

Descendants of Thomas Wilkes

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1-**Thomas Wilkes**,¹ son of **Francis Wilkes** and **Grace**, was born about 1735¹ and died between 1808 and 1810.¹

General Notes: In a letter to Marianne Griffin from her aunt Mary Catherine Griffin Terry in 1928, the father of Reuben Wilkes [Thomas] served the entire 7 years in the American Revolutionary War. For three years he was absent from home and his family did not hear from him. [Ollie Virginia Griffin Bailey to Catharine Phillips Hager, March 5, 1961] According to the History & Genealogy of Thomas Wilkes, no official records have been found to substantiate this claim, also recorded by Marianne Griffin in her book, "Book of Record and Brief Family History of John B. Griffin".

On December 26, 1793, Thomas Wilkes of Chester County, South Carolina gift-deeded his home and 117 acres of land to his son Richard on condition his parents be permitted to occupy, possess, and enjoy the property. [History & Genealogy of Thomas Wilkes]

Thomas and Mary were living with their son William at the time of the 1800 Census. [History & Genealogy of Thomas Wilkes]

Thomas married **Mary Conyers**,² daughter of **Richard Conyers** and **Margaret Arundel**, about 1762 in Probably Halifax County, North Carolina.¹ Mary died between 1800 and 1810.¹ They had five children: **Reuben**, **Abner**, **Francis**, **Richard**, and **William**.

Marriage Notes: The 1790 Census lists another male under 16 years of age and one female who may also have been children of Thomas and Mary. [History & Genealogy of Thomas Wilkes]

Additional information about the descendants the children of Thomas Wilkes and Mary Conyers other than Reuben can be found in the History and Genealogy of Thomas Wilkes (ca 1735-1809) and His Descendants 1965, by Ivan Ernest Bass. A copy of this book is in the possession of Catherine Reuther.

General Notes: According to family tradition, Mary's father Richard was born in Bermuda, as was his daughter Amy. [History & Genealogy of Thomas Wilkes]

Richard resided in Isle of Wright County, Virginia, before moving to North Carolina, where he was a planter. He lived in Halifax, Bute, and Franklin counties. [History & Genealogy of Thomas Wilkes]

Richard was a Revolutionary War soldier of North Carolina. [History & Genealogy of Thomas Wilkes]

2-**Reuben Wilkes**² was born about 1763 in North Carolina³ and died on 2 April 1830 in Plantation in Chester County, South Carolina¹ about age 67.

General Notes: Reuben had 134 days of Revolutionary War service with the South Carolina Militia in 1781 - 1782. On March 16, 1783, the Treasury of South Carolina awarded and Indented Certificate to Reuben for 33 pounds, 10 shillings for his war service. [History & Genealogy of Thomas Wilkes]

Reuben was a well-to-do planter of the Baton Rouge community of Chester County, South Carolina. In the 1820 Census, he owned 12 slaves. Reuben also bought and sold real estate. [History & Genealogy of Thomas Wilkes]

Reuben died intestate. His son Ellis and son-in-law William Carter were appointed to administer

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his estate with a bond of \$10,000. [History & Genealogy of Thomas Wilkes]

Noted events in his life were:

- Alt. Death: 30 April 1830.¹

Reuben married **Sarah Thomas**,² daughter of **Daniel Thomas Sr** and **Catherine**, about 1783.¹ Sarah was born in Virginia,⁴ died on 26 August 1847 in Oak Mountain Springs, Harris County, Georgia,¹ and was buried in Carter Family Cemetary (Oak Mountain Springs), Harris County, Georgia.¹ They had five children: **Catherine, Mary, Winifred, Ellis T,** and **Anna**.

Marriage Notes: Sarah and Reuben probably lived in Union County, South Carolina after their marriage. Reuben purchased land there in 1787 and is also listed on the 1790 Census in that county. By 1800, they had moved to Chester County, South Carolina, as Reuben appears on the 1800 Census there. [History & Genealogy of Thomas Wilkes]

From the Censuses of 1790 and 1800, there may have been another son and daughter born before 1800, who probably died in infancy. [History & Genealogy of Thomas Wilkes]

General Notes: The Thomases (Sarah's family) lived in Lowden County, Virginia [Terry family by Lena Terry & Mary Catherine Griffin Terry]

Sarah's parents were married in Virginia in 1736. [History & Genealogy of Thomas Wilkes]

Following her husband Reuben Wilkes' death in 1830, Sarah moved to Georgia to live with her daughter Mary, and son-in-law William Carter.

3-Catherine Wilkes¹ was born before 1790 in Union County, South Carolina¹ and died on 1 October 1842 in Chester County, South Carolina.¹

General Notes: Catherine was most likely born in Union County, South Carolina, before her parents moved to Chester County, South Carolina, about 1790. No record of her birth has been found, but it is thought she may have been the oldest child of Reuben and Sarah to reach maturity. Catherine never married. She lived with her parents until the death of her father in 1830, and after that is believed to have lived with her brother, Ellis, until he died in 1842. [History & Genealogy of Thomas Wilkes]

3-Mary Wilkes¹ was born about 1790 in Union County, South Carolina,¹ died on 5 March 1877 in Harris County, Georgia³ about age 87, and was buried in Carter Family Cemetary (Oak Mountain Springs), Harris County, Georgia.¹

General Notes: In the 1860 Census, Mary is living in Talbot County, GA, District 681 (Pleasant Hill). She is listed as the head of the household. She is 70 years old and born in South Carolina. She cannot read or write. The value of her personal estate is \$175. Living with her is her widowed daughter Mary Griffin, and her five children, William, 13, John, 11, Reuben, 9, Carter, 8, and Mary C, 7. Mary Griffin was born in South Carolina, and all the children were born in Georgia. The value of her personal estate is \$470.

In the 1870 Census, Mary is living in Harris County, Georgia, in the house of her daughter Mary Griffin. She is 80 years old and was born in South Carolina. The census taker noted in the occupation column that Mary is "infirm".

Mary married **William Carter**, son of **John Carter** and **Mary Estes**, about 1823 in Chester County, South Carolina.⁵ William was born in 1801 in South Carolina,⁶ died on 11 April 1859 in Georgia⁴ at age 58, and was buried in Carter Family Cemetary (Oak Mountain

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Springs), Harris County, Georgia.⁶ They had three children: **Sara Catherine, Reuben Ellis, and Mary Winifred.**

Marriage Notes: William and Mary came to Georgia about 1828 when the land now in Harris, Talbot, and the surrounding area was first opened to settlers following an Indian peace treaty [Margaret Woodall Browne to cousins in 1972 referencing a Mary Catherine Griffin Terry letter].

The Carters returned to South Carolina upon the death of Reuben Wilkes in 1830 to settle his estate. When they returned to Georgia, they brought Reuben's widow Sarah Thomas Wilkes, and their daughters, Winifred and Anna. [History & Genealogy of Thomas Wilkes]

General Notes: William first purchased land in Talbot County, Georgia, in 1828. He later settled in adjoining Harris County where he is listed in the Tax Digest in 1836. William was a planter of some prominence as indicated by the \$32,000 bond required of the administrators of his estate, daughter Mary Carter Griffin and John S. Terry. The inventory of the estate showed land in both Harris and Talbot Counties and 12 slaves.

The Carters probably arrived in Georgia with a group of neighbors from Chester County, South Carolina.

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In the 1840 Census, W Carter is living in the Milner's District of Harris County. He is engaged in agriculture. In the house are 1 male between the age of 10 & 15 (son Reuben), 1 male between 40 & 50 (William), 1 female between 10 & 15 (daughter Mary), and one female between 40 & 50 (wife Mary). Although family history relates that Mary Wilkes Carter's mother Sarah Thomas Wilkes and her sister Anna Wilkes moved to Georgia after Reuben Wilkes death in 1830 and lived with the William Carter's, they do not appear in the census. William owned 8 slaves. Just 2 households away are Mary Terry and S D Terry.

In the 1850 Census, William is 49 (born about 1801), born in South Carolina and a farmer in the Dowdells District of Harris County, Georgia. Living with him are his wife Mary, age 60, born about 1790, Reuben Carter, age 20 and Mary's sister Anna Wilkes. She is 47 or 49 years old and born in South Carolina. William lists the value of his real estate as \$1200. He owns 12 slaves ranging in age from 6 months to 45 years. Neither William, Mary nor Anna can read or write. The next households in the census are Fred and Stephen Terry. Stephen's son John would marry William's granddaughter Mary Catherine Griffin.

In the 1860 Census for Talbot County, GA, William's widow Mary is living in District 681 (Pleasant Hill) with her widowed daughter Mary Griffin and her children. William's estate must not have been settled, as the Census lists the value of his personal estate as \$9850. The estate of William is also listed on the Slave Schedule with 8 slaves ranging in age from 11 to 52.

Noted events in his life were:

- Alt. Birth: 1781, Virginia.⁴

4-Sara Catherine Carter⁷ was born on 27 October 1824 in Chester County, South Carolina,¹ died in September 1836 in Harris County, Georgia¹ at age 11, and was buried in Carter Family Cemetery (Oak Mountain Springs), Harris County, Georgia.¹ Another name for Sara was Catherine Carter.¹

4-Reuben Ellis Carter¹ was born on 17 May 1826 in Chester County, South

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Carolina,¹ died on 1 July 1892 in Shiloh, Harris County, Georgia¹ at age 66, and was buried in Old Shiloh Baptist Church Cemetery, Shiloh, Harris County, Georgia.¹

General Notes: In the 1860 Census, Reuben is a farmer living in Talbot County, GA, in District 681, Pleasant Hill. He is 32 years old and lists the value of his personal estate as \$300. Living with him are his wife Assenia M, age 27, William B, age 8, Thomas, age 6, and Sarah F, age 3.

In the 1870 Census, Reuben is a farmer living in Talbot County, Georgia. He is 41 years old and was born in South Carolina. Living with him are his wife Allen (should be Assenia), age 39, born in Georgia, and their children William, 18, Thomas, 16, Sarah, 14, and Emily, 8. All the children were born in Georgia. Reuben lists the value of his real estate as \$500 and his personal estate as \$210.

In the 1880 Census (www.familysearch.org), Reuben is a farmer living in District 689, Talbot county, Georgia. He is 52 (born about 1828) in South Carolina. He lists both his parents as being born in South Carolina as well. His wife, Ann is 46 (born about 1834), born in Georgia. Both her parents were born in Georgia as well. Living with them are their children William, age 28 (born about 1852), Thomas, age 26 (born about 1854), and Emily, age 16, born about 1864.

Living in the "next" household, are daughter Sarah Carter Bass, her husband Stephen Bass, and their children. Stephen probably assists his in-laws on their farm.

Reuben lived at Shiloh, Georgia, in Harris County, where he taught school and farmed. [Wilkes Family History and Genealogy]

The Wilkes Family History and Genealogy states that Reuben was buried in the graveyard at Shiloh Baptist Church, but the cemetery transcription on rootsweb.com does not have him listed. The only Carter's listed are Sarah Carter 1857-1930 (probably Sarah Carter Bass) and Thomas Carter 1855-1933.

Noted events in his life were:

- Occupation: Teacher and farmer.¹

Reuben married **Assenia A Middlebrooks**⁸ on 20 May 1851 in Harris County, Georgia.¹ Assenia was born on 19 November 1833 in Georgia⁹ and died on 30 July 1905¹ at age 71. Another name for Assenia was Anne Middlebrooks.¹ They had four children: **William Joseph, Thomas Reuben, Sarah Frances, and Emily Jane.**

Noted events in their marriage were:

- Alt. Marriage: 19 May 1851, Harris County, Georgia.⁸

General Notes: In the 1900 Census, Assenia (Anna) is living with her son Thomas (F M Carter on the Census), son William and daughter Emily. She is 60 years old. On the Census, Assenia reports that she is the mother of 8 children, 4 of which are living. She probably lost 4 children when they were young. No other children beyond the 4 known children appeared on the other censuses.

5-**William Joseph Carter** was born on 20 March 1852 in Georgia¹⁰ and died on 10 June 1912¹ at age 60.

General Notes: In the 1900 Census, William is living with his brother Thomas,

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mother Anna, and sister Emily.

In the 1910 Census, William is living with his brother Thomas (Tom on the Census), and sister Emily (Emma on the Census).

5-Thomas Reuben Carter was born on 12 February 1854 in Georgia¹⁰ and died on 9 July 1920¹ at age 66.

General Notes: In the 1900 Census, an F M Carter (probably Thomas R Carter), is living in the Valley Plains District of Harris County, Georgia. He is single, age 46, born Feb 1854, in Georgia. He is a farmer. Living with him are his mother Anna, age 60, brother William, age 48, and sister Emily, age 31.

On the 1910 Census, Tom Carter is living in the Valley Plains District of Harris County on the Shiloh & Chipley Road. He is 54 years old and a farmer with a general farm. Tom rents his farm. Living with him are his sister Emma (should be Emily), 43, and brother William, 57. William is a laborer on the farm.

Buried near Sarah Carter Bass, 1857-1930, (sister) in the Old Shiloh Independant Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery (transcription on rootsweb.com) is Thomas Carter, 1855 - 1933. Also buried in the vicinity of Thomas Carter and the Bass's is a Sarah Carter 1857-1930 (possibly a transcription error, and is really Sarah Carter Bass).

5-Sarah Frances Carter was born on 8 October 1856 in Shiloh, Harris County, Georgia,¹ died on 15 February 1932 in Harris County, Georgia¹¹ at age 75, and was buried in Old Shiloh Baptist Church Cemetery, Shiloh, Harris County, Georgia.¹²

General Notes: According to the History and Genealogy of Thomas Wilkes (ca 1735-1809) and His Descendants 1965, by Ivan Ernest Bass, Sarah had 8 children. On the 1900 Census, she has had 7 children and all are living. If the 8 children are correct, then Ellis died young.

There is a Sarah Carter Bass, 1857 - 1930, buried at Old Shiloh Independant Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery (transcription on rootsweb.com).

Noted events in her life were:

- Alt. Birth: 1857.¹²
- Alt. Death: 1930.¹²
- Alt. Burial: Shiloh, Harris County, Georgia.¹

Sarah married **Stephen Monroe Bass**¹² on 28 December 1874 in Shiloh, Harris Co, Georgia.¹ Stephen was born in 1855 in Georgia,¹² died on 8 June 1932 in Harris County, Georgia¹³ at age 77, and was buried in Old Shiloh Baptist Church Cemetery, Shiloh, Harris County, Georgia. Another name for Stephen was Stephen Bass.¹ They had eight children: **William, Annie Jane, Carrie Leila, Florence Mabel, Stephen Lundy, Oral Emma, Ellis Rueben, and Dessie C.**

General Notes: In the 1880 Census (www.familysearch.org), Stephen Bass is living near his in-laws in District 689, Talbot county, Georgia. He "works on farm" and is 28 years old (born about 1852), born in Georgia. His parents were

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also born in Georgia. Stephen is in the "next" household after Rueben Carter's in the Census. He probably works the Carter farm with his in-laws. His wife Sallie is 23 (born about 1857). Living with them are their children, Willie, age 4, Annie, age 2, and Leila, age 1.

In the 1900 Census, Stephen is living in the Valley Plains District of Harris County, Georgia. He is a farmer, along with his two sons. Stephen is 47 years old, born March 1855 in Georgia. Living with him is his wife Sallie, born Oct 1857. They have been married 25 years. Their children William, age 24, Annie, 23, Carrie, 20, Florence, 16, Lundy, 12, Oral, 9, and Dessie, 7, are all living with them.

In the 1910 Census, Steven Bass is living in the Valley Plains District of Harris County on the Shiloh & Hamilton Road. He is 57 years old and a farmer. Living with him are his wife Sallie, 55, and their children Lundy, 22, Oral, 20, and Dessie, 18. Lundy is helping his father on the farm.

In the 1920 Census, Stephen is living in the Valley Plains District of Harris County. He is a farmer. Living with him are his wife Sally, their son Lundy, age 30, and daughter Ora, age 25.

In the 1930 Census, Stephen (Tobe? M Bass on the Census) is living in the Valley Plains area of Harris County. He is 77 years old and a farmer. Living with him are his wife Sarah T, 74, son Stephen L, 38, sister in law Emmie Carter, 65, son in law John Smith, 40, and grandson Doesey L Smith, 2.

Stephen Monroe Bass, 1855 -1933, is buried in the Old Shiloh Independant Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery (transcription on rootsweb.com). He is buried near, or next to, Sarah Carter Bass, 1857 - 1930.

Noted events in his life were:

- Alt. Birth: Abt 1852, Georgia.¹⁴
- Alt. Birth: March 1855, Georgia.¹⁵
- Alt. Death: 1933.¹²

6-William Bass¹ was born on 27 October 1875 in Harris County, Georgia.¹

General Notes: In the 1900 Census, William is living in the Valley Plains District of Harris County, Georgia, with his parents and siblings. He is 24 and a farmer.

In 1910, William may be the William C Bass living in Chalybeate Springs, Meriwether County, Georgia. He is 35, born in Georgia, and a house carpenter. His parents were born in Alabama and Georgia. He is married to Eva L, 28, for the past 9 years. They have 3 children - Willa B, 5, Roy C, 2, and Sara M, 1. Also living with them are George, 23, and Carrie, 18, King, both single.

I have not been able to find any other record of William.

6-Annie Jane Bass¹ was born on 19 September 1877 in Harris County,

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Georgia,¹⁶ died on 31 July 1954 in Harris County, Georgia¹⁷ at age 76, and was buried in Old Shiloh Baptist Church Cemetery, Shiloh, Harris County, Georgia.

Annie married **Jasper Quitman Grant**,¹⁸ son of **Calhoun McDuffie Grant** and **Sarah Elizabeth Johnsey**, on 26 December 1900 in Harris County, Georgia.¹⁹ Jasper was born on 9 December 1859 in Georgia,²⁰ died on 26 October 1932 in Harris County, Georgia¹⁷ at age 72, and was buried in Old Shiloh Baptist Church Cemetery, Shiloh, Harris County, Georgia. Another name for Jasper was J Q Grant.¹² They had two children: **Sarah Delles** and **infant daughter**.

General Notes: In 1910, Quitman Grant is living on Hamilton Road in the Valley Plains district of Harris County, Georgia. He is 51, born in Georgia, and a farmer. Quitman's parents were born in South Carolina, although subsequent censuses list their birthplaces as Georgia. Living with him are his wife Annie, 24, and daughter Deltas, 7. Quitman and Annie have been married 10 years, and she has had two children, only one is living.

In 1920, J J (or J Q) Grant is living in Valley Plains. He is 59 (?) and a farmer. With him are his wife Annie, 43, and daughter Dellis, 17.

In 1930, Quit Grant is living in Valley Plains. He is 72 and a farmer. Living with him is his wife Annie, 53. They were married at age 42 and 23.

6-Carrie Leila Bass¹ was born on 23 September 1879 in Harris County, Georgia.¹

6-Florence Mabel Bass¹ was born on 24 March 1885 in Harris County, Georgia.¹

6-Stephen Lundy Bass¹ was born on 28 December 1888 in Harris County, Georgia¹ and died on 4 July 1951 in Harris County, Georgia¹³ at age 62.

General Notes: In the 1930 Census, Stephen L Bass is living with his parents in Valley Plains, Harris County, Georgia. He is 38 years old and a mechanic with his own garage.

There is a Lundy Bass, Sept 15 1890 - July 4 1952, buried in the Old Shiloh Independant Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery (transcription on rootsweb.com).

6-Oral Emma Bass¹ was born on 3 June 1890 in Harris County, Georgia,¹ died in 1927¹² at age 37, and was buried in Old Shiloh Baptist Church Cemetery, Shiloh, Harris County, Georgia.¹² Another name for Oral was Ora Bass.¹²

General Notes: Buried near Stephen Monroe Bass, 1855 - 1933, and Sarah Carter Bass, 1857 - 1930, in the Old Shiloh Independant Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery is Ora Bass, 1891 - 1927.

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Noted events in her life were:

- Alt. Birth: 1891.¹²

6-**Ellis Reuben Bass**¹ was born on 4 July 1892 in Harris County, Georgia¹ and died before 1900.

6-**Dessie C Bass**¹ was born on 3 November 1893 in Harris County, Georgia,¹⁶ died on 19 November 1940¹² at age 47, and was buried in Old Shiloh Baptist Church Cemetery, Shiloh, Harris County, Georgia.

General Notes: Buried near Stephen Monroe Bass, 1855 - 1933, and Sarah Carter Bass, 1857 - 1930, in the Old Shiloh Independant Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery (transcription on rootsweb.com) is Dessie Bass Porter, Nov 3 1893 - Nov 19 1940. Buried next to her is George A Porter, April 4 1889 - Jan 7 1967.

Also buried near the Porter's are:

Porter, C. Elizabeth
08-23-1947
05-13-1986

Porter, George A., Jr.
09-25-1925
09-27-1925

Dessie married **George Albert Porter**²¹ on 24 December 1910 in Harris County, Georgia.²² George was born on 4 April 1889 in Harris County, Georgia,²³ died on 7 January 1967 in Fulton County, Georgia¹⁷ at age 77, and was buried on 10 January 1967 in Old Shiloh Baptist Church Cemetery, Shiloh, Harris County, Georgia.²⁴ Another name for George was George A Porter.¹² They had seven children: **Leo, Reuben C, Frances, Ray, George Albert, Stephen Leonard, and Larry Frank.**

General Notes: On June 5 1917 George Albert Porter registered for the World War I draft. George is a farmer and is living in Hamilton, Georgia. He is crippled in his right arm and foot. George was born April 4 1889 in Harris County, Georgia. He has a wife and three children.

In 1920 Albert Porter is living in Milners Cross Roads, Harris County, Georgia. He is 30, born in Georgia, and a farmer. Living with him are his wife Dessie, 26, and children Leo, 8, Reuben, 7, daughter Frances (her name was not clear on the census), 4, and Ray, several months (unclear).

In 1930 Albert Porter is living in Milners Cross Roads. He is 41 and a farmer. With him are his wife Dessie C, 36, and children Leo, 18, Reuben, 17, Frances, 14, Ray, 10, and Leonard, 3. Albert's nephew Charlie Porter, 25, is living with them. He is a farm laborer. Emma Watt, 75, negro servant, and the family's cook also lives with them.

G Albert Porter, of 1467 St Michael Ave in East Point, Fulton County, Georgia, died on 7 January 1967. He was survived by daughter Mrs M M

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Arnold, and sons Larry Porter of East Point, Leo Porter of McLean, Virginia, Reuben Porter of Shiloh, and Ray and Leonard Porter of College Park. [1]

[1] Atlanta Constitution, 9 Jan 1967, p. 23 (Atlanta-Fulton Library)

5-**Emily Jane Carter** was born on 7 June 1865¹ and died on 29 June 1936 in Harris County, Georgia¹¹ at age 71.

General Notes: In the 1900 Census, Emily is living with her brothers Thomas and William, and her mother Anna.

On the 1910 Census, Emily (Emma on the Census) is living with her brothers Tom and William.

In the 1930 Census, Emily (Emmie Carter on the census) is living with her brother-in-law and sister Stephen and Sarah Bass. She is 65 years old.

Georgia Deaths index, 1919-1998 (Ancestry.com), lists Emily as Emma Carter.

4-**Mary Winifred Carter** was born on 5 March 1828 in Chester County, South Carolina,¹ died on 9 May 1885 in Talbot County, Georgia¹ at age 57, and was buried in Carter Family Cemetary (Oak Mountain Springs), Harris County, Georgia.

General Notes: Following the death of John Griffin, Mary and her children moved to her parent's home.

In the 1860 Census, Mary is living in Talbot County, GA, District 681 (Pleasant Hill). She is living in her mother Mary Carter's house. She is 31 years old. Living with her are her five children, William, 13, John, 11, Reuben, 9, Carter, 8, and Mary C, 7. Mary Griffin was born in South Carolina, and all the children were born in Georgia. The value of her personal estate is \$470.

In the 1870 Census, Mary is living in Harris County, Georgia. She is 42 years old, born in South Carolina, and a farmer. Living with her are her sons John, age 22, Reuben, 19, and Carter, 18. Her mother Mary Carter is also living with her. She lists the value of her real estate as \$350. Two black farm laborers are also living in the house, John O'Neal, 23, and Monroe Carter, 11.

In the 1880 Census (www.familysearch.org), Mary Griffin is 52 years old (born about 1828). She is the head of her household, and is living at Milners Cross Roads, Harris county, Georgia. Her and her parent's birthplaces are listed as South Carolina. Living with her are her sons Reuben, age 30, and Carter, age 28. Both are farming. A black, female servant, Madora Terry, is also living in the household. She is 13 years old.

Mary married **John Blake Griffin**¹ on 31 December 1845 in Harris County, Georgia.¹ John was born about 1808 in Georgia,²⁵ died in 1858 in Georgia¹ about age 50, and was buried in Woodland, Talbot County, Georgia.²⁶ They had five children: **William James, John Blake, Reuben Ellis, Carter, and Mary Catherine "Katie"**.

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Noted events in their marriage were:

- Alt. Marriage: 30 December 1845, Harris County, Georgia.⁸

General Notes: In the 1850 Census, John is living in District 22 of Talbot County, Georgia. He is 23 (or 33) [born about 1827 or 1817], born in Georgia and a farmer. He is living with his wife Mary, 22 years old and born in South Carolina. Their children William, age 3, and John, 2, born in Georgia are living with them. Son Reuben would have been one month old at the time the census taker visited, but he is not listed. John owns 2 slaves, ages 16 & 23. They are living next to John Ellison, son of John Ellison. The elder John Ellison's second wife was Elizabeth Patterson. John and Mary Griffin's youngest daughter would marry into the Patterson/Ellison/Terry family.

John Blake Griffin was a farmer and dealer in fine livestock, including race horses. The 1852 tax digest of Talbot County shows John as owning 405 acres of land in that county. Tax digests also show he owned land in Harris, Chattahoochee, and Cherokee counties. John was a Baptist and a Mason, belonging to the Flint Hill Lodge in Talbot county. He died in 1858 when he was thrown from his horse when the bridge he was crossing collapsed and he was plunged into a stream swollen with heavy rains. His body was recovered several days later and several miles downstream. He was buried where he was found. [History & Genealogy of Thomas Wilkes]

According to Marianne Griffin [Wilkes, Carter, & Griffin family members], John died at age 50. He was a member of a Masonic order. However, based on the 1850 Census, he would have been 30 or 40 years old. [CAR]

In the 1880 Census, John's children listed their father's birthplace as Georgia. John's granddaughter Marianne Griffin reported his birthplace at Virginia on her father's death certificate.

5-William James Griffin¹ was born on 7 December 1846 in Talbot County, Georgia,¹ died on 2 December 1863 in Columbus, Muscogee County, Georgia¹ at age 16, and was buried in Carter Family Cemetary (Oak Mountain Springs), Harris County, Georgia. He never married and had no children.

General Notes: William joined the Confederate forces at age 16 in the summer of 1863. He was assigned duty guarding ammunition and supplies in Columbus, Georgia. In mid-November, he came down with the measles. Typical of a young man wanting to fight for his country, he pretended rapid recovery and was returned to duty too soon. Following all night sentry duty in the rain, he came down with pneumonia. Mother Mary went immediately to Columbus to nurse her son. He died just 5 days before his seventeenth birthday. [History & Genealogy of Thomas Wilkes]

Noted events in his life were:

- Alt. Death: 12 December 1863.⁴

5-John Blake Griffin Jr¹ was born on 10 July 1848 in Talbot County, Georgia,²⁷ died on 16 July 1927 in Woodland, Talbot County, Georgia²⁸ at age 79, and was buried in Woodland Cemetery, Woodland, Talbot County, Georgia.²⁸

General Notes: John enlisted in the Georgia Militia at age 16, and served until the

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end of the war. He left home on a fine horse, and at the end of the war, walked home from Macon, Georgia, to find the farm a shambles after a visit and raid by Wilson's Raiders. [History & Genealogy of Thomas Wilkes]

According to Marianne Griffin, John fought in the Battle of Atlanta at age 16. [2]

In the 1880 Census (www.familysearch.org), Jack Griffin, age 31 (born about 1849), and his wife Lucy, age 24, are living at Milners Cross Roads, Harris county, Georgia. Jack is a farmer. Living with them are their daughters Mary, age 1, and Ida, age 5 months.

After his marriage, John settled in Talbot County where he was a merchant-farmer until about 1890 when he bought land in Harris County and moved his family there. He returned to Talbot County about 1895 and lived there the remainder of his life. [History & Genealogy of Thomas Wilkes]

In the 1900 Census, John B Griffin is living in the Pleasant Hill district, Talbot County, Georgia. He is 51 years old and a farmer. Living with him are his wife Lucy, 45, and 9 of their children - Mary A, 20, William E, Carrie, 16, Ollie, 14, Emma, 12, John C, 11, Eldee, 8, Oscar, 7, and Safronia O, 5.

In the 1910 Census, John B Griffin is living in the Pleasant Hill district. He is 63 years old and a cotton farmer. Living with him is his wife Lucy, 54 (?). They have been married 33 years, and have had 11 children; 9 are living. With them are their children John C, 22, Osca [Oscar?], 17, Ophelia, 15, and Elde, 18. John and Oscar are helping on the farm. Elde is a teacher. Living next door is a Woodall family. John's daughters Ollie and Eldee both married Woodall's.

In the 1920 Census, Jack B Griffin is living in the town of Woodland in Talbot County, Georgia. He is 71 years old, widowed, and apparently retired. Living with him are his daughter Eldee Woodall and granddaughter Annie Woodall.

John B Griffin, born 10 July 1848, died 16 July 1927 in Talbot County of acute bronchitis. He had been attended by his physician since July 4th. John was buried in Woodland, Georgia. [1]

[1] death certificate, image, Family search labs

[2] Wilkes, Carter, & Griffin family members in letters to Catharine Phillips Hager; collection of Catherine Reuther

Noted events in his life were:

- Military: Company K, 9th Georgia Militia, Between 1864 and 1865.
- Occupation: farmer, 1880.¹⁴

John married **Lucy Carlisle**,¹ daughter of **Mathew Carlisle** and **Lucy Stovall**, on 18 December 1876 in Talbot County, Georgia.²⁹ Lucy was born on 11 October 1855 in Georgia,²⁷ died on 21 December 1914²⁷ at age 59, and was buried in Woodland Cemetery, Woodland, Talbot County, Georgia.³⁰ They had 11 children: **Martha Carlisle**, **Marianne**, **Ida**, **William Ellis**, **Carrie Belle**, **Ollie**, **Emma Lou**, **John Carl**, **Samantha Eldee**, **Oscar Raymond**, and **Sophonra Ophelia**.

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Marriage Notes: John B Griffin and Lucy Carlisle were married 18 Dec 1876 in Talbot County, Georgia. [Talbot Co marriages 1828-1886, muscogeegenealogy.com]

Noted events in their marriage were:

- Alt. Marriage: 19 December 1876.¹

6-**Martha Carlisle Griffin**¹ was born on 1 November 1877¹ and died on 7 May 1878.¹

6-**Marianne Griffin**¹ was born on 31 December 1878 in Talbot County, Georgia,²⁷ died on 10 February 1950 in Talbot County, Georgia³¹ at age 71, and was buried in Woodland Cemetery, Woodland, Talbot County, Georgia.³⁰

General Notes: Marianne never married, but as an expert seamstress delighted in preparing the trousseaux of her sisters and nieces. She designed and made many of their wedding gowns. She often made "special" dresses for her little nieces.

Marianne was a charter member of the Woodland Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. She gathered much family history and compiled a book titled "Book of Record and Brief History of John B. Griffin". A copy is on file in the Georgia Department of Archives and History in Atlanta, Georgia. [1]

About 1987, I (Catherine Reuther), called the Georgia Archives to inquire about the book. They told me they did not have it.

In 1920, Marianne may be the Mary A Griffin living in Cordele, Crisp County, Georgia. She is a boarder with Gertrude Ballock. Mary is 40, born in Georgia, and a milliner in a store. (I could not find Marianne in Woodland - CAR)

Miss Anne Williams of Atlanta attended the centennial of the Valley Grove Baptist Church in Woodland. She was the guest of Miss Marianne Griffin. - Talbotton New Era newspaper by Nelson Goolsby, Talbot Co, GA - July 1928 [RootsWeb]

Woodland: Misses Lucy and Virginia Griffin of Griffin are spending some time with their aunt, Miss Marianne Griffin. - Talbotton New Era newspaper by Nelson Goolsby, Talbot Co, GA - July 1928 [RootsWeb]
Virginia and Lucy are probably Ollie Virginia, b. 1917, and Lucy Claire Griffin, b. 1922, daughters of Oscar Griffin.

In the 1930 Census, Marianne is living with her sister Samantha Eldee Griffin Woodall and her family in the town of Woodland, Talbot County, Georgia. She is 51 years old and is a sales lady in a dry goods store.

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6-**Ida Griffin**¹ was born on 2 February 1880 in Talbot County, Georgia,¹

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died on 17 December 1917 in Oklahoma¹ at age 37, and was buried in Woodland Presbyterian Cemetery, Woodland, Talbot County, Georgia.³²

General Notes: Ida Griffin Allen, born 2 February 1880 & died 15 December 1917, is buried at Woodland Presbyterian Cemetery, Woodland, Talbot County, Georgia. [1]

[1] findagrave.com

Ida married **Milton L. Allen**³³ on 27 December 1898 in Talbot County, Georgia.³⁴ Milton was born on 6 February 1879 in Georgia³⁵ and died on 10 June 1974 in Riverside County, California³³ at age 95. Another name for Milton was Milton Allen.¹ They had four children: **Marion Griffin, Nellie Blanche, George, and Dorothy.**

General Notes: Milton's parents were born in SC & GA [1] or both in Georgia [1910 Census].

Milton and Ida moved to Oklahoma between 1898 and 1901.

In 1900 Milton S Allen and his wife Ida are living in Indian Territory [Oklahoma] in the Cherokee Nation. Milton is 21 (born Feb 1879) and a farm laborer. Ida is 20. They have been married 1 1/2 years and have no children. [1]

In the 1910 Census, Milton L Allen is living in Tahlequah, Cherokee Co, Oklahoma. He is 29 years old and was born in Georgia as were his parents. Milton is a superintendent for the water works. Living with him is his wife Ida, 30, and also born in Georgia. They have been married 10 years. With them are their children Marion, 8, Nellie B, 3, and George A, 1. All were born in Oklahoma.

In 1920 Milton's children Marion and Blanche were living with relatives of their mother's in Georgia.

Milton L Allen's last residence was in Beaumont, Riverside County, California. His Social Security Number was issued in California before 1951. [2]

[1] 1900 US Census, Township 22N, Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory, ED 24, sheet 23A

[2] Social Security Death Index

Noted events in his life were:

- Alt. Birth: February 1879, Georgia.¹⁵
- Alt. Birth: Abt 1881, Georgia.³⁶

6-**William Ellis Griffin**¹ was born on 25 March 1881 in Talbot County, Georgia,²⁷ died on 13 January 1944 in Atlanta, Fulton County, Georgia³¹ at age 62, and was buried in Woodland Presbyterian Cemetery, Woodland, Talbot County, Georgia.³²

General Notes: In Sept 1918, William Ellis Griffin registered for the WWI

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draft in Talbot County. He was born 25 March 1881, and was living in Woodland, GA. He was working as a mechanic.

In 1920, William E Griffin is living in the town of Yatesville, Union Hill district, Upson County, Georgia. He is 38, and a house carpenter. William is boarding at the rooming house or hotel run by Della Waters. William's sister Carrie and brothers John & Oscar are also living in Upson County.

William operated a cabinet shop in Atlanta, Georgia. [1]

In the 1930 Census, there is a William E Griffin living at 728 Ponce de Leon Court in Atlanta, Fulton County, Georgia. He is 49 years old (born abt 1881), and is a contractor in house building. William is a boarder in the house of Mary C McGill.

William Ellis Griffin, of 463 Peachtree Street in Atlanta, died 13 January 1944 in Fulton County at age 63. His remains were carried to Woodland, Georgia, for his funeral and internment. [2, 3]

[1] History & Genealogy of Thomas Wilkes

[2] Georgia Deaths, 1919-1998 (Ancestry.com)

[3] Atlanta Constitution, 14 Jan 1944, p. 20 (Atlanta-Fulton Library)

Noted events in his life were:

- Alt. Burial: Woodland Cemetary or family cemetary, Woodland, Talbot County, Georgia.²⁸

6-**Carrie Belle Griffin**¹ was born on 30 December 1882 in Talbot County, Georgia,³⁷ died on 13 December 1955 in Upson County, Georgia³⁸ at age 72, and was buried in Bethany Cemetery, Upson County, Georgia.

General Notes: Carrie and her brother John both married into descendants of the Trice family. Many Trice descendants are buried in the Trice Cemetery in Upson Co, GA. [Rootsweb transcription]

Carrie married **Walter Sidney Black**,¹ son of **William Thomas Black** and **Frances Jane Gibson**, on 5 March 1905.¹ Walter was born on 4 July 1870 in The Rock, Upson County, Georgia,³⁹ died on 28 April 1950 in Upson County, Georgia⁴⁰ at age 79, and was buried in Bethany Cemetery, Upson County, Georgia. They had four children: **Mary Juliet "June," Lucy Elizabeth, Walter Sidney**, and **Samantha Carolyn**.

General Notes: Walter was a widower with two daughters when he married Carrie Griffin. [History & Genealogy of Thomas Wilkes]

Walter's first wife was Nancy Annie Braddy of Woodland, Georgia. Their children were Johnnie Rozelle Black and Annie Wilma Black. They married two brothers named Ryle. [Mary Black Wolfe, 5/2004]

In 1910, Walter Black is living in the Redbone area of Upson County, Georgia. He is 39 and a farmer. Living with Walter is his wife Carrie, 27. They are inaccurately reported as having been married 12 years. Living with

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them are Walter's daughters from his first marriage Rosell, 11, and Wilmer, 8, and Walter & Carrie's daughters Juliette, 4?, and Elizabeth, less than 1 year old.

In the 1920 Census, W S Black is living in the Redbone area of Upson County. He is 49 years old and a farmer. Living with him are his wife Carrie B, 37, and their children, Juliett, 13, Lucy, 11, W.S., Jr, 6, and Carolyn, 1. They are living next door to Carrie's brother Oscar Griffin and his family.

In 1930, Walter S Black is living in the Redbone area of Upson County. He is 59 and a farmer with a truck farm. Walter owns his farm, valued at \$2000, and also has a radio. Living with him are his wife Carrie B, 47, daughter Juliette Boyers, 24, granddaughter Bettie Black, 7 months, son Walter S, Jr, 16, and daughter Carolyn S, 11. It is not clear who Bettie's parents are but she may be Juliette's daughter.

From Mary Black Wolfe - "I think the airport got most of the land out there [in the Rock]. My ggrandfather, William Thomas BLACK [Walter's father] gave the land where Bethany Cemetery is located. Originally, there was about 1000 acres that had belonged to his father, Thomas BLACK. [May 2004]

Noted events in his life were:

- Alt. Birth: Abt 1871, Georgia.⁴¹

6-**Ollie Griffin**¹ was born on 27 August 1884 in Talbot County, Georgia,¹ died on 8 May 1907¹ at age 22, and was buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Barnesville, Lamar County, Georgia.⁴²

Ollie married **James Daniel Woodall**¹ on 29 December 1902 in Talbot County, Georgia.¹ James was born on 16 November 1881,⁴² died on 2 June 1948⁴² at age 66, and was buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Barnesville, Lamar County, Georgia.⁴²

Marriage Notes: Ollie and James resided at Barnesville, Lamar County, Georgia. They had no children. [History & Genealogy of Thomas Wilkes]

General Notes: In 1918 James Daniel Woodall registered for the World War I draft. He was a barber in College Park, Fulton County, Georgia. James was born November 15 1881. His wife Maude is listed as his nearest relative.

James Daniel Woodall, 16 November 1881-2 June 1948, is buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Barnesville, Lamar County, Georgia, near his second wife Maude Fuller Woodall, 31 March 1889-6 February 1963. Also buried in the cemetery is Ollie Griffin Woodall, 27 August 1884-8 May 1907, James first wife. [1]

[1] Lamar County, GA, cemetery transcriptions (Rootsweb.com)

6-**Emma Lou Griffin**¹ was born on 8 March 1886 in Talbot County, Georgia,¹ died on 15 May 1911 in Barnesville, Monroe Co (now Lamar Co), Georgia¹ at age 25, and was buried in Fredonia Church Cemetery, (near

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Barnesville) Lamar County, Georgia.⁴²

Emma married **Herbert Johnston Moyer**⁴³ on 25 January 1910.¹ Herbert was born on 20 December 1885 in Georgia,⁴³ died on 16 December 1957 in Fulton County, Georgia¹³ at age 71, and was buried in Fredonia Church Cemetery, (near Barnesville) Lamar County, Georgia.⁴² Another name for Herbert was Herbert J Moyer.¹

Marriage Notes: Emma and Herbert resided at Barnesville, Lamar County, Georgia. They had no children. [History & Genealogy of Thomas Wilkes]

They actually lived in Monroe County, which became part of the new county of Lamar between 1920 & 1930. [CAR]

General Notes: In 1910 Herbert J Moyer is living in the Redbone district of Monroe County, Georgia. He is 24 and a farmer. With Herbert is his wife Emma, 24. They have been married for 3 months.

IN September 1918, Herbert Johnston Moyer registered for the WWI draft in Monroe County. He was living in the Yatesville area and a farmer. Herbert was born Dec 20, 1885. I could not tell if he was married or single.

In 1920, Herbert is still farming in Monroe County. He has remarried to Henri, 29. They do not have any children.

Between 1920 & 1930, the Redbone district became part of the new county of Lamar. In 1930 Herbert J Moyer is living in the Redbone district of Lamar County. He is 44 and a farmer. Living with him are his wife Henri, 38, and children Herbert J, 8, and Katherine, 7. Herbert and Henri have been married 10 years.

Herbert J Moyer died 16 Dec 1957 in Fulton County at the age of 71. His residence was in Lamar County. [1]

Herbert Johnston Moyer, 20 Dec 1885-16 Dec 1957, and Henri Winter Moyer, 23 Dec 1890 -4 Nov 1969, are buried at Fredonia Church Cemetery, Lamar County, Georgia, near Barnesville, as is Herbert's first wife Emma Griffin.

[1] Georgia death index (Ancestry.com)

[2] Lamar County, GA, cemetery transcriptions (Rootsweb.com)

Noted events in his life were:

- Occupation: Farmer.

6-John Carl Griffin¹ was born on 12 February 1888 in Talbot County, Georgia,¹ died on 1 May 1964 in Bibb County, Georgia¹³ at age 76, and was buried in Rose Hill Cemetery, Macon, Bibb County, Georgia.⁴⁴ Another name for John was Carl.

General Notes: John and his sister Carrie both married into descendants of the Trice family. Many Trice descendants are buried in the Trice Cemetery in Upson Co, GA. [Rootsweb transcription]

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J C Griffin registered for the WWI draft in Upson County. He was born 12 Feb 1888. He was living in Thomaston and a farmer. He was married with a child.

In the 1920 Census, John C Griffin is living in the Atwater district of Upson County, Georgia. He is 31 years old and a farmer. Living with him are his wife Thelma, 25, and daughters Mary, 4, and Catherine, 2 years and 2 months.

In the 1930 Census, John C Griffin is living in Calude, Peach County, Georgia. He is 42 years old and was born in Georgia. He is a farmer. Living with John are his wife Thelma, 35, and daughters Mary, 14, Katherine, 12, Sarah, 9, and Elizabeth, 2 years 6 months.

For a number of years John engaged in farming, but for the past several years (ca. 1965), he has been the superintendent of parking meter collections of Macon, Georgia. [History & Genealogy of Thomas Wilkes]

On the Social Security Death Index, John Griffin was born 12 Feb 1888 and died May 1964. His last residence was Macon, Bibb Co, Georgia.

Noted events in his life were:

- Alt. Death: May 1964, Georgia.⁴⁵

John married **Thelma Abercrombie**¹ on 19 January 1915 in Upson County, Georgia.¹ Thelma was born on 21 June 1894 in Georgia,⁴⁶ died on 24 May 1985 in Georgia⁴⁷ at age 90, and was buried in Rose Hill Cemetery, Macon, Bibb County, Georgia.⁴⁴ They had five children: **Mary Lucy, Thelma Kathryn, Sarah Frances, Elizabeth Anne, and Susan Rose.**

General Notes: On the Social Security Death Index, Thelma Griffin was born 21 Jun 1894 and died May 1985, Her last residence was Macon, Bibb Co, Georgia.

Noted events in her life were:

- Alt. Birth: Abt 1895, Georgia.⁴¹

6-Samantha Eldee Griffin¹ was born on 15 July 1890 in Oak Mountain, Harris County, Georgia¹ and died on 7 March 1982 in Meriwether County, Georgia¹³ at age 91. Another name for Samantha was Eldee.

General Notes: In the 1910 Census, Eldee (Elde on the census) is living in the Pleasant Hill area of Talbot County with her parents and some of her siblings. She is 18 years old and a teacher at a common (?) school.

In the 1920 Census, Eldee is living in the town of Woodland, Talbot County, Georgia, with her father Jack Griffin. She is 28 years old, married (her husband is not living with them), and a school teacher. Daughter Annie M Woodall is also living with her.

Woodland: Mrs. R. B. Woodall and family are spending several weeks in Jasper with Mr. Woodall. - Talbotton New Era newspaper by Nelson Goolsby, Talbot Co, GA - July 1928 [RootsWeb]

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On the Social Security Death Index, Eldee Woodall was born 15 Jul 1890 and died Mar 1982. Her last residence was Dalton, Whitfield Co, Georgia. She died in Meriwether County. [Georgia Deaths, 1919-1998 (Ancestry.com)]

Noted events in her life were:

- Alt. Death: March 1982, Dalton, Whitfield Co, Georgia.⁴⁵

Samantha married **Robert Baugh Woodall**,¹ son of **Seaborn Webster Woodall** and **Mattie Russell**, on 24 October 1917 in Talbot County, Georgia.¹ Robert was born on 23 June 1893 in Talbot County, Georgia,⁴³ died on 13 September 1958 in Baldwin County, Georgia¹¹ at age 65, and was buried in Woodland Cemetery, Woodland, Talbot County, Georgia.¹ They had three children: **Annie Margaret**, **Lucy Emily**, and **Robert Baugh**.

General Notes: On June 5 1917, Robt B Woodall registered for the WWI Draft in Talbot County. He was born 23 Jun 1893 in Talbot County, is single and a farmer.

In 1920, Baugh Woodall is living in Woodland, Valley District, Talbot County, Georgia. He is 28, married, living at the convict camp, and a bridge contractor. Baugh's wife Eldee and their daughter Annie are living in Woodland at the home of Eldee's father. Living with Baugh is Blanche Allen, his wife's niece, age 12, born in Oklahoma.

In the 1930 Census, Baugh R Woodall is living in the town of Woodland in Talbot County, Georgia. He is 36 years old, born in Georgia, as were his parents, and is a time keeper in construction work. Living with him are his wife, Elde, 39, and their children Annie M, 11, Lucy E, 8, and Robert B, 6. Also living with them is Eldee's sister Marianne Griffin. Marianne is listed as sister to Robert on the census.

Robert was in business with his brother Marvin in the M R Woodall Construction Company. [1]

Robert B Woodall died 13 Sep 1958 in Baldwin County at age 66. He was living in Talbot County at the time of his death. [2]

[1] History and Genealogy of Thomas Wilkes (ca 1735-1809) and His Descendants 1965, by Ivan Ernest Bass

[2] Georgia Deaths, 1919-1998 (Ancestry.com)

Noted events in his life were:

- Alt. Birth: Abt 1894, Georgia.⁴¹

6-**Oscar Raymond Griffin**¹ was born on 14 December 1892 in Oak Mountain, Harris County, Georgia¹ and died on 11 November 1972 in Muscogee County, Georgia¹³ at age 79.

General Notes: On June 5 1917, Oscar Raymond Griffin registered for the WWI draft. He was born 14 Dec 1892 in Harris County. Oscar was living in Columbus, Georgia, where he worked as a convict guard. He appeared to be working for Muscogee County, but the image was not too clear. Oscar is

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married.

In the 1920 Census, Oscar is living in the Redbone area of Upson County, Georgia. He is 27 years old and a farmer. Living with him are his wife Earl C, 26, daughter Ollie V, 2, and son Oscar Jr, 2 months. Also living with him is Marion Allen. Oscar's nephew and the son of his sister Ida. Marion is 17, born in Oklahoma, and working on the farm. Next door is Oscar's sister Carrie Griffin Black and her husband and children.

During the late 1960's and early 1970's William Carter's descendants worked on placing a monument inscribed with the names of the family members buried in the Carter Family Cemetary in Harris County, Georgia, as the original markers were long gone. Oscar was one of the descendants working on this project. He died two weeks before Thanksgiving 1972 in a car accident on his way to do some of the preparations at the cemetary for placing the marker. His son, Oscar Jr., came upon the accident just minutes after it happened. [letter from Annie Margaret Woodall Browne to "Cousins", including Catharine Phillips Hager, June 16, 1973]

According to the Social Security Death Index, Oscar Griffin was born 14 Dec 1892, and died Nov 1972. His last residence was Columbus, Muscogee Co, Georgia.

Noted events in his life were:

- Alt. Death: November 1972, Georgia.⁴⁸

Oscar married **Edna Earle Caldwell**,¹ daughter of **Gilbert Bebee Caldwell** and **Emma Virginia Wright**, on 19 November 1916 in Muscogee County, Georgia.¹ Edna was born on 10 July 1893 in Georgia⁴⁵ and died in March 1977⁴⁵ at age 83. They had seven children: **Ollie Virginia, Oscar Raymond, Edna Louise, Lucy Claire, John Gilbert, Marjorie Jo, and William Caldwell.**

Noted events in her life were:

- Alt. Birth: Abt 1894, Georgia.⁴⁹
- Residence: 1977, Richmond, Chesterfield County, Virginia.⁴⁵

6-Sophronia Ophelia Griffin¹ was born on 29 March 1895 in Talbotton, Talbot County, Georgia,⁵⁰ died on 29 September 1919 in St Augustine, St Johns County, Florida⁵¹ at age 24, and was buried on 29 September 1919 in Sebastian Cemetery, Roseland, Indian River County, Florida.⁵²

General Notes: The History & Genealogy of Thomas Wilkes reported in error that Sophronia's son Jack died at birth.

Ophelia G Stinson died in 1919 in St Johns County, Florida. [1]

Ophelia and infant are buried in Sebastian Cemetery, Roseland, Indian River County, Florida. [2]

[1] Florida Death Index, 1877-1998 (Ancestry.com)

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[2] www.findagrave.com

Noted events in her life were:

- Alt. Burial: Wabasso, Indian River Co, Florida.¹

Sophonria married **Gustavus Adolphus Stinson**,⁵³ son of **James Leonard Stinson** and **Susan A**, on 10 November 1915.¹ Gustavus was born on 18 March 1889 in Talbotton, Talbot Co, Georgia,⁵⁴ died on 9 June 1964 in Indian River County, Florida⁵⁵ at age 75, and was buried in Sebastian Cemetery, Roseland, Indian River County, Florida.³² Another name for Gustavus was Gustavus A Stinson.¹ They had two children: **John L** and **Baby Girl**.

General Notes: In 1916 G. A. Stinson and wife are listed in the Fort Pierce, Florida City Directory and St. Lucie County Gazeteer. They live in Wabasso, and Gustavus is a farmer. [RootsWeb - Indian River Co, FL]

In 1917, Gus Adolphus Stinson registered in Saint Lucie, FL, for the WWI draft. He was born Mar 18 1889 in Talbotton, GA. He was a farmer in Wabasso with a wife and child. [RootsWeb - Indian River Co, FL; Ancestry.com WW1 images]

In 1918, Gustavus A. Stinson and wife are listed in the St. Lucie County Directory. They live in Wabasso, and Gustavus is a farmer. [RootsWeb - Indian River Co, FL]

In the 1920 Census, Gus A Stinson is living in Wabasso, St Lucie Co, Florida, in the home of his brother Albert. Gus is 31, widowed, born in Georgia, and a laborer. Gus's son John L Stinson is 3 years old and living with his grandfather James L Stinson in Sebastian, also in St Lucie County.

On the 1930 Census, Gus A Stinson is living in Wabasso, Indian River Co, Florida. He is 41 years old, widowed, born in Georgia, and a laborer on a fruit farm. Living with him are his son John L, 13, born in Florida, and his parents J Leonard, 69, and Susan A, 67, Stinson. J Leonard was born in Georgia and Susan in Alabama. Living next door, is A. Leonard Stinson and his family, probably Gus's brother Albert.

Note: Indian River County was created in 1925 from St. Lucie County. Today Wabasso is in Indian River County.

In 1930 Gus A Stinson married Mildred Walters in Indian River County, Florida. [4]

In 1945 he is 56 and living in Wabasso. Listed on the same page in a transcription of the state census are Mrs. Mildred Stinson, 37, and Sidney, 11. [1]

Gustavus Adolphus Stinson (Gustavious Stinson [2]) was born 18 Mar 1889 and in June 1964 in Indian River County, Florida. [2, 3]

[1] 1945 Florida State Census, Indian River County - transcription on

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Rootsweb. The transcription was in alphabetical order. The Stinsons were listed on the same page and presumably were living together as a family.

[2] Social Security Death Index

[3] Florida Death Index, 1961-1966 (Ancestry.com)

[4] Florida Marriage Collection, 1822-1875 and 1927-2001 (Ancestry.com)

5-**Reuben Ellis Griffin**¹ was born on 9 August 1850 in Talbot County, Georgia,¹ died on 3 June 1923 in Woodland, Talbot County, Georgia⁵⁶ at age 72, and was buried in Old Shiloh Baptist Church Cemetery, Shiloh, Harris County, Georgia.¹²

General Notes: In 1880, Reuben is living with his mother Mary, and brother Carter, at Milners Cross Roads, Harris county, Georgia.

In the 1900 Census, Reuben is living in the Milners Cross Roads District of Harris County. He is 48 years old, born Aug 1850, in Georgia. He is a farmer. Living with him are his wife Arrie, age 34, born Sept 1865, in Alabama. It appears on the Census, that she was the mother of 6 children, 5 were living, although it was difficult to read. Living with them are their children Jewel, age 11, Glenn, 10, Mercer, 8, Ralph, 5, and Lester, 3. All the children were born in Georgia.

In the 1910 Census, Reuben E Griffin is living in the Flint Hill area of Talbot County, Georgia. He is 59 years old and a farmer with a general farm. His wife Arrie is 42, and they have been married for 20 years, and have had 6 children; all are living. Living with them are their children Glenn, 19, Mercer, 17, Ralph, 16, Lester, 12, and Sarah, 7.

In the 1920 Census, Reuben E Griffin is living in the Pleasant Hill area of Talbot County, Georgia. He is 69 years old, and a merchant with his own business. Living with him is his wife Arrie, 53.

R E Griffin died in Woodland, Talbot County, Georgia, on 3 June 1923 at age 73 of paralysis. Son W R Griffin of Talbotton incorrectly reported Reuben's father as also named Reubin. [1]

Buried in the Old Shiloh Independant Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery (transcription on rootsweb.com) is R. E. Griffin, Aug 9 1850 - June 3 1923. Near him are Arrie Smith Griffin, Sept 23 1866 - Jan 11 1924, and Jessie Mercer Griffin, Aug 11 1891 - Sept 21 1945.

[1] death certificate, image, Family search labs

Noted events in his life were:

- Alt. Death: 3 June 1923, Shiloh, Harris County, Georgia.³
- Occupation: farmer, 1880.⁵⁷

Reuben married **Arabella Amanda Smith**,¹ daughter of **Alfred Smith** and **Sarah Murrah**, on 23 October 1887 in Harris County, Georgia.⁵⁸ Arabella was born on 23 September 1866 in Alabama,⁵⁹ died on 10 January 1924 in Plaquemine, Iberville Parish, Louisiana⁶⁰ at age 57, and was buried in Old Shiloh Baptist Church Cemetery, Shiloh, Harris County, Georgia.¹² Another name for Arabella was Arrie Murrah Smith.⁶⁰ They had six children: **Mary Jewell**, **Alfred**

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Glenn, Jessie Mercer, Willie Ralph, Lester Carter, and Sarah Carter.

General Notes: In the 1880 Census (www.familysearch.org), an Arabella Smith, age 14, is living with her parents Alfred and Sarah Smith in Valley Plains, Harris county, Georgia.

Noted events in her life were:

- Alt. Death: 11 January 1924.¹²

6-**Mary Jewell Griffin**¹ was born on 17 September 1888 in Talbot County, Georgia,¹ died on 18 August 1968 in Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana⁶¹ at age 79, and was buried in Roselawn Memorial Park and Mausoleum, Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana.⁶²

Noted events in her life were:

- Alt. Death: After 1960.
- Alt. Death: 19 August 1968.⁶²
- Alt. Birth: 17 September 1888, Shiloh, Harris County, Georgia.⁶³

Mary married **James Walter Allen**,¹ son of **John T Allen** and **Nellie Holmes**, on 26 October 1907 in Talbotton, Talbot County, Georgia.¹ James was born on 13 October 1886 in Talbotton, Talbot County, Georgia,⁴³ died on 15 October 1954 in Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana⁶⁰ at age 68, and was buried in Roselawn Memorial Park and Mausoleum, Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana.⁶² Another name for James was Walter. They had eight children: **Ruby Lee, Edna Glenn, Arrie Belle, Wilma Jewel, Mary Eugenia "Jeanie," Ada Claudine, James Walter,** and **Thomas Ory.**

Marriage Notes: On Oct. 27, at the home of G.O. Kellum, Mr. Walter Allen, the noble son of Mr. John Allen of Social Circle, Ga. to Miss Jewell Griffin, the accomplished daughter of Mr. Thadeus Griffin of Shiloh, Ga., was happily united in the holy bonds of matrimony, G.O. Kellum officiating. [1]

[1] Rootsweb.com transcription Harris Co GA - The Talbotton New Era, October 31, 1907, p. 6

General Notes: In 1900 James W Allen is living in Talbotton, Talbot Co, Georgia, with his parents John T and Sarah A Allen. [2] On his death certificate, James' parents are John Allen and Nellie Holmes. [3]

In 1910 Walter Allen is living in Miltia District 685 in Talbot County, Georgia, which includes Talbotton. Walter is 26 and a farmer. Living with Walter are his wife Jewel, 22, and son Walter Jr, 1. The child should be daughter Ruby. Walter and Jewel have been married 2 years.

On June 5 1917, Jes (or Jas.) Walter Allen registered for the World War I draft in Talbot County Georgia. He was born 13 Oct 1886 in Talbotton, GA. He is a farmer with a wife and children. Walter signed the form "Walter Allen".

In 1920, Walter Allen is living in Manchester, Meriwether County, Georgia. He is 33 and a taxi driver in town. Living with Walter are his wife Jewell,

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31, and children Ruby, 11, Edna, 9, Arabelle, 6, Wilmer, 4, and Mary Lee, 4 months.

The Allens moved to Louisiana between 1921 and 1924.

In 1930, Walter Allen is living in Plaquemine, Iberville Parish, Louisiana. He is 43, and a hardware salesman. Living with Walter are his wife Jewell, 41, and children Ruby, 21, Edna, 19, Arrabelle, 17, Wilma, 14, Mary E, 10, Claudine, 8, Walter, Jr, 6, and Thomas, 4.

Walter and Jewel were living (or last known to be) in Port Allen, Louisiana, where Walter was in the real estate business, when the Wilkes family history was published. [1]

[1] History and Genealogy of Thomas Wilkes (ca 1735-1809) and His Descendants 1965, by Ivan Ernest Bass

[2] US Census, GA, Talbot Co, Talbotton, ED 54, sheet 15B

[3] Louisiana Deaths 1850-1875, 1894-1957 transcription (Family Search Labs)

6-Alfred Glenn Griffin¹ was born on 5 May 1890 in Cleola, Harris County, Georgia,¹ died on 6 April 1950 in Manchester, Meriwether County, Georgia¹ at age 59, and was buried in Manchester, Meriwether County, Georgia.¹

General Notes: On June 5 1917 Alfred Glenn Griffin registered for the World War I draft. He is a merchantile clerk working for the Dunn Bros in Manchester, Meriwether County, Georgia. Alfred was born May 5 1890 in Harris County, Georgia. He is supporting his wife, grandmother and children.

In 1930, Glenn Griffin is living at 212 Fifth Street in Manchester, Meriwether County, Georgia. He is a retail merchant with his own grocery store. Glenn is 39 years old. Living with him are his wife Annie M, 39, and sons Ernest R, 17, Alfred G, 15, and T Henry, 12. Glenn and Annie were married at age 21. Also living with them is a boarder, William C Allen, 23.

Glenn was a farmer-merchant in Manchester, Georgia. [1]

[1] History and Genealogy of Thomas Wilkes (ca 1735-1809) and His Descendants 1965, by Ivan Ernest Bass

Noted events in his life were:

- Occupation: farmer-merchant.¹

Alfred married **Annie Mary Fuller**¹ on 20 December 1911 in Shiloh, Harris Co, Georgia.¹ Annie was born on 26 December 1889 in Georgia⁶⁴ and died on 7 January 1972 in Meriwether County, Georgia¹³ at age 82. They had three children: **Ernest Reuben**, **Alfred Glenn**, and **Thomas Henry**.

General Notes: Annie M Griffin died 07 Jan 1972 at age 82 in Meriwether County. Her residence was also in Meriwether. [1]

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[1] Georgia Deaths, 1919-1998 (Ancestry.com)

6-**Jessie Mercer Griffin**¹² was born on 11 August 1891 in Cleola, Harris County, Georgia,¹ died on 21 September 1945 in Atlanta, Fulton County, Georgia¹ at age 54, and was buried in Old Shiloh Baptist Church Cemetery, Shiloh, Harris County, Georgia.¹² Another name for Jessie was Jesse Mercer Griffin.¹

General Notes: On Jun 5 1917, Jesse M? Griffin registered for the WWI draft in Talbot County, Georgia. He was born 11 Aug 1891 in Cleola, Harris County. He is living in Talbotton, is single and a farmer.

In 1930 Jesse M Griffin is living on Flint Hill Road in the Flint Hill district, Talbot County, Georgia. He is single, 37, and the manager of a filling station. Living with Jesse is Hardy Gamble, 18 year old Negro who is a laborer with Jesse at the filling station. [1]

[1] 1930 US Census, Flint Hill, Talbot Co, GA, ED 6, sheet 1B

Noted events in his life were:

- Alt. Burial: Shiloh, Harris County, Georgia.¹⁶

6-**Willie Ralph Griffin**¹ was born on 29 January 1895 in Shiloh, Harris County, Georgia¹ and died on 19 March 1967 in Chatham County, Georgia¹³ at age 72.

General Notes: In June 1917 Willie Ralph Griffin registered for the WWI draft in Talbot County. He was born 29 Jan 1895 in Cleola, Georgia. Willie is living in Talbotton, is a farmer, and has a wife and child.

In the 1920 Census, Ralph W Griffin is living in the Pleasant Hill district of Talbot County, Georgia, just a few houses away from his father. He is 24 years old and a farmer. Living with him are his wife Martha, 22, and their daughters Joline? (should be Ileana), 2 years and 7 months, and Earnestine, 4 months.

In 1930, Ralph Griffin is living in Manchester, Meriwether County, Georgia. Ralph owns his home worth \$3000, and is a merchant with a grocery store. His wife Martha L, works in the store with him. Ralph is 34 and Martha, 32. They have four daughters, Aileen W, 12, Earnestine T, 10, Ellis M, 9, and Betty M, 6.

According to the Social Security Death Index, Willie Griffin was born 29 Jan 1895 and died Mar 1967. His last residence was Savannah, Chatham Co, Georgia.

Noted events in his life were:

- Alt. Death: March 1967.⁴⁵
- Occupation: Restaurant & grocery store.¹

Willie married **Martha Lee Marshall**,¹ daughter of **James Daniel Marshall**, on 2 March 1916 in Manchester, Meriwether County, Georgia.¹

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Martha was born about 1898 in Georgia,⁴⁹ died on 14 July 1961 in Chatham County, Georgia¹³ about age 63, and was buried in Hillcrest Abby, Savannah, Georgia.¹ They had four children: **Willie Ieane, Theresa Ernestine, Marshall Ellis, and Martha Elizabeth.**

Noted events in her life were:

- Alt. Death: 15 July 1961.¹

6-**Lester Carter Griffin**⁶⁵ was born on 1 January 1898 in Shiloh, Harris County, Georgia⁶⁶ and died in January 1967⁴⁵ at age 69. Another name for Lester was Lester Dixon Griffin.¹

General Notes: On 12 Sept 1918, Lester Carter Griffin registered in Talbot County for the WWI draft. He was born 1 Jan 1900. He was living in Talbotton and a farmer. Mr R E Griffin was his closest relative.

In April 1937 Lester Carter Griffin is living in New York City at 12 W 85th Street. He is 39, and works for Arlington Paint & Varnish Co. at the Bush Terminal Building in Brooklyn. [2]

In 1940 Lester Griffin is living in Manhattan at the same place that he lived in 1935, a large rooming house. Lester is 42, born in Georgia, has had two years of college, and is [or was] a salesman of electric tools. Lester has been out of work for the 30 weeks prior to 30 March. In 1939 he worked for 12 weeks for \$200. Wife Madeline is 25, a waitress at a department store, and worked 36 weeks in 1939 for \$250. She also had other income. With Lester and Madeline is daughter Corrine, age 6, born in New York. [3]

Lester Griffin, born 1 Jan 1898, died Jan 1967. Last residence was in Flushing, Queens County, New York. [1]

[1] Social Security Death Index

[2] SS-5 form, Application for Social Security number, born 1 Jan 1898 in Shiloh, GA; parents Rubin E Griffin & Arrie Smith

[3] 1940 US Census, Manhattan, NY Co, NY, ED 31-1397, sheet 5A

Noted events in his life were:

- Occupation: Railway employee.¹
- Alt. Birth: 1 January 1898, Cleola, Harris County, Georgia.¹

Lester married **Madeline**⁶⁷ on 1 September 1930 in Ohio.¹ Madeline was born about 1915 in Ohio.⁶⁸ Another name for Madeline was Edna Little.¹ They had one daughter: **Corrine.**

General Notes: Lester's wife is reported to be Edna Little. The 1940 Census records her as Madeline. It is not clear if they are the same or if Edna was an earlier or later wife. [1, 2]

[1] History and Genealogy of Thomas Wilkes (ca 1735-1809) and His Descendants 1965, by Ivan Ernest Bass

[2] 1940 US Census, Manhattan, NY Co, NY, ED 31-1397, sheet 5A

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6-**Sarah Carter Griffin**¹ was born on 26 September 1902 in Cleola, Harris County, Georgia¹ and died on 5 August 1973 in Meriwether County, Georgia¹³ at age 70.

General Notes: According to the Social Security Death Index, Sara Harris was born 26 Sep 1902 and died Aug 1973. Her last residence was Woodland, Talbot Co, Georgia.

Sara E Harris died 05 Aug 1973 in Meriwether County at age 70. She was living in Talbot County at the time of her death. [Georgia Deaths, 1919-1998 (Ancestry.com)]

Noted events in her life were:

- Alt. Death: August 1973.⁴⁵
- Residence: Abt 1965, Woodland, Talbot County, Georgia.⁶

Sarah married **James Marshall Harris**,¹ son of **John Fielding "Dixie" Harris** and **Stevie Marshall**, on 7 December 1919 in Talbot County, Georgia.¹ James was born on 27 April 1895 in Talbot County, Georgia,⁴³ died on 27 February 1987 in Muscogee County, Georgia¹³ at age 91, and was buried in Woodland Memorial Cemetery, Woodland, Talbot County, Georgia.⁶⁹ They had four children: **James Dixie**, **Calvin Homer**, **Lucy Glenn**, and **Polly Ann**.

General Notes: In 1900 Marshall Harris is three years old and living in the Pleasant Hill district, Talbot County, Georgia, with his parents Dixie & Stephie Harris (Dixie is a farmer), and siblings Mary, 8, Nellie, 6, and Julia, 1. [3]

In 1910 Marrtial [sic] Harris is 14 years old and living in the Pleasant Hill district, Talbot County, Georgia, with his parents John F & Stevey Harris, and five siblings. [4]

On June 5 1917, James Marshall Harris registered in Talbot County, Georgia, for the World War I draft. He was born 27 Apr 1895 in Talbot County. James is living in Woodland, is a farmer, and single.

In 1920, James M Harris is living in the Pleasant Hill district, Talbot County, Georgia. He is 24 and a farmer. Living with James is his wife Sarah E, 17. They are living near Sarah's parents Reuben and Arabella Griffin.

In 1930, James M Harris is living in White, Bartow County, Georgia. He is 35 and a checker of lumber. James is renting his home for \$10 a month, and is a veteran of the World War. With James are his wife Sarah G, 28, James D, 7, Homer C, 2 years and 7 months, and Sarah G, 0 months. James and Sarah were married at age 24 & 17.

James Harris was born 27 Apr 1895 and died Feb 1987. His last residence was in Columbus, Muscogee County, Georgia. [2]

James M Harris died 27 Feb 1987 in Muscogee County, Georgia. He was living in Talbot County at the time of his death at age 91. [1]

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[1] Georgia Deaths, 1919-1998 (Ancestry.com)

[2] Social Security Death Index

[3] 1900 US Census, Pleasant Hill district, Talbot Co, GA, ED 53, sheet 3B

[4] 1900 US Census, Pleasant Hill district, Talbot Co, GA, ED 120, sheet 9A

Noted events in his life were:

- Occupation: Farmer.¹

5-**Carter Griffin**¹ was born on 28 November 1851 in Talbot County, Georgia,²⁷ died on 6 June 1894 in Talbotton, Talbot Co, Georgia²⁷ at age 42, and was buried in Talbotton Cemetery, Talbotton, Georgia.²⁷

General Notes: In 1880, Carter is living with his mother Mary, and brother Reuben, at Milners Cross Roads, Harris county, Georgia.

Carter married Lula Williams in 1889. They resided at Talbotton, Georgia, where Carter was engaged in farming, and was associated in business with his father-in-law. [History & Genealogy of Thomas Wilkes]

Noted events in his life were:

- Alt. Death: 16 June 1894.⁴
- Occupation: Farming, 1880.⁵⁷

Carter married **Anna Lula Williams**,¹⁴ daughter of **Joseph Williams** and **Sarah Kendricks**, on 18 December 1889 in Talbot County, Georgia.⁷⁰ Anna was born on 8 October 1868 in Georgia,⁷¹ died on 9 December 1925 in Greene County, Georgia⁷² at age 57, and was buried in Westview Cemetery, Atlanta, Georgia. Another name for Anna was Lula Williams.¹ They had one daughter: **Mary Carter**.

General Notes: In 1880, Anna Lula Williams is living in Talbotton, Talbot County, Georgia, with her parents Joseph and Sarah Williams, and siblings Anna J, William, Mary C, and Ralph. Joseph is a farmer. Also living with them is Joseph's mother Bridget Williams.

In 1900, Lula W Griffin is living in Atlanta, Fulton County, Georgia, with her mother, sisters, and daughter, at 6 Ormand Street. In the house are Sallie Williams, 61, Annie J Williams, 38, Lula W Griffin, 31, Mamie B Williams, 27, Mary C Griffin, 9, and Mattie A Kendrick, 66, Sallie's sister-in-law. No occupations are listed on the census.

In 1910, Lula W Griffin is living in Atlanta at 519 Washington Street in her mother Sarah R Williams' house. Lula is 41 and widowed. With her is her daughter Mary C Griffin, 19. Sarah R Williams is 71, widowed, and has her own income. Also living with them is Lula's sister Annie J Williams, 48, and Charity Turney, 48, a mulatto servant or housekeeper.

In December 1914, Lula W Griffin and Annie J Williams sold 519 Washington Street, a two-story residence and 50x190' lot also fronting Ormand Street, to E W Bigham for \$5750. [1]

In 1920, Lula W Griffin and her sister Annie Williams are living in Atlanta at 100 Moreland Avenue. It appears they are living in a rooming house. Lula is working

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as a clerk for the government.

Mrs. Lula W. Griffin died 9 December 1925 in Greene County, Georgia, of cardio vascular disorder. She had been ill for 2 1/2 years. Lula was the daughter of John F Williams and Sarah Kendricks, according to R S Williams of Covington, Kentucky, probably her brother. [2, 4]

Lula Williams, wife of Carter Griffin, was born 8 October 1868 and died 9 December 1925. She is buried in Westview Cemetery, Atlanta, Georgia, in the Williams family plot along with her mother Sarah R Williams, sister Annie J Williams, and daughter Mary C Griffin. [3]

[1] Atlanta Constitution, Dec 25 1914 (Ancestry.com)

[2] Georgia Deaths, 1919-98 (Ancestry.com)

[3] Westview Cemetery, Atlanta, GA, gravestones, visited 11 Jun 2007 CAR

[4] death certificate, image, Family search labs

6-**Mary Carter Griffin**¹ was born on 10 November 1890 in Georgia,⁷³ died on 5 May 1919 in Atlanta, Fulton County, Georgia⁷⁴ at age 28, and was buried on 7 May 1919 in Westview Cemetery, Atlanta, Georgia.⁷⁵

General Notes: In 1910 Mary C Griffin was living in Atlanta, Georgia, with her mother, grandmother, and aunt.

Mary was a graduate of Girls' High School [Atlanta] and Hollins Institute in Virginia. [2]

In 1915, Miss Mary Griffin, teacher of the sixth grade at the Pryor Street school, became very ill. [1]

Mary Carter Griffin, former well-known school teacher, died Monday, 5 May 1919, at 4:00 in the morning at her home at 100 North Moreland Ave. She had been a teacher at Pryor Street School for 3 years. Mary was survived by her mother Mrs Lula Griffin, aunt Miss Annie Williams, Dr & Mrs J H Moncrief, Mr J Fletcher Williams of New Haven, CT, and Mr Ralph S Williams of Latonia, KY. [2]

Mary C Griffin was born 10 November 1890 and died 5 May 1919. She is buried in Westview Cemetery, Atlanta, Georgia, in the Williams family plot with her mother Lula Williams Griffin, grandmother Mrs Sarah R Williams, and aunt Annie J Williams. [3]

[1] Atlanta Constitution, 3 Oct 1915 (Ancestry.com)

[2] Atlanta Constitution, Historical Birth, Marriage, Death Announcements collection, 6 May 1919 (Ancestry.com)

[3] Westview Cemetery, Atlanta, GA, gravestones (visited 11 Jun 2007 CAR)

Noted events in her life were:

- Alt. Death: age 24, Abt 1915.¹

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5-Mary Catherine "**Katie**" Griffin¹ was born on 25 April 1853 in Talbot County, Georgia,¹ died on 19 June 1936 in McComb, Pike County, Mississippi⁷⁶ at age 83, and was buried in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Bessemer, Jefferson County, Alabama.

General Notes: Katie, as Mary Catherine was known, was 12 year old when the family home was pillaged by Union troops under the command of General James Wilson, known as "Wilson's Raiders". It was one week after General Robert E. Lee's surrender to General Grant on April 9, 1865, that these troops sacked Columbus, GA, and began their pillaging and plundering march to Maco

Residents of the area had a splendid news relay system, and Katie's mother Mary Carter Griffin received word to expect a "visit". She and a neighbor lady put their heads together and decided to take their families and what valuables they could gather and hide out. They thought they would have a day or two to prepare. Mary C. Griffin packed several trunks, a hamper of food, and had the Negroes tether the livestock in a thicket about a mile from the house. The trunks were carried by wagon, along with Grandmother Carter [Mary Wilkes Carter], who was not well and about 75 years old, and little Katie.

Just as Mary Griffin and the Negroes who stayed to help were ready to leave, a very excited neighbor rode into the yard to advise her to put everything back and stay in the house. Union troops had visited a home where a similar plan had been followed and had burned everything in sight, and after finding the family members, had inflicted physical injury. The tale he told was reminiscent of the Indian raids experienced by early settlers.

After a few stunned moments, Mary Griffin sent a couple of Negroes to fetch the trunks and livestock, but gave instructions for her mother Mary W. Carter, Katie, and one Negro woman to remain in hiding. Mary Carter insisted on returning, and young Katie who had a mind of her own, would not be left behind. Mary Griffin was trying to persuade her mother and daughter to return to hiding when the Yankees arrived.

Seeing the packed trunks, the troops assumed they had arrived just in time to prevent an "escape". The leader gave a "plundering permission" and ordered a big meal prepared for them. From the hamper she had prepared earlier, Mary Griffin had a baked ham and soon prepared other food. The men grabbed the food and wolfed it down like animals, then threw the ham bone on the floor. Katie proceeded to tell off the soldiers in no uncertain terms. For a moment the men were speechless, but then one of the soldiers started laughing and the others joined in. Instead of punishing Katie, they threw food and dishes on the floor, stuffed silver in their pockets, knocked out windows, and overturned furniture.

The house was ransacked. What they didn't take was damaged or destroyed. Then the troops had the Negroes round up the horses and mules, among them Mary Griffin's prized mare. One after another, the soldiers tried and failed to ride Mary Griffin's horse, and decided to have some fun by requiring the Negroes to try. Then, with the exception of "Old Bob", the Carter-Griffin Negroes were ordered to fall in line and go with the troops. A more forlorn and mournful procession of Negroes was never seen. [3]

According to Katie's daughter Lillie's records from Bryce Hospital, completed by her son William in 1907, Katie had nervous headaches, and had suffered from lung trouble for 18 years.

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In the 1910 Census, Katharine Terry is living in Bessemer, Alabama, at 1430 Berkley Avenue. She is 56 and widowed. Living with her are her children Stephen, 36, William, 34, Luscius, 21, Lena, 18, and grandchildren Pauline, 18, Lucille, 16, George, 14, and Maggie, 12. Son Ellis and his wife are living only a few census pages away.

In 1920 Mary Terry is living in Belton, Bell County, Texas, with her daughter Lena. Mary is 56 (should be 66) and widowed. She was born in Georgia, as was her father. Her mother was born in South Carolina. Mary and Lena are boarding with Edward Whaler and his family. [1]

Mary lived at Columbia, South Carolina. [History of Alabama and Her People, 1927 - listings for Ellis Griffin Terry & Lucius Lamar Terry, Vol III] She was probably living with her daughter Lena, who was on the faculty of Columbia College at Columbia, South Carolina, at the time the "History" was written.

In the 1930 Census, Mary is living in Walker County, Alabama, with her son Lucius L Terry and his family. Lucius is a doctor, and appears to be living and working at a coal mine.

Katie always wore a long black dress in her later years. She was living with her son Steve in McComb, Mississippi, when she died. [2]

Mary Catherine died on a Thursday night at her home in McComb, Pike County, Mississippi. She was living on Fernwood Street. Her son Fred Terry is listed as the "informant" on her death certificate. Her cause of death was pyelitis, an inflammation of the renal pelvis, the central part of the kidney where urine accumulates before discharge. It is caused by bacterial infection. [4]

[1] 1920 US Census, Belton, Bell Co, TX, ED 4, sheet 5A

[2] Gloria Terry Pennington, 9/2004

[3] History & Genealogy of Thomas Wilkes

[4] obituary, death certificate

Mary married **John Dallas Terry**,⁷⁷ son of **Stephen Davis Terry** and **Sarah Ferrell Patterson**, on 28 April 1870 in Talbot County, Georgia.⁷⁸ John was born on 28 November 1838 in Georgia,⁷⁹ died on 27 October 1908 in Bessemer, Jefferson County, Alabama⁸⁰ at age 69, and was buried in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Bessemer, Jefferson County, Alabama. Another name for John was Jack. They had ten children: **Mary Patterson, Stephen Alexander, William Carter, Margaret Ferrell, John, Eliza Cookson "Lillie," Frederick Jefferson, Ellis Griffin, Lucius Lamar, and Lena Catherine.**

Marriage Notes: John D Terry and Mary Carter Griffin were married 28 Apr 1870 in Talbot County, Georgia. [1]

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Terry were a very generous and large hearted people, gave their children the best of home and school advantages and in addition to the eight children of their own they reared and educated four adopted children. [History of Alabama and Her People, 1927 - listing for Lucius Lamar Terry, Vol III]

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After the death of their daughter Margaret Terry Murrah, John and Katie raised their grandchildren, Pauline, Lucille, George & Margaret Murrah.

[1] Talbot County, GA, marriages (Rootsweb.com)

Noted events in their marriage were:

- Alt. Marriage: Abt 1870, Harris County, Georgia.¹
- Alt. Marriage: 28 April 1870, probably Harris Co, Georgia.²⁹

General Notes: In the 1860 Census, John and his brother Stephen A Terry are living and farming in District 689 (Flint Hill) in Talbot County, Georgia. They are living 2 houses away from their aunt and uncle Jane Patterson Ellison and James Ellison. The value of John's real estate is \$717, and his personal estate is \$9090. John owns 5 slaves ranging in age from 7 months to 30 years. They live in 1 slave house. Some of the slaves are mullato, some are black.

"Grandpa was a character if I ever saw one. He used to entertain us by the hour, telling tall stories that happened to him as a boy and also during the Civil War. Grandma said nothing spectacular happened during the war, as he was captured almost immediately and put in Rock Island Prison. As I recall he had two brothers, Uncle Stephen and Uncle Tom. I remember seeing them both as a child. Grandpa told us one time that they as young boys were sent down to Wetumpka Ala. to a special school. Had to be taken by horse & buggy and after a weeks stay they decided to run away and come home because they didn't want to repeat the Lord's Prayer each morning." [Letter from Pauline Murrah Harding to Catharine Phillips Hager, January 30, 1961]

The Confederate Congress enacted the first conscription law in American history on April 16, 1862. The main purpose of the conscription law was to stimulate volunteering by threat of coercion rather than actual use. Potential draftees had 30 days to avoid the stigma of the draft by volunteering. Volunteers could join new regiments and elect their own officers just as the volunteers of 1861 had. Draftees would be assigned to existing regiments. [Battle Cry of Freedom by James McPherson, Chapter 14]

According to the Confederate Muster Rolls at the U.S. National Archives (Company C, 3rd Georgia Calvary):

Private John D. Terry, age 22, mustered in April 28, 1862, Talbuton, GA, for 3 years. Brought horse valued at \$275 and horse equipment at \$30. Traveled 32 miles to point of rendezvous after joining.

Muster Roll Nov & Dec 1863 - Remarks: captured 28 January 1864

Muster Roll Nov & Dec 1864 - captured 27 January 1863 Seiverville, East Tenn
Prisoner-of-war, Department of the Cumberland - captured Jany 22, 1864,
Seiverville, Tenn, forwarded to Louisville, Ky, Feby 11, 1864, Remakrs: for
exchange

Prisoner-of-war list at Knoxville, Tenn - confined Jan 29, 1864. Release Feb 4,
1864 to Camp Chase

Prisoner-of-war roll Nashville, Tenn, captured by forces under Maj. Gen
Thomas, Jan 22, 1864, forwarded to Louisville, Ky, Feb 11, 1864.

Discharged to Rock Island, Ill, Feb 15, 1864, from Louisville; received at Rock
Island Feb 20, 1864.

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Prisoner of War lists show date of capture January 22, 1864.
March 2, 1865 transferred for exchange from Rock Island Barracks, Ill.
Jackson Hospital, Richmond, VA, admitted March 10, 1865 with "Debilitas".
Listed as deserted March 25.

John Dallas Terry served in the Confederate Army from Spring 1862 until end of war. Third Calvary - Gen. Wheeler; under Colonel Thompson, Capt. Henry Persans, First Lieut. Leonard World. Captured in Tenn. Dec. 1863 imprisoned at Rock Island Ill, Exchanged March 1865. [Lena Terry's notebook]

Jack Terry, Jr., was born in Harris county, Georgia, in 1842, grew up and married there and as a young man entered the service of the Confederacy as a member of the Third Georgia Regiment of Cavalry in Fighting Joe Wheeler's command. He acted as courier to General Wheeler at the battles of Lookout Mountain and Missionary Ridge and all the fights around Atlanta in which that great cavalry leader took part. After the war he returned to Oak Mountain Springs, and lived for many years on the old homestead which he inherited from his father. [History of Alabama and Her People, 1927 - listing for Lucius Lamar Terry, Vol III]

When John Terry was serving in the Confederacy during the Civil War he came upon a Yankee general in the woods. Both men took a shot at each other and missed. The Yankee soldiers, on hearing the shots, came and captured John. He was confined for the rest of the war as a prisoner-of-war in Illinois. [Joe Terry, son of Ellis Griffin Terry, to Catherine Reuther on a visit to the Terry Family cemetery in October 1987.]

Interestingly enough, a Confederate woman soldier was incarcerated at Rock Island, IL, POW camp while John was there. In April 1864 she gave birth to a baby boy. [They Fought Like Demons-Women Soldiers in the American Civil War by DeAnne Blanton & Lauren Cook, 2002]

Phoebe Yates Pember, Matron of Chimborazo Hospital in Richmond, VA, on the prisoners exchanged in the summer of 1864 - "Can any pen or pencil do justice to those squalid pictures of famine and desolation? Those gaunt, lank skeletons with the dried yellow flesh clinging to bones enlarged by dampness and exposure? Those pale, bluish lips and feverish eyes, glittering and weird when contrasted with famine-stricken faces, - that flitting, piteous, scared smile which greeted their fellow creatures, all will live forever before the mental vision that then witnessed it." [The War the Women Lived - Female Voices from the Confederate South edited by Walter Sullivan, 1995]

According to Catharine Phillips Hager [to Catherine Reuther May 30, 1988], John Terry caught T.B. in the prisoner-of-war camp during the War Between the States. Many of his children died from T.B. and his wife, Mary Catherine Griffin, became a carrier. Catharine remembers they would secretly wash Mary Catherine's food dishes separately from everyone else's to keep from spreading T.B.

In the 1870 Census, John and Katie are living in Harris County, Georgia. John is

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29, a farmer, and Katie is 17. They were just married that year in May. Living with them is John's brother James. John lists the value of his real estate as \$1000, and his personal estate as \$400. Just a few households and one page away on the Census are their parents.

In the 1880 Census (www.familysearch.org), Jackson Terry, age 42 (born about 1838), and his wife Mary, age 22 (born about 1858), are living at Milners Cross Roads, Harris county, Georgia with their five children. Jackson is a farmer, born in Georgia. His father was born in South Carolina and his mother in Ireland. Their children are Mary P., age 9, Stephen, age 7, Willie, age 6, Maggie, age 5, and John S., age 1.

In the 1900 Census, John's wife Mary is listed as the head of the household. She is a farmer. Living with them are six of their 10 children. Oldest daughter Mary Patterson Terry Murrah died the year before. William & John have left home, and Ellis may be away at school. Living with them are children Stephen, a farm laborer, Maggie, a teacher, Lila (Eliza), Frederick, a farm laborer, Lucius, and Lina (Lena). Also living with them are 4 of their 5 grandchildren - Pauline, Lucille, George, and Maggie Murrah.

According to John's daughter Lillie's records from Bryce Hospital, completed by his son William in 1907, John had been addicted to alcohol for 20 years. He had used tobacco since he was a boy. He did not have consumption (T.B.), but he did suffer from dyspepsia, and had never been a strong man.

In 1900, removing to Bessemer, Alabama, he became head of the Terry Brothers Company, conducting a large supply house and doing a general loan business. He lived at Bessemer until his death in 1910. He was a democrat and a very active member of the Baptist Church. [History of Alabama and Her People, 1927 - listing for Lucius Lamar Terry, M.D.]

John retired to Bessemer, AL, in 1900, and died there in 1907 at age 67. [History of Alabama and Her People, 1927 - listing for Ellis Griffin Terry]

Noted events in his life were:

- Alt. Death: 27 November 1908.⁸¹
- Military: Confederate Army - 3rd Georgia Calvary, Company C at Talbutton, GA, 28 April 1862.
- Military: Confederate Army - 3rd Georgia Calvary, Company C at Talbutton, Georgia, 1 April 1861.
- Occupation: Farmer, 1880.¹⁴

6-Mary Patterson Terry was born on 2 May 1871 in Georgia,¹² died on 16 October 1899 in Harris County, Georgia⁸² at age 28, and was buried in Baptist Church Cemetary, Shiloh, Georgia.⁸³

General Notes: Found on the RootsWeb cemetary transcription is Mary Terry Murrah - May 2, 1871 Oct 15 1889 - Age 28 years, 5 months, 13 days - in the Old Shiloh Independent Missionary Baptist Church Cemetary. The transcription should show her death as 1899.

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After Mary's death, her parents, John and Mary Catherine Terry, raised her four oldest children, Pauline, Lucille, George & Maggie, as their own, along with the younger Terry's. Mary's youngest daughter Kate, who was only 5 months old when her mother died, was raised by her father's sister Georgia Murrah and her husband Joseph Florence.

Noted events in her life were:

- Alt. Birth: Bef 1872.

Mary married **Charles Robert Murrah**,⁸² son of **George Green Murrah** and **Mary Amanda DeLoach**, on 1 February 1892 in Harris County, Georgia.⁸⁴ Charles was born on 10 December 1858 in Georgia,⁸⁵ died on 19 November 1925⁸² at age 66, and was buried in Baptist Church Cemetary, Shiloh, Georgia.⁸³ They had five children: **Anne Pauline, Lucille, George Terry, Margaret, and Kathryn.**

Noted events in their marriage were:

- Alt. Marriage: 1 February 1891.⁸²

General Notes: In the 1860 Census, Charles is 2 years old and living with his parents, George Murrah and Amanda, and his brother Thomas.

The Disabled or Invalid Soldiers Roll for Harris County lists C. R. Murrah, Co A, 60 Ga. Disabled by disease. [1]

In the 1880 Census, Charles is living in the Valley Plains District, of Harris County, Georgia, in the house of his brother Thomas. He is a farm laborer, and Thomas is a farmer. Two other farm laborers are living with them.

In the 1900 Census, Charles is living in the Valley Plains District, of Harris County. He is widowed, and living in the house of his parents George (GG Murrah) and Manda. He is 41 years old, born Feb (?) 1859 in Georgia. Charles's oldest four children, Pauline, Lucille, George, and Maggie, are living with their grandparents John and Mary Terry. His youngest child, Kate, who is just over one year old, and may be living in Columbus with her father's sister Georgia Murrah and her husband Joseph Florence, where Kate was living in 1910.

Charles R Murrah was appointed the first rural free mail delivery carrier for Route 1 in Shiloh, Georgia, on 2 March 1903. [1]

In 1910, Charles is living in the Valley Plains District of Harris County, in Shiloh. He is 53 years old, widowed, and living in the house of his parents George G and Mary A Murrah. Charles is a US Mail carrier.

In the 1920 Census, Charles is living in the Valley Plains District of Harris County. Charles is 61 years old and a rural mail carrier. Living with him is his wife Nannie, age 38, and their sons Robert, age 2 1/2, and Jack, 3 months(?).

Found on the RootsWeb cemetary transcription is Charles Robert Murrah - Dec 10, 1858 Nov 19, 1925 - in the Old Shiloh Independent Missionary

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Baptist Church Cemetary. Charles is buried near Mary Terry Murrah.

[1] History of Harris County GA 1827-1961 by Louise Calhoun Barfield

6-**Stephen Alexander Terry** was born on 29 April 1873 in Oak Mountain Springs, Harris County, Georgia, died on 10 December 1959 in Magnolia, Pike County, Mississippi⁸⁶ at age 86, and was buried on 13 December 1959 in Hollywood Cemetery, McComb, Pike County, Mississippi.²⁶ The cause of his death was acute pulmonary edema.

General Notes: In 1910, Stephen is living with his mother and siblings in Bessemer, Alabama. He is 36 years old and a pawn broker, as are his brothers William and Ellis.

Stephen and family appear to be in Alamo Heights, Bexar County, Texas, in early 1918 when daughter Sarah died there in March. [3]

On September 12, 1918, Stephen Alexander Terry registered for the World War I draft. He was living at 1605 Berkely Avenue in Bessemer, Alabama. Stephen was a merchant with the Terry Brothers company at 103 19th Street in Bessemer. Stephen's wife Sarah Pearl Terry was listed as his nearest relative.

In the 1920 Census, Stephen (S A Terry on the census) is living in Bessemer. He is 48 years old, and is a merchant/owner of a dry goods store. Living with him is his wife Pearl, and their daughters Virginia, age 8, and Marjorie, a few months old.

Stephen and his family moved to El Paso, Texas, about 1925. [3] As Stephen's sister Lena died in El Paso in 1934 of tuberculosis, it is possible that Stephen or one of the members of his immediate family also had TB. El Paso was well known at the time for the treatment of TB.

Stephen's older two daughters both died of heart problems.

Stephen Alexander was a retired merchant living at El Paso, Texas. [2]

In the 1930 Census, Stephen is living in El Paso, Texas. He is retired as his occupation is listed as "none". Living with him are his wife Sarah P, age 43, and their daughters Mary V, 18, and Margaret, 10. Both girls were born in Alabama.

Stephen was in Fernwood, Mississippi, by 1934, when Mrs S A Terry of Fernwood was listed as the informant on Stephen's sister Lena's death certificate. [1]

According to niece Gloria Terry Pennington, brothers Will, Steve, and Fred all moved to Mississippi. Their mother was living with Steve in McComb when she died.

At the time of his death in 1959, Stephen was living in Fernwood,

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Mississippi. He was a farmer. He died at Beachams Hospital in Magnolia of an acute pulmonary edema. He also suffered from arteriosclerotic heart disease. [4]

[1] death certificate, Lena Catherine Terry, El Paso, Texas

[2] History of Alabama and Her People, 1927 - listing for Lucius Lamar Terry, Vol III

[3] death certificates for daughters Mary Virginia and Sarah, Texas Death Certificates (image), Family Search Labs

[4] death certificate, Stephen Alexander Terry, Magnolia, Pike Co, Mississippi

Noted events in his life were:

- Soc Sec Num: 427-74-4563.²⁶
- Alt. Birth: 29 April 1872, Georgia.²⁶

Stephen married **Sarah Pearl Northey**⁸⁷ on 4 October 1910 in Downey (Bessemer), Jefferson County, Alabama.⁸⁸ Sarah was born on 30 September 1886 in Alabama,⁸⁹ died on 23 September 1961⁹⁰ at age 74, and was buried in Hollywood Cemetery, McComb, Pike County, Mississippi.⁹⁰ Another name for Sarah was Sarah Pearl Worthey.¹ They had three children: **Mary Virginia, Sarah Elizabeth, and Marjorie Northey.**

General Notes: On her daughters' Texas death certificates Sarah's name is shown as Pearl Northey and Sarah P Narthey.

In 1900 Pearl S Northey is living in Bridgeport, Fairfield County, Connecticut. She is 13, born September 1886 in Alabama, her parents in New Jersey and Alabama. Pearl is identified as the granddaughter of Alexander and Elizabeth Gordon. As they are 43 and 42 years old, born in Scotland and New Jersey, married for 14 years, that is likely an error. Pearl is probably the granddaughter of Sarah Northey, age 64, living "next door". Her four children that are with her were born in Michigan and New Jersey. [1]

It is likely that Pearl's father was Richard Northey. He is living in New Jersey in 1880 with his parents John and Sarah Northey. Richard is 20 years old and born in Michigan. John, son-in-law Edward Drummell, and sons Richard and John are iron miners. Richard appears to be the Richard Northey, born 7 Jan 1859, who died 2 Feb 1889 and is buried in Midfield, Jefferson County, Alabama. Richard's father John also appears to be buried with him. [2, 3]

The 1930 Census lists Sarah's father's birthplace as Michigan, and her mother's as Alabama.

[1] 1900 US Census, Bridgeport, Fairfield Co, CT, ED 19, sheet 8b

[2] 1880 US Census, Randolph, Morris Co, NJ, ED 131, p. 20

[3] FindaGrave, posted by Reba Chunn, Richard Northey, 7 Jan 1859-2 Feb 1889, John Northey, 24 Jan 1827-9 Oct 1884, Walnut Grove Cemetery, Midfield, Jefferson Co, AL

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Noted events in her life were:

- Alt. Birth: Abt 1887, Alabama.⁴¹

6-**William Carter Terry** was born on 18 April 1875 in Oak Mountain Springs, Harris County, Georgia,¹ died on 31 October 1934 in Fernwood, Pike County, Mississippi⁸⁶ at age 59, and was buried in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Bessemer, Jefferson County, Alabama. Another name for William was Will.

General Notes: By 1907, William had formed the Alabama Furniture and Loan Company at 103 Nineteenth Street in Bessemer. He was the president, and brothers Ellis was the Secretary & Treasurer, and Lucius was Vice President. They were pawn brokers and collateral money lenders, and sold furniture and household goods on easy payments. [company stationary/letters]

By 1909, they had changed the company name to Terry Furniture and Loan Company. Lucius was no longer part of the company (probably concentrating on his medical practice in Dora), Ellis was vice president, and brother Fred was secretary and treasurer. [company stationary/letters]

In 1910, William is living in Bessemer, Alabama with his mother and siblings. He is 34 years old and a pawn broker, as are his brothers Stephen and Ellis.

William moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico, between 1917 and 1920.

Will moved to Albuquerque because he had tuberculosis and the desert climate was supposed to be beneficial for TB. [1]

The company was probably disbanded about 1920, with Ellis starting his real estate and loan company, and Fred operating Terry Brothers selling shoes and ready-to-wear. [company stationary/letters]

In the 1920 Census, William is living in Albuquerque, New Mexico. He was 42 years old, and is apparently retired as his occupation is "none". Living with him are his wife Mildred, 32, and born in South Carolina, and their daughters Elia M, 6, and Mary E, 2, both born in Alabama.

William was a retired business man living at Albuquerque, New Mexico, and still owning a large amount of property at Bessemer, Alabama. [2]

In the 1930 Census, William is living in Bessemer, Alabama. He is 53, and is apparently retired as his occupation is "none". Living with him are his wife Mildred, 41, and born in South Carolina, and their daughters Elia M, 17, and Mary E, 14, both born in Alabama.

William and Mildred lived in Bessemer, Alabama, where he engaged in real estate until he retired to a plantation near Fernwood, Mississippi. [3]

Will Terry and his family moved to a plantation in Magnolia, Pike County,

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Mississippi. The plantation was formerly a Borden dairy farm. It had brick stables and was 3000 acres. Will's wife Mildred ran a store there. [1]

At the time of his death, Will was living in Fernwood, Mississippi, where he was a planter. [4]

Will died 31 October 1934 in Fernwood of myocardial degeneration. He had also suffered from chronic emphysema for 15 years. [4]

[1] Gloria Terry Pennington, 2004

[2] History of Alabama and Her People, 1927 - listing for Lucius Lamar Terry, Vol III

[3] History & Genealogy of Thomas Wilkes

[4] death certificate, Mississippi State Dept of Health, Vital Records

William married **Mildred Dorothy Quailes**,⁹¹ daughter of **William Quailes** and **Emma**, on 22 November 1911 in Bessemer, Jefferson County, Alabama.⁹² Mildred was born in January 1886 in South Carolina, died on 11 October 1984⁹³ at age 98, and was buried in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Bessemer, Jefferson County, Alabama. Other names for Mildred were Mildred Quailes⁹⁴ and Mildred Quailes.⁹⁵ They had two children: **Elia Margaret** and **Mary Emogene "Gene"**.

Noted events in their marriage were:

- Alt. Marriage: 22 November 1910.¹

General Notes: Mildred's birth date is found on various sources between 1886 and 1897. I think a date of January 1886 found on the 1900 US Census is the most accurate. Although that Census lists her birth place as Georgia, all other Censuses list it as South Carolina. [CAR]

In 1880, Mildred's parents and sisters are living in Garvin, Anderson County, South Carolina. W B Quailes is 41, born in South Carolina, and a house carpenter. Wife Emma is 31, born in Georgia. Daughter Hattie is 13, born in SC, Marian, age 7, born in GA, and Helin, age 1, SC. Also with them is W B's mother Mary, age 79. [2]

In 1900, the family is in Dover, Terrell County, Georgia. William (b. May 1839 in South Carolina) is a farmer. Wife Emma (b. Mar 1849 in Georgia), has had 4 children, 3 are living. They have been married 29 years. With them are daughters Olivia, age 21, (b. Apr 1879 in GA) and Mildred, age 14 (b. Jan 1886 in GA). [3]

In 1910, the Quailes are living in Bessemer, Alabama. William is 70, born in South Carolina, and living on his own income. Emma is 60, born in Georgia. They have been married 35 years, Emma has had 4 children, 3 are living. Daughter Mildred is 21, born in South Carolina, and a teacher in the city schools. [4]

Mildred Terry was born 6 Jan 1894, and died in October 1984. Her last residence was in Fernwood, Pike County, Mississippi. Her Social Security number was issued in Georgia before 1951. [1]

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[1] Social Security Death Index

[2] 1880 US Census, Garvin, Anderson Co, SC, ED 27, p. 37

[3] 1900 US Census, Dover, Terrell Co, GA, ED 81, sheet 7B

[4] 1910 US Census, Bessemer, Jefferson Co, AL, ED 129, sheet 4A

Noted events in her life were:

- Alt. Birth: 6 January 1894.⁸¹
- Alt. Birth: Abt 1888, South Carolina.⁴⁹
- Alt. Birth: Abt 1889, South Carolina.⁹⁶
- Alt. Birth: 6 January 1897, South Carolina.⁹⁷

6-**Margaret Ferrell Terry** was born on 21 June 1877 in Oak Mountain Springs, Harris County, Georgia, died on 6 June 1946 in Birmingham, Jefferson County, Alabama⁹⁸ at age 68, and was buried in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Bessemer, Jefferson County, Alabama. Other names for Margaret were Maggie and Margaret Terry.⁹⁹

General Notes: Margaret Terry was born in Georgia and was a popular school teacher in her native state and also in Jefferson County, Alabama. [1]

Margaret was educated at Locust Grove Institute, and taught in the public schools of Georgia and Jonesboro, Alabama. [2]

In the 1900 Census, Maggie is living in Milners Crossroads District, Harris County, Georgia, with her parents, 5 siblings, and 4 nieces and nephews. She is a school teacher.

In 1922 when William Phillips, son of her niece Lucille Murrah, was born in Shiloh, Georgia, Mrs A B Phillips of Dora, Alabama, was one of the visitors shortly after his birth. [4]

Margaret Phillips and her husband Dr. Alford Phillips were so well regarded in the community that in the early 1940's when Mrs. Phillips wanted to go shopping in Birmingham she would call the bus company, and they would reroute a bus by her house to pick her up. [Katherine Southard]
Granddaughter Jane remembers walking from Granny's house to the train tracks where the train would stop and pick them up.

Granny Phillips had chickens and a strawberry patch at her house in Dora. There was also a china berry tree, and when the berries fell off they turned your feet purple when you walked barefoot in the yard. When she was 5 or 6 years old, granddaughter Jane remembers Granny had a field of cotton that Jane and Sara helped pick. It was high cotton, not the lower growing cotton that is grown today. Sara's hair got all full of cockle burrs while they were picking cotton. Jane remembers churning butter on the back porch. Granny had two stoves, a giant wood-burning stove that she used in winter because it helped heat the house, and an electric stove. After Dr. Phillips died in 1935, Granny rented out the back bedrooms to school teachers. Jane remembers that Granny had a beautiful set of painted furniture in the front bedroom. She had a bed, dresser, and dressing table painted pale green with flowers.

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Margaret was a quilter, and four of her quilts still exist. She made two Dresden plate quilts in a similar color scheme (yellow). One included scraps from granddaughter Jane's baby and toddler clothes, and is owned by great-granddaughter Catherine Reuther. Catherine also owns a second quilt made of small square blocks pieced in a log-cabin block style. Great-granddaughter Frances Moxley Zinder owns a Grandmother's Flower Garden made with small hexagon patches. According to previous owner Sara Hager Moxley, this quilt may have been quilted after Maggie died. The other Dresden Plate quilt is owned by great-granddaughter Elizabeth Moxley Penrod.

After she died, a lot of things in the house, including Dr. Phillips' medical books, were put into a large pile and burned. [JHR]

According to granddaughter Jane Hager Reuther, Margaret (Granny) was in the hospital in Birmingham when she died.

Maggie T Phillips died 06 June 1946 in Jefferson County, Alabama. [3]

[1] History of Alabama and Her People, 1927 - listing for Alford B. Phillips, Vol III

[2] History and Genealogy of Thomas Wilkes (ca 1735-1809) and His Descendants 1865, by Ivan Ernest Bass

[3] Alabama Death Index, 1908-1959

[4] Lue Thorn English, 2007 - signed William's baby book

Noted events in her life were:

- Alt. Death: 5 June 1946, Birmingham, Jefferson County, Alabama.¹⁰⁰
- Occupation: Schoolteacher, Georgia and Jefferson County, Alabama.⁹⁹

Margaret married **Dr. Alford Byrd Phillips**, son of **Martin Marion Phillips** and **Elizabeth Jane Fields**, on 21 December 1905 in Bessemer, Jefferson County, Alabama.¹⁰¹ Alford was born on 23 November 1861 in Walker County, Alabama, died on 5 March 1935 in Birmingham, Jefferson County, Alabama¹⁰² at age 73, and was buried on 7 March 1935 in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Bessemer, Jefferson County, Alabama.¹⁰³ Another name for Alford was Alford Byrd MD Phillips.⁹⁹ They had two children: **Alford Byrd** and **Catharine Elizabeth**.

Noted events in their marriage were:

- Alt. Marriage: 23 December 1906, Walker County, Alabama.⁹⁹
- Alt. Marriage: 23 December 1906, Bessemer, Jefferson County, Alabama.¹⁰⁴

General Notes: Dr. Phillips remembered as a boy when Wilson's Raiders come to his family's farm in 1864. They stole meat from the smokehouse, threw all the clothes on the floor and poured sorgam syrup over them. The negro servant had hidden the horses in the canebreak by the river. He had tied them so tight that all but two broke their necks struggling against the ropes. He also remembered they wove their own linsey-woolsey cloth during the war, and what a treat it was to dress up in his linsey-woolsey suit to go with the negro servant to Warrior to sell the cotton. [Catharine Phillips Hager, daughter] As none of the census takers from 1830 to 1860 recorded

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any slaves for any of the Phillips's, I think the inclusion of slaves in this story is a little suspect. [CAR]

In 1880, Alford was a school teacher. [1880 Census]

Dr. Phillips was born on a farm two miles south of the fork of the Mulberry and Sipse Rivers in Walker County, November 23, 1861.

Alford Byrd Phillips grew up on the home farm, attended common schools, completed his high school education in Jefferson County under Professor M. V. Henry and had his professional training at Vanderbilt University at Nashville, where he graduated M.D. in 1883. After graduating he practiced two years and three months in Walker County and from 1885 to 1889 was located at Trenton in Phillips County, Arkansas. It was in 1889 that he established his permanent home at Dora, and since that date has been unflagging in attention to his duties as physician and surgeon, with a practice extending over a large area in Walker and Jefferson counties. He is a local surgeon for Pratt Fuel Corporation, with offices at Yerewood and Burnwell, now called Beachy Hollow, and also at Red Star.

Doctor Phillips has his home and offices, with a full equipment of the drugs required in his practice, at Dora. For fifteen years he was a member of the City Council of Dora, is a democrat, and was a charter member of the Dora Banking & Trust Company, served as its president and is still one of the stockholders and directors. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and in Masonry is affiliated with Davis Fraternal Lodge No. 483, F. and A. M., at Dora, Alabama Consistory No. 1 of the Scottish Rite and Kamram Grotto of Masons at Birmingham, also Zamora Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Birmingham. He is member of the Walker County Medical Society and the Alabama State Medical Society and is a former fellow of the American Medical Association. During the World war he was liberal of his means in contributing to the war causes and the support of orphans of deceased soldiers.

[History of Alabama and Her People, 1927 - listing for Alford B. Phillips, Vol III]

From the 1900 and 1910 censuses, it appears Alford had an earlier marriage and was a widower by 1900.

On May 26 1895, A. B. Phillips married S. B. McConbrey in Walker County. [1] It is very likely that this is Alford and his first wife. Alford was back in Walker County from Arkansas in 1889, so he was living there in at this time. A review of the 1900 Census did not turn up any candidates for this couple, supporting the theory that S. B. McConbrey is Alford's first wife and she died before 1900.

In the 1900 Census, Alford B Phillips is living in Horse Creek, Walker Co, Alabama. He is a boarder in the house of Henry J Dollar. Alford is 38 years old and a physician. His marital status is single, but it also looks like the census taker wrote "wd" (widowed) in the next column.

In the 1910 Census, Alfred B Phillips is living on Main Street in Dora, Walker Co, Alabama. He is 48 years old and a physician in general practice.

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Living with him are his wife Maggie, 31, son A. B., 3, and daughter Katherine, 11 months. On the census, this is Alford's second marriage; it is Maggie's first. They have been married for 4 years. Maggie has had two children and both are living. Maggie's brother John Terry and his wife are living next door, and Alford's brother John is living just down the street.

In the 1920 Census, Dr Phillips is living at the Burnwell Mine, near Dora, in Walker Co. He is 59 years old and a medical doctor. Living with him are his wife Margaret, age 40, and children Alford Jr, 13, and Catherine, 11.

In the 1930 Census, Dr Phillips is living in Dora, Walker Co, Alabama. He is 68 years old, and a medical doctor in general practice. Living with him are his wife Maggie, age 52, and daughter Katherine, 21. Catharine is attending school.

Dr. Phillips' office in Dora was downtown on the side of the street with the creek behind it. There was steep hill down to the creek from the street, so the buildings were supported by stilts at the back. [JHR]

Family stories say Dr. Phillips practiced medicine during the week at Helena, Arkansas, and on the weekends he rode the river boats of the Mississippi gambling before returning to Alabama to live and practice medicine.

Dr. Phillips was one of the first original stockholders of the Dora Banking and Trust Company, serving as its president for three years (1919-1922). [Katherine Southard]

Alfred B Phillips died in March 1935 in Jefferson County, Alabama. [2]

[1] Walker County marriage records, 1877-1928, Batch M593463, Source 1031137 IT 1, familysearch.org

[2] Alabama Death Index, 1908-1959, Ancestry.com

Noted events in his life were:

- Alt. Death: March 1935, Jefferson County, Alabama.¹⁰⁵
- Alt. Death: 3 March 1935, Dora, Walker County, Alabama.¹⁰⁶
- Degree: M.D., Vanderbilt University,, 1883, Nashville, Tennessee.
- Misc: Dora, Walker County, Alabama.⁹⁹
- Occupation: medical doctor for Pratt Fuel Corporation.⁹⁹
- Occupation: school teacher, 1880.¹⁴
- Alt. Birth: 23 November 1861, Dora, Walker County, Alabama.¹⁰²
- Alt. Death: 3 March 1935, Jefferson County, Alabama.¹⁰⁷

6-John Terry was born on 25 May 1879 in Oak Mountain Springs, Harris County, Georgia,¹ died on 15 October 1957 in Dora, Walker County, Alabama¹⁰⁸ at age 78, and was buried on 17 October 1957 in Birmingham, Jefferson County, Alabama.¹⁰²

General Notes: In the 1910 Census, John Terry is living on Main Street in Dora, Walker Co, Alabama. He is 29 years old and a foreman for a coal mine. Living with him is his wife Jessie, 26, born in Alabama. They have

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been married for 9 years. Jessie has born two children, neither are living. They are living next door to (or across the street from) John's sister Maggie and her husband Alford B Phillips.

Between 1913 & 1916, Jessie's niece Clyde Gunnolls came to live with John and Jessie, and they raised her as their daughter. [1]

In 1918, John Terry registered for the World War I draft. John was living in Dora, Alabama, and was a foreman for the Pratt Cous [?] Coal Co. His wife Jessie Terry was listed as his nearest relative.

In the 1920 Census, John Terry is living in Dora. He is 41 and a foreman for a coal mine. Living with him is his wife Jessie, 36. Also living with them is a 12 year old girl named Clyde. The census taker has identified her as their daughter. The census taker may not have talked to John or Jessie as he incorrectly recorded John's and his parents' birthplaces as Alabama.

John was a mine superintendent for the DeBardeleben Coal Corporation at Overton, Alabama. [2]

In the 1930 Census, John is living in Flat Creek, Walker Co., Alabama. He is 49 years old, and a mine foreman at a coal mine. He must have been working for Charles Hager, the superintendent at Flat Creek. Niece Catharine Phillips married Henry Hager, Charles' son, a few years later. Living with John is his wife Jessie, 45. She was born in Alabama.

John and Jessie lived in Dora, Alabama, across the street from his sister Maggie Terry and her husband, Dr. A. B. Phillips.

John and Jessie are reportedly buried in Elmwood Cemetery in Birmingham. [1]

[1] Terry Wood, 2007

[2] History of Alabama and Her People, 1927 - listing for Lucius Lamar Terry, Vol III

Noted events in his life were:

- Occupation: mining engineer.¹

John married **Jessie Caroline Ward**,¹ daughter of **Marion B Ward** and **Florence C**, on 29 July 1901 in Sipscomb, Jefferson County, Alabama.⁹¹ Jessie was born on 30 March 1884 in Alabama¹⁰⁹ and died on 9 April 1976¹¹⁰ at age 92. They had three children: **Julian**, **Hazel**, and **Clyde**.

Noted events in their marriage were:

- Alt. Marriage: 29 July 1900.¹ John and Jessie married when they were 19 and 15 years old.

General Notes: In 1900 Jessie C Ward is 16 years old, born in Alabama, and living outside Bessemer, Alabama, with her parents Marion B & Florence C Ward, and younger sisters Bessie J & Ella M. [1]

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Jessie was a quilter. Among the quilts she made in the last years of her life was a "Trip Around the World" for niece Catharine Phillips Hager. Grandniece Jane Hager Reuther asked her to make one for her, and Jessie did, from fabric supplied by Jane.

According to notes made by Calvin Reuther on his address cards, Jessie was last living at 201 4th Ave N, Ridgewood Manor in Jasper, Alabama. She died April 9, 1976.

Jessie Terry was born Mar 30 1884 and died April 1976. Her residence at the time of her death was listed as Charlotte, North Carolina, probably the address for adopted daughter Clyde Gunnells Wood.

[1] US Census, Jefferson Co, AL, ED 117, sheet 13A

[2] Social Security Death Index

Noted events in her life were:

- Alt. Death: April 1976, Charlotte, North Carolina.⁴⁵

6-Eliza Cookson "Lillie" Terry was born in October 1881 in Georgia,¹¹¹ died on 7 April 1921 in Bessemer, Jefferson County, Alabama¹¹² at age 39, and was buried in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Bessemer, Jefferson County, Alabama.

General Notes: Eliza's nickname was Lila, based on the both the 1900 Census, and a family picture labeled by niece Catharine Phillips Hager. She was also known as Lillie, and her records at Bryce Hospital are in that name. She is also listed in the records of Cedar Hill Cemetery as Lillie. The only place I have found her name as Eliza is on her gravestone.

The records at Bryce Hospital (for the insane) for Eliza's nephew A. B. Phillips, record that he had a maternal aunt who had been treated at the hospital for melancholia insanity, although Lillie's records do not have a diagnosis of her condition.

On the 1910 & 1920 Censuses Lillie Terry, age 28 in 1910 & 39 in 1920, is a patient at Bryce Hospital.

Lillie was committed to Bryce Hospital for the insane in May 1907. Her older brother William C. Terry completed the necessary paperwork to have her committed, and he, along with Ellis G. Terry and Stephen A. Terry, agreed to be responsible for the cost.

In May 1907, Lillie's present condition had lasted 18 months, and she had been treated for the same trouble in Nov 1905. She thought everyone was against her, stayed in bed most of the time, and roamed the house at night. She was destructive of her clothing, would not bathe, and she had been making threats that caused others fear.

The Family History in the hospital records indicate Lillie's father's older brother had the same affliction.

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The family took her home from Bryce twice on furlough; in 1907 for six months returning in 1908, and again in 1910 for about three weeks.

While in the hospital, she was often in fights, accused the nurses and patients of taking her clothing, destructive of her clothing, delusional, and thought everyone was against her.

In late 1918 and early 1919, during the world wide influenza epidemic, Lillie came down with influenza.

In 1920, she was diagnosed with tuberculosis. In March 1921, Bryce contacted the family several times about her worsening condition, and on April 1, 1921, her brother Fred Terry and a nurse came to Tuscaloosa in an ambulance to take her back to Bessemer. The correspondence indicated they wanted to take her to a cottage on the Mountain near Bessemer to be near the family, but, with her weakened condition, they may have taken her home. Lillie died a few days after leaving the hospital.

Miss Lillie C Terry died 7 April 1921 in Bessemer, Alabama.

Noted events in her life were:

- Alt. Birth: 1881.⁹³
- Alt. Death: 1921.⁹³
- Alt. Death: April 1921, Jefferson County, Alabama.¹¹³

6-Frederick Jefferson Terry¹⁰⁶ was born on 18 November 1883 in Oak Mountain, Harris County, Georgia,¹¹⁴ died on 18 April 1942 in McComb, Pike County, Mississippi¹¹⁴ at age 58, and was buried in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Bessemer, Jefferson County, Alabama.

General Notes: By 1909, Fred had joined his brothers William and Ellis as Secretary and Treasurer in the Terry Furniture and Loan Company. They were pawn brokers and collateral money lenders, and sold furniture and household goods on easy payments. By 1921, Fred is operating the Terry Brothers store, selling shoes, clothing, men's and children's ready-to-wear.
[1]

In 1918, Fred Jefferson Terry registered for the World War I draft. Fred was living in Bessemer, Alabama; the street name was not clear. Fred appears to be a boater ? working for the Mobile Ship Building Co of Mobile. Fred may have been living in Mobile when he registered as his draft registration card was stamped for both Mobile and Bessemer. Underneath Fred's signature he wrote "254 St Louis St Mobile Ala", apparently where he was living while working in Mobile. Fred listed his wife Annie M Terry of Bessemer as his nearest relative.

In the 1920 Census, Fred is living in Bessemer, Alabama. He is 36 years old and is a merchant. Living with him are his wife Annie, age 35, and her niece Mona (?) Cooper, age 14.

Fred J., Ellis G. Terry and George Terry Murrah were members of the

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Terry Murrah Realty Company at Bessemer. [2]

In the 1930 Census, Fred is living as a boarder in Bessemer in the house of Thomas and Rachel Bobs. Fred is 46 and widowed. He is a proprietor of a retail clothing store.

According to niece Gloria Terry Pennington, brothers Will, Steve, and Fred all moved to Mississippi.

In 1936, Fred was the "informant" on his mother Mary Terry's death certificate in McComb, Mississippi. He may have been living there.

Fred died 18 April 1942 at the City Hospital in McComb, Mississippi, of peritonitis due to a perforated duodenal ulcer. He had been ill for 3 days. [3]

When Fred died, he had been living in Fernwood, Pike County, Mississippi. He was a farmer of cotton and corn. [3]

[1] company stationary/letters-Bryce Hosp file for Lillie Terry

[2] History of Alabama and Her People, 1927 - listing for Lucius Lamar Terry, Vol III

[3] death certificate, Mississippi State Dept of Health, Vital Records

Noted events in his life were:

- Alt. Death: 8 April 1942.⁸¹

Frederick married **Annie Mae Maynor**,⁹¹ daughter of **James T Maynor** and **Sarah Watts**, on 20 May 1909 in Birmingham, Jefferson County, Alabama.⁹¹ Annie was born on 1 January 1885 in Alabama,¹¹⁵ died on 31 December 1928 in Bessemer, Jefferson County, Alabama¹⁰² at age 43, and was buried in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Bessemer, Jefferson County, Alabama. Other names for Annie were Annie and Anne Maynor.¹¹⁶

Noted events in their marriage were:

- Alt. Marriage: Abt 1907.⁴¹

General Notes: In 1900 Annie Maynor is living Birmingham, Alabama, with her parents James T? & Sarah Maynor, and her older sister and brother Lena & John. Annie is 15 years old, born Jan 1885, and was born in Alabama. [1]

According to Gloria Terry Pennington, Anne died during a flu epidemic.

[1] US Census, Birmingham, Jefferson Co, AL, ED 151, sheet 7A

Noted events in her life were:

- Alt. Death: 30 December 1928.⁹³

Frederick next married **Emma Becker**⁸¹ in October 1930.⁸¹ Emma was born on 25 October 1892⁸¹ and died on 25 December 1959⁸¹ at age 67.

General Notes: For future research: there is an Emma Mae Terry who married Otis D Moore on 4 October 1947 in Pike County, Mississippi. [1]

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[1] Pike County MS Marriage index, www.co.pike.ms.us/mlinkquerym.html

6-Ellis Griffin Terry was born on 21 September 1885 in Oak Mountain Springs, Harris County, Georgia,¹ died on 4 February 1945 in Bessemer, Jefferson County, Alabama¹⁷ at age 59, and was buried in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Bessemer, Jefferson County, Alabama.

General Notes: By 1907, Ellis is the Secretary & Treasurer of the Alabama Furniture and Loan Company at 103 Nineteenth Street in Bessemer, founded by William, the president . Brother Lucius was Vice President. They were pawn brokers and collateral money lenders, and sold furniture and household goods on easy payments. [company stationary/letters]

By 1909, they had changed the company name to Terry Furniture and Loan Company. Lucius was no longer part of the company (probably concentrating on his medical practice in Dora), Ellis was vice president, and brother Fred was secretary and treasurer. [company stationary/letters]

In the 1910 Census, Ellis Terry is living in Bessemer, Alabama, at 1704 Arlington Avenue. He is 24 years old, and a pawn broker, perhaps in business with his brothers Stephen and William. Living with him is his wife Lula, 19, born in Alabama. Her parents were born in Alabama and Tennessee. They have been married 1 year. His mother and siblings are living only a few census pages away. Also in the house are two boarders, Reuben, 25, and John, 29, Horsley. They are from Georgia.

On September 12 1918, Ellis Griffin Terry registered for the World War I draft. On the registration card, the registrar wrote "Should have registered in June 1917 - Failed on account of misunderstanding". Ellis was born September 21 1885. He was living at 1704 Arlington Avenue in Bessemer, Alabama. Ellis was self-employed as a merchant. His wife Lula A Terry was listed as his nearest relative.

About 1920, Ellis has started his own real estate and loan company. [company stationary/letters]

In the 1920 Census, Ellis (Ellie Terry on the census) is living in Bessemer, perhaps on Arlington Avenue. He is 34 years old and is a merchant (owner) of a shop; the type of shop was not legible. Living with him are his wife Lula, and their twin sons Jack and Joe, age 1. Also living with him is his niece Lucille Murrah. Lucille may be Ellis's bookkeeper.

Ellis Griffin Terry, of the Terry-Murrah Realty Company at Bessemer, is a native of Georgia, but has been active in business and civic affairs as a citizen of Bessemer for over twenty years.

Ellis G. Terry received his early school advantages in Harris County, Georgia, also attended school at Jonesboro, Alabama, and in 1902, at the age of seventeen, went to work in the dry goods and clothing store of Terry Brothers at Bessemer. Subsequently, he became a partner in the business and continued active therein until 1920. Since that year he has been in the real estate and insurance business, and in 1923 the Terry-Murrah Realty

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Company was established. This company acts as specialists in business property in the Birmingham district, and does a general business in real estate, rentals, and insurance.

Mr. Terry has been identified with all the movements for the progressive development of Bessemer during the last twenty years. He is a director of the Chamber of Commerce and of the YMCA, is a deacon and trustee of the South Highlands Baptist Church, is vice president of the Bessemer realty Board, is a member of the Alabama Board of Realtors, and fraternally is affiliated with the Masons and Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. [History of Alabama and Her People, 1927 - listing for Ellis Griffin Terry, Vol III]

In the 1930 Census, Ellis is living in Bessemer, Alabama, on Fairfax Avenue (?). He is 44 years old, and a salesman in real estate. Living with him are his wife Lula C, and children Joe L and Jack S, age 11, and Gloria A, 8.

According to daughter Gloria, Ellis had an old World War II airplane that he loved to fly. He also had a motorcycle. He lost everything in the depression and had to start over. [9/2004] Since Ellis died in 1945, the airplane he had would have been from a earlier time. [CAR]

Ellis married **Lula Audrey Craig**, daughter of **Rev. Luther Pickney Craig** and **Margaret Thompson**, on 6 April 1909 in Bessemer, Jefferson County, Alabama.¹¹⁸ Lula was born on 10 July 1890 in Bessemer, Jefferson County, Alabama,¹¹⁹ died on 14 June 1968 in Montgomery, Alabama¹²⁰ at age 77, and was buried in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Bessemer, Jefferson County, Alabama. They had five children: **Ellis Griffin, Audrey Craig, Jack Sterling, Joe Luther, and Gloria Ann**.

Noted events in their marriage were:

- Alt. Marriage: 16 April 1909.

General Notes: In the 1900 Census, Lula's family was living in Bessemer, AL, on the block between 6th & 7th Ave and 17th & 18th Streets. Luther P Craig appeared to be an upholsterer. Her mother Margaret had 8 children, 6 are still living in 1900. Lula is the youngest, age 9. All six children are living with their parents.

Luther Craig was a Baptist minister in Bessemer. [1]

Lula Terry was born 10 Jul 1890 and died Jun 1968. Her last residence was in Bessemer, Jefferson County, Alabama. Her Social Security number was issued in Pennsylvania before 1951. [Social Security Death Index]

[1] History of Alabama and Her People, 1927 - listing for Ellis Griffin Terry

6-Dr. Lucius Lamar Terry was born on 14 February 1889 in Oak Mountain Springs, Harris County, Georgia,¹ died on 29 September 1972 in Sylacauga, Talladega County, Alabama¹²¹ at age 83, and was buried in Marble City Cemetery, Sylacauga, Talladega County, Alabama.³²

General Notes: Lucius Lamar Terry was eleven years of age when his

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parents moved to Bessemer, Alabama. He acquired his early education in Public schools, attending the Jonesboro High School and the Bessemer High School. During 1910-11 he was in the School of Pharmacy of the University of Alabama at Mobile, passing the State Board of Pharmacy examination in 1911. He then entered the University of Tennessee "School of Medicine at Memphis, taking the pre-medical course for one year and the regular four-year course, graduating M. D. with the class of 1916. He is a member of the Chi Zeta Chi medical fraternity. After graduating Doctor Terry remained at Memphis during 1916-17 as an interne in the City Hospital.

In June, 1917, he was commissioned a first lieutenant in the Army Medical Corps. For a few weeks in the summer of 1917 he was engaged in examining recruits at Carbon Hill, Alabama, was then sent to Camp Greenleaf at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, for a month, was transferred to Camp Wheeler at Macon, Georgia, and assigned to the Thirty-first Division, better known as the Dixie division. He was the youngest officer in field hospital No. 124. In the summer of 1918 he was ordered to Camp Mills, Long Island, sailed for overseas and landed at Brest in September, 1918, and during the remainder of the war acted as field surgeon on the Marne River near Bar-le-Duc and later in the Verdun sector. Doctor Terry remained in France until the spring of 1919, and received his honorable discharge at Camp Meade, Maryland, in April of that year.

His connection with the Dora community of Walker County as a physician and citizen began in the closing days of April, 1919. He has been company practitioner for the Sloss, Sheffield Steel & Iron Company, his duties being in behalf of the five hundred employes of the famous Ivy Leaf coal mine, owned by the steel and iron corporation. He also has a private practice as well. He is local surgeon for the Frisco Railway Company and for the Pratt Fuel Coal Corporation, the Alabama Power Company and the Dixie Construction Company among their employes at Dora. His offices are on Railroad Avenue at Dora. Doctor Terry is a member of the Walker County and Alabama State Medical Associations, is a Fellow of the American Medical Association, a member of the Military Surgeon's Association, Frisco Railroad Medical Association, and the Alabama power Medical Association.

In politics he votes as a democrat, is a member of the Missionary Baptist Church at Dora, of Davis Fraternal Lodge No. 483, F. and A. M., and of Kamram Grotto of Masons at Birmingham. He owns his home in Dora and also has real estate in Bessemer and Fairfield, Alabama.

Doctor Terry married at Birmingham, July 28, 1918, Miss Bess Gilder, daughter of George S. and Martha (Kelley) Gilder, residents of Carbon Hill, Alabama. His father is a physician and surgeon. Mrs. Terry finished her education in Judson College at Marion, Alabama, and is a talented pianist and musician. They have three children: Lucius Lamar, Jr., born June 21, 1920; Fred Gilder, born June 23, 1922 ; and George Hadden, born June 23, 1924.

[History of Alabama and Her People, 1927 - listing for Lucius Lamar Terry, Vol III]

From 1907 (or earlier) to 1909, Lucius worked with his brothers William and Ellis as secretary and treasurer at the Alabama Furniture and Loan Company. They were pawn brokers and collateral money lenders, and sold

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furniture and household goods on easy payments. [company stationary/letters]

In 1910, Lucius is living in Bessemer, Alabama, with his mother and siblings. He is 21 years old and a salesman for a drug company.

In 1917, Lucious Lamar Terry registered for the World War I draft. He was living at Carbon Hill, Walker County, Alabama. Luke was a physician working for Dr. Geo. S. Gelder [Gilder], his future father-in-law. Luke was born February 14 1889 in Oak Mountain Springs, Georgia.

In 1917 Lucius L Terry of Bessemer was an officer of the Medical Reserve Corps and had orders to report to Fort Oglethorpe [Georgia]. [3]

In 1918 1st Lieutenant Lucius L Terry of the Medical Reserve Corp US Army was a new member of the Association of Military Surgeons. [4]

Dr. Terry wrote his memories of his training and service in WWI for his children, nieces, and nephews. A copy was given to Catharine Phillips Hager, and is currently in the possession of her granddaughter, Catherine Reuther.

In his memories, Dr. Terry barely talks of the horrors he surely witnessed in WWI. Of his own harrowing experiences, Dr. Terry briefly mentions that on the ship back to the U.S., when many soldiers were drunk and disorderly, and the Colonel told Dr. Terry to smell the breath of each man to determine the presence of alcohol. Dr. Terry writes "I had to think fast as I knew I couldn't smell anything due to having inhaled a lot of mustard gas up around Verdun". Dr. Terry observed each man's behavior to determine if he was drunk.

Dr. Terry practiced general medicine at Dora, Carbon Hill, and Sylacauga, Alabama. [1]

In 1920 Lucius Terry is living in Dora, Walker County, Alabama. He is 30 and a physician for a coal company. Living with Lucius is his wife Bessie, 23. [2]

In the 1930 Census, Lucius is living in Walker County, Alabama, apparently at a coal mine. He is a doctor. Living with him are his wife Bess G, their sons Lucius L, Jr, age 9, Fred G, age 7, and George H, age 5 & 11/12. Also living with them is Lucius' mother Mary C Terry.

[1] History & Genealogy of Thomas Wilkes

[2] 1920 US Census, Dora, Walker Co, AL, ED 111, sheet 20A

[3] JAMA Journal of the American Medical Association, Vo. 69, Jul-Dec 1917, p. 1091 (GoogleBooks)

[4] The Military Surgeon, Journal of the Association of Military Surgeons,

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Vol 42, 1918, p. 195 (GoogleBooks)

Noted events in his life were:

- Education: University of Tennessee (M.D. degree), 1916.¹
- Education: University of Alabama School of Pharmacy, Between 1910 and 1912.¹
- Residence: Abt 1965, Sylacauga, Talladega County, Alabama.⁶

Lucius married **Bess Gilder**,¹ daughter of **George S Gilder** and **Martha Kelley**, on 28 July 1918 in Birmingham, Jefferson County, Alabama.¹²² Bess was born on 18 April 1896 in Carbon Hill, Walker County, Alabama,⁸¹ died on 15 August 1980³² at age 84, and was buried in Marble City Cemetery, Sylacauga, Talladega County, Alabama.³² They had three children: **Lucius Lamar**, **Fred Gilder**, and **George Haddon**.

Marriage Notes: Lucius & Bess were married while Lucius was on leave from training for service overseas in WWI [Dr. L. L. Terry's Memories of World War I].

Noted events in her life were:

- Alt. Death: August 1980, Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee.⁴⁵

6-Lena Catherine Terry was born on 17 August 1892 in Harris County, Georgia,²⁶ died on 29 May 1934 in El Paso, El Paso County, Texas²⁶ at age 41, and was buried in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Bessemer, Jefferson County, Alabama. The cause of her death was tuberculosis.

General Notes: Lena earned her Bachelor of Science from Athens College [Athens, Alabama]. [8]

In 1916-1917 Lena Catherine Terry of Bessemer, Alabama, was a student at the University of Chicago. [6]

In 1920 Lena Terry is living in Belton, Bell County, Texas, with her mother Mary Terry, They are living on College Street, boarding with Edward Whaler and his family. Lena is 27, born in Georgia as were her parents. She is a teacher at a college. [2]

In 1920 Belton, Texas, was home to Baylor Female College, part of Baylor University in Waco. Today Baylor Female College is the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor. Baylor Female's enrollment peaked at 2372 in 1925-1926. They had an expansive building program in the 1920's. After a devastating fire in 1929, the building debt and the Depression, the school was near bankruptcy. It was saved by a grant from Mary and John G Hardin, becoming the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor in 1934.

Lena was reported to have taught home economics at Baylor in Waco [1], but it is more likely she taught at Baylor Female College in Belton.

In 1920-1921 Lena C Terry taught Domestic Arts and Domestic Science [Home Ec] at the Acadamey of Baylor College [high school] in Belton, Texas. Her annual salary was \$1550. Lena had 4 years of high school, 1 year of normal school, and 4 years of college. She received her BS from Athens

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College [Alabama], and also attended Thomas Nor[mal] and the University of Chicago. She has been teaching high school for 4 1/2 years, and teaching at this school for 1 year. [8]

In 1922 Lena C Terry (of Bessemer, Alabama) attended the University of Colorado. [7]

In 1926-1927 Lena Terry was Professor of Home Economics at Chowan College in Murphreesboro, North Carolina. Niece Margaret Murrah was Director & Coach of Athletics and niece Catharine Phillips was a sophomore. [5]

Lena Catherine was a member of the faculty at Columbia College at Columbia, South Carolina circa 1927. [4]

Lena taught home economics. She always had the most beautiful clothes. She may have lived in Bessemer when she died. [1] Lena actually died in El Paso, Texas.

Lena died in 1934 at the Homan Sanatorium in El Paso, Texas, of tuberculosis. According to her death certificate she was a resident of Alabama, but had been living in El Paso for the past two years. Dr. R. B. Homan was her attending physician, and had attended her in her illness from December 17 1933 to her death in May 1934. Lena contracted or was diagnosed with tuberculosis in 1930. [3]

Lena collected much family information from her mother on the Carter, Griffin, Terry, Ellison and Patterson families. She passed that on to her niece Catharine Phillips Hager, who passed it to granddaughter Catherine Reuther. Lena's work made Catherine Reuther's genealogy work much easier, and made this book possible.

[1] Gloria Terry Pennington, Sept 2004

[2] 1920 US Census, Belton, Bell Co, TX, ED 4, sheet 5A

[3] death certificate

[4] History of Alabama and Her People, 1927 - listing for Lucius Lamar Terry, Vol III

[5] school annual - collection of Catherine Reuther

[6] Annual Register, University of Chicago, academic year ending June 30 1917, published September 1917, p. 635 (unclassified students) (GoogleBooks)

[7] University of Colorado catalogue, 1921-1922 (section Catalogue of Students), pub Mar 1922, p. 397 (GoogleBooks)

[8] Texas High Schools, Directory of Teachers, school year 1920-1921, pub. Nov 1920, p. 7 (GoogleBooks)

Noted events in her life were:

- Alt. Birth: 1891.⁹³
- Alt. Birth: August 1891, Georgia.¹¹¹
- Alt. Death: 1934.⁹³

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3-**Winifred Wilkes**¹ was born about 1795,¹ died on 8 March 1873¹ about age 78, and was buried in Carter Family Cemetery (Oak Mountain Springs), Harris County, Georgia.¹ Another name for Winifred was Winnie.

General Notes: Winifred lived with her sister Mary and brother-in-law William Carter in Georgia following the death of her father Rueben. [History & Genealogy of Thomas Wilkes]

Winifred married **Blake A Carter**,¹ son of **John Carter** and **Mary Estes**, before 1840 in William Carter home in Harris County, Georgia.¹ Blake was born in 1804 in Chester County, South Carolina¹ and died after 1860.¹

Marriage Notes: Winifred and Blake were probably married in the late 1830's at the home of William and Mary Carter - William was Blake's brother, and Mary was Winifred's sister. [History & Genealogy of Thomas Wilkes]

The 1840 Census for Blake Carter lists a female child under the age of 5. No children are listed on the 1850 Census. This child probably died as an infant. Blake Carter owned land in Harris and Talbot Counties, and several slaves. The Blake Carter family was living in Talbot County at the time of the 1860 Census. [History & Genealogy of Thomas Wilkes]

General Notes: In the 1840 Census, B Carter is living in the Milner's District of Harris County, Georgia. He is between 30 and 40 years of age, and is engaged in agriculture. He would have been about 36 at the time of the census. Living with him is 1 female between 40 & 50 (Winifred was 45 in 1840), and one female under 5 years of age. They own 3 slaves. Blake's brother William is just 3 households away.

In the 1850 Census, Blake and Winifred (Winaford in the Census) are living in the 22nd District of Talbot County, Georgia. Blake is 46 and a farmer. Winifred is 50. Living with them are Elizabeth and James Crews, age 16 & 21 respectively. James is a laborer. Blake owns 4 slaves, age 11 to 46.

In the 1860 Census, Blake and Winifred are living in Talbot County, GA, in District 889 (Geneva). Blake is 55 years old and farming. Winifred is 65 years old. They both list their birthplaces as South Carolina. Blake lists the value of his real estate as \$350, and his personal estate as \$800. Neither Blake nor Winifred can read or write. Blake has one male slave, age 60, and one slave house.

No record has been found of the death of Blake Carter. He was listed in the 1860 Census, so died after the census. [History & Genealogy of Thomas Wilkes]

Neither Blake nor Winifred are found on the census after 1860. [CAR]

Noted events in his life were:

- Alt. Birth: 1805.¹

3-**Ellis T Wilkes**¹ was born about 1800 in Chester County, South Carolina¹ and died on 5 June 1842¹ about age 42.

General Notes: Ellis never married, and lived with his parents until the death of his father in 1830. He remained in Chester County, South Carolina, where he was a farmer, and owned 14 slaves in 1840. He was a deputy sheriff in 1825. [History & Genealogy of Thomas

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3-**Anna Wilkes**¹ was born about 1802 in Chester County, South Carolina,¹ died on 15 November 1857 in Harris County, Georgia¹ about age 55, and was buried in Carter Family Cemetary (Oak Mountain Springs), Harris County, Georgia.¹

General Notes: After the death of her father Reuben and the settlement of his estate, Anna lived with her sister Mary and brother-in-law William Carter in Georgia. She died intestate and William Carter was appointed to administer her estate February 1, 1858. The estate was not settled at the time of William Carter's death, and John S. Terry was appointed to succeed him on April 11, 1859. Anna's estate consisted of personal property and a slave named Mabry. [History & Genealogy of Thomas Wilkes]

The Terry and Wilkes families were to join about 1870 when John S. Terry's nephew John Dallas Terry married Anna Wilkes' grandniece Mary Catherine Griffin.

2-**Abner Wilkes**¹ was born about 1766 in North Carolina¹ and died in December 1839 in Copiah County, Mississippi⁶ about age 73.

General Notes: Abner bought and sold many tracts of land in Chester County, South Carolina, at one time owning 2,000 acres. He owned several slaves and operated a saw and grist mill on Brushy Fork of Sandy River. He did considerable farming and was licensed to operate an inn. He was rated among the wealthy citizens of his community.

Abner began selling his land holdings in 1798 and disposed of most of his land before 1806, when he left his family for parts unknown. There is a report of an undelivered letter awaiting his call at Fort St. Stephens in the Alabama Territory on the west bank of the Tombigbee River in what is now Washington County on December 31, 1818, and January 9, 1919. He was apparently expected to pass through Fort St. Stephens during that winter. The next official record of Abner is in Copiah County, Mississippi, in January 1823, although his son John B. Wilkes was reportedly born in Marion County, Mississippi, in 1819.

Abner died a poor man on his farm in Copiah County, Mississippi, in December 1839. The proceeds of his estate were not sufficient to cover his debts. [History & Genealogy of Thomas Wilkes]

Abner married **Martha Crider**.¹ They had seven children: **Winifred, Elizabeth, Nancy, Sarah, Stephen Hitchcock, Asa, and Martha**.

3-**Winifred Wilkes**⁶ was born between 1785 and 1790 in Chester County, South Carolina⁶ and was buried in Brushy Fork Baptist Church, Chester County, South Carolina.

General Notes: Winifred predeceased her husband, Josiah, who died sometime in the 1850's. [History & Genealogy of Thomas Wilkes]

Winifred married **Josiah Cranford**,⁶ son of **Unknown** and **Unknown**, about 1806.⁶ Josiah died between 1850 and 1859.⁶

Marriage Notes: Winifred and Josiah had eleven children. [History & Genealogy of Thomas Wilkes]

General Notes: Josiah served in the War of 1812 alongside his brother John. John Cranford married Winifred's sister, Elizabeth. [History & Genealogy of Thomas Wilkes]

3-**Elizabeth Wilkes**¹ was born about 1790 in Chester County, South Carolina,⁶ died on

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12 March 1868 in Walker County, Alabama⁶ about age 78, and was buried in Cranford graveyard, 1 mile north of New Hope Church in Walker County, AL.⁶

Elizabeth married **John Cranford**,⁶ son of **Unknown** and **Unknown**, about 1808 in Chester County, South Carolina.⁶ John was born about 1785 in North Carolina,⁶ died on 12 February 1868 in Walker County, Alabama⁶ about age 83, and was buried in Cranford graveyard, 1 mile north of New Hope Church in Walker County, AL.⁶

Marriage Notes: Elizabeth and John lived in North Carolina after their marriage, moving next to Chester County, South Carolina. They moved to Morgan County, Alabama, about 1822, then settled in Walker County, Alabama, about 1838. They had 14 children. [History & Genealogy of Thomas Wilkes]

General Notes: John was a veteran of the War of 1812, and was at the Battle of New Orleans, according to family tradition. He enlisted as a private in Colonel Mean's First Regiment of South Carolina Militia October 14, 1814, and was discharged at Charleston, South Carolina, March 7, 1815. [History & Genealogy of Thomas Wilkes]

3-Nancy Wilkes

Nancy married **Samuel Barclay**.⁶

3-Sarah Wilkes¹ was born in Chester County, South Carolina⁶ and died in 1835.⁶

Sarah married **William Nunn**⁶ on 9 December 1825 in Morgan County, Alabama.⁶ William died between 1829 and 1830.⁶

Marriage Notes: Sarah and William had three children. [History & Genealogy of Thomas Wilkes]

3-**Stephen Hitchcock Wilkes**¹ was born on 18 April 1794 in Chester County, South Carolina⁶ and died on 7 March 1859 in Covington County, Mississippi⁶ at age 64.

Stephen married **Mary McNeese**⁶ on 18 March 1821 in Probably in Alabama.⁶ Mary was born on 30 July 1802 in Georgia.⁶

Marriage Notes: Stephen and Mary had twelve children. [History & Genealogy of Thomas Wilkes]

3-**Asa Wilkes**¹ was born in 1798 in Chester County, South Carolina⁶ and was buried in Cedar Grove Cemetery, Fayette County, Alabama.⁶

Asa married **Hester Barclay**.⁶

Asa next married **Elizabeth Jenkins**.⁶

3-**Martha Wilkes**¹ was born about 1802 in Chester County, South Carolina.⁶

Abner next married **Jerusha Brown**.¹ They had four children: **Elizabeth, Sarah, Nancy Eliza,** and **John B.**

3-**Elizabeth Wilkes**¹ was born about 1804 in Fairfield County, South Carolina.⁶

Elizabeth married **Elijah Crider**.⁶

3-Sarah Wilkes

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Sarah married **Samuel Gilbert**.⁶

3-Nancy Eliza Wilkes

Nancy married **Pollard Mullins**⁶ on 2 August 1829 in Copiah County, Mississippi.⁶ Pollard died in July 1857.⁶

Nancy next married **Elijah Carney**.⁶

3-**John B Wilkes**¹ was born on 8 March 1819 in Marion County, Mississippi⁶ and died on 25 April 1860⁶ at age 41.

General Notes: In 1842, after closing his father's estate, John moved to Claiborne Parish, Louisiana. He became the owner of large land holdings and many slaves. [History & Genealogy of Thomas Wilkes]

John married **Oney Rebecca Pritchard**⁶ on 19 January 1841 in Copiah County, Mississippi.⁶ Oney was born on 20 March 1823⁶ and died on 25 January 1858⁶ at age 34.

Marriage Notes: In a document dated July 3, 1856, John compensated his wife for the money and slaves she possessed when they married in 1841, including 8% interest. This may have been done to protect the interests of their minor children since, it is believed, her health was failing.

Due to serious illness of both John and Oney, they sold their property in Louisiana between 1856 and 1858, investing the proceeds in cash and slaves that were divided among their five surviving children, who were placed with relatives. A sixth child died in infancy in 1855. [History & Genealogy of Thomas Wilkes]

2-**Francis Wilkes**¹ was born in 1768 in Probably North Carolina,⁶ died on 14 November 1834 near West Grove, Alabama⁶ at age 66, and was buried in Bigbee (or White-Hutton) Cemetary, between Pleasant Ridge and West Grove, Alabama.⁶

General Notes: Francis was a prominent citizen of Chester County, South Carolina, owning a few slaves and farming some of the land he owned. The grand jury list of 1817 lists him as "Esquire". Francis was a justice of the peace as early as 1813, and continued in this office until 1822, when he moved to Alabama.

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Francis married **Roden**⁶ about 1790.⁶ Roden died between 1800 and 1810.⁶ They had one son: **John Wesley**.

3-**John Wesley Wilkes**⁶ was born about 1792 in Chester County, South Carolina.⁶

General Notes: By 1822, John was living in Jefferson County, Alabama, and by the 1830 Census, in Greene County, Alabama. In 1835 he purchased land in Choctaw County, Mississippi. By the 1860 Census, John was a farmer in Pontotoc County, Mississippi. [History & Genealogy of Thomas Wilkes]

John married **Rebecca**⁶ between 1817 and 1818 in Probably Alabama.⁶ Rebecca was born about 1794 in Kentucky⁶ and died before 1860.⁶

Marriage Notes: John and Rebecca had two known children. [History & Genealogy of Thomas Wilkes]

Francis next married **Mary Thomas**⁶ about 1817 in Chester County, South Carolina.⁶ Mary

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was born in 1779⁶ and died in 1843⁶ at age 64. They had two children: **Mary T** and **Martha A**.

Marriage Notes: Francis and Mary sold their home in Chester County, South Carolina, in March of 1822. They moved to Alabama and settled near West Grove, Greene County. Francis owned several slaves and was a prominent plantation operator.

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3-**Mary T Wilkes** was born about 1818 in Chester County, South Carolina.⁶

Mary married **James Greer Jr.**⁶

3-**Martha A Wilkes** was born on 21 September 1821 in Chester County, South Carolina,⁶ died on 10 March 1863 in Gainesville, Sumpter County, Alabama⁶ at age 41, and was buried in Odd Fellows Cemetary, Gainesville, Alabama.⁶

Martha married **Dr. Robert F Stuart**⁶ on 24 December 1844 in Greene County, Alabama.⁶ Robert was born on 3 June 1816 in Sumter County, Alabama⁶ and died on 26 December 1866 in Gainesville, Sumpter County, Alabama⁶ at age 50. Another name for Robert was Robert F Stewart.⁶

Marriage Notes: Martha and Robert had two children, Mary and James. James died at age five. [History & Genealogy of Thomas Wilkes]

General Notes: Robert was a second lieutenant in Company A of the Thirtieth Alabama Infantry of the Confederacy. He entered service on March 3, 1862. He was forced to resign on December 2, 1862 due to rheumatism of the chest. [History & Genealogy of Thomas Wilkes]

2-**Richard Wilkes**¹ was born about 1769 in North Carolina,¹ died on 17 October 1840 in "Red Hill" plantation near Baton Rouge, Chester County, South Carolina⁶ about age 71, and was buried in Calvary Baptist Church cemetery near Baton Rouge, Chester County, South Carolina.⁶

General Notes: Richard owned many slaves (he left slaves to each of his children in his will), and was a successful plantation operator. [History & Genealogy of Thomas Wilkes]

Richard married **Alice Roden**,⁶ daughter of **Thomas Roden** and **Mary**, about 1795 in Chester County, South Carolina.⁶ Alice was born in 1776 in North Carolina,⁶ died on 28 July 1855⁶ at age 79, and was buried in Calvary Baptist Church cemetery near Baton Rouge, Chester County, South Carolina. They had seven children: **Mary, Thomas, Martha, Lydia, Nancy, John Wesley**, and **Regina**.

3-**Mary Wilkes**⁶ was born on 5 November 1795 in Chester County, South Carolina,⁶ died on 11 May 1851 in Talladega County, Alabama⁶ at age 55, and was buried in Barnett's Cemetary near Childersburg, Alabama.⁶

Mary married **John Potts Roden**,⁶ son of **John Roden** and **Unknown**, before 1832 in Chester County, South Carolina.⁶ John was born on 10 April 1787,⁶ died on 18 November 1862⁶ at age 75, and was buried in Barnett's Cemetary near Childersburg, Alabama.⁶

Marriage Notes: John and Mary moved to Alabama shortly after the Creek Cession of 1832, settling near Childersburg. They had four known children. [History & Genealogy of Thomas Wilkes]

3-**Thomas Wilkes**⁶ was born on 20 September 1796 in Chester County, South

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Carolina,⁶ died on 26 May 1838⁶ at age 41, and was buried in Calvary Baptist Church cemetery near Baton Rouge, Chester County, South Carolina.⁶

General Notes: Thomas was a veteran of the War of 1812 with the South Carolina Militia. [History & Genealogy of Thomas Wilkes]

Thomas married **Ora Anna Bowker Hopkins**,⁶ daughter of **George Washington Hopkins** and **Martha Bowker**, in March 1821 in Chester County, South Carolina.⁶ Ora was born on 7 February 1804,⁶ died on 3 August 1869⁶ at age 65, and was buried in Calvary Baptist Church cemetery near Baton Rouge, Chester County, South Carolina.

Marriage Notes: Thomas and Ora had seven children. [History & Genealogy of Thomas Wilkes]

3-**Martha Wilkes**⁶ was born in October 1798 in Chester County, South Carolina,⁶ died on 30 June 1859⁶ at age 60, and was buried in Calvary Baptist Church cemetery near Baton Rouge, Chester County, South Carolina.⁶

Martha married **Joseph Carter**,¹²³ son of **Churchill Carter** and **Leah**, about 1820.⁶ Joseph was born on 4 November 1792⁶ and died on 2 April 1864⁶ at age 71.

Marriage Notes: Mary and Joseph had nine children. [History & Genealogy of Thomas Wilkes]

General Notes: Joseph was a wealthy planter near Baton Rouge, Chester County, South Carolina. He owned many slaves and had large land holdings. [History & Genealogy of Thomas Wilkes]

3-**Lydia Wilkes**⁶ was born in 1802 in Chester County, South Carolina,⁶ died on 20 October 1880⁶ at age 78, and was buried in Childersburg, Talledega County, Alabama.

Lydia married **Isaac Roden**,⁶ son of **John Roden** and **Unknown**,.

3-**Nancy Wilkes**⁶ was born in 1805 in Chester County, South Carolina.⁶

Nancy married **William McClintock**.⁶

3-**Dr. John Wesley Wilkes**⁶ was born on 14 April 1809 in Chester County, South Carolina,⁶ died on 12 March 1868 in Chester County, South Carolina⁶ at age 58, and was buried in Calvary Baptist Church cemetery near Baton Rouge, Chester County, South Carolina.⁶

General Notes: John attended the Medical College of South Carolina in Charleston from November 1828 to March 1829. John was hereafter known as "Doctor Wilkes", even though no evidence of further study or practice has been found. [History & Genealogy of Thomas Wilkes]

John married **Cynthia Colvin Cornwell**,⁶ daughter of **Eli Cornwell** and **Rhoda Colvin**, on 10 September 1833 in Chester County, South Carolina.⁶ Cynthia was born on 28 August 1810,⁶ died on 10 January 1870⁶ at age 59, and was buried in Calvary Baptist Church cemetery near Baton Rouge, Chester County, South Carolina.⁶

Marriage Notes: John and Cynthia had eleven children. [History & Genealogy of Thomas Wilkes]

3-**Regina Wilkes**⁶ was born on 10 September 1811 in Baton Rouge, Chester County, South

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Carolina,⁶ died on 11 June 1843 in Talladega County, Alabama⁶ at age 31, and was buried in Barnett's Cemetary near Childersburg, Alabama.⁶

Regina married **Dr. John Oswald Balfour**.⁶

2-**William Wilkes**¹ was born about 1775 in South Carolina¹ and died about October 1838⁶ about age 63.

General Notes: William had 134 days of Revolutionary War service with the South Carolina Militia in 1781 - 1782. He was a prominent planter of the Baton Rouge community in Chester County, South Carolina. For many years he was a Justice of the Peace, and later Justice of the Quorum. [History & Genealogy of Thomas Wilkes]

William married **Lydia Clark**⁶ between 1800 and 1801 in Chester County, South Carolina.⁶ Lydia died in 1842.⁶ They had 12 children: **Abner, Ann, Mary, Sarah, Aelsey, Elizabeth, Thomas, Hazel Hardwick, Winifred, Nancy, Leah, and William C.**

3-**Abner Wilkes**⁶ was born on 10 December 1801 in Baton Rouge, Chester County, South Carolina,⁶ died on 16 November 1883 in Baton Rouge, Chester County, South Carolina⁶ at age 81, and was buried in Calvary Baptist Church cemetery near Baton Rouge, Chester County, South Carolina.⁶

General Notes: Abner was a planter of prominence in his community and owned several slaves. He also owned a general store with Charner T. Scaife. [History & Genealogy of Thomas Wilkes]

Abner married **Elizabeth Cornwell**,⁶ daughter of **William Cornwell** and **Levicia Colvin**, in Chester County, South Carolina.⁶ Elizabeth died after 1836.

Marriage Notes: Abner and Elizabeth had four children. [History & Genealogy of Thomas Wilkes]

Abner next married **Lucinda Hardwick**,⁶ daughter of **William H Hardwick** and **Unknown**, between 1836 and 1840 in Chester County, South Carolina.⁶ Lucinda was born on 15 November 1812⁶ and died on 4 September 1891⁶ at age 78.

Marriage Notes: Abner and Lucinda had seven children. Five reached adulthood. [History & Genealogy of Thomas Wilkes]

3-**Ann Wilkes**⁶ was born on 30 April 1803 in Baton Rouge, Chester County, South Carolina,⁶ died on 20 May 1875 in Chester County, South Carolina⁶ at age 72, and was buried in Calvary Baptist Church cemetery near Baton Rouge, Chester County, South Carolina.⁶

Ann married **Henry McCollum**⁶ about 1820.⁶ Henry died in 1825.⁶

Marriage Notes: Ann and Henry had four children. [History & Genealogy of Thomas Wilkes]

3-**Mary Wilkes**⁶ was born about 1805 in Baton Rouge, Chester County, South Carolina⁶ and died in 1867 in Brickeys, Arkansas⁶ about age 62.

Mary married **Ferdinand Dugraphanel Scaife**⁶ about 1825.⁶ Ferdinand was born about 1805 in Chester County, South Carolina.⁶

Marriage Notes: Mary and Ferdinand had thirteen children. [History & Genealogy of

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General Notes: Ferdinand's mother was a Terry from Virginia.

Ferdinand and Mary lived near Baton Rouge, SC, where Ferdinand operated a general store with Thomas Wilkes called Scaife and Wilkes. Ferdinand later moved to Union County, SC, where he bought a large plantation near the Broad River, and operated a general store in Union.

In the War Between the States, Ferdinand raised a regiment of soldiers, becoming Colonel Scaife. All six of his sons also saw service with the Confederacy.

Colonel Scaife lost much during the war. The family decided to move to Phillips County, Arkansas, where he had bought land before the war. [History & Genealogy of Thomas Wilkes]

3-**Sarah Wilkes**⁶ was born on 20 January 1807 in Baton Rouge, Chester County, South Carolina,⁶ died on 19 December 1890⁶ at age 83, and was buried in Calvary Baptist Church cemetery near Baton Rouge, Chester County, South Carolina.⁶

Sarah married **Littleton Land**,⁶ son of **Francis Land Sr** and **Unknown**. Littleton was born in 1807⁶ and died in 1885⁶ at age 78.

Marriage Notes: Sarah and Littleton had two children. [History & Genealogy of Thomas Wilkes]

3-**Aelsey Wilkes**⁶ was born about 1810 in Chester County, South Carolina⁶ and died in 1843 in Chester County, South Carolina⁶ about age 33.

Aelsey married **Sylvanus Carter**,¹ son of **John Carter** and **Mary Estes**, about 1830.⁶ Sylvanus was born in 1804.¹

Marriage Notes: Aelsey and Sylvanus had seven children. [History & Genealogy of Thomas Wilkes]

3-**Elizabeth Wilkes**⁶ was born on 2 November 1810 in Baton Rouge, Chester County, South Carolina,⁶ died on 17 April 1878 in Winston County, Mississippi⁶ at age 67, and was buried in Mount Carmel Cemetery, Noxapater, Mississippi.⁶

Elizabeth married **Charner Estes**,⁶ son of **William Estes** and **Sarah Timms**.

3-**Thomas Wilkes**⁶ was born about 1814 in Baton Rouge, Chester County, South Carolina⁶ and died on 27 July 1870 in Probably Fairfield County, South Carolina⁶ about age 56.

General Notes: Thomas was a captain of a local militia company he organized after the start of the War Between the States. He saw only home service during the war. Thomas was a merchant-farmer in the Baton Rouge community of Chester County, SC. In 1842, he and his brother-in-law Ferdinand Scaife were partners under the name "Wilkes and Scaife".

When his wife Mary died, Thomas sent the youngest four children to live with Mary's mother and sister. Thomas raised the oldest three children.

In 1868, South Carolina started a system of public education, and Thomas became a teacher in the first public school of Chester County.

Thomas had been a wealthy planter and merchant before the war. After the war, he lost most of his land when he was unable to re-pay a mortgage. [History & Genealogy of Thomas

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Thomas married **Mary Crosby**,⁶ daughter of **Allen Crosby** and **Mary Hughes**, about 1838 in Chester County, South Carolina.⁶ Mary was born about 1820⁶ and died in July 1851⁶ about age 31.

Marriage Notes: Mary and Thomas had eight children, the oldest dying in infancy. When Mary died, the oldest living child was eleven, and the youngest was three weeks. [History & Genealogy of Thomas Wilkes]

General Notes: Mary died of cancer at age 31, three weeks after the birth of her youngest child. [History & Genealogy of Thomas Wilkes]

3-**Hazel Hardwick Wilkes**⁶ was born on 12 July 1818 in Baton Rouge, Chester County, South Carolina,⁶ died on 9 June 1890 in Chester County, South Carolina⁶ at age 71, and was buried in Calvary Baptist Church cemetery near Baton Rouge, Chester County, South Carolina.

General Notes: Hazel was a school teacher and planter. [History & Genealogy of Thomas Wilkes]

Hazel married **Sarah Ann Cornwell**⁶ on 4 March 1845 in Chester County, South Carolina.⁶ Sarah was born on 18 March 1828⁶ and died on 3 April 1897⁶ at age 69.

Marriage Notes: Hazel and Sarah had twelve children. [History & Genealogy of Thomas Wilkes]

3-**Winifred Wilkes**⁶ was born about 1820 in Baton Rouge, Chester County, South Carolina.⁶

Winifred married **James Alexander Estes**,⁶ son of **William Estes** and **Sarah Timms**,

3-**Nancy Wilkes**⁶ was born in 1822 in Baton Rouge, Chester County, South Carolina⁶ and died in 1855 in Chester County, South Carolina⁶ at age 33.

Nancy married **James Johnson**.⁶

3-**Leah Wilkes**⁶ was born on 13 April 1822 in Baton Rouge, Chester County, South Carolina,⁶ died on 3 October 1879⁶ at age 57, and was buried in Gregory Cemetary near Santuck, Union County, South Carolina.⁶ Another name for Leah was Levicia Wilkes.⁶

Leah married **Benjamin Franklin Gregory**,⁶ son of **B J Gregory Esq** and **Elizabeth Jeter**, before 1843. Benjamin was born on 16 November 1819⁶ and died on 14 June 1875⁶ at age 55.

Marriage Notes: Leah and Benjamin had nine children. [History & Genealogy of Thomas Wilkes]

Noted events in his life were:

- Alt. Death: January 1875.⁶

3-**William C Wilkes**⁶ was born in 1823 in Baton Rouge, Chester County, South Carolina⁶ and died on 20 May 1847 in Vera Cruz, Mexico⁶ at age 24. Another name for William was William Clark Wilkes.⁶

General Notes: William served in the Mexican War as a fourth corporal in Captain

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Dunovant's Company of the Palmetto Regiment of South Carolina Volunteers. He enlisted at Chesterfield, SC, on November 11, 1846. William was admitted to the United States General Hospital at Vera Cruz on April 18, 1847, with acute diarrhea, and died there on May 20, 1847. [History & Genealogy of Thomas Wilkes]

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