, Ala. , and lived in Macon, county, Ala. ;

(5) Isaphena m. Dr. John Bassett , of Huntsville, Ala. ;

(6) Darwin (5), d. s. p.:

(7) Elbert (5) m. his cousin, Ann , dau. Maj. Benj. and Martha (Watkins) Taliaferro . (See Thompson family for these).

Mary married **Dr. Asa THOMPSON**, son of William THOMPSON and Mary WELLS, on 15 Jan 1801. Asa died 1832 in Huntsville, AL.

They had the following children:

125 F i. **Louisiana THOMPSON.**

Louisiana married **Robert MANNING.**

+ 126 M ii. **Watkins THOMPSON.**

127 M iii. **Dr. Wells THOMPSON.**

128 F iv. **Indiana THOMPSON.**

Indiana married James Manning of Huntsville, Alabama, lived in Macon County, Alabama.

Indiana married **James MANNING.**

+ 129 F v. **Isaphena THOMPSON.**

130 M vi. **Darwin THOMPSON (never married).**

+ 131 M vii. **Elbert Asa THOMPSON.**

47. **Sarah Herndon (2nd) WATKINS of Athens, GA** (James (Jr.), James B., William) was born 12 Jan 1786. She died 1870.

By James E. Saunders:

Judge Stephen Willis Harris married Sarah Herndon , daughter of Jas. Watkins (the second) on the 19th January, 1808 . She was born 12th February, 1786 . Judge Harris came of a very worthy family, some of whom have won distinction, and many of whom have been successful in life. I have known and esteemed members of it for three generations. I have had in my possession for thirty years their "family tree," carefully gotten up, and I see no necessity for it to perish. I, therefore, set it out in full below: (Omitted Pg. 243-245 Harris Family)

Sarah Herndon Watkins (4), (b. in Prince Edward County, Va. , 12 Feb., 1786 , d. 1871 ), m. (19 Jan., 1808 ): Judge Stephen Willis, (b. 1785, d. 14 Sept., 1827 ), son of Sampson and Susannah (Willis) Harris of Va. (See Washington , Lanier, Harris sketch). Lived in Edenton, Putnam County, Ga. When quite aged she was still handsome and bright. She took great interest in the family genealogy, and in 1856, when visiting the family of James E. Saunders , in Lawrence County, Ala. , corroborated much of the above data of the elder members of the family, all of whom she knew personally. She lived in Athens, Ga. , after her husband's death.

[From a letter of the Hon. Henry S. Shorter , 1887 .] "I think that the notes furnished you by the widow of Judge S. W.

Harris are substantially correct; and it is my recollection that the widow of my uncle, Judge Eli S. Shorter , of Georgia , was dead at the time those notes were furnished by Mrs. Harris .

Issue:

1. Sampson W. (5); 2, Mary W. (5); 3, James Watkins (5).
4. Jane Victoria (5); 5, Ann Maria (5); 6, Arabella Rebecca .
7. Stephen Willis (5); 8, Susan M. (5); 9, Thomas Eli (5).

"Georgia Marriages" lists the following Sarah Watkins, married in Elbert County, GA. I record it here although I am not sure if related./vsm

Banks, John married to Watkins, Sarah 14 Feb 1828 Georgia  
Elbert County

Sarah married<sup>4</sup> **Judge Stephen Willis HARRIS**, son of Sampson (1st) HARRIS and Susan/Susannah Terrell (dau of Stephen) WILLIS, on 19 Jan 1808 in Elbert County, GA. Stephen was born 1785. He died 1822.

Harris, Stephen W. married to Watkins, Sarah H. 19 Jan 1808 Georgia

He belonged to the second class graduated by Franklin College (now the University of Georgia) in 1805. He read law with Hon. William Harris Crawford and at the age of 27 succeeded Judge Early on the bench of the Ocumlgee Circuit in November, 1813.

"Early Settlers of Alabama," by James Saunders, page 243: "Judge Stephen Willis Harris married Sarah Herndon, dau. Of Jas. Watkins (the second) on 19th January 1808. She was born 12th February 1786. Judge Harris came of a very worthy family, some of whom have won distinction, and many of whom have been successful in life. I have known and esteemed members of it for three generations. I have had in my possession for thirty years their "family tree," carefully gotten up, and I see no necessity for it to perish.

"John Washington (who was the father of Lawrence Washington, who was the father of George Washington) had a daughter Elizabeth Washington who married Thomas Lanier. Their children were Richard, Thomas, James, Elizabeth who married a Craft, and Sampson who married Elizabeth Chamberlain. Sampson Lanier and his wife Elizabeth had children: Lewis Lanier of Scriven County, GA; Burwell Lanier, Winifred Lanier, grandmother of Judge Nicholson of Savannah, GA; Nancy Lanier, wife of Major Vaughn of Roanoke, NC; and Rebecca Lanier. Rebecca Lanier married Walton Harris, and they had the following children: Buckner Harris, "Sampson," Joel, Edwin, Augustine (who was the father of Iverson Harris), Nathan, Simeon, David, Walton, Elizabeth, Littleton, and Jephtha. Sampson Harris married Susannah Willis (daughter of Stephen Willis) and their children were Stephen Willis Harris, Thomas W., Ptolemy T., Rebecca, Susan, Elizabeth, and Catherine.

The Stephen Willis Harris mentioned in this family-tree is the Judge Harris who married Sarah H. Watkins. He was a man of marked ability. Judge Eli S. Shorter was his brother-in-law, and Colonel Sparks in "The Memories of Fifty Years," speaks of them as compared with other distinguished men, of the Crawford and Clarke parties, thus: "Among the most prominent and talented of those was John Forsyth, Peter Early, Geo. M. Troup, the man 'san peur et-sans reproche,' Thomas W. Cobb, Stephen Upson, Duncan G. Campbell, the brother-in-law of Clark ,and personally and politically his friend, and who from the purity of his character and elevated bearing was respected, trusted, and beloved by all who knew him; Freeman Walker, John M. Dooly, Augustus Clayton, Stephen W. Harris and Eli S. Shorter, perhaps mentally equally to any son of Georgia." What a constellation of genius and patriotism!

Judge Harris and Shorter were perhaps the youngest in this array of prominent men. They lived in Eaton, GA/. They were not partners, because it was not their interest - being leaders of the circuit- but they were closely united in business otherwise. They purchased jointly and stocked with labor the plantation now occupied by Malcolm Gilchrist, Jr., in Lawrence County, and visited it in 1822, having then the intention of leaving Georgia and settling in North Alabama. But during the same year (1822) Judge Harris, at the early age of 36 years, died, leaving a family of nine children, most of whom were of an age to require educational facilities. His widow was equal to the emergency. She removed from Eatonton to the town of Athens, and there gave personal attention, day and night, to their education, and was richly

rewarded for her pains.

The Stephen Willis Harris mentioned in this family tree is the Judge Harris who married Sarah H. Watkins.

They had the following children:

- + 132 M i. **Sampson W. HARRIS** was born 23 Feb 1809 and died 1 Apr 1857.
- + 133 M ii. **Stephen Willis (Jr) HARRIS** was born 1818 and died 1867.
- 134 F iii. **Mary W. HARRIS.**

"Early Settlers of Alabama" (continued quote)

"2. Mary W. Harris married Hugh W. Nesbitt in Georgia. She was a beautiful and accomplished young lady. He was educated at the University of Georgia. I knew them very well. At an early day they moved to the Big Creek settlement, near Memphis, Tenn., where was fine society. His health failed and they returned to Georgia. He died of consumption, at Pensacola, in 1839, and she during the last year. They had no children."

Mary married **Hugh NESBIT**. Hugh died 1839 in Pensacola, FL.

WILLIAM WHITE, dec'd. Dec. 2, 1822: Mary Ann B. White and Hugh Nesbitt, Adrms. Anderson Watkins, John Carmichael, Angus Martin, Appraisers. Division of Estate February 16, 1824: Distributees: Mrs. Mary Ann B. White, widow of dec'd. Robert F. Poe in right of his wife Eliza P. dau. Of dec'd. Wm. Longstreet in right of his wife, Mary Ann Olivia, dau of dec'd. George O'Keefe, Anna Eva and Eleanor Nesbitt White, children of the dec'd.

- + 135 M iv. **James Watkins HARRIS of Cartersville, GA** was born 4 Mar 1865.
- + 136 F v. **Anne Maria HARRIS.**
- + 137 F vi. **Arabella Rebecca HARRIS** died 1845.
- + 138 F vii. **Susan M. HARRIS** was born 1821 and died 1912.
- + 139 M viii. **Thomas Eli HARRIS.**
- + 140 F ix. **Jane Victoria HARRIS.**

48. **Martha WATKINS** (James (Jr.), James B., William) was born 1787. She died 1865.

Major Benjamin Taliaferro married Martha, daughter of James Watkins (the second), and sister of Maj. Robert H. Watkins. She was born August 22, 1787, and was married on October 10, 1807. She had affine personal appearance, and black eyes. The Taliaferro's, in Virginia, are described by Mr. Jefferson as being wealthy and respectable; Chancellor Wythe, who signed the Declaration of Independence, and was a great Virginian, married one of them."

Martha Watkins (4) (b. 23d August, 1787 , died March 17th, 1865 ) m. (15th Oct. 1807 ) Major Benjamin (b. Elbert county, Ga. , 1782 ; d. Demopolis , 3d June, 1852 ), son Benjamin and Martha (Meriwether) Taliaferro , of Amherst county, Va. , and Wilkes county, Ga. Gen. Taliaferro was captain in the Revolution (see Heitman 's Official Register). He moved to Broad river, Ga. , in 1780 ; member of the Legislature; refused to vote for the "Yazoo Act." Became member of Congress and Judge of the Superior Court (see Gov. Gilmer 's "Georgians"). He had many children (See Taliaferro family). The son, Major Benjamin , moved to Marengo county, Ala. Issue:

(1) Martha Taliaferro (5) (b. March 12th, 1810 , died May 20th, 1883 ) married Uriah Blackshear . No issue.

(2) Elizabeth Taliaferro (5) married (before 1840 ) Dr. Charles Drummond , of Virginia .

Martha married<sup>4</sup> **Maj. Benjamin (II) TALIAFERRO**, son of Col. Benjamin TALIAFERRO (sometimes called General) and Martha MERIWETHER, on 15 Oct 1807 in Elbert County, GA. Benjamin was born 3 Feb 1782.

Talliaferro, Benjamin married to Watkins, Martha 15 Oct 1807 Georgia, Elbert County

"Early Settlers of Alabama".....By James E. Saunders:

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Major Benjamin Taliaferro married Martha Watkins, in Georgia; moved to Alabama and lived in Marengo county. He was low in stature, but very squarely built, and in old age weighed largely over 300 pounds. He inherited the fattening tendency from his grandmother. Major Benjamin T. was of sprightly mind, and sharp wit; and he had a fund of the best Georgia anecdotes, which made him the life of every company he entered. His rippling, guttural laugh, much resembled that of the renowned English actor - Hackett, when he personated Falstaff. He never "took much thought of the {missing text}.

"There was much beauty with the daughters; and they were taught by their thrifty mother all the domestic arts. The plainest of the family was Martha. She had blue eyes and was short of stature like her father, but in industry, piety and unselfishness she was a prodigy. She sewed and frilled and tucked to make her sisters more beautiful. She seemed to live for them; and I at one time concluded that marriage had never been thought of, but it is very hard to tell what is in a woman's mind. When she arrived at forty years of age she married a very worthy gentleman, Mr. Blackshear, who was richer than any man married by her sisters. Her sister, Elizabeth, married Mr. Drummond, and had several children, one of whom married Mr. J. F. Yeldell; Emily married Mr. Donald in Alabama, and moved to Georgia; Theophilus went to California, and married a Spanish lady of great beauty and wealth; Benjamin Taliaferro was one of the "Red Rovers" (under Dr. Shackelford), and was massacred at Goliad; David is a lawyer, a man of genius, remarkable for his wit and pleasantry, and married Mary Neal; his twin sister, Anne, married Elbert Thompson, and has since his death married Mr. Chinn, a lawyer; Amanda, married Mr. Bradley, a fine business man of Marengo county. One of their daughters married Porter Bibb, Esq., of Limestone county, Alabama; and another Rev. - Ellington. Elmira, the youngest daughter of Major Talliaferro, married another Mr. Blackshear."

They had the following children:

- + 141 F i. **Martha TALIAFERRO** was born 12 Mar 1810 and died 20 May 1883.
- + 142 F ii. **Elizabeth TALIAFERRO**.
- + 143 F iii. **Emily (or Sarah Amelia) TALIAFERRO** was born 1818 and died 14 Jan 1878.
- 144 M iv. **Benjamin (III) TALIAFERRO (died a child)** was born 1822. He died 1836 in Goliad, TX.

Benjamin Taliaferro (5) (b. 1822). In his young manhood joined the company of "Red Rovers," which was organized (of the flower of the youth of North Alabama) by Dr. Jack Shackelford, of Courtland, Lawrence county, for the Mexican war. He was massacred, with his company, in 1836, by order of General Santa Anna, at Goliad, Texas. Dr. Shackelford's son was also one of the victims, and the agonized father, who was spared only to attend the enemy's wounded, was led off to a tent, from whence he heard the shots that ended their young lives. A county in Texas was named for Captain Shackelford. (See Early Settlers.)

- + 145 M v. **David TALIAFERRO** was born 15 Feb 1824.
- + 146 F vi. **Anna TALIAFERRO** was born 15 Feb 1824 and died 30 Mar 1890.
- + 147 M vii. **Theophilus Watkins TALIAFERRO** was born 1825 and died 7 Dec 1893.
- + 148 F viii. **Amanda TALIAFERRO** was born 18 Nov 1828 and died 11 May 1891.
- 149 F ix. **Elmira TALIAFERRO** was born 1828. She died 1895.

Elmira Taliaferro (5) (b. 1828, d. 24th May, 1895), married U. T. Blackshear, Jr., (step-son of her sister, Mrs. Martha Blackshear). Issue:

- I, Eugenia;
- II, Mary Blackshear, married Mr. Evans, and lives at Opelousas, La.

49. **Jane (dau of James & Jane) WATKINS** (James (Jr.), James B., William) was born 1789. She died 1837.

By James E. Saunders: Jane Watkins

Jane Watkins, daughter of James Watkins the second, was born 13th November, 1789. She resembled her sister (already noticed) in person, and was remarkably graceful and active. She was married on the 10th July, 1810, to James Minor Tait, Esq. He belonged to a family of distinction in the early history of Georgia. His brother, Judge Charles Tait, was a man of a high order of talents, but he is now remembered mainly by an amusing incident which happened on a dueling ground. He had challenged Judge Dooly, one of the wittiest men that State ever produced, and the parties promptly met with their seconds. Judge Dooly coolly took his seat on a stump, and his second went down into the woods. Some time elapsed and the second of Tait approached Dooley, and inquired where his second was. Dooley answered that he had gone to hunt for a hollow log to stand one of his legs in, while he fought Tait (who had lost a leg). "Then you don't intend to fight," says the second of Tait. Dooley responded, "Certainly not, unless you agree to this," said Dooley, and of course this ended the fight.

Mr. James Minor Tait lost his wife, Jane Watkins, in a few years after marriage. He moved his family to North Mississippi where the descendants of this marriage are to be found. They had three children, Louisa, who married Lemuel Banks; Antoinette, who married Andrew Sims, who was accidentally killed in a deer hunt. She married a second time a Mr. Smith; and George, a physician, of Panola. He married a Miss McGehee (Mrs. Harris ).

Jane Watkins (4), (b. 13th November, 1789 , d. 1837 ), m. (10th July, 1810 ) Judge James Minor Tait, brother of Judge Charles Tait, of Georgia. Tall, dark-eyed, graceful and active and of a vivacious temperament. Her husband was member of Tariff Convention, that met at Milledgeville, 1832. They removed to North Mississippi. Issue:

1. Louisa Tait (5), married (I), Lemuel Banks , of Panola county, Miss., and had several children. She married (II), Mr. Charles Meriwether. (See Banks and Oliver.)
2. Antoinette Tait (5), married (I) Andrew Sims . He was killed in a deer hunt. She married (II) Mr. Smith . Several children.
3. Dr. George Tait (5), of Panola, Miss., married daughter of Abner McGehee, of Montgomery, Ala. (See McGehee Family, and also Banks Family).
4. Joel Tait (5).
5. James Tait (5) (b.1827).

Jane married<sup>4</sup> **Judge James Minor TAIT** on 10 Jul 1810 in Elbert County, GA.

Tait, James M. married to Watkins, Jane 10 Jul 1810 Georgia  
Elbert County

They had the following children:

150 F i. **Louisa TAIT.**

Louisa married **Lemuel BANKS.**

151 F ii. **Antoinette TAIT.**

Antoinette married **Andrew SIMS.**

152 M iii. **Dr. George TAIT of Panola.**

George married (**Miss/Mrs**) **MCGEHEE-HARRIS.**

50. **Susan (dau of James & Jane) WATKINS** (James (Jr.), James B., William) was born 17 Mar 1791.

By James E. Saunders:

Susan Watkins was born March 17, 1791. She became the second wife of Major John Oliver, of Petersburg, the father of Mrs. Robert H. Watkins. Major Oliver died a few years after this marriage and his widow married Dr. William N. Richardson, a distinguished physician of the same town. They moved to Barbour county, Ala. Their children were, 1. Mary, who was married to Gabriel Toombs, of Wilks county, Ga. He was a brother of Gen. Robert Toombs, the great orator. 2. Sarah Willis, who married Mr. Thompson, a civil engineer, of Barbour county, Ala. 3. Louisa, who married Mr. Thompson, a brother of the former. 4. Walker, who married Miss Sanford, of Barbour county, Ala. 5. William. 6. James, and 7. Martha (Mrs. Harris ).

Susan Watkins (4) (b. 17th March, 1791 ) married (I), (17th February, 1811 ), Major John Oliver, of Petersburg, Ga., (2nd wife). Their infant, and only child, fell from the arms of its nurse, and died from the effects. She married (II) Dr. William N. Richardson, of Elbert county, Ga. (partner of Dr. John Watkins, who removed to Monroe county, Ala., in 1813 ). He removed to Barbour county, Ala.

Susan married<sup>4</sup> (1) **Maj. John OLIVER** on 19 Feb 1811 in Elbert County, GA.

Susan was his second wife. Their infant, and only child, fell from the arms of its nurse, and died from the effects.

Susan also married (2) **Dr. William N. RICHARDSON**.

Susan married second, Dr. William N. Richardson of Elbert County, GA (partner of Dr. John Watkins, who removed to Monroe County, Ala, in 1813). He removed to Barbour County, Ala. At his wife's death he married second (2nd) "Polly" Moseley, who was the 2nd wife of John Watkins of Petersburg, GA (who was father of Mrs. Young, Mrs. Harris and Mrs. Banks of Columbus, Miss and Georgia.

By his first wife, Susan Daniel: Issue:

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1. Mary Richardson (5), married Gabriel Toombs (brother of the great orator of Georgia, Robert Toombs ), and lived in Wilkes county, Ga. She was very beautiful; black eyes and hair. Issue: Wm. Henry Toombs m. (1875 ) Julia, dau. of Troup Butler. 2. Sarah Willis Richardson (5) married - Thompson, Barbour county, Ala., a civil engineer. 3. Louisa Richardson (5) married - Thompson (brother of above.) who died 1857 . 4. Walker Richardson (5) (b. 1827, d. 1882 ) married Miss Sanford. of Glennville, Barbour county, Ala., an only daughter. He was tall, with black eyes and hair, and of elegant person, and an interesting talker. 5. William Richardson (5). Major in Confederate States Army, Civil War. His mind became unsettled in later years. 6. James Richardson (5), married and had several children. 7. Martha Richardson (5).

They had the following children:

- + 153 F i. **Mary S. RICHARDSON** was born 18 Feb 1819 and died 7 Apr 1885.
- 154 F ii. **Sarah Willis RICHARDSON**.  
Sarah Willis Richardson (5) married - Thompson, Barbour county, Ala., a civil engineer
- 155 F iii. **Louisa RICHARDSON**.  
Louisa Richardson (5) married - Thompson (brother of above.) who died 1857
- 156 M iv. **Walker RICHARDSON**.  
Walker Richardson (5) (b. 1827, d. 1882 ) married Miss Sanford. of Glennville, Barbour county, Ala., an only daughter. He was tall, with black eyes and hair, and of elegant person, and an interesting talker.
- 157 M v. **Maj. William RICHARDSON C.S.A.**.  
William Richardson (5). Major in Confederate States Army, Civil War. His mind became unsettled in later years
- 158 M vi. **James RICHARDSON**.
- 159 F vii. **Martha RICHARDSON**.

51. **Eliza (dau of James & Jane) WATKINS** (James (Jr.), James B., William) was born 5 Feb 1793.

"Early Settlers of Alabama" By James E. Saunders: Eliza , another daughter of James Watkins (the second), was born February 5, 1793, and was married to William McGehee, the fifth son of Micajah McGehee, of Broad river. He was a merchant, and instead of prospering like his brothers, Abner , of Montgomery, and Edmund, of Louisiana, he lost his property. He died, and his widow lived with Robert Watkins, near Courtland, until her death. She had five children, Robert, James and three daughters, who are somewhere in South Alabama.

Eliza Watkins (4) (b. 5th February, 1793, d. 1836 ), m. (21st May, 1817 ) William (d. 1832, at Tuscaloosa ), son of

Micajah McGehee, of Ogletherpe county, Ga. (2d wife). She was very handsome, and equally frail and delicate. The McGehees are a distinguished Southern family, and descended, maternally, from Thomas Scott, who married a Miss Baytop, of Gloucester county, Va., early in the eighteenth century. (William had twelve brothers and sisters.) Issue:

1, Eliza Ann (5), d. y.; 2, Eliz. (5), d. y.; 3, Sarah Eliz. (5); 4, Mary Jane (5); 5, Lucinda Scott (5); 6, James Watkins (5); 7, Robert (5), as follows:

Eliza married<sup>4</sup> **William MCGEHEE** on 22 May 1817 in Elbert County, GA.

They had the following children:

160 F i. **Sarah Elizabeth MCGEHEE** was born 1821.

Sarah Eliz. (b. Tuscaloosa, Ala. , 1821 ); educated with her younger sisters (1834 -1838 ) at the Moravian Institution, Salem, N. C. They were accompanied by their cousin, Sarah Scott , daughter of Dionysius Oliver , of Panola county, Miss. , and Bastrop, Tex. , and Broad River, Ga. ; m. (1839 ) Vincent R. Porter .

161 F ii. **Mary Jane MCGEHEE**.

Mary Jane m. (I) (1842 ) Meriwether Oliver of Georgia , who died in a few months. Issue: Ann Meriwether (b. 1843 ), educated at Baton Rouge; m. (1860 ) John L. Byrnes , and had Rebecca (Mrs. Drew ), and m. (II) Thomas W. Phillips , of Wetumpka, Ala. , and moved, in 1849 , with her brothers, James and John McGehee , to Monroe, La.

Mary married **Meriwether OLIVER of Georgia**.

162 F iii. **Lucinda Scott MCGEHEE**.

Lucinda married **John B. CALLAWAY of Montgomery, AL**.

163 M iv. **Judge James Watkins MCGEHEE** was born 1827.

Judge James Watkins McGehee , of Weimer, Tex. (b. Tuscaloosa, Ala. , 7th October, 1827 .) Educated Athens, Ga. , with his cousins, Abner and James McGehee , of Montgomery , going there in 1837 , and living for awhile afterward with his uncle, Hugh McGehee , on Broad River, Ga. , who, removing to Panola county, Miss. , with Dionysius Oliver , in 1839 , he lived with John Scott McGehee , in Pontotoc county, Miss. , for several years, and then with his own brother, Dr. David McGehee , who removed to DeSoto county, Miss. , in 1844 . His uncle Abner was his guardian.

He removed to Monroe, La. , in 1849 ; m. (19th May, 1857 ) Ann Sankey Daniel , daughter of James Daniel , of Montgomery , and moved to Round Top, Fayette county, Tex. , in 1859 . Issue: 1, Mary Eliza (b. 2d March, 1859 ) m. (10th March, 1881 ) William S. Shaver ; 2, Robert Watkins , M. D., of Yokum, Texas (b. 2d February, 1862 ); 3, Frank Early (b. 6th August, 1873 .)

James married **Ann Sankey DANIEL**.

164 M v. **Robert H. MCGEHEE C.S.A.** was born 1832.

Robert H. (b. Tuscaloosa, Ala. , February, 1832 ). With his widowed mother and brother and nurse lived, in 1834 (until her death), with his uncle, Robert H. Watkins , Courtland, Ala. Joined the Company of "Greys" from Monroe, La. , in Civil War, Capt. Frank P. Stubbs , and was killed in battle of Malvern Hill, Virginia , 1862 .

53. **Sophia Herndon WATKINS** (James (Jr.), James B., William) was born 1797. She died 1856.

Judge Shorter 's wife survived him many years. She was a woman of very decided character, and died in 1856 an enthusiastic Methodist (Mrs. Harris ). "They left three children: Reuben Shorter , a clever, intelligent man, of small stature and blue eyes. Married Miss Kate Ward , daughter of a U. S. Army officer. They reside in Columbus, Ga. ; Mary Jane , a woman of pleasant manners, fine personal appearance and strong intellect. Married Dr. John A. Urquhart , of Columbus ; Virginia , who married a Mr. Oliver , of Florida ," (Mrs. Harris ). It has been many years since she gave me these notes. I have written for more recent information, which will appear in a subsequent number.

Sophia Herndon Watkins (4) (b. 12th May, 1797 , d. 1856 ) m. (18th June, 1817 ) Judge Eli Sims Shorter , of Georgia (b.

1792 , d. 1836 ), Judge of the Superior Court in 1822 , member Legislature 1829 , and of great distinction and remarkably striking personal appearance, (See "Bench and Bar of Georgia .") She was of a very bright and lively disposition, and a fine talker - spirited, and a bit eccentric. A devoted member of Methodist Church. Issue:

(1) Reuben C. (5) (b. 1818 ) Columbus, Ga. ; small statue, light hair and blue eyes. Married Kate Ward , daughter of U. S. Army Officer. Issue: I. Dr. Eli Sims (6), of New York (-, d. 1886 ), m. in Rhode Island . A son, Eli Sims (7), survives him. II, John U (6)., Lawyer, Brooklyn, N. Y. (-), m. Miss Denio , of Massachusetts . Of several children, one daughter survives. The two brothers were bright and genial. III, Mary (6) (-), m. Thomas Fry , of Mobile, Ala. Of nine children, seven are living. IV, Kate (6) (-, m. (1) George C. Brown , of Macon, Ga. Issue: Three children. She m. (2) Mr. Preston ; no issue. V, Sophie (6) (-), m. John Aldredge , of Atlanta. Of several children, one survives.

(2) Mary Jane Shorter (5) (p. 1820 , -) m. Dr. John A. Urquhart , of Columbus, Ga. , where they lived in great elegance. They had no children. (See Urquhart Family.)

(3) Virginia Shorter (5) (b. 1821 , -) m. J. Berrien Oliver , of Columbus, Ga. (who died circa 1881 ). They moved to Florida. She was very delicate. (See Oliver Family.)

Sophia married<sup>4</sup> **Judge Eli Sims SHORTER of Georgia**, son of SHORTER, on 17 Jun 1817 in Elbert County, GA. Eli was born about 1792. He died 1832 in Columbus, GA.

By James E. Saunders:

Judge Eli S. Shorter has been spoken of, incidentally, in connection with Judge Harris. We shall now give an account of him more in detail. "Amongst the proudest intellects of Georgia , at any period of her history, none was more commanding, none more transparent, none more vigorous and subtle in analysis, than that of the Hon. Eli S. Shorter . He was indeed a man of a century."

He and his brother, Gen. Reuben C. Shorter , were left orphans, losing both their parents when the former was five, and the latter was eleven years of age. The General, by hard work and close study, obtained his medical diploma at Philadelphia in 1809, and commenced practice. Being successful, he was able to send his brother Eli to school, and by this means he acquired a pretty good academic education. In 1811 he commenced reading law. He lost no time, and possessing uncommon powers of mind, after seven months study, he obtained license to practice law. He went first to Dublin, and thence to Eatonton, Ga.

From a letter he wrote to a young lawyer many years after, we learn that during the first year he got but one fee, and that was \$6, but he finally succeeded in getting into a good practice, all over the circuit. After a few years there was a great pressure in money matters, and numerous suits were brought. Within one month he brought four hundred and twenty cases for the collection of money, and his fees amounted to more than \$7000.

He married on the 17th of June, 1817 , Sophia Herndon Watkins , sister of Maj. Robert H. Watkins . She was born the 12th day of May, 1797 . She had black eyes, auburn hair, and a fine personal appearance. Judge Shorter was also distinguished in person. "A forehead round, projecting and expanded, with that beautiful arch so expressive of genius. Perfectly black, keen, flashing eyes, luminous with intellect, and capable of that intensity of gaze which riveted court and jury to his arguments. (Omitted part Pg. 245)

"In 1832 Judge Shorter moved to Columbus, GA, where he engaged in mercantile pursuits, and died in 1836, in his forty-fourth year.

Judge Shorter 's wife survived him many years. She was a woman of very decided character, and died in 1856 an enthusiastic Methodist (Mrs. Harris ). "They left three children: Reuben Shorter, a clever, intelligent man, of small stature and blue eyes. Married Miss Kate Ward, daughter of a U. S. Army officer. They reside in Columbus, Ga.; Mary Jane, a woman of pleasant manners, fine personal appearance and strong intellect. Married Dr. John A. Urquhart, of Columbus; Virginia, who married a Mr. Oliver, of Florida," (Mrs. Harris). It has been many years since she gave me these notes. I have written for more recent information, which will appear in a subsequent number. (Omitted part Pg. 246-250)

They had the following children:

- + 165 M i. **Reuben SHORTER.**
- 166 F ii. **Mary Jane SHORTER** died 23 Apr 1873 in Columbus.



Eli Sims Shorter (1792-1836), was a lawyer "from Putnam and Muscogee Counties." He "became a renowned jurist from Putnam County, Georgia. He was the first judge of the Flint Judicial Circuit, 1822-1825. He died on 12/13 December 1836 in the 44th year of his age, and was buried in Linwood Cemetery, Columbus, Georgia. He was the brother-in-law of the Hon. Stephen W. Harris.

Shorter married SOPHIA H. WATKINS on 18 June 1817 in Elbert County, Georgia. Biography of Eli S. Shorter in Stephen F. Miller "The Bench and Bar of Georgia; Memoirs and Sketches, etc" II (Philadelphia, PA 1858); Nancy Terrell, "A History of Columbus, Georgia, 1828-1928" (Columbus, GA, 1929) 64; anecdotes of Judge Eli Shorter in Atlanta "Constitution," 11 March 1894.

Mrs. MARY JANE URQUHART, wife of Dr. John A. URQUHART of Columbus, died in Columbus on 23 April 1873. Her obituary states that she was the eldest daughter of General (sic) Eli. S. Shorter, SMN, 25 April, 1873." They had no children, and have both departed this life.

Mary married **Dr. John A. URQUHART**<sup>6</sup>.

+ 167 F iii. **Virginia SHORTER.**

55. **Sophia THOMPSON** (Sarah Herndon (1st of the name) WATKINS, James B., William) was born calculated 1780.

"Early Settlers of Alabama," by James Saunders. "Sophia married Dr. James Manning, a man of great worth and modesty. Their eldest daughter married Gen. Bartley M. Lowe; Dr. Felix Manning, their son, married Sarah Millwater, and settled in Aberdeen. Peyton married Sarah Weedon, James married Indiana Thompson, William married Frances Weedon, and Robert married Louisiana Thompson."

Sophia married **Dr. James MANNING**, son of MANNING.

"Early Settlers of Alabama," "Dr. James Manning came with his brother, Daniel, from New Jersey to Georgia."

They had the following children:

- + 168 F i. **Sarah Sophia MANNING** was born 1802.
- + 169 M ii. **Dr. Felix MANNING.**
- + 170 M iii. **Peyton T. MANNING C.S.A..**
- + 171 M iv. **James MANNING** was born 1806 and died 1849.
- + 172 M v. **Dr, William MANNING of Montgomery, AL** died 1864.
- 173 M vi. **Robert J. MANNING.**

"Robert J. Manning (born 1804-living 1846) married Louisiana (his cousin) daughter of Dr. Asa and Mary (Watkins) Thompson. Hers was a refined and perfect beauty, with great piety to support her many sorrows. She was born in Elbert County, GA, and with her cousin, Mary Frances Watkins (daughter of Robert H. Watkins), attended school in Augusta, GA. After her marriage lived a while in Texas. With a dissipated husband, her trials were many. In an attack of diphtheria the operation of tracheotomy was performed, and she breathed through a silver tube. The latter years of her life were spent in patient waiting for the end."

Robert married **Louisiana THOMPSON.**

56. **Pamela THOMPSON** (Sarah Herndon (1st of the name) WATKINS, James B., William).

Pamela married **Gov. Thomas BIBB**, son of BIBB. Thomas died 20 Sep 1839.

Brother of Gov. William W. Bibb. And on his death succeeded him in that office by virtue of being President of the

Senate. Their children were numerous, and the Bibb's, Bradley's, and Pleasant's are scattered, like the descendants of Dr. Manning, over several States.

Thomas Bibb, died Huntsville, Ala, 20 Sept., 1839, of Elbert County, GA, who as second Governor of Alabama, succeeded his brother, Dr. William Wyatt Bibb.

They had the following children:

- 174 F i. **Adeline BIBB.**
- 175 F ii. **Emily BIBB.**
- 176 M iii. **Thomas BIBB.**
- 177 M iv. **William Dandridge BIBB.**
- 178 M v. **Porter BIBB.**
- 179 F vi. **Elmira BIBB.**
- 180 M vii. **Robert Thompson BIBB.**
- 181 F viii. **Eliza P. BIBB.**

59. **Eliza H. WATKINS**<sup>7</sup> (Samuel, James B., William) was born 1793. She died 1817.

Birth: 1789 in Elbert County, Georgia  
Death: 1818 in Wilkes County, Georgia

Marriage 1 Benjamin SHERROD Col. b: 16 JAN 1777 in Halifax Co., North Carolina

Married: 1 JAN 1808 in Elbert Co., GA 2

Children

Felix Alonso McKinzie SHERROD b: 29 MAR 1809

Frederick O. A. SHERROD b: 3 DEC 1812 in Washington, Wilkes County, GA

Samuel Watkins SHERROD b: 16 NOV 1814

George SHERROD

Mariah Antonette SHERROD b: 1813

Eliza SHERROD

Eliza Watkins (4), (b. 1793 , d. 1817 ,) married (1812 ) in Petersburg, Ga. , Col. Benj. Sherrod , son of Isaac and Mary (Copeland) Sherrod , of North Carolina ; (he was born Halifax County, N. C. , 1776 ; d. Lawrence County, Ala. , 24th April, 1847 ). Reared by his Uncle, Abram Ricks ,\* of Halifax. Educated at Williams and Mary College, Virginia , and University, N. C. ; removed to his "Cotton Garden" plantation, Ala. , (with his father-in-law) and amassed great wealth; was principal owner of the railroad from Tuscumbia to Decatur , (one of the first constructed in the South), and part of the great line then projected from Memphis to Charleston, S. C. Railroad engines, and steamboats, often bore his name at that time.

He was twice married. His second wife (1818 ) was the widow of Coleman Watkins (4), son of William (3), with several children. She was Talitha Goode (b. 22 April, 1792 , d. 14 May, 1873 ) daughter of John Goode ,\* of Abbeville District, S. C. Besides her Watkins and Sherrod children, the second Mrs. Sherrod reared, also, Llewellyn Oliver , son of her sister, Ann Goode , and Dionysius Oliver , of Edgefield County, S. C. (See Oliver ; and "Goode's Virginia Cousins.")  
Issue of Eliza Watkins :

1. Marie Antoinette (5); 2, Felix Alonso McKinzie (5); 3, Frederick O. A. (5); 4, Samuel Watkins (5), as follows:

1. Maria Antoinette Sherrod (5), (b. 1813 ,) married Jacob Swoope , (1st wife) and lived only a short while. Issue: William Swoope (6), heir to a considerable fortune, died at the age of 20. (His father married (secondly) Frances , daughter of the Rev. Turner and Frances (Dunn) Saunders , and had other children).

2. Felix Alonso McKinzie Sherrod (5) m. Sarah Ann Parrish . (See Saunders , for children).

3. Frederick O. A. Sherrod (5) married Anne , daughter of Col. John Bolton , of Baltimore , (She married (II) Dr. Farrar , of Jackson, Miss. ). Issue; I, John Bolton Sherrod (6), of Montgomery, Ala. , married Judith , dau. of Col. Winston , Tuscumbia, Ala. , several children. II, Frederick O. Sherrod (6), Birmingham, Ala. , m. Mittie , youngest daughter of Orrin Davis , of Lawrence County, Ala. , several children; III, Felix A. O. Sherrod (6), d. y.; IV, Frances , d. y.; V,

dau.(6), d. infant; VI, Benj. Watkins Sherrod (6), married Miss Alexander ,

4, Samuel Watkins Sherrod (5), married Frances Parrish , sister of his brother Felix 's wife, Issue:

1. Henry Sherrod (6) died when grown; leaving a considerable fortune.

2. Walter Sherrod (6), of Town Creek, Lawrence County, Ala. , married Laura , daughter of Orrin Davis , Lawrence County, and died young. A son, Henry Sherrod (7) (b. 1864 .) married Ella , daughter of Mr. James Irvine , of Florence, Ala and had Virginia, Irvine Sherrod.

Eliza married<sup>4</sup> **Col. Benjamin SHERROD**, son of Isaac SHERROD and Mary RICKS (widow Copeland), on 1 Jan 1808 in Elbert County, GA. Benjamin was born 20 Jan 1776 in Halifax County, N. C.. He died 24 Apr 1847 in Lawrence Co., AL.

Sherrod, Benjamin married to Watkins, Eliza H. 01 Jan 1808 Georgia

Colonel Sherrod was educated at Chapel Hill , and migrated, when a young man to Washington, Wilkes county, Ga. In the war of 1812 , he was an army contractor, with the commissary department, and brought into the service the administrative ability which distinguished his subsequent life. The Georgians, whenever they pitched their camps, if only for a few days, were furnished with good bread from bakers' ovens speedily erected. Promoting the comfort of the troops, he added to their efficiency, as much or more, than would a whole additional company.

His first wife was Eliza Watkins , daughter of Mr. Samuel Watkins , who was a merchant of Petersburg, Va. , and a large planter on Broad river . After the death of his wife, in 1821 , he removed to this county, and settled a large plantation called "Cotton Garden," on Spring creek .

In 1822 he married his second wife, Mrs. Tabitha (Goode) Watkins , the widow of Coleman Watkins. It was in this year I first saw Colonel Sherrod . He had dark-blue eyes, Roman nose, and a very expressive face. His colloquial powers were great. His conversation was not only enriched by ample stores of experience and observation, but varied by flashes of humor and racy anecdote, which made it very interesting. He was an ardent Whig, and very strong in political argument. I never knew him overcome but once. On the pavement in Courtland , he was seated in a crowd of men and gave General Jackson strong denunciation. When he came to a pause, no one answered him. "Uncle" Woodson May , an humble shingle maker from the mountain, had been listening intently, while he sat on the curbstone. Colonel Sherrod put his hand on the old man's shoulder and asked him what he thought of it. He answered: "Colonel, I don't understand much of what you have been saying, but one thing I know; when the war came to an end, and the boys had all marched toward home, except such as were in the hospital, we were started under an officer, who was riding on a horse, and I was very weak and staggered as I walked. General Jackson and his staff overtook us, and seeing my condition he said roughly to the officer: "Why don't you get down and put that man for awhile on your horse? Dont you see he can hardly drag himself along? By the Eternal! You ought to be cashiered!" This plain talk saved my life, and enabled me to see my wife and child once more, and if I ever forget General Jackson , may God Almighty forget me! "This burst of gratitude was duly appreciated by the Colonel, who was a man of generous feeling, and he said afterward that it was the most eloquent speech he ever heard.

As a planter, Colonel Sherrod was very skilful. His management was marked by system more than that of any man I ever knew. His plows moved abreast like a company of cavalry in a charge. The foreman with a mule of average speed set the gait, the fast mules being held back, and the slow ones hurried up a little. He was one of the few men who used clover in this valley as a renovator. He wasted nothing which would maintain the fertility of the soil. And here I will mention an operation I witnessed on his plantation of a novel character. He had cleared up a large field, and in the hurry of getting it into cultivation the long worm-fence around it (he had no short ones) had been constructed of poles. When it became rotten and a new permanent fence had to be made, instead of being burned, these poles were buried in deep furrows, and ridges for cotton thrown up over them, and for years afterward you could see how far the fertilizer went. Now, the Yankee would make the world believe that the Southern planter does nothing but sit on the fence and whittle. I repel this charge by asking triumphantly if there be any record in their farming paper of any Northern man having buried a fence a mile long for a fertilizer?

The success which followed Colonel Sherrod 's farming operations demonstrated the skilfulness of his management. He added plantation to plantation in quick succession. But in justice to the planters of the present day, who are moving so slowly under the drawback of low prices and a worn soil, we should state that then it was the reverse, for it was high prices and a rich soil. The first year's crop of cotton on the "Hard Bargain" place amounted to the price he gave for it. He purchased the plantation now occupied by General Wheeler , and then a large plantation (still held by the family) near Tuscumbia , and then a large body of land in the Chickasaw session, west of Tuscumbia , and then his means were diverted into a new channel.

Colonel Sherrod was one of the chief promoters of the Tuscumbia, Courtland and Decatur Railroad. He was named as president of the board of directors, composed of himself, Jos. Trotter , Wm. H. Whittaker , P. G. Godley , Micajah Turner , David Deshler , James Davis , Peter W. Taylor , James B. Wallace , David Coopwood , Wm. Leab , Henry W. Rhodes and Jesse W. Garth , in the charter of said company, dated on the 13th of January, 1832 . A short road of two

miles, from Tuscumbia to the river, had been finished just before this time, and called the attention of the public to this mode of transportation. Colonel, Sherrod , with his fine practical mind, saw at once that it was destined to work a wonderful revolution in the business of the world. The object of this road from Tuscumbia to Decatur was to avoid the obstructions in the Tennessee river , caused by the Muscle Shoals . It was contemplated that produce and goods would be transferred from steamboats to the road, and reshipped on the boats, both in ascending and descending. But there was a mistake made in the descending part of it. The transportation down the river was still continued, yet at reduced freights; but freights up the road were offered in such quantity that it was difficult for the road to do the work with the defective and light locomotives constructed in that day. Moreover the road was built on a primitive plan, unsuited to bear the weight of heavy trains, having string pieces of wood scantlings on which flat bars of iron, a half inch by two-and-a-half inches were laid. On the whole, the road was a failure financially. It has since become a link in the "Memphis and Charleston Railroad," and a part of a system of roads extending to New York . Colonel Sherrod , who had thrown all the force of his strong mind, ardent spirit, and long purse, into the enterprise, was saddled with the debt of the corporation, to the amount of three hundred thousand dollars - he having endorsed all its papers. He managed to discharge this debt, and at his death to bequeath to each of his children a plantation stocked with slaves.

The following is taken from the Birmingham News in the Spring of 1901:

"Since the Northern Alabama has become part of the Great Southern Railway System, a brief history of the first railroad of Alabama may be of interest to our readers.

"About the year 1825 a railroad was projected from Tuscumbia to Decatur. The object of the promoters of this road was to get around the Mussel Shoals of the Tennessee River. This river was then navigable from Paducah to Tuscumbia landing and from Decatur to Chattanooga, leaving about seventy-five miles of shoaly river, which no steamboat could pass. Colonel Benjamin Sherrod was elected first president of the proposed road, and being a man of large means, immediately began the construction of what was then known as the Tuscumbia and Courtland Railroad.

"Incidentally we may mention that in order to float the bonds of this road, Colonel Sherrod endorsed them to the amount of \$300,000, which he was compelled to pay. The Tuscumbia and Courtland was the first railway in the South and was in itself and its equipment a very rude affair. Cross ties were laid about every four feet and upon these were placed wooden stringers with flat strips of iron nailed on top. The passenger cars were short, flat concerns about the size of the old mule car used in cities before the advent of the electric car. The motor power was furnished by a pair of horses or mules, which made the trip from Tuscumbia to Courtland, twenty-three miles, in a day. The trains were all mixed and when the irons on top of the stringers would fly up at the end, making what was called a "snake head," a car would be derailed and all passengers would be called out by the conductor to put it back on the track, which work would sometimes occupy half a day's time.

"About the year 1837 it was decided that railroad extension was in order, and the Tuscumbia and Courtland Railway was extended east to Decatur, twenty miles, the name of the corporation being changed to the Tuscumbia, Courtland and Decatur railroad. Nine years prior to this time, or in 1829, there had been built a little road, running from Baltimore, MD, about twelve miles to some coal mines and Captain Jack Lawson was sent to Liverpool to purchase an engine for it. He purchased one and shipped it by steamer to this country.

"This was the first locomotive engine brought to America and was operated by Captain Lawson as engineer on the Baltimore road till 1838, when it was purchased by the Tuscumbia, Courtland and Decatur Railway Company. Captain Lawson was engaged to bring it to Tuscumbia, which he did by bringing it to New Orleans by ocean vessel, thence up the Missouri River by steamer to Paducah, where it was transferred to another steamer and brought up the Tennessee River to Tuscumbia landing. Here it was placed upon the track and became the property and pride of the Tuscumbia, Courtland and Decatur Railway Company. Captain Lawson ran this engine until the breaking out of the Civil War, when he was put in charge of a Confederate gunboat and served through the war on gunboats and transports.

"During the World's Fair at Chicago the old engine was on exhibition, it being the first locomotive ever operated in the United States. During Mr. Cleveland's second administration Captain Lawson was appointed janitor of the custom house at Paducah, and after his term of office expired, he removed to St. Louis, where at last accounts he was still alive and active, though past 90 years of age.

"The old Tuscumbia, Courtland and Decatur railway was extended to Stevenson on the east and Memphis on the west, and became the Memphis & Charleston. Later it became a part of the East Tennessee, Virginia & Georgia, and upon reorganization of that system, was absorbed by the Southern, now the greatest system in the South, owning and operating many miles of road, and giving employment to a vast army of workers."

Benjamin Sherrod died on February 25, 1847 in Courtland at the age of 70. The epitaph on his tomb on Cotton Garden Plantation near Courtland, AL, reads as follows: "They who loved thee living and lament thee dead pay this last tribute to thy noble shade. Sacred to the memory of Col. Benjamin Sherrod Born 16th January 1777 Died 25th February 1847 aged 70 years 1 month 9 days. An honest man's the noblest work of God. He died in the hope of a blessed immortality."

His oldest son was Felix Sherrod and his second son was Frederick Sherrod. It is interesting to note that in the account book of Abraham Ricks, an early merchant and plantation owner of the period, Felix appears as having been charged for the rental of Mr. Rick's slaves. Likewise, Frederick Sherrod bought among other things a pair of shoes on December 12, 1835.

Benjamin was a good provider for his family. He left a legacy of industry, fair dealing, and the entrepreneur spirit demonstrated in his railroad and the steamboats that were named after him.

The most famous of these steamboats was the large Louisville and New Orleans packet, the Ben Sherrod, which caught fire on her upward trip while she was engaged in an exciting race with the steamer Prairie. It was on o'clock at night on May 8, 1837 and the boat was about fourteen miles above Fort Adams, ploughing her way up the Mississippi at top speed. The firemen were determined to catch the Prairie, and drunk with whiskey, they put on so many pine knots sprinkled with resin that they set fire to sixty cords of wood close to the boilers which quickly enveloped the Ben Sherrod. The loss of life and property was appalling among crew and passengers as the boat was unable to make shore and sunk in mid-river.

However, the most amazing thing about Benjamin Sherrod was his integrity. Not only was he a very successful planter, but he made every provision for the welfare of his slaves. He almost was forced to sell some of them when his railroad corporation failed to meet a bond issue then due of \$300,000. The creditors were so persistent, that slave buyers actually came to the slave quarters to inspect the most likely of them to be sold. One bright little boy seemed to attract their notice and favor when he shyly remarked to them: "You don't want me, I has fits." Fortunately, another way of settling the obligation was found when Benjamin made the bonds good from his own money. The obligation was the largest debt ever paid by any individual in the state up to that time.

Benjamin Sherrod was an ardent Whig and very strong in political argument. He was only bested once in political argument: On the pavement in Courtland, he was seated in a crowd of men and gave General Jackson strong denunciation. When he came to a pause, on one answered him, "Uncle" Woodson May, an humble shingle maker from the mountain, had been listening intently, while he sat on the curbstone. Colonel Sherrod put his hand on the old man's shoulder and asked him what he thought of it. He answered: "Colonel, I don't understand much of what you have been saying, but one thing I know; when the war came to an end, and the boys and all marched toward home, except such as were in the hospital, we were started under and officer, who was riding on a horse, and I was very weak and staggered as I walked. General Jackson and his staff overtook us, and seeing my condition he said roughly to the officer: "Why don't you get down and put that man for awhile on your horse? Don't you see he can hardly drag himself along? By the Eternal! you ought to be cashiered!" This plain talk saved my life, and enabled me to see my wife and child once more, and if I ever forget General Jackson, my God Almighty forget me!" The Colonel, who was a man of generous feeling, duly appreciated this burst of gratitude, and he said afterward that it was the most eloquent speech he ever heard.

Benjamin Sherrod's will was dated 2 April 1846; codicil dated 20 January 1847, proved Orphans Court April Term 1847, recorded in Lawrence County, Alabama in Inventory Record F 1846-50 pages 63-70.

Benjamin Sherrod bought, from the State of Alabama in 1821, the entire island in the Tennessee River known today as Patton's Island. It was located at the place where O'Neal Bridge now crosses between Florence and Sheffield. He sold it to Waddy Tate in 1830 (the legal description is part of Sections 12, 13, and 14, Township 3, Range 11).

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The descendants of Colonel Sherrod have been, generally, men of great respectability and intelligence. By his first wife, Eliza Watkins, he had six children - four sons and two daughters, to-wit: Felix M., Frederick O., Samuel W., George, Antoinette and Eliza. Of these George and Eliza died quite young. The rest, with their descendants, we will mention in regular order:

Elbert County

1 Eliza H. WATKINS b: 1789 d: 1818

- + Benjamin SHERROD Col. b: 16 JAN 1777 d: 25 FEB 1847
- 2 Felix Alonso McKinzie SHERROD b: 29 MAR 1809 d: 21 JUN 1845
  - + Margaret MEGRAND
  - + Sarah Ann PARRISH b: 1817
  - 3 Benjamin SHERROD II b: 1836 d: 1861
    - + Danella "Ella" JONES b: 20 AUG 1841 d: 1896
    - 4 Richard Jones SHERROD b: 1860 d: 1866
    - 4 Ella SHERROD b: 1861
  - 3 Francis Edwin SHERROD b: 24 DEC 1836 d: 3 JUL 1863
    - + Mary HARRIS
    - 4 Frank E. SHERROD b: 16 SEP 1871 d: 11 APR 1926
    - 4 Harris SHERROD b: 1864
  - 3 Margaret Marie SHERROD b: 2 JUL 1840 d: 21 SEP 1841
  - 3 Alice Clay SHERROD
    - + Robert Webb BANKS b: 1843
    - 4 Sarah Felix BANKS
      - + Charles David HILL
      - 5 Charles Banks HILL b: 1894
    - 4 Dunstan BANKS
    - 4 Lucile Webb BANKS
    - 4 Robert Webb BANKS Jr.
    - 4 James Oliver BANKS
    - 4 Alice Sherrod BANKS b: 1881 d: 1883
    - 4 Alice Sherrod BANKS b: 1885
- 2 Frederick O. A. SHERROD b: 3 DEC 1812 d: 24 NOV 1848
  - + Ann BOLTON b: 14 OCT 1813 d: 5 MAY 1874
  - 3 John Bolton SHERROD b: 21 MAY 1838 d: 3 NOV 1893
    - + Judith McCraw WINSTON b: 21 NOV 1841 d: 13 MAY 1921
    - 4 Ann Bolton (Annie) SHERROD b: 18 MAR 1862 d: 14 JUN 1872
    - 4 John Bolton SHERROD Jr. b: 15 JUN 1864 d: 24 OCT 1937
    - 4 William Winston SHERROD b: 1 APR 1867 d: 30 AUG 1909
    - 4 Felix Jones SHERROD b: 13 AUG 1870 d: 1 APR 1872
    - 4 Judith Winston SHERROD b: 18 AUG 1872 d: SEP 1911
      - + Thomas STEWART
    - 4 Edmund SHERROD b: 24 OCT 1876 d: 8 FEB 1960
      - + Irene Augusta JORDAN b: 26 MAR 1877 d: 31 JAN 1943
      - 5 Irene SHERROD b: 11 JUL 1904
        - + Earl Roy SAEGER
        - + Edward A. MACKIN
        - + Joseph Hamilton DOWNS Sr. b: 27 DEC 1891 d: 11 APR 1954
        - + Albert Young THOMPSON
      - 5 Edmund SHERROD Jr. b: 12 JUL 1906 d: 15 JUL 1985
        - + Mary PALMER
        - + Margaret Finley WHITAKER
        - + Living NAUMAN
      - 4 Frances Antoinette SHERROD b: 21 FEB 1879 d: 1 MAR 1879
      - 4 Eva Petrie SHERROD b: 4 OCT 1881 d: MAR 1957
        - + Albert Francis WILLIAMS
        - 5 Winston Albert WILLIAMS b: 22 JUN 1916 d: 21 JUL 1975
          - + Barbara Alice PLANK
    - 5 Betty WILLIAMS
  - 3 Frances Antoinette (Fannie) SHERROD b: 1840 d: 1849
  - 3 Frederick Oscar Alexander SHERROD Jr. b: 20 FEB 1842 d: 7 DEC 1890
    - + Amy Ann ("Mittie") DAVIS
    - 4 Mary Fairfax SHERROD b: 10 JUN 1869 d: 4 NOV 1897
      - + Claude A. ALLEN
      - 5 Amie Marie ALLEN b: 25 JUL 1889 d: 24 FEB 1950
        - + Frank Raymond FINKENAUER b: 22 MAY 1897

5 Mary Lou ALLEN b: 1894 d: 14 MAY 1896  
 4 Frederick Farrar SHERROD b: 6 MAR 1871 d: 18 OCT 1899  
 4 Orin Newsome SHERROD b: 15 AUG 1873 d: 9 NOV 1875  
 4 Daisy SHERROD b: 9 SEP 1875 d: 6 SEP 1876  
 4 Mittie Davis SHERROD b: 3 JUL 1877 d: 30 SEP 1918  
   + Schuyler FLOYD  
     5 John Sherrod FLOYD b: JAN 1901  
 4 Fountain SHERROD b: 5 AUG 1883 d: 5 DEC 1884  
 4 Ann Bolton (Annie) SHERROD b: 11 JAN 1885 d: 9 JUL 1892  
 3 Felix McKinzie SHERROD b: 16 OCT 1844 d: 2 JUN 1863  
 3 Elizabeth (Sarah Eliza) SHERROD b: 10 OCT 1846 d: 16 OCT 1846  
 3 Benjamin Watkins SHERROD b: 27 DEC 1847 d: 30 JAN 1914  
   + Martha Jane (Mattie) ALEXANDER b: 11 DEC 1864 d: 13 DEC 1933  
     4 Mattie May SHERROD b: 12 JAN 1883 d: 1 JAN 1944  
     4 Benjamin East SHERROD b: 19 JAN 1884 d: 4 MAR 1935  
       + Florida Sarah HERNDON b: 17 SEP 1890 d: 26 AUG 1973  
         5 Benjamin Herndon SHERROD b: 25 MAY 1912 d: 11 MAR 1958  
           + Kathyleen SIMPSON  
         5 Fred Alexander SHERROD b: 14 DEC 1914 d: 22 OCT 1919  
         5 Ann Farrar SHERROD b: 15 AUG 1918  
           + Clayton Charles CARLTON b: 12 JAN 1920  
         5 Mattie Ruth SHERROD b: 15 JUN 1925  
           + Euell E. MCCOY Jr.  
  
 4 William Felix SHERROD b: 23 SEP 1885 d: 20 NOV 1924  
   + Sarah Muller FISCHER d: 25 JAN 1949  
     5 William Felix SHERROD Jr. b: 27 MAY 1913  
       + Lela Mae KEITH  
     5 Sarah Duggar SHERROD b: 2 OCT 1916  
       + Charles Hendricks SCRUGGS  
     5 Edwarda Jane SHERROD b: 6 SEP 1922  
       + Frank PAYMAL  
  
 4 James Bolton SHERROD b: 14 MAR 1887 d: 30 DEC 1937  
   + Ida Mae JOHN d: 16 FEB 1968  
     5 Amy Elizabeth SHERROD b: 19 JUL 1911  
       + William GIBSON  
     5 James Bolton SHERROD Jr. b: 5 OCT 1913  
       + Eddie Frances SMITH  
     5 John Meredith SHERROD d: 15 SEP 1916  
     5 Sarah Mae SHERROD b: 5 MAY 1919  
       + Orel Andrew JOHNSON d: 5 JUL 1945  
       + Joel Leroy SMITH Jr.  
     5 Benjamin Watkins SHERROD b: 11 OCT 1921 d: 20 MAY 1994  
       + Grace Marilyn HILL  
  
 4 Frederick Cross SHERROD b: 6 MAR 1891 d: 28 AUG 1946  
 4 Adam Alexander SHERROD b: 12 JAN 1894 d: 13 FEB 1894  
 4 Thomas Ray SHERROD b: 1 MAR 1895 d: 26 FEB 1951  
   + Bessie Martha Marion HAMILTON d: 20 MAR 1993  
     5 Thomas Ray SHERROD Jr. b: 16 JUL 1921 d: 24 SEP 1923  
     5 Florence Hamilton SHERROD b: 30 AUG 1925  
       + Oren Neathery ("Ned") RENEAU b: 8 JUN 1921  
  
     5 Frederick Cross SHERROD II b: 12 OCT 1928 d: 24 DEC 1931  
 4 Farrar Fairfax SHERROD b: 19 JUL 1898 d: 14 JAN 1948  
   + Vivian Ames FARMER d: 1 DEC 1986  
     5 Jane Farmer SHERROD b: 13 OCT 1924  
       + Richard Clark MEADOWS

5 Jacqueline Ann SHERROD b: 8 FEB 1926 d: 24 FEB 1993  
+ Harol Lloyd SKELTON

2 Samuel Watkins SHERROD b: 16 NOV 1814 d: 28 NOV 1848  
+ Frances PARRISH b: 3 MAR 1821 d: 19 JUL 1845  
3 Henry SHERROD  
3 Walter SHERROD  
+ Laura DAVIS  
4 Henry SHERROD b: 1864  
+ Ella IRVINE  
5 Virginia Irvine SHERROD  
2 George SHERROD  
2 Maria Antonette SHERROD b: 1813 d: 1829  
+ Jacob K. SWOPE  
3 William S. SWOPE  
2 Eliza SHERROD

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About a grandson of Col. Sherrod: "Early Settlers of Alabama," page 178: "Frederick A.M. Sherrod was second lieutenant of Company B., and when Captain Madden was killed, he succeeded him in command. Captain Sherrod was a cultivated and kind-hearted gentleman, excitable and brave, and proved to be a good officer. He was wounded both at Murfreesboro and Chickamauga, after which he was absent from his command for some time on leave. He still lives, and is highly respected for his Christian and social virtues. He is the grandson of Col. Benjamin Sherrod, of Lawrence, who was the head of a large and influential family, and will be noticed again in that connection."

They had the following children:

- + 182 M i. **Major Felix Alonzo McKinzie SHERROD** was born 29 Mar 1809 and died 21 Jun 1865.
- + 183 M ii. **Frederick A. O. SHERROD** was born 3 Dec 1812 and died Dec 1848.
- + 184 F iii. **Marie Antoinette SHERROD** was born about 1813.
- + 185 M iv. **Samuel Watkins SHERROD** was born 16 Nov 1814 and died 28 Nov 1848.
- 186 M v. **George SHERROD (died Young)**.
- 187 F vi. **Eliza SHERROD (died Young)**.

60. **Paul J. "Don" WATKINS** (Samuel, James B., William) was born 1795. He died in Lawrence Co., AL.

From the ancestry file of Phillip Sherrod:

Birth: 1795 in Petersburg, GA

Death: in Lawrence Co., AL

Note: Paul J. Watkins preceded his parents to Alabama in 1820, for whom he purchased a plantation, and also "Flower Hill" for himself. Like his mother, Eleanor Thompson, he made his home a floral kingdom, and his exquisite collection was noted throughout North Alabama. He preserved much of his family history, of which he wrote an abstract in 1853 (at the request of his neighbor, Col. James E. Saunders).

II. Paul J. Watkins (4), of Lawrence county, Ala. , called "Don" Watkins (b. Petersburg. Ga. , 1795 ), d. at his home, "Flower Hill," Lawrence county, Ala. Married (I), Madison county, Tenn. (1822 ), Eliz. Watt ; married (II) (1857 ) Mary Morrison , who married (I) Gen. Bartley Lowe , of Huntsville, Ala. He preceded his parents to Alabama in 1820 , for whom he purchased a plantation, and also "Flower Hill " for himself. Like his mother, Eleanor Thompson , he made his home a floral kingdom, and his exquisite collection was noted throughout North Alabama . He preserved much of his family history, of which he wrote an abstract in 1853 (at the request of his neighbor, Col. James E. Saunders ).

Issue, all by first marriage: 1, Eliza (5); 2, Susan (5); 3, Amelia (5); 4, Martha J. (5); 5. Mary E. (5), as follows:

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Letitia, daughter of Thomas and Sarah WATKINS, married William M. WALTON against the wishes of her father. On Sept 2, 1854, her mother, Sarah, writes to Lettie: "Mr. Jones and Mrs. Paul Watkins say they want to see him to talk to him about being so opposed to you and try to get him to be friendly with you. Mr. Jones says he has written to him about it and he intends writing again. From what he has heard of Mr. WALTON, he has a very good opinion of him."

On page 85, in a letter from Sarah F. Watkins to her daughter, Letitia Watkins Walton, dated June 1, 1855, it says: "Paul Watkins has bought the tar springs and will live at them soon as he can have them fixed. His daughter, Amelia Antoinette Mumford died in Memphis last winter." Further notes from the authors state that Paul's first wife was Elizabeth Watt - died in Lawrence Co., AL (1854); second wife was Mary Morrison Lowe, widow of General Bartley Lowe of Huntsville, AL; he was a resident (at that time, anyway) of Lawrence Co., AL as proved in the 1850 Census.

page 116, Dec. 28, 1857: "Paul Watkins is married to a widow."

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Paul married (1) **Elizabeth WATT**. Elizabeth died 1854.

They had the following children:

- + 188 F i. **Eliza Sherrod WATKINS** was born 1825 and died 1879.
- + 189 F ii. **Susan A. WATKINS**.
- + 190 F iii. **Amelia Antoinette WATKINS** died 1854.
- 191 F iv. **Martha J. WATKINS**.

Martha T. Watkins (5), married William S. Bankhead \*, of Courtland, Ala., greatgrandson of President Thomas Jefferson. (First wife) no living issue. Capt. Bankhead has always been the model planter and Christian gentleman, prominent in Presbyterian Church work, and with all the refinement and culture of his noble race inherent in a descendant of Jefferson (the born aristocrat, though the great apostle of Republican Democracy). Capt. Bankhead married (II) Miss Garth, by whom he has a lovely daughter, Nannie, now Mrs. Harvey Gilchrist, \* of Courtland, Ala. He married (III) Kate Gilchrist, widow of Capt. George Garth, of Courtland, by whom he has two children, Elizabeth and John Stuart Bankhead.

Martha married **William S. BANKHEAD Great-grandson of Thomas Jefferson**.

Capt. William S. Bankhead married 1st Martha J. Watkins, daughter of Paul J. Watkins. There was no issue of this marriage. (Secondly) Lizzie Garth, Nannie Bankhead, wife of James Harvey Gilchrist was their daughter; and Lizzie Bankhead, wife of \_\_\_\_\_ Hotchkiss, are daughters of this second marriage; And his third marriage was with Mrs. Kate Garth. One son, John Stuart Bankhead, was born of this marriage, but he is not now living.

- + 192 F v. **Mary E. WATKINS**.

Paul also married (2) **Mary MORRISON-LOWE (widow of Gen. Bartley Lowe)** on 1857.

61. **Elmira WATKINS** (Samuel, James B., William).

Elmira Watkins (4), married Rev. Edgar M. Swoope, of Lawrence county, Alabama, brother of Jacob Swoope (and son of Jacob Swoope, Congressman from Staunton, Virginia). A very wealthy and charitable member of the great class of planters before the war. Wild and hot tempered in his youth, he became, at last, the humble and unselfish servant of God. He did much good in providing food for the families of soldiers, absent in the Civil War. Issue:

- 1, Samuel Watkins Swoope (5), died young.
- 2, Mary Eleanor Swoope (5) (b. 1848) m. (1867) James Ballentine, of Pulaski, Tenn. Both died young. Issue: I, Edgar; II, James, lawyer; III, William; IV, Sadie; V, Orlean, adopted by her aunt, Mrs. General Palmer, and married Turner Henderson, of Nashville, Tenn.

Elmira married **Rev. Edgar M. SWOOPE**, son of Jacob SWOOPE.

"Early Settlers of Alabama," "Edgar M. Swoope was the youngest of the three brothers, and when he came to Courtland, was under age. He was then a very steady youth. When the firm of J&J Swoope was dissolved, he came into possession of his estate, and formed a partnership with Richard Trotter, under the style of 'Swoope & Trotter.'" He married Elmira, daughter of Samuel Watkins, a wealthy planter who lived a few miles east of Courtland. After some years the firm of Swoope & Trotter was dissolved, and while the business was being wound up by a clerk, who kept the strong box in the brick house, called Swoope's corner, a remarkable episode occurred in his history, one which had a material effect on his life. That strong box was robbed, and money and bills of exchange to a large amount taken from it. A mystery which seemed impenetrable rested on the theft, until a letter was received by Mr. Swoope, from Mr. Owen, cashier of the Bank of Mobile, informing him that these bills of exchange had been offered for discount by Dr. Phares, of Courtland; and as there were some suspicious features in the case, he wished to know about it. This led to the arrest of Dr. Phares. If a bomb of the largest dimensions had bursted suddenly over the little town, it would not have caused such amazement. Dr. Phares guilty of theft! It was not possible! He was a man of a nice little fortune, was doing a good business as a druggist, was always neatly dressed, was a Free Mason, had a fine face, pale and spirituelle, and as the negro would say had "a 'ligous walk." When brought to trial Phares employed every lawyer in Courtland, and Mr. Wm. Cooper of Tuscumbia, to lead them.

"Although I had been for some years out of practice, it devolved on me to prosecute the case, as some of the money stolen from the strong box belonged to my sister, Mrs. Swoope. The trial resulted in Phares being bound over, and on his way to jail he took laudanum, but the dose was too large and it failed to kill him. During the trial it was noticed that not a single Free Mason denounced the accused, and they were criticized severely for it. They kept a profound silence, but they listened to the statements of the witnesses with the closet attention, and that night Courtland Lodge convened, and excommunicated Phares. How often have I thought since, that church members would do well to follow the example of these Masons, and instead of taking up a reproach against an accused brother, wait until he was tried, and all the proof given, before they formed an opinion. After the trial, Fergus Phares, a brother of the accused, attacked Mr. Swoope and shot at him with a pistol, then used the pistol by striking him on the head with such violence that he felled him to his knees, and Mr. Swoope, as he rose shot him through the breast. Phares made no effort to evade the shot, and it is believed that he courted death. He was very much esteemed by the young men of Courtland. Dr. Phares mortgaged his property, obtained bail on a bond of \$4000, left the country, and was never heard of afterward. This unfortunate affair had an unhappy effect upon Mr. Swoope. He acted in that encounter with Fergus Phares in self-defence, yet the act seemed to prey on his mind, and he became wonderfully intemperate. How long this habit continued I do not remember, but in process of time he underwent poignant conviction for the course he was pursuing, and determined to lead a better life. It was at the conclusion of a long spell of drunkenness, when his nervous system was shattered, that he was the Devil in person rise up before him. However this may have been, he firmly believed it, and used to tell it in the pulpit, as a part of his Christian experience, until the day of his death. (portions not quoted) Mr. Swoope became a local preacher of the Methodist Church South. He purchased one of the best historical and theological libraries, studied diligently, and having a strong mind, he was able to discuss thoroughly every subject on which he preached; but this generally took him tow hours. On one occasion I had a humorous friend from Mississippi visiting me, and we went to hear him preach at Courtland. On returning home, the visitor was asked "how he liked the sermon;" he answered that it showed much learning and ability, but he added, "I would not have abused a dog as Mr. Swoope abused the Devil. He seemed to have a special spite against him!" Most of his preaching, however, was among the poor people, who seldom heard service, and were therefore more tolerant of the great length of his sermons. Here he would preach the terrors of the Law, and shake them over hell-fire most terribly. He was a firm believer in what the scriptures teach on this subject and would contend that with any person who believed in the resurrection of the body there should be no difficulty in accepting the doctrine of hell-fire.

"In making these excursion to preach, Mr. Swoope rode in a fine buggy, drawn by a fine, sleek horse, and was driven by a fine looking mulatto servant, named Jim Lewis. Some may suppose that being a rich man, and moving in such style, he would have but little access to these plain people; but they are mistaken. It is not a rich man people hate, but a mean, stingy rich man. Common opinion expects a man to move in a style suited to his estate; as much as for a poor man to abstain from wearing a costly cost -not paid for. (portions not quoted).

"He had one son, Samuel, a young man of much promise, who died unmarried, and one daughter, Mary, who married James Ballentine, of Pulaski, Tenn. These are both dead, and their children are Edgar C., Orlean V., James H., William H. and Sadie E. These are now the only descendants of Edgar M. and Elmira Swoope. She has survived him, and lives in Courtland with her estate much diminished by litigation."

They had the following children:

- + 193 F i. **Mary Eleanor SWOPE.**
- 194 M ii. **Samuel SWOOPE (never married).**

64. **Lucy Woodson WATKINS** (John (son of James B.), James B., William) was born 27 Feb 1800 in Elberta, Houston, GA. She died 7 Jul 1852.

By James E Saunders:

Mr. Watkins was fortunate in the alliances formed by his children. His daughter Lucy was married to George H. Young , of Lexington, Ga. He graduated at the University of Georgia with the first honors, and had a reputation even then as an orator. I saw him first at the commencement at which he graduated. I remember that Governor Troup (who was an honorary member) was introduced into the hall of the Phi-Kappa Society. and Mr. Young , who was in the chair as president, made an impromptu speech of welcome, which was responded to by the Governor. The speech of Mr. Young was one of the best I ever heard on such an occasion, and we college boys thought he laid the Governor completely in the shade. He had an illustrious career before him. But shortly after his marriage, the Indian lands in Mississippi were offered for sale. In the treaty, each Chicasaw buck was given a section of land, and every Chief, a principality. The buck uniformly held his mile square at \$1.25 per acre, in silver, and cared for no more, for \$800 was as much as he could tie up in the corner of his hunting shirt. Many of these lands were very valuable. With Mr. Young there was a conflict between fame and fortune, but the decision was in favor of fortune. He dealt largely in lands, and became very wealthy. In eastern Mississippi, Colonel Young, of Waverly, in his old age, was widely known for his wealth, intelligence, and hospitality. Of their children, Watkins, died unmarried. Susan, married first Colonel Johnson, of Georgia, and secondly, Colonel Henry Chambers, of Mississippi . Josephine, married Sandy Hamilton, Esq. Thomas, married Miss Butt, of Georgia. Beverly, was killed in battle during the late war. George Valle, is unmarried. James, married Emma, daughter of Hon. David Hubbard, Alabama. Sallie, married Hon. Reuben O. Reynolds, of Aberdeen, Miss. Lucy, (Lou) married Col. James O. Banks, of Columbus .

Lucy Woodson Watkins (4) (b. Petersburg, Ga. , 27th February, 1800 , d. at "Waverly ," 7th July, 1852 ), m. (9th May, 1825 ) Col. George H. Young , of "Waverly ," Clay county, Miss. Their fine old home, "Waverly ," near Columbus, Miss. , was a temple of Southern refinement and hospitality. Issue:

(1) John Watkins Young (5), d. s. p.

(2) George Valerius Young (5), unmarried, lives at "Waverly. "

3) Beverly Daniel Young (5), C. S. A., died a prisoner in the Civil War at Johnson's Island .

(4) Anna Josepha Young (5), m. Alexander Hamilton , of North Carolina . Issue: I. Mary (6), d. y. II. Lucy Young (6), m. Henry C. Long , son of Sherrod Long . Issue: 1. Sue Alyda (7); 2. Anna Josepha (7); 3. Mary Elizabeth (7); 4. Lucy Banks (7), d. y.; 5. Alexander Hamilton (7). III. George Y (6), d. y. IV. William Baskerville (6) (twin with George ) m. Julia , daughter of Edward Turner Sykes , Issue: 1. Carolyn (7); 2. Anna Terrell (7); 3. Alexander (7), d. y. V. Anna Josepha (6), m. H. C. Terrell , of Quincy, Miss. Issue: 1. Elvira (7); 2. Anna (7); 3. Henry Clay (7); 4. Ira (7); 5. Ellie. VI. Alexander (6), d. y. VII. Sue Alyda (6), d. y.

(5) Thomas Erskine Young (5) (-) m. Georgia Butt. Issue: I, Priscilla Young (6) m. T. B. Frankiin . Issue: 1, Lilla ; 2, Cornell , d. y. II, Sarah Watkins (6) m. Edward Hopkins . Issue: 1, Charles (7); 2, Thomas Erskine (7); 3, Annie Cabott (7); 4, Georgia Prescilla (7). III. Lucy (6) m. Dr. C. C. Stockard , of Atlanta. Issue, two children: 1, Lucy Vaughn ; 2, -. IV, Valerius (6), unmarried - she lives in Columbus, Miss. V, Anna Alyda (6) m. Henry M. Waddell . Issue: 1, Henry Marsden (7); 2, Hugh . VI, Moselle (6), d. y. VII, Thomas Erskine (6) m. John S. White - live in Birmingham, Ala. Issue, a daughter: Valley Young (7).

(6) James Hamilton Young (5) (-) m. Emmie , daughter of Hon. David Hubbard , M. C., of Alabama . Issue: I, George (6), d. y. II, William Loundes (6), d. y. III, Lucy Walker (6). IV, Emmie Hubbard (6) m. James E. Evans , of Muldon, Miss. Issue: 1, William B (7).

(7) Susan Alyda Young (5) (-) m. (I) Woodford Johnston , and m. (II) Col. Hal. E. Chambers , member of Congress of Confederate States 1861 , and also of Congress United States. His father was United States Senator. Issue first marriage (none by second marriage): I, Woodford (6) m. (I), Mr. Carr , of Tennessee , and m. (II) Robert Betts , son of Elisha Betts , of Alabama . Issue (first mar.): 1, James ; 2, Alyda ; and by the last, Mary Woodford , and twins.

(8) William Loundes Young (5) (-); unmarried and lives at Waverly.

(9) Sarah Banks Young (5) m. (1865 ) (second wife) Col. Reuben Reynolds (b. 1835 , d. September 4, 1887 ), C. S. A.

Captain of the Van Dorn Reserves, and Colonel of the Eleventh Mississippi Regiment. Lost an arm in the battle of Petersburg, Va. Prominent lawyer of Aberdeen, Miss. State Senate 1875 . The noble wife and mother lives on with her children at the old home. Issue: I, George Young Reynolds (6). II, Reuben Oscar Reynolds (6), prominent young lawyer (d. 1899 ), married (1897 ) Nellie , daughter of Walker Fowler . III, Hamilton English Reynolds (6); IV, Jennie Reynolds (6); V, Beverly Erskine Reynolds (6); VI, Houston Watkins Reynolds (6); VII, Sarah Reynolds (6).

(10) Lucy Watkins Young (5) ( ) m. Col. James Oliver Banks , of Columbus, Miss. , (2nd wife). Issue: I, George Young m. Katherine Yerger , of Jackson, Miss. Issue: I. Lucy Young (7); II, Lucy Young (7); III, Wiley Coleman (7); IV, Ann Josepha (7), student, Belmont, Nashville , 1898 ; V, Reuben Reynolds (7).

Lucy married **Col. George Hampton YOUNG of "Waverly"** on 9 May 1825. George was born 28 Dec 1799. He died 6 Nov 1881.

George Young was a HAMPTON descendant, which is another family of Virginia Sanders Mylius.

1. George Hampton YOUNG was born 28 Dec 1799, and died 6 Nov 1881. He was the son of 2. George, Jr. YOUNG and 3. Nancy HAMPTON. He married Lucy Woodson WATKINS.

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Ahnentafel, Generation No. 2

2. George, Jr. YOUNG.

3. Nancy HAMPTON was born 1760. She was the daughter of 6. Thomas HAMPTON and 7. Sara Pattison CONYERS.

Children of Nancy HAMPTON and George, Jr. YOUNG are: i. Sarah Hampton YOUNG was born 1786, and died 1847. She married James Barnett LEE.

ii. Thomas Hampton YOUNG was born 1787, and died 1857.

iii. Susan Wade YOUNG was born 1789. She married John ARNOLD 1810.

iv. Sanford Wade YOUNG was born 1791. He married wife of Sanford Wade Young BROOKS. He married Nancy MCELROY.

v. Nancy YOUNG was born 25 Apr 1794, and died 24 Sep 1833. She married John RUPERT 14 Jun 1810 in Lexington, Oglethorpe Co., GA.

1. vi. George Hampton YOUNG was born 28 Dec 1799, and died 6 Nov 1881. He married Lucy Woodson WATKINS.

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Ahnentafel, Generation No. 3

6. Thomas HAMPTON was born 17 Oct 1728 in Fairfax Co., VA, and died 17 Dec 1796 in Cascade Creek, Pittsylvania Co., VA. He was buried Unknown in Hampton Family Cemetery, Cascade Creek, Pittsylvania CO, VA. He was the son of 12. John II HAMPTON and 13. Margaret WADE.

7. Sara Pattison CONYERS was born Abt 1728 in Stafford Co., VA, and died 1765 in Cascade Creek, Pittsylvania Co., VA. She was buried Unknown in Hampton Family Cemetery, Cascade Creek, Pittsylvania CO, VA.

Children of Sara Pattison CONYERS and Thomas HAMPTON are: i. Preston HAMPTON was born 1750 in Cascade Creek, Pittsylvania Co., VA, and died 10 Jul 1832 in Gallatin County, KY. He married Elizabeth SMITH Aug 1779 in Loudon Co., VA. He married Elizabeth SMITH Aug 1779 in Loudoun Co., VA. She was born 20 Jun 1754 in Loudoun County, VA, and died Aft 1836 in Grant Co., KY.

ii. Henry HAMPTON was born 1752 in Pittsylvania Co., VA, and died 1832 in Yadkinville, Yadkin Co., NC. He married Sarah BEAVERS 1773 in NC. She was born Abt 1754 in Rockingham Co., NC, and died Aft 1832 in Yadkinville, Yadkin Co., NC.

iii. James HAMPTON was born 1755 in VA, and died 1831 in KY. He married Hannah COX 1775 in Surry Co., NC. She was born 1758 in VA, and died Aft 1786 in Franklin County, KY.

iv. Margaret HAMPTON was born 1759. She married James COLQUIT. He died in GA.

3. v. Nancy HAMPTON was born 1760. She married George, Jr. YOUNG 7 Dec 1785 in Pittsylvania Co., VA.

vi. John Anthony HAMPTON was born 1764 in Cascade Creek, Pittsylvania Co., VA, and died 3 Jul 1850 in Cascade Creek, Pittsylvania Co., VA. He married Elizabeth Sarah JENKINS 22 Apr 1801 in Cascade Creek, Pittsylvania Co., VA. She was born 20 Aug 1781 in William and Mary Parish, Charles Co., Maryland, and died 7 Jul 1865 in Cascade Creek, Pittsylvania Co., VA.

Ahnentafel, Generation No. 4

12. John II HAMPTON was born 3 Jun 1683 in Hampfield, Gloucester Co., Virginia, and died 18 Jan 1747/48 in Fairfax Co., VA.

13. Margaret WADE was born 1 May 1694 in St. Peters Parish, New Kent County, Virginia, and died 17 May 1773 in Fairfax County, Virginia. She was the daughter of 26. James, Sr. WADE and 27. Elizabeth MOSBY.

Children of Margaret WADE and John II HAMPTON are: i. John Wade HAMPTON was born 27 May 1713, and died 1726 in New Kent Co., VA.

ii. Mary HAMPTON was born 10 Jun 1717 in New Kent Co., VA, and died Aft 1773.

iii. William HAMPTON was born 30 Jun 1719, and died 1719.

iv. Richard HAMPTON was born 30 Jun 1719, and died 1719.

v. Elizabeth HAMPTON was born 8 May 1720 in New Kent Co., VA. She married Thomas TRIPLETT.

vi. Henry HAMPTON was born 5 Oct 1721 in Fairfax Co., VA, and died 27 Mar 1778 in Prince William Co., VA. He married Elizabeth Cary HOBSON 8 May 1738 in Northumberland Co., VA. She was born 1722 in Northumberland Co., VA, and died 1761 in Prince William Co., VA. He married Ellender Preston GARNER.

vii. James HAMPTON was born 30 Sep 1723 in New Kent Co., VA, and died Aft 16 Sep 1796 in Stokes Co., NC. He married Margaret Mary SMITH 2 Mar 1744/45 in Fairfax Co., VA. She was born Abt 1724 in Fairfax Co., VA, and died Bef 1796 in Stokes Co., NC.

viii. Margaret HAMPTON was born 16 Dec 1725 in New Kent Co., VA, and died Aft 1748 in Fairfax Co., VA.

ix. John III HAMPTON was born 28 May 1727 in Fairfax Co., VA, and died 1794 in Fairfax Co., VA. He married Mary GUNNELL 1 May 1746. She died Aft 1746. He married Margaret PIERCE.

6. x. Thomas HAMPTON was born 17 Oct 1728 in Fairfax Co., VA, and died 17 Dec 1796 in Cascade Creek, Pittsylvania Co., VA. He married Sara Pattison CONYERS 1 Jan 1748/49 in Stafford Co., VA. She was born Abt 1728 in Stafford Co., VA, and died 1765 in Cascade Creek, Pittsylvania Co., VA. He married Rebecca Sarah VERNON 1785 in Stokes Co., NC. She was born Abt 1728 in Cub Creek, Lunenburg Co., VA, and died Abt 1809 in Rockingham Co., NC.

xi. Rosamond HAMPTON was born 8 Sep 1735 in Tyascun, New Kent Co., VA, and died 1802 in Winnsborough, Fairfield Co., SC. She married William WINN 1757 in Winnsborough, Fairfield Co., SC. He was born 1732 in Fauquier Co., VA, and died 1813 in Charleston, SC.

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Ahnentafel, Generation No. 5

26. James, Sr. WADE was born Abt 1665 in New Kent County, Virginia, and died 1740 in Hanover County, Virginia. He was the son of 52. Edward, Jr. WADE and 53. Unknown First Wife of Edward, Jr. WADE.

27. Elizabeth MOSBY.

Children of Elizabeth MOSBY and James, Sr. WADE are: i. Henry, Sr. WADE was born Abt 1671 in St. Peters Parish, New Kent County, Virginia. He married Judith VIA, daughter of Pierre Amer VIA and Margaret SPENCER. She was born 1690 in Hanover, Virginia.

ii. William WADE was born Bef 20 Oct 1685 in St. Peters Parish, New Kent County, Virginia.

iii. Edward WADE was born 1690.

iv. John WADE was born 1690 in Amherst County, Virginia, and died 1785. He married Unknown wife of John WADE Dec 1719 in Mt. Sterling, MC, Kentucky.

13. v. Margaret WADE was born 1 May 1694 in St. Peters Parish, New Kent County, Virginia, and died 17 May 1773 in Fairfax County, Virginia. She married John II HAMPTON 1 May 1712 in New Kent Co., VA. He was born 3 Jun 1683 in Hampfield, Gloucester Co., Virginia, and died 18 Jan 1747/48 in Fairfax Co., VA. She married John, Jr. HAMPTON 1 May 1712 in New Kent County, Virginia. He was born 3 Jun 1683 in Hampfield, Gloucester Co., Virginia, and died 18 Jan 1747/48 in Fairfax Co., VA.

vi. James, Jr. WADE was born 1697 in Amelia County, Virginia. He married Elizabeth BALLINGER. She was born 1700.

vii. Andrew, Sr. WADE was born Abt 1700 in York County, Virginia, and died Jul 1766 in Antrim Parish, Halifax County, Virginia. He married wife of Andrew Wade, Sr. SUSANNA 1720 in Virginia. She was born 1690, and died 14 Jan 1766.

viii. Richard, Sr. WADE was born 1700, and died 1766 in Goochland County. He married Griselle DABNEY 1723. She was born 1704, and died 1768 in St. James Northam Parish, Goochland Co., VA.

ix. Robert, Sr. WADE was born 1700, and died 1767. He married Ellizabeth HAMPTON 1722 in Halifax County, VA. She was born 1700.

x. Sarah WADE was born Bef 24 Nov 1700 in St. Peters Parish, New Kent County, Virginia.

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Ahnentafel, Generation No. 6

52. Edward, Jr. WADE was born Abt 1640 in York County, Virginia, and died Bef 1682 in York County, Virginia. He was the son of 104. Edward, Sr. WADE and 105. wife of Edward Wade JANE.

53. Unknown First Wife of Edward, Jr. WADE.

Children of (Unknown First Wife) of Edward, Jr. WADE and Edward, Jr. WADE are: i. Edward III WADE was born 1660 in Virginia, and died in James City County, Virginia.

26. ii. James, Sr. WADE was born Abt 1665 in New Kent County, Virginia, and died 1740 in Hanover County, Virginia. He married wife of James Wade, Sr. MARGARET. He married Elizabeth MOSBY 1684.

They had the following children:

195 M i. **John Watkins YOUNG (never married)** was born 1 Mar 1826. He died 6 Oct 1885.

196 M ii. **George Valerius YOUNG (never married)** "Val" was born 23 Apr 1827. He died 25 Dec 1906 in Waverly, Clay County, MS.

Occupation: LAWYER, PLANTER

Military: LT, CSA, CO. A, 44TH MISSISSIPPI INFANTRY

Note: Did not marry.

197 M iii. **Beverly Daniel (never married) YOUNG C.S.A.** was born 4 Nov 1828. He died 28 Aug 1863 in POW Hospital - David's Island, NY.

Died a prisoner in the Civil War at Johnson's Island .

The report of the Inspector of National Cemeteries under date of September 2, 1870 indicated that 3,170 Union soldiers and 461 Confederate prisoners of war were then interred in Cypress Hills National Cemetery. Burials were of the dead from the various military hospitals in and about New York City. Also, reinterments were made in this cemetery of remains previously interred at Hart's and David's Islands in Long Island Sound, and from the soldiers' burial ground near Providence, Rhode Island. The Inspector of National Cemeteries further noted the existence at Cypress Hills National Cemetery of a superintendent's lodge containing two rooms and a kitchen, and that the cemetery was under the charge of a superintendent, a one-armed man.

Notes of Brent Fulgham:

Note: Beverly Daniel Young's birth date is taken from his tombstone

Note: located at the family graveyard at Waverly, West Point, MS.

Death: 28 AUG 1863 in POW HOSPITAL, DAVID'S ISLAND, NY

Burial: CYPRESS HILLS NATIONAL CEMETERY, 625 JAMAICA AVE., BROOKLYN, NY 11208

Military: PVT, CSA, CO. I, 11TH MISSISSIPPI INFANTRY

Note: A cemetery monument in memory of Beverly D. Young in the Young family cemetery on the grounds at Waverly near West Point, MS indicates that Beverly D. Young died as a POW at David's Island NY. The cemetery records for Cypress Hills National Cemetery appears to indicate that Beverly D. Young is buried there. See the following

link:<http://www.cwc.lsu.edu/cwc/projects/dbases/cypress.htm>" The report of the Inspector of National Cemeteries under date of September 2, 1870 indicated that 3,170 Union soldiers and 461 Confederate prisoners of war were then interred in Cypress Hills National Cemetery. Burials were of the dead from the various military hospitals in and about New York City.

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Cemetery of a superintendent's lodge containing two rooms and a kitchen, and that the cemetery was under the charge of a superintendent, a one-armed man." YOUNG, BEVERLY D. PVT I 11TH MISSISSIPPI 8/29/63 REMOVED From the above information, it is surmised that Beverly died as a POW at the Union Hospital at David's Island in Long Island Sound and was interred at the Hospital Cemetery there. His remains were subsequently removed by the Federals and reinterred at Cypress Hills National Cemetery in Brooklyn NY. Sometime after his reinterment, perhaps after the war was over, his remains were claimed by his family and transported to Waverly, MS where he now rests in peace.

- + 198 F iv. **Anna Josepha YOUNG** was born 18 Feb 1830 and died 1 May 1885.
- + 199 M v. **Capt. Thomas Erskine YOUNG C.S.A.** was born 8 Jun 1831 and died 12 Aug 1869.
- + 200 M vi. **James Hamilton YOUNG** was born 12 Dec 1832 and died 20 Aug 1899.
- 201 F vii. **Susan Alyda YOUNG** was born 26 Feb 1835. She died 2 Dec 1920 in Columbus, Lowndes County, Mississippi and was buried in Friendship Cemetery, Columbus, MS.

Susan Alyda Young (5) (-) m. (I) Woodford Johnston , and m. (II) Col. Hal. E. Chambers , member of Congress of Confederate States 1861 , and also of Congress United States. His father was United States Senator. Issue first marriage (none by second marriage): I, Woodford (6) m. (I), Mr. Carr , of Tennessee , and m. (II) Robert Betts , son of Elisha Betts , of Alabama . Issue (first mar.): 1, James ; 2, Alyda ; and by the last, Mary Woodford , and twins.

Marriage 1 WOODFORD A. JOHNSTON  
Married: 7 FEB 1856 in LOWNDES CO., MS

Marriage 2 HENRY E. CHAMBERS  
Married: 28 FEB 1866 in LOWNDES CO., MS

Susan married **Woodford JOHNSTON**.

- 202 M viii. **William Loundes YOUNG (never married)** was born 28 Jul 1837. He died 30 May 1913.

Never married

- 203 F ix. **Sarah Banks YOUNG "Sallie"** was born 30 Dec 1839. She died 3 Jun 1910.

Sarah Banks Young (5) m. (1865 ) (second wife) Col. Reuben Reynolds (b. 1835 , d. September 4, 1887 ) , C. S. A. Captain of the Van Dorn Reserves, and Colonel of the Eleventh Mississippi Regiment. Lost an arm in the battle of Petersburg, Va. Prominent lawyer of Aberdeen, Miss. State Senate 1875 . The noble wife and mother lives on with her children at the old home. Issue: 1, George Young Reynolds (6). II, Reuben Oscar Reynolds (6), prominent young lawyer (d. 1899 ) , married (1897 ) Nellie , daughter of Walker Fowler . III, Hamilton English Reynolds (6); IV, Jennie Reynolds (6); V, Beverly Erskine Reynolds (6); VI, Houston Watkins Reynolds (6); VII, Sarah Reynolds (6).

Sallie married **Col. Reuben Oscar REYNOLDS C.S.A.**

- + 204 F x. **Lucy Watkins YOUNG** was born 4 Nov 1841 and died 1 Jun 1933.

- 65. **John Daniel WATKINS** (John (son of James B.), James B., William) was born 1801 in Petersburg, GA. He died 1890.

By James E. Saunders Daniel Watkins , son of Mr. John Watkins , was (as were all his daughters) educated with every advantage. He finished his course in Schenectady, N. Y. , and married the daughter of Governor Yates of that State. An amusing incident occurred when Daniel brought his wife to his paternal mansion. His father went out to meet them, and a neatly dressed, well favored woman descended from the carriage first. The old gentleman caught her and gave her a rousing kiss before he was informed that this was the white maid. When the real daughter-in-law appeared, of course he had to go through the same salutation. His son-in-law, Judge Daugherty , who was an irrepressible joker, used to describe the scene amusingly. He said the first salute was the tragedy, and the second, the farce. I am not informed as to the descendants of Daniel Watkins .

JOHN DANIEL WATKINS was born b: 27 Apr 1801 in Petersburg, Ga. - eldest son of JOHN WATKINS. "

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John Daniel Watkins married ANNA YATES, daughter of Gov. Joseph C. YATES, of New York. Their children were:

1. Joseph Christopher Yates Watkins
2. John Watkins Watkins
3. Susan Watkins (died young)
4. John DeLancy Watkins

WATKINS query posted by Gayalyn A. Wojtowicz on Saturday, July 11, 1998

"Looking for ancestry of John Daniel WATKINS (1801-1870). Said to be the son of John WATKINS (1766-1841) and Susan DANIEL (1769-1827). His parents may have been of Petersburg, GA. John Daniel WATKINS m. Anna Alida YATES of Schenectady, NY dau of Governor Joseph YATES and Ann Elizabeth DELANCEY. They married at Schenectady, NY on 13 October 1825. Anna Alida (YATES) WATKINS died at Lexington, GA 30 January 1834."

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- (1) John De Lancey Watkins (5) (b. Schenectady, N. Y. , 26th August, 1826 ) m. (I) his cousin, Mary Yates , and m. (II) -. They live in Schenectady, N. Y. Issue 1st mar.: De Lancey Watkins (6), and others.
- (2) Susan D. Watkins (5), (b. 1828 ), d. y.
- (3) Joseph Christopher Yates Watkins (5) (b. Lexington, Ga. , 6th September, 1831 ), d. s. p.
- (4) John Watkins (5) (b. Lexington, Ga. , August, 1833 ), d. s. p. Issue,

2d mar. (Hunt ):

- (5) Ann Watkins (5), (b. 1840 , d. 1846 ).
- (6) Daniel Watkins (5) (b. 1842 , d. 1846 ).
- (7) Angelina, Griffin Watkins (5) (b. 1844 , d. 1846 ).
- (8) Ellen Watkins (5) (b. 1846 , d. 1846 ).

These last four all poisoned by a slave.

- (9) Mrs. Georgia Augusta Holmes (6), of Macon, Ga. (b. 10th December, 1847 ), who has a daughter, Rosa Watkins (7).
- (10) Daniel Hunt Watkins (5) (b. 1850 , d. 1852 ).

John married (1) **Anna YATES**, daughter of Gov. Joseph C. YATES of New York and Ann Elizabeth DELANCY. Anna died 30 Jan 1834 in Lexington, GA.

Christopher, commonly called "Colonel Stoeffel," eldest son of Joseph (2) and Eva (Fonda) Yates, was born July 8, 1737. He was a surveyor by profession, served as captain under Sir William Johnson and was wounded, was lieutenant-colonel of Second Regiment, New York troop, under Colonel Abraham Wemple, was detached as assistant deputy quartermaster-general under General Philip Schuyler and as a member of his staff with him at Saratoga, when Gates took command, and "one of the best informed and most efficient patriots of the Mohawk Valley." He was a member of the provincial congress of the committee of public safety and of the first board of state regents. He married, October 16, 1760, Jannetje, daughter of Andries Bratt. Children:

Joseph Yates, was the son of Christopher YATES. Joseph was born November 9, 1768, died March 19, 1837, full of honors and with a state wide reputation for industry and integrity; he was an attorney-at-law with an extensive practice; was the first mayor of Schenectady, a state senator in 1807, judge of the supreme court in 1808 and governor of New York from 1823 to 1824; he married (first) September 30, 1791, Ann, widow of James Ellice; (second) Maria, daughter of John Kane, of Schenectady; (third) Elizabeth, daughter of John De Lancey, of Westchester county. He had no male issue but daughters,

1. Helen Maria, married John Keyes Paige;
2. Anna Alida, married John D. Watkins, of the state of Georgia;
3. Jane Josepha, married Samuel Neil, of New York.



One of Joseph's brothers was Johannes (John), baptized February 1, 1784; was a graduate of Union College (1802), lawyer, captain of a company of horse artillery in war of 1812, aide-de-camp on staff of Governor Tompkins, member of fourteenth congress, 1815 to 1816, from Schenectady district; he settled in and practiced law at Utica, New York, and later at Chittenango, and was appointed by Governor Tompkins sales manager of the "Literature Lotteries" of the state of New York, and removed to New York City, remaining until 1825, when he returned to Chittenango where he owned two thousand acres of land, with flour mills, saw mills, lime and plaster mills, woollen factory, dry dock and yards for building and repairing boats, polytechnic school and many residences and buildings. He was deeply interested in the building of the Welland canal and by a large investment and his great personal influence and exertions carried it into successful operation. In this he was largely aided in England by the Duke of Wellington. He was an early and devoted friend of the Erie canal and all enterprises devoted to public purposes. He served far many years as county judge of Madison county, and at his death was judge and member of the New York assembly.

Another brother was: Rev. Andrew, son of Colonel Christopher and Jannetje (Bratt) Yates, was born January 17, 1773, died at Day, Saratoga county, New York, October 14, 1844. He was highly educated and continued the profession of an educator with that of the ministry, being a man of much study and literary attainments. He was a minister of the Dutch Reformed church, possessed of eminent piety and a true friend of feeble church organizations. Without great sensational eloquence he was a sound divine and preached with great power. He was a graduate of Yale College (1793) and studied theology under Professor John H. Livingston, D.D.S.T. He was Professor of Latin and Greek in Union College from 1797 to 1801, and pastor of the East Hartford Congregational Church from 1801 to 1814. Professor of Mental and Moral Philosophy in Union College from 1814 to 1825, and principal of the Polytechnic in Chittenango from 1825 to 1836. He married (first) Mary Austin; (second) Hannah A. Hocker, who died October 22, 1859, aged seventy-six years. Children of first wife:

1. Christopher, born August 3, 1798, died young.
2. John Austin, of further mention.
3. Andrew J., graduate of Union College, died August 8, 1856.

Children of second wife:

1. James Hooper, born October 9, 1815, graduate of Union College, died 1861.
2. Christopher, February 12, 1818.
3. Helena, September 1, 1819.
4. Joseph, May 20, 1821.

John Austin Yates, son of Rev. Andrew and Mary (Austin) Yates, was born May 31, 1801, died August 27, 1849. He was a graduate of Union College, class of 1821, and from 1823 until the time of his death was professor of Oriental Literature in that institution. He was a man of fine qualities and a noted orator. He married Henrietta Cobb. Children:

1. Mary A., married John De Lancey Watkins.
2. John B., born 1834, died October 13, 1899; colonel of First Michigan Engineers under General William T. Sherman, superintendent of railroads in Tennessee under President Andrew Johnson, and division engineer of New York state canals.
3. Austin A., of further mention.
4. Arthur R., born October 20, 1838, died November 4, 1891, within a short time of being raised a rear admiral and aide to Admiral Farragut, and by him favorably mentioned in his report; as a result he received the thanks of congress for delivering messages to the admiral; he was a captain in the United States navy.

Judge Austin A. Yates, son of Professor John Austin and Henrietta (Cobb) Yates, was born in Schenectady, New York, March 24, 1836. After a preparatory education he entered Union College, and was graduated from that historic institution, class of 1854, with the degree of A.B. He embraced the profession of law and after thorough preparation was admitted to the bar in 1857. He at once began the practice of his profession in Schenectady and has since continued except when engaged in public duty. For a time he was editor of the Schenectady Daily News. During the civil war he raised and commanded a company, and at the close of the war was breveted major for "gallant and meritorious conduct." He was in command of the company upon whom devolved the duty of hanging the assassins engaged in the plot to murder President Lincoln and his principal cabinet officers. This company was Company F, Fourteenth Regiment, United States Volunteer Reserves. In 1867 Major Yates was elected district attorney of Schenectady county and re-elected in 1871, but resigned in 1873 after his election to the office of county judge. In 1879 he received the appointment of attorney to the insurance department by the state superintendent of insurance. In 1887 and 1889 he was a member of the New York house of assembly. When the war with Spain was beginning Major Yates went to the front with the second Regiment, New York Volunteer Infantry, serving until the regiment was mustered out. In 1900 he retired from office upon his own application. "He is learned in the law and stands high in the estimation of his brethren of the bar. Different state departments have retained him as attorney in important cases, while as county judge he received high commendation. He is well-known as a strong writer and speaker, a close student of history, and has written much of the

early days and is the author of a "History of Schenectady" (1902) [i.e., Schenectady County, New York: Its History to the Close of the Nineteenth Century]. He is now living a practically retired life in Schenectady."

Additional note about Austin A. Yates:

"The Honorable Austin A. Yates (1836-c.1915), author of History of Schenectady (1902), was District Attorney of Schenectady as well as County Judge and Member of the Assembly. He is probably most famous as Commander of the Regiment (Company F, 14th Volunteer Reserves) that caught John Wilkes Booth, the infamous assassin of Abraham Lincoln. The portrait of Major Yates in full Civil War regalia hangs in the Society's second floor stairwell and is in desperate need of conservation. Funds are needed to bring the portrait back to its former glory. Would you like to share in preserving a bit of Schenectady history? Estimated cost is \$1000. Tax deductible contributions to be applied toward restoration of this portrait may be sent to SCHS Art Restoration Fund, 32 Washington Avenue, Schenectady NY 12305. The Society thanks you for your continued support. Recent contributors to "Adopt a Portrait" are: Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Ringlee, Mr. and Mrs. T. Edmund Webb, and Mr. George S. Schmidt. -Ona Curran"

134TH REGT. N. Y. S. V.

The regiment was raised from Schoharie and Schenectady counties, and rendezvoused upon the fair-grounds at Schoharie C. H., in the months of September and October, 1862. In the fore part of November, it was taken to Washington, where Col. Geo. Danforth as a State officer was relieved of command by U. S. Colonel, D. S. A. Grede, who led them to Fairfax, where they were brigaded November 22d, in the Second Brigade (Second Division) 11th Army Corps, under the command of General Van Steinweir.

Charles R. Costar was appointed Colonel of the regiment while at Fairfax, which command he held during service, and which closed with the war.

The regiment participated in the actions at Chancellorsville, Gettysburgh, Missionary Ridge, Knoxville, Atlanta, Resaca, Dallas, Pine Knob, Lost Mountain, Peachtree Creek, Savannah and Goldsborough. They were unfortunate in a few of the engagements, especially at Petersburg, where many of the brave lads fell in the thickest of the fight. Typhoid fever carried many of them away.

Company H.

Austin A. Yates, Captain.

The Museum and Headquarters of the Schenectady County Historical Society

In this old home, that is now the headquarters for the Historical Society, there is a giant doll house complete with 14 rooms full of period style furniture. The doll house was donated by Mrs. de Lancey Walton Watkins, a descendant of Joseph C. Yates who served as Governor of New York from 1823 to 1824.

From the "Southern Rights Sentinel" February 19, 1834: "Thursday 30th ult. in Lexington, GA, MRS. ANNA WATKINS, wife of JOHN D. WATKINS; survived by husband, three sons and one daughter; also by her parents, ex-Gov. JOSEPH C. and ELIZABETH YATES, and a sister."

They had the following children:

- 205 M i. **John Watkins WATKINS.**
- 206 F ii. **Susan WATKINS** died Died Young.
- + 207 M iii. **John DeLancey WATKINS** was born 1826.
- 208 M iv. **Joseph Christopher Yates WATKINS** was born 6 Sep 1831 in Lexington, GA.

Living with Thomas M. Oliver age 29 & family d: Aft. 1860 on Russell CO, AL, census

In 1854, Elbert County, GA, there was a sherriff's sale to be held in Ruckersville the first Tuesday in March. There were two tracks of land on the waters of the Broad River - one with 13 acres containing improvements and one with 10 acres and no improvements, adjoining Joshua Dubose and others, "now in the possession of John H. Smith and J.Y.C. WATKINS." The tracks were sold in favor of Edmund H. Brewer against Julius P. Smith and Felix G. Edwards.

John also married (2) **Augusta HUNT of Maine.**

They had the following children:

209 v. **(four children poisoned by a slave) WATKINS.**

210 F vi. **Georgia Augusta WATKINS** was born 10 Dec 1847.

Georgia married **HOLMES of Macon, GA.**

211 M vii. **Daniel Hunt WATKINS** was born 1850. He died 1852.

66. **Sarah H. (dau of John & Susan) WATKINS** (John (son of James B.), James B., William) was born 1803 in Elbert County, GA.

By James E. Saunders:

Sarah, daughter of Mr. John Watkins, married John Banks . There were twelve children reared to mature years under the parental roof. Three of their sons were killed in battle during the War between the United and Confederate States. Lieut. Eugene Banks at Resaca, Ga. , and Captain Willis and private Watkins Banks in the battles of Atlanta. Their loss was a sore grief to their parents the remainder of their lives. Gilmer R. (Tallasse, Ala. ) represented his district in the State Senate a few years ago. Two brothers live at, and near, Columbus, Ga. Josephine A. V. married Gideon J. Peacock , and they with their family reside in the old family home at Wyanton, a suburb of Columbus, Ga. Susan (unmarried) lives with her. Sarah Lucy married Edward E. Yongue, and they live near them. Dr. Elbert lives in New York City.

Sarah Watkins (4) (b. 16 January, 1803 , d. 31 January, 1881 ) m. Petersburg, Ga. (4 February, 1828 ), John Banks \* , of Columbus, Ga. , to which place they moved soon after marriage, and where they long dispensed generous hospitalities from their beautiful home, beloved and respected by all. It was his custom as each son came of age to give him fifteen negroes, four mules and a plantation, though his shelter still was to be the old home, until marriage. Issue:

(1) George Young Banks (5) m. (I) Sue Shepherd, and had eight children; and (II) Polly Funston , and had daughter Polly . He was a member of the Georgia State Convention 1861 , which passed the "Ordinance of Secession." Issue: Mary (7), George (6), and others not known.

(2) John Troup Banks (5), d. y.

(3) Susan Martha Banks (5), unmarried; lived with Mrs. Peacock.

(4) Capt. Willis Dunstan Banks (5), C. S. A., Thirty-ninth Alabama, Deas' Brigade, Hindman's Division; mortally wounded in battle near Atlanta , and died 28th July, 1864 .

(5) Lieutenant Eugene Banks (5), C. S. A., of the same company and regiment with his brother; killed in battle of "Resaca," Ga., 15th May, 1864.

(6) Daniel Watkins Banks (5), killed in siege of Atlanta , while on picket duty, making the third son killed in battle within three months. The trio of young heroes dead on the field of honor, and the old parents' hearts breaking at home! Was there ever a more pure and glittering sacrifice!

(7) Edward Simms Banks (5), of Columbus, Ga. , m. Pauline Deloney . Issue: Lucy (6), m. Edward Shepherd , of Wynnton, Ga.

(8) William Kelley Banks (5), died aged 35.

(9) Anne Maria Josephine Banks (5) m. James Gideon Peacock . Issue: I, Sallie ; II, Elberta ; III, John ; IV, James .

(10) Dr. Elbert Augustus Banks (5), physician in New York ; unmarried, which is to be wondered at, when he takes so much interest in his family lineage, of which he is the noble and unselfish type.

(11) Sarah Lucy Banks (5) m. Edward E. Yonge , and has: I, Banks (6); II, Mary Ellis (6); III, Nettie (6).

(12) Rockingham Gilmer Banks (5), of Tallasse, Ala. ; State Senate of Alabama , and planter; married Kate -; no children.

Sarah married **John BANKS.**

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156	Banks	Ann
137	Banks	Henry
148	Banks	James Jr
150	Banks	James Sr
127	Banks	John
132	Banks	Richard
152	Banks	Thomas A.

1840 Heads of families:

Banks	Frances A.	176
Banks	James J.	177
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They had the following children:

- 212 M i. **Lt. Eugene BANKS C.S.A.** died 15 May 1864 in killed at Resaca, GA in battle.  
Killed at Resaca, GA in battle
- 213 M ii. **Capt. Willis Dunstan BANKS C.S.A.** died 28 Jul 1864 in killed at the battle of Atlanta..  
Killed at the battle of Atlanta.
- 214 M iii. **Pvt Daniel Watkins BANKS C.S.A.** "Watkins" died 1864 in killed at the battle of Atlanta..  
Killed at the battle of Atlanta.
- + 215 M iv. **George Young BANKS.**
- 216 M v. **John Troup BANKS (died young).**
- 217 F vi. **Susan Martha BANKS.**
- + 218 M vii. **Edward Simms BANKS.**
- 219 M viii. **William Kelley BANKS (died age 35).**
- + 220 F ix. **Anne Maria Josephine BANKS.**
- 221 M x. **Dr. Elbert Augustus BANKS of New York (unmarried).**
- + 222 F xi. **Sarah Lucy BANKS.**
- 223 M xii. **Rockingham Gilmer BANKS.**  
Rockingham married **Kate.**

69. **Martha (dau of John & Susan) WATKINS** (John (son of James B.), James B., William) was born 13 Sep 1807. She died 25 Dec 1896 in Columbus, MS and was buried in Friendship Cemetery, Columbus, MS.

Martha, daughter of Mr. John Watkins, married James Harris, son of Gen. Jephtha Harris, and has a number of children; one of whom married Dr. Lanier (see Watkins family).

9 James Walton Harris	1805-1887
+Martha Watkins	1812-1896
10 Irene Harris	????-infant daughter of James W. & Martha W. Harris.
10 Susan Ann Harris	1831-1847
10 Sarah Watkins Harris	1833-1885
10 Martha Eliza Harris	1835-1863
10 Lucy Anna Harris	1837-1886
10 William Henry Harris	1838-1899
10 Jephtha Vining Harris	1839-1915
10 Mary Elizabeth Harris	1841-1929
10 James Walton Harris	1845-

Records of Friendship Cemetery, Columbus, MS

Harris, Martha Watkins  
wife of James W. Harris  
b. 09-13-1807  
d. 10-25-1896

Martha married **Col. James Walton HARRIS of Columbus, MS**, son of Jephtha Vining HARRIS and Sarah Carter HUNT. James was born 1 Aug 1805. He died 16 Nov 1887 in Columbus, MS and was buried in Friendship Cemetery, Columbus, MS.

Records of FRIENDSHIP CEMETERY-COLUMBUS,MS

Harris, James W.  
b. 08-01-1805  
d. 11-16-1887

They had the following children:

224 M i. **Joel Milton HARRIS** was born 1815. He died 1892.

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Born in Columbus, Miss.

Descendant of Walton Harris, as follows:

1. Joel Milton Acker (1815-92) m. 1858 Martha Eliza Harris (1835-63).

2. James Walton Harris (1808-70) m. Martha Watkins (1808-98).

3. Jephtha Vining Harris m. Sarah Hunt.

4. Walton Harris m. Rebecca Lanier.

Walton Harris (1739-95) served in the army, and while absent from his home in Georgia it was burned by the British; he was born in Brunswick County, Va.; died in Greene County, Ga.

Also No. 69271.

225 ii. **8 Other Children HARRIS.**

71. **James Franklin WATKINS** (Garland THOMPSON, James B., William) was born 2 Feb 1805.

In 1822 there was a James F. Watkins listed as a student of the sophomore class of the University Georgia.

m. Martha , daughter of Meriwether Marks and his wife, Ann Matthews , granddaughter of Gov. Matthews , of Georgia .  
Issue:

1. Rebecca (5) (only child) married Samuel , son of Joel Matthews . No issue.

James married **Martha (dau of Meriwether) MARKS**, daughter of Meriwether MARKS.

They had the following children:

226 F i. **Rebecca (dau of James Franklin) WATKINS.**

Rebecca married **Samuel B. MATHEWS**, son of George Washington MATHEWS and Rebecca M. MARKS.

72. **Martha (dau of Isham) WATKINS** (Isham, James B., William) was born 23 Sep 1798. She died 21 Feb 1822.

2 Martha WATKINS b: September 23, 1798 children from Goode papers/b Meridianville, AL d: February 21, 1822

..... +Robert A BELL m: May 29, 1819 Huntsville, Madison CO, AL Father: Henry Bell Mother: Elizabeth/Betty Garrett Alcock b: Aft. 1790 d: huntsville, AL

.... 3 Caroline BELL b: February 11, 1822 d: July 8, 1856 TX

..... +William David LAMBERT m: September 1, 1842 b: of VA

.... 3 Martha A. BELL b: June 8, 1820

Martha married **Robert BELL of Huntsville, AL** on 29 May 1819 in Huntsville, AL.

They had the following children:

+ 227 F i. **Martha A. BELL** was born 8 Jun 1820.

228 F ii. **Caroline BELL** was born 11 Feb 1822. She died 8 Jul 1856 in TX.

Caroline married **William David LAMBERT** on 1 Sep 1842.

73. **Benjamin Taliaferro (son of Isham) WATKINS** (Isham, James B., William) was born 27 Dec 1799.

Benjamin married **Mary "Polly" Miller Elliott BELL**, daughter of Henry BELL and Elizabeth "Betty" Garrett ALCOCK, on 31 Dec 1822 in Madison County, AL. Mary was born 1805. She died 29 Jun 1875.

They had the following children:

+ 229 M i. **Henry Isham WATKINS** was born 1 Apr 1824 and died 23 Mar 1874.

230 M ii. **Fontaine Merriwether WATKINS**.

+ 231 M iii. **Thornton Taliferro WATKINS** was born 1829.

81. **Elizabeth WORSHAM** (Richard WORSHAM, Sophia WATKINS, William).

Elizabeth married **Samuel BARNETT**.

They had the following children:

232 M i. **Augustine William BARNETT**.

Augustine William BARNETT b: 1825 d: 1898

+ Celeste TREULEN b: 1833 d: 1871

Carrie L. BARNETT

83. **Henry Watkins COLLIER Gov. of Alabama** (Elizabeth BOULDIN, Sally WATKINS, William) was born 1801.

Henry Watkins Collier (1801-1855) — of Tuscaloosa, Tuscaloosa County, Ala. Born in Lunenburg County, Va., January 17, 1801. Lawyer; member of Alabama state house of representatives, 1826; circuit judge in Alabama, 1828-36; associate justice of Alabama state supreme court, 1836-37; chief justice of Alabama state supreme court, 1837-49; Governor of Alabama, 1849-53. Methodist. Died, of "cholera morbus" (gastroenteritis), in Bailey Springs, Lauderdale County, Ala., August 28, 1855. Interment at Evergreen Cemetery, Tuscaloosa, Ala.

"Confederate Women" by Bell Irvin Wiley: Virginia Caroline Tunstall, born on January 16, 1825, in Nash County, NC, was the only child of Dr. Peyton Randolph Tunstall and Ann (Arrington) Tunstall. Virginia lost her twenty-year old mother at the age of 3 and the widowed father took her to Alabama to be reared by his wife's relatives. She grew up in Tuscaloosa and its environs, living first in the home of an uncle, Henry Watkins Collier, who in 1837 became chief justice of the Alabama Supreme Court, and (she) later resided with another uncle, Alfred Battle, a wealthy planter."

Virginia Tunstall Clay Clopton wrote in her "Belle of the Fifties" .....

"At the age of six I was carried to Tuscaloosa, then the capital of the young State of Alabama, where I was placed in the care of my aunt, whose husband, Henry W. Collier, then a young lawyer, afterward became Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of his State, and its Governor. That first journey stretches out in my memory as an interminable pilgrimage. Mr. Fort, of Mississippi, his wife, my mother's sister, and their two children, Mary and Martha, accompanied by a large following of Negroes, being en route for their plantation in Mississippi territory, I was given into their care for delivery to my kin in Tuscaloosa. No palace-car of later days has ever eclipsed the wonders of the cavalcade our company made as we passed along through towns and villages and the occasional Indian settlements that here and there dotted the untilled lands of those early nineteenth-century days!

My uncle drove in his gig at the head of the procession, while my aunt and the children made the journey in a big pudding-shaped carriage in charge of a trusty driver, beside whom my aunt's maid sat. The carriage was built with windows at the sides, and adjustable steps, which were let down when we halted and secured in place by our Negro attendants. These followed behind the vehicles and were at hand to serve us when need arose." (story continues)

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"Early Settlers of Alabama," "Cornelius Collier, the grandfather of the distinguished Alabamian, the late Henry Watkins Collier, who was judge of the Supreme Court and Governor of the State, married Elizabeth Wyatt. He was a wealthy planter of Lunenburg County, VA and his family seat was "Porto Bello" in York County, VA. The Colliers were originally from England, but all of them who settled in America were Whigs during the Revolution. It was a mournful

illustration of the way family ties are ruptured by civil war, that at the time young Wyatt (son of Cornelius) was pouring out his life blood at the battle of Eutaw Springs in the cause of American Independence, his English cousin, Sir George Collier, a rear admiral of the Red, was ravaging with his fleet the coast of Rhode Island. About the same time Tarleton with his dragoons was trampling the crops at Porto Bello into the group; proudly unconscious of the fate which awaited his at Yorktown. . The father of Gov. Collier was James Collier who married Elizabeth Bouldin."

Henry married (**Aunt of Virginia Tunstall Clay Clopton**).

Virginia Tunstall Clay Clopton further wrote in her "Belle of the Fifties" Memoirs:

"Arrived at Tuscaloosa, I spent four years in the shelter of the motherly affection of my aunt, Mrs. Collier, when, her health failing, I was placed in the home of my mother's brother, Alfred Battle, a wealthy planter, residing a day's journey from the little capital. My recollections of that early Alabama life centre themselves about a great white house set in widening grounds, in the midst of which was a wondrous sloe-tree, white with blooms. Many times I and my cousins played under it by moonlight, watching the shadows of the branches as they trembled on the white-sanded earth below, wondering at them, and not sure whether they were fairies' or angels' or witches' shapes. Around that tree, too, we played "Chickamy, Chickamy, Craney Crow," and, at the climax, "What o'clock, Old Witch?" would scamper wildly to elude the pursuit of the imaginary old witch. Here, a healthy and happy child, I pursued my studies. My uncle's wife, a woman of marked domestic tastes, taught me to sew and knit and to make a buttonhole, and I made progress in books under the guidance of a visiting teacher; but, my task ended, I flew to the meadows and orchards and to the full-flowering clover-field, or to the plantation nursery to see the old mammies feed the babies with "clabber," with bread well crumbed in it, or cush, made of bread soaked in gravy and softly mashed."

They had the following children:

233 F i. (**daughter**) (**Mrs. Benagh**) **COLLIER**.

99. **Dr. Richard Leroy WATKINS** (Richard (Jr), Richard (I), William).

"Dr. Richard Leroy Watkins, of Mobile, Alabama; in drug business before the Civil War. He married (1st) -, in Claiborne county, Ala. , and (2d) Miss Cunningham , of Cincinnati . Issue (by first marriage): James, and Ruth Watkins, and several by the second."

Richard married (1) (**unknown- first wife**).

They had the following children:

234 M i. **James (son of Richard) WATKINS**.

235 F ii. **Ruth (dau of Richard) WATKINS**.

Richard also married (2) (**Miss**) **CUNNINGHAM**.

## Fifth Generation

100. **William Willis WATKINS** (Coleman, William (2nd of the name), James B., William) was born 1810.

William Willis Watkins (5), of Texarkana, Texas (b. 1810 ), m. (I) Susan Burt , his cousin, and m. (II) Mrs. Martha Whiting , of Tuscaloosa (widow with two daughters), issue first marriage: John Coleman (6) m. Miss McWeaver , and had Jennie (7) and Coleman (7); 2, Susan Adelaide (6) married Mr. Garber , of Bibb county ; no issue; 3, William Willis (6); 4, Caroline Eliz. (6) m. Edward P. Shakelford , son of Dr. Jack Shakelford , Courtland, Ala. , and had Frank W. (7), m. (1899 ) Anna Edwards ; Harriet Catherine m. Rev. Ira F. Hawkins , and Caroline Eliz. (7); 5, Frank B. (6).

Issue second marriage (Whiting); 6, Goode (6); 7, Thomas (6); 8, Leigh (6); 9, Talitha Goode (6).

William married **Susan BURT**.

They had the following children:

+ 236 M i. **John Coleman WATKINS**.

237 F ii. **Susan Adelaide WATKINS**.

Susan married (Mr) **GARBER of Bibb Co., AL.**

238 M iii. **William Willis (II) WATKINS.**

+ 239 F iv. **Caroline Elizabeth WATKINS.**

240 M v. **Frank B. WATKINS.**

101. **Samuel Goode WATKINS** (Coleman, William (2nd of the name), James B., William) was born 1816.

Samuel Goode Watkins (5), Muldon, Miss. (b. 1816 ), m. (I) Caroline , daughter of John Oliver , of Columbus, Miss. , no issue, m. (II) Martha Jane , daughter of Robert C. Foster , of Nashville , no issue, m. (III), 1855 , Lizzie (b. 1828 ), daughter of Woodson Daniel . Issue: 1, Alex. Hamilton (6); 2, John Woodson (6); 3, Eliz. Daniel (6); 4, Goode (6).

2. William Watkins (4) (b. Georgia 1798 , d. Huntsville, Ala. , 1859 ) m. (1826 ) Harriet (d. 1856 ), daughter of John Anderson , of Montgomery county, Md. Issue: 1, John Wm. Watkins (5), of Nashville, Tenn. (b. Alabama 1827 ), m. (I) Lydia Harris , and m. (II) daughter of Wm. Hayes , of Nashville . Issue first marriage: 1, Robert (6); 2, Kate (6) m. George Dury , of Nashville.

Samuel G. Watkins married to Caroline Olim on Jun 26, 1839

Samuel married (1) **Caroline OLIVER.**

Samuel also married (2) **Martha Jane FOSTER.**

Samuel also married (3) **Elizabeth Woodson DANIEL** "Lizzie", daughter of Woodson DANIEL and Elizabeth MILTON/MELTON.

(III), 1855 , Lizzie (b. 1828 ), daughter of Woodson Daniel . Issue: 1, Alex. Hamilton (6); 2, John Woodson (6); 3, Eliz. Daniel (6); 4, Goode (6).

2. William Watkins (4) (b. Georgia 1798 , d. Huntsville, Ala. , 1859 ) m. (1826 ) Harriet (d. 1856 ), daughter of John Anderson , of Montgomery county, Md. Issue: 1, John Wm. Watkins (5), of Nashville, Tenn. (b. Alabama 1827 ), m. (I) Lydia Harris , and m. (II) daughter of Wm. Hayes , of Nashville . Issue first marriage: 1, Robert (6); 2, Kate (6) m. George Dury , of Nashville .

They had the following children:

241 M i. **Alexander Hamilton WATKINS.**

242 M ii. **John Woodson Daniel WATKINS.**

243 F iii. **Elizabeth Daniel WATKINS.**

244 M iv. **Goode WATKINS.**

102. **Milton WATKINS C.S.A.** (James Coleman, William (2nd of the name), James B., William) was born 1 Nov 1824 in Courtland, AL. He died 1885 in Llano, Llano County, TX.

Mentioned in family references in "Letters from Forest Place." "m. Ann E. L. McGehee, Nov 1850 (there was an aunt with an Acklin connection)."

Letter of May 30, 1851, Sarah Epes Watkins wrote her daughter Letitia: "Aunt Letty wrote very little news.....Susan Watkins is married to Acklin, Milton Watkins married Acklin's cousin. Mr. Watkins is well pleased with the matches. Sarah Moseley that was is dead and left a child a few days old. "

August 2006. In endeavoring to find living descendants for the SAR, the following emails were found:

Mary E. Swanson corkyswanson@cox.net  
Theresa Hazlerig angel\_compassion@hotmail.com  
Judy Gladden heyjud5@msn.com  
Edw. Gatfield gatfld@msn.com  
Mary Smith marysmith@earthlink.net  
Eleanor Colson EleanorCol@aol.com

Mary says hers is a composite of many searchers

By the way, some of these people couldn't go back to the "old folks".



Milton married **Ann Elizabeth L. MCGEHEE** "Jennie" on 21 Nov 1850.

Ann E. L. MCGEHEE m. Milton WATKINS, 21 Nov 1850, Hays County.

They had the following children:

- + 245 F i. **Isabella Moore WATKINS** was born 4 Jun 1856.
- 246 M ii. **Thomas James WATKINS** was born 18 May 1857 in Seguin, Guadalupe County, TX.
- + 247 M iii. **Samuel Hunt WATKINS** was born 25 Jun 1860 and died 3 Jul 1919.
- 248 M iv. **George McGehee WATKINS** was born 19 Apr 1863 in San Marcos, Hays County, Texas.

Marriage 1 Kittie BENEDICT

Married: 12 NOV 1891

Children

George Benedict WATKINS b: 13 SEP 1892

Marriage 2 Lutie MCLAIN

Married: 16 SEP 1896

Children

Unknown WATKINS

- 249 M v. **Lee David WATKINS** was born 30 Sep 1865 in San Marcos, Hays County, Texas.
- 250 F vi. **Clara May WATKINS** was born 30 Jul 1870 in San Marcos, Hays County, Texas.
- + 251 M vii. **William Wallace WATKINS** was born 12 Jul 1872.
- 252 F viii. **Lydia Hunt WATKINS** was born 26 Sep 1875 in San Marcos, Hays County, Texas.

104. **Susan WATKINS** (James Coleman, William (2nd of the name), James B., William).

Susan (5) m. Arthur , son of William Acklen , of Huntsville, Ala. , and had Blanche (7), m. Mr. McKee , of Texas , and has six children; Mattie (6) d. y., and Corinne (6)

Alabama Records

Vol 138, Chancery Records - Madison Co.

p. 8 Original Bill filed August 16, 1867. William M. Acklen, administrator of Arthur A. Acklen vs. Susan J. Acklen and others. "Original Bill mislaid" p. 39 shows that Susan J. was wid ow of Arthur A. and that they had two children, Blanch and Mittie, who were under 14. W.J.R . Husbands, one of the defendants, was a non-resident of the state. Administrator wishes t o sell land, as estate was deeply in debt.

In 1880, Susan is living with her daughter, Blanche and her husband, in Hays TX

Susan married **Arthur ACKLIN** on 24 Mar 1851. Arthur died about Mar 1863.

Arthur A. Acklin was born Abt. 1825, and died Abt. March 1863. He was the son of 2. Samuel Black Acklin and 3. Elizabeth Hunt. He married Susan Watkins 24 Mar 1851 in Guadalupe, Texas. She was born Abt. 1825.

They had the following children:

- + 253 F i. **M. Blanche ACKLIN** was born about 1856.
- 254 F ii. **Mittie (died young) ACKLIN**.
- 255 F iii. **Corinne ACKLIN**.

106. **Martha WATKINS** (James Coleman, William (2nd of the name), James B., William).

Martha (5) m. Capt. James Peacock , of San Antonio, Texas , and has several children;

Martha married **James PEACOCK**.

They had the following children:

256 F i. **Ida PEACOCK.**

Notes of Eugenia Richards: Martha's daughter Ida Peacock who married Jay Minter had only a daughter to live to maturity and she didn't marry until a few years before the 1930 census by which time she was 33 and she had only the one daughter age 6 named Ethel Hays. I tried to find a marriage record for her but she falls just in the time where there are no TX marriage licenses online.

Ida married **Jay MINTER.**

114. **Ann WATKINS of Huntsville, AL** (William (3rd of the name), William (2nd of the name), James B., William) was born 1832.

Ann Watkins (5) (b. 1832 ) m. (1854 ) Henry C. Bradford , Huntsville, Ala. Issue: 1, Eva (6); 2, Charles (6); 3, Annie (6); 4, Percy Bradford .

"Letters from Forest Place... A Plantation Family's Correspondence, 1846-1881". edited by E. Grey Dimond and Herman Hattaway; University Press of Mississippi, 1993.

Letter of December 29, 1848 from Thomas A. Watkins to his daughter, Letitia, who is at the same school as Ann, in Carrollton, MS.:

"Mr. Richard Anderson, the gentleman that you wrote about, is the uncle of Miss Ann WATKINS of Hunstville, AL. You must not say any thing against him, he is a very respectable man and has no enemies. I am afraid that you and your Cousin ANN. W. (Watkins) are not so very friendly. I am sorry if you have had any falling out."

Ann married **Henry C. BRADFORD.**

They had the following children:

257 F i. **Eva BRADFORD.**

258 M ii. **Charles BRADFORD.**

259 F iii. **Annie BRADFORD.**

260 M iv. **Percy BRADFORD.**

115. **Martha WATKINS of Huntsville, AL** (William (3rd of the name), William (2nd of the name), James B., William).

Martha married Wm. Spotswood , a descendant of Alex. Spotswood , who was governor of Virginia in colonial times (1714 ).

Martha married **William SPOTSWOOD.**

A descendant of Alex. Spotswood , who was governor of Virginia in colonial times (1714 ).

They had the following children:

261 F i. **Ella SPOTSWOOD** died in /died an infant.

262 M ii. **William SPOTSWOOD** died in /died an infant.

+ 263 F iii. **Lucy Ann SPOTSWOOD.**

118. **Maj. William Vermylie (II) CHARDAVOYNE** (Martha WATKINS, William (2nd of the name), James B., William) was born 27 Jun 1833. He died 1 Jul 1904 and was buried in Courtland Cemetery, Lawrence Co., AL.

Chardavoyne, William V. born June 27, 1833 died July 1, 1904, Married Lavinia B. Harris July 31 1856. 2(Note: William Vermilia Chardavovne was the son of William V. and Martha "Watkins" Chardavoyne, Martha Watkins born 1810 was the daughter of William and Susan Clark "Coleman" Watkins. William Watkins was born October 20, 1756, moved to Maury Co., Tennessee, then to Madison Co., Alabama about 1819. He came to Lawrence Co., Alabama some years afterward and died near Courtland May 28, 1832. His wife died April 20, 1843 and they were married in Elbert County, Georgia February 25, 1769.

(1) William Vermylie Chadavoyne (5) (b. Courtland, Ala., 1833), merchant Courtland, Ala., and a leading man of the State, Secretary to Governor Lindsay, of Ala., and clerk in the Naval Department at Washington with Secretary Herbert (Cleveland Administration), married (1856) Lavinia Harris, of Huntsville, Ala.

William married **Lavinia Bentley HARRIS**, daughter of Daniel HARRIS and Eliza BENTLEY, on 31 Jul 1856. Lavinia was born 1 Mar 1839. She died 18 Jun 1926 and was buried in Courtland Cemetery, Lawrence Co., AL.

Chardavoyne, Lavinia B. born March 1, 1839 died June 18, 1926. 2(NOTE: Lavinia Bentley Harris was the daughter of Daniel and Eliza (Gay) (Bentley) Harris; granddaughter of Francis Eppes and Ann (Macon) Harris and of Efford and Elizabeth (Gay) Bentley.)

They had the following children:

- + 264 M i. **Edward V. CHARDAVOYNE** was born 11 Sep 1864 and died 14 Apr 1946.
- + 265 F ii. **Martha Gay CHARDAVOYNE**.

119. **Mary Frances WATKINS** (Robert H., James (Jr.), James B., William) was born 13 Nov 1809 in Petersburg, GA. She died 6 Feb 1889 in "Rocky Hill", Lawrence Co., AL.

By James E. Saunders:

July 14, 1824, when 18 years of age, he married Mary Frances Watkins (aged fifteen), eldest daughter of his neighbor, Maj. Robert H. Watkins, who had recently removed from Petersburg, Broad River, Georgia, (and before that from Prince Edward County, Virginia). Maj. Watkins bought much land from the government through its office at Huntsville, Ala., and patents, on parchment, of many original tracts, signed by Presidents Monroe and Jackson, are preserved in the family. The wedded pilgrimage of sixty-five years began auspiciously. The dedication of each to the other was almost perfect. Love made expiation forever upon the High Altar of Life in that happy home. An Angel of Content sat at its fireside, and pointed to the precious promises whenever sorrow came to me, "with uplifted cross on high!" Piety was an heritage, and the family of each were of the Methodist belief."

Three miles west of Courtland is "Rocky Hill," the family home, to which Col. Saunders came in 1832. He built just before the war a commodious residence for his large family of children, all of whom but three, he survived.

Since Indian lads and maidens played on its gentle slopes, the old home had had but two owners, and as data is preserved, it may be of interest to note that it was first bought at the government land sales in Huntsville, Ala in 1817 by Mr. Norment of Virginia; who the next year built a comfortable log house on the top of the hill where now stands the stately mansion. The large rocks on that hill, he said, were then "so thickly strewn, his horse could scarce pick his way among them." Hence the miles of rock fences on the place. Its great old oaks of today were then slender saplings. With Mr. Norment came a colony of friends and relatives from Virginia, and all settled near him, among them the Butler, Sale, Burruss, Fitzgerald, and Booth families, and all from Botetourt County it was said. Of these, Rev. Freeman Fitzgerald and wife Elizabeth became the second purchasers of "Rocky Hill." His daughter was married to Dr. THOMAS WATKINS of Georgia (and Austin, Texas). His brother, Mr. William Fitzgerald, and "Aunt Letty," his wife (adored by her neighbors, young and old), lived nearly opposite Capt Charles Swoope's place, at the present Barclay home, Wheeler, Ala. Mr. William Booth was brother-in-law to the Fitzgerald's. All removed many years ago to Mississippi, Florida, and Louisiana, save a few of the old people, whose dust remained in Alabama.

"Their eldest child, Mary Frances, married James E. Saunders, the writer of these reminiscences. Of their children (1887), Robert Turner has not married. Elizabeth D. married Dr. Bruno Poellnitz, of Marengo county, and died young, 1852. Mary Louisa married Henry D. Blair, of Mobile, and died young, 1859, leaving one child, Elizabeth Saunders, who married Prof. Wm. C. Stubbs (who is in charge of the experiment stations of Louisiana). Dr. Dudley Dunn Saunders lives in Memphis. He married (first) Kate Wheatley. They had two children, Mary Louisa, who married Samuel Gordon Brent, a lawyer of Alexandria, Va., and died leaving a little boy named Samuel Gordon; and Kate Wheatley, her sister. The doctor married (secondly) Mary Wheatley, and they have two children, Dudley Dunn, and Elizabeth Wheatley. Sarah Jane Saunders married Dr. John M. Hayes, formerly of Florence. They now live in Birmingham (1887). Prudence Oliver Saunders, who died soon after completing her education (1864), Lawrence Watkins Saunders, who entered the army during the late war, when quite a youth, and died from hardships endured during his imprisonment at Camp Chase; and Ellen Virginia, who married L. B. McFarland, Esq., lawyer. They reside in Memphis."

Further notes:

Mary Frances Watkins (b. Petersburg. Ga. , 13th November, 1809 , d. at "Rocky Hill ," Lawrence, Ala. , 6th February, 1889 ), m. (14th July, 1824 ) by the Rev. Alexander Sale , James Edmonds Saunders (b. Brunswick county, Va. , 7th May, 1806 . d. at "Rocky Hill " 23d August, 1896 ); son of Rev. Turner and Frances (Dunn) Saunders , and author of "Early Settlers." Her earliest teacher in Petersburg was Mr. Reid; and later on Mr. Nathan Warner (who was afterward a Judge, and married Miss Eliz. Rembert, daughter of Mr. Samuel Rembert, in whose home Mary Watkins boarded while attending school. (Eliz. Rembert married (II) Mr. Holmes, and lived near Memphis, Tenn.) Her next school (1819) was the old Moravian Institute at Salem, N. C., remaining there until her thirteenth year. The next was to Mr. Hopkins, in Augusta, Ga. Accompanied by her cousin, Louisiana Thompson, they boarded with Mrs. Bacon, sister of the Mayor, Nicholas Ware. Her father moving to Alabama in 1821 , she next attended Nashville Female Academy (Principal, Rev. Mr. Hume ) with her cousins, Sarah Manning , and Adeline and Emily Bibb , daughters of Gov. Thomas Bibb , Huntsville, Ala. Her wedding attendants were: Eliza Towns, Eliza Booth, Martha Finlay and Minerva Banks; Thomas Saunders, Judge John J. Ormand, Dr. William Booth, and James Pearsall, all of Courtland, Ala. She has left a diary of Frances Amanda (6); 2, Robert Turner (6); 3, Elizabeth Dunn (6); 4, Mary Lou (6); 5, Dudley Dunn (6); 6, Sarah Jane (6); 7, James Saunders (6); 8, Fanny Dunn (6); 9, Prudence Oliver (6); 10, Laurence Watkins (6); 11, Ellen Virginia (6).

"Early Settlers of Alabama," The Golden Wedding came in the year 1874, and still was he the lover, in whom half-hundred years had no power to break the spell of her young eyes. Her imposing presence, versatile talents and fine social qualities always charmed him and others. A keen wound to them was her accidental laming, on 2nd of January, 1873, by a fall from her horse while riding with him to visit the venerable Mrs. Benj. Sherrod, then ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Sam Shakelford. She was ever after restrained to a wheel-chair, but, happy Christian soul always cheerful and making cheer for others."

MARY W. SAUNDERS died Lawrence Co., Ala., Feb. 6, 1889 aged 81 years; wife of Colonel James C. Saunders; daughter of Colonel Robert and Prudence Watkins; alumna, Moravian School for Young Ladies, Salem, N.C. and Nashville Female Academy.

Mary married **Col. James Edmonds SAUNDERS C.S.A.**, son of Rev. Turner SAUNDERS, on 14 Jul 1824. James was born 7 May 1806 in Brunswick County, VA. He died 23 Aug 1896 in "Rocky Hill", Lawrence Co., AL.

Col. James E. Saunders lived at "Rocky Hill" in Courtland, Lawrence Co, AL, and also in Mobile, AL., where he was appointed by the President as head of customs for the Port of Mobile. He served in the legislature and wrote a newspaper column in his old age that later became his book, "Early Settlers of Alabama." His home, "Rocky Hill," has been destroyed but is pictured in the book "MANSIONS OF ALABAMA" by Ralph Hammond.

You should read "Early Settlers of Alabama," to hear the story of James E. Saunders life!

"Early Settlers of Alabama," "I came with my father's family, to Lawrence county, when I was a youth of fifteen years, and have lived here sixty years (1880.)" "After marriage, my first home was in Moulton, the county seat. I then moved to the Courtland Valley, and have spent many summers at the Chalybeate Springs, on the mountain (where I had a home.) I knew the early settlers well, and of them I design to write; those who were here fifty or sixty years ago, or more."

"... Summer always found him, once more, at "Rocky Hill" among his lost saints, and ever awaiting the summons, which came to him at last, so gently, in a beloved daughter's arms, he fell asleep like a smiling child closing its eyes on a weary world."

James Edmonds Saunders wrote all of the wonderful notes about the Watkins family of Petersburg, and north Alabama.

12	556	556	Robert H.	Walkins		68 M		Farmer		Va		W425
13	556	556	Prudence	Walkins		61 F				Ga		W425
14	557	557	James E.	Saunders		44 M		Planter		Va		S536
15	557	557	Mary H.	Saunders		37 F				Ga		S536
16	557	557	Robert	Saunders		23 M		Lawyer		Ala		S536
17	557	557	Elizabeth D.	Saunders		20 F				Ala		S536
18	557	557	Mary L	Saunders		17 F				Ala		S536
19	557	557	Sarah J.	Saunders		13 F				Ala		S536
20	557	557	Dudley D.	Saunders		15 M		Student of Law		Ala		S536

21	557	557	Prudence	Saunders		9 F		Ala		S536
22	557	557	Lawrence W.	Saunders		5 M		Ala		S536
23	557	557	Ellen V.	Saunders		2 F		Ala		S536

They had the following children:

- 266 F i. **Frances Amanda SAUNDERS (died a baby)** was born 11 Jun 1825. She died 6 Aug 1826.  
 267 M ii. **Maj. Robert Turner SAUNDERS C.S.A.** was born 22 Feb 1827. He died 2 Oct 1888.

Major Robert T. Saunders served on Gen. Cooke's staff in Virginia during the War.

- 268 F iii. **Elizabeth Dunn SAUNDERS** was born 1 Oct 1829 in "Rocky Hill", Lawrence Co., AL. She died 5 Oct 1852 in "Rocky Hill", Lawrence Co., AL.

Elizabeth married **Dr. Bruno POELLNITZ**. Bruno was born 1822 in Marengo County, AL.

- + 269 F iv. **Mary Louisa SAUNDERS** was born 20 Dec 1832 and died 24 Jul 1859.  
 + 270 M v. **Dr. Dudley Dunn SAUNDERS of Memphis, TN (C.S.A.)** was born 23 Feb 1835.  
 271 F vi. **Sarah Jane SAUNDERS** was born 1836 in "Rocky Hill", Lawrence Co., AL. She died 15 Oct 1896 in "Rocky Hill", Lawrence Co., AL.

Died six weeks after her father.

Sarah married **Dr. John M. HAYS of Birmingham, AL** on 5 Aug 1868.

- 272 M vii. **James Edmonds (Jr.) SAUNDERS (died a child)** was born 17 Jan 1838. He died 1842.  
 273 F viii. **Prudence Oliver SAUNDERS (died young)** was born 21 Jan 1842. She died 2 Jun 1864.  
 274 M ix. **Lawrence Watkins SAUNDERS (died young)** was born 12 Jun 1846. He died 20 Dec 1867.  
 275 F x. **Ellen Virginia SAUNDERS** was born about 1848. She died 30 Jun 1900.

MRS. ELLEN SAUNDERS McFARLAND  
<http://homepages.rootsweb.com/~haywood/index.htm>  
 The Little Rebel  
 (1848-1900)

Ellen Virginia Saunders McFarland was the daughter of Col. James E. and Mary Watkins Saunders of Courtland, Alabama. She married Judge Louis Burchette McFarland on April 4, 1872. She was Louis's first wife, and they were married 28 years, until her death on June 30, 1900. Ellen kept a journal through out the Civil War years and excerpts were published in Memoirs and Addresses.

MRS. ELLEN SAUNDERS McFARLAND The Little Rebel (1848-1900) Photo from Memoirs and Addresses by L.B. McFarland Courtesy of Carolene English. Ellen Virginia Saunders McFarland was the daughter of Col. James E. and Mary Watkins Saunders of Courtland, AL...

Ellen married **Louis Burchette MCFARLAND Esq. - of Memphis, TN** on 4 Apr 1872. Louis was born 7 Apr 1843.

Louis Burchette McFarland was the son of Dr. William Felix and Martha Douglass McFarland of Dancyville, Tennessee. He was the grandson of Burchette and Martha McGee Douglass. Louis entered the service of the Confederacy in Company A, 9th Tennessee Infantry, organized at Dancyville and mustered in at Jackson, Tennessee. After the War he attended law school, practiced in Memphis and became a prominent Judge, land owner and citizen. See Louis's Civil War Questionnaire on this site.

Note: The background design for this page is taken from the inside cover liners of the book

Memoirs and Addresses by L.B. McFarland; see site:  
<http://homepages.rootsweb.com/~haywood/ppages/mcfarlan/louis.htm>

In 1922, Louis Burchette McFarland finished and self published his Memoirs and Addresses. In addition to his memoirs he included some of his addresses given before Civil War Veterans groups and others, photographs, excerpts from his first wife Ellen's Civil War Journal, and lineage information on his McFarland and Douglass Clans.

LB McFarland, Memphis. 1889-1890 past president of the Tennessee Bar Association.

1870 Shelby County TN Census  
Memphis, TN Ward No. 4

27	42	J. R. FLIPPIN	35	m	w	Lawyer	1000	TN
L. B. MCFARLAND	27	m	w	Lawyer	2000	TN		

L.B. McFarland was born in Dancyville, Tennessee, the son of Dr. William Felix and Martha Douglas McFarland. He was the grandson of Burchette and Martha McGee Douglas. He entered the Confederate service in Company A, 9th Tennessee Infantry, the Dancyville Grays, formed at Dancyville and mustered in at Jackson, Tennessee. After the War he attended law school, practiced law, served as Judge and was a prominent land owner in Memphis.

"Memoirs and Addresses" is a rare publication, available only in a few public locations. Recently CAROLENE ENGLISH of Texas, very generously donated a copy of the book to the Elma Ross Memorial Library at Brownsville, Tennessee. Carolene's reason for donating, in her own words, "I feel the book should go home to Tennessee."

Folks researching the McFarland and Douglass surnames may find the lineage information in the book helpful. Others in these lines may only want to see and handle a book written, and dated, by a relative. This book will be non-circulating, available for research, at the Elma Ross Library Genealogy Room.

We greatly appreciate the generosity of CAROLENE ENGLISH. She has provided the library and community with a rare publication and hopefully, some of the McFarlands and Douglasses, the opportunity to find one more branch on their family tree.

120. **Sarah Independence WATKINS** (Robert H., James (Jr.), James B., William) was born 4 Jul 1811 in Petersburg, GA. She died 30 Jan 1887 in Florence, AL.

By James E. Saunders:

Sarah Independence Watkins, daughter of Major Watkins, married Geo. W. Foster. We shall say more of him under the head of "The Foster Family." Their daughter, Mary Ann, married James Simpson. She died early, leaving one child, Margaret M., who married Thomas McDonald, of Limestone County. Dr. Watkins Foster commenced life with promise, but was wrecked on the rock of intemperance. He died in 1885. Virginia, who married James Irvine, a lawyer of Florence. He died several years ago. Mary, who married William Houston; James, who married a daughter of Dr. McAlexander; Ella, who married Henry Sherrod; and Emma, and Virginia, and Washington, who are not married. George W. Foster, C. S. A., married Emma McKiernon; she died several years ago, leaving several children. Andrew J. Foster, C. S. A., married Mrs. Hellen Potter, of Tunica County, Miss. He died leaving one son. Louisa Foster married Charles Fant, of North Mississippi. She died several years ago, leaving several children. Sallie Foster married Sterling McDonald. They live in Florence, and have a half dozen young children.

Sarah Independence Watkins (b. Petersburg, Ga. , 4th July , anniversary Declaration of Independence, 1811 , d. Florence, Ala. , 30th January, 1887 ) married (1st October, 1829 ) George Washington Foster , of Florence, Ala. (born Nashville. Tenn., 1806, d. Florence, Ala.), son of Robert and Rose (Coleman) Foster, of Nashville, and formerly of Virginia. Lived in Florence, Ala., where their stately home was long noted for its hospitality, and they, also, for much charity (both being reared by pious parents). Mr. Foster gave \$10,000 to the Methodist College established at Florence, and she will long be remembered by the poor. Many sorrows tested her Christian fortitude, but her vitality was great, and nature endowed her, from the first, with that irresistible sense of humor, called "dry wit," which kept her noble heart

young to the last, and gave a great charm to her presence. All loved her.

1, Mary Ann Foster (5), d. 1853 ; married James Simpson of Florence, Ala. Issue: Margaret Simpson (7), married Thomas McDonald , of Athens, Ala. , and has several children.

2, Dr. Watkins Foster (6) (1885 ), a promising life ending in sad disappointment, kind and dearly loved son.

3, Virginia Foster (6), m. James Irvine , of Athens, Ala. , and planter of Florence, Ala. , of an old and distinguished family. Issue: 1, Mary (7), m. Wm. Houston . Issue: several children. 2, James (7) m. a daughter of Dr. McAlexander , of Florence . Ella (7) m. Henry , son of Walter Sherrod of Lawrence county, Ala. Issue: Virginia ;(8) 3, Emma ;(7) 4, Virginia (7); 5, Washington .(7)

4. Louisa Foster (6), married Charles Fant , of Mississippi . Issue: Several children.

5. George W. Foster (9), planter, C. S, A., served with General Roddy ; m. Emma McKiernon ; both dead. Several children.

6. Andrew J. Foster (6), planter, Miss., C. S. A., served with General Roddy (dead); m. Mrs. Helen Potter , of Mississippi . Issue: One son.

7. Sallie Foster (6) (b. 1850 , d. 1898 ); m. (1871 ) Sterling McDonald , brother of Thomas , and lived in the family home at Florence (above). Issue: Several children.

Sarah married **George Washington FOSTER of Florence, AL**. George was born 1806 in Nashville, TN. He died in Florence, AL.

Lived in Florence, AL. where their stately home was long noted for its hospitality, and they, also, for much charity (both being reared by pious parents). Mr. Foster gave \$10,000 to the Methodist College established at Florence.

They had the following children:

+ 276 F i. **Mary Ann FOSTER** was born 15 Oct 1830 and died 30 Mar 1853.

277 M ii. **Dr. Watkins FOSTER** died 1885.

"Dr. Watkins Foster commenced life with promise, but was wrecked on the rock of intemperance. He died in 1885."

+ 278 F iii. **Virginia FOSTER**.

279 F iv. **Louisa FOSTER**.

Louisa married **Charles FANT of Mississippi**.

+ 280 M v. **George W. FOSTER C.S.A.**

+ 281 M vi. **Andrew J. FOSTER of Mississippi**.

+ 282 F vii. **Sallie FOSTER** was born 1850 and died 1898.

121. **James Lawrence WATKINS** (Robert H., James (Jr.), James B., William) was born 1814. He died 1891.

By James E. Saunders:

Major James Lawrence, eldest son of Major Robert H. Watkins, married Eliza Patton, daughter of Mr. William Patton , one of the early merchants of Huntsville, who had been very successful in life. He was father also to Gov. Robt. Patton, of Alabama. Major James Lawrence Watkins was one of General Forrest 's staff officer when he captured Murfreesboro, and was sent during the battle on a special mission. In returning, the fire of a whole company of Federals was drawn upon him, and two others. He escaped unhurt, but had his boot heel shot off. He has only one surviving child, Virginia, who married Charles Robinson (a merchant of Mississippi. They now live in Louisville, Ky.). They have one young daughter, married Mr. Glazebrook . Major Lawrence also had one son, William , who took his diploma as a physician with great honor in New York , and was about to sail for Europe to complete his medicinal education when he died suddenly in 1882 at his home in Huntsville.

James Lawrence Watkins (5) (b. 10 May, 1814 , d. in Huntsville, Ala. , 1891 ), m. (26th April, 1838 ) Eliza (b. October, 1820 ), daughter of William Patton , of Huntsville , sister of Gov. Robert Patton , of Alabama . He served awhile in Civil War, on General Forrest 's staff in 1862 and was a large planter in Mississippi and Alabama . Issue:

I. Virginia Patton Watkins (6), (b. 1841, ), m. Charles Robinson , planter, (near Memphis, Tenn. ) in Mississippi . Removed to Louisville, Ky. Mrs. Robinson 's aged mother living with her in 1899. Issue: Annie Robinson (7) m. Mr. Glazebrook .

James married **Eliza PATTON**, daughter of William PATTON of Alabama.

They had the following children:

+ 283 F i. **Virginia WATKINS**.

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Stephen Willis Harris (5), lawyer and planter (b. 1818 , d. at Huntsville, Ala. , 187- ), member Legislature in 1856 , m. (1841 ) his cousin, Louisa Matilda Watkins . Issue: 1, Watkins (6); II, Willis (6).

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thousand years, filled the office of Lord Chancellor; and on taking a review of that long term, remarks that there was no instance of a lawyer attaining this eminence who had large possessions when he commenced his career, but one. In this case, the young lawyer had inherited a large estate, which was covered with mortgages to the full amount of its value; and he had the laudable ambition of succeeding in his profession that he might clear it of incumbrances. By the time he did so, the habit of work was so fixed that he reached ultimately the highest rank in the profession. Then let not parents who are in moderate circumstances, and have studious sons, despond; for it is out of such families that the great lawyers come. Mr. Harris eventually moved to Huntsville, Ala. He was a member of the House of Representatives from Madison county just before the war between the States. He died a calm, peaceful death, in the year 1867, as an humble Christian and member of the Methodist Church, South. His widow, who is a most estimable and intelligent lady, survives him. They had two children, Watkins and Stephen Willis." (continued....see their two sons)

They had the following children:

284 M i. **Watkins HARRIS C.S.A.** was born 1843. He died 1865 in Athens, GA.

"Watkins, before he came of age, volunteered in a company of the Fourth Alabama, participated in the first battle of Manassas, and many other engagements, and was promoted to the Captaincy of his company. The hardships of the camp were to wearing for his young frame, and he went into the hospital in Virginia, with a serious spinal [infection]. When the war closed, he made his way slowly back towards his home; but never reached it. He died at his grandmother's at Athens, Ga., greatly lamented by all his friends. Never was an offering laid upon the altar of the "Lost Cause" more precious than the life of the pure, Christian, highly educated and gallant young Captain Harris."

285 M ii. **Stephen Willis (III) HARRIS** was born 1849. He died 1895.

"The surviving son, Stephen Willis Harris, married Mary S. Darwin, of Huntsville."

124. **Robert H. ( Jr.) WATKINS of Birmingham, AL** (Robert H., James ( Jr.), James B., William) was born 1824. He died in Huntsville, AL.

By James E. Saunders:

Robert H. Watkins (son of Major R. H. Watkins), married Mary Margaret Carter, daughter of Dr. Benjamin Carter, of Pulaski, Tenn. They died in Huntsville. Their daughter, Mary M., married Yancey Newman, and they reside in Birmingham, Ala. They have several children. James Lawrence Watkins and Robert H. Watkins, their sons, edit the "Birmingham Age." James Lawrence married Bettie Matthews, daughter of the late Luke Matthews, of Huntsville. They have two sons, Lucius and Lawrence. Robert H. married Mamie Lindsay, daughter of ex-Governor Lindsay. They have one daughter. Lizzie Watkins married Col. Guilford Buford, of Giles county, Tenn. She is a widow with several children. Sallie Watkins married James Patton, of Huntsville, and has three children. Frank Watkins married Minnie Murray, and has lived in Oregon for several years. They have several children. And Dr. Lindsay Watkins, of Nashville, Tenn., has recently married a Miss Connolly. He is in good practice for a young physician.

Robert H. Watkins (5) (b. 10 May, 1824, d. 1866, in Huntsville, Ala.); m. (6 January, 1846) Mary Margaret (b. 29 April, 1827, died 20 June, 1865), daughter of Dr. Benj. and Eliz. (Lindsay) Carter, of Pulaski, Tenn., where they made their home also. In 1861 they moved to Huntsville, Ala. Both died soon after the war. His aged mother, Mrs. Robert H. Watkins, lived at their elegant home awhile, caring for the young orphans. Issue:

I. Mary Watkins (6) (b. 1846) m. (1868) Yancey Newman, of Huntsville; lives in Birmingham, Ala., where he conducts a drug business with great success. Issue: 1, Robert (7) m. Miss Turner, of Huntsville; 2, Bessie (7), married Mr. Stone.

II. Elizabeth Watkins (6) (b. 1848) m. Guilford Buford, of Giles county, Tennessee. Issue: Several children.

III. James Lawrence Watkins (6) (b. 2 October, 1851), now of the Government Statistical Department at Washington, D. C. (1899); m. Bettie, daughter of Luke Matthews, of Huntsville, Ala. Issue:

1, Lucius M. (7) (b. 1876), of U. S. Statistical Department, and Sergeant Company A. (Capt. Pool), 1st Reg. La. Volunteers, in war with Spain 1898; 2, James Lawrence (7) (b. 1879) in Huntsville, Ala., also in same company, U. S.

Army.

IV. Frank Watkins (6) b. 1853 ) m. Minnie Murray , of Huntsville, Ala. Issue: Several children. He moved West many years ago.

V. Sallie Watkins (6) (b. 9th May, 1855 ) m. (19th May, 1873 ) James , son of Hon. John Patton , of Huntsville, Ala. Lives in Birmingham, Ala. Issue: 1, Louise Patton (7); 2, Margaret Patton (7) m. (1895 ) Mr. King . Issue: a son (b. 1898 ); 3, John Patton (7).

VI. Robert H. Watkins (6) (b. 6th July, 1857 ) m. Mary , daughter of Governor Lindsay , of Alabama . Issue: 1, Minnie Margaret (7); 2, Mamie (7).

VII. Dr. Lindsay Watkins (6), of Nashville, Tenn. , m. (1886 ) Miss Annie Connolly , niece of Dr. Thos. L. Maddin , of Nashville, Tenn. No issue.

This ends the descendants of Robert H. Watkins , of Pulaski, Tenn.

Robert married **Mary Margaret CARTER**. Mary died in Huntsville, AL.

They had the following children:

286 M i. **Mary (dau of Rbt H.) WATKINS.**

Mary married **Yancey NEWMAN of Birmingham, AL.**

+ 287 F ii. **Elizabeth WATKINS.**

+ 288 M iii. **James Lawrence (2nd of the name) WATKINS Editor of "Birmingham Age".**

+ 289 M iv. **Frank WATKINS.**

290 F v. **Sallie WATKINS.**

+ 291 M vi. **Robert H. (III) WATKINS Editor of "Birmingham Age".**

292 M vii. **Dr. Lindsay WATKINS of Nashville, TN.**

Lindsay married **(Miss) CONNOLLY.**

126. **Watkins THOMPSON** (Mary Thompson WATKINS, James (Jr.), James B., William) died in Marengo County, AL (killed while deer hunting).

Watkins married Nancy Lewis, whose sister had married Hon. Amos Reeder Manning, of Mobile. Watkins Thompson was killed accidentally in a deer hunt in Marengo county . His widow moved to Matagorda, Texas . They had two sons, Watkins and Wells. Some years ago a copy of an Austin newspaper was sent to me, speaking in high terms of the latter on the occasion of his being elected President of the Senate. It gave a sketch of his history; of his being a member of the Constitutional Convention of 1866; of his election as District Attorney, and of his removal by the Military Governor; of his being the only Democrat in the field for a State position in 1869; of his canvass for Lieutenant Governor; and of his removal by the same authority, and of the earnestness with which he contended for the rights of the people. In 1873 he made another contest, the only fruit of which was to show the malpractices of the opposite. He was a Thompson was Wells who married Louisa Harrison (sister of the wife of Dr. Matt Clay). They moved to Waco, Texas, and had no children. Indiana Thompson married James Manning, as already stated. Isaphena Thompson married Dr. John Bassett, a physician and surgeon of high standing in Huntsville. Their children were, Dr. Henry Willis, who inherited the genius of his father, married Carrie Neal ; Alice, married Mr. Young, and Laura, Leonora, John and William - Darwin , another son of Dr. Thompson , died unmarried - and Elbert married Anne Taliaferro, and had Louisiana, Martha and Elberta (See Thompson family).

Watkins married **Nancy LEWIS.**

They had the following children:

293 M i. **Watkins THOMPSON.**

294 M ii. **Wells THOMPSON.**

129. **Isaphena THOMPSON** (Mary Thompson WATKINS, James (Jr.), James B., William).

Isaphena married **Dr. John BASSETT of Huntsville, AL.**

They had the following children:

- 295 M i. **Dr. Henry Willis BASSETT.**  
Henry married **Carrie NEAL.**
- 296 F ii. **Alice BASSETT.**  
Alice married (**Mr.**) **YOUNG.**

131.**Elbert Asa THOMPSON** "Elbert" (Mary Thompson WATKINS, James (Jr.), James B., William).

Elbert married **Anna TALIAFERRO**, daughter of Maj. Benjamin (II) TALIAFERRO and Martha WATKINS, on 6 May 1846. Anna was born 15 Feb 1824. She died 30 Mar 1890 in Matagorda County, Texas.

Anna Taliaferro (5) (b. 15th February, 1824 ), (twin with David ), and died 30th March, 1894 ). Beautiful, with black eyes and charming person. Married (I) 6th May, 1846 , her cousin, Elbert Asa Thompson , and was left a widow with three children. She moved to Matagorda, Texas , near her relatives, and there married (II), 1856 , Dr. Robert H. Chinn . Her children:

I. Louisiana Thompson (6), married Harris W. Bowie , merchant and planter of Coultersville, Texas . No issue.

II. Martha (6), d. s. p., (III) Elberta Asa Thompson (6), unmarried (who has contributed much data of her family), and (IV) Richard J. Chinn (6), all of Coultersville, Matagorda county, Texas .

They had the following children:

- 297 F i. **Elberta THOMPSON.**  
unmarried (who has contributed much data of her family)
- 298 F ii. **Martha THOMPSON.**
- 299 F iii. **Louisiana THOMPSON.**

132.**Sampson W. HARRIS** (Sarah Herndon (2nd) WATKINS, James (Jr.), James B., William) was born 23 Feb 1809 in Elbert County, GA. He died 1 Apr 1857 in Washington, DC and was buried in Oconee Hill Cemetery, Athens, Ga..

Sampson W. Harris, (b. 1814 , d. April 1, 1857), of medium stature, intellectual and agreeable, m. Pauline , daughter of Stevens Thomas , of Athens, Ga. He moved to Wetumpka, Ala. , where he served sixteen years in the State Senate, and Congress of United States, dying in Washington, D. C. , during his term of office.

"Graduated from the University of Georgia in 1828, and removed to Alabama in 1837, where he practiced law and rose rapidly professionally and politically. He represented the Fourth Congressional district of Alabama for ten years and died in Washington, while in Congress, in April 1857."

Issue:

I, Sampson W. (6), of Athens, Ga. m. Lucy Todd , of Atlanta, her mother Emily , was sister to Dr. Thos. A. Watkins , of Austin, Texas ; II, Hugh N. (6); III, Francis (6); IV, Isabella (6); V, Sallie (6).

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Athens, Ga., and removed to Wetumpka, Ala. His capacity as a lawyer was considerable, and he rose rapidly at the bar. But he was drawn into public life, Washington, D. C., in 1857. "Mr. Harris was one of the most accomplished men whose talents Alabama has fostered. He was handsome in person, decorous in deportment and genial in companionship. His elocution was graceful and flowing. Catholic in his views and generous in his friendships, he was exceedingly popular." - (Brewer 's History of Alabama.) His widow and family after his death returned to Athens, Ga. Their children were Sampson W. , Hugh N., Frances, Isabella and Sallie.."

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Sampson married **Pauline THOMAS**, daughter of Stevens THOMAS of Athens, GA.

They had the following children:

- + 300 M i. **Judge Sampson W. (II) HARRIS** was born Mar 1838 and died 31 May 1912.
- 301 M ii. **Hugh N. HARRIS**.
- 302 M iii. **Francis HARRIS**.
- 303 F iv. **Isabella HARRIS**.
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135. **James Watkins HARRIS of Cartersville, GA** (Sarah Herndon (2nd) WATKINS, James (Jr.), James B., William) was born 4 Mar 1865.

"Early Settlers of Alabama" (continued quote)

James Watkins Harris lives at Cartersville, Ga. He is gifted with a person and genius of the same order of his brother Sampson. He is planter and local minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He has the reputation of being an orator of high grade. He married Anne Eliza Hamilton, daughter of Thomas N. Hamilton, of Augusta, Ga. She died in 1856, leaving children, viz.: Sarah Virginia, Anne and James Watkins. He has, I understand, married a second time, but I have no late account of his family.

Augusta Chronicle, University of Georgia, Athens, GA August 6th, 1846: On the afternoon of this day, the address before the Alumni Society was delivered by James Watkins Harris, Esq. His subject was the morality of the times, and the necessity of influence of education. Mr. Harris seemed to forget that the demagogue had feelings as well as other men; else, his castigation of such characters would have been less terrible and severe. He exposed the dangers of permitting the iron rule of party to take the place of reason, judgment and right. All who love their country and its institutions, felt, as did the speaker, that education is essential to preserve them pure, and perpetuate their existence. This was a just and useful oration, calculated to do good by its practical sentiments. Nor was it wanting in elegance, wit and beautiful imagery. I regret that circumstances do not permit me to enlarge upon this excellent production, so replete with pure morality, sound argument and vivid flights, and beauties of imagination."

In Elbert County, GA there was "an island in the Savannah River, known as Watkins' or Harris' Island."

Minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in Cartersville, GA.

James married (1) **Anne Eliza (first wife) HAMILTON**, daughter of Thomas N. HAMILTON of Augusta, GA.

They had the following children:

- 307 F i. **Sarah Virginia HARRIS.**
- 308 F ii. **Anne HARRIS.**
- 309 M iii. **James Watkins (Jr.) HARRIS.**

James also married (2) **Florence CANDLER.**

136. **Anne Maria HARRIS** (Sarah Herndon (2nd) WATKINS, James (Jr.), James B., William).

"Anne Maria Harris was a rosy-cheeked, dark eyed girl, and married Hon Robert B. Alexander , who was judge of the Superior Court of Georgia , and died in 1852 . Of their children, Arabella married Rev. Thomas Boykin , a Baptist minister; and Mary married Mr. Harris Toney , and lives near Triana, Madison county, Ala. He is a planter and merchant. They have several young children."

Anne married **Hon. Robert B. ALEXANDER**.

They had the following children:

310 F i. **Arabella ALEXANDER**.

Arabella married **Rev. Thomas BOYKIN**.

311 F ii. **Mary ALEXANDER**.

Mary married **Harris TONEY**.

137. **Arabella Rebecca HARRIS** (Sarah Herndon (2nd) WATKINS, James (Jr.), James B., William) died 1845.

Arabella Rebecca Harris was tall, and blue eyed; very graceful and sweet-tempered, and of a highly cultivated intellect: She was married to Col. Benjamin F. Hardeman , of Oglethorpe county, Georgia , and died in 1845 , leaving a son, Sampson , and daughter, Arabella .

Arabella married **Col. Benjamin F. HARDEMAN of Oglethorpe Co., GA**.

They had the following children:

312 M i. **Sampson HARDEMAN**.

313 F ii. **Arabella HARDEMAN**.

138. **Susan M. HARRIS** (Sarah Herndon (2nd) WATKINS, James (Jr.), James B., William) was born 1821. She died 1912.

"Susan M. Harris , when young, was a beautiful girl of blond complexion, chestnut hair and dark blue eyes, and was distinguished in music. She married William T. Baldwin , son of Dr. Baldwin , of Lexington, Ga. They live in Columbus, Mississippi , and have a number of children."

Susan married **Dr. William T. BALDWIN**.

They had the following children:

314 i. ("**number of children**") **BALDWIN**.

139. **Thomas Eli HARRIS** (Sarah Herndon (2nd) WATKINS, James (Jr.), James B., William).

Thomas Eli Robert was a planter and married Emily Bowling , of Oglethorpe county, Ga. He died in 1885 . (See Watkins Geneology.)

Thomas married **Emiily BOWLING of Oglethorpe Co., GA**.

They had the following children:

315 M i. **George Dent HARRIS**.

140. **Jane Victoria HARRIS** (Sarah Herndon (2nd) WATKINS, James (Jr.), James B., William).

"Early Settlers of Alabama" (continued quote)

Jane Victoria Harris had auburn hair, bright hazel eyes, and is an accomplished woman, and married James M. Smith , who about thirty years ago was postmaster at Augusta, Ga. Many years ago their children were Mary Frances, Samuel, Brenda , William and Susan.

Jane married **James M. SMITH/SMYTHE Postmaster-Augusta, GA**.

They had the following children:

316 F i. **Mary Frances SMITH**.

- 317 M ii. **Samuel SMITH.**
- 318 F iii. **Brenda SMITH.**
- 319 M iv. **William SMITH.**
- 320 F v. **Susan SMITH.**

141. **Martha TALIAFERRO** (Martha WATKINS, James (Jr.), James B., William) was born 12 Mar 1810. She died 20 May 1883.

Martha married **Uriah T, BLACKSHEAR** on 12 Mar 1810.

They had the following children:

- + 321 M i. **Uriah T. (Jr.) BLACKSHEAR.**

142. **Elizabeth TALIAFERRO** (Martha WATKINS, James (Jr.), James B., William).

(2) Elizabeth Taliaferro (5) married (before 1840 ) Dr. Charles Drummond , of Virginia . Issue:

I. Mary (6) m. Mr. Yeldell and had:

Edwin (7); 2, Frank (7); 3, Fenner (7); 4, James (7); 5, Lizzie May (7), all married (1899 ) and living in Texas .

II. Elizabeth (6) m. Robert Yeldell , Jr., and had: 1, Margaret (7); and 2, John (7), married and living in Texas .

III. William Drummond (6), d. s. p.

Elizabeth married **Dr. Charles DRUMMOND of Virginia.**

They had the following children:

- + 322 F i. **Mary DRUMMOND.**
- + 323 F ii. **Elizabeth DRUMMOND.**
- 324 M iii. **William DRUMMOND.**

143. **Emily (or Sarah Amelia) TALIAFERRO** (Martha WATKINS, James (Jr.), James B., William) was born 1818. She died 14 Jan 1878.

Emily (or Sarah Amelia) Taliaferro (5) (b. 1818 ) married Dr. Donald , of Georgia and died 14th January, 1878 ??  
Children: I, Eugenia (6), and II, Benjamin (6) (both dead).

Emily married **Dr. Alexander DONALD of Georgia** on 16 Nov 1840 in Marengo County, AL. Alexander was born 1814 in Marengo County, AL.

They had the following children:

- 325 F i. **Eugenia DONALD.**
- 326 M ii. **Benjamin DONALD.**

145. **David TALIAFERRO** (Martha WATKINS, James (Jr.), James B., William) was born 15 Feb 1824.

David Taliaferro (5) (b. 15th February, 1824 ), lawyer, of Demopolis and Birmingham, Ala. , student of La Grange College, Ala. , in 1843 . Wit and genius of a fine order are his; of medium height, and fair, with blue eyes. Married Mary Green . (He is living in Birmingham, in 1899 .) Issue:

I. Ida Belle (6), married Thomas Watson , of New Orleans ; 2. Martha , unm.; 3. Benjamin Taliaferro (6), clerk of K. C. M. & B. Railroad, unm.

Occupation: Attorney in Demopolis & Birmingham, Alabama  
Education: La Grange College (Alabama) In 1843.

David married **Mary GREEN.**

They had the following children:

- 327 F i. **Ida Belle TALIAFERRO.**

328 F ii. **Martha TALIAFERRO.**

329 M iii. **Benjamin (son of David) TALIAFERRO.**

146. **Anna TALIAFERRO** (Martha WATKINS, James (Jr.), James B., William) was born 15 Feb 1824. She died 30 Mar 1890 in Matagorda County, Texas.

Anna Taliaferro (5) (b. 15th February, 1824 ), (twin with David ), and died 30th March, 1894 ). Beautiful, with black eyes and charming person. Married (I) 6th May, 1846 , her cousin, Elbert Asa Thompson , and was left a widow with three children. She moved to Matagorda, Texas , near her relatives, and there married (II), 1856 , Dr. Robert H. Chinn . Her children:

I. Louisiana Thompson (6), married Harris W. Bowie , merchant and planter of Coultersville, Texas . No issue.

II. Martha (6), d. s. p., (III) Elberta Asa Thompson (6), unmarried (who has contributed much data of her family), and (IV) Richard J. Chinn (6), all of Coultersville, Matagorda county, Texas .

Anna married (1) **Elbert Asa THOMPSON** "Elbert", son of Dr. Asa THOMPSON and Mary Thompson WATKINS, on 6 May 1846.

They had the following children:

330 F i. Elberta THOMPSON is printed as #297.

331 F ii. Martha THOMPSON is printed as #298.

332 F iii. Louisiana THOMPSON is printed as #299.

Anna also married (2) **Robert CHINN** on 1856 in Matagorda County, Texas.

They had the following children:

333 M iv. **Robert J. CHINN** was born in Coultersville, Matagorda, Texas.

147. **Theophilus Watkins TALIAFERRO** (Martha WATKINS, James (Jr.), James B., William) was born 1825. He died 7 Dec 1893 in California.

Theophilus Watkins Taliaferro (5) (b. 1825 , d. California 7th December, 1893 ). Went to California when young, and there married the Spanish Donna, Josepha Ariosa , of beauty and wealth. Issue:

I. Mary (6); II. Benjamin (6); III. Frances (6); none married, and all living in San Francisco , 1899

He moved to California when young.

Theophilus married **Josepha ARIOSAS**.

They had the following children:

334 F i. **Mary TALIAFERRO.**

335 M ii. **Benjamin (son of Theo W.) TALIAFERRO.**

336 F iii. **Frances TALIAFERRO.**

148. **Amanda TALIAFERRO** (Martha WATKINS, James (Jr.), James B., William) was born 18 Nov 1828 in Tuscaloosa, AL. She died 11 May 1891 and was buried in Belle Mina, Limestone, Alabama.

Amanda Taliaferro (5), married Nathan Bradley , of Marengo county, Ala. She was, like her sister, very pretty with auburn hair and dark eyes. Issue:

I, Amelia (6) m. Porter Bibb , Jr. Issue: Thomas , Porter , Bradley , Mamie , Gussie , and others.

II, Annie (6) (b. 1849 ) m. Rev. Wm. Ellington , of Texas. Issue: Elmira .

III, Watkins (6), living at Belle Mina, Ala. , 1887 , m. Margaret Rankin . Issue:

Amanda and Elizabeth .

IV, David (6), d. s. p.

V, Louis (6) m. Sarah Fletcher.

VI, Kate (6) m. Lockhart Bibb. Issue: Watty, Porter and others.

VII, Elmira (6), unmarried.



Buried: Belle Mina, Limestone, Alabama

Amanda married **Nathan BRADLEY of Marengo Co., AL.**

They had the following children:

- + 337 F i. **Amelia BRADLEY** was born 1845 and died 1919.
- + 338 F ii. **Annie BRADLEY** was born 1849.
- + 339 F iii. **Kate Taliaferro BRADLEY** was born 23 Aug 1850 and died 2 Feb 1935.
- 340 M iv. **Watkins BRADLEY.**
- 341 M v. **David BRADLEY.**
- 342 M vi. **Louis BRADLEY.**
- 343 F vii. **Elmira BRADLEY (never married).**

153. **Mary S. RICHARDSON** (Susan (dau of James & Jane) WATKINS, James (Jr.), James B., William) was born 18 Feb 1819. She died 7 Apr 1885 and was buried in Rest Haven Cemetary, Washington, Wilkes County, Georgia.

She was very beautiful; black eyes and hair. Issue: Wm. Henry Toombs m. (1875) Julia, daughter of Troup Butler.

Mary married **Gen. Augustus Gabriel TOOMBS of Wilkes Co., GA** "Gabriel", son of Maj. Robert Augustus TOOMBS and Catherine HULING (dau. of James Huling). Gabriel was born 7 Mar 1813 in Wilkes County, GA. He died 29 Nov 1901 in Barbour County, AL and was buried in Resthaven Cemetery, Wilkes County, GA.

He was a brother of Gen. Robert Toombs , the great orator.

1883 Augusta Chronicle mention: "Wilkes County has given to the State (of Georgia) some of the most remarkable and substantial men of this age. There are the Toombs brothers to begin with, who have each made fortunes from planting. Gen. Robert Toombs, the younger brother, has given to history a record of so much fire and of so much power that people are not apt to think of him as a farmer, and yet those who know, contend that he is one of the best in the State. His brother, General Gabriel Toombs, has made a fortune from the ground, and is regarded by his brother, the General, as the shrewdest and the soundest man of his day. These two eminent brothers came from a race of farmers whose bones lie in Wilkes County, not far from Washington, and it is in this light that they best like to regard themselves."

1899: "About a mile and a half south of Washington (GA) is a mineral spring that has been famous for more than a century. The spring has been neglected for many years, but recently the city council determined to redeem it from undergrowth and overflow. The town owns about 3 acres of land around these springs, making altogether a handsome park, which no doubt will be much beautified from time to time. Before the War Between the States, and for some time after the War, this spring was visited daily by our citizens; and people from the southern country made it a resort: Mr. GABRIEL TOOMBS who has always regarded this water as of great curative value, authorizes it said that his brother. Gen. Robert Toombs, who had lived a great deal in this country and in Europe, pronounced it inferior to none. Mr. Toombs furthermore says that many fine old families from the low country settled here years ago on account of this spring."

ALUMNI OF THE UNIV. OF GEORGIA: A very long article about distinguished Alumni offered: "In successful and progressive agriculture, together with political distinction: GABRIEL TOOMBS, William A. Broughton, Merriwether Hill, Dudley M. Hughes, Judson L. Hand, W.P. McWhorter, D.B. Fitzgerlad, James D. Frederick."

In a 1914 article about old burying grounds, a letter from Mrs. M.T. Green to the paper stated: "Take the old Tbombs burying ground for instance. It lies four miles south-west of Washington (GA), it crowns the summit of a beautiful hill, is surrounded by 100 acres of grand original forest oaks. From the stone wall that encloses ..to the flowers that bloom within, it bespeaks wealth, culture and commanding influence. The hill and the 100 acres surrounding it are piped by law to remain forever as thpy are today, and kept as a" burying ground for the Toombs family."

Title: Gabriel Toombs House (Washington, Ga.)

Date: 1962

Description: Located at: 211 East Robert Toombs Avenue, Washington, Ga.

Two-story wood frame house featuring a two-story entrance portico with pediment. Balcony and porch are enclosed by a

balustrade. Built by Edward Burton around 1836, the Greek Revival home was purchased in 1843 by the Rev. George H. W. Petrie who sold it to Gabriel Toombs, brother of Senator Robert Toombs in 1849. Toombs gave the house to his daughter in 1871. For more information see Newsome, Jane R., ed. *At Home in Washington-Wilkes: A collection of 84 distinctive old residences and other attractions in one of Georgia's most historic towns.* Washington, Ga.: Wilkes Publishing Company, Inc., c1986, pp. 28-30.

Slide annotated: "Washington, Ga. 1962."

Date of structure: 1836.

They had the following children:

- + 344 M i. **Judge William Henry TOOMBS** was born 13 Aug 1851 and died 15 Nov 1917.
- 345 M ii. **Dr, Robert TOOMBS** was born 9 Mar 1848. He died 15 Sep 1929 and was buried in Rest Haven Cemetary, Washington, Wilkes County, Georgia.
- 346 M iii. **James Augustus TOOMBS** was born 7 Jan 1855. He died 17 Jan 1932 and was buried in Rest Haven Cemetary, Washington, Wilkes County, Georgia.
- 347 F iv. **(daughter) TOOMBS.**

September 17, 1878: "Mr. Thomas Fortsen and Miss Toombs, daughter of General Gabriel Toombs, were married in Washington, GA yesterday morning. The happy pair came down on the passenger train of the Georgia Railroad yesterday afternoon, on their way to the North. They were accompanied by several friends."

(daughter) married **Thomas FORTSEN** on 16 Sep 1878.

165. **Reuben SHORTER** (Sophia Herndon WATKINS, James (Jr.), James B., William).

"Early Alabama Settlers" "Ruben C. Shorter (now dead), the son of Judge Eli S. Shorter , had four children by his first marriage, as follows: Eli S. Shorter , who died a few months ago, being a practicing physician in the city of New York . I think he leaves two or three little children surviving him. He married a Pennsylvania lady, I think residing in the city of Philadelphia . Dr. Eli S. Shorter was quite a distingnished physician, a very intelligent and cultured man."

Reuben married (1) **Kate WARD.**

They had the following children:

- 348 M i. **Dr. Eli S. SHORTER of New York City.**

From letter of Hon. Henry S. Shorter to James Saunders for his book, "Early Settlers of Alabama." "Ruben C. Shorter (now dead) the son of Judge Elis S. Shorter, had four children by his first marriage as follows: Eli S. Shorter who died a few months ago (1887), being a practicing physician in the city of New York. I think he leaves two or three little children surviving him. He married a Pennsylvania lady, I think residing in the city of Philadelphia. Dr. Eli S. Shorter was quite a distinguished physician, a very intelligent and cultured man."

- 349 M ii. **John U. SHORTER Esq., of Brooklyn, NY.**

From letter of Hon. Henry S. Shorter to James Saunders for his book, "Early Settlers of Alabama." "John U. Shorter, the second son, is now a lawyer of distinction, residing in the city of Brooklyn; he has made a good reputation, and is succeeding well in a business way. He has fine habits, is very popular, and enjoys a lucrative practice. He married a Massachusetts lady, and I believe has several children."

- 350 F iii. **Mollie SHORTER.**

Mollie Shorter, the eldest daughter, married Mr. Thomas S. Fry, of Mobile, Ala., where she and her husbndd now reside, and they have six children. One of their sons is now a cadet in our State University. Mr. Fry is engaged in the cotton business, in Mobile.

Mollie married **Thomas S. FRY of Mobile, AL.**

351 F iv. **Katie SHORTER.**

Katie Shorter , the next eldest daughter, married a Mr. Geo. Brown , the proprietor of the Brown House, at Macon, Ga. , and they have several children - four I believe. Mr. Brown died a few months ago, and his widow still resides at Macon, Ga.

Katie married **George BROWN of Macon, GA.**

Reuben also married (2) (**unknown**).

They had the following children:

352 F v. **Sophie SHORTER.**

Sophy Shorter is the youngest daughter, and is the off-spring of her father's second marriage. She is now the wife of Mr. John Aldridge, of Atlanta, Ga., who is engaged in conducting a family grocery business. They have several children, but I do not know how many.

Sophie married **John ALDRIDGE of Atlanta, GA.**

167. **Virginia SHORTER** (Sophia Herndon WATKINS, James (Jr.), James B., William).

"Virginia Shorter , the second daughter of Judge Eli S. Shorter , married a Mr. Oliver \* of Florida . I am not able to give you, for the want of information, any report whatever of this family, beyond the fact that Mrs. Oliver died quite a number of years ago, leaving several children surviving her. (See Oliver family.)"

Virginia married **Berrien OLIVER of Florida.**

Berrien Oliver was of Georgia, and they moved to Florida.

They had the following children:

353 i. (**several children**) **OLIVER.**

168. **Sarah Sophia MANNING** (Sophia THOMPSON, Sarah Herndon (1st of the name) WATKINS, James B., William) was born 1802.

"Sarah Sophia Manning, born circa 1802, married Gen. Bartley M. Lowe of Huntsville, Ala (born in Edgefield District, S.C.) General of militia, 1836, in Indian war; President of Branch Bank of Huntsville until 1844. Head of a commission house in New Orleans. Their lovely old residence in Huntsville, "The Grove," is greatly admired as a representative Southern home, both in architecture and hospitality."

Sarah married **Gen. Bartley Martin LOWE**. Bartley was born 1797. He died 1867.

They had the following children:

354 M i. **Dr. John Thomas LOWE C.S.A..**

"Dr. John Thomas Lowe, graduate of Univ. of Penn., 1857, C.S.A., Surgeon in Chief of General Loring's Division."

355 F ii. **Sophie LOWE** died 1897.

"Sophie Lowe, died 1897, a fine social light of Huntsville, and a most attractive woman; married Col. Nicholas Davis, son of Nicholas Davis of Virginia: Issue:

Lowe Davis, a sad and tragic fate of dissipation, married Miss Meriwether of Memphis  
Nicholas Davis  
Sophie Lowe Davis

Sophie married **Nicholas DAVID.**

356 F iii. **Susan LOWE (no children).**

Susan married **Clinton DAVIS**.

357 M iv. **Bartley M. LOWE**.

Bartley married **Fannie JOLLY**.

"Several children"

358 M v. **Robert J. LOWE**.

"Robert J. Lowe (died 1864), C.S.A., 4th Alabama Regiment, 1st Company; Alabama Legislature 1859, married Mattie Holden, who married 2nd. Capt. Sydney Fletcher. Issue:

- 1) Robert Lowe
- 2) Son (name not given)

359 M vi. **Col. William M. LOWE C.S.A./Congressman**.

"Col. William M. Lowe, C.S.A., 4th Alabama Regiment, afterward on the staffs of Generals Clanton and Withers. Captured at battle of Franklin and imprisoned at Camp Chase on Lake Erie and at Fort Delaware. Alabama Legislature 1870 - U.S. Congress."

360 F vii. **Sarah LOWE**.

361 F viii. **Lucy LOWE**.

169.**Dr. Felix MANNING** (Sophia THOMPSON, Sarah Herndon (1st of the name) WATKINS, James B., William).

Dr. Felix Manning, of Aberdeen, Miss., married Sarah Millwater, 2nd daughter of the Rev. Mrs. Turner Saunders (by her first marriage). Mrs. Millwater was born 1793.

Felix married **Sarah MILLWATER**.

They had the following children:

+ 362 M i. **James MANNING** died 1896.

363 F ii. **Henrietta MANNING**.

364 M iii. **Peyton L. MANNING**.

Peyton married<sup>8</sup> **Julia WATSON** on 22 Jun 1866 in Lowndes County, MS.

She married 2nd. Dr. Duncan of Columbus.

Mississippi Marriages, 1776-1935 Record  
about Peyton L. Manning  
Name: Peyton L. Manning  
Spouse: Julia Watson  
Marriage Date: 22 Jun 1866  
County: Lowndes

365 M iv. **Thomas MANNING of Mobile, AL**.

+ 366 F v. **Mary Paine MANNING**.

+ 367 F vi. **Virginia MANNING**.

368 F vii. **Sophie MANNING**.

"Sophie Manning married Rev. R.K. Brown, of M.E. Church South. Her loveliness is unexcelled among her relations."

Sophie married **Rev. R.K. BROWN**.

170. **Peyton T. MANNING C.S.A.** (Sophia THOMPSON, Sarah Herndon (1st of the name) WATKINS, James B., William).

"Peyton Manning, C.S.A. on staff of General Longstreet (1861), married Sarah, daughter of Dr. William Weedon of Huntsville; both dead."

Alabama Marriage Collection, 1800-1969 Record  
about Peyton T Manning  
Name: Peyton T Manning  
Spouse: Sarah H Weedon  
Marriage Date: 1 Oct 1834  
County: Madison  
State: Alabama  
Performed By Title: A M  
Performed by Name: J N Moffett  
Source Information: Jordan Dodd, Liahona Research

1850 CENSUS, Huntsville, Madison County, AL  
Peyton T. Manning, age 39, born in AL, farmer  
Sarah H., age 32, born in AL  
Julia, age 15  
George F., age 13  
James, age 11  
Francis, age 9  
Ida, age 5  
John G., age 2  
William Weedon, age 30, no occupation

Peyton married<sup>9</sup> **Sarah WEEDON** on 1 Oct 1834 in Madison County, AL.

They had the following children:

- + 369 F i. **Julia MANNING** was born about 1835.
- 370 M ii. **Dr. Felix (Geroge F.) MANNING of Belton, Texas** was born about 1837.

Married.

- 371 M iii. **James MANNING of El Paso, TX** was born about 1839.

"James Manning, married in Mexico, and living in El Paso."

- 372 M iv. **Frank (Francis) MANNING** was born about 1841.
- 373 F v. **Ida MANNING** was born about 1844.

Ada Manning married 1) [Mr.] Price, and 2) [Mr.] Denzel, Abilene, Texas.

- 374 M vi. **John G. MANNING** was born about 1848.
- 375 M vii. **William MANNING**.

171. **James MANNING** (Sophia THOMPSON, Sarah Herndon (1st of the name) WATKINS, James B., William) was born 1806. He died 1849.

"James Manning, of Macon, Alabama (born 1806, died 1849) prominent in the Methodist Church, married Indiana, daughter of Dr. Asa Thompson. Issue: Mary Sophia (b. 1832), Louisiana (1834), Josephine (1837), Reeder (1839)."

James married **Indiana THOMPSON**. Indiana was born 1814. She died 1871.

They had the following children:

- + 376 F i. **Louisiana MANNING** was born 1834.
- 377 F ii. **Mary Sophia MANNING** was born 1832.

"Mary Sophia Manning (born 1832) married (1854) Dr. William R. Drummond of Petersburg, VA, who claimed ancestry, of many centuries, through the Duke of Perthshire, Scotland, and asserted himself the hereditary Duke in America. Issue:

Mary married **Dr. William R. DRUMMOND**.

- + 378 F iii. **Josephine MANNING** was born 1837.
- 379 F iv. **Reeder (female?) MANNING** was born 1839.

Reeder married **J.J. ARCHER**.

- + 380 F v. **Indiana MANNING**.

172.**Dr, William MANNING of Montgomery, AL** (Sophia THOMPSON, Sarah Herndon (1st of the name) WATKINS, James B., William) died 1864.

William married **Elizabeth WEEDON**, daughter of Dr, William WEEDON of Huntsville, AL.

They had the following children:

- 381 F i. **Fannie (Frances) MANNING**.

Fannie married **[Mr.] PEABODY of Georgia**.

- 382 F ii. **Elizabeth MANNING**.

Elizabeth married **Matthew R. MARKS**.

- 383 F iii. **Sarah MANNING**.

- 384 iv. **[others] MANNING**.

182.**Major Felix Alonzo McKinzie SHERROD** (Eliza H. WATKINS, Samuel, James B., William) was born 29 Mar 1809. He died 21 Jun 1865.

Felix Alonzo McKinzie Sherrod (5) m. Sarah Ann Parrish .

Felix M. married (first) Margaret McGrau , of Augusta, Ga. , and then Sarah Ann Parrish , Sophia , eldest daughter of Rev. Turner Saunders . We shall speak especially of the lineage of these families hereafter. The children of the last marriage (except two who died young): (1) Benjamin , who married Ella Jones , who married (second) Gen. Joseph Wheeler , C. S. A.; (2) Frank , who married Mary Harris , daughter of the late Mr. John H. Harris . Frank died many years ago, leaving a widow and two sons, Frank and Harris , now young men. (3) Alice , who married Capt. Robert W. Banks , of Columbus, Miss. He is United States Internal Revenue Collector for that State. They have five living children - Sarah Felix , Lucile , Robert Webb , James Oliver and Alice Sherrod . (2) Antoinette Sherrod married, as we have already stated, Jacob K. Swoope ; they had one son, William , who died before he attained his majority.

Felix married (1) **Margaret MCGRAW**.

Felix also married (2) **Sarah Ann PARRISH**, daughter of (Mr.) PARRISH and Sophia SAUNDERS, on 28 May 1835 in Lawrence County, AL.

"Letters from Forest Place... A Plantation Family's Correspondence, 1846-1881". edited by E. Grey Dimond and Herman Hattaway; University Press of Mississippi, 1993.

Letter from Letitia Watkins to her mother, Sarah Fitzgerald Watkins, wife of Thomas A. Watkins. October 21, 1848: "Sarah Sherrod is in Nashville, but I did not see her."

They had the following children:

- + 385 M i. **Benjamin (son of Felix) SHERROD** was born 1836 and died 1861.

- + 386 M ii. **Francis (Frank) Edwin SHERROD** was born 24 Dec 1836.
- + 387 F iii. **Alice Clay SHERROD.**

183. **Frederick A. O. SHERROD** (Eliza H. WATKINS, Samuel, James B., William) was born 3 Dec 1812 in Wilkes County, GA. He died Dec 1848 from "winter fever".

Frederick O., third child of Colonel Sherrod, married Ann Bolton. They had four sons, John Bolton, Frederick, Felix and Benjamin, and two daughters, who died young. (A) John Bolton of Montgomery, married Judith Winston and has five children, John B., William W., Judith, Edward and an infant. (B) Frederick, who married Mittie Davis, and has four children: Mary, Frederick, Mittie and Annie; (C) Felix who died, unmarried, since the war; (D) Benjamin, who married - Alexander, and they have four children, Frederick, Bolton, Felix and May.

Frederick O. A. Sherrod (5) married Anne, daughter of Col. John Bolton of Baltimore. (She married (II) Dr. Farrar, of Jackson, Miss.). Issue; I, John Bolton Sherrod (6), of Montgomery, Ala., married Judith, dau. of Col. Winston, Tuscumbia, Ala., several children. II, Frederick O. Sherrod (6), Birmingham, Ala., m. Mittie, youngest daughter of Orrin Davis, of Lawrence County, Ala., several children; III, Felix A. O. Sherrod (6), d. y.; IV, Frances, d. y.; V, dau.(6), d. infant; VI, Benj. Watkins Sherrod (6), married Miss Alexander,

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Thomas A. Watkins writing to his daughter, Letitia, December 29, 1848: "Poor Sam & Frederick SHERROD have lately died. They were brothers of Major Felix Sherrod."

January 13, 1849 "Fred and Sam Sherrod died with the winter fever last month."

Frederick married **Anne BOLTON**, daughter of Col. John BOLTON of Baltimore.

They had the following children:

- + 388 M i. **John Bolton SHERROD of Montgomery, AL.**
- + 389 M ii. **Frederick O. SHERROD of Birmingham, AL.**
- 390 M iii. **Felix (died unmarried) SHERROD.**
- + 391 M iv. **Benjamin (son of Frederick & Anne) SHERROD.**

184. **Marie Antoinette SHERROD** (Eliza H. WATKINS, Samuel, James B., William) was born about 1813.

Maria Antoinette Sherrod (5), (b. 1813,) married Jacob Swoope, (1st wife) and lived only a short while. Issue: William Swoope (6), heir to a considerable fortune, died at the age of 20. (His father married (secondly) Frances, daughter of the Rev. Turner and Frances (Dunn) Saunders, and had other children). (See Saunders family).

There is mention of Marie Antoinette in "Letters from Forest Place."

Marie married **Jacob K. SWOOPE**, son of Jacob SWOOPE.

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"Early Settlers of Alabama," "Jacob K. Swoope, the next oldest brother in the Courtland firm was also a very handsome man, with black hair and eyes, whereas his two brothers had blue. He had social manners and a good deal of humor, and was very popular. He was the partner who conducted all matters of contract with customers, while his brother John had more to do with the machinery of the large concern, and felt little interest in association, except with his personal friends. At length the members dissolved partnership. He married first Antoinette, a daughter of Dol. Benjamin Sherrod, by whom he had one child, William, who died before he attained his majority. She lived but a short time, and he married for his second wife Mrs. Clay, widow of Hon. Matthew Clay, and a daughter of the Rev. Turner Saunders. Mr. Swoope

retired from business, and settled on the plantation now occupied by his son, Capt. C.C. Swoope. In winding up his mercantile business he took in payment of his debts a good deal of cotton, and having confidence in the article, he bought largely in addition, and in the end made about \$20,000 profit. He was never known to buy any cotton afterward; a remarkable fact, for it is generally the case that when men make in this way, they never rest until they lose it all at the same game. Mr. Swoope proved to be a most excellent planter. His business was conducted with much method, and with the best tools, and the most perfect machinery. In this respect his son, Captain Swoope, who now occupies the same place, has trodden in his footsteps. Mr. Jacob Swoope, after retiring from the counting room, to which he had been so closely confined for many years, enjoyed his release very much, and was fond of joining his friends in hunting and to her country amusements. There was amongst them a man who owned a small farm near the Big Spring (then called Hickman's) whose cotton field became very foul. Swoope, feeling that he was somewhat to blame for decoying his neighbor from his work, and with his natural love of un, collected secretly a large number of hands, and had his little cotton field hoed over one morning before the owner waked up. When he did, he pretended to become very angry at the liberty his friends had taken with him; but his anger soon subsided, and the first time the horn blew he joined the hunt again. The issue of this marriage was Jacob K., Charles C., and Frances (commonly called Fannie) Swoope."

They had the following children:

392 M i. **William SWOOPE (died at age 20).**

185. **Samuel Watkins SHERROD** (Eliza H. WATKINS, Samuel, James B., William) was born 16 Nov 1814. He died 28 Nov 1848 from "Winter fever".

Samuel Watkins Sherrod (5), married Frances Parrish , sister of his brother Felix 's wife, Issue:

1. Henry Sherrod (6) died when grown; leaving a considerable fortune.
2. Walter Sherrod (6), of Town Creek, Lawrence County, Ala. , married Laura , daughter of Orrin Davis , Lawrence County, and died young. A son, Henry Sherrod (7) (b. 1864 ,) married Ella , daughter of Mr. James Irvine , of Florence, Ala and had Virginia, Irvine Sherrod

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Thomas A. Watkins writing to his daughter, Letitia, December 29, 1848: "Poor Sam & Frederick SHERROD have lately died. They were brothers of Major Felix Sherrod."

"Early Settlers of Alabama" "Samuel W., fourth child of Colonel Sherrod, married Frances Parrish, sister of the wife of Felix. They had two children, Henry , who died before marriage, and Walter, who married Laura Davis. Henry the only living child of this marriage, married Ella, daughter of James Irvine of Florence, Ala."

Samuel married **Frances PARRISH**.

Sister of his brother Felix's wife.

They had the following children:

393 M i. **Henry SHERROD** was born before 1848.

Henry Sherrod died when grown; leaving a considerable fortune.

Henry married **Ella (dau of James) IRVINE of Florence, AL.**

+ 394 M ii. **Walter SHERROD** died 23 Sep 1875.

188. **Eliza Sherrod WATKINS** (Paul J. "Don", Samuel, James B., William) was born 1825. She died 1879.

Eliza Watkins (5) m. John T. Phinizy , of the noted Georgia family. He died Wheeler, Ala. , 1887 . Issue:



Children

Lizzie PHINIZY  
Maggie PHINIZY  
Watkins PHINIZY  
Maud PHINIZY  
Ferdinand PHINIZY  
James PHINIZY

Eliza married **John Thomas PHINIZY**, son of Jacob PHINIZY and Matilda STEWART, on 12 Jun 1845 in "Flower Hill, " Lawrence County, AL. John was born 25 Feb 1822 in Bowling Green, Oglethorpe Co., GA. He died 29 Sep 1887 in Hillsboro, Lawrence Co., Alabama.

John Phinizy, the fourth son of Jacob Phinizy, and Matilda Stewart Phinizy, married Eliza Sherrod Watkins, oldest daughter of Paul J. Watkins. They had at least five children, the eldest Elizabeth Phinizy, married --- Pointer; Maud Phinizy is not married, Paul Watkins Phinizy has a son, Early Phinizy, of Huntsville, Alabama, James Watts Phinizy and Margaret Floyd Phinizy who married --- Strong.

1 Eliza WATKINS  
+ John T. PHINIZY d: 1887  
2 Lizzie PHINIZY  
+ Samuel POINTER  
2 Maggie PHINIZY  
+ James Strong  
2 Watkins PHINIZY  
+ Lucy SYKES  
2 Maud PHINIZY  
2 Ferdinand PHINIZY  
+ BARCLAY  
2 James PHINIZY

October 5, 1887: DEATH OF JOHN T. PHINIZY: Mr. Ferdinand Phinizy Loses a Brother in North Alabama on Thursday Last. Mr. Ferdinand Phinizy, of this city, has received news of the death of his brother, Mr. J.T. Phinizy, which occurred at Hillsboro, Ala. On the 29th of September. He died in his 66th year, and was well liked both in this section and at home. He was a native of Oglethorpe county, GA, and was educated in Athens. Of an original family of six, three now survive. Those are Mr. Ferdinand Phinizy of Athens; Maj. Marco Phinizy of East Point, and Mrs. John Billups of Mississippi. Maj. Jacob Phinizy was killed at the head of his regiment in the second battle of Manassas. Miss Margaret Phinizy has been dead several years. We regret to know that Mr. Joseph P. Billups died in Columbus, Miss. On the 27th. He was the brother-in-law of Mr. Phinizy's sister, and was a prominent man in that State. He was aged 60, was unmarried, and was also a native of Oglethorpe County, Ga., and a graduate of the University at Athens - Banner-Watchman."

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2 Ferdinand PHINIZY  
+ BARCLAY  
2 James PHINIZY

They had the following children:

- 395 M i. **John Thomas (Jr.) PHINIZY C.S.A. (died during The War)** was born 13 Oct 1846 in "Flower Hill, " Lawrence County, AL. He died 23 Jan 1865 in Soldiers' Hospital, Macon, GA and was buried in Rose Hill Cemetery, Macon, GA.
- 396 F ii. **Elizabeth Antoinette PHINIZY (Mrs. Pointer)** was born 21 Sep 1848.

Elizabeth married **Samuel POINTER**<sup>2</sup>.

- 397 F iii. **Sarah Matilda PHINIZY** was born 6 Jan 1851.
- 398 F iv. **Martha Jane PHINIZY** was born 7 Jul 1852.
- 399 M v. **Jacob (son of John Thomas) PHINIZY (died a baby)** was born 27 Mar 1854. He died 3 Dec 1854.
- 400 F vi. **Margaret Floyd (Mrs. Strong) PHINIZY "Maggie"** was born 2 Aug 1855 in Tar Springs, AL.

In a letter to Mrs. Pauline Crosley, Huntsville, AL, 3 Apr., 1898:

"I am a daughter of John Thomas Phinizy whose mother was a Miss Stewart....My father has been dead about ten years....."

signed by M P Strong  
Mrs. J A Strong, Huntsville, Ala.

Maggie married **James A. STRONG**.

- 401 F vii. **Pauline PHINIZY (died a child)** was born 18 Aug 1857. She died about 1860.
- + 402 M viii. **Paul Watkins PHINIZY** was born 3 Jul 1859.
- 403 M ix. **Ferdinand Billups PHINIZY** was born 12 Aug 1862.

Ferdinand married (Miss) **BARCLAY**.

Ferdinand Phinizy (6) m. Miss Barclay , daughter of Dr. Robert Barclay of Virginia , son of Rev. Dr. Robert Barclay , of the Christian Church, Missionary to Jerusalem, and author of the "City of the Great Kings." He was father also of the Hon. J. Judson Barclay , for some time a resident of Lawrence county, Ala. , U. S. Consul, in 1861 , to Island of Cypress , and Consul, in Cleveland's last administration, to Tangier , and who married Decima , tenth and youngest daughter of the Rev. Alexander Campbell , of Bethany, Va. , founder of the Christian Church. These two Barclay brothers, with their aged and lovely parents, and the venerable Mrs. Alexander Campbell , made their home for many years in Lawrence county, Alabama.

- 404 M x. **James Watts PHINIZY** was born 22 May 1865.
- 405 M xi. **Floyd Stewart PHINIZY (died a baby)** was born 27 Jan 1868. He died 1869.

189. **Susan A. WATKINS** (Paul J. "Don", Samuel, James B., William).

Susan A., daughter of Paul J. Watkins, married Ephraim H. Foster. Their son, James H. married Ida Speaks; Bettie married Thomas Pointer; Harry C. married Laura Dove; Fannie C. married William Wallace, and Narcissa H., Susan A. and Ephraim H. are single.

Susan married **Ephraim H FOSTER**, son of James H. FOSTER and Narcissa SAUNDERS.

son of James and Narcissa (Saunders) Foster , of Nashville, Tenn. (See Saunders Family.)

They had the following children:

- 406 M i. **James H. FOSTER**.  
James married **Ida SPEAKS**.
- 407 F ii. **Bettie FOSTER**.  
Bettie married **Thomas POINTER**.
- 408 M iii. **Harry C. FOSTER**.  
Harry married **Laura DOVE**.
- 409 F iv. **Fannie C. FOSTER**.  
Fannie married **William WALLACE** .

- 410 F v. **Narcissa H. FOSTER.**
- 411 F vi. **Susie A. FOSTER.**
- 412 M vii. **Ephraim H. (Jr.) FOSTER.**

190. **Amelia Antoinette WATKINS** (Paul J. "Don", Samuel, James B., William) died 1854 in Memphis, TN.

Amelia Watkins (5), married Col. Edward Mumford , of Virginia ; on Gen. Albert Sidney Johnston 's staff in the Civil War, and with Gov. Isham G. Harris , of Tennessee , and other staff officers, lowered the dying General from his horse when mortally wounded at the great battle of Shiloh. One son, (1) Paul Watkins Mumford (6), died a young man, Memphis, Tenn.

Amelia married **Col. Edward MUMFORD.**

They had the following children:

- 413 M i. **Paul Watkins MUMFORD (never married).**

192. **Mary E. WATKINS** (Paul J. "Don", Samuel, James B., William).

Mary E. Watkins (5) married James Branch , of the Virginia family; a great beauty and the pet of her family. Issue: I, James Branch (6), lawyer and member of Legislature, Alabama . Several children. II, Susie (6), unmarried. III, Robert W. Branch (6).

Mary married **James BRANCH.**

They had the following children:

- + 414 M i. **James H. BRANCH.**

193. **Mary Eleanor SWOPE** (Elmira WATKINS, Samuel, James B., William).

Mary married **James BALLENTINE.**

They had the following children:

- 415 M i. **Edgar C. BALLENTINE.**
- 416 F ii. **Orlean V. BALLENTINE.**
- 417 M iii. **James H. BALLENTINE.**
- 418 M iv. **William H. BALLENTINE.**
- 419 F v. **Sadie E. BALLENTINE.**

198. **Anna Josepha YOUNG** (Lucy Woodson WATKINS, John (son of James B.), James B., William) was born 18 Feb 1830. She died 1 May 1885 in Waverly, Clay County, MS and was buried in Waverly Cemetery, West Point, MS.

2nd Husband of Anna Josepha YOUNG: H. C. TERRELL

Anna married **Alexander HAMILTON of "Burnside" - West Point, MS "Sandy"** on 8 Apr 1851. Sandy was born 12 Nov 1824 in North Carolina. He died 6 Jun 1879 in Waverly, Clay County, MS and was buried in Waverly Cemetery, West Point, MS.

Alexander Hamilton, born Nov. 12, 1824, died June 6, 1879, removed from North Carolina to Mississippi with his brother, James, in 1849, and occupied and cultivated two adjoining plantations in Lowndes County, near Columbus, MS, having carried with them sufficient capital to establish themselves.

In 1852 Alexander Hamilton moved to Waverly, where Col. Young had built and given to his daughter a beautiful home, and there he established his residence, which he called "Burnside." Having bought the field hands of his brother James, he operated plantations in present Clay County, MS, near West Point. He continued to live with his family at "Burnside," taking an interest in many business enterprises, among them the Wesson Cotton Mills, the Stonewall Mills, the firm of Hamilton & Baskerville at Columbus, Miss., the writer's uncle, Charles Baskerville, being a member of this

firm, and the firm of Hamilton & Young, at Mobile, Ala., his older brother, William Baskerville Hamilton, and Col. Young being members of this firm. He did not take an active interest in these enterprises, but continued his residence at "Burnside" until his death on June 6, 1879. Here he entertained with great hospitality."

They had the following children:

- 420 F i. **Mary Isabella HAMILTON (died a child)** was born 29 Jan 1852. She died 17 Apr 1857.
- + 421 F ii. **Lucy Young HAMILTON** was born 9 Dec 1853.
- 422 M iii. **George Young HAMILTON (died a child)** was born 12 May 1859. He died 13 Oct 1863.
- + 423 M iv. **Prof. William Baskerville HAMILTON** was born 12 May 1859.
- + 424 F v. **Anna Josepha HAMILTON** was born 3 Nov 1855.
- 425 M vi. **Alexander Wooford HAMILTON (twin) (died young)** was born 27 Nov 1862. He died 29 Oct 1881.
- 426 F vii. **Sue Alyda HAMILTON (died a child)** was born 27 Nov 1862. She died 26 Oct 1874.

199. **Capt. Thomas Erskine YOUNG C.S.A.** (Lucy Woodson WATKINS, John (son of James B.), James B., William) was born 8 Jun 1831. He died 12 Aug 1869 in Waverly, . West Point, MS.

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Thomas married **Georgia Priscilla BUTT**. Georgia was born 22 Jul 1834.

They had the following children:

427 F i. **Priscilla YOUNG.**

Priscilla Young (6) m. T. B. Frankiin . Issue: 1, Lilla ; 2, Cornell , d. y

428 F ii. **Sarah Watkins YOUNG.**

Sarah Watkins (6) m. Edward Hopkins . Issue: 1, Charles (7); 2, Thomas Erskine (7); 3, Annie Cabott (7); 4, Georgia Prescilla (7).

Sarah married **Edward HOPKINS.**

429 F iii. **Lucy YOUNG.**

Lucy (6) m. Dr. C. C. Stockard , of Atlanta. Issue, two children: 1, Lucy Vaughn ; 2, -.

Lucy married **Dr. C.C. STOCKARD.**

430 F iv. **Valerius YOUNG.**

431 F v. **Anna Alyda YOUNG.**

(6) m. Henry M. Waddell . Issue: 1, Henry Marsden (7); 2, Hugh . VI, Moselle (6), d. y

Anna married **Henry M. WADDELL.**

432 M vi. **Thomas Erskine (Jr.) YOUNG.**

Thomas Erskine (?) m. White - live in Birmingham, Ala. Issue, a daughter: Valley Young (7).

433 M vii. **Moselle YOUNG.**

200. **James Hamilton YOUNG** (Lucy Woodson WATKINS, John (son of James B.), James B., William) was born 12 Dec 1832. He died 20 Aug 1899 in Waverly- West Point, MS.

James Hamilton Young (5) (-) m. Emmie , daughter of Hon. David Hubbard , M. C., of Alabama . Issue: I, George (6), d. y. II, William Loundes (6), d. y. III, Lucy Walker (6). IV, Emmie Hubbard (6) m. James E. Evans , of Muldon, Miss. Issue: 1, William B (7).

James married **Emily (dau of Hon. David) HUBBARD "Emmie"**. Emmie was born 2 Apr 1838.

They had the following children:

- 434 M i. **Goerge YOUNG.**
- 435 M ii. **William Lowndes YOUNG.**
- 436 F iii. **Lucy Walker YOUNG.**
- 437 F iv. **Emmie Hubbard YOUNG.**

204. **Lucy Watkins YOUNG** (Lucy Woodson WATKINS, John (son of James B.), James B., William) was born 4 Nov 1841. She died 1 Jun 1933 in Columbus, Lowndes County, MS.

Lucy inherited Waverly from her brother, William Lowndes, the last surviving male heir. Through her the mansion passed into the Banks family of Columbus.

Lucy Watkins Young (5) ( ) m. Col. James Oliver Banks , of Columbus, Miss. , (2nd wife). Issue: I, George Young m. Katherine Yerger , of Jackson, Miss. Issue: I. Lucy Young (7); II, Lucy Young (7); III, Wiley Coleman (7); IV, Ann Josepha (7), student, Belmont, Nashville , 1898 ; V, Reuben Reynolds (7).

Marriage 1 JAMES OLIVER BANKS MD b: 6 SEP 1829 in TUSCALOOSA, AL

Married: MAY 1870 in MS

Children

GEORGE YOUNG BANKS b: 7 FEB 1871 in LOWNDES CO., MS

LUCY YOUNG BANKS b: 4 NOV 1872 in COLUMBUS, LOWNDES CO., MS

WILEY COLEMAN BANKS b: ABT 1876 in LOWNDES CO., MS

ANNA JOSEPHA YOUNG BANKS b: AUG 1879 in WAVERLY, CLAY CO., MS

REUBEN REYNOLDS BANKS b: 5 MAR 1884

Lucy married **Col./Dr. James Oliver BANKS.**

Marriage #1

Martha Jane Coleman

Born: 23 Apr 1833 in [city], Greene, Alabama, USA

Died: 29 Feb 1868 in Gainesville, Sumter, Alabama, USA

Marriage: 28 Jan 1852 in Eutaw, Greene, Alabama, USA [View Info](#)

Children Sex Birth

Mary Gray Banks F 13 Jul 1852 in [city], [county], Mississippi, USA

Willis Alston Banks M 22 May 1857 in [city], Lowndes, Mississippi, USA

James Oliver Banks M 26 Dec 1865 in Columbus, Lowndes, Mississippi, USA

They had the following children:

- + 438 M i. **George Young BANKS** was born 7 Feb 1871 and died 22 Apr 1949.
- 439 F ii. **Lucy Young BANKS** was born 4 Nov 1872 in Columbus, Lowndes County, Mississippi.  
Lucy married **John Ramsey MAXWELL** on May 1904.
- 440 M iii. **Wiley Coleman BANKS** was born 6 Jun 1876 in Lowndes County, MS. He died 14 Nov 1948.

BANKS, Wiley Coleman

b. 6 Jun 1876, prob. Lowndes Co., MS

d. 14 Nov 1948

bur Nov 1948, Friendship Cemetery, Columbus, Lowndes Co., MS

spouse WILLIAMS, Marie Alice

son of BANKS, James Oliver Sr. and YOUNG, Lucy Watkins

Birth date from his draft card, Lowndes Co., MS. (LDS reel 1682938)

1880 census Lowndes Co., MS (ED 99 p 18) Columbus. Wiley Banks, WM 4, b. MS, father b. AL, mother b. MS. Living w/parents.

1900 census Lowndes Co., MS. ED 58, p 8. Columbus. Wiley C. Banks, WM 24, b. Jan 1876, single, hardware merchant, b. MS, father b. AL, mother b. MS. Living w/parents.

On 6 Jan 1901, Lowndes Co., MS, Wiley Coleman Banks married Miss Marie Alice Williams. Performed by T.W Lewis. (Lowndes Co., MS Marriage Bk. 21, p 319. FHL reel 854201)

1910 census Lowndes Co., MS. ED 52, p 1. Beat 5. Wiley Banks, WM 34, widower, farmer, b. MS, parents b. MS. Living alone.

On 12 Sep 1918, Wiley Coleman Banks completed a draft registration card in Lowndes Co., MS. He indicated he was a farmer residing in Columbus, MS. He was described as being of medium height with gray eyes and sandy hair. (Selective Service Draft Registration Cards, Lowndes Co., MS. LDS reel 1682938)

Wiley's entry for the 1920 census has not been located.

Death date from LDS Cemetery transcripts, Friendship Cemetery. (1956). LDS reel 2111.

Wiley married **Marie Agnes WILLIAMS**. Marie died By 1910.

By 1910, Wiley Coleman Banks was a widower.

- 441 F iv. **Anna Hamilton (Josepha?) BANKS** was born Aug 1879 in Waverly, Clay County, MS. She died 30 Jun 1959 and was buried in Friendship Cemetery, Columbus, MS.

BANKS, Anna Hamilton  
b. 24 Aug 1879, prob. Lowndes Co., MS  
d. 30 Jun 1959  
bur 1959, Friendship Cemetery, Columbus, Lowndes Co., MS  
spouse of HARRIS, Billups

dau of BANKS, James Oliver Sr. and YOUNG, Lucy Watkins

Birth date from Friendship Cemetery, Columbus, Mississippi, by James W. Parker et al., 1979, vol 1, p 15.

1880 census Lowndes Co., MS (ED 99 p 18) Columbus. Anna Banks, WM 8 mos, b Aug, b. MS, father b. AL, mother b. MS. Living w/parents.

1900 census Lowndes Co., MS. ED 58, p 8. Columbus. Anna H. Banks WF 19, b. Aug 1880, single, b. MS, father b. AL, mother b. MS. Living w/parents.

1910 census Lowndes Co., MS. ED 38, p 10. Columbus. Beat 2. 122 8th? Ave. Anna Banks WF 28, b. MS, father b. AL, mother b. GA. Living w/mother.

1920 census Lowndes Co., MS. ED 39, p 7. Columbus. 8th Ave. S. Anna Banks, WF 29, b. MS, father b. AL, mother b. MS. Living with mother.

In 1925, Anna married Billups Harris, Lowndes Co., MS. (Lowndes Co. MS Marriage Bk 28, p 304. LDS index reel 854179)

Death/burial info from Friendship Cemetery, Columbus, Mississippi, by James W. Parker et al., 1979, vol 1, p 15.

Anna married **John Billups HARRIS**, son of (Mr.) HARRIS and Ann Matilda BILLUPS, on 1925.

I have NO idea if this Billups Harris is he!!

On August 21, 1920, a divisional form of organization for the Federal Bureau of Investigation was adopted to meet the needs of the United States Attorneys.

As a result, Atlanta, Georgia, was designated as one of nine Division Headquarters with Mr. Billups Harris serving as Division Superintendent. The territory covered by the office included Alabama, Florida, Georgia, the Eastern Judicial District of Louisiana, Mississippi, the Western District of North Carolina, Puerto Rico, and South Carolina.

+ 442 M v. **Reuben Reynolds BANKS** was born 5 Mar 1884 and died 19 Mar 1954.

207. **John DeLancey WATKINS** (John Daniel, John (son of James B.), James B., William) was born 1826 in Schenectady, N. Y..

John De Lancey Watkins (5) (b. Schenectady, N. Y. , 26th August, 1826 ) m. (I) his cousin, Mary Yates , and m. (II) -. They lived in Schenectady, N. Y. Issue 1st mar.: De Lancey Watkins , and others.

2nd. marriage:

Children

1. Edward Walton (Ned) WATKINS b: 16 JUN 1858 in Schenectady, Schenectady Co, NY
2. Delancey Walton WATKINS b: 29 SEP 1859 in Schenectady, Schenectady Co, NY
3. Grace Walton WATKINS b: 8 APR 1862 in Schenectady, Schenectady Co, NY
4. Susan Teresa WATKINS b: 23 OCT 1866 in Schenectady, Schenectady Co, NY

John Austin Yates, son of Rev. Andrew and Mary (Austin) Yates, was born May 31, 1801, died August 27, 1849. He was a graduate of Union College, class of 1821, and from 1823 until the time of his death was professor of Oriental Literature in that institution. He was a man of fine qualities and a noted orator. He married Henrietta Cobb. Children: (there were others, but only one noted for the purpose of this individual)

1. Mary A., married John De Lancey Watkins.

John married (1) **Mary YATES**.

They had the following children:

443 M i. **DeLancey WATKINS**.

John also married (2) **Grace Thatcher WALTON**.

- 2) Susan D. Watkins (5), (b. 1828 ), d. y.
  - (3) Joseph Christopher Yates Watkins (5) (b. Lexington, Ga. , 6th September, 1831 ), d. s. p.
  - (4) John Watkins (5) (b. Lexington, Ga. , August, 1833 ), d. s. p. Issue, 2d mar. (Hunt ):
  - (5) Ann Watkins (5), (b. 1840 , d. 1846 ).
  - (6) Daniel Watkins (5) (b. 1842 , d. 1846 ).
  - (7) Angelina, Griffin Watkins (5) (b. 1844 , d. 1846 ).
  - (8) Ellen Watkins (5) (b. 1846 , d. 1846 ).
- These last four all poisoned by a slave.
- (9) Mrs. Georgia Augusta Holmes (6), of Macon, Ga. (b. 10th December, 1847 ), who has a daughter, Rosa Watkins (7).
  - (10) Daniel Hunt Watkins (5) (b. 1850 , d. 1852 ).

They had the following children:

- 444 M ii. **Edward Walton (Ned) WATKINS** was born in Schenectady, Schenectady Co, NY.
- 445 M iii. **DeLancey Walton WATKINS** was born in Schenectady, Schenectady Co, NY.
- 446 F iv. **Grace Walton WATKINS** was born 1862 in Schenectady, Schenectady Co, NY.
- 447 F v. **Susan Teresa WATKINS** was born in Schenectady, Schenectady Co, NY.

215. **George Young BANKS** (Sarah H. (dau of John & Susan) WATKINS, John (son of James B.), James B., William).

George married (1) **Sue SHEPHERD**.

They had the following children:

448 i. **(8 Children) BANKS**.

George also married (2) **Polly FUNSTON**.

They had the following children:

449 F ii. **Polly BANKS**.

218. **Edward Simms BANKS** (Sarah H. (dau of John & Susan) WATKINS, John (son of James B.), James B., William).

Edward married **Pauline DELONEY**.

They had the following children:

450 F i. **Lucy BANKS**.

220. **Anne Maria Josephine BANKS** (Sarah H. (dau of John & Susan) WATKINS, John (son of James B.), James B., William).

Anne married **James Gideon PEACOCK**.

They had the following children:

451 F i. **Sallie PEACOCK**.

452 F ii. **Elberta PEACOCK**.

453 M iii. **John PEACOCK**.

454 M iv. **James PEACOCK**.

222. **Sarah Lucy BANKS** (Sarah H. (dau of John & Susan) WATKINS, John (son of James B.), James B., William).

Sarah married **Edward E. YONGE**.

They had the following children:

455 M i. **Banks YONGE**.

456 F ii. **Mary Ellis YONGE**.

457 F iii. **Nettie YONGE**.

227. **Martha A. BELL** (Martha (dau of Isham) WATKINS, Isham, James B., William) was born 8 Jun 1820.

Martha married **Thomas B. (Jr.) WATKINS**, son of Thomas Binford WATKINS and Nancy RAGLAND, on 26 May 1842 in Alabama.

They had the following children:

458 F i. **Alice Ragland WATKINS** was born 16 Feb 1846.

459 F ii. **Fannie WATKINS** was born 9 Mar 1843.

460 F iii. **Louisa Carline WATKINS** was born 13 Jul 1844.

461 M iv. **Thomas Benford WATKINS** was born 7 Sep 1848.

229. **Henry Isham WATKINS** (Benjamin Taliaferro (son of Isham), Isham, James B., William) was born 1 Apr 1824. He died 23 Mar 1874.

Henry married (1) **Nancy E. HANNA** on 19 Feb 1848.

They had the following children:

+ 462 F i. **Mary Olivia WATKINS** was born 15 Sep 1854.

Henry also married (2) **Martha A. HANNA**.

231. **Thornton Taliferro WATKINS** (Benjamin Taliaferro (son of Isham), Isham, James B., William) was born 1829.

1850 CENSUS: William Ragsdale - 139-141 - Page 140 - 140B - Madison County, AL

Household of William Ragsdale was enumerated on Wednesday, August 22, 1850. Surnames in household:



RAGSDALE, WATKINS

William Ragsdale, 59 M, Planter \$300, VA  
Olivia J, 45 F, VA  
Mary E., 13 F, MS  
Samuel H., 15 M, Laborer, MS  
Henry, 9 M, MS  
Thornton T. Watkins, 21 M, Planter, MS  
Martha J. Watkins, 21 F, GA  
Elizabeth S., 3/12 F, MS

Son: Benjamin Taliaferro Watkins (2nd.)  
Son of BTW: Singleton Watkins, b. 1888;  
Son of SW: Troy Watkins b 1925 m. Gwendolyn ARTHUR

Thornton married **Martha Jane RAGSDALE** on 18 May 1849.

They had the following children:

463 F i. **Elizabeth S. WATKINS** was born 1850.

464 F ii. **Anna Alice WATKINS** was born 1854.

Anna married **Henry B. WILLIAMS**.

465 F iii. **Sally WATKINS** was born 1859.

466 M iv. **Thornton Beauregard WATKINS** was born 1861.

Thornton married (1) **Minnie MURRAY**.

Thornton also married (2) **Sarah MURRAY**.

467 F v. **Lucy WATKINS** was born 1864.

468 M vi. **Delano D. WATKINS**.

469 M vii. **Benjamin Taliaferro (3rd of the name) WATKINS** was born 1857.

## Sixth Generation

236. **John Coleman WATKINS** (William Willis, Coleman, William (2nd of the name), James B., William).

issue first marriage: John Coleman (6) m. Miss McWeaver , and had Jennie (7) and Coleman (7);

John married (**Miss**) **MCWEAVER**.

They had the following children:

470 F i. **Jennie WATKINS**.

471 M ii. **Coleman WATKINS**.

Not sure if this "Coleman"

"Georgia Marriages to 1850"

Culpepper, Sarah to Watkins, Coleman 01 Nov 1836 Georgia  
Jackson County

239. **Caroline Elizabeth WATKINS** (William Willis, Coleman, William (2nd of the name), James B., William).

Caroline Eliz. (6) m. Edward P. Shakelford , son of Dr. Jack Shakelford , Courtland, Ala. , and had Frank W. (7), m.  
(1899 ) Anna Edwards ; Harriet Catherine m. Rev. Ira F. Hawkins , and Caroline Eliz

Caroline married **Edward P. SHAKELFORD**, son of Dr. Jack SHACKELFORD.

"The fourth child of Dr. Shackelford was Edward P., a skillful man of business in Courtland who died some years ago. He married Caroline Watkins, and their children are Frank W., Harriet C., and Elizabeth, all young (1880)."

They had the following children:

472 F i. **Harriet Catherine SHAKELFORD** was born about 1860.

Harriet married **Ira F. HAWKINS**.

473 F ii. **Caroline "Elizabeth" SHAKELFORD** "Elizabeth" was born about 1862.

474 M iii. **Frank Watkins SHAKELFORD** was born about 1874.

Frank married **Anna EDWARDS**.

245. **Isabella Moore WATKINS** (Milton, James Coleman, William (2nd of the name), James B., William) was born 4 Jun 1856 in Seguin, Guadalupe County.

Isabella married **Edward H. WILKES**.

They had the following children:

475 M i. **Milton C. WILKES**.

247. **Samuel Hunt WATKINS** (Milton, James Coleman, William (2nd of the name), James B., William) was born 25 Jun 1860 in Seguin, Guadalupe County, TX. He died 3 Jul 1919 in Llano, Llano County, Texas.

Marriage 1 Clara G. ARNOLD b: 28 APR 1871 in Montgomery, Texas

Married: 30 MAR 1892 in Texas

Children

Owen Milton WATKINS b: 3 MAR 1893 in Llano, Llano County, Texas

Thomas James WATKINS b: 15 AUG 1895 in Llano, Llano County, Texas

John Lester WATKINS b: 27 NOV 1897 in Llano, Llano County, Texas

Clara Belle WATKINS b: 28 JUL 1901 in Llano, Llano County, Texas

Samuel Hunt WATKINS, Jr. b: 19 NOV 1904 in Texas

Samuel married **Clara ARNOLD**.

They had the following children:

476 M i. **Owen Milton WATKINS** was born 3 Mar 1893 in Llano, Llano County, Texas.

477 M ii. **Thomas James WATKINS** was born 15 Aug 1895 in Llano, Llano County, Texas. He died 4 Aug 1982 in Llano, Llano County, Texas.

Thomas married **Julia Josephine PFEIFFER** on 20 Oct 1924 in Texas.

478 M iii. **John Lester WATKINS** was born 27 Nov 1897 in Llano, Llano County, Texas.

479 M iv. **Clara Belle WATKINS** was born 28 Jul 1901 in Llano, Llano County, Texas.

480 M v. **Samuel Hunt (Jr.) WATKINS** was born 19 Nov 1904 in Llano, Llano County, Texas.

251. **William Wallace WATKINS** (Milton, James Coleman, William (2nd of the name), James B., William) was born 12 Jul 1872 in San Marcos, Hays County, Texas.

Marriage 1 Cora EDWARDS b: 23 FEB 1874 in Brownwood, Texas

Married: 4 SEP 1895

Children

Martha Joline WATKINS b: 8 AUG 1896

Unknown WATKINS

William married **Cora EDWARDS**.

They had the following children:

481 F i. **Martha Joline WATKINS** was born 8 Aug 1896.

253. **M. Blanche ACKLIN** (Susan WATKINS, James Coleman, William (2nd of the name), James B., William) was born about 1856.

M. Blanche ACKLIN married **Washington A. MCKEE of Texas**.

1880 CENSUS, District 76, Hays Co., TX  
Washington A. McKee, age 30, farmer, MS/SC/GA  
M. Blanche, age 24, AL/AAL/AL  
R. Early (son) age 4, TX/MS/AL  
Sue A. (daughter) age 3, TX/MS/AL  
Daniel M. (son) 3/12 (born in April)  
ACKLIN, Sue, age 52, mother-in-law, AL/GA/KY

They had the following children:

- 482 M i. **R. Early MCKEE** was born 1876 in TX.
- 483 F ii. **Sue A. MCKEE** was born 1877 in TX.
- 484 M iii. **Daniel M. MCKEE** was born Apr 1880 in TX.

263. **Lucy Ann SPOTSWOOD** (Martha WATKINS, William (3rd of the name), William (2nd of the name), James B., William).

Lucy married **Rev. Charles E. CABINESS of Lincoln, Illinois**.

They had the following children:

- 485 M i. **Robert CABINESS**.
- 486 F ii. **Mary CABINESS**.
- 487 F iii. **Elizabeth CABINESS**.

264. **Edward V. CHARDAVOYNE** (William Vermylie (II) CHARDAVOYNE, Martha WATKINS, William (2nd of the name), James B., William) was born 11 Sep 1864. He died 14 Apr 1946 in Courtland, AL and was buried in Courtland Cemetery, Lawrence Co., AL.

2. Edward Vermylie Chadavoyne (6), Railroad Agent, since his extreme youth, of Memphis and Charleston Road, at Courtland, married (1888) Annie Pippin, of Courtland, Ala., sister of Mrs. Oakley Bynum, and Mrs. Saunders Swoope.  
Issue: 1 Eva, 2 Louisa.

Edward married **Annie PIPPEN** on 11 Jan 1888. Annie was born 16 May 1865. She died 18 Mar 1949 in Courtland, AL and was buried in Courtland Cemetery, Lawrence Co., AL.

They had the following children:

- 488 F i. **Eva CHARDAVOYNE**.
- 489 F ii. **Louisa CHARDAVOYNE**.
- 490 F iii. **M. Lavinia CHARDAVOYNE** was born 7 Jul 1891. She died 10 Jun 1982 in Courtland, AL and was buried in Courtland Cemetery, Lawrence Co., AL.

Social Security No. 422-52-3661; issued in Alabama. Last known zip code 35618; Courtland, Alabama.

265. **Martha Gay CHARDAVOYNE** (William Vermylie (II) CHARDAVOYNE, Martha WATKINS, William (2nd of the name), James B., William).

1. Martha Gay (6), married (1885) Major Thoms, of U. S. Corps of Engineers, then engaged on the Muscle Shoals Canal of the Tennessee River, whose first locks, (now too small for modern traffic) were contracted for and built by Rev. Turner Saunders. Major Thoms died 1887, leaving a son, Edward Vermylie (7) (b. 1886).

Martha married (**Maj.**) **THOMS** on 1885. (**Maj.**) died 1887.

They had the following children:

- 491 M i. **Edward Vermylie THOMS**.

269. **Mary Louisa SAUNDERS** (Mary Frances WATKINS, Robert H., James (Jr.), James B., William) was born 20 Dec 1832.

She died 24 Jul 1859.

Mary married **Henry D. BLAIR of Mobile, AL.**

They had the following children:

+ 492 F i. **Elizabeth Saunders BLAIR** was born Apr 1853 and died Aug 1937.

270.**Dr. Dudley Dunn SAUNDERS of Memphis, TN (C.S.A.)** (Mary Frances WATKINS, Robert H., James (Jr.), James B., William) was born 23 Feb 1835.

Served as a surgeon during the War, at one time at the hospital in Chattanooga, TN.

JEFFERSON DAVIS

Confederate States of America, War Department,  
Richmond, September 11, 1862.

Sir: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America. SURGEONS, among them was Dudley D. Saunders. Dr. Dudley Saunders treated Gen. John Gregg after the battle of Chickamauga. He wrote a tribute to Gen. Gregg in "Early Settlers of Alabama," "Gen. John Gregg was wounded at the battle of Chickamauga. After his wounds were dressed, at his special request, he was sent to Marietta, GA to be attended by me, then in charge of this hospital post. Gen. Gregg was a splendid specimen of manhood, upon whose face and physique the impress of greatness and nobility of soul was plainly stamped. (etc) The recollection of my intercourse with Gen. Gregg, at Marietta, has always been to me a pleasant thought, and the news of his death while gallantly leading his command in a charge upon the enemy's works was a source of poignant grief."

Dudley married (1) **Kate WHEATLEY.**

They had the following children:

+ 493 F i. **Mary Louisa (2nd) SAUNDERS.**

494 F ii. **Kate Wheatley SAUNDERS.**

Dudley also married (2) **Mary WHEATLEY.**

They had the following children:

495 M iii. **Dudley Dunn (II) SAUNDERS.**

496 F iv. **Elizabeth SAUNDERS.**

276.**Mary Ann FOSTER** (Sarah Independence WATKINS, Robert H., James (Jr.), James B., William) was born 15 Oct 1830. She died 30 Mar 1853.

Mary married **James SIMPSON.**

They had the following children:

497 M i. **Margaret M. SIMPSON.**

Margaret married **Thomas MCDONALD of Limestone Co., AL.**

278.**Virginia FOSTER** (Sarah Independence WATKINS, Robert H., James (Jr.), James B., William).

Virginia married **James IRVINE Of Athens, AL.**

"Early Settlers of Alabama," Discussing Hon. Arthur Francis Hopkins: In 1842 there was a meeting of the north Alabama Bar Association for Judge Hopkins, not sure if about this James Irvine: "The president was James Irvine, Esq., the senior of the Florence bar, an able lawyer, profoundly versed in its principles, an accurate special pleader, with all his law papers drawn up in a neat hand and with great method, not an eloquent, but a chaste and logical speaker, and one who had made a fortune by the practice of his profession. He delivered a very graceful speech of welcome, and the response of Judge Hopkins exhibited so much taste, such deep feeling, and such devotion to the noble profession to which he belonged that it produced a lasting impression upon his brethren. In the evening a reception was given at the house of Mr. Irvine; the members of the bar and the elite of the town and country attended, and Judge Hopkins moving amongst highly cultured men and beautiful and accomplished ladies proved that his social qualities were not inferior to his profession. It is melancholy to think how few of the honored guests at this dinner still survive. He in whose honor it was given has passed away. Its president departed in 1867. Out of the nine lawyers who constituted the committee or arrangements only Mr. Robinson of Huntsville, Mr. Cooper of Tuscumbia, and General O'Neal of Florence remain!

(1881).

They had the following children:

- + 498 F i. **Mary IRVINE.**
- 499 M ii. **James IRVINE.**

James married (**daughter of Dr.**) **MCALEXANDER of Florence, AL.**

- + 500 F iii. **Ella IRVINE.**
- 501 F iv. **Emma IRVINE.**
- 502 F v. **Virginia IRVINE.**
- 503 M vi. **Washington IRVINE.**

280. **George W. FOSTER C.S.A.** (Sarah Independence WATKINS, Robert H., James (Jr.), James B., William).

George married **Emma MCKIERNON.**

They had the following children:

- 504 i. (**several Children**) **FOSTER.**

281. **Andrew J. FOSTER of Mississippi** (Sarah Independence WATKINS, Robert H., James (Jr.), James B., William).

Andrew J. Foster (6), planter, Miss., C. S. A., served with General Roddy (dead); m. Mrs. Helen Potter , of Mississippi .  
Issue: One son.

Andrew married **Helen (Mrs.) POTTER.**

They had the following children:

- 505 M i. (**son**) **FOSTER.**

282. **Sallie FOSTER** (Sarah Independence WATKINS, Robert H., James (Jr.), James B., William) was born 1850. She died 1898.

Sallie Foster (6) (b. 1850 , d, 1898 ); m. (1871 ) Sterling McDonald , brother of Thomas , and lived in the family home at Florence (above). Issue: Several children.

Sallie married **Sterling MCDONALD.**

They had the following children:

- 506 i. (**several Children**) **MCDONALD.**

283. **Virginia WATKINS** (James Lawrence, Robert H., James (Jr.), James B., William).

Virginia married **Charles ROBINSON.**

Notes of Ann King: This is my family--Charles Robinson in my GrGr Grandfather's brother and Glazebrook is the proper spelling.

They had the following children:

- 507 F i. **Annie ROBINSON.**

Annie married (**Mr.**) **GLAZEBROOK.**

287. **Elizabeth WATKINS "Lizzie"** (Robert H. ( Jr.), Robert H., James (Jr.), James B., William).

Lizzie married **Col. Guilford BUFORD of Giles Co., TN.** Guilford died By 1887.

They had the following children:

- 508 i. (**several children**) **BUFORD.**

288. **James Lawrence (2nd of the name) WATKINS Editor of "Birmingham Age"** (Robert H. ( Jr.), Robert H., James (Jr.), James B., William).

James married **Bette MATTHEWS - dau Of Luke Matthews Of Huntsville.**

They had the following children:

509 M i. **Lucius WATKINS.**

510 M ii. **Lawrence WATKINS.**

289.**Frank WATKINS** (Robert H. ( Jr.), Robert H., James (Jr.), James B., William).

Lived in Oregon.

Frank married **Minnie MURRAY.**

They had the following children:

511 i. **(several children) WATKINS.**

291.**Robert H. (III) WATKINS Editor of "Birmingham Age"** (Robert H. ( Jr.), Robert H., James (Jr.), James B., William).

Robert married **Mamie LINDSAY -dau of Ex-Gov. Lindsay.**

They had the following children:

512 F i. **(daughter) WATKINS.**

300.**Judge Sampson W. (II) HARRIS** (Sampson W. HARRIS, Sarah Herndon (2nd) WATKINS, James (Jr.), James B., William) was born Mar 1838. He died 31 May 1912 in Carrollton, GA.

"Early Settlers of Alabama" Sampson W. Harris , "one of the most graceful orators Alabama ever had."

"A Solicitor is engaged in incessant conflict with men of every caliber of mind." As a training ground...."what better arena on which a young lawyer can obtain self-reliance..." "as demonstrated in the cases of a large number of lawyer, who in our State have become Senators and members of Congress, Governors, judges of the Supreme, and other courts, and men of distinction. It was in this practical school that Hitchcock, Henry Goldthwaite, Richard W. Walker, Hubbard, Houston, Fitzpatrick, Percy Walker, Shorter, Sampson W. Harris, O'Neal, and many others, were taught the science of "thrust and parry" in mental gladiation."

Eugenia Richards provided the "Watkins Family Manuscript" of Dr. Thomas A. Watkins, 1882. It states: "Lucy who married Judge Sampson WAtkins HARRIS, now Judge of the Newman Circuit of GA."

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Memoirs Of Georgia Vol 1 > Chapter 3 Industrial Resources > Carroll County: "Judge Harris was reared on the plantation, and received a good common school education. He entered the University of Georgia in 1853, and graduated in 1857; studied law and was admitted to the bar in Oglethorpe County, GA and entered upon the practice. In 1861 he enlisted in Company C (Capt. John T. Lofton) Sixth Georgia regiment, which was assigned to Gen. A.H. Colquitt's command. He served through the war, and was in many hard fought battles. He was seriously wounded and was captured by Sherman's army just before the surrender, but was paroled. He entered the army as first lieutenant, and was gradually promoted until he reached a colonelcy before the close of the war. After the war he planted a few years, in Chambers County, Ala., and then resumed his law practice. He moved into Georgia in the seventies, and was a member of the constitutional convention of 1877. That same year, he was appointed solicitor-general of the Coweta circuit, which office he held until 1880, when he was elected judge of the circuit. In May 1894, Gov.

In 186 Judge Harris was married in Alabama to Miss Lucy, daughter of Henry and Emily (Watkins) Todd. This union was blessed with six children: H.F. physician, graduate of Atlanta Medical College and of Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, been in practice three years; Sampson; Stephen, graduate of Atlanta Medical College; Isabella, Paulina, and Lucy. Judge Harris is a master Mason."

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December 10, 1853: "The death of the Vice President of the United States was announced and eulogies were delivered by Messrs. Sampson W. Harris of Alabama, Jos. R. Chandler of Pennsylvania, and Thos. H. Benton of Missouri."

Augusta Chronicle: October 3, 1904: Judge Sampson Harris was appointed adjutant general by Governor Terrell in November 1903. October 17, 1903: Atlanta, GA. Adjutant General James W. Robertson was asked today what he had to say about the appointment of Judge Sampson W. Harris as his successor: "I am greatly pleased," was the reply. "I have known Judge Harris a long time and we have been intimate friends. Indeed, he said he would not accept the appointment unless I declined the office. I was not an applicant, and I am rejoiced over the selection which the governor has made." General Robert and Judge Harris were members of the constitutional convention of 1877, and were on two important committees together. Upon this appointment, the newspaper reported that he was judge of the Coweta County Circuit Court at the time. "Judge Harris entered the Confederate army as first lieutenant in the Sixty Georgia, served throughout the war, and came out at the head of his regiment with four scars of battle. He was a member of the constitutional convention of 1877, was solicitor general of the Coweta circuit a number of years, was made judge in 1881 and has been on the bench twenty-two years. He was appointed to the supreme court by Governor Atkinson and declined, and Governor Northen appointed him secretary of state to succeed General Cook upon General Cook's death and he declined. He is one of the ablest jurists in the state. The position of adjutant general pays \$2,000 a year. The appointment is for three years."

December 3, 1904: Atlanta, GA, (Dec 2nd) Adjutant General Harris was the recipient today of a handsome gold headed cane, presented by the bar of the Coweta circuit court, which he presided over for about twenty years. When Judge Harris resigned sometime ago the lawyers raised a fund and presented him with a magnificent gold watch. Mr. Hatton Lovejoy, of LaGrange, was the custodian of the fund, and there was a surplus, which was used for the purchase of the cane. This morning the governor received notice that the cane was on its way to Atlanta, addressed to him, and he was requested to present it to Judge Harris. The cane was inscribed "To Sampson W. Harris, fro the Members of the Bar of Coweta Circuit."

#### 6th Georgia Volunteer Infantry

The 6th Georgia Volunteer Infantry was an infantry regiment in the Confederate States Army during the American Civil War. It was organized at Macon, Georgia, in April, 1861.

Future governor, Alfred Colquitt, was elected its first colonel. The regiment fought in the Battle of Fredericksburg and was in Stonewall Jackson's flank attack at the Battle of Chancellorsville. The regiment surrendered at Greenboro, North Carolina on April 26, 1865.

#### Organization

##### Staff

Colonel

Alfred Holt Colquitt

John T. Lofton

Sampson Watkins Harris

A Company (Sydney Brown Infantry) was formed in Hancock County, Georgia.

B Company (Lookout Dragoons) was formed in Dade County, Georgia.

C Company (Beauregard Rifles or Beauregard Volunteers) was formed in Houston County, Georgia.

D Company (Butts County Volunteers) was formed in Butts County, Georgia.

E Company (Crawford County Greys or Crawford Greys) was formed in Crawford County, Georgia.

F Company (Camilla Guards or Mitchell County Independents or Mitchell Independents) was formed in Mitchell County, Georgia.

G Company (Butler Vanguard) was formed in Taylor County, Georgia.

H Company (Baker Fire Eaters) was formed in Baker County, Georgia.

I Company (Twiggs County Guards or Twiggs Guards) was formed in Twiggs County, Georgia.

K Company (Gilmer Blues) was formed in Oglethorpe County, Georgia.

#### Battles

Yorktown Siege, Virginia (4/62) Williamsburg, Virginia (5/5/62)

Seven Pines, Virginia (5/31/62 - 6/1/62)

Seven Days Battles, Virginia (6/25/62 - 7/1/62)

Gaines' Mill, Virginia (6/27/62)

Malvern Hill, Virginia (7/1/62)  
South Mountain, Maryland (9/14/62)  
Antietam, Maryland (9/17/62)  
Fredericksburg, Virginia (12/13/62)  
Chancellorsville, Virginia (5/1/63 - 5/4/63)  
Grimball's Landing, James Island, South Carolina (7/16/63)  
Charleston Harbor, South Carolina (8/63 - 9/63)  
Olustee, Florida (2/20/64)  
Drewry's Bluff, Virginia (5/16/64)  
Petersburg Siege, Virginia (6/1/64 - 4/1/65)  
Cold Harbor, Virginia (6/1/64 - 6/3/64)  
Crater, Virginia (7/30/64)  
Fort Harrison, Virginia (9/29/64 - 9/30/64)  
Second Fort Fisher, North Carolina (1/13/65 - 1/15/65)  
Carolinas Campaign (2/65 - 4/30/65)  
Bentonville, North Carolina (3/19/65 - 3/21/65)

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1880 (June) CENSUS, District 32, Carroll County, GA  
Harris, Sampson W. age 42, lawyer, AL/GA/GA  
Lucy, age 38, wife, AL/AL/AL  
Henry F., age 13, AL/AL/AL  
Sampson W., age 9, born in AL  
Stevens (T/J?), age 7, born in AL  
Isabella, age 5, born in GA  
Pauline, age 2, born in GA  
Lucy Buchannan 1/12 mos, born in GA  
Wartha - black servant, age 23

1900 CENSUS, District 7, Carrollton, Carroll County, GA  
Sampson W. Harris, age 52, Judge Superior Court  
Sampson W. Jr., age 29, Dentist  
Paulina, age 21  
Lucy, age 20  
Anne C. McDonald - cousin - age 67 (born in Feb 1833)  
John Rogers, servant, age 30

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May 31, 1912: Atlanta, GA: 'Judge S.W. Harris, state oil inspector, died this morning at his home in Carrollton.'

Sampson married **Lucy Watkins TODD**, daughter of Henry Waring (Jr.) TODD of Chambers Co., AL and Emily Elizabeth WATKINS, on 1866. Lucy was born Mar 1841 in Alabama. She died Prior To 1900.

They had the following children:

513 M i. **Dr. Henry Fauntleroy HARRIS**<sup>10</sup> was born about 1867.

December 1908: Report of the Georgia State Board of Health: Investigations "constantly being conducted by the board under the direction of Dr. H.F. Harris. His experiments with and investigations into the complaint known as uncinarius, peliagra, tropical ephtha or sprue and other diseases indigenous to this climate are extensive and prpmise to be far reaching in results."

In March, 1912, former president of the Georgia State Board of Health, brought charges against Dr. H.F. Harris, secretary. The newspaper accounts stated that "In the matter of the charges made against Dr. Harris, it appears, from the report of [the current] president Dr. Benedict, that none of them were well founded, and the secretary of the board has been entirely consistent in the performance of his duties as connected with the Board of Health and his personal conduct and practice." The report detailed laboratory practices of the board. Dr. Harris continued his work with the State Board of Health for a number of years.

July 16, 1917: Atlanta, GA. "The state board of health today accepted the resignation of Dr. H.F. Harris as secretary. Dr. Harris has for a number of years been also virtually managing director of the state board."



Atlanta, GA, July 25, 1925: "Discovery of what is declared to be an absolute cure for cancer, a disease that has baffled medical scientists for many years, has been announced here by Dr. H.F. Harris, member of the Georgia State Board of Health and one of the most prominent physicians of the south."

514 M ii. **Sampson Watkins HARRIS**<sup>10</sup> was born Jan 1871.

+ 515 M iii. **Dr. Stephen Thomas HARRIS** was born about 1873.

516 F iv. **Isabella Willis HARRIS** "Belle"<sup>10</sup> was born about 1875.

517 F v. **Emily Pauline HARRIS** "Pauline"<sup>10</sup> was born Jul 1878.

518 F vi. **Lucy Buchanan Watkins HARRIS**<sup>10</sup> was born Apr 1880 in Carroll County, GA.

321. **Uriah T. (Jr.) BLACKSHEAR** (Martha TALIAFERRO, Martha WATKINS, James (Jr.), James B., William).

Uriah married **Elmira TALIAFERRO**.

They had the following children:

519 F i. **Eugenia BLACKSHEAR**.

520 F ii. **Mary BLACKSHEAR**.

322. **Mary DRUMMOND** (Elizabeth TALIAFERRO, Martha WATKINS, James (Jr.), James B., William).

Mary married (**Mr.**) **YELDELL**.

They had the following children:

521 M i. **Edwin YELDELL**.

522 M ii. **Frank YELDELL**.

523 M iii. **Fenner YELDELL**.

524 M iv. **James YELDELL**.

525 F v. **Lizzie May YELDELL**.

323. **Elizabeth DRUMMOND** (Elizabeth TALIAFERRO, Martha WATKINS, James (Jr.), James B., William).

Elizabeth married **Robert YELDELL**.

They had the following children:

526 F i. **Margaret YELDELL**.

527 M ii. **John YELDELL**.

337. **Amelia BRADLEY** (Amanda TALIAFERRO, Martha WATKINS, James (Jr.), James B., William) was born 1845. She died 1919.

Amelia married **Porter BIBB**.

They had the following children:

528 M i. **Thomas BIBB**.

529 F ii. **Mary Porter BIBB**.

530 M iii. **Porter (Jr.) BIBB**.

+ 531 F iv. **Augusta Kortrech BIBB** was born 8 Jan 1871 and died 30 Jul 1949.

532 M v. **Bradley BIBB**.

533 F vi. **Mamie BIBB**.

534 F vii. **Gussie BIBB**.

338. **Annie BRADLEY** (Amanda TALIAFERRO, Martha WATKINS, James (Jr.), James B., William) was born 1849.

Annie married **William ELLINGTON**.

They had the following children:

535 F i. **Elmira ELLINGTON.**

339. **Kate Taliaferro BRADLEY** (Amanda TALIAFERRO, Martha WATKINS, James (Jr.), James B., William) was born 23 Aug 1850 in Demopolis, Marengo County, AL. She died 2 Feb 1935 in Tyler, Hamilton County, TN and was buried in Belle Mina, Limestone, Alabama.

Kate married **Lockhart BIBB** on 21 Jul 1867 in Marengo County, AL. Lockhart was born 18 Dec 1839 in Belle Mina, Limestone, Alabama.

They had the following children:

- + 536 M i. **David Porter BIBB.**
- 537 F ii. **Anna Cousins BIBB** was born 23 Nov 1870.
- + 538 F iii. **Eliza Pamela BIBB** was born 28 Dec 1872.

344. **Judge William Henry TOOMBS** (Mary S. RICHARDSON, Susan (dau of James & Jane) WATKINS, James (Jr.), James B., William) was born 13 Aug 1851. He died 15 Nov 1917 and was buried in Rest Haven Cemetary, Washington, Wilkes County, Georgia.

January 31, 1925: Mr. and Mrs. Gabriel Toombs, of Washington, GA, have been called here by the illness of their mother, Mrs. William Toombs, who is at the Margaret Wright hospital."

April 4, 1935: OLD HOME STILL IN SAME FAMILY AFTER FOUR GENERATIONS. Washington, GA. April 3rd. Into the hands of the fourth generation went the title to one of the oldest homes in Washington, as Mrs. Hardeman Toombs Wood purchased the Gabriel Toombs residence at administrator's sale Tuesday. In the early part of the 18th century, this historic building was erected by the father of General Robert Toombs; was long the residence of the general's brother, Gabriel Toombs; later became the property of William H. Toombs, a son of Gabriel Toombs, and is now owned by Mrs. Wood, daughter of Judge Toombs."

Burials in Resthaven Cemetery.

Toombs	Ethel Almand	28-Jul-1882	06-Mar-1963
	Ethel Almand, w/o Gabriel Toombs, d/o Richard A. & Frances Langford Almand		
Toombs	Gabriel	31-Jan-1879	13-Oct-1962
	h/o Ethel Almand, William Henry & Julia Butler Toombs		
Toombs	Gabriel	07-Mar-1813	29-Nov-1901
	Augustus Gabriel Toombs, h/o Mary S. Richardson		
Toombs	James Augustus	07-Jan-1855	17-Jan-1932
	s/o Augustus Gabriel & Mary S. Richardson Toombs		
Toombs	Julia A.	15-May-1813	04-Sep-1883
	Martha Julianna DuBose, w/o Robert Augustus Toombs		
Toombs	Julia Butler	25-Jan-1857	09-Feb-1927
	Julia Butler, w/o William Henry Toombs		
Toombs	Mary S.	18-Feb-1819	07-Apr-1885
	Mary S. Richardson, w/o Augustus Gabriel Toombs		
Toombs	Robert, Dr	09-Mar-1848	15-Sep-1929
	s/o Augustus Gabriel & Mary S. Richardson Toombs		
Toombs	Robert, General	02-Jul-1810	15-Dec-1885
	Robert Augustus Toombs, h/o Martha Julianna DuBose-CSA		
Toombs	William Henry	13-Aug-1851	15-Nov-1917
	h/o Julia Butler		

William married **Julia BUTLER**, daughter of Troup BUTLER. Julia was born 25 Jan 1857. She died 9 Feb 1927 in Washington, GA and was buried in Resthaven Cemetery, Wilkes County, GA.

June 25, 1911: "Mrs. William H. Toombs returned Friday from Columbus where she has been spending some time with her daughter, Mrs. Willingham Wood.

February 11, 1927: "MRS. JULIA B. TOOMBS DIES AT WASHINGTON. February 10: Funeral services for Mrs. Julia Butler Toombs, whose death occurred Wednesday night following a protracted illness of several months, will be held at the Episcopal Church Friday morning at eleven o'clock and interment will be in Resthaven Cemetery. Mrs. Toombs was the widow of the late Judge William H. Toombs of Washington and her passing brings a distinct loss to this community. She is survived by two sons and three daughters: Mrs. Harvey Phillips of Atlanta; Mrs. Willingham Wood of Washington; Mrs. Arnold Wells of Winterhaven, Fla., Gabriel Toombs of Tampa, Fla, and Butler Toombs of Atlanta."

They had the following children:

- + 539 M i. **Gabriel TOOMBS** was born 31 Jan 1879 and died 13 Oct 1962.
- 540 M ii. **Butler TOOMBS**.

1930. Butler Toombs was director of the Bureau of Vital Statistics of the State (of Georgia) Board of Health.

- + 541 F iii. (Miss) **Hardiman TOOMBS** died Sep 1955.
- 542 F iv. (daughter) (Mrs. **Harvey Phillips**) **TOOMBS of Summerville**.
- 543 F v. **Louise TOOMBS of Washington, GA** was born about 1892 in Wilkes County, GA. She died Jul 1967 in Washington, GA and was buried in Rest Haven Cemetary, Washington, Wilkes County, Georgia.

July 4, 1967: MRS. LOUISE WELLS. Washington, GA. Funearl services for Mrs. Louise Toombs Wells, 75, who died Sunday night at a local hospital after an extended illness, will be held at 11 am Tuesday morning at the Episcopal Church in Washington. The Rev. Ronald Gibson will officiate. Burial will be in Resthaven Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Alexander Wright, Gene Pierce, Eddie Anderson, Robert M. Darby, Motte Smith, and John Harvey Edwards. Mrs. Wells, a native of Wilkes County, was the daughter of the late Judge William Henry and Julia Butler Toombs, both of Wilkes County. She was a member of the Episcopal Church in Washington. Survivors include one nephew, Thomas Willingham Wood, Washington and Tallahassee, FL; two nieces, Mrs. Charles Hicks, Atlanta and Mrs. Louise Toombs Reynolds, Washington; and several great-nieces and nephews."

Louise married **Arnold WELLS**. Arnold was born 9 Mar 1882. He died 9 Nov 1960.

362. **James MANNING** (Felix MANNING, Sophia THOMPSON, Sarah Herndon (1st of the name) WATKINS, James B., William) died 1896.

James married (1) (Mrs.) **SIMS**.

James also married (2) (daughter of Reeder) **MANNING**.

They had the following children:

- 544 M i. **Mary MANNING**.

366. **Mary Paine MANNING** (Felix MANNING, Sophia THOMPSON, Sarah Herndon (1st of the name) WATKINS, James B., William).

Mary married **Maunsel White CHAPMAN of Clay County, MS**.

They had the following children:

- 545 F i. **Virginia CHAPMAN**.
- 546 M ii. (son) **CHAPMAN**.

367. **Virginia MANNING** (Felix MANNING, Sophia THOMPSON, Sarah Herndon (1st of the name) WATKINS, James B., William).

Virginia married **F. Winston GARTH**.

They had the following children:

- 547 F i. **Mary GARTH**.

548 M ii. **Willis GARTH.**

369. **Julia MANNING** (Peyton T. MANNING, Sophia THOMPSON, Sarah Herndon (1st of the name) WATKINS, James B., William) was born about 1835.

Julia Manning, married 1) John O. Cummings of Mobile, Ala., and married again in Belton, Texas.

Julia married **John O. CUMMINGS**. John was born 1829 in Montgomery County, AL.

They had the following children:

+ 549 M i. **John M. CUMMINGS** was born 8 Dec 1852.

376. **Louisiana MANNING** "Lou" (James MANNING, Sophia THOMPSON, Sarah Herndon (1st of the name) WATKINS, James B., William) was born 1834.

Lou married **William Wallace HARDER** on 1858. William was born 17 Jun 1833 in Perry County, AL. He died 17 Aug 1892 in Marengo County, AL.

They had the following children:

+ 550 M i. **Walter Cleveland HARDER** was born 11 Jan 1864 and died 13 Jan 1931.

551 F ii. **Lila HARDER (no children).**

Lila married **Asa SKINNER**.

378. **Josephine MANNING** (James MANNING, Sophia THOMPSON, Sarah Herndon (1st of the name) WATKINS, James B., William) was born 1837.

Josephine married **Reeder MANNING (her cousin)**.

They had the following children:

552 F i. **(daughter) MANNING - Mrs. Sidney Mann.**

553 M ii. **(2 Sons) MANNING.**

380. **Indiana MANNING** (James MANNING, Sophia THOMPSON, Sarah Herndon (1st of the name) WATKINS, James B., William).

Indiana married **Alex H. ARCHER (brother of J.J. Archer)**.

They had the following children:

554 F i. **(2 daughters) ARCHER.**

555 M ii. **(son) ARCHER.**

385. **Benjamin (son of Felix) SHERROD** (Felix Alonzo McKinzie SHERROD, Eliza H. WATKINS, Samuel, James B., William) was born 1836. He died 1861 in "Pond Spring" Lawrence County, AL.

"Union used Pond Spring as paroling site"

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POND SPRING — The frail body of a once-stout teenager walked down a dusty road near Town Creek. The old gray uniform that Pleasant M. LeMay wore had survived the Battle of Selma and a long walk from Mississippi, but lice covered his starving body. "Hold off," he told family members who rushed to him.

The LeMays heated a large pot of water and cleaned him with lye soap. A few days later, LeMay stood in line with Confederate soldiers as Union officers paroled them at Pond Spring.

No major battles were fought at the historic plantation known primarily today for the famous home of Gen. Joseph Wheeler, which was built after the war.

Paroling headquarters: But for almost three months after Gen. Robert E. Lee surrendered the Army of Northern Virginia, the Union Army used Pond Spring as a paroling headquarters. "We don't know why the Union Army picked this spot," Pond Spring Curator Myers Brown said. "Maybe it's a spot that all the locals were aware of. Maybe it was a

convenient spot on the railroad." Brown added: "It seems to be an odd place out in the middle of the country. Maybe the Union Army didn't want large gangs of semi-armed men coming into an urban area." Brown has determined that troops from at least 18 Confederate regiments got paroled at Pond Spring.

There is some evidence that the small building the Wheeler family used as the cook's house was an office for the Union Army. LeMay, who was the last living Confederate veteran in Lawrence County, said in 1932 that he was paroled in one of the north rooms in the Sherrod house because the line was too long at the small office. The small office LeMay referred to was moved behind the Sherrod home in the 1930s. Brown said the Sherrods constructed the office and probably used it as a farm office.

"It was not uncommon for large plantations to have separate buildings for the plantation operations," he said.

Union invasion: Pond Spring remained almost undisturbed until the Union Army invaded North Alabama for the first time in the spring of 1862. Amanda Morgan Sherrod lived in the house during the war. Her husband, William Crawford Sherrod, had carried the slaves to Texas to keep them from escaping with the Union Army. Almost three years after the first shots were fired at Fort Sumter, S.C., the two armies had almost destroyed Pond Spring. In an 1864 letter, Amanda Sherrod wrote that Pond Spring had been a "favorite camping ground" for both armies.

"This place is very much injured in appearance, and both sides are so destructive about burning rails and killing stock that I don't believe it will be possible to make a living," Sherrod wrote.

In June 1864, Confederate Col. Josiah Patterson of Morgan County used Pond Spring as his headquarters.

Sherrod wrote about the Union Army attacking Patterson's 5th Alabama Calvary at Pond Spring. "The balls rattled like hail over the place, and one of the Negroes had a piece taken out of the knee of his pants," she said. "One of our soldiers was very badly shot, the ball entering the back of his neck and coming out at his mouth taking off part of his tongue." Another Confederate soldier had a leg broken in two places. "We begged the Yankees to leave them here with us instead of taking them to Decatur, which they finally did, and contrary to all expectations, they are both getting well."

Chase through Courtland: The Union Army pounded Patterson's troops and chased them through Courtland to Big Nance Creek. Sherrod wrote that the Union soldiers robbed stores and private homes in Courtland and "carried off nearly all" of the slaves, "men, women and children." After they arrived back at Pond Spring, she said the troops "killed nearly every pig on the place, all of my chickens they could find, cut down the green corn and sugar cane, and burnt the rail and boards off of our outhouses." Sherrod said 10 of her chickens escaped by hiding in the high weeds.

"While they had gone to town, I caught them and had them put in a room upstairs," she wrote. "The next morning as they came back while the house was filled with officers, you never heard such a crowing and fluttering as they set up. I told them the noise they heard was my chickens I had put upstairs to keep them from stealing them."

After his losses at Pond Spring in the summer of 1864, Patterson complained to Gen. Philip D. Roddey about the condition of his 5th Alabama Calvary. "I think a lot of these men were just tired of fighting," Brown said. "Some of them apparently missed orders to go south with Forrest or just ignored them. It was hard for them to leave since they knew the Union Army was threatening their family."

Negotiating an end: By January 1865, Unionist Jean J. Giers, who came to Morgan County from Germany, tried to negotiate an end to the fighting in North Alabama. Giers was friends with President Abraham Lincoln and had visited the president in the White House during the war. On Jan. 26, 1865, he wrote to Gen. Ulysses Simpson Grant detailing a meeting he held with Maj. John McGaughey, Roddey's brother-in-law and chief of staff. "He frankly admitted to me that the affairs of the Confederacy were in a hopeless condition, and that the people were anxious to know the best terms which could be given to Alabama in case of an immediate popular movement for reconstruction," Giers wrote.

Morgan County letter: Almost three months later, and after the assassination of Lincoln, a group of Morgan County residents wrote a letter to the commander in charge of Union troops in the Tennessee Valley. "Above all earthly boons we desire peace, and nothing would prove so grateful to our hearts as its restoration to our ruined country," the letter read.

Four years after the nation's bloodiest Civil War started, it was over. Gen. Robert Anderson returned to Fort Sumter with the American flag that Union men took down when they evacuated in 1861 and raised it above the arsenal.

"By then," author David M. Potter wrote, "the sounds of battle had given way to the stillness at Appomattox and the

issues that inflamed the antebellum years had been settled. Slavery was dead; secession was dead; and six hundred thousand men were dead. That was the basic balance sheet of the sectional conflict."

Benjamin married **Ella (Daniella) JONES**, daughter of Col. Richard JONES and Lucy EARLY, on 17 May 1859 in Lawrence Co., AL. Ella was born 20 Aug 1841. She died 19 May 1896 in Washington, DC.

"Ella Jones had superior advantages not only in school, but in the society of a mother who, inheriting a mind of uncommon strength, and being an invalid and confined to her room nearly all the days of her married life, found her chief amusement in books. Ella was greatly indulged by her father. He and his neighbor, Robert King, visited Huntsville once when their daughters were there at school, and boarding with Colonel Bradford. King had been making some money arrangements for his daughter, when Bradford turned to Col. Jones and said: "And now, Colonel, what can I do for Miss Ella?" His answer was, "Anything she wishes. If she required you to have the court house moved, have it done and draw on me for the expense." It is a wonder she was not spoiled beyond redemption, but she was no parvenu; belonged to a family which had been rich for generations; and had been taught by an intellectual mother to value other things more than diamonds and ball dresses. Ella Jones, when very young, married Benjamin Sherrod, grandson of Col. Benjamin Sherrod, the wealthiest man in our county, but he died a short time, and she was left a blooming young widow."

James Saunders, in "Early Settlers of Alabama," describes Major Gen. Joseph Wheeler's romance with Ella Jones. Gen. Wheeler had been skirmishing in the area around Chattanooga, but his army were forced back to Alabama. Mr. Saunders wrote: "It was here the event happened.... And that was: General Wheeler being taken prisoner, not by the enemy, but by the charming young widow. This capture resulted in the marriage of Gen. Wheeler to Mrs. Ella Sherrod. He was born in Augusta, GA on September 10, 1836. Graduated at West Point Military Academy in 1859. When his native State seceded he resigned his commission in the United States army and served during the war and from a lieutenancy rose to the rank of lieutenant general, and that before he reached the age of 28 years. To attempt merely a sketch of his military career would trench on the domain of public history, and consume more space than could be spared in these unpretending articles. He has for some years represented this Eighth Congressional District in Congress, and to use a term of the cavalry, "he is firmly seated in the saddle."

Benjamin, who married Ella Jones , who married (second) Gen. Joseph Wheeler , C. S. A.

Daniella Jones

Born: 20 Aug 1841 in Alabama, USA

Died: 19 May 1896 in Washington, District Of Columbia, USA

Marriage: 8 Feb 1866 in New Orleans, Orleans, Louisiana, USA

Children Sex Birth

Lucy Louise Wheeler F 24 Nov 1866 in Augusta, [county], Georgia, USA

Annie Laurie Wheeler F 31 Jul 1868 in Augusta, [county], Georgia, USA

Julia Knox Wheeler F 1869 in Augusta, [county], Georgia, USA

Ella Wheeler F 9 Aug 1869

Joseph Wheeler M 23 Mar 1872 in Augusta, [county], Georgia, USA

Thomas Harrison Wheeler M 7 Mar 1881

Carrie Peyton Wheeler F 1882 in Augusta, [county], Georgia, USA

They had the following children:

556 M i. **Richard Jones SHERROD (died a child)** was born about 1860. He died about 1866.

557 F ii. **Ella SHERROD (died young)** was born 1861.

386. **Francis (Frank) Edwin SHERROD** (Felix Alonzo McKinzie SHERROD, Eliza H. WATKINS, Samuel, James B., William) was born 24 Dec 1836.

Frank , who married Mary Harris , daughter of the late Mr. John H. Harris . Frank died many years ago, leaving a widow and two sons, Frank and Harris , now young men.

Francis married **Mary (dau of John H.) HARRIS**, daughter of John H. HARRIS and Susan SMITH (dau Of Gabriel).

They had the following children:

558 M i. **Harris SHERROD** was born about 1864.

James Saunders in "Early Settlers of Alabama," said Harris and Frank, Jr. were cotton planters (1880's)

559 M ii. **Frank E. (Jr.) SHERROD** was born 16 Sep 1871. He died 11 Apr 1926.

387. **Alice Clay SHERROD** (Felix Alonzo McKinzie SHERROD, Eliza H. WATKINS, Samuel, James B., William).

Alice , who married Capt. Robert W. Banks , of Columbus, Miss. He is United States Internal Revenue Collector for that State. They have five living children - Sarah Felix , Lucile , Robert Webb , James Oliver and Alice Sherrod.

Alice married **Robert W. BANKS of Columbus, MS - C.S.A.** on 18 Nov 1869.

Robert Webb Banks - Sergeant Major 1st Mississippi Volunteer Infantry. He was United States Internal Revenue Collector for the State of Mississippi. Living Children as written by James Saunders (1880 or thereabouts): Sarah Felix, Lucile, Robert Webb, James Oliver, and Alice Sherrod.

Robert Webb Banks was a cadet at the University of Alabama, in beginning of the Civil War joining Company B, Forty-third Mississippi, Capt. John M. Billups, Stirling Price's Division, General Van Dorn; transferred to Thirty-seventh Infantry, after battle of Corinth, as Sergeant Major, Col. O.S. Holland; and at the siege of Vicksburg, which surrendered 4th July, 1863; Adjutant of Twenth-ninth Alabama, in 1864. At the battle of Franklin, TN, 30th Nov, 1864, in the superb charge of General Walthall's Division, he planted the colors of his regiment on the enemy's fortified line; next day promoted to General Walthall's staff, and served in battles around Nashville, December 15 and 16, and other engagements; was with Hood's army in the famous retreat from Tennessee; with the remnant of which he was ordered to North Carolina in Spring of 1865, under Gen. Joseph E. Johnston, and was in battles of Smithfield and Bentonville (the last battles of importance of the war). He engaged in planting after the war, and also in editorial work in Mississippi. Collector of Internal Revenue in President Cleveland's first administration, and Receiver of Public Moneys in the second. In 1898 appointed by Governor McLaurin, Colonel of Third Mississippi Volunteers, enlisted for the Spanish war. His bright, genial and fun-loving spirit makes him a great favorite with his friends.

BANKS, Robert Webb  
b. 29 Jul 1843, Columbus, Lowndes Co., MS  
d. 14 Sep 1919, Gulfport, Harrison Co., MS  
bur. 14 Sep 1919, Biloxi, Harrison Co., MS  
spouse of SHERROD, Alice

son of BANKS, Dunstan and WEBB, Lucretia

Birth info from his death certificate # 17978, 1919. Miss. Dept. of Archives & History.

1850 census Lowndes Co., MS (p 124) Columbus. Ward 3. Robert Banks, WM 7, b. MS. Living w/parents.

1860 census Lowndes Co., MS (p 763) Columbus. Robert Banks, WM 17, student b. MS. Living w/parents.

1860 census Greene Co., AL (p 851) Greensboro. Beat 4. R.W. Banks, WM 16, b. MS. Living w/other students, age 16 22.

On 1 May 1862, Pvt. Robert W. Banks enlisted in Co. B., 43rd Miss. Confederate Infantry at Columbus, MS. On 17 May, as a cadet of the University of Alabama, he was ordered back by the governor of Alabama, but this was apparently disregarded because he remained present with the unit. In May the unit was ordered to Okolona, MS, then to Gainesville, AL in July 1862. In August, they were marched to Saltillo, then to Guntown. In Sep 1862 they were in Holly Springs, MS, then went to Corinth, MS by way of Guntown, Baldwin, and Ripley, MS. On 4 Oct they participated in Battle of Corinth charging enemy breastworks. They then retreated to Holly Springs. Robert was transferred 20 Nov 1862 to 37th Miss. Rgt. (Compiled Service Records of Confederate Soldiers. LDS reel 1488424)

On 15 Sep 1862, Robert wrote his parents from Tishomingo Co. MS. He described a long march to Iuka during which the unit had little sleep and little to eat. He described burned-out houses in the area of Iuka due to Union cavalry damage. His footnote made this request: "Don't fail to have my shoes or boots (either will do -- get the cheapest) made -- want them broad, thick, bottom sewed and soft uppers." (Valley of Springs: The Story of Iuka by William L. Coker, 1975, p

34., quoting "The Civil War Letters of Robert W. Banks, in Journal of Mississippi History, vol V, 1943, by George C. Osborn, ed.)

A letter from Col. J.F. Conoley, 29th Alabama Rgt., 21 Nov 1864, near Florence AL to his general, requested the appointment of Sgt. Maj. R.W. Banks as adjutant. Banks was then with the 37th Mississippi Inf. Rgt. and resident of Columbia, MS. (from Hold at All Hazards, The Story of the 29th Alabama Infantry Regiment, 1861-1865, Zorn, 1987....p. 127-31 of this book explains Robert's role at the Battle of Franklin carrying the colors in and out of battle.)

In Jan-Oct 1863, Sgt. Major R.W. Banks was present with Co. D. (Field & Staff), 37th Miss. Infantry. This unit was at Snyder's Mills, Jan-Feb 1863, and at Enterprise, MS, Apr-Oct 1863. From 28 Feb-30 Jun 1863, Robert was on a leave of absence. The missing record does not explain how he arrived at Vicksburg, where he was present when the city was surrendered 4 Jul 1863. No doubt he was paroled from there. On 19 Sep 1863, the company participated at the Battle of Iuka and 3-4 Oct at the Battle of Corinth, MS. Nov Dec 1863 the company was near Enterprise, MS, but Robert was listed as absent without leave. [He may have been captured because the record notes part of the company was exchanged.] In Jan-Feb 1864, the company was at Pollard, AL, and from Feb-Aug 1864 at Atlanta, GA. Capt. Robert Banks was paroled at Greensboro, NC, 26 Apr 1865. An important year is thus missing from the record, including his participation at the Battle of Franklin. (Compiled Service Records of Confederate Soldiers. LDS reel 1488397)

Mention of Robert Webb Banks' sister Julia...., in "Early Settlers of Alabama," page 198: "John B. Dillahunty, the remaining brother of Lewis D., married 1st Sallie Savage, daughter of the same Col. Savage mentioned above, and had a son, Samuel S., who died in Sevier Co., Ark, 1833. He married 2nd. Martha N. Littlepage, of Madison County, AL, near Huntsville, and had two children: 1) Eliza S. who married W.C. McDougal of Aberdeen, Miss.; 2) John B. of Nashville, TN married in 1874, Julia R. BANKS, sister of the Hon. ROBT. WEBB BANKS of Columbus, MS."

Robert married Alice Sherrod, 18 Nov 1869. (Genealogical Record of the Banks Family..., 3rd ed. Sarah B. Franklin, ed., 1972, p 181)

Robert was an 1862 graduate of the University of Alabama. He became adjutant of 29th Alabama Inf. and in Span. American War was lieut. colonel of the 3rd Miss. Infantry. Robert was receiver of public monies in the Cleveland administration. In 1909 he published the book, "The Battle of Franklin."

On 11 Jun 1866, Dunstan Banks gave 700 acres total to Robert W. Banks and Robert's siblings. (Lowndes Co., MS Deed Bk 34, p. 158. LDS reel 901953)

On 18 Mar 1867, Robert W. received rights to square 45 in Columbus, MS from John T. Hogan of Jessamine Co. KY because Robert assumed the satisfaction of a trust deed made by E.T. Sykes to Hogan. (Lowndes Co., MS Deed Bk 41, p 49. LDS reel 901957)

On 12 Jun 1867, Robert W. acted as trustee for Allen Marquess' debt to Dr. P.J. Maxwell putting at risk Marquess' right to square 20 in Columbus, MS. (Lowndes Co., MS Deed Bk 35, p 632. LDS reel 901953)

On 20 Jan 1868, a debt to Robert W. Banks in amount of \$1034 owed by Robert A. Cook & Robert Thredder secured by a trust deed placing livestock & livestock paraphernalia in trust with Charles F. Sherrard. (Lowndes Co., MS Deed Bk 36, p 65. LDS reel 901954)

On 28 Jan 1871, Robert W. Banks secured a debt of \$2600 to the guardian of Bessie P. Irons by placing in trust land in square 45 with Joseph P. Billups as trustee. (Lowndes Co., MS Deed Bk 40, p 130. LDS reel 901956)

In 24 Feb 1874 will of Robert's father Dunstan, Dunstan appointed him one of executors. Will also referred to R.W.'s debt of \$2500 to his father. Lowndes Co., MS Will Bk 1, p 447. LDS reel 901971.

1880 census Lowndes Co., MS (ED 109 p 5) Subdiv Dist 5. Robt. W. Banks, WM 35, planter, b. MS, father b. GA, mother b. AL. Living w/him: wife Alice C.S. and children Sarah F., Lucile, Robt. W. and James O.

n Jan 1895, Robert was keeping money for his sister Julia Dillahunty. (info from her will, Lowndes Co., MS Will Bk 2, p 101. LDS reel 901972)

In 1900 census, Robert's entry has not been located.



1910 census Harrison Co., MS. ED 35, p 18. Biloxi. Robert W. Banks, WM 66, m'd (1st) 40 yrs, retired, b. MS, father b. GA, mother b. AL. Living w/him: wife Alice C.S.and son Robert, dau Alice.

Death/burial info from his death certificate # 17978, 1919. Miss. Dept. of Archives & History. Occupation: newspaper correspondent. Death cause: "acute suppression of uremia" (sic)

CHILDREN:

BANKS, Sarah Felix

BANKS, Dunstan

BANKS, Lucile Webb

BANKS, Robert Webb Jr.

BANKS, James Oliver

BANKS, Alice Sherrod [1st of name]

BANKS, Alice Sherrod [2nd of name]

They had the following children:

560 F i. **Sarah Felix BANKS.**

561 F ii. **Lucille Webb BANKS.**

Bright young successor of her father in editorial honors, and also otherwise quite an accomplished woman.

562 M iii. **Robert Webb (Jr.) BANKS.**

BANKS, Robert Webb Jr.

b. 16 Apr 1875, prob. Lowndes Co. MS

d.

son of BANKS, Robert Webb and SHERROD, Alice

Birth date from his draft card, Harrison Co., MS. LDS reel 1682922.

1880 census Lowndes Co., MS (ED 109 p 5) Subdiv Dist 5. Robt W. Banks, WM 5, b. MS, father b. MS, mother b. AL. Living w/parents.

Robert served in the Spanish-American War and was field secretary for the American Red Cross in World War I. He developed a number of patents. (Genealogical Record of the Banks Family..., 3rd ed. Sarah B. Franklin, ed., 1972, p 181)

1900 census Jefferson Par., LA. ED 81, p 19. Ward 5. R.W. Banks Jr., WM 24, b. Apr 1876, single, bookkeeper, b. MS, father b. AL, mother b. TN.

1910 census Harrison Co., MS. ED 35, p 18. Biloxi. Robert W. Banks Jr. WM 35, single, invalid, b. MS, father b. MS, mother b. AL. Living w/parents.

Probably in Sep 1918, Robert Webb Banks Jr. completed a draft registration card in Harrison Co., MS. He indicated he was living at RFD 1, Gulfport, MS and was a salesman for Wales Boding? Machine Co. in Shreveport, LA. Nearest relative: Col. R.W. Banks, Gulfport, MS. Description: short, medium build, blue eyes, brown hair. Card completed in Shreveport, LA. (LDS reel 1682922)

1920 census Caddo Par., LA. ED 36, p 8. Ward 2. Robert W. Banks, WM 43, single, merchant confection co., b. MS, father b. MS, mother b. AL. Living alone.

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Internet posted:

About 20 years ago, when my father-in-law passed away, we were cleaning out the attic. As most of the men in his family were savers of all things, we came across an old trunk filled with photographs. Some were identified, but most were not. We went through them one at a time, and wrote the names on the back of as many as we could identify. About midway through, I picked up an 8x10 picture, taken during the Spanish American War. I could see it was a staged photograph, with officers and their wives. It was a picture of my husband's great-uncle and other officers and their wives. Sitting right in the middle was Teddy Roosevelt, with his wire rimmed glasses, mustache, and that cocky hat. No one in the family had ever paid much attention to the trunk full of photographs that had been in the attic more than 50 years. One photo was Col. Robert Webb Banks, his wife, sons, and his sisters. He was the uncle. I have told all my family to be sure to identify the people in their pictures now, as you will forget who some are. You think you won't, but as time goes by, some will fade from recognition. Photographs help to keep the past alive.

Mary Perkins MiiMii4@worldnet.att.net

563 M iv. **James Oliver BANKS.**

Official in land office, Jackson, MS

564 F v. **Alice Sherrod BANKS (died a baby)** was born 1881. She died 1883.

565 M vi. **Dunston M. BANKS (died a baby).**

566 F vii. **Alice Sherrod BANKS** was born 1885.

388. **John Bolton SHERROD of Montgomery, AL** (Frederick A. O. SHERROD, Eliza H. WATKINS, Samuel, James B., William).

John married **Judith WINSTON.**

They had the following children:

567 M i. **John B. (Jr.) SHERROD.**

568 M ii. **William W. SHERROD.**

569 F iii. **Judith SHERROD.**

570 F iv. **Edward SHERROD.**

571 v. **(infant) SHERROD.**

389. **Frederick O. SHERROD of Birmingham, AL** (Frederick A. O. SHERROD, Eliza H. WATKINS, Samuel, James B., William).

Frederick married **Mittie DAVIS**, daughter of Orin DAVIS of Lawrence Co., AL.

They had the following children:

572 M i. **May SHERROD.**

573 M ii. **Frederick (III) SHERROD.**

574 F iii. **Mittie SHERROD.**

575 F iv. **Annie SHERROD.**

391. **Benjamin (son of Frederick & Anne) SHERROD** (Frederick A. O. SHERROD, Eliza H. WATKINS, Samuel, James B., William).

Benjamin married **(Miss) ALEXANDER.**

They had the following children:

- 576 M i. **Frederick (son of Benjamin/gson Frederick) SHERROD.**
- 577 M ii. **Bolton SHERROD.**
- 578 F iii. **Felix (son of Benjamin) SHERROD.**
- 579 F iv. **May SHERROD.**

394. **Walter SHERROD** (Samuel Watkins SHERROD, Eliza H. WATKINS, Samuel, James B., William) died 23 Sep 1875 in Jonesboro, AL.

Walter Sherrod, of Town Creek, Lawrence County, Ala., married Laura, daughter of Orrin Davis , Lawrence County , and died young. A son, Henry Sherrod (b. 1864 ,) married Ella, daughter of Mr. James Irvine, of Florence, Ala and had Virginia, Irvine Sherrod.

Walter married **Laura DAVIS**, daughter of Orin DAVIS of Lawrence Co., AL.

They had the following children:

- + 580 M i. **Henry (son of Walter) SHERROD of Lawrence Co., AL.**

402. **Paul Watkins PHINIZY** (Eliza Sherrod WATKINS, Paul J. "Don", Samuel, James B., William) was born 3 Jul 1859.

Marriage 1 Spouse Unknown  
 Children  
 Early PHINIZY  
 Don Watkins PHINIZY  
 Jack Sykes PHINIZY  
 Clara Hann PHINIZY  
 John Allen PHINIZY

Paul married **Lucy SYKES**, daughter of Dr. Andrew Jackson SYKES and Emma SWOOPE.

They had the following children:

- 581 M i. **Early PHINIZY of Huntsville, AL.**

414. **James H. BRANCH** (Mary E. WATKINS, Paul J. "Don", Samuel, James B., William).

James married **Cornelia BAIL**.

They had the following children:

- 582 M i. **Joseph C. BRANCH.**
- 583 F ii. **Susan S. BRANCH.**
- 584 M iii. **Robert W. BRANCH.**

421. **Lucy Young HAMILTON** (Anna Josepha YOUNG, Lucy Woodson WATKINS, John (son of James B.), James B., William) was born 9 Dec 1853.

son of Sherrod Long . Issue: 1. Sue Alyda (7); 2. Anna Josepha (7); 3. Mary Elizabeth (7); 4. Lucy Banks (7), d. y.; 5. Alexander Hamilton (7).

Lucy married **Henry C. LONG of Memphis, TN** on 17 Dec 1874.

They had the following children:

- + 585 F i. **Susan Alyda LONG** was born 20 Nov 1875.
- 586 F ii. **Anna Josepha LONG** was born 4 Nov 1877.  
                   Anna married **Robert MAGEE of Memphis, TN** on 10 Aug 1913.
- + 587 F iii. **Mary Elizabeth LONG** was born 11 Aug 1879.
- 588 M iv. **Lou Banks LONG (died a child)** was born 11 Mar 1881. He died 1 Apr 1890.
- 589 M v. **Alexander Hamilton LONG** was born 11 Jan 1883.

590 F vi. **Pauline Sale LONG** was born 24 Apr 1897.

423. **Prof. William Baskerville HAMILTON** (Anna Josepha YOUNG, Lucy Woodson WATKINS, John (son of James B.), James B., William) was born 12 May 1859.

William Baskerville (6) (twin with George ) m. Julia , daughter of Edward Turner Sykes , Issue: 1. Carolyn (7); 2. Anna Terrell (7); 3. Alexander (7), d. y.

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William married **Julia Turner SYKES** on 4 Dec 1889.

They had the following children:

591 F i. **Carolyn Sykes HAMILTON** was born 16 Sep 1890. She died 2 Aug 1957 in Of, Mandarin, FL.

592 F ii. **Anna Terrell HAMILTON** was born 5 Dec 1892 in Lowndes, Columbus, MS.

593 M iii. **Alexander HAMILTON (died Young)** was born 1 Dec 1894 in Columbus, Lowndes County, Mississippi. He died in Columbus, Lowndes County, Mississippi.

594 F iv. **Juliette Sykes HAMILTON** was born 12 Nov 1897 in Lowndes County, MS. She died 1939 in Ocala, Marion County, FL.

Name: Juliette Sykes Hamilton  
Parents: William Baskerville Hamilton , Julia Turner Sykes  
Birth Place: Lowndes, Columbus, MS  
Birth Date: 1897  
Death Place: Ocala, Marion, FL  
Death Date: 1939

595 M v. **William Baskerville, (Jr). HAMILTON** was born 12 Jul 1900. He died<sup>11</sup> Dec 1969 in Duval County, FL.

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424. **Anna Josepha HAMILTON**<sup>11</sup> (Anna Josepha YOUNG, Lucy Woodson WATKINS, John (son of James B.), James B., William) was born 3 Nov 1855.

m. H. C. Terrell , of Quincy, Miss. Issue: 1. Elvira (7); 2. Anna (7); 3. Henry Clay (7); 4. Ira (7); 5. Ellie

Anna married **H.C. TERRELL of West Point, MS** on 12 Mar 1879.

They had the following children:

- + 596 F i. **Elvira Greenwood TERRELL** was born 7 Feb 1880.
- + 597 F ii. **Anna Young TERRELL** was born 5 Jan 1882.
- 598 M iii. **Ira Moorman TERRELL** was born 11 May 1896.
- 599 F iv. **Lucy Hamilton TERRELL (died a child)** was born 6 Feb 1889. She died 31 May 1900.

438. **George Young BANKS** (Lucy Watkins YOUNG, Lucy Woodson WATKINS, John (son of James B.), James B., William) was born 7 Feb 1871. He died 22 Apr 1949 in Columbus, MS and was buried in Friendship Cemetery, Columbus, MS.

Name: GEORGE YOUNG BANKS  
Sex: M  
Birth: 7 FEB 1871 in LOWNDES CO., MS  
BANKS, George Young  
B Feb 7, 1871 d Apr 22, 1949

Father: JAMES OLIVER BANKS MD b: 6 SEP 1829 in TUSCALOOSA, AL  
Mother: LUCY WATKINS YOUNG b: 4 NOV 1841 in WAVERLY, CLAY CO MS

Marriage 1 KATHERINE YEAGER  
Married: 27 DEC 1894

George married **Katherine YERGER**. Katherine was born 20 May 1873. She died 14 Aug 1964.

BANKS, Katherine A. Yerger, wife of George Young Banks  
B May 20, 1873 d Aug 14, 1964

Also buried there:  
YERGER, Mrs. Martha Anderson  
B Mar 15, 1854 d May 17, 1935

They had the following children:

- 600 F i. **Lucy Young BANKS** was born 26 Sep 1895. She died 17 Aug 1993.
- 601 F ii. **Katherine Yerger BANKS** was born 5 Aug 1899.

Katherine married **Benjamin Pendleton FERRIDAY**. Benjamin was born 27 Jul 1879. He died 9 Mar 1939.

Benjamin Pendleton Ferriday  
Born: 27 Jul 1879 in Mississippi, USA  
Died: 9 Mar 1939  
Marriage: Oct 1925

- 602 M iii. **Arthur Yerger BANKS** was born 13 Dec 1901. He died 11 Feb 1974 and was buried in Friendship Cemetery, Columbus, MS.

442. **Reuben Reynolds BANKS** (Lucy Watkins YOUNG, Lucy Woodson WATKINS, John (son of James B.), James B., William) was born 5 Mar 1884. He died 19 Mar 1954 and was buried in Friendship Cemetery, Columbus, MS.

BANKS, Reuben Reynolds  
b. 5 Mar 1884, prob. Lowndes Co., MS  
d. 19 Mar 1954  
bur Mar 1954, Friendship Cemetery, Columbus, Lowndes Co., MS  
spouse of CAMPBELL, Martha

son of BANKS, James Oliver Sr. and YOUNG, Lucy Watkins

Birth date from his draft card, Lowndes Co. MS. (LDS reel 1682938)

1900 census Lowndes Co., MS. ED 58, p 8. Columbus. Ruben R. Banks, WM 16, b. Mar 1884, b. MS, father b. AL, mother b. AL. Living w/parents.

Reuben married Martha Campbell, 3 Feb 1909, (Genealogical Record of the Banks Family..., 3rd ed., Sarah B. Franklin, ed., 1972, p 81)

1910 census Lowndes Co., MS. ED 38, p 10. Columbus. Beat 2. 122 8th? Ave. Ruben Banks WM 26, m'd (1st) 1 yr, hardware merchant, b. MS, father b. AL, mother b. GA. Livingw/him: wife Martha and 1 son.

On 12 Sep 1918, Reuben Reynolds Banks completed a draft registration card in Lowndes Co., MS. He indicated he & his nearest relative (Mrs. Bertha Campbell Banks) were living at 620 3rd St. So., Columbus, MS. He was a merchant with Banks Hardware Co. Description: tall, gray eyes, light brown hair. LDS reel 1682938.

1920 census Lowndes Co., MS. ED 39, p 3. Columbus. 620 S. 3rd St. Reuben R. Banks WM 35, hardware merchant, b. MS, father b. AL, mother b. MS. Living w/him: wife Martha, dau Martha and 1 son.

Death/burial info from Friendship Cemetery, Columbus, Mississippi, by James W. Parker et al., 1979, vol 1, p 234.

CHILDREN:  
BANKS, Martha Campbell

The Bankses also had one son.

Also buried in the same lot at Friendship Cemetery, Columbus, MS  
WATKINS, Theron Preston  
B Feb 22, 1898 d Jan 20, 1971

Reuben married **Martha Campbell BANKS** on 3 Feb 1909. Martha was born 2 Dec 1884. She died 20 Mar 1969 and was buried in Friendship Cemetery, Columbus, MS.

LOT 736

BANKS, Martha Campbell, wife of Reuben R. Banks  
B Dec 2, 1884 d Mar 20, 1969

They had the following children:

- 603 F i. **Martha Campbell BANKS.**
- 604 M ii. **(son) BANKS.**

462. **Mary Olivia WATKINS** (Henry Isham, Benjamin Taliaferro (son of Isham), Isham, James B., William) was born 15 Sep 1854.

Mary married **John D. ELDRIDGE.**

They had the following children:

- 605 F i. **Eva ELDRIDGE** was born 25 Nov 1878.

Eva married **Charles T. MCCLAIN**.

## Seventh Generation

492. **Elizabeth Saunders BLAIR** (Mary Louisa SAUNDERS, Mary Frances WATKINS, Robert H., James (Jr.), James B., William) was born Apr 1853 in Mobile, AL. She died Aug 1937 in New Orleans, LA.

New Orleans, Louisiana Death Records Index, 1804-1949 Record  
about Elizabeth Saunders Blair Stubbs  
Name: Elizabeth Saunders Blair Stubbs  
Death Date: Aug 1937  
Page: 454  
Volume: 210

Elizabeth married **Prof. William Carter STUBBS** on 25 Jul 1875. William was born Dec 1843 in Gloucester, Valide Front, VA. He died 1924.

1910 CENSUS, New Orleans, LA  
William Carter Stubbs, age 66, prof. at University - born in VA  
Elizabeth S., age 55, born in AL/SC.AL  
James D. Fulton, born in Ireland, doctor - was a boarder  
plus 2 servants

The LSPA espoused scientific and technological advancement as a means of facing increased foreign competition and it succeeded in attracting U.S. Department of Agriculture chemists to Louisiana in the 1880's to conduct studies on sugar production. In 1885, the LSPA sponsored the establishment of the state's first agricultural experiment station at Kenner and hired William Carter Stubbs (1846-1924) as director. The station's research was guided by agricultural and processing problems in the Louisiana sugar industry, and station staff frequently presented papers at the LSPA's monthly meetings. Following its move to Audubon Park in New Orleans in 1890, the Sugar Experiment Station was briefly at the forefront of research in sugar chemistry nationally and internationally. The first specialized school in the world for training experts for the cane sugar industry was founded at the Audubon Park station in 1891, with the station staff serving as the faculty. The Audubon Sugar School offered a two-year curriculum in agriculture, chemistry, and mechanical engineering that included both classroom and practical work. Financial difficulties forced the school to close in 1896, but its curriculum was incorporated into a degree program at LSU beginning in 1897.

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Biography & Genealogy Master Index (BGMI)  
You searched for William Carter Stubbs

Name: Stubbs, William Carter  
Birth - Death: 1843-1924  
Source Citation:  
The National Cyclopaedia of American Biography. Volume 24. New York: James T. White & Co., 1935. Use the Index to locate biographies. (NatCAB 24)

Name: Stubbs, William Carter  
Birth - Death: 1846-1924  
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Who Was Who in America. A component volume of Who's Who in American History. Volume 1, 1897-1942. Chicago: A.N. Marquis Co., 1943. (WhAm 1)

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Author: Stubbs, William Carter, 1846-1924.

Stubbs, Elizabeth Saunders Blair.

Title: Descendants of Mordecai Cooke, of "Mordecai's Mount", Gloucester Co., Va., 1650, and Thomas Booth, of Ware Neck, Gloucester Co., Va., 1685, by Dr. and Mrs. William Carter Stubbs

Library: Birmingham-Public-Library

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Booth, Thomas 1663-1736 -- Family.

Cook family.

Booth family.

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COOKE, Mordecai (1648-1718) VA

Stubbs, William Carter. Descendants of Mordecai Cooke, of Mordecai's Mount, Gloucester County, Virginia, 1650. New Orleans: Dr. and Mrs. William Carter Stubbs, 1923.

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Stubbs, William Carter, 1846-1924.

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Stubbs, chemist and agricultural scientist, was director of the Louisiana Agriculture Experiment Station, 1885-1895, and the U.S. Experiment Station in Honolulu, 1900, and was a professor at Louisiana State University and Auburn University.

Manuscript speeches, articles, and reports, and a small amount of correspondence, related chiefly to Stubbs's professional activities as a professor and as director of the Louisiana and Hawaii agricultural experiment stations, particularly his activities involving the sugar industry in Louisiana and Hawaii.



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Stubbs, William Carter, 1846-1924.  
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Hawaii Agricultural Experiment Station.

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There are three parts to the Stubbs family papers. The first collection is the correspondence and genealogical data collected by William Carter Stubbs and his wife, Elizabeth. This collection contains over 240 family names and the card catalog and the inventory provides an index to these names. There are copies of Bible records, including a number of them for the Ferguson family.

The second part of the Stubbs papers contains material collected by William Carter Stubbs and his wife on Gloucester County. A copy of the Abingdon parish register, the Gloucester County poll book for 1810, and the Masonic book of the Botetourt Lodge, 1800-1809 are in this collection. The collection also includes two handwritten genealogies with notes for publishing, titled: A History of Two Virginia Families Transplanted From County Kent, England, Thomas Baytop and John Catlett, and The Descendants of Thomas Stubbs of Cappahosia, Gloucester County, Virginia. Obituaries and other newspaper clippings are inserted in these notebooks.

The Thomas Jefferson Stubbs papers are from an earlier Stubbs family in Gloucester. It also includes wills, copies of legal papers, genealogical notes and other information.

They had the following children:

- 606 F i. **Lucy Ellen STUBBS (died a baby)** was born 1876 in Lawrence, Rocky Hill, AL. She died 1877.

Name: Lucy Ellen Stubbs  
Parents: William Carter Stubbs , Elizabeth Saunders Blair  
Birth Place: Lawrence, Rocky Hill, AL  
Birth Date: 1876  
Death Date: 1877

- 607 F ii. **Mary Ann STUBBS** was born 1878 in Lawrence, Rocky Hill, AL.

Name: Mary Ann Stubbs  
Parents: William Carter Stubbs , Elizabeth Saunders Blair  
Birth Place: Lawrence, Rocky Hill, AL  
Birth Date: 1878

493. **Mary Louisa (2nd) SAUNDERS** (Dudley Dunn SAUNDERS, Mary Frances WATKINS, Robert H., James (Jr.), James B., William).

Mary married **Samuel Gordon BRENT**.

They had the following children:

- 608 M i. **Samuel (II) BRENT**.

498. **Mary IRVINE** (Virginia FOSTER, Sarah Independence WATKINS, Robert H., James (Jr.), James B., William).

Mary married **William HOUSTON**.

They had the following children:

609 i. (several Children) **HOUSTON**.

500. **Ella IRVINE** (Virginia FOSTER, Sarah Independence WATKINS, Robert H., James (Jr.), James B., William).

Ella married **Henry (son of Walter) SHERROD of Lawrence Co., AL**, son of Walter SHERROD and Laura DAVIS.

They had the following children:

610 F i. **Virginia Irvine SHERROD**.

515. **Dr. Stephen Thomas HARRIS**<sup>10</sup> (Sampson W. (II) HARRIS, Sampson W. HARRIS, Sarah Herndon (2nd) WATKINS, James (Jr.), James B., William) was born about 1873.

Stephen married **Carolyn Fort HAYGOOD** on 15 Aug 1901.

They had the following children:

611 F i. **Lucy Elizabeth HARRIS** was born 22 Feb 1904 in Valdosta, GA.

612 F ii. **Carolyn Haygood HARRIS**.

613 M iii. **Sampson Watkins (died a child) 2nd of the name HARRIS** was born 24 Jun 1908. He died 21 Mar 1910.

614 M iv. **Stevens Thomas HARRIS**.

615 F v. **Mary HARRIS**.

531. **Augusta Kortrech BIBB** (Amelia BRADLEY, Amanda TALIAFERRO, Martha WATKINS, James (Jr.), James B., William) was born 8 Jan 1871 in Limestone County, AL. She died 30 Jul 1949 in Athens, Limestone County, AL.

Augusta married **Edmund Peter GARRETT** on 23 Apr 1890.

They had the following children:

616 F i. **Amelia Bibb GARRETT** was born 26 Aug 1892.

617 M ii. **Edmund Peter (Jr.) GARRETT** was born 16 Mar 1898.

536. **David Porter BIBB** (Kate Taliaferro BRADLEY, Amanda TALIAFERRO, Martha WATKINS, James (Jr.), James B., William).

David married **Alice MIX**.

They had the following children:

618 M i. **George Porter BIBB** was born 7 Apr 1894 in Florence, Lauderdale Co., AL.

538. **Eliza Pamela BIBB** (Kate Taliaferro BRADLEY, Amanda TALIAFERRO, Martha WATKINS, James (Jr.), James B., William) was born 28 Dec 1872.

Eliza married **Turner F. ROBERTS**.

They had the following children:

619 M i. **Watkins Russell ROBERTS**.

620 M ii. **Arch ROBERTS**.

539. **Gabriel TOOMBS** (William Henry TOOMBS, Mary S. RICHARDSON, Susan (dau of James & Jane) WATKINS, James (Jr.), James B., William) was born 31 Jan 1879. He died 13 Oct 1962 and was buried in Rest Haven Cemetary, Washington, Wilkes County, Georgia.

November 11, 1902: "Mr. Gabriel Toombs, formerly of Washington, GA, who has been connected with the Retail Credit Company of this city (Atlanta) since September 1, left yesterday for Augusta, where he will take charge of the branch office of that company. Prior to coming to Atlanta, Mr. Toombs was connected with the Washington Exchange Bank. His experience and business ability make him peculiarly fitted for the work he has undertaken, and his friends, while greatly pleased with his success, only see the fulfillment of their expectations." Atlanta Constitution

November 13, 1902: "Mr. Gabriel Toombs, of Washington, GA, arrived in the city yesterday. Mr. Toombs has accepted a responsible position with the Retail Credit company of Atlanta, and in future Augusta will be his home."

September 23, 1904: Washington, GA. Messrs. Richard A. Almand and Gabriel Toombs, two of Washington's most enterprising and substantial citizens, have just purchased of Mr. J.M. Gupert, a tract of land about two miles south of Washington, which contains 500 acres, and are preparing to engage extensively in the peach raising industry in the future. Fifteen thousand Elberta trees will be set out this fall, and will be followed by an additional 15,000 next fall. As soon as the young trees begin to bear, a large cannery will be established, and all the fruit that are too ripe for shipping purposes will be canned. The soil in this section of Wilkes is admirably suited for peach culture; it is a sandy loam soil, and is pronounced by experts as being the very kind which yields the most luscious fruit."

July 26, 1908: "Mrs. Gabriel Toombs, of New York, is expected this week to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R.A. Almand."

Gabriel married **Ethel ALMAND**, daughter of Richard A. ALMAND and Frances LANGFORD. Ethel was born 28 Jul 1882. She died 6 Mar 1963 and was buried in Rest Haven Cemetary, Washington, Wilkes County, Georgia.

Mrs. Richard A. Almand was the mother of Mrs. Gabriel Toombs.

March 3, 1912: "Mrs. Richard A. Almand has returned from Rockville Center, Long Island, where she spent several weeks the guest of Mrs. Gabriel Toombs."

September, 1913: Mrs. Gabriel Toombs and little daughter returned Saturday to their home in Waynesboro, following a visit in Washington, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. R.A. Almand."

They had the following children:

- 621 F i. **(daughter) TOOMBS.**
- 622 M ii. **Gabriel (Jr.) TOOMBS.**

February 1899: Mrs. Eugene Fortson and Gabriel Toombs, Jr. left recently for Atlanta, GA, where they will take a business course of study.

541. **(Miss) Hardiman TOOMBS** (William Henry TOOMBS, Mary S. RICHARDSON, Susan (dau of James & Jane) WATKINS, James (Jr.), James B., William) died Sep 1955 in Wilkes County, GA.

September 19, 1955: MRS. HARDEMAN WOOD. Washington, GA. September 18. Funeral services for Mrs. Hardeman Wood who died at her home here Saturday were held at the Episcopal Church of the Mediator Sunday, with the Rev. Corvin VonMiller officiating. Mrs. Wood was the widow of Thomas Willingham Wood of Columbus. As a girl in her teens, she taught in the first kindergarten to be established in Phoenix City, Alabama. After the death of her husband, she was associated with the YWCA in Augusta until she was offered the position of librarian in the Mary Willis Library of Washington. Later, Mrs. Wood became widely known as the successful owner and operator of a chain of motion picture theaters in Georgia and South Carolina. At the time of her death, she was vice president of Hanson Woods and Noel Industries, Inc. of Tallahassee, Fla. She is survived by one son, Willingham Wood; two sisters, Mrs. Harvey Phillips of Summerville and Mrs. Arnold Wells of Washington; two brothers, Butler Toombs of Savannah and Gabriel Toombs of Washington (GA)."

Hardiman married **Thomas Willingham WOOD** "Willingham".

They had the following children:

- 623 M i. **Thomas Willingham (Jr.) WOOD** "Willingham".

549. **John M. CUMMINGS** (Julia MANNING, Peyton T. MANNING, Sophia THOMPSON, Sarah Herndon (1st of the name) WATKINS, James B., William) was born 8 Dec 1852.

John married **Martha Ann EDDINGTON**. Martha was born 12 Mar 1853.

They had the following children:

- 624 M i. **Jim CUMMINGS.**
- 625 F ii. **Elma CUMMINGS.**

626 F iii. **Louella CUMMINGS.**

+ 627 F iv. **Pearl Rose CUMMINGS.**

550. **Walter Cleveland HARDER** (Louisiana MANNING, James MANNING, Sophia THOMPSON, Sarah Herndon (1st of the name) WATKINS, James B., William) was born 11 Jan 1864. He died 13 Jan 1931 in Beaumont, Jefferson County, TX.

Walter married **Annie Bell RICHARDSON**. Annie was born 13 Jul 1872 in Mt. Vernon, Alabama. She died 29 Aug 1963 in Beaumont, Jefferson County, TX.

They had the following children:

628 M i. **Jesse Richardson HARDER** was born 17 Nov 1906 in Beaumont, Jefferson County, TX. He died 6 May 1950 in Beaumont, Jefferson County, TX.

Jesse married **Patrica Lucille MCCABE**. Patrica was born about 1904.

580. **Henry (son of Walter) SHERROD of Lawrence Co., AL** (Walter SHERROD, Samuel Watkins SHERROD, Eliza H. WATKINS, Samuel, James B., William).

Henry married **Ella IRVINE**, daughter of James IRVINE Of Athens, AL and Virginia FOSTER.

They had the following children:

629 F i. Virginia Irvine SHERROD is printed as #610.

585. **Susan Alyda LONG** (Lucy Young HAMILTON, Anna Josepha YOUNG, Lucy Woodson WATKINS, John (son of James B.), James B., William) was born 20 Nov 1875.

Susan married **Col. B.B. BUCK**.

For several years they lived in the Phillipine Islands.

They had the following children:

630 F i. **Lucy Hamilton BUCK** was born 13 Jan 1910.

631 M ii. **James Baird BUCK**.

632 F iii. **Susanne Long BUCK**.

587. **Mary Elizabeth LONG<sup>11</sup>** (Lucy Young HAMILTON, Anna Josepha YOUNG, Lucy Woodson WATKINS, John (son of James B.), James B., William) was born 11 Aug 1879.

Mary married **James Catchings BAIRD of Bairds, MS** on 30 Jul 1902.

They had the following children:

633 M i. **John Rupert BAIRD** was born 28 Jun 1903.

634 M ii. **James Catchings (II) BAIRD** was born 12 Sep 1907.

635 M iii. **Henry Long BAIRD** was born 30 Mar 1906.

596. **Elvira Greenwood TERRELL** (Anna Josepha HAMILTON, Anna Josepha YOUNG, Lucy Woodson WATKINS, John (son of James B.), James B., William) was born 7 Feb 1880.

Elvira married **Thomas Catchings BAIRD of Columbus, MS** on 4 Oct 1900.

They had the following children:

636 F i. **Dorothy Terrell BAIRD** was born 16 Jul 1901.

637 F ii. **Nancy Clendenin BAIRD** was born 19 Feb 1903.

638 M iii. **Thomas Catchings (Jr.) BAIRD**.

639 F iv. **Anna Hamilton BAIRD** was born 17 Mar 1907.

597. **Anna Young TERRELL** (Anna Josepha HAMILTON, Anna Josepha YOUNG, Lucy Woodson WATKINS, John (son of James B.), James B., William) was born 5 Jan 1882.

Anna married **Kyle CHANDLER** on 26 Apr 1908.

They had the following children:

- 640 M i. **Kyle (Jr.) CHANDLER** was born 24 May 1909.
- 641 M ii. **Harry Terrell CHANDLER** was born 23 May 1912.

## Eighth Generation

627. **Pearl Rose CUMMINGS** (John M. CUMMINGS, Julia MANNING, Peyton T. MANNING, Sophia THOMPSON, Sarah Herndon (1st of the name) WATKINS, James B., William).

Pearl married **Sam Pickney STAGGERS**.

Sam Pickney Stagers

Born: 19 Aug 1880 in Tuscalossa, [county], Alabama, USA

Died: 6 Jul 1963 in Howe, [county], Texas, USA

Marriage:

Children Sex Birth

Cleo Stagers M

Bertha Estelle Stagers F 18 Sep 1905 in Pontotoc, [county], Mississippi, USA

Ruth Cleon Stagers F 19 Dec 1907 in [city], [county], Texas, USA

Lounette Stagers 26 Feb 1910 in [city], [county], Mississippi, USA

Martha T Stagers F 23 May 1912

Jessie Lee Stagers F 8 Feb 1919 in Wilson, [county], Arkansas, USA

Sammie R Stagers M abt 1924

They had the following children:

- 642 M i. **Cleo STAGGERS**.
- 643 F ii. **Bertha Estelle STAGGERS**.
- 644 F iii. **Ruth Cleon STAGGERS**.
- 645 F iv. **Lounette STAGGERS**.
- 646 F v. **Martha T. STAGGERS**.
- 647 F vi. **Jessie Lee STAGGERS**.
- + 648 F vii. **Sammie Rowena STAGGERS**.

## Ninth Generation

648. **Sammie Rowena STAGGERS** (Pearl Rose CUMMINGS, John M. CUMMINGS, Julia MANNING, Peyton T. MANNING, Sophia THOMPSON, Sarah Herndon (1st of the name) WATKINS, James B., William).

Sammie married **Hugh Velton CLARK**. Hugh was born 1920. He died 26 Oct 1997 in Memphis, TN.

They had the following children:

- 649 F i. **(2 Daughters) CLARK**.

## Appendix A - Sources

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