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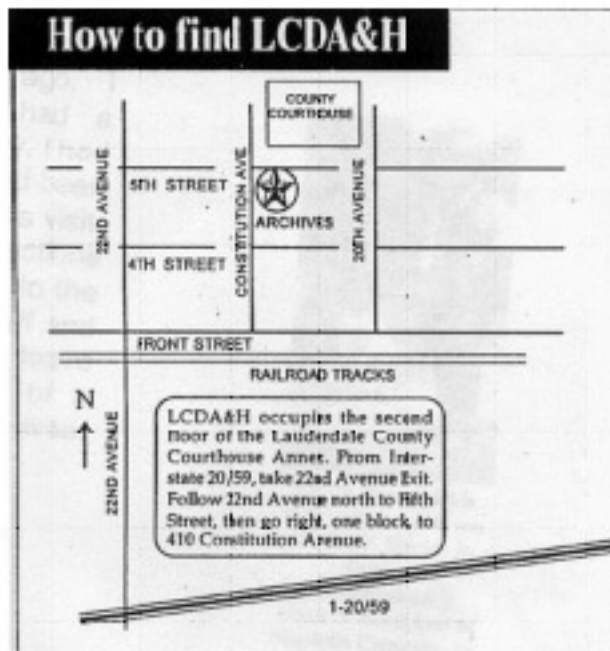
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**A SALUTE TO
MYRA CULPEPPER GOODMAN**

This book would not have been possible had it not been for Miss Myra. The writer spent much time with her securing and verifying information. She has furnished valuable history which would have been lost through her ability to remember events and people in the correct time frame. The writer has nothing but love and praise for the remarkable lady who turned 89 years of age on July 10, 1993.

A big THANK YOU, Miss Myra, from all of us.

Love you,

Jim

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THE ALLEN FAMILY

William Allen was born about 1725 and died in Mecklenburg County, VA, on February 4, 1780. He married, first, Mary Lewis. He fathered 20 children by his two wives, the second wife being Ann Smith.

This William Allen is the great, great, great, great grandfather to Delores Allen Reynolds, William B. (Buddy) Booker, Jim Dawson and others.

Drury Allen, son of William and Mary Lewis Allen, married Eleanor Jarrett. He died on April 18, 1823, in Anson County, NC, and is buried in the Drury Allen Cemetery in VA. His wife, Eleanor, died on April, 1845. Drury and Eleanor had nine children, one of which was Benjamin Allen, born about 1790, who married Hulda Parker. Benjamin died in 1870 and Hulda on Jan. 13, 1874. Both are buried at Sharon Cemetery in Choctaw County, AL. Benjamin came to Alabama about 1835 when present Choctaw County was part of Sumter county, AL.

1850 Census Choctaw County, AL, Family #329

Allen B. (Benjamin)	60 planter, real estate \$120; born NC 1790
Hulda	55 born NC
Hampton	21 laborer
Louisa	19
Robert	17 born 1833; Robert I. Great grandfather to writer
M.W. (female)	16
Alex	13

Benjamin and Hulda had 15 children, the 11th child being Robert Isaiah Allen who married Sarah L. Baskins Ponds, the widow of Miles W. Ponds. The first child of this marriage, William Andrew Allen, was born Sept. 22, 1866. The marriage probably occurred in late 1865 in Choctaw County, AL, after Robert I. Allen returned from the Civil War. He enlisted into the Confederate Army in April 1862 in Alabama and served in the 40th Alabama Regiment, Co. F. He was released from Rock Island prison at the end of the war (1865). This family lived, at first, in the Pushmataha area of Choctaw County, AL, moving to the Alamucha/ Toomsaba area around 1880.

On August 31, 1894, Sarah L. Allen's address was Kewanee, MS, when she applied for a Confederate Pension, stating that her husband's date of death was in 1889 in Mississippi.

The children of Robert I. and Sarah L. Baskin ponds Allen were:

A. William Andrew, born 9/22/1866, died 4/29/1950; married Nettie Martin, daughter of Rufus Martin

B. Nancy Manola, born 9/19/1869, died 2/11/1945, married Eli Dawson, son of Eli and Nancy Jane Fortson Dawson

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C. Annie, born 1/28/1873, died 10/12/1956; married John L. Welch

D. Etta, born 6/13/1878, died 5/24/1929; married William Andrew (Bud) Booker

E. Edd E., born 11/28/1879, died 8/22/1939; married Maggie Goodwyn, no issue

F. Marvin (Jack), born 1882; married for a brief period; wife died no issue

The above William Andrew Allen lived with his family for many years at what is known today (1992) as the old Will Allen home. This home is still standing and is located near the original location of the Bethany Baptist Church and school.

Will and Net Martin Allen's children were:

1. Odis, who married Ethel Brown. They were the parents of Raymond (in Ark.) And Annie Sue (in LA.)

2. Will Garland, who married Verna Sue McRae. Their children were Della B. Allen Tate, Deloris Allen Reynolds and Rebecca Allen Hankins.

3. Gladys, who married Jimmy George Dorrough. Their children were Mildred Dorrough Baughman (in Texas); Genelle Dorrough Culpepper (Causeyville); and J.G. Dorrough (Meridian).

4. Thelma who married Eugene Mooney Carr. Their children were Rowena Carr Smith; D.W.; and Mary Ellis Sutter. All of Meridian except D.W. who is deceased.

5. Curtis (Pete) died a young man, never married.

Della B. Allen Tate and Deloris Allen Reynolds are descendants of this family who presently reside in Whynot. Other descendants are in the general area.

Descendants of Nancy Manola Allen Dawson ("B" above), now in the Whynot area, descend from her son, James Nevel Dawson and his wife Sallie P. Means Dawson (See Dawson history).

Annie E. Allen ("C" above), married John L. Welch. Their children were: Herman, who married Ella Mae French, no issue; Cleonidus E., who never married and was killed in an accident while loading logs near Butler, AL; and Beatrice, who married Winfred Crenshaw and lived at Butler, AL. Their children were: Billy; Johnny Miller (named for Dr. Sam Miller); and Sarah.

Edd E. ("D" above) left no issue; married Maggie Goodwyn.

Etta ("E" above) who married Andrew (Bud) Booker. Their children

were: Otis who married Lola Mae Rawson; Robert Mac who married Lillian McRae; Oscar who married Nina Bell Goodman; and Myra. (See Booker history)

Marvin ("F" above) left no issues. Thelma Allen Carr took care of Jack on his later years. He died in 1960.

Robert Isaiah Allen died in 1889 and is thought to be buried in an unmarked grave at Salem Baptist Church Cemetery at Alamucha.

It was after Robert Isaiah's death and after Sarah Baskins Ponds Allen applied for a confederate pension in 1894, that Sarah L.B.P. Allen moved to Whynot near her oldest son, Joseph W. Ponds. She died at the home of her daughter, Annie, near Sutter's store on April 15, 1926, at the age of 90 years and is buried at Bethany. Down through the years legend has had it that Sarah L.B. P. Allen drew a pension from her first husband's service. This is not true. Robert I. Allen served in the 40th Ala. Regt., Co. F, which is registered on the pension application. Miles Ponds was in the Miss. 12th Cavalry.

The writer would like to inform all Allen/Baskins descendants that the writer has been accepted for membership in the Soldiers of the Revolutionary War on the Sarah Baskins Ponds Allen line (see Baskins history). Any descendant interested in applying for SAR or DAR membership is requested to contact the writer.

THE ANDERSON FAMILY

The Anderson family is thought to have arrived in the area south of old Whynot some time in 1840. This would be in the area of the present old Bob Linton home between old Whynot and Causeyville. This family is not on the 1840 census of Lauderdale County. William Anderson may have come from lower Sumter County, AL, which is now Choctaw County, AL. One William Anderson voted at Williams Cross Roads on 12/30/1842 and 1/25/1843, which is now known as Yantley, AL. If William was in the Whynot area, he very well could have traveled to Williams Cross Roads to vote. At that point in time, state lines meant little to residents; for example, the Hunters, who were in the Whynot area, voted in Sumter County, AL.

Some members of the Anderson family were members of the Ebenezer Baptist Church in 1841 and may have been charter members of that church which was constituted-in 1840.

1850 Census of Lauderdale County, MS

William J. Anderson, 36, born 6/20/1813 in AL; died on 2/26/1853. Buried in First Ebenezer Cemetery. Married Amanda Hayman, daughter of Johnson Hayman, Sr. William Anderson died at the age of 39 years, 8 months, which was an early age in his life.

Amanda (Hayman), 35, born (ca.) 1815 in GA. She was a half sister to Dermaris Hayman who married John Hughes. Her parents were Johnson Hayman and Ester Dikes Hayman (Ester Dikes was Johnson's second wife.)

James P. (Pittman), 16, born 8/22/1834 in AL. While residing in Arkansas, he enlisted in the Confederate Army on 6/1/1861. He later served in Co. E, 7th Miss. Battalion. He married Sarah J. Mathews in Lauderdale County in 1864. In 1870 he was living in Township 6, Beat 1, with his wife and children: Mary C. 5; William B. 3; and Anne L. 4 months. He applied for a CSA penion on 8/5/1910; died 8/14/1923. NOTE: This James was the first son and may have been named for his grandfather. William J. Anderson's father may have been named James and the Pittman came from Amanda's side of the house.

William Thomas (This son is not on the 1850 census; 14 years old in 1850, named William after his father); born 4/2/1836 in AL. The 1860 census reflects a Thomas Anderson, 25, born 1835 in Alabama, farmer, with wife, Catherine, 25, born NC, daughter Lelah 4 and a Sarah Mathews, 50, born NC, who, no doubt, was mother of Catherine. This Sarah also probably was mother to the wife of James P. Anderson who died 5/28/1904.

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Joseph T. (Tillman) (Tobe) (Legend has the name "Tobias"; writer thinks, since his nickname was "Tobe" someone later thought "T" stood for Tobias, but middle name was Tillman.) 12, born 3/15/1858, in AL. Married Elmira Richey in 1859. Elmira was daughter of W.R. & Catherine Smith Richey. Catherine Smith was daughter of William & Sarah Philpott (Phillips) Smith. Joseph T. Anderson died 9/9/1923. Elmira was born 6/15/1836; died 12/26/1942, living to be over 100 years of age. They were parents of William Jackson Anderson (known as "Uncle Billy"), who was a well-known and respected doctor in the Causeyville area. William Jackson Anderson married Alma Hays in 1890. In 1860 the Joseph T. Anderson family was living next door to John & Deramis Hayman Hughes.

Mary E., 10, born 3/28/1840; died in infancy 11/7/1840.

Samuel J. (Jefferson) (Known as Sam), 10, born 3/4/1842. Census reflects he was born in AL, but he had to be born in MS since the family were members of Ebenezer Baptist Church in 1841. Samuel married E.W. McElroy on 11/19/1866. They were married by Rev. Martin Moore. John M. McElroy was bondsman. They were parents of Dr. William Jefferson (Jeff) Anderson, Sr., who established Anderson Hospital in Meridian. Following in Dr. Jeff's footsteps as doctors were William J. Anderson, Jr., and William J. Anderson III. Samuel Jefferson Anderson died 11/3/1929.

George Washington, 7, born 8/9/1844 in MS. After enlistment into the Confederate Army, he was killed in the battle of Gettysburg on 7/3/1863; no doubt he was buried in the Gettysburg area.

Martha Jane 5, born 11/13/1848 in MS. On 1/30/1866, she married Norman Martin, Jr. His father, Norman, Sr., was a member of the original Board of Police who established Lauderdale County on 12/23/1833. Norman Martin, Jr., later served as a member of that board.

Benjamin Franklin, 2, born 10/20/1848. Married S.C. (Caroline) Smith who was the daughter of John and Irene Lowe Alverson Smith. John Smith was the son of William Smith who was a charter member of Mt. Gilead Baptist Church in 1847. Franklin and Sarah Anderson, along with a seven-month old daughter, Viola, were living near John Smith in 1870 in the Causeyville area. This family removed to Jacinto, TX, sometime in the early 1870's.

The 1960 census reflects Amanda as head of the household with Samuel J. 18, George W. 16, Martha J. 14 and Amanda Catherine 9. girl. Her date of death is unknown.

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Samuel J. Anderson married E.W. McElroy as stated above and according to the Lauderdale County, MS school census, school age children of the family at that time were:

1. Delos (Silas) age 17, born 1868
2. Martha A. age 15, born 1870
3. William J. (Jefferson) age 12, born 1873. (Married Mary Kate Phillips of Yantley, AL.)
4. Sealey A. (female) age 9, born 1876
5. Augusta V. (Gusta) age 7, born 1878, (married A.R. Hardin)
6. Steve H. age 5, born 1880

There were two other daughters: Mary Ethel who married Floyd D. Sollie in 1916; and Cora. This family is not listed on the 1870 census for Lauderdale County. Three daughters of Samuel J. Anderson taught school at old Whynot and Dr. William Jefferson Anderson, along with his siblings, were all students at the school

Augusta and her husband, A.R. Hardin, at one time operated a store and boarding house for teachers of the school. This house would later be known as the old Cotton home located on Old Highway 19S just south of the present Mt. Horeb Baptist Church. These Andersons later moved to the area of present Causeyville. Some of the Andersons are buried in the original Ebenezer Cemetery. The old Whynot school building was first located on the site of the present home of Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Rasberry on the S.L.Wilson Road leading off Highway 19S.

As stated, William Jefferson Anderson, son of Samuel, became a doctor and established Anderson Hospital. William Jackson Anderson, son of Joseph T. Anderson, became a well-known and respected doctor for the Causeyville area. William Jefferson and William Jackson were first cousins.

Samuel J. Anderson, son of William and Amanda, paid taxes on land in Section 21, Township 5, Range 17E, for the first time in 1878, so it stands to reason that the land was purchased in that time frame. The land was located just northwest of Causeyville. He had 120 acres and was only a short distance from his former home south of old Whynot.

We first pick up M.A. (Amanda) Anderson in 1872 as paying taxes on land in Section 19, Township 5, Range 17E. This is 40 acres. Later Benjamin F., son of Amanda, owned (in 1878) 600 acres in Section 19. Amanda's other name could have been Mary, thus Mary Amanda. Her first daughter was named Mary.

1/26/1859 - William H. White vs. Thomas B. Townsend et al.

Mentions William Ritchie and James Bunyard. Recovery of monies for the estate of William J. Anderson; this was a suit to recover

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payment for goods from those who settled William J. Anderson's estate. No mention of land. The estate had become insolvent by 1859.

The above William Richey (Ritchie) was father-in-law to Joseph T. Anderson, son of William and Amanda Hayman Anderson. He helped settle William Anderson's estate. William H. White was a merchant in old Whynot.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

In 1900 Augusta Anderson, daughter of Samuel, was teaching school at the Liberty School (near present Liberty Church) in Beat 5. Her salary was \$30 per month. This may have been where she met A.R. Hardin, since there were many Hardins in that area.

On a typed page that came into the hands of the writer, one of Samuel J. Anderson's daughters writes that Samuel Jefferson Anderson was her father. (Writer thinks the daughters was Cora.)

She remembered when "Uncle Ben" (Benjamin Franklin) died in Texas. She did not recall the year but figured it was about 1928 because her father (Samuel) was still living and he remarked, "Ben is gone; I'm the last one". Samuel died in November, 1929. She also spoke of her grandfather, William Anderson, and others.

"Grandpa was supposed to leave (have left) his home when nineteen and so that would have been around 1832. All his children were born in the log house which is still standing 11 miles SE of Meridian and is owned by Ethel and my brother, Dr. Sam B. Anderson of Memphis, Tennessee. My father bought what was left of the lands after the War from Uncle Ben after he had moved to Texas. Uncle Ben and Amanda Jane were the youngest and lived with Grandma Anderson until Uncle Ben married and moved to Texas. My father made a trip to Texas and bought the place from Uncle Ben years ago - probably between 80 and 85 years ago. When you are here again, let us know and we will take you to see the old run-down place which used to be the most beautiful from the standpoint of a beautiful yard full of flowers of all kinds. Now it is a wreck - no one living there, but the surroundings are beautiful. Grandpa knew how to select a beautiful site to settle on. The lands are now cultivated by the grandsons of Martha Jane Anderson Martin, who are cultivating hundreds of acres which they have rented from the owners who now work in town. Of course, they use tractors and other farm machinery. Aunt Martha married Norman Martin, who belonged to one of the wealthiest planters and slave owners before the War."

From the above it appears that Amanda Jane may have been in her teens when thrown by the horse. It would also appear that William, if he left home when 19 years of age, probably traveled with relatives from some location in Alabama. Alabama became a

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state in 1819, so he probably was born in what was known as the Mississippi Territory in 1813 about the time of the War of 1812. It is known from census records that some of William & Amanda's children were born in Alabama, so all the children were not born in the log house in the Whynot area.

According to the old St. Stephens Office Records of Washington County, AL, there were Andersons there by the names of William, Joseph and Thomas.

Jane Nelson Hayman, third wife of Johnson Hayman and step-mother to Amanda, wife of William, was first in the Salem Baptist Church, joining Ebenezer Baptist Church in December, 1845. Prior to joining Salem Baptist Church, Jane Nelson Hayman lived in Sumter County, AL.

One William Anderson was a Justice of the Peace in Sumter County, AL, on 1/28/1835 where he performed a marriage. Elmira Richey Anderson's siblings were Martha, Mary, Tabitha, William Joe, George, Dave (David), Tom (Thomas), Dan (Daniel) and Mary Ann.

THE BASKINS

Sarah L. Baskins was born 1/21/1836 in Lancaster County, SC. She was the daughter of John and Nancy Horton Baskins and married first Miles Ponds in Choctaw County, AL. After his death while serving in the Civil War, she married second Robert I. Allen, son of Benjamin and Hulda Parker Allen.

John Baskins' father was William Baskins and his grandfather was Andrew Baskins, a Revolutionary soldier.

Nancy Horton's parents were William and Elizabeth Welch Horton. Andrew Baskins was born in Ireland about 1730 and married Mary Marshall about 1752.

John Baskins, father of Sarah L. Baskins Ponds Allen, is buried in the Coody Cemetery in Sumter County, AL, alongside his wife.

Sarah L. Baskins lived with her first husband in the area of Pushmataha in Choctaw County, AL.

Miles Ponds was killed by a Yankee sniper while he was returning home after the Civil War, near Peachtree, AL. Sarah L. Baskins Ponds married Robert I. Allen, a Civil War veteran, sometime in 1865 in Choctaw County, AL. This family resided in the Pushmataha area for a while.

1850 Census, Choctaw County, AL

John Baskins	37, male, born SC, planter
Nancy	37, female, born SC
S.A.	17, female, born SC
Sarah L.	15, female, born SC (Sarah L. Baskins Ponds Allen)
Elizabeth	12, female, born SC
Nancy E.	10, female, born AL, 1840
N(?) .C.	8, female, born AL, 1842
William S.	4, male, born AL, 1846
John A. Harris	30, male, born GA, laborer

1860 Census Choctaw County, Al. Pg. 47, N. Divison, P.O.

Pushmataha, 8/15/1860, Dwelling 1196, Family #193.

John Baskins	47, male, planter, born SC 1813
E (Nancy)	47, female, born SC 1813
S.A.	26, female, born SC
Henrietta	15, female, born AL
William	14, male, born AL
A.E.	8, female, born AL
B.F. Spears	23, male, S. Teacher, born GA

Sarah L. Baskins was married to Miles Ponds by 1860. There is no record of this marriage as the Choctaw County Court House burned about 1876.

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On 3/5/1885, Robert I. and Sarah were living in Section 20, Township 7, Range 18 in the Toomsuba area on land owned by H.D. Cameron. Sarah and her children were members of the Salem Baptist Church.

Robert I. Allen died in 1889, according to Sarah L. Baskins Ponds Allen's Confederate Pension application. One source stated that he was killed by an unknown party or parties. The writer was unable to find any information on this matter in the current Court files.

At the time Sarah Allen applied for a Confederate Pension on August 31, 1894, her post office address was Kewanee, MS. Her pension application was approved on 9/5/1894. At this time her oldest son, Joseph Washington Ponds, was living south of the Liberty Baptist Church. While J.W. Ponds was a member of the Liberty Church, his mother remained a member of Salem baptist Church until she removed to the Whynot area.

Sometime around 1904-05, J.W. Ponds moved to a location on the south side of Whynot Loop. Sarah L. Baskins Ponds Allen moved to the Whynot area shortly afterwards. It is thought that at first she lived with her son, J.W. Ponds, and later secured her own home.

Sarah L. Baskins Ponds Allen spent her last days with her daughter, Annie Allen Welch, in a house that used to stand across the road from present-day Charles Reynolds store. She is buried in the Bethany Baptist Church Cemetery. She was a strong woman and retained her love for children to the end. Her grandson, Dick Ponds, remembers her making peanut candy for her grandchildren when she was legally blind. Dick told the writer that there would be husks in the candy, but the children never complained or brought this to her attention. They just smiled and ate the husks along with the candy.

There are many descendants of Sarah L. Baskins now living in the Whynot area: your writer; Della B. Allen Tate; Dick Ponds; Deloris Allen Reynolds; Sam Culpepper, Johnny Mac Booker; and Andy Booker; to name only a few.

THE J.W. BLANKS SR. FAMILY

Their were many Blanks in the area of Blankstown/Antioch.

1850 Census of Lauderdale County, MS

William Blanks	50	born GA
Marissa	50	born NC
James (F?)	25	born GA. May have married E. Walker on 1/15/1857.
Thomas	21	born GA
Jefferson	16	
Martha	13	
Richard	11	
William	4	
Dempsey Blanks	50	born GA in 1800; brother to J.W. Blanks, Sr.
Mary	40	born VA
Frances (female)	14	born AL in 1836
John H.	26	born AL 1824
Jane	23	
Fabur (male)	5	
Laura J.	5	
James	2	

The above Blanks were in the area of Whynot early. Dempsey Blanks, according to the county records, was a prominent man who administered a number of estates. The above William and Dempsey were probably brothers and came into the Hurricane Creek area through lower Sumter Co. AL, now Choctaw County. Later Dempsey Blanks is found in the Alamucha area.

Their brother, J.W. Blanks, Sr., was first picked up on the 1860 census. He arrived in the Whynot area in 1851.

1860 Census of Lauderdale County, MS (continued)

J.W. Blanks, Sr.	55	born 1805 GA
Sarah (Adear)	60	born 1800 GA
Caroline	30	born 1830 GA
Cleani (?)	50	

J.W. Blanks married second to Catherine White Welch on 8/24/1870. She was the daughter of Rev. Moses B. and Elizabeth White and married first John Welch. Their only child was J.W. Blanks, Jr., born 5/15/1871

J.W. Blanks, Sr., was born in Georgia in 1806 and was married to Sarah Adear of South Carolina in 1826. He died about 1886 and Sarah died prior to his second marriage on 8/24/1870.

One of the sons of J.W. Blanks, Sr., by his first marriage, was James Lafayette Blanks who was born in 1835 in Gwinnett County, GA, and who came with his parents to Lauderdale County.

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His opportunities for acquiring an education were slim. He was married to Eliza Ann Williams in Lauderdale County on 11/16/1854. Eliza Ann's parents were Joseph and Sarah Crenshaw Williams, early settlers in the Hurricane Creek area.

James L. and Eliza Ann had ten children, five sons and five daughters. They were: Callie; Erwing (Erwin), Joseph J., Sarah, Elizabeth, Charles F., John H., Laura May, Ida Gray, and Edward A. of which seven survived and reached the legal age. (Source: Memories of Mississippi)

James L. engaged in planting until 1861 when he enlisted in the 6th Mississippi Battalion with Colonel Sears commanding. Mr. Blanks was discharged, due to his health, in the autumn of 1863, and upon returning home, he resumed planting. Mr. Blanks was known as one of the best farmers in Lauderdale County and owned some 1200 to 1400 acres of land.

James L. Blanks was also a strong friend of education, and he and his wife were members of long standing of the Primitive Baptist Church. Their daughter, Callie, married Dr. M.V.B. Miller of Meridian, MS, and became the mother of Dr. Sam Miller, local doctor for the Whynot community for many years.

James Lafayette was known by the family as "Little Grandpaw"

James Lafayette's son, Irwin, married second to Mrs. Victoria Carr Smith, sister to Dave Carr.

1885 School Census - Beat Five - Whynot Area

C.V.A. (Catherine) Blanks	James W., 14
E.R. Blanks	Ida M. 18; Luler, 16; Floyd, 13
J.L. Banks	John H. 19; Mary 17; Eddie 11
V.B. Blanks	Lessey (female 8; Laurer 8; Preston 6)

The above Catherine, being head of the household, implies that her husband James W. Blanks, Sr., was deceased by 1885. While there were many Blanks in the Hurricane Creek area, at one time the most prominent was James Lafayette. Apparently many Blanks moved to other locations.

Due to the many Blanks living in the Hurricane Creek area, at one time the area was referred to as Blankstown, but there was never any official designation.

To the best of the writer's knowledge, there are no Blanks descendants presently living in the Whynot area.

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Additional Information

Hurricane Creek, Lauderdale County, MS, was the residence of J.L. Blanks. J.W. Blanks, Sr., father of J.L. Blanks, was born in Georgia in 1806, spent his early life on the farm and took up his permanent residence in Mississippi in 1851. He married Sarah Adear of South Carolina in 1826. He died about 1886; his wife died about 1876. J.L. Blanks, subject of this sketch, was born in 1835 in Gwinnett County, Georgia, and came to Mississippi with his parents and settled in the southeast corner of Lauderdale County. His opportunities for acquiring an education were not good. He was married in 1854 to Miss Eliza A. Williams of Lauderdale County, MS, and by her had ten children (five sons and five daughters): Caine, Irving, Joseph J., Sarah, Elizabeth, Charles F., John H., Laura May, Ida Gray, and Edward A. Seven of these survived.

He engaged in planting and continued in that business until 1861 when he enlisted in the Sixth Mississippi Battalion, Colonel Sears commanding. Due to continued bad health, Mr. Blanks was discharged in the autumn of 1863. Returning home, he resumed planting. He had entered land from the U.S. Government in 1855, the homestead where he resided. By additional purchases he increased his landed interest to a total of 1400 acres of average land in the county. Mr. Blanks had some exceedingly fine soil which reaped 120 bushels of corn, 2 bales of cotton and 155 bushels of oats per acre. Mr. Blanks was considered one of the best farmers of Lauderdale County, having perhaps taken more premiums for heavy yields than any other of its citizens. His average yield of cotton was one bale per acre. He was a strong advocate of the use of commercial fertilizers, fertilizing heavily all crops grown.

Mr. Blanks also was a strong friend of education. His son, John H. Blanks, was a graduate of Howard College, Birmingham, AL, and also of Nashville Medical College.

On September 13, 1857, J.L. Blanks was ordained a deacon in the Concord Baptist Church at Yantley (Choctaw County), AL, and he served as church clerk for that church from May, 1857, to July 1857. Later, Mr. Blanks and his wife were members of the Antioch Primitive Baptist Church.

A daughter of Mr. Blanks, Callie, married Dr. M.V.B. Miller of Meridian, MS. They were the parents of Dr. Sam Miller of Yantley, AL.

Mr. Blanks was considered one of the state's best citizens and had a host of friends.

CREDIT TO: **Memories of Mississippi** for some of the above information.

THE BOOKER FAMILY

Mack Henry Booker was the son of Willis and Sarah Melton Booker of Monroe County, AL. Mack Henry Booker married Frances Brown, the daughter of Andrew and Tabitha Brown. Frances Brown was a sister to John Willis Brown who was the father of Lude Brown Clark.

The children of Mack Henry and Frances Brown Booker were:

1. Melton Greenberry, born 9/28/1869, died 3/4/1885, killed by a horse.
2. William Andrew, born 1/29/1871, died 4/18/1954, married Etta Allen, daughter of Robert I. and Sarah Baskins Ponds Allen.
3. Mack, born 1873, married Etta Sikes.
4. John Sire, born 1/25/1875, died 8/31/1920, married Willie Belle Shirley, removed from the area of the old John Gough Place to Causeyville.
5. Nancy, born 1/10/1879, died 10/17/1945, married George Clark, son of William Clark and brother to Jim and Joe Clark.
6. Fannie, born 3/1886, died 1974, married Ben Carter.
7. Earl, born 1889, married Callie White.
8. Myrtle, born 1895, died 1982, married first Nathan Slay, married second Allen Carmichael, lived near Quitman in Clarke County, MS.

The above William Andrew (Bud) Booker was born in Alabama. He lived for awhile after marriage at Cuba, AL, before coming to the Whynot area. His home place once belonged to his grandfather, Andrew Brown.

The children of William Andrew (Bud) and Etta Allen Booker were: Otis A., Robert Mac, Oscar Lee and Myra.

Some of the land that William Andrew Booker lived on and farmed originally was owned by J.G. Hunter, a grandson of Libbeus Hunter, Sr., one of the first settlers in the Whynot area.

It is not known just where Mack Henry Booker lived when he first arrived in the Whynot area. It is known that he built the house where Winfred Shirley now resides (1992). It is also known that Edd Allen lived in that house. Mack Henry may or may not have lived in the house.

Mack Henry Booker's wife, Frances, at age 59, filed for a Confederate pension in Clarke County, MS, in 1912. Mack Henry

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enlisted into the Confederate Army on 4/14/1862 in Monroe County, AL, and was discharged on 5/1/1865 at Griffin, GA. He served in the 2nd Alabama Cavalry under General Ferguson. In 1912 Francis stated she and her husband had married in 1869.

Otis Booker, son of William Andrew, married Lola Mae Rawson. Robert Mac Booker married Lillian McRae, and Oscar Booker married Nina Bell Goodman.

Otis Booker, prior to his death, retired as Chief of the Meridian Police Department.

Otis, Robert Mac and Oscar all were active in sports in the Whynot area being leaders in the sport of baseball.

Only Otis left Whynot and removed to Meridian.

THE ASA BOSWELL FAMILY

Asa Boswell married Winey (Winnie) Stinson in Clarke County, AL, on 3/24/1822. She was the daughter of Burrell Stinson who is buried in the Stinson Cemetery in Lauderdale County.

Asa Boswell and his wife were in Lauderdale County by 1836 as he is listed on the 1836 Personal Tax Roll. He was also a Justice of the Peace on 8/8/1838 for Beat 5, Alamucha area. Since Asa Boswell is listed on the 1830 census for Clarke County, AL, he probably left that county about 1834 or 1835.

Asa Boswell disappears from the county records in 1839 and is presumed to have died sometime during that year.

In so far as known, the children of Asa and Winnie Boswell were:

1. Joseph Henry, born 1824 in Clarke County, AL. He enlisted March 1863 in the Confederate army, Choctaw, AL, Co. C 54th AL regiment. His second wife received a pension in Clark County, MS. Winnie, born 1807, would have been 15 years old in 1822 and 17 years old when Henry was born in 1824. Henry married Julia Ann Culpepper about 1846. This first child, James, was born in 1847 in MS. If they married in Choctaw County, there is no record of the marriage, as those records burned in the 1870's (see later for Henry's children.

2. Elbert, born 1829 in Clarke County, AL. Elbert married Mary A. Carmack in Lauderdale County in 1853 at the age of 25. Their children in 1860 were: Joseph 6, Mary 3, Martha 2, and Sarah 7 months.

3. Elizabeth, born 1837 who married E.E. Pack on 10/29/1857 in Lauderdale County as his second wife. On the census record, it reflects her mother, Winnie, as being born in GA. Elizabeth's father was also born in GA. E.E. Pack lost his life in the Civil War in Co. C, 2nd Miss. Cavalry. He married first Sarah S. Webb who apparently died prior to 10/29/1857. It is unknown if there were any issues from this marriage. Elizabeth Boswell Pack, with her daughter, Sallie, were in Winnie Boswell's household in 1880.

4. Julia, married George W. Wilkerson on 2/29/1842. Apparently she died early for there is a Julia Wilkerson, age 7, born 1853, in the household of Asa Boswell, born 1839, who perhaps was a brother to Julia.

5. Asa, born in Lauderdale County in 1839. There is no proof, as yet, that he was the son of Winnie Boswell. but it appears that he was the last child of Asa and Winnie Boswell. The above Asa married Nancy A. Brown in 1859. He died prior to 1870, possibly in or as a result of the Civil War.

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6. Mary, born 1826 in Clarke Co., AL, married Samuel Hill Shannon in 1844 as his second wife. They resided in the Toomsaba area. Two of their children were Elbert and Joseph. The noted T.V. announcer, George Shannon, is thought to have descended from the above Elbert Shannon.

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Henry Boswell (Joseph Henry, known as Henry) on 1/11/1845 purchased 34.65 acres of land in Section 3, Township 6, Range 18E. On 2/3/1845 he purchased an additional 34.65 acres in the same area. Henry would have been 21 years old in 1845. In 1848 he sold this land to Winnie. Winnie Boswell purchased an additional 169.85 acres in Section 4, Township 5, Range 18E on 5/1/1856. This land, in both cases, was just northwest of Salem Baptist Church.

In 1839 Henry Boswell would have been 15 years old at the time his father, Asa Boswell, disappeared from the records.

NOTE: Legend has it that Henry Boswell would never talk about his parents or "folks". There has to be a reason for this. Perhaps his father was killed while serving as J.P. He may have had a rough time after the death of his father. Henry did talk about his mother, but no descendant, until recently, actually knew her name was Winnie.

7. Henry Boswell, born 1824 in AL, married Julia Ann Culpepper, born 1824 in GA, or possibly in AL. Their children were:

A. James Franklin, born 1847 in MS. He married Mrs. Nancy A. Boswell, thought to be the widow of Asa Boswell. If so, then he married his uncle's widow. Her maiden name was Brown. Their children were:

1. Jennie, who married Joseph Fuller
2. Minnie, who married W.H. Rogers
3. Luther N., who in 1900, married Annie Butler, sister to J.A. Butler, Sr.
4. Herbert L.
5. Mary, who died as a child.

James F. Boswell, known as Jim, died on 12/17/1881, near Vimville on Highway 19E. Luther and Annie Butler Boswell first lived in the Whynot area near the Butlers and he served as a trustee to the old Dripping Springs School as well as the Whynot Consolidated High School. Later Luther N. Boswell and his wife lived west of Old Whynot and near Vimville on Highway 19E. Some of their children were: Bob, Henry, Elbert, Annie Ruth, Marsh and Janie. The family attended church at Bethany. L.N. Boswell served as Justice of the Peace for Beat 5 in

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1912 in Whynot and later served as a member of the Board of Supervisors for Beat 5 in Lauderdale County.

B. Simeon (Simon) A. (Asa?) married Sarah Eller. He died in 1882; buried in Henry Boswell Cemetery, Cyril (Choctaw County), AL. This is the area of the Scott Mountain.

3. W. Elizabeth (Winnie Elizabeth) married Fuller.
4. Mary J., married Brown.
5. John Wesley - Henry Boswell was living with this son when he died in Clarke County, MS. Dr. Henry Boswell, a son of John W., married Georgiana Neal; he was a well-known physician.
6. R.M. (Kizzie-Kissiah), married Powell.
7. Joseph Henry, Jr.
8. Winnie Boswell Avera - named after her grandmother?
9. William Elbert married Ida Scott. Their children were:
 - A. Ethel, who married George Moore.
 - B. Willie (female), who married Robert Moody.
 - C. Evan, who married Fannie Butler, sister to Charlie Butler.
 - D. Edwin, who married a Reynolds.
 - E. Effie, who married Charlie Butler and lived at Whynot.

To confuse the issue, there was a Nancy Boswell, born 1808, living in the Salem Baptist Church area in 1860 with twins, Joseph and James Boswell, born 1831. It is assumed that this Nancy was the mother of the twins. This Nancy was not in the county in 1840.

Research revealed that there was an Ann (Nancy Ann?) Phillips who married Charles Boswell in Clarke County, AL, on 11/25/1825. This is the same county in which Asa and Winnie Stinson Boswell were married in 1822, so it is very probable that the father of the twins Joseph and James was Charles Boswell. No further record was found on him, and the Ann (Nancy Ann?) may have left Clarke Co., AL, to join Winnie and other Boswells in Lauderdale County, MS, sometime in the 1850's.

Living next door to the twins in 1860 was Asa Boswell, born 1839 (last son of Asa and Winnie?).

James Boswell married Mary E. Page in 1867, and in 1870 their

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children were: Joseph 2 and Edna J. 7 months. In this same household there was a Mary Welch, age 11, born 1859. One Elizabeth Boswell married Dempsey Welch in 1854. With the Mary Welch, a minor in James' household, it could be reasoned that the Elizabeth who married Dempsey Welch was a sister to James and perhaps a daughter of Nancy Boswell. This Elizabeth could not be the daughter of Winnie Boswell, for Winnie's daughter, Elizabeth, married E.E. Pack. W.S. Boswell had a daughter, Elizabeth. If she had married Dempsey Welch, the orphan, Mary Welch, would have been with someone of the W.S. Boswell family group. (See W.S. Boswell history)

The above Joseph Boswell died, unmarried, in the Civil War in 1861 at Union, TN. James Boswell, his twin, died in 1884. Both were first members of Mt. Gilead Baptist Church where James was ordained as a deacon. Both were later in the Salem Baptist Church where James also served as a deacon.

Examining the above, it is known that Nancy Boswell was the mother of Joseph and James, but it is uncertain if Elizabeth Boswell Welch was her daughter. It could also be reasoned that there was some connection between the Asa Boswell, Sr., family and the William S. Boswell family as both families were in GA prior to entering AL and MS.

The "Asa" name is still prominent today among those Boswells living in Lauderdale County, MS

THE WILLIAM S. BOSWELL FAMILY

This line of Boswells came from the State of Georgia to Lauderdale County possibly through Alabama and they may have been related to the Asa Boswell family. The W.S. Boswell family lived in the Alamucha area, but some descendants of W.S. Boswell were in the Whynot area.

1850 Census of Lauderdale County, MS (Alamucha area)

William S. Boswell	54, born 1796 in GA, farmer
Stacy C.	45, born 1806 in GA, daughter of Jacob Warbington
Kinsey W.	20, born 1830 in AL. He married Bell Zora Hunt. He was a candidate for constable on 10/2/1855.
Elizabeth	19, born in AL
Sarah	15, born AL, married Hubert Culpepper
Eliza T.	13, born in MS
William F.	10, born in MS
Stacy A.R.	6, born in MS. Married W.D. Henderson
Martha	2, born 1848 in MS

William S. Boswell's land was sold on 3/18/1856 for taxes.

Next door was William S. Boswell's son, Samuel:

Samuel M.	23, born 1827 in AL, farmer, big land owner
Hannah B.	18, born in AL
William L.	2, born in MS
VA. A.E.	5/12, born in MS, married John Randall in 1866 when 16 years old.

The above Kinsey W. (KW) Boswell married Bell Zora Hunt, daughter of A.G. & Nancy Hunt, in 1857. The Hunts were members of the Liberty Baptist Church and they were also from the state of GA with Bell Zora being born in that state in about 1833.

The children of R.W. and Bell Zora Hunt Boswell, according to the 1870 Lauderdale County Census, were:

1. William, born 1857
2. Commie (Kinsey C.), born 1859
3. Cordelia, born 1860, married J.M. Hardin
4. Thomas, born 1862
5. Martha Jefferson, born 1864, married W. Edgar Goodman, mother of Nina Bell Goodman Booker. She was known as Jeffie.
6. Mary A., born 1864, married Joel Culpepper, died after birth of her daughter, Myra Culpepper Tims Nichols.
7. Jerusha, born 1864, never married, buried at Liberty

Eliza Hunt, age 25, sister to Bell Zora, was in the household.

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R.W. (Kinsey) Boswell enlisted into the Confederate army as a volunteer on February 8, 1862, according to information furnished by Mrs. Joyce Boswell Posey, a descendant, and he served until September 17, 1863, when he returned home to make a crop for his family from Lafayette, GA. His record reflects that he deserted, but he never was charged with desertion after he returned to his company seven (7) months later. He was pardoned by General Johnson. The author appreciates Mrs. Posey's assistance on this matter for she went to great lengths to research out the correct information. Family legend has it that R.W. worked his field dressed as a woman. This is entirely possible for there were bounty hunters who made a living tracking down so-called deserters. It should be pointed out that R.W. Boswell was a volunteer. He had volunteered for three years while others volunteered for a year or six month periods. K.W. Boswell made the crop for his family and returned to his company only to lose his life a short time later in 1864.

In 1864 Bell Zora Hunt Boswell gave birth to triplets - three girls, Martha J., Mary A. and Jerusha.

If one would think for a moment, one would realize what a tremendous task K.W.'s death put before Bell Zora, especially with triplets and four other children to raise and feed during the later part of the Civil War and in the reconstruction period. In the author's opinion, she, Bell Zora Hunt Boswell, was a good example of the role the wife and mother played during this awful war and period in time. She apparently worked in the field like other women, performing a man's work and in 1870 she was only 37 years old. Bell Zora was in the household of Winnie Boswell in 1880, that being the last record found on her except that she is buried in the Liberty Baptist Cemetery with no date on the tombstone. She apparently expired after hoeing a very tough row before she was 50 years old.

R.W. Boswell represents one of the many Confederate soldiers who never returned to his family, and Bell Zora, his wife, represents the wives and mothers who carried on and made do for the family.

Now for information on Bell Zora Hunt Boswell's family.

1860 Lauderdale County Census - Alamucha (Liberty Church area)

A.G. Hunt	47, born 1813 in SC	Nancy	47, born in GA
William	24, born 1836		
James	22		
Thomas	20		
John	17		
Louisa	17		
Eliza	17 (with Bell Zora in 1870)		
Elizabeth	14		

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Berkely ?male
Rachel 9
Andrew 7
August 4
Simeon 4

Please note that A.G. Hunt and his wife, Nancy, also had triplets, John, Louise and Eliza, and there was one set of twins.

One of K. W. And Bell Zora Hunt Boswell's sons was Kinsey C. (Commie), born 1859. He married the widow of James W. Goodwyn. James W. Goodwyn was the son of Thomas L. and Eliza Vaughn Goodwyn and a brother to George W. Goodwyn, father of Howard L. Goodwyn.

1880 Lauderdale County Census

James W. Goodwyn	40, born 1840 in AL
Nancy Jane (Culpepper)	29, born in 1851 in AL
Thomas Jr.	11, born AL, named after his grandfather, Thomas Goodwyn
Mary A.	7, born 1873, married Joseph Washington Ponds; mother of Legette Ponds
Maggie L.	3, born 1877; married Edd Allen, brother to Will Allen and son of Sarah Baskins Ponds Allen and Robert Isaiah Allen, no issues.
James W.	1

The above Nancy Jane was the daughter of Ambrose and Mary Culpepper and a granddaughter of Joel and Milly Culpepper. Her sisters were Olivia and Elvinia.

After J. W. Goodwyn's death in 1882, Nancy Jane Culpepper Goodwyn married Kinsey Commie Boswell. This union produced three children.

1. Adie Ambrose, who married Louise Catlett.
2. Bertha Gertrude, who married Houston Sutter.
3. Joseph Quillar, who married Rose Nell Posey of Shreveport, LA. She has been of great assistance to the author in developing this family history.

The children of Houston and Bertha G. Boswell Sutter were:

1. Stancil, married Mary Louise Leary
2. Hortense, married John L. McRae and 2nd Leslie Phillips.
3. Anita, married George Allen
4. Twin H. S., married Mary Ellis Carr
5. Twin Gertrude, married J. B. Phillips

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The William Samuel Boswell family was in Lauderdale County, MS, early and are listed on the 1840 Lauderdale County census.

The writer has been unable to connect the Asa and W.S. Boswell families but feels that they were related_

THE JAMES MADISON BREWSTER FAMILY

James Brewster (1728-1810) married in 1754 to Elizabeth Sheriff (1730-1784). They lived in Rockingham County, VA, but moved to Mechlenburgh County, NC, several years before the American Revolution. They had ten children: James, Samuel, William, Hugh, John, Sheriff, Virginia, Henry, Margaret and Elizabeth. A number of the children lived in Anderson County, Pendleton District, SC, and later moved to GA, AL, MS, TX, AR and La.

The earliest known Brewster to settle in AL was James Madison Brewster, born 4/7/1788, in GA and died 3/20/1866 in Lauderdale County, MS, at old Whynot. He enlisted at St. Stephens, Washington County, Mississippi Territory in 1812 in the War of 1812 and served until 1814.

James Madison Brewster married first Mary Jane (Polly) Smith, daughter of Coddington Smith and Sarah Jernigan, of Anson County, NC, on 2/12/1817 in Clarke County, AL. Polly died in 1837 in Sumter County, AL.

Their children were:

1. Christopher Columbus, born 11/17/1817, married Mary Pogue on 1/30/1841 in Sumter County, AL. Their children were:

- A. James, born 1844
- B. Mary A., born 1845
- C. Stephen J., born 1849
- D. Sarah J., born 1851
- E. Ashberry, born 1847
- F. Mariah, born 1856
- G. Breckenridge, born 1859

In their household in 1860 was an Elizabeth Butler, 20 years of age born in AL around 1840. Her relation to the family is unknown.

After the death of his father, C.C. Brewster requested his share of his father's estate and left the area for Arkansas. He was never heard from again.

One C.C. Brewster served in the Confederate army, Co. K, 18th AL Regt. and who died in the Vaiden, MS, Confederate hospital on 6/15/1862. (See Confederate Deaths in Lauderdale County Department of Archives and History Inc.)

2. James Washington born 3/30/1819 in FL. Died 8/20/1899 at Butler, AL. Married Margaret Spears Needhan 2/24/1844, Washington County, AL. She was born 4/29/1824 and died 10/12/1888 at Butler, AL. Their children were:

A. George Washington (Bruister) born 12/23/1845, MS, died 8/15/1862

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B. Amelia Bruister, born 2/25/1847, MS, died 1919. Married Abram Bessent Gilmer on 1/28/1874.

C. Hiram Jackson Bruister, born 4/23/1849, died 1/13/1917. Married first Ruberta L. Nicholson, second Henrietta Moody, and third Mary Braswell. H.J.'s children were:

- a. Hariam Hubert
- b. Mattie Barber
- c. William Jefferson
- d. Frank H.
- e. James Darman
- f. Virginia
- g. Howard
- h. Mary Braswell

D. Elizah Jefferson, born 10/27/1851 at Marion, MS. Died 4/22/1918 in NM. Married Malvina Ulmer Smith, 9/1/1874.

E. John T., born 10/30/1854, died 9/22/1864.

F. Mary Jane (Janie), born 9/18/1856, Choctaw County, AL, died 4/25/1933. Married William Bryan Gilmer, 2/1878, born 11/3/1847, died 12/25/1930.

G. Hester Anna, born 8/10/1868 in AL, died 10/23/1942. Married George Hayes Carnathan, 11/16/1881.

H. Benjamin LaFayette, born 10/6/1860 in AL, died 7/2/1940. Married Helen Eloise Abney, 12/22/1885.

I. Columbus, born 1/15/1863 in AL, died 9/4/1866.

3. Henry J., born 4/18/1820

4. Sarah Ann, born 1/22/1822, married Burnett

5. Hiram Hamilton, born 3/18/1824, died 1905. Born FL and died in MS. Married Sarah Margaret Edwards, daughter of Stephen Edwards, and Frances Smith of Wilkes County, GA, born 1826, died 1907. (NOTE: He married his step-mother's sister.)

Their children were:

A. James Franklin, born 1850, died 1900

B. Levicy Ann, born 1852.

C. Mary Angeline, born 1854, died 1909

D. Jefferson Lafayette, born 1856, died 1935

E. Mattie Loveala, born 1863, died 1934

F. Hiram Washington, born 1865, died 1953

G. Sarah Margaret, born 1871, died 1935

6. Louisa M.. born 1/27/1826. She married and removed to TX, returning only once to visit relatives. Name of husband is not known.

7. Sebastian Lafayette, born 1/25/1829 in FL, died 5/6/1907, buried at Christopher's Chapel, JacIn, AL. Married first Elisa Ann Lucy who died in 1871 at age 42 years and 6 months. Second, Lucenda Frances Belcher, born 1846, died 1876.

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Elisha Ann and Lucenda Frances are buried beside each other at the Sardis Cemetery at Pushmataha, AL. Third, Mattie Ida Fitch, born 3/11/1851, died 1/24/1899, buried in the Christopher's Chapel Cemetery in Sumter County, AL. His children were:

A. Mary C. (Mollie), daughter of Elisa Ann, born 1850; married George T. McInnis 1868 and Joe C. Gay in 1884.

B. Elisa Elizabeth (Bessie), daughter of Lucenda Frances; born 4/19/1874, died 11/8/1951, married to Herbert Dicks and 2nd Putnam Dicks.

C. Sara (Siddie), daughter of Lucenda Frances, born 12/3/1875, died 3/9/1947, married to Thomas Pennington Tate.

D. Annie, born 7/28/1878, died 12/8/1878

E. Hiram LaFayette, born 8/20/1879, died 12/8/1939, married Worlin Bruce Bacon.

F. Mattie, born 5/18/1881, died 3/22/1882

G. Mary Lou, born 9/18/1882, died 1/1/1957, married Henry Lafayette McElroy.

H. James Herbert, born 11/5/1884, died 11/5/1953, married Mary T. Brock.

I. Alma, born 9/7/1886, died 9/30/1949, married Robert Wheeler

J. May Bell, born 9/11/1888, died 3/6/1953, married D. Talmadge Cook.

James Madison Brewster married second Charity Edwards on 12/25/1841, in Sumter County, AL. She was the daughter of Stephen Edwards and Francis Smith of Wilkes County, GA. She was born in 1818 in SC, died 1884 in Lauderdale County, MS. Both are buried in the old Brewster Cemetery at old Whynot.

This marriage was to later cause confusion between the two sets of children. Charity Edwards Brewster was of frontier stock, being fully capable of taking care of herself, while the first wife was refined and educated. Some may think that is the reason for the various spellings of the name Brewster, Bruster and Bruister, but it is doubtful to the writer. The original name, in so far as the writer can determine, was Bruster. James Madison Brewster changed the spelling of his surname at various times and, of course, the name, like other names, was spelled in the records as it sounded to the writer of the name.

The children of Charity and James Madison Brewster were:

1. Josephine, born 3/21/1841, died 9/24/1905, married first William Spinks in 1857. Their children were:

A. Maggie, who married John J. Robinson who was a brother of the Berry H. Robinson that Josephine Brewster Spinks married second. This John Robinson was known as Fox John and was the father of Lamar Robinson of Meridian.

B. William - no information

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Josephine married second Berry H. Robinson, son of Ransom H. Robinson, Sr. Their children were:

A. Martha (Brucie), born 2/22/1867, married Pete Shamburger.

B. James Bowen, born 3/21/1869, died 7/23/1870.

C. Bowman Lafayette, born 1/26/1871, married Nettie Calhoun.

D. Eva, born 6/7/1872.

E. Warren Berry, born 3/30/1870, died 10/5/1876.

F. Everette Edwin, born 12/1875, married Lucy Jackson.
(This is Dr. E.E. Robinson.)

G. Josephine (Jodie), born 1/13/1880, married John Simmons.

H. Elizabeth, born 2/20/1882, died 11/24/1965, married Fred Marshal 1/24/1907.

2. George Jackson, born 1847, died 6/5/1919, married Dora Ann Robinson in 1872 and second to Mrs. Emily Smith in 1889. She was the widow of William Wiley Smith. Her maiden name was Lowe. Their children were:

A. Sidney Hampton, born 2/15/1875, died 9/14/1951, married Willie Brown in 1901.

B. Laura Jen, born 12/25/1879, died 7(?) / 1/1965, married J.E. Puckett, born 11/30/1899.

C. Son (not named), born and died 3/25/1885.

D. Son (not named), born and died 1/25/1886.

E. James Clifford, born 5/5/1887 and died 10/1/1887.

NOTE: Dora Ann Robinson was the daughter of Ransom B.H. Robinson, Sr. She is buried at Liberty Baptist Church.

3. Nancy Jane, born 7/11/1848, died 3/30/1922, married James Polk Watkins. Their children were:

A. James Milton, born 11/14/1869, died 1952, married Eubalie Lyon, 6/12/1895

B. Coleman Edgar, born 1871, married Bessie Thigpen.

C. Wilbur Renfro, born 1872, married Pheobe Elizabeth McMahon.

D. Horace Clement, born 9/1876, died 6/24/1962, married Rachel Fatheree.

E. Junie Polk, born 4/14/1879, died 2/4/1959, married Frank Edward Davidson.

Nancy Jane was the daughter of Charity who lived at Yantley. Charity used to visit, traveling by horseback from old Whynot. During this time Charity made dresses to supplement her income, and according to legend, a party or parties unknown attempted to frighten her away from the old place - Charity did not bow to any pressure and remained on her property.

4. James Monroe, born 1850, married first, Laura Griffin and second, Ann Griffin. The children were:

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- A. James
- B. Robert (Bob), never married.
- C. Earl B., married Myrtle Moore in 1916.
- D. Carl. O., married Mamie Barham in 1911.
- E. Annice
- F. John
- G. Grace

James Monroe has been confused with his father, James Madison. James Monroe used the initials of J. M. - thus the confusion. James Monroe lived on the Alamucha/Whynot Road on the left just before one would get to the Liberty Road and after one topped the Joe Long Hill and passed over the Big Alamucha Creek. Your writer remembers this two story house. One time, as your writer was passing there in a wagon - he doesn't remember with whom - he was told that the people there kept their goats in the upstairs part of the house at night. Of course, the writer had visions of a string of goats marching up the stairs to the upstairs bedroom at night. Childhood memories can take on enormous proportions at times. It is what the little developing mind can see or figure out at that one point in time. For example, when my sister Emma Ree was born, your writer overheard at his grandfather's home that instruments had to be used. Your writer wondered how a guitar and/or violin would be used. He had visions of these instruments being played around the bed, but could not figure it all out until later. The writer is still wondering about the upstairs goats.

2. Martha Washington, born 1853, died 11/2/1878, married Benjamin Franklin Mason. He resided at the old Mason place which was located on the Whynot Alamucha Road just north of the writer's home. The children were:

- A. Henry Howard, born 1/10/1873, died 10/1931, married Margaret Bruister, 11/2/1910.
- B. James Benjamin, born 6/1/1875, died 5/14/1905
- C. Eron, born 11/28 (year not known), died 1876
- D. Mattie Washington, born 9/8/1878, died 3/1/1937.

Census records indicate that James Madison Brewster was born in the state of GA; other records state he was born on 4/7/1788. Legend has it that a Miss Bowen was his mother and that he was born somewhere in New England.

James Brewster's first wife, as stated previously, was the daughter of Coddington Smith and Sarah Jernigan. Coddington Smith was a merchant of NC - and an Englishman by birth. Coddington Smith died on the ocean on one of his return trips from England where he had gone to buy goods. He was captain of his own ship.

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It is known that James' brother, Washington Bruster/Bruister/Brewster and his entire family perished in the Ft. Mims massacre in the War of 1812. James was later the administrator of Washington's estate.

As a result of his participation in the War of 1812, James Madison Brewster was granted a section of land in Santa Rosa County, FL, (near Milton), in 1814. This date is indicated from the fact that in 1911 a person by the name of "White" came to AL to ask the heirs of James' second wife for a quit-claim deed to the land.

James Brewster and his friend, Needham Parker (who also received a grant), moved to FL in a body (wagon train fashion), taking the families, slaves, livestock and other possessions. It was necessary to swim a river (the Conecuh, probably) and some stock was lost.

James found only "pine, palmetto, and sand" in FL. He wanted to grow cotton and was not very happy with his land. His friend, Parker, who was more dissatisfied than James, soon sold his section to James for a small price, increasing James' land to 1280 acres. James M. Brewster is listed in the 1830 census of Escambia County, FL, adjacent (west) of Santa Rosa County; so it seems that he just may have stayed there for 10 to 15 years.

A footnote to the situation in Florida is the story that has been revived by the descendants of the first wife's children, that James left his land, tax free for 99 years, in the possession of the mother of his illegitimate child. This is their explanation of James never mentioning the property again. They also further suggested that the man "White" was a son of the illegitimate child. The story is supposed to have been kept alive by an old Negro slave who came back to Alabama and Mississippi with the family.

James Madison moved from Florida to Sumter County, AL, where his first wife died. After his marriage to Charity Edwards, which is recorded in both Washington County and Sumter County, AL, he moved to the old Whynot area where at last he found an area where he could grow cotton.

Nothing remains now of this old home which was later the home of Josephine Brewster Spinks and her second husband, Berry H. Robinson, son of Ransom and Sara Waldrop Robinson.

James found in Mississippi the land that would grow cotton. He had a number of slaves to work his land, and by the time of the Civil War he was producing many bales each year. Even though his health had been failing prior to the War, by the time Sherman reached Meridian, James had approximately 100 bales of cotton in his barn. During the week of 2/14/1864, the raiding parties of

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Sherman's army reached James' place. The barn and the cotton were burned, and all food and animals were taken. One hog had been penned in a deep ravine just back of the house with the hopes that the soldiers would not find it. But they found it and took it with them. Nancy was 16 years old then and the only child at home with her parents. She defied the soldiers, "giving them a piece of her mind" so to speak. They only laughed at her.

Charity had taken the land deeds and other small valuables to the ravine and buried them the day they knew the Yankees were coming. She thought she had carefully hidden the container, but the children of the slaves found her hiding place immediately and came running to the house with it, shouting, "Mist Ca'ty! Look what us find!"

James Madison Brewster's land was taken in 1830 from the Indians, but James allowed the Indians to come back when they chose to mourn at their graveyard which he preserved for them, never cultivating it. The Indians were his friends, and when he was badly affected with rheumatism, the Indians tried to help him. They gave him some huge earrings to wear, believing it would help the rheumatism. He wore them until he died.

The Indian burial ground must have been somewhere in the area of the old Indian settlement near Bucktunney Creek, the first old Whynot settlement. Then again, it could have been behind the old Means home. (See Means history)

In the yard of James M.'s old place, a gnarled old dead tree was standing a few years ago. This dead tree is supposed to be the last of James' saddle switches. It was said that when he first started moving from place to place, he would break a saddle switch from a mulberry or cherry tree. Then when he would settle at a new place, he would root the switch. It would grow into a tree while he lived at the particular place. Then when he'd move to another place, he would break another switch and transplant it where he built his new home. He brought his last switch to old Whynot, MS.

James Madison Brewster served as a private under Captain William Henry, Mississippi Regiment, in the War of 1812. The Company was known as the Volunteer Dragons. He enlisted in Washington County, AL, about 11/30/1814 and was discharged about 12/1/1814, according to his second wife, Charity Edwards Brewster. The actual record reflects his service as from 11/30/1812 to 1/31/1813, with a length of service of 63 days.

A pension application was approved on 12/19/1881, for \$8 monthly commencing 3/9/1878 which was the application date. The pension was based on Bounty Land Claims, Lot 68, 186-120-1855, made by James Brewster based on his service.

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In the process of the claim by Charity Edwards Brewster, Hiram H. Brewster testified he was the son of James Brewster by a former marriage and witnessed the marriage of his father with Charity Brewster - that thereafter they lived together as husband and wife until his death 26 years later.

John G. Hunter, son of Anthony D. Hunter, testified that he lived in the neighborhood of "Char" and soldier and that they lived together as husband and wife for 20 years to his knowledge.

In 1850 Hiram H. Brewster, son of James and Polly Smith Brewster, was living next door to his father.

The William Clark who attested to James Brewster's will in 1866 was the William Clark who owned land east of the present day Mt. Horeb Baptist Church and the R.H. Robinson was Ransom B.H. Robinson who is buried at Antioch Cemetery and who was the father of Berry Robinson who married Josephine Brewster Spinks in 1865.

John W. Mooney, another witness, lived at the time in the area of the present Mt. Horeb Baptist Church.

Today nothing remains of the old Brewster/Bruister/Bruster place.

James Madison Brewster was ruined by the Civil War and died a broken man.

Every now and then someone reports him dressed in white, riding his horse across the Boy Scout Lake. He is reported to always tip his hat and then disappear. One of his Indian friends has also been seen following him.

While he came from frontier stock, the tipping of the hat reflects his respect and regard toward others. He was a gentleman in the true sense of the word.

The author would like to give credit and reflect his appreciation to Mr. T.E. Bruister for his assistance in writing this family history

T.E. is the son of James Herbert and Mary T. Brock Bruister. His grandfather was Sebastian Lafayette Bruister who was a son of James Madison and Polly Smith Bruister.

THE BROCK FAMILY

There were three Brocks who owned land in the Whynot area in the 1880's and it is thought that all were first in the area of Yantley in Choctaw County, AL.

The D.W. Brock (born 1841) who owned land in Section 20, Township 5, Range 18E was the son of John Brock, born 1816, and his wife, Susan. These Brocks came from Duplin County, NC, and settled in the Yantley, AL, area.

The above D.W. was David W. Brock. His father, John Brock, owned 219 acres of land in Sections 23, 27 and 28 in Township 5, Range 18E in 1858 in Lauderdale County, MS, which bordered the Alabama line. This John Brock apparently never moved to Lauderdale County from the Yantley area. The above D.W. Brock owned land west of his father's land in Lauderdale County much later in the 1880's. According to a descendant, John Brock was born in 1816 in North Carolina. His son, D.W. Brock, was in the Whynot area apparently a short while, then returning to the Yantley, AL, area. He was born 11/11/1841 and died 9/12/1919. He and his wife, Mary P., are buried in the Concord Cemetery at Yantley.

In searching for the James Brock who was in the Whynot area, the writer went to the 1850 census of Choctaw County, AL, page 159, dwelling #149.

David Brock	63, male, born TN, 1787
Ann	32, female, born SC
Andrew D.	17, male, born SC
Jas. G.	15, male, born SC, 1835. It is thought that it was this James (James G) who owned land in Section 7 and 17 of Township 5, Range 18E in Lauderdale County, and who had the old two story house (Means home) built while living in a log house nearby.
Elizabeth E.	12, female, born AL, 1838
Jno. W.	4, male, born AL

The writer has been unable to confirm if the above Jas. G. Brock is the correct Brock, but there was no other James Brock in the area.

The above John W. (William) Brock was the grandfather of Mrs. Effie Mae Neal. Her father was also named John William. She told the writer her great grandfather was David Brock and that he lived in Pushmataha in Choctaw County, AL. Apparently, this David Brock never came to Lauderdale County, MS. He was born in Tennessee in 1787 and could very well be the father of the John Brock born 1816. Pushmataha and Yantley in Choctaw County, AL, are close in proximity. John Brock is buried in the Concord Cemetery at Yantley, AL.

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William Brock 30, male, born AL, 1820
Lurena 24, female, born AL
Eugene C. 6, female, born AL
(Eugina?)
Jno. C. 2, male, born AL, 1848: This is the only John C. Brock found. He married Frances Eugenia Brown, daughter of John P. and Nancy Pippins Brown in 1876. He has to be the carpenter who built the old Means home for his uncle, James G. Brock, about 1890.

At the time of the building of the Means (Brock) home, John C. Brock was probably residing in the Yantley area. His father, William Brock (above), born 1820, is thought to have been a son of David Brock, born 1787, and a brother to John Brock, born 1816. Some Brocks remained in the Yantley area. There are some indications the John C. Brock family went to either Oklahoma or to Texas. The writer's main concern was to identify James Brock who was in the new Whynot area. He is not on the 1880 census for Lauderdale County.

James Brock, while not an early settler in Whynot, played a role in the development of new Whynot. He would have been about 50 years old when he came to the new Whynot area. James Brock not only had the Means home built, but he was the first in new Whynot to operate a grist mill. He played an important role in the development of what was the new Whynot.

THE JOHN WILLIS BROWN FAMILY

John Willis Brown was the son of Andrew and Tabitha Kelly Brown (see sketch on Andrew Brown). John Willis Brown was known as "Will". He married Mary Frances Tucker in Conecuh County, AL, on 12/23/1873. The couple were married by Rev. G.R. Scoggins of the Reorganized Church of Latter Day Saints of Monroe-Conecuh Counties. Mary Frances Tucker Brown was the daughter of Catherine McClammy Tucker and Robert Tucker. She is buried at Bethany. Her gravestone reads "Grandmother Tucker".

John Willis Brown and his wife came to the Whynot area shortly after their marriage. Their children were:

1. Ina., married George O. Rawlings, son of George W. and Malissa N. Henderson Rawlings in 1898.
2. Joe W. (Joseph) born 10/1874, married Eleanor Thompson, daughter of John B. Thompson, sister to Mary J. Thompson who married J.W. Gough.
3. Thomas, born 12/1882, died 9/12/1903.
4. Jennie, married Ed Hughes, moved to Benoit, MS. (Elsie Hughes was a daughter who was still living in 1989). They lived at the old Edd Tims place. Ed Hughes was a brother to Howard Hughes of Causeyville. Another brother was Hock Hughes.
5. Elizabeth, born 5/14/1885, died 5/26/1912.
6. Robert, born 3/1/1891, died 7/1881.
7. Necha, born 3/26/1885, died 8/1/1970, married Ernest Thompson.
8. Mary, born 3/10/1890, died 12/21/1967, married Addie Brunson.
9. Mellie, born 8/17/1892, died 6/1/1974, married Eddie Burroughs.
10. Estelle, born 5/17/1894, died 11/18/1980.
11. Lude, born 12/11/1896, married Elmer Clark (son of Jim Clark).
12. J. Ennis, born 4/9/1899, died 11/8/1972, married Necha Clark, sister to Elmer Clark.

Both J.W. and Mary Frances Brown are buried at Bethany. They first lived in what is now known as the old T.A.Means home. It is thought that J.W. Brown built the house. Later, around 1900, J.W. Brown and family moved to what is presently known as the "Brown House".

Thomas Josiah Brown, brother to John Willis Brown and son of Andrew Brown, married Inez Ina Booker on 12/18/1870 at the residence of her father, William B. Booker, in Conecuh County, AL. They removed to the Whynot area and bought land where the old Ike Pigford house now stands. It is thought that Josiah built that house. At the time his father, Andrew Brown, was living at the old Bud Booker homesite, which Andrew Brown had purchased from John G. Hunter. Thomas Josiah (Joe) Brown and his wife sold this land to Andrew Brown and moved to Mounds, OK, in 1902. Andrew Brown and his second wife, Nancy P. Brown (widow of John P. Brown), whom he married on 11/6/1867, moved into the former Thomas Josiah Brown home and then sold their former residence and land to Mrs.

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Andrew (Bud) Booker. This is Etta Allen Booker who moved into the area from Cuba, AL.

The children of Thomas Josiah and Ina Booker Brown were:

1. Willie, born 1/1/1882, married Sidney Brewster.
2. Sally B., born 3/25/1885, married Gary H. Tuitt, born 4/18/1885, died 7/14/1940 in Almosa County, OR.
3. Lonnie, born 1/1887, married Eunice Clark, born 10/8/1893; died 4/1943 in Mounds, OK, sister to Elmer Clark.
4. John L., born 10/1889, married Myrtle Stevens, born 12/1902, who is still living (1989), Rt. 2, Box 16, Mounds, OK 74047.
5. T.J., born 4/1892, married Winnie Baber (died), married second M. Pearl Nowrell (died).
6. Nancy, born 4/1895, died 1920.
7. Mellie, born 8/8/1897, married R.R. Green 4/18/1926, still living (1989).

The above Eunice Clark was a dear friend of the writer's mother. Due to this friendship, Nevel and Sallie Dawson went to Oklahoma where the writer's father worked in an oil field. As a result of this, the writer and his sister, Louise, were born in Mounds, OK.

Although the writer's parents returned to Whynot, this friendship of years ago is still in place between the writer and the daughter of Eunice, Mrs. Clarice Brown Benton of Mounds, OK.

THE ANDREW BROWN FAMILY

Willis Brown, father of Andrew Brown of Whynot, Lauderdale County, MS, was born in Hancock County, GA, in 1801 and emigrated to Conecuh County, AL, in 1818. He was a lifelong agriculturist and was married to Miss Fanny Dewberry of Alabama about 1826. He died in Conecuh County in 1868, Mrs. Brown having passed away in 1834. Brown's grandfather, on his father's side, was John Brown of Georgia, probably of Scotch-Irish descent. His grandfather on his mother's side was James Dewberry.

Andrew Brown was born in Conecuh County, AL, in 1828. He received instruction in the common schools and, when old enough, labored on a farm. At age 16 he removed to Choctaw County (Yantley area), AL, and settled in the western portion where he remained until he returned in 1850 to Conecuh County. During his time in Choctaw County, AL, he probably lived with relatives. There was a J.B. Brown in the area who may have been his father's brother. In October, 1850, he married Miss Tabitha Kelly of Alabama in Conecuh County by whom he had three children: John Willis, Thomas Josiah and Frances, all of whom came to Lauderdale County, MS.

Tabitha Kelly Brown died in Conecuh County, AL, in 1866. She was a member of the Baptist Missionary Church.

The first mentioned son, John Willis, married a Miss Tucker of Alabama. John Willis Brown & Mary Francis Tucker Brown were the parents of Mrs. Lude Brown Clark.

The second son, Thomas Josiah, married Inez Ina Booker, sister of Mack H. Booker, who was the father of William Andrew (Bud) Booker. Josiah lived in and probably built the old Pigford home. They were the grandparents of Clarice Brown Benson of Mounds, OK.

The daughter, Francis Brown, married Mack Booker, who was the great grandfather of Johnny Mac Booker, Andy Booker and the children of Otis A. Booker.

After planting successfully for a time, Andrew Brown enlisted in the Confederate Army in 1861 with General Forrest's Cavalry and was connected with the Commissary Department nearly all the time until 1863 when he was discharged. He later enlisted in the Second Alabama Regiment (Colonel Carpenter commanding) and served with it until the close of the war. Afterwards he was again engaged in farming in the southeastern portion of Lauderdale County, MS, where he purchased land and, by constant accretion, owned and controlled about 1000 acres. He grew cotton, corn, oats, potatoes, etc., making his farm self-supporting. He used commercial fertilizer to some extent and thought it profitable. A portion of his land was covered with heavy pine timber.

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In connection with his planting interests, he was engaged quite extensively in milling and ginning. **NOTE:** This would put a gin on the east side of the Whynot Loop as well as a mill. Mr. Brown held the office of Justice of the Peace and was a member of the Board of Supervisors of Lauderdale County, MS, a most responsible position which he filled with eminent ability. Mr. Brown was married in November, 1867, to Mrs. Nancy Pippin Brown of Lauderdale County (widow of J.P. Brown by whom she had five sons and one daughter: J.P., G.D.P., C.B.P., R.D., J.F., and Frances Eugenia).

John Phillips (J.P.) Brown owned land in the area of the old Bud Booker home and lost his life in the Battle of Atlanta about 1865. It is thought he is buried in Marietta, GA. Later his children lived in the Yantley area. In 1858 J.P. Brown owned 20 acres of land in Section 10, Township 5, Range 18E. This land was just east of the old Ike Pigford place. John P. and Nancy lived in the northeast tip of Choctaw County, AL, before moving to Lauderdale County sometime between 1856 and 1857

Mrs. Brown was a member of the Missionary Baptist Church. Her daughter, Frances Eugenia, married John C. Brock; J.P. Brown married a Miss Bryan; G.D. married a Miss Brock; and C.B. married a Miss Pippin. The writer thinks that J.P. Brown (first husband of Nancy P. Brown) was a first cousin to Andrew Brown.

Mr. Andrew Brown was strictly honest and punctual to every obligation, a friend to education, benevolent, always willing to aid those who needed his assistance, perfectly congenial in his family relations. All his success was due to his own efforts, for his devotion to business was great and his energy unflagging. As an official he gave the highest satisfaction.

Andrew Brown's first home in Lauderdale County was at what is now known as the old Bud Booker home. Your writer remembers an old home there. It was at the time when Etta Allen Booker, wife of Bud Booker, died. There was a big front porch with lots of flowers. Your writer remembers being put on the back porch which had rooms off to the left, and being told to play and be quiet. The home was on the same style as the T.A. Means home.

Etta Allen Booker was the writer's grandmother's (Nancy Manola Allen Dawson), sister.

Andrew Brown married third to Nancy Rainer who was known as "Nan". Nan lived to be 101 years old, living out the last days of her life in Cuba, AL. Andrew and his second and third wives were buried at the Concord Cemetery in Yantley, AL, and apparently were members of the Concord Baptist Church.

THE BUCKALEW FAMILY

Zebulon Buckalew was born in Edgefield County, SC, about 1784. He was in Green County, MS, in 1820 with his wife, Mary (Polly) Raley Buckalew and children. Zebulon Buckalew was in Section 32, Township 15, Range 4W in Washington Co., AL, on 12/3/1834. He was a charter member of the Concord Baptist Church at Yantley (Choctaw County), Al, on 11/29/1845. He was received into the Buckatunna Baptist Church by experience in June, 1843. Greene County, MS, was organized in 1811. Zebulon died on 3/5/1876, probably in Washington County, AL.

The Buckalew name is written as Buckalew, Buckaloo and Buckelew. Zebulon and Mary Raley married in Edgefield District, SC, in Septembe, 1807. In as far as known, the children of Zebulon and Mary Raley Bucalew, so far as known, were:

1. William, born 1810. In August, 1840, one William Buckalew and wife, Sarah, were received by letter into the Buckatunna Baptist Church from Bethel. It is thought this Bethel Church at that time was in the upper part of Washington County which became Choctaw County in 1847. This William was still in the Buckatunna Church in 1848 when he was excluded. (Reason not known; could have been for non-attendance. By 1850 he was restored and received a letter of dismissal in June, 1850). William's wife, Sarah, was granted a letter of dismissal from Buckatunna in May, 1844.

The above William enlisted in the Confederate Army at Hinton (Scott Mountain area of Choctaw County), AL, on 5/13/1861. He served in the 13th Miss. Regiment and was discharged at Quitman (Clarke County), MS. His wife, Sarah, apparently had died during the war, for he married Louisa M. Carroll in Clarke County, MS, on 10/16/1866. Louisa M. Carroll Buckalew applied for a Confederate pension in Clarke county, Ms, (on William Buckalew's service) on 9/4/1900. She was 69 years old at the time, being born about 1831.

2. Elizabeth, born 1812. She married Peter L. Beech and nothing more is known. She was born during the period of the War of 1812. It is known that Peter L. Beech died in 1878. This family probably lived in present-day Choctaw County, AL.

3. Cynthia Ann, born 1819, was married to Henry Harris on 3/30/1843 in Lauderdale County, by E.J. Thomson. Her father, Zebulon, gave consent for the marriage. Their children in 1850 in Lauderdale County were: John 6; James 4; Zebulon 3; Cynthia 2; Henry 2 months. There was a Frances Jones, male, age 12, in this household also. The relationship to the family is unknown. They lived in the Antioch area.

By 1860 the children were: John 16, born 1844; James 14, born 1846; Zebulon 12, born 1848; Henry 10, born 1850; William 8, born 1852; Cynthia 7, born 1853; and Benjamin 6, born 1854. The above Cynthia, age 7, does not compare favorably with the

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age of 2 in 1850 (born 1848). She should have been 12 years old according to the 1850 census. It may have happened that Cynthia, age 2, in 1850 died and then the next girl was likewise named Cynthia.

It appears that this family had removed from the Whynot area by 1870. There is the possibility that the Harris' went to Newton County, MS, for one Cynthia Harris married one Thomas Robinson in that county. The date is unknown to the writer. This Robinson served in Smith's Company, Miss. Light Artillery, Confederate Army. There is a Cynthia A. Robinson buried in the Blue Springs Baptist Church Cemetery in Newton County with date of birth and death 1842-1911. If this is Cynthia Buckalew Harris, then the birth date on the tombstone is not correct, for she was married in 1843. Cynthia Buckalew, born 1819, would have been 92 years old in 1911. Her daughter, Cynthia, born 1853, would have been 53 years old in 1911. This daughter, born 1853 would have been 17 years old in 1870 and of marriageable age in the 1870's, The question arises was it the mother or the daughter who married the Robinson and is buried in the Blue Springs Cemetery in Newton County, MS. The mother, Cynthia Buckalew would have been 51 years old in 1870. The actual date of the Robinson marriage is needed, as is the age figure on Cynthia Buckalew needed from the 1860 Lauderdale County, MS, census.

4. Abraham, born 1815. He is thought to have married Louisa Hagu ewood in June, 1868. An Abraham and Louisa Buckalew were members of the Buckatunna Baptist Church at Snell (Clarke County, MS.

Abraham and Louisa were living in the Hurricane area (Blankstown) in 1870. Please do not confuse this Abraham, born 1815, with the Abraham born in 1825 who is thought to have been the son of William Buckalew, born 1795, in SC and who possibly was a brother to Zebulon.

Nearby Abraham, born 1815, was his son, Simon Buckalew, (age 21), born in Alabama in 1849, with his wife, (Mary E. Day, age 19, born in MS in 1851), whom he married in Lauderdale County on 1/12/1869. Mary E. Day was the daughter of John and Frances Townsend Day.

In Simon Buckalew's household in 1870 there was a Frances Thompson, born 1832, in AL, with her three children: Renday 14, John 12 and Clarisy, 8. Simon C. Buckalew and family removed to Texas.

Abraham Buckalew married second Mrs. Mary Hagewood (Hagwood) in 1876 inLauderdale County and fathered two children: Ida, born in 1877 and Walter, born in 1880. In 1885 these two children, along with his second wife's two children Margaret (15) and Sealey (13) Hagewood, to whom Abraham was guardian, were in his household.

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1870 Census of Lauderdale County, MS

Abraham Buckalew	55, born MS in 1815
Louisa	51, born MS
Nancy J.	17, born in 1853; member of Buckatunna in Aug. 1868
James A.	16, born 1854
William D.	14, born 1856
Mary A.	7, born 1863
Ivey (female)	5, born 1865

Louisa, wife of the above Abraham, died between 1870 and 1876, after which Abraham remarried. By 1876, Nancy J. was about 25, James A. 24, William D. 22, Mary A. 15. These children were probably out of Abraham's household by 1876. The "Ivey" (female, age 5 in 1870) was not in his household in 1880 and may have died. It is not known where Abraham is buried.

5. Jane, born 1818. Probably her full given name was Nancy Jane. No record except that she may have married a Robertson. An N.J. Buckalew (female) was a member of Buckatunna Church in August, 1868.

6. James Madison, Sr., born 1821.

1850 Census of Choctaw County, AL

J.M. Buckalew Sr.	29, born 1821 in MS, planter
M. Eliza (Powell)	19, born 1833 in NC
F. Luthard	10, relationship unknown

Next door:

Zebulon Buckalew	60, born in SC, planter
Mary (Polly) Raley	55
Caroline	14, born 1836 in MS
Mary	16, born 1834 in AL
Brunas (Byron)	12, born 1838 in AL

1860 census Choctaw County, AL 41-237

Buckalew, J.M. Sr.	28, born MS 1832
E.	27, born NC 1833
A.J. (female)	7, born AL 1853
J.M. (Jr.)	5, born AL 1855
M.A. (female)	3, born AL 1857
A.M. (male)	6/12, born AL 1860

James Madison, born 1821, married Mary Elizabeth Powell, probably in Choctaw County, AL (no record available). James M. Buckalew, Sr., enlisted into the Confederate Army where he lost his life.

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With his age at 40 years, he would not have been accepted into the army as a volunteer when the war first commenced, and it was probably 1864-65 before he entered the service when the Confederate Army was desperate for manpower. At that time any age was acceptable for enlistment. After his death, his widow married David Samuel Hill Shannon. James Madison Buckalew, Jr. married Mollie Francis Gough, sister to John W. Gough and daughter to T. H. B. and Josephine Culbreth Gough. One of their sons, James H. (Jamie) Buckalew, born 3/7/1891, married Irene May Goodman, daughter of Ed Goodman and his second wife, Jeffie Boswell. The children of James H. and Irene May Goodman Buckalew were John R. , Ottis and Ruth. Martha Jefferson Boswell was known as Jeffie. She was also mother of Nina Bell Goodman Booker and the daughter of Kinsey W. and Bell Zora Hunt Boswell. James Madison Buckalew, Jr., lived near the present residence of James and Deloris Reynolds.

James Madison Buckalew, Sr., Married Mary Elizabeth Powell on 9/19/1849 and he died on 10/8/1864. Their children were:

A. Margaret, born 6/12/1852, married first to Jerry Phillips and second to Robert Waller.

B. Mary Molly, born 12/31/1857, married James Wallace.

C. James Madison, Jr., born 2/27/1860, married Mary Frances Gough. Their children were:

1. Willie Mary, born 9/27/1889, died young.

2. James Henry, born 3/7/1891, married Irene May Goodman.

3. Charles Franklin, born 1/7/1893, died 6/24/1916.

4. Mayme Ethel, born 12/14/1894-5, married Fred Franklin Dickens.

5. Jeffery Judson, born 6/14/1897, died 12/1/1899.

6. T. J., born 5/24/1899, married Lucy Means.

7. Sara (Sally) Kathryn, born 1/25/1902, married Edwards first and Dick Waller second.

8. Fanny Erline, born 8/27/1905, married first Ade Griff? And second Brady Shirley.

9. John Edmund, born 6/13/1908, married Ruth Morrow.

7. Ira, born 1825, married second Nancy Culpepper 25 Sept. 1851, who was born in 1827. Ira was buried at Liberty; Nancy is buried at Bethany. Her daughter, Nancy Ophelia McGregor married Jacob L. Godwin. They were the parents of Wilburn Godwin and Beulah t. Godwin who married Jospeh Koonce.

Ira Buckalew's first wife was Martha Culpepper. Two issues of Simeon C. 29 Oct 1848 and Mary 29 Dec 1849. This family apparently lived in the area of the Liberty Baptist Church (Alamucha area) as both were members of that church.

8. Mary C. (Polly), born 1834, married William Washington Shirley who was born 1/1/1830. Their children in 1860 were: Frances E. (Fanny) 5 and William B. (Brunner) 3. W.W. Shirley

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is buried in the cemetery of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church at Snell, and it is assumed that Mary C. is likewise buried in that cemetery.

9. Caroline, born 1836. She may have married a Wright. A Carolyn Wright joined Buckatunna Baptist Church by letter in August, 1870.

10. Byron, born 1838; no information.

It should be noted that the Buckalew family, like other families, used the same names for family members, which can really confuse a researcher. For example: Zebulon had a son Abraham who married a Louisa. Zebulon's brother, thought to be William (see below), married a Louisa, and the writer thinks Zebulon had a brother Abraham.

1850 Census Choctaw County, AL

William Buckalew	55, born 1795 in SC
Ruth	55, born in SC
Abraham	25, born 1825 in AL
James	22, born in AL
William	18, born 1832 in AL
Andrew (A.J.?)	16, born in AL
Harriett	15, born 1835 in AL

It is presumed that this William Buckalew may have been a brother to Zebulon Buckalew.

Both Zebulon and his wife filed for a War of 1812 pension, but neither was approved. Zebulon served in Captain Bryant Marsh's Company under Col-Samuel May, having volunteered in either January or February of 1813. Evidently they could not prove the service time.

He and his wife lived most of their lives in a general area along the Mississippi/Alabama State Lines - sometimes in Mississippi and sometimes in Alabama.

NOTE: According to the Richard Laskey files, records from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Muskogee, OK, Commission of the Five Civilized Tribes, Meridian, MS, 9/20/1901, Nancy Griffin, daughter of John and Harriett Conner (Connor) Griffin married Joseph Allen Buckalew. On 9/20/1901 Nancy Buckalew lived at Bergamont in Choctaw County, AL, and she was 72 years old (born 1829). It is unknown what relation this Joseph Allen Buckalaew was to Zebulon Buckalew. (See Grimes History for more on Griffins.)

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON (WASH) BUTLER FAMILY

This family is first picked up in Lauderdale County, MS, in 1845. According to the County Guardian Records, Aaron Butler applied to the probate court to be appointed guardian of his own children on 12/6/1845. The children were: George W., William, John Anderson, Thomas J., Aaron (Jr.), Samuel G., Mary, Herbert, Marion (Martin?), Lewis, Sarah Ann and Martha Ann. Apparently the wife and mother had expired after the birth of Martha Ann.

1850 Census of Lauderdale County, MS

Elijah Tedder	40, born SC
Mary	25, born MS
Margaret U.	7
Samantha E.	5
Angevine (female)	6/12
Wash Butler	27, born 1827 in AL. This age may be wrong.
Temperance	22, born MS
Mary	3
Ellen	1

The above would imply that Wash and Tempy were married about 1847-48. It is not known what relation, if any, Wash and Tempy were to Elijah and Mary Tedder. Mary may have been a sister to Wash.

There is no record of Wash's marriage since the county marriage records for this period are missing. The above daughters, Mary and Ellen, are not listed on the 1860 census. Mary would have been 13 and may have married. Ellen would have been 11 years old in 1860. Both may have died sometime in the 1850's.

1860 Census Lauderdale County, MS

G.W. Butler 40, born 1820 in AL. Gravestone: Born 1/15/1815; died 5/10/1867. Buried Martin Cemetery near Clarke County line.

Temperance	28, born MS
James (Jim)	6, born 1854 in MS. Father of William Butler who married Vergie Dearman.
William	3, born 1857 in MS

It should be noted that there were two George W. Butlers in the area. One was the above George Washington (Wash) Butler; the other George W. Butler was of a different set of Butlers. There was also a George H. Butler in the area.

Next to the above G.W. Butler were some of his siblings:

Aaron Butler	32, born 1828 in GA
Anderson	30, born 1830 in AL
Herbert	26, born 1834 in AL

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Martin 23, born 1837 in AL
Lewis F. (L.F.) 21, born 1839 in AL, married S.A. Rester in 1866
Sarah 18, born 1842 in AL, married John Martin
in 1866 (2nd wife). Their son, John Henry married M.C.
(Cannie) Martin (daughter of C.C. Martin)

Nearby was an Ellen Butler, age 65, born 1795, living alone.
This Ellen may have been related to the G.W. Butler family.

The writer notes that often the age on census records is incorrect.

Later the Wash Butler family would experience the birth of Julia Butler in 1870 who would marry Jesse Wilson Robinson, (known as Wilsie), son of Haney and Martha Shannon Robinson.

It was this Julia that lived to be nearly 100 years old and who was so admired and respected by those who knew her. Her children by Jesse Wilson Robinson were: Elmer, Everett and Mollie. Mollie Ella Robinson married Robert (Rob) K. Sims in 1913 in Lauderdale County.

There is an indication that G.W.'s full name was George Washington B. Butler as indicated on the 1880 census.

Washington Butler served in Co. E, 7th Miss. Inf; then later, in Co. C, 5th Miss. Regiment State Troops. His wife, Tempy, applied and drew a Confederate pension in 1916 when she was 89 years old. At the time she was living with her daughter, Mrs. J.W. Robinson. This would be Julia who married Jesse Wilson Robinson, son of Haney Robinson.

1880 Census Lauderdale County, MS

W.B. Butler 60, born 1820 in AL. Parents born in SC.
(G.W.B. Butler) So it is known they came here from SC through GA and AL.
Tempy 50, born 1830 in AL
Herbert (L) 15, born 1865 in AL. This is the Herbert L. Butler who married Alma Robinson, daughter of Louis Henry (Haney) Robinson.
Jane (A) 13, born 1867 in AL
Polly (Mary) 80, born 1800 in AL. It is not known what relation she was to the Wash Butler family. She cannot be his mother since his mother apparently died before 1845. If his father, Aaron, Sr., remarried, she would have been Wash Butler's step-mother.

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The above Polly (Mary) and the above Jane, daughter of Wash Butler, are mentioned in the Ebenezer Baptist Church minutes in December, 1878.

Julia Butler's brother, Herbert L. Butler, married Alma Robinson, daughter of Haney Robinson and a sister to Julia's husband, Jesse Wilson Robinson. The children of Herbert L. and Alma Robinson Butler were:

1. Earnest, who married Pernetia Maggard
2. Curtis, who married Gladys Ford, daughter of Uriah and Allie Goree Ford.
3. Jim
4. Earlene
5. Luna, who married Charles Thomas.
6. Lucy, who married ? Ruthledge.
7. Ora, who married Charles Iaggard.
8. Ina, who married Dave Maggard. She was living in 1992 at the age of 92.
9. Christine, who is remembered by the writer.

Alma died shortly after the birth of Christine.

The Wash Butler family left Ebenezer Baptist Church and some became members of the Whynot Methodist Church and still later, some were members of Bethany Baptist Church.

L.F. Butler served in Company E, 7th Miss. Regiment in the Civil War with his brother, Wash Butler. L.F. enlisted in 1862 in Lauderdale County, MS, and served for 18 months. He filed for a Confederate pension on 8/28/1920 when he was 32 years old. His address at the time was Route 2, Quitman, MS.

The writer was not able to trace other siblings of Wash Butler and feels that they may have removed from the area.

THE WILLIAM BUTLER FAMILY
and
THE RICHARD FRANKLIN BUTLER FAMILY
(Known as "Frank")

1850 Census of Lauderdale County, MS

William Butler	56, born 1794 in SC - grandfather to James Allen Butler, Sr.
Frances	50, born SC
William	15, born 1835 in MS
Franklin (Richard F.)	13, born 1837 in MS
George W.	11, born 1839 in MS

R.F. Butler became a member of the Ebenezer Baptist Church in November, 1855. In 1854 a John and a William Butler became members. These two may have been brothers to R.F. It is known that he had one brother, "Bill" (William).

R.F. Bulter married Louise T. Rainer in 1856 in Lauderdale County. They lived in an area southwest of present-day Whynot and near Causeyville. (At times he may have been referred to as "Frank, Sr.").

1860 Census of Lauderdale County, MS

Richard Butler	22, born 1838 in MS. At that time his personal wealth was \$1,000.
Louisa	20, born in TN
Frances	3, born in MS
Nancy	2, born in MS
James A. (Allen)	6/12, born 1860 in MS.

Next door were his parents, William Butler, 68, born 1792 in SC, and Frances, 61, also born in SC. In this household there was a George W. Butler, born 1839 in MS (who was a brother to R.F. Butler). Next door to him was another brother, J.W. Butler, 25, born in AL, with his wife, Lucinda, born in AL and daughter, Saphronia, age 4. These Butlers were not listed on the 1870 census. In 1880 the above daughters, Frances and Nancy, were out of the household. The other children were:

1. James Allen, born 1860, married Mary Elizabeth Waller in 1880. Their children were:

A. J.A., Jr., married Callie Hagwood, whose issues were Grady, Elton, Robert and Carrol (Carol).

B. Howard M., married Cannie Hagwood. Issues were Cecil, H.M., Jr., Mildred, Louise, Margaret, Lessie Mae and Julian.

C. Charlie E., married Effie Boswell. Issues were Elbert, C.E., Bobby Ray, Tommie Joe, Earline, Dixie, Ruth, Willie Merle and J.C. Effie Boswell was daughter of Elbert and Ida Scott Boswell. She was a first cousin to Luther N. Boswell. Charlie E. Butler was born in 1886.

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D. Elbert, married Margaret ? Removed from area to Natchez, MS.

E. Betty, married Dr. Atwood. Issues were William Paul, Herbert, Thomas Earl and Betty. Lived in Clarke County, MS.

F. Frank, married Viola Butler. Issues were Edward, Lyle, Harold, J.W., Retha, Vernice, Miriam, Caroline and Myrtis.

G. Vera, married Adena Boswell. Issue was a daughter, Merlyn.

H. Mamie, married Dossie Boswell. Issues were two sons, Lindsey and W.D. Lived at York, AL.

I. Fannie, married Evan Boswell, who was a brother to Miss Effie Boswell who married Charlie Butler. No issue.

J. Ora, who never married.

2. Delphy (Delphia), age 18, married ? Gunn. Born 1862, received by experience in Ebenezer Baptist Church in September, 1877, along with her brother, J.A. Butler.

3. Keziah, age 16, born in 1864; married ? Stewart. Received by experience in Ebenezer Baptist Church in 1877. NOTE: There was an Ollie Butler who also joined by experience at this time. Possibly a sibling to J.A., Delphia, and Keziah.

4. George (H), born 1866, 14 years old in 1880. Married Louisa Kornegay (who was a sister to Georgia Ann Kornegay who married Andrew Miles Linton). Issues were.

A. Clarence

B. Big Charlie

C. Carmon, who married Maud Tinnin. Two of their children were Harold C, who died in 1983, and Opal, who married Eugene Maggard.

D. Carlos

E. Henry Grady

F. Monroe, who married Jesse Maggard in 1909

G. Owen

H. Velma, baby child and only daughter, who married J.A. Smith as his second wife.

George H. Butler lived near Causeyville. The home he built is still standing, located on the road leading west off the Whynot/Causeyville Road that passes the present residence of Miss Thelma Ford.

5. Peyton, age 12 in 1880

6. Koing(?), age 10. Writer thinks this has to be Ollie. The name is not legible on the census record.

7. John, age 8

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8. Ida, age 6 in 1880, born 1874, married B.F. Still in 1893.

9. Celester (Letta), married Henry Gough, brother to John W. Gough and son of T.H.B. and Josephine Culbreth Gough. Lived just west of Miller's Lane in a house on the left of Old Highway 19 leading west up the hill from Miller's Lane. Their only child was Oscar Gough.

10. Thomas, age 9 months in 1880

11. Annie, age 9 months in 1880

As one can see, the last children born of this marriage were twins. Annie married Luther Boswell. They were members of Bethany Baptist Church and were parents of a number of children, including Annie Ruth Boswell, an expert basketball player and graceful dancer.

While these Butlers attended church at Ebenezer Baptist Church after their arrival in the area, most later became members of Bethany Baptist Church. There are many descendants of this Butler family in the Whynot area (1992).

There is nothing left of the old James Allen Butler, Sr., home now - only a couple of the old trees remain. The writer, when he served as a Navy recruiter in the 1950's at Meridian, used to go to Mr. Butler's home to get enlistment documents notarized. Mr. Butler always obliged, saying, "I usually get a quarter for this". Descendants of James Allen and Mary Elizabeth Waller Butler now hold their annual family reunion in the Whynot Community Center.

THE CARR FAMILY

1850 Census for Clarke County, MS Dwelling #109

David Carr	51, farmer, real estate \$1500, born NC 1799
Elizabeth	40, born GA
Samuel	20, born GA
John	18, born GA 1832
Elizabeth	16, born GA 1834
Melton	14, born GA 1836
Margaret	12, born GA 1842
James	12, born GA 1842
Marshall	7, born GA 1843
Richard	6, born GA 1844
Anderson	5, born GA 1845
Benjamin	2, born GA 1848
Cornelia	1, born MS 1849

This family was in Clarke Co., MS, by 1849. Full research was not carried out by the writer, but he feels that the above David and Elizabeth Carr are the parents of the John Carr who was the father of David (Dave) Washington Carr and that John was the above John, born in GA in 1832. If this is true, then the Carrs came to the Whynot area through GA from NC.

The above John Carr married Avaline ? , probably in Choctaw County, AL. (Records destroyed by fire). No record of marriage in Lauderdale County, MS.

John and Avaline Carr's children were:

1. John, wife's name not known. This family lived in Tylertown, MS. Both were postmaster and postmistress. One was a Democrat and one was a Republican and maintained the job at the postoffice for many years by alternating as politics shifted from one party to the other. Their children were: Clarence, Rose, Avaline, John and Mamie.

2. Henry, who married Lela Williams. Their children were: Lamar (long-time jeweler of Meridian); and Ilene. This family lived at Causeyville.

3. Victoria, who married first a Smith. They had one child, a son, Curtis. She married second Ervin Blanks. Two of their children were Lollie and Chester.

4. Ida, who married Lincoln Ford on 3/31/1896 in Clarke County, MS. Their children were: Ruby, Jessie, Minnie, Evelyn, Horace and Thelma, who was a long-time and highly respected teacher in the Whynot school.

5. Sam (Samuel A.), who married Nora Thompson in Clarke County, MS, on 11/10/1892. This family lived in the Quitman, MS, area.

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6. David (Dave) Washington, who married Claudia M. Mooney in Lauderdale County, MS, on 1/26/1898. They were married by J.W. Ellis, minister of the Gospel, and Lincoln Ford furnished bond. Their children were:

A. Ruth, who married Elmer Edwards and lived in Gulfport, MS

B. Eugene Mooney, who married Thelma Daisy Allen, daughter of Will and Net Allen. Their children were: Rowena, D.W. and Mary Ellis.

C. Kate, who married Leon Reynolds, dau 5 Mer 8t ie .

D. Ethel, who married Leo McRae. Their children were: Robert (Bob), Carolyn and James (Jim).

E. Russell, who never married. He died at the age of 39. He suffered from diabetes all his life and during his days the medical treatments of today were not available to him.

F. Earnest, who died young.

G. Ray, who died young.

The writer received his first driver's license from the above Russell Carr when he operated a service station on the east end of the present Dement Printing Company. After receipt of the driver's license, the writer proceeded out on 6th street where he immediately bumped into the back of another car. There were no damages and the writer then proceeded to drive the A-Model Ford home with a thankful heart.

The writer well remembers "Mr. Dave", as he was known, when he was supervisor for Beat 5, Lauderdale County. The writer also remembers Mrs. Carr, his wife, who ran the Carr store for many years.

The writer was taught by Mrs. Kate Carr Reynolds in the third grade at Whynot Consolidated High School. All through the years to the present, the writer has held "Miss Kate" in high esteem, for she has been a true friend and counselor to the writer. Mr. and Mrs. Dave Carr moved from Whynot in their later years to a location on Highway 45 south of Meridian.

Additional Information:

Avaline Carr was granted a letter of dismissal from the Buckatunna Baptist Church in 1873, thus implying the Carrs were then living in the area of that church in Clarke County, MS, and close to the Alabama line.

THE CHATHAM FAMILY

Darius Chatham married Elizabeth Clacker, or Corkler, probably in Putman, GA. One of their children, a son, William Darius Chatham, (also known as William Penn Darius Chatham), was born in 1816 or 1818, probably in Putman County, GA. He was married to Elizabeth (Betsy) Wolfe, daughter of James Wolfe, by January, 1842, (may have married in Mississippi). Their children were:

1. Clementine, born about 1842. Married Absalom Taylor. When she died he married her sister, Mary L.

2. Elizabeth, born 12/9/1844 in Clarke County, MS. She married John Martin Shirley in 1868. They removed to Texas.

3. Benjamin Franklin, born 8/22/1846 in Clarke County, MS. He married Mary Elizabeth Buckalew in Clarke County, MS, 11/24/1868. He died 8/22/1914 and is buried in the Shamburger Cemetery in Lauderdale County.

4. James Wilson, born 11/10/1849 in Clarke County, MS. He married first Margaret J. Stinson Waller on 2/14/1868 in Clarke County, MS. The children of J.W. (Jimmy) and Margaret Jean Stinson Waller Chatham were:

A. James Wilson, Jr., born 12/6/1869 in Lauderdale County MS., married Viola Hagwood on 10/20/1889 in Lauderdale County.

B. Margaret Elizabeth, born 2/23/1872, married George W. Hughes on 6/15/1898 as his second wife. (See Hughes history)

C. John Sims, born 6/17/1875, married Ina Butler on 11/20/1898

D. Benjamin Franklin, born 9/2/1877, married Belzora Butler on 11/18/1897.

E. Celie Annie, born 7/2/1883, married Floyd Churchill Hagwood on 12/5/1895. (See Hagwood-Haguewood history)

F. Clemie, born 9/23/1882-3, died at age 2.

G. Edd E., born 10/10/1884, married Claudie Scruggs on 1/28/1905. The writer thinks Claudie's full name was Corine Annie Molly Dovie Scruggs. Their children were:

1. John

2. Jiggs, never married

3. Sadie, married H.M. Butler, Jr.

4. Harve, married Julia Nell Hoffer

5. Essie, married Lamar Shirley

H. Luther Ellis, born 7/18/1887, married Ida Robinson on 1/24/1909.

I. Mollie J., born 10/15/1890, married Moody Hagwood. James Wilson Chatham, Jr., born 11/10/1849, married second MarthaJane Wolfe (Mattie) on 9/12/1931.

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5. Reuben Darius, born 4/9/1848 in Clarke County, MS, married Martha Whitaker. Buried in Long Creek Cemetery.
6. Mary L., born about 1850 in Clarke County, MS, married Absolom Taylor.
7. Elijah D., born about 1854 in Clarke County, MS, married Mary Helen Smith.
8. William D., born about 1856, married Nancy Tew.

After the death of Elizabeth Wolfe Chatham, William Penn Darius Chatham married second Celia Jane Waller Wolfe, the widow of Rev. Mathias Wolfe. There was no issue of their marriage. Celia Jane Waller Wolfe Chatham was the daughter of Asa and Margaret Sloan Waller.

William Penn Darius was of medium stature. He was well educated and had a beautiful handwriting. This handwriting brought forth the name Penn. Due to cataracts, he was blind at death. The early Chathams are buried in the Hagwood Home Site Cemetery. This is a fenced-in cemetery located three-tenths of a mile up the Leslie Hagwood home driveway just west of Center Grove Cemetery. Other Chathams are buried in the Center Grove Cemetery.

An old and respected name, Chatham is also spelled "Chatom".

THE CLARK FAMILY

Henry (Hennerly) Clark was born 8/13/1756, probably in England since family legend has it that he was there. A document held by Mrs. Clara Dee Means Turner of Mt. Sterling, AL, reflects that Henry Clark served in the Vermont Militia in the Revolutionary War. He married Elizabeth Gilbert. Their children were:

1. Cherry (female), born 2/25/1783
2. Elizabeth, born 1/27/1785
3. Salvery (Sylvia), born 6/27/1787. She is thought to have married William Wooten and lived in the Alamucha area.
4. Rebecca, born 5/12/1790
5. William J. Sr., born 3/30/1793
6. James, born 9/15/1795
7. Espsey (sex unknown), born 4/17/1800
8. Henry Langueford (Sangford, Sandford), born 9/18/1802

The above William J. Clark, known as William Clark, Sr., married Elizabeth Milender (Malinda?) Phillpott (Phillips). It is thought that she was a sister to Sarah Phillpott Phillips) who was the wife of William Smith. The Smith's were charter members of Mt. Gilead Baptist Church in 1847. William J. Clark, Sr., was a Baptist preacher at Harmony Church in Sumter County in 1839 where he was excluded for his religious beliefs - this being that his beliefs had, no doubt, changed to those of the Primitive Baptist faith - believing only in home missions. William J. went on to establish the Bethel Primitive Baptist Church at Antioch in Whynot in 1840. It was there that Ransom H. Robinson, son of William H. Robinson, after days of praying, crying and thinking, accepted Christ as his Saviour through William Clark, Sr., in 1840. (See Robinson history).

This William J. Clark, Sr., married Thomas H. Goodwyn and Elizabeth Vaughn in Sumter County on 8/23/1837. Thomas H. (Howard) Goodwyn was the grandfather of Howard Goodwyn, a long time resident of Whynot.

One of William J. Clark's sons, William J. Clark, Jr., born 1815, married Mary (Polly) ? She may have been Mary Smith. Both are buried in the old Ebenezer Cemetery just west of Causeyville. William J., Jr., was born 1815 and died 1905 at the age of 90. Polly was born 1820 and died 1917.

Another son of William, Sr. and Elizabeth Milenda Clark was Samuel, the youngest, according to the Lauderdale County Deed Book B, page 182. On 9/25/1840, William and Elizabeth gave

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Samuel a slave, a black man about 22 years old. This deed was made when Samuel, perhaps, was under age. No further record is found on Samuel and he is presumed to have died early.

One, Atlas Clark, born 1820 in Tennessee, married Elizabeth Robinson, daughter of Doctor and Nancy Robinson (who lived in the area of the old Jay place in Whynot). In 1850 their children were: William A. (Atlas) 5, Mary 4 and Nancy 2. They lived in Township 5, Range 18E in 1850 and are thought to have removed westward in the late 1850's. It is not known what kin, if any, Atlas was to William Clark, Sr.

Marion Clark, born 1826 in Alabama, was a son of William Clark, Sr., as his mother, Elizabeth, was living with him in 1850. In 1860 Marion Clark was 34 years of age, born 1826 in Alabama. He was living in the area south of old Whynot with his wife, Mary, age 30, born in Alabama, in 1820 with the following children: William J. 11 born 1849, Elkanah 6, and Josephus.

Marion Clark's mother, Elizabeth (and wife of William Clark, Sr.), died between 1850 and 1860. William Clark, Sr., died prior to 1850.

The maiden name of Marion's wife was Smith. It has been fairly well documented that she was Mary Ann Smith, daughter of William and Sarah Phillpott (Phillips) Smith, and that she was 10 years old plus in 1840 while living in Bibb County, AL. There is an indication that one of Marion Clark's brothers was Buford Clark. This Buford Clark left Salem Baptist Church in 1850 and no further record is found on him. He apparently removed from the area.

The above James Clark, born 9/15/1795, son of Henry and Elizabeth Gilbert Clark, married Rachael Crenshaw. Very probably Rachael Crenshaw was a sister to Sarah Crenshaw who was the wife of Joseph Williams who resided in the Antioch area of Whynot. In 1840 James and Rachael were in the household of their son, William Clark, in the old Whynot area. Living nearby was a M. Crenshaw and a Samuel Crenshaw, both males, possibly relatives of Rachael. It is believed that the M. Crenshaw was Micajah Crenshaw who was a mmeber of the Board of Police of Lauderdale County in 1842 from Beat 5.

James and Rachael were deceased by 1850. William Clark, born 1818, is the only known child of James and Rachael. This is the William Clark of old Whynot. He married Lucinda Jones on 3/13/1843 in Lauderdale County. They were married by E.J. Thomason, Justice of the Peace for Beat 5. Lucinda was the daughter of Thomas Shelby (deceased by 1850) and Hannah Rainer Jones. She was a sister to Charlotte Jones who married first Austin Lacy and second Isaac Spinks. Charlotte and Isaac Spinks were the parents of Martha J. Spinks who married J.H. (Jim) Clark.

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The above Henry S., born 1802, son of Henry, married Mary A. Spinks?. According to Henry S. Clark's will, his children were: Thomas J, Charlotte J, William J. and Elizabeth M. Henry S. Clark died between September 1848, when his will was made, and March, 1849, when the will was probated.

The 1850 census of Lauderdale County reflects the widow of Henry S. living next door to Hannah Rainer Jones with children: Thomas J. 16, born AL; Charlotte J. 14, born MS; and William J., Jr. 12 born GA?

There is no record on the daughter, Elizabeth M., who was alive in 1848 when Henry S. made his will. Mary Ann, widow of Henry, living near Hannah Rainer Jones, indicates that her maiden name may have been Rainer. It is also possible that her maiden name may have been Spinks since she lived close to Isaac Spinks who helped to settle Henry S. Clark's estate.

One of James and Rachel Crenshaw's sons probably was Samuel Clark who married Elizabeth Jones in Lauderdale County on 3/13/1841. Elizabeth's guardian at the time was Charles Jones, so she was not a sister to Lucinda Jones, who was the daughter of Thomas S. Jones and married William Clark, son of James and Rachael Crenshaw Clark. This Samuel and Elizabeth lived in Section 5, Township 5, Range 18E just north of the northern boundary of the Whynot Loop.

The 1850 census of Lauderdale County reflects William Clark, born 1818, as a farmer with children: John 6, James 6 and Elizabeth 2. The 1860 census reflects the following children: John 16, James 14, Hannah (Elizabeth), no age given, Thomas 9, Rachael 7 and Joseph 4. All were born in Mississippi. William Clark, born 10/1/1818, died 9/24/1894. Lucinda Jones Clark was born 5/3/1820, died 4/19/1908. Both are buried in the Bethany Baptist Church cemetery. Their children were:

1. John George, born 1844, married Nancy B. Booker, daughter of Mack and Frances Brown Booker. In 1885 his school-age children were: Claudy 12 and Sidney (male) 8. In 1900 he and his wife, Nancy, were living in the general area of the present residence of Andy Booker (1990). Legend has it that his family removed westward after 1900.

2. James H. (Jim), married Martha J. Spinks in 1881. They were the parents of Elmer Clark who married Lude Brown (Nannie Lou). Martha J. Spinks was a sister to Caroline Spinks who married Lee Pigford. Their brother was Charles S. Spinks, with whom Martha resided in 1870 in the Toomsaba area. Martha J., Caroline and Charles S. Spinks' parents were Isaac and Charlotte Jones Lacy Spinks. James H, born 2/28/1846, died 11/27/1931. Martha J, born 4/14/1854, died 12/7/1931. James

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H. Clark and Martha J. Spinks were first cousins. They died within a month of each other and both are buried at Bethany. James H. Clark served in Company G, 6th Miss. Cavalry, Confederate Army and later drew a Confederate pension.

3. Hannah Elizabeth (Lizzie), born 6/8/1848, died 12/8/1938. She is buried at Bethany. She never married.

4. Thomas Austin, born 1850, died 1917. He never married. He was head of his mother's household in 1900, age 49, single. This household was located across the road from the present residence of Johnny Mac Booker on old Highway 19 East. Residing in this household in 1900 were his mother, Lucinda 80, Hannah Elizabeth 50, and Mary C. 30.

5. Isabella, born 8/15/1853, married J.E. Merrell in 1876. She died 7/11/1907 and is buried at Bethany. Legend has it that this couple moved from the Whynot area for a brief period and then returned. There is a William Grady Merrell (born 9/6/1893, died 9/19/1895) who is buried beside Isabella. It is not known if this William G. was her son. J.E. Merrell left the Bethany Baptist Church in 1918. The old Merrell home was located in the Hurricane Creek area.

6. Joseph J. (Joe), born 1856, married F.A. Wallace (Missouri) who was born in 1859. They had no children. They first lived where Jamie Roberson now resides (1992). Later they lived where Dennis Riley now resides (1992). Both are buried at Bethany.

7. Mary Charlotte, born 8/22/1860. She never married. She died 12/13/1945 and is buried at Bethany. Apparently she was named after her grandmother.

Members of the above William Clark family probably were charter members of the Bethany Baptist Church which was constituted in 1867.

The Clarks may have settled early in Marengo County, AL, then moved to Sumter County, AL, around 1833. They arrived in Lauderdale (Whynot area) County in 1838. According to the 1838 Personal Tax Roll of Lauderdale County, William Clark, Sr., paid one poll tax and one tax on a slave in the amount of one dollar. Henry S. Clark paid one poll tax in the amount of 372 in 1838. Both were sons of Henry Clark (born 8/13/1756).

It is certain that the Clark family was in the area early and was one of the first families of Whynot. Some of the related families were the Smith, Crenshaws, Williams, Gilbert and others.

NOTE: By studying the families and all information and materials, the writer feels sure that many of the first families to arrive in the Whynot area were acquainted with each other, and that many of these families were connected through marriage.

THE SAM COTTON FAMILY

Sam Cotton was the son of Willis Harvey and Rebecca (Stovall?) Cotton. According to Rebecca Cotton's Confederate pension application, her husband, Willis Harvey Cotton, enlisted in Company E, 43rd Alabama Infantry, in 1862 in Marengo County, AL. He was killed in 1864 in Petersburg, VA. She filed for the pension in 1916 and it appears her file was transferred from another location to Lauderdale County.

At the time she filed for a pension in Lauderdale County, she was living with her only child, a son (Samuel Cotton). Samuel Cotton had returned from Texas with his children after the death of his wife.

The Cotton home stood, until a few years ago, on the hill to the right as one travels east on old Highway 19 East and passes the Kelva McRae Road. It was a rather large house.

The children of Samuel Cotton were:

1. Nora, married Luther Pogue
2. Laura, married Arthur Pogue
3. Martha
4. Beatrice
5. Mildred
6. Van, received by letter into Bethany Baptist Church in 1917.
7. Willis Samuel, born 11/5/1894, died 5/26/1963. Buried in Oak Grove Cemetery. His wife's given name was Mary Myrtle. He may have been a "Junior". His son, Earl, born 2/20/1921, died 4/21/1921, is buried nearby.

Luther and Nora Cotton Pogue were the parents of Lawrence Pogue. Arthur and Laura Cotton Pogue were the parents of Merle Pogue Bishop. Another daughter was Inez who was in the writer's graduation class at the Whynot Consolidated High School. The writer well remembers Mr. Arthur and Miss Laura who were the proud parents of 13 children.

1860 Census of Lauderdale County, MS

J.A. Stovall	48, born 1812 in NC
Amanda (wife)	30, born 1830 in MS
L.E. (female)	24, born in TN
William Cotton	16, born 1844 in MS
John Cotton	14, born in MS
Thomas Cotton	12, born in MS
Mary Cotton	9, born in MS

Living nearby was C.J. Stovall, age 22, born 1838 in AL. The above Cotton children were perhaps related to Samuel Cotton. The writer regrets that he could not find additional information.

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The old Caleb Elijah Creel home in Whynot is located near the fire tower and also near the present residence of Clyde Roberson. Your writer remembers this home, as he visited the home many times in his youth with his mother. By legend, the Creels came from NC

The parents of Caleb E. Creel were Collin and Nannie Hill Creel who were married in Lauderdale County on 6/10/1875. Collin Creel had a brother, Albert, who married Eliza A. Jones in Lauderdale County in 1876.

Joel and Will Creel may have been brothers to Collin Creel.

The Creels apparently came to the Whynot area in the early 1870's after the Civil War.

Caleb E. Creel was the first child of Collin and Nannie Hill Creel, being born on April 24, 1876. He died on April 24, 1939, at the age of 63 years.

Caleb Elizah Creel married Frances B. (Brucie) Perry, daughter of James (Jim) B. and Nancy Kornegay Perry. Nancy Kornegay's parents were Louis W. (born NC) and Allie Hart Kornegay, according to the family Bible held by Miriam Creel Brewster. L.W. Kornegay died of heart disease on 3/29/1894. Louis W. Kornegay served as postmaster of the old Whynot postoffice from 1/26/1872 until 6/5/1876.

James (Jim) B. Perry was the son of Robert Rowland and his second wife, Nancy Knight Perry.

Caleb E. and Nancy B. (Brucie) Kornegay Creel's children were: James Woodrow (Jim), Jack, Agnes and Miriam. The children grew up in the old Creel home at Whynot.

James W. (Jim) and Irene Smith Creel were the parents of Jerry and Jimmy Creel. Jimmy Creel and his wife, Judy Sutter Reynolds Creel, reside in Whynot today. Jerry is well-known as an expert in the area of home wood heating. He is the owner of the Hearth Shop in Meridian.

Caleb and Brucie were married in the old Whynot Methodist Church by Rev. S.N. Young on 4/10/1918.

The 1885 School Census, Beat 5, lists Collin Creel's school age children as: Elias 9 (This is Caleb E.), Lucy D.7 and William P.5

The writer sincerely regrets that he did not interview Brucie Perry Creel before she died on 6/11/1980, for she was kin by marriage. Her father's brother married Mittie Means, a great aunt of the writer, and sister to the writer's grandfather, T.A. Means.

One of Brucie's sisters, Martha Ann, married Lee Pigford and they were the parents of Nannie Mae Pigford Tinsley. Another sister, Maggie, never married and is buried at Bethany.

NOTE: Please see Kornegay and Perry histories for more information.

THE CULPEPPER FAMILY

There were many Culpeppers in the area of West Sumter County, AL, and in the Alamucha/Liberty/Whynot area of Lauderdale County. Legend has it that the Culpepper, Yarbrough and Hardin families came to Lauderdale County together.

According to J. Leland Culpepper and Levin Culpepper, Sr., most of the Culpeppers in Lauderdale County descend from Joseph Culpepper, Jr., born about 1765 in Anson County, NC. Joseph Culpepper, Jr., married Nancy ? Joseph, Jr.; died in 1816 in Jackson County, GA

The Culpepper line will be listed below as they are related to known residents of Whynot.

One of the sons of Joseph Culpepper, Jr., was named Simeon, born 1794, who had a son Joseph M. Culpepper, born 1822, who married Nancy (Nicey) Yarborough in 1842. This Nicey could very well have been related to Rev. Ambrose Yarbrough

Joseph M. Culpepper had a son, Benjamin M. Culpepper, born 10/2/1845, who married Mary Ellen Grace.

Benjamin M. and Mary Ellen Grace Culpepper had a son, John Joseph Culpepper, born 10/2/1876, who married Susan Elizabeth (Lizzie) Martin on 12/24/1902. Lizzie Martin was the daughter of Rufus and Sarah Roberson Martin of Whynot. John Joseph and Lizzie Martin Culpepper were the parents of:

1. Violet, died as an infant.
2. Annie, died as an infant.
3. Mary Erie, who married William Lavelle Smith. She is a retired librarian and local historian (1992). Mary Erie Smith is a very dear friend of the writer. She served as one of the original directors of Lauderdale County Archives and History, Inc. and worked for it as a volunteer for a number of years. She is a wonderful and striking individual. The writer remembers the time she related the story of her father being blind and how much she loved him. She has always had close ties with Whynot.
4. John Leland, who married Hazel A. Scott.
5. Sarah Eleanor, born 12/22/1918, died 3/20/1922.
6. Evelyn Elizabeth, who married first John Stack and second Barnes.

Another son of Joseph M. Culpepper, born 1822, was William Simeon Culpepper, born 10/17/1858, who married Karon J. Goodwyn. Karon was the daughter of Thomas L. Goodwyn and aunt to Howard Goodwyn. William Simeon Culpepper was a noted Baptist minister. He served as the pastor of the Bethany Baptist Church as well as other Baptist churches in the area of Whynot. William S. and Karon had no children. John Luther Culpepper was a brother to the above William Simeon and son of Joseph M. Culpepper, born 1822, married

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Emma Goodwyn, sister to the above Karon. Simeon Lee Culpepper, born 3/17/1889 and son of John Luther Culpepper, married Elizabeth "Lizzie" Shannon. Lizzie was the daughter of Samuel Hill and Isabella Gough Shannon. Simeon Lee Culpepper had a son Gaddis E. Culpepper.

Joel Culpepper, born 1803, son of Joseph Culpepper, Jr., born 1765, and brother to Simeon Culpepper, born 1794, married first Milly Yarborough and second Lucinda Blann. One of the sons of Joel Culpepper was James "Jim" Culpepper, born 1824, who married first Frances Yarborough and second Mary A. Watts.

One of James "Jim" Culpepper's sons was Alfred Mickens Culpepper, born 3/18/1863, married Julia Ellis McSpeed.

Alfred M. and Julia Ellis McSpeed Culpepper had a son, Sam Culpepper, born 2/12/1891, who married Hassie N. Ponds on 2/16/1912. She was the daughter of J.W. and Mary Ann Goodwyn Ponds. Sam and Hassie M. were the parents of:

1. Lottie Mae, (Who married Patrick David Cook) she was a great piano player.
2. Mary Elizabeth, who married Matthew C. Culpepper.
3. Grace Mildred, who married Euell Dennis McKinney.
4. Levin Ellis, who married Elenor C. Shaw.
5. Sam, who married Almogene Tims.

Hardin Culpepper, born 2/1/1840, son of Joel C. Culpepper, born 1803, married Mary L. Goodwyn, daughter of Thomas L. Goodwyn. Hardin and Mary L. Goodwyn, had a son, Joel Thomas, who married first Mary A. Boswell. Their children were: Clarence H., Lawrence, Mary Beth and Myra, who married V.T. Nichols. Myra Culpepper's mother died at her birth and she was raised by Mr. and Mrs. Ed Tims. Mary Louise "Wessie" Culpepper Tims was a sister to Myra's father, Joel Thomas Culpepper and daughter of Hardin Culpepper.

Another son of Hardin Culpepper, born 1840, was John Edmund Culpepper, born 7/4/1871, who married Octavia Rawlings. Their children were:

1. Verdie, who married Aaron Gibson.
2. Xermo, who married Alice Adcock.
3. Eugene (Bob), who married Margaret E. Shannon.
4. Lavelle, who married Mary Hughes.
5. Aline, who married Russell Camp.

Another son of Hardin Culpepper was James Hardin Culpepper, born 6/1/1878, who married Maggie Waller. James Hardin was a Meridian policeman and was killed while attempting to make an arrest. The person who was to be arrested was also killed. After James Hardin's death, the Meridian Police Association furnished funds

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to purchase some land for the widow. This land was located south of the old Sutter Store and that is where Maggie Waller Culpepper farmed and raised her children alone. They were:

1. Lora Mae, who married M.W. (Winter) Reynolds.
2. Sadie, who married ? Scruggs.
3. Velma E., who married Grady H. Dearman. (See Dearman history)
4. Myra, who married Sam Goodman. The writer has spent many enjoyable moments with Miss Myra. She is a remarkable lady and very knowledgeable of the history of Whynot and its people. She did not have an easy life, but she is a loving person.
5. Cecil, married Mary Haney.
6. Robert, married Nevvo Johnson.
7. Parker, married Mildred Webb.

Anyone desiring more information should review the Culpepper family history files furnished by Levin Culpepper. They are available at Lauderdale County Department of Archives and History.

THE DAWSON FAMILY

Many years of research by the writer resulted in a preponderance of evidence that the family may have descended from one John Dawson of Orange County, VA, and that he died in Virginia. There is also some evidence that he was born about 1720 and that he served in the Revolutionary War.

During the years of research, the writer became so full of sadness that he would at times cease research. The Dawson history, like some others, is filled with grief.

Eli Dawson appeared in Lauderdale County, MS, in 1845 to marry Nancy Jane Fortson, daughter of Samuel H. and Mary Alford Fortson. He was, by family legend, from a place in Virginia which became part of the state of West Virginia in 1863.

Eli Dawson has been, and still is, extremely difficult to trace as he left few tracks. Prior to his marriage he had purchased, with the Rev. William P. Carter, the lease on 16 section land (Bonita area) for \$9. Six months later, he and Nancy Jane sold the lease for \$700. William P. Carter's signature is not on that deed. In 1846 Eli Dawson was sued by Henry Deen, the county ranger, to attach Eli's bed, mattress, four chairs and his water bucket. Eli appealed his case and won. Shortly thereafter, Eli Dawson was charged with assault and battery and was jailed. He was released on bond. It is at this point that the paper trail on Eli ends.

Eli and Nancy Jane Fortson Dawson were the writer's great grandparents. Their children were:

1. Mary Elizabeth. The writer found no marriage record on her. The last record, the 1870 census record of Lauderdale County, MS, reflects her as 22 years of age in the household of her mother, Nancy Jane, who by this time had married a James F. Jones. The writer suspects his great aunt probably died with the yellow fever in the 1870's
2. William Gray, born 1849, married Calodonia Findley in Scott County, MS, in 1878. He died 1/1/1887 and is buried in that county. He was splitting wood on that icy January day and had a double-bladed axe embedded in a log behind him. He slipped and fell on the axe and bled to death shortly afterwards.
3. James Eli, born 10/31/1854. This is the grandfather to the writer. In 1870 at the age of 16, he was living in the Center Hill area of Lauderdale County with his mother and stepfather. He and his buddy, John Harvey, took a horse and went to Old Town in Perry County, AL. The owner of the horse had told James Eli that he would sell him the horse, and then changed his mind. James Eli left the money on a gate post, weighted down by a rock. James Eli stayed in Alabama for over ten years, working as a farm overseer. He always had a horse, a whip, a knife and his pistol. As the

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writer's father put it, James Eli would fight at the drop of a hat. In one instance he whipped three men during a fight. He was known for his quick temper, and according to relatives, people left him alone.

While James Eli was working in Sumter County, AL, he met and married Nancy Manola Allen, daughter of Robert I. and Sarah Haskins Ponds Allen. They were married on December 17, 1882, in Sumter County, AL. The ceremony was performed by Rev. C.C. Bloodsworth, minister of the Salem Baptist Church. Manola was 13 years old at the time of her marriage. James Eli was 28 years old. The writer will return later to James Eli.

4. Frances Susan, born in 1858. She was the last child of Eli and Nancy Jane Fortson Dawson. In December of 1857, Nancy Jane, in Lauderdale County, bought items from the sale of her mother's estate under the name of Nancy Jane Scoggins, wife of David Scoggins. Her mother, Mary Alford Fortson, had remarried William McLemore, brother to Richard McLemore, founder of Meridian in 1840. No record can be found of any marriage of a David Scoggins to Nancy Jane Dawson.

After years of research, the writer gradually came to the conclusion that his great grandfather, Eli Dawson, had connections with a gang of outlaws and that he himself was an outlaw. He is not listed on any census record, and there is no evidence of any honorable occupation. The Fortson side of the house talked about the Fortsons, but they never said a word about the Dawsons. The writer received little information from his family on the Dawsons. The writer, due to space limitations, is unable to go into the details of his research but will give a summary. Anyone who desires is welcome to review his huge Dawson history file.

After years of work and help from a cousin, Mrs. Jane Williams (descendant of James Eli's brother, William Gray Dawson), the writer has found an Eli Dawson in Hampshire County, VA, in 1819, listed on the 1830 and 1840 census for that county. This county became part of the state of West Virginia in 1863, so it fits into the legend nicely. This Eli was born between 1780-1800. He had a wife, several daughters and one son. This Eli apparently left Hampshire County, VA, in the 1840's which also fits into the known facts. Efforts are now being made to connect him to the Eli in Lauderdale County, MS, in 1845. After much study and research, the writer feels that Eli Dawson, due to his "outside the law activities", at one point changed his name to David Scoggins. This was common in the early days. Nancy Jane is listed in the 1860 census for Clarke County, MS, as a Scoggins, with her children also listed as Scoggins. She, no doubt, was trying to protect herself as well as the children. James Eli is listed as D.E. Legend has it that he was called

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Uncle "Dolph", this short for Adolphus. His birth name was Adolphus Eli. Perhaps he changed his name after he took the horse, or it could be he disliked the Dolph name.

When Nancy Jane Fortson Dawson returned from Clarke County, MS, to her mother's estate settlement on 12/20/1857, she, as stated above, listed herself as the wife of a David Scoggins. From the study of old records, the writer knows that it was Eli Dawson with alias name, David Scoggins. Eli's unlawful activities in Lauderdale County, MS, caused him to flee in 1847, and the writer is fairly sure that Eli Dawson was killed in late 1857 or early 1858, in Lauderdale County, MS, by someone who knew or recognized him. Nancy Jane married James F. Jones in Lauderdale County, MS, in 1863. She, along with her two daughters, are thought to have died of the yellow fever in the Center Hill area in the 1870's. They are most likely buried in unmarked graves in the Fellowship Cemetery. It was in 1857 that James Copeland of the Copeland Gang released the names of the members of that gang. Eli Dawson is not listed. Eli is thought to have been a member of a smaller gang who had connections with the Copeland gang. The writer will never know for sure or be able to prove or disprove his theory in regards to Eli Dawson's occupation. The preponderance of evidence points to an unlawful occupation.

The children of James Eli and Nancy Manola Allen Dawson were:

1. John Harvey, born 12/24/1883. He suffered from Status Epilepticus all his life despite efforts by his parents. He was admitted to Bryce State Hospital in Tuscaloosa, AL, on 1/28/1903. He died seven years later and is buried in the hospital cemetery. Due to the financial situation of the family, only his father was able to visit him. The writer experienced great sadness when told by his father that John Harvey ran into the woods and hid when he found out he was to be sent to a hospital. The family had to call the sheriff and people searched until they found him. Today the problem could be easily taken care of with proper medication. A picture of this handsome lad is included in this history. James Eli named his first son after his buddy, John Harvey.

2. Tallie, born 3/31/1886, died 8/22/1910, buried at Salem Baptist Church. Tallie was a seamstress at York, AL, when she became ill. She died at age 24 at her uncle Edd Allen's home at Whynot (the old Mack Booker home). The writer knows the full sad story of her illness and death, and again it would not be a problem today. She was a fine looking and beautiful young lady. The writer's father used to cry when the writer asked him questions about her, saying she did not get the needed medical attention.

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3. Lamar, born 12/8/1887, died 10/26/1889. Cause of death unknown.

4. Nellie, born 7/7/1889, died 7/26/1966. She married first Lloyd Goodwyn, and after his death she married Lloyd's brother, Howard Goodwyn. There was no issue from either marriage. The writer used to bug his Aunt Nellie with questions about the family. She would never relate any history, telling the writer to shut up and leave it alone. Aunt Nellie was a great cook and starched everything down to her apron. In looking back, Aunt Nellie was also like the writer's father. No one likes to relive bad and sad memories. This Dawson family had more than its share of grief. Aunt Nellie is buried at Bethany.

5. Joseph Ponds, born 12/22/1891, died 5/27/1951 in the Veterans Hospital, El Paso, TX. He obtained the rank of Staff Sergeant in World War II where he was gassed. He never married and spent most of his life in a veterans' hospitals after discharge. He favored his father both in looks and temperament. The writer has fond memories of visiting his Uncle Joe and taking him on trips to Meridian. Joe Dawson was first in the U.S. Veterans Hospital in Outwood, KY; then later in the U.S. Veterans Hospital in El Paso, TX, where he died. He is buried in the Bethany Cemetery at Whynot.

6. James Nevel, born 8/5/1895, died 6/10/1985, buried at Bethany. He married Sally Portis Means on 12/18/1917 in Lauderdale County, MS. After their marriage, they removed to Mounds, OK, for a few years where James Nevel worked in the oilfields and where their first two children were born. The children were:

A. Mildred Louise, born 7/23/1920 in Mounds, OK. She married John Reed Bucklew and their children were: Mildred Irene, Daniel Reed, Carolyn Ann and Betty Lynn.

B. James Thomas, born 3/13/1922 in Mounds, OK. His parents returned to Whynot in 1923 when he was of age one. He married Agnes Geneva Cardwell in Lauderdale County, MS, on 2/11/1950. Their children were: Kenneth Wayne and Ronald Thomas who died as an infant.

C. Emma Ree (Marie), born 8/20/1925. She married Paul H. Kralman. They reside in Effingham, IL. Their children are Robert and Thomas.

D. Margaret Juanice, born 10/7/1930. She married Arthur Hinkle and lived in Mason, IL, until Arthur's death. After his death, she returned to live in Whynot. She died 11/6/1992

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E. Victor Warren, born 10/8/1935. He married Blanche Marie Davis on 7/9/1957. Their children were: Vickie Marie, Agelia Richelle and Roy Wade.

7. Laura, born 1/22/1897, died 7/21/1898, buried at Salem. Cause of death is unknown.

8. Mary Bell, born 2/26/1900, died 6/6/1971. She married first Samuel Lee Howard. Their only child, Laura Opal, was born 5/26/1918. Mary Bell married second to William Everette Brown. Their children were: Mary Lucille, who died as an infant, Elsie Louise, Everette Eugene, Joseph Charles, James Eli, Fred Leon, Robert Edward, Billy Joe, who died as an infant, and Mary Cecile.

Lauderdale County Department of Archives and History, Inc., holds the writer's Dawson files and his Dawson letters covering information on a large number of non-related Dawsons.

The writer will close, realizing that perhaps some people would not write as he has on his family. A person has to understand the immense drive within that caused the writer for years to search out and know from where he came from, and who his people were. The only Dawsons the writer knew when growing up were his father and his uncle Joe.

The writer has fond memories of his grandmother, Nancy Manola Allen Dawson, and deeply regrets that he never had the opportunity to quiz her before her death in 1945. The writer was in the South Pacific at that time. Another regret is that the writer never had the chance to view any of her belongings, papers, etc., which might have helped him with the Dawson research.

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1850 Census - Whynot

John Day 25, farmer, born GA
Frances 21
Eliza 2

John Day and Frances Townsend married in Green County, AL, on 1/29/1841. After John's death, Frances Townsend Day married E.F. Thompson on 1/17/1861 and removed to Texas.

1860 Census - Whynot

Frances Day 30, born GA
Eliza J. 11, born GA
Mary Elizabeth 9, born MS in 1851, married Simon C. Buckalew.
Simon was the son of Ira Buckalew and grandson of Zebulon Buckalew. They removed to Texas.
William 5, Born MS
Male (Illegible) 1, born MS

Next door:

W. (William) Day 40, farmer, born 1840 MS
Sarah 31, born MS
Malvina 10
Mary J? 6, married J.B. Smith 12/21/1875 in Clarke
County, MS.
William 5
James 4
John 1

There is some indication that the above John Day may have been an officer in the Confederate Army. He was away from home when the 1860 census was taken in the Whynot area.

There was a Monroe Blanks, a black man, who went to the Civil War as a servant to a Captain John Day. Monroe Blanks enlisted in Clarke County, MS, and he applied for a Confederate pension in 1926. This application was verified by one John C. Brock. Monroe Blanks must have been a former slave to one of the Blanks in the Whynot area, as he most likely took the name of Blanks after the Civil War. The above Captain Day died in the Civil War.

The Days lived in the general-__ area of the present residence of Lorraine and Virginia Smith McRae. They apparently left the area for Texas after the Civil War.

The writer could not locate any descendants of this family.

THE DEARMAN FAMILY

The Dearmans of Whynot descend from Richard Dearman, born about 1634 in Braithwaite, England. He migrated to the State of Virginia in the United States about 1656. Richard married Elinor Harris in Lancaster County, VA, in 1657-58. They remained there until Richard's death in 1684. (See Dearman History in Lauderdale County Archives and History by Grady Dearman.)

Their son, Richard II, born 1660, married Ann Nichols prior to 1708. She was a widow with several children.

Richard Dearman III, son of Richard II and Ann Nichols, married Elizabeth ? in Craven County, NC, about 1752. He died in Anson County, NC, about 1780. Richard III's children were:

1. William, born 1746 in Craven County, NC, and who died in Richmond County, GA, about 1790.

2. Solomon, born in 1749 in Craven County, NC, and married Mary Brigman in Anson County, NC, in 1769. Solomon died in August, 1805, in Darlington County, SC. It is from Solomon that the Dearman line leads to Whynot.

3. Thomas M., born 6/12/1752 in Anson County, NC, married first ? ; married 2nd Susanna Mims in Richmond County, NC. He died in Sumter County, AL, about 1840.

The above Solomon Dearman died in Darlington County, SC, in 1805. He fathered 13 children. One son, Elisha, born 1800 in Darlington County, SC, was in St. Clair County, AL, by 1821, where he married Mary Varnon in November, 1821. He died in Lauderdale County, MS, in 1839.

After Solomon's death, his wife and some of the children moved to Madison County, MS Territory. (This is present Madison County, AL, near the Tennessee line.)

By 1819 the family was in St. Clair County, AL. Then about 1821-22, they were in Tuscaloosa County, AL.

By 1836 Elisha, son of Solomon, and his wife were in Lauderdale County, MS. Elisha died in 1839 prior to the birth of his last child, a son named Henry. The widow remarried Charles Blackwell, a veteran of the War of 1812. After his death, she lived with her son, James, in the Toomsaba area.

Elisha and Mary Varnon Dearman's children were:

1. John, born in St. Clair County, AL, on 1/13/1832, married first Louisa Hayes and second Rhoda Laura Tedder Brown. He is buried in Hayes Cemetery, Springhill, MS. John and Louisa had six children. After Louisa's death, he married the widow, Rhoda Laura Tedder Brown, daughter of Thomas

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Dilworth Tedder and Anna Martin. Rhoda had one daughter, Rebecca, when she married John. She and John had two sons. After John died, she and the two sons removed to Texas where her daughter, Rebecca Dearman McBride, was living. (The daughter married W.R. McBride). In 1875 one W.W. Henry was the administrator of the estate of John Dearman.

2. William, born 1824 in St. Clair County, Al, married Nancy Hansell in Lauderdale County on 11/19/1843. They were married by Beat 5 Justice of the Peace E.J. Thomson (Thompson). Their children were:

A. Lesom (Crisie), born 1846.

B. Jesse M., born 1848, married first Kizzie M. Miller in 1858 and second M.A. McMillian in 1908. This Jesse lived in the Mt. Gilead area of Lauderdale County.

C. Sarah (Sallie), born 10/29/1849, married B.H. Hagwood in 1870. This B.H. Hagwood is the great grandfather of Leslie Hagwood of Causeyville, MS. Sarah is buried in the Center Grove Cemetery. B.H. and Sallie's daughter, Cannie, married Howard Butler.

D. Martha, born 1851, married Eli Miller.

E. Susan Louisiana (Aunt Sis), born 1855.

F. W. Pinkney (known as Pink), born 3/28/1858, married Georgia M. Hagwood in 1882 (probably sister to the above B.H.).

G. Frances, born 1860, married E.J. (Coon John) Robinson in 18?. Coon John Robinson was a brother to Annie Robinson who married Sebe Robinson. This Coon John was an uncle of Otto Robinson.

H. Thomas, born 1862.

J. William (A), born 1869. In 1860 this family was living in the old Whynot area. William was a clerk in merchant William Ousley's store. They were also in the same area in 1870.

3. Jesse (Jesse F.S.), born 1825 in St. Clair County, AL, married first Sarah Ann Stafford on 9/15/1853 and second Mary Glass Wilkerson. Died 10/10/1906 and is buried at Bethany. Jesse Franklin Simpson Dearman had three sons by Sarah. They were:

A. Henry E., born 8/15/1854, married Euphrosia Ann Wilkerson on 12/18/1879. This Ann was the daughter of the widow, Mary Glass Wilkerson, who was Jesse F.S. Dearman's second

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wife. In other words, Henry married his step-mother's daughter by a previous marriage. The children of Henry and Ann were:

1. Cary E., born 9/15/1880, married Lillian F. Walker on 9/29/1903. Died 8/3/1962.

2. Willie E., born 11/14/1881, died 4/7/1889, buried in the old Shamburger Cemetery on the Old Wire Road near Mt. Gilead.

3. Ebbie M., born 5/18/1884, married Julia ? Died 1/25/1944.

4. Mary E., born 3/30/1886, married Rev. Thomas Summers on 5/9/1907. Died 10/13/1974 in Seattle, WA.

5. Ella D., born 3/6/1888. Long-time school teacher at Whynot. Died 12/13/1974.

6. Virgie A., born 1/14/1892, married Willie Butler, grandson of Wash Butler. Died 8/13/1963.

7. Henry S. (Seve), born 1/2/1890, married Justa Crabtree, died 4/2/1963.

8. George M., born 1/7/1894, died 11/4/1977.

9. Jesse A., born 7/8/1896, died 6/24/1976.

10. Benjamin D. (Dallas), born 3/8/1900, married Ruth Reid. Their son, Ben Dearman, resides in Whynot (1992).

B. Andrew, born 1856, moved to the Mississippi Delta.

C. James, born 1865, moved to Haynesville, LA.

Jesse F.S., Sr. and Mary Glass Wilkerson Dearman had one child, Jesse Franklin Simpson, Jr, born 8/4/1876. He married Mary Frances Morgan who was the daughter of Merit and Minerva Jane Gough Morgan of Energy, Ms. They lived in Whynot where Edna Reynolds now resides. In 1918 he moved his family to an area near Delhi, Richland Parish, LA, where he and Mary Frances spent the rest of their lives. Their children were:

1. Grady Harmon, born 9/16/1896, married Velma Erline Culpepper, daughter of Jim Hardin and Maggie W. Waller Culpepper (sister to Myra C. Goodman). Grady died on 5/27/1978.

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2. Hardy Eugene, born 8/5/1899, married Ludie Shannon, daughter of Sam and Isabella Gough Shannon, on 12/22/1919. They lived a few years in Delhi, LA, then returned to Meridian. Ludie died in 1971.

3. Lester Arnold, born 4/7/1901. Married Emma Velma Upton. Lived in Louisiana.

4. Robert Temple, born 4/20/1911. Married first Georgia Cox and second Edna Kate Harbour. Lived in Texas.

5. Willie Arthur, (Sr.), born 1905. Lived in Louisiana.

Jesse F.S. Dearman, Sr., after his wife Sarah died after the birth of their last child (a son, James), went to Birmingham, AL, and married Mrs. Mary Glass Wilkerson and returned to the Alamucha area with her and her two daughters Nancy and Ann. [Living at Toomsaba prior to the Civil War was George Wilkerson and his wife, Mary Glass Wilkerson, with their two daughters, Nancy, born 3/3/1856, and Ann, born 1/19/1858. George died in the Civil War. After the Civil War commenced, Mary Glass Wilkerson's two brothers came from Birmingham and moved her near them as they were afraid for her to remain alone in Lauderdale County, MS.]

Sometime around the turn of the century, Jesse F.S., Jr., Dearman bought land in south Whynot and lived there until he moved to Louisiana. His father, Jesse F.S., Sr., must have moved from the Alamucha area also as his grandson, Grady Dearman, wrote of his grandfather living nearby.

Jesse F.S. Dearman, Sr., died 10/10/1906 at the age of 81. He is buried at Bethany. The grave of his granddaughter (Ella Dearman) is on one side of his grave and Aunt Nancy Wilkerson is on the other side. Mary Glass Wilkerson Dearman, second wife of Jesse F.S., Sr., died in February of 1906 and is also buried at Bethany.

Mary Glass Wilkerson Dearman was the daughter of Thomas Glass who was born 10/15/1793 in Glasgow, Scotland. Thomas fled to America to escape the wrath of the king and changed his name from Pollock to Glass.

Many are the tales concerning the Dearmans and the Indians that have been passed down through the generations. A story involved Elisha and his brother William as they were traveling in a wagon and bad weather set in. They went to the Indians for help. They sat around the fire, each telling his tale. One brother needed corn for his milk cow; the other needed everything. The brother that needed everything was told he could have whatever he needed as he was in the most need. The other was told he was not needy enough for their help.

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Another time, Elisha and William were on a trip and Elisha became ill. William left Elisha with some Indians until he could return and carry him home. Later Elisha named a son after Chief Jesse Brashears, whose tribe cared for him-

A Brashear (Brashier) family was early in Sumter County, AL.

MEMORIES OF GRANDPA JESSE AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY

By Grady Dearman

Grandpa Jess, Sr., never talked about his family except to brag overly much about being Scotch-Irish. He was a small man with dark complexion and facial features somewhat resembling the Indians. Whenever he was accused of being part Indian, he would become fiery mad.

He had two horses that he plowed with and he raised cotton and corn. He sold his wagon and double harness and bought a single wagon and an old grey mare. He would carry corn, cottonseed (with eggs packed in the seed), and a "little brown jug" when going to town. While traveling the country roads, he would keep his foot on the "little brown jug" to keep it from falling over and rolling around. He would take me with him, and upon arriving at the grist mill, he and the other farmers would "live it up". I was told to stay at the mill until he returned. He always returned with his "little brown jug". At home he kept it under his bed and would often sneak a drink, telling me "never to touch a drop". After taking his second drink for the night, he would carefully wipe his mouth and send me to bed.

For awhile the saloon was open and then it closed, but Grandpa could always get a gallon of whiskey by ordering it express. Cousin John McKinney ran a small store at Whynot and could get cases of twenty-four quarts. Grandpa would often visit with Cousin John and drink. On one such occasion, it had rained and the creek had overflowed when Grandpa started home. As he crossed the log that was used when the creek was up, he lost his footing and fell in. He waded out and made his way to the fence, climbed up and sat on top of the gate and sang, "Coming thru the rye", etc., to the top of his voice. He loved his toddy! The only way you could tell if he was drinking was to watch how high he picked up his feet when walking. Aunt Nancy, Grandpa's stepdaughter, always "hit the ceiling" when he came in drinking, but he would just ignore her.

Grandpa would wear old ragged clothes to make people feel sorry for him and Grandma Mary cooked on a fireplace and saved all the corncobs to start the fires. Her favorite food was cornmeal mush which consisted of cornbread, onions and buttermilk heated over the fire in the fireplace.

Aunt Ann was an hysteric. She became hyper over everything

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and fainted in church on two occasions. (She was the mother of Miss Ella Dearman).

Aunt Nancy was something else!! She would often wash children's faces with dirty dish rags! She never married and was a bossy type person and tried her best to be a man. The story goes that her father, George Wilkerson, died when she was born because he wanted a son so badly. She took pride and always bragged about getting people to do things her way. She would get "hot" when kidded about menfolks and leave the conversation, but she would always come back for more. Her routine expression was "godamighty".

Aunt Nancy wore glasses, mostly pushed up on top of her head, which did not help her seeing ability. Frequently she would question us boys if we had seen her glasses. We'd tell her, "Yes, right there". And she would ask, "Right where?" This exchange of questions and answers would go on until she lost her temper and we would tell her to look on top of her head. She never learned to check there before asking us.

There was a cat that lived there and Aunt Nancy had no affection for it and was continuously chasing it out of the house. One day, with her glasses on top of her head, she yelled, "There's that durn cat on top of the safe". Naturally we all ran to watch what was going to happen. With all of us boys as an audience at the doorway, Aunt Nancy got a chair, climbed up, and took a mighty swing at the object on top of the safe...the powder horn went flying across the room, bounced off the wall, rolled a few feet, making a terrible racket. "Godamighty," exclaimed Aunt Nancy, "I thought that was the cat!" We doubled up with laughter, but got safely out of her way as she came through the door.

Once around Christmastime, when I was about eight years old, everyone was having eggnog, including Aunt Nancy. It was the real stuff with enough corn liquor to cook the milk and eggs. Grandma would pour out of her cup into mine and so would Grandpa. I got to feeling funny and wanted to go home. I went outside and lay on the ground beneath a tree. To me, it looked as if the stumps were falling, so I got up from there and made it to the top of the hill and headed straight for home...through the cotton patch with my knee pants and long black stockings on. Near home, I hollered, jumped as high as I could, and went through the back lot gate to the house. My lips were bleeding, so I sneaked in the house and went straight to bed. I decided right then I would never drink eggnog again...eggnog had no ill effect on Aunt Nancy. She accused "Mister Dearman" (meaning me) of being drunk on whiskey. "Nothing but a drunkard."

Rabbit tobacco is a long broadleaf plant and when mixed with deer tongue (another plant), it smells and tastes good. Even Grandpa Morgan smoked a pipe and all of the old folks would plant some

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tobacco and cure the leaves. The twists were pressed and placed in a special box. After a "cud" was chewed, it would be placed in the cracks of the long cabin to dry. Later these same "cuds" of tobacco could be taken from the cracks and smoked in a pipe. The ashes were saved until the next crop and sprinkled on the young tobacco plants to keep the bugs and worms away.

Grandpa Jesse had gotten old. He had lived at Alamuthchee (Alamucha) in the lime hills since 1868. The land had washed to the bottom of the hills, and even crops would wash away when it rained. In the bottoms, mud would cover the crops. Most of the people moved out. Papa (Jess, Jr.) bought 120 acres of land two miles south of Whynot, Mississippi, and moved from Alamutchee. He did the best he could, but it was a struggle. He taught one year of school (a year of school was only three months then) at the Antioch School in 1904.

He didn't buy fertilizer for the crops for if it rained the fertilizer would go to naught. He was struggling to pay for land and raise his family. He couldn't raise enough crops to pay the taxes. About 1911 he started talking about buying enough fertilizer to grow enough cotton to pay the balance on the land. He had a first cousin, Rankin Hardin (related on the Wilkerson side of the family), who had a cotton gin and mill. Cousin Rankin offered to buy four tons of fertilizer for Papa. Papa accepted his offer and put 300 pounds of fertilizer per acre on the cotton. It paid off. He paid Cousin Rankin for the fertilizer and the balance of the debt on the land that year. But then the boll weevil started in...

Papa had started off with 120 acres of land. Aunt Nancy had fifty dollars and wanted 40 acres of land. She raised such a fuss and promised she would not sell it, so Papa sold her 40 acres. She then sold it to Howard Butler, whose wife was Cousin Cannie Hagwood, the granddaughter of William Dearman, brother of Jesse Dearman, Sr...so Papa had only 80 acres left.

We had a few cows and would sell one or two at a time. We gradually built the herd up to 18 or 30 cows and sold sour cream to a co-op dairy in Meridian to be made into butter. We would make the trip 1 to 3 times each week to carry the cream. We were paid by postcard check from the dairy. The other farmers soon lost interest in providing the cream to the dairy, and soon we were the only ones doing so. We did not have enough land to raise enough hay for that many cows, and it took all the profit to buy feed. So we, too, had to abandon the dairy farming.

Mama, Mary Frances, dipped snuff. I had seen her. I decided to try to smoke some. I gagged, mouth burning, and I thought I heard someone coming, so I crawled under the house. I gave some to Willie, my younger brother, and he, too, got sick under the house. Others had to crawl under the house and get him out. No more snuff!

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Once when visiting Uncle Will Prince (Mama's brother-in-law), I decided to smoke a cigarette. I rolled the cigarette, and it didn't fase Uncle Will. He acted as if nothing was amiss, so I smoked it. He must not have forgotten about it, as on the next visit he offered me a chew of tobacco. I took it, chewed and "spat"! I came close to being sick. Couldn't walk, so never chewed again.

In my boyhood, there were few vices available, and at a very early age I had given up three of them...eggnog, snuff, and chewing tobacco.

William Gibson had moved from Louisiana to Mississippi and had married one of Mama's first cousins. He told Papa about land in Louisiana where you did not have to use fertilizer to raise good crops, and the land was not as hard to clear, the trees were less thick and no hills. In 1912 Papa and I visited Louisiana, and we looked at various strips of land that were selling for twenty dollars an acre. Eventually William moved back to Louisiana due to washouts, land wearing out, boll weevils and a malaria outbreak.

Papa moved to Louisiana in 1918. He first rented land south of Delhi from a Mr. Fred Cook. The next year land was rented from Coma Williams north of Delhi. Then land was rented northwest of Delhi in 1920 and the family moved again. This land was purchased by Willie Arthur in 1941. Mama and Papa continued to live there until their deaths. Willie Arthur and Polly live there to this day.

When Papa moved to Louisiana, I was doing clerical work in the Federal Defense Office in Washington, D.C., and Hardy was in the Navy. We both went to Louisiana after World War I. We had both married and lived in Louisiana for several years before returning to Meridian, MS.

SPECIAL CREDIT GOES TO DESCENDANTS OF MR. GRADY DEARMAN FOR THE ABOVE.

THE EARLEY FAMILY

The James (Jim) Aximum Earley family came to the Whynot area from Nordham, Choctaw County, AL, according to legend. They lived on Hills Hill, according to Louise Miller Thompson. An elderly couple, Mr. & Mrs. Hill first lived in a house on this hill and it was referred to as "Hills Hill". This hill and house was just west of the William Miller home in Millers Lane. The Lee Pigford family also lived in this house at one time. (See Miller history).

1860 Choctaw County, AL, census

Madison Earley	50, born TN 1810
S.	35, female, born TN
James	14, born AL 1846
Ben	12, born AL 1848
Mary	6, born AL 1854
John	3, born AL 1857

Since the Earley family came from Choctaw County, AL, and Jim Earley was born on 3/19/1879, one of the above male children in the Madison Earley household may have been the father of Jim Earley.

It is very possible that the Earley and Miller families knew each other in Choctaw County, AL, before coming to the Whynot area.

According to cemetery records, Jim Aximum Earley was born on 3/19/1879. He died 8/31/1964 at the age of 85 years and is buried in the Bethany Cemetery. The writer thinks the name Aximum is Greek.

Jim Earley's wife was Katherine Acena (Eve) Broadhead Earley. They may have married in Choctaw County, AL; actual location of the marriage is unknown. Katherine was born on 11/7/1877 and died on 8/17/1952. She is also buried in the Bethany Cemetery. Their children were:

1. Claudine, who married Clarence Davis. Their children were:
 - A. Bessie Lee, who married Earl James.
 - B. Verna Sue, who married first Davis Jones (deceased) and second Earl Long (deceased).
 - C. Hilda Margaret (Dinky), who married Jack Smith.
 - D. Jim (deceased), married Frances Cook.
 - E. Betty (Bettie) Ruth, who married Thomas Korn.
 - F. Madeline Joyce, who married Sonny Bond.
 - G. Patsy Ann, who married Larry Little.
 - H. Roy Emmett, who never married.
 - I. Clarence, who married Barbara Johnson.

This Davis family lived in the Whynot area and the children attended the Whynot Consolidated High School.

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2. Maud. She is the only surviving child and now lives in Temple, TX, near one of her children. She and her husband, Bert Watkins, lived for a long time in Amory, MS.

3. Earl (deceased), married Madeline Norton from Gilbertown, AL.

4. N.J. (deceased), married Essie Mae Rigdon.

5. Evelyn (deceased). It is Evelyn that the writer remembers best. She completed high school at Whynot with the writer in 1940. It is with deep regret that Evelyn passed away before the writer could contact her. She married first Maxwell Day, who was killed while working as an electrician. She married second Clyde Brown and lived in Mobile, AL.

The writer in his youth often visited in the Jim Earley home.

6. Roy Early

THE EAVES FAMILY

J.B. Eaves, Sr., born 5/9/1811, was one of the early settlers in the area north of old Whynot and south of Alamucha. He was a neighbor to James Madison Brewster, William Clark, William H. Robinson and Thomas Lucy, Sr. Jesse B. Eaves was in Marengo County, AL, in 1830.

He became a member of Salem Baptist Church in 1844 along with his wife, Martha Bailiff Eaves. Martha was a sister to Robert Bailiff and to Titibba Jane Bailiff who married Timothy Pigford. J.B. Eaves left Salem Church and became a member of the Mt. Gilead Baptist Church but later returned to Salem.

Jesse B. Eaves, Sr., married second Melissa Ann Martin in July of 1852 after Martha's death. Melissa Ann Martin may have been a daughter of John Martin of the Mt. Gilead area.

1860 Census of Lauderdale County, MS

Jesse Eaves	49, farmer, born GA
Melissa	26, born 1834
Deatha	15
Berri	12
Martha	6, born 1854
John	4, possibly named after Melissa Ann's father.
Ida	1
S. Martin	19, farm laborer, possibly brother to Melissa.
Pleasant Martin	22, farm laborer, possibly brother to Melissa.

In 1870 James B. Eaves lived in the same location with his wife, Melissa, son, John M., age 14, and daughter, Jeffe, age 11. Also in the household was Josephine Nettles, age 18.

Jesse B. Eaves, Sr., was an early school teacher in the area of Whynot and Alamucha.

Jesse B. Eaves died 9/12/1884 and is buried in the McMurry Cemetery at Alamucha.

THE FORD FAMILY

Alfred Ford, father of Thomas Uriah Ford of Whynot, died on 12/28/1895, at the age of 40 years. Alfred Ford is buried in the Buckatunna Cemetery at Snell in Clarke County, MS. Alfred Ford was born about 1845, probably in Alabama, and he married Emily Ford in Clarke County, MS, on 10/6/1881. The name of the father of Alfred Ford is not known but the name may have been Thomas Ford. The children of Alfred and Emily Ford were:

1. Thomas Uriah, born 9/8/1882 in Clarke County, MS, died 4/12/1969. He married Allie Goree who was born 10/10/1887 and who died on 6/16/1967. Both are buried at Bethany. Allie was a sister to Lee Gilder Goree who married Tressie Martin. (Tressie was a sister to Johnnie Martin Butler and Annie Martin Wheeler). The children of Thomas U. and Allie Foree Ford were:

A. Gladys, married Curtis Butler.

B. Joseph Lamar, married Alberta Harrison. Lamar completed high school with the writer in 1940 at Whynot Consolidated High School.

C. Mamie, married Manuel Mathews. In 1991 they resided in the state of Rhode Island.

D. William Huey (W.H.), never married.

E. Curtis, married Delma Weekly. Curtis served in both World War II and the Korean War. He died a few years after his discharge from the military and is buried at Bethany.

F. Thomas Lavell, married Faye Brewster. In 1991 they resided in Toomsuba, MS.

2. James (Jim), known as Uncle Jim to Lamar Ford. He was born about 1885 in Clarke County, MS. A Jim Ford was listed as a member of the Buckatunna Baptist Church during the period 1904-1915. According to the church minutes, he was excluded in 1915 for departing from the faith and rules of the Baptist faith, and he apparently joined a church of another faith.

3. M. Luther, born 1888 in Clarke County, MS, died in 1973. He married Mary Ella Goodman, born 1891 and who died in 1945. She was a daughter of Lloyd A. (Little Lloyd) and Sallie Davidson.

4. Jodie - no information.

5. William Bryant - according to his gravestone, he was born on 11/22/1897 and died 3/31/1965. The writer questions the above birth year as his father expired on 12/28/1895. It is known that W.B. was born near or after the date of his father's death. The correct year is most probably 1895.

Alfred Ford was a member of the Buckatunna Baptist Church in August, 1883. His wife Emily received a letter of dismissal in

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December, 1881, shortly after her marriage to Alfred in October, 1881. Emily Vann was born 8/4/1858 and died 12/14/1946. She is also buried in the Buckatunna Cemetery but not in the same area as her husband. Next to her is her baby child, William Bryant, and near her is her son, M. Luther, and his wife, Mary Etta Goodman Ford.

Next to Alfred Ford's grave is Martha Ford, wife of Thomas D. Ford, who died 4/9/1906 at the age of 86. She was born about 1820 - thus she and the Thomas D. could very well have been the parents of Alfred Ford, born about 1845. Also near Alfred is an R.H. Ford (son of Thomas and Martha), born 12/4/1844, died 12/9/1881. There is also a Josephine Ford who died 7/6/1907 at the age of 56 years, thus born about 1851. More proof is needed, but it would appear that Thomas D. and Martha may have been the parents of Alfred, R.H. and Josephine. There is another Thomas Ford, born 2/1857, died 4/22/1927, and his wife, Atlanta, born 7/12/1864, died 1/1/1954, who are also buried in the Buckatunna Cemetery. He could have likewise been a son of Thomas D. and Martha Ford.

Thomas Uriah Ford may have been named for his grandfather.

The minutes of Buckatunna Baptist Church for August, 1883, indicate the following Fords received: By letter - E.J. Ford and Susan Ford; By experience - A (Alford) Ford, L. (Lincoln) Ford and W. Ford.

There were many Fords in the Snell area. More research is needed to identify and connect them with the Alfred Ford line. One, L. (Lincoln) Ford, married Ida Carr in Clarke County, MS, on 3/31/1894.

According to legend, Thomas U. Ford built a home for his mother when he was 18 years old. This would have occurred in 1900. The old home is still standing, although it is in bad repair, in a location SE of the present Rufus Linton Store at Snell.

Thomas U. Ford became an expert carpenter and chimney builder. He first began his work in Meridian. He and his family resided in Meridian until 1926 when the depression hit, resulting in no available carpentry work. At that point he and his family moved to the Snell area where his mother lived. Later the family was in the Whynot area.

In 1940 the family was living near the present residence of J.W. Reynolds, Jr.

E. (Emily) P. Ford drew a Confederate pension in Clarke County, MS, on her husband who enlisted in the Confederate Army in 1864 at Snell, (Clarke Co.), MS. The first Confederate pension application was filed on 9/7/1914 and reflected that Emily Ford

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was 55 years old , and that she and Alfred Ford married in Clarke County, MS, in 1881. The application was refiled on 8/30/1932, listing her address as Route 1, Increase, MS, and that Alfred served under Captain Ira Carter. While both applications were approved, neither listed where served nor the name of the company.

Children of: Martin L. Ford Mary Etta Goodman

1. Irma Claire Shirley - married Robert Leo Shirley. 3 children, Randall, Rebecca, Kay.
2. Alfred Luther Ford - married Pauline Hagwood Singley. No Children.
3. Janie Louise - married Robert Bunyard. 3 children, Robert Gary, Bruce, Danny
4. Mary Frances - married Franklin Hughes, "from Whynot". 2 children, Benford, & Marietta.
5. Marjorie (probably listed as Marjory Ree) - married Elmer McCoy - 1949 - 3 Children, Stephan, Paul, Richard.
6. Sally Kate - married Raymond Sollie. 3 children, Ray Jr, Donna, Mark.

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Joseph E. Fuller was born 8/24/1866 and died 6/22/1933. He married Jennie A. Boswell, daughter of James Franklin and Nancy A. Brown Boswell. James Franklin Boswell was the son of Henry and Julia Ann Culpepper Boswell. Nancy A. Brown Boswell was the widow of Asa Boswell who died in the Civil War. The children of Joseph E. and Jennie A. Boswell Fuller were:

1. Vester, born 1888, married Claudia Roberts.
2. Howard, born 1890, married Evie Tims, sister to Odie Tims.
3. Addie, born 1893, married Liston Tims, brother to Odie Tims.
4. Cora, born 1895, married Harvey Norris.
5. Herbert, born 1898, married Pearl Hamberg, daughter of John Hamberg, native of Germany. Pearl Hamberg's sisters were Lula, Anna & Laura. Their children were: Ethel (who married Grady Jay), Everett, Ray, William A, Billy Joe, Janice, Patricia and Charles.
6. Elmer, married Maude Carney in 1922.
7. Clyde, married Vera Graham.
8. Rilla, married Odie Tims. They were the parents of: Almagene, who married Sam Culpepper, and Byron.

The Fuller residence was first in Hinton (Choctaw County, AL) before they came to the Whynot area.

The Herbert Fuller family lived in the south area of Whynot for many years with their children attending the Whynot Consolidated High School

Joseph E. Fuller's brothers were Sam, Thomas, Isham Jurious and Robert

Isham Jurious Fuller was born 12/29/1859 in Choctaw County, AL, and died on 5/6/1934 at Cyril, AL. He married Isabella Selina Long, born 8/12/1858 in Choctaw County, Al. She died 1/7/1958 at Bailey, MS.

Thomas S. Fuller married Mary McLendon on 11/20/1871 in Clarke County, MS, with Isham Fuller, his brother, serving as bondsman.

Ethel Fuller Jay, who furnished the above information, lives in Meridian, MS, (1992). Ethel and Grady's daughter Eloise married Tommy Joe Butler, son of Charles and Effie Boswell Butler and they reside in Whynot.

According to a Confederate pension application filed on 7/16/1908 in Clarke County, MS, by Irma Louise Hamberg on John Hamberg's service, he enlisted in the Confederate Army in February, 1861, in Lauderdale County, MS. He served under Captain Day until the end of the war and was released in Atlanta, GA. The application, which was approved, listed Irma Louise's address as Cyril, AL.

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On the 1860 census for Lauderdale County, MS, John Hamberg is listed as 23 years old, born 1837, in Germany. His occupation was painter, and he was in the household of a brick mason by the name of J. Ratsburg whose home was near old Marion.

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Isaiah Gardner, born 1816 in SC, was an early settler in the SE corner of Lauderdale County. Some of his neighbors were Joseph Williams, James McRae, Doctor Robinson, John Shannon and Haney Robinson.

Isaiah Gardner was the son of James Gardner, born 2/28/1789, in the Barnwell District of South Carolina, and Mary McCreary. Isaiah Gardner's grandparents were Marmaduke and Catherine Gardner. Marmaduke Gardner was born 2/6/1760 and died in Clarke County, MS on 7/25/1839. (Source: the will of Marmaduke Gardner in Clarke County, MS). Marmaduke Gardner was also in the Hurricane Creek area in 1840.

Isaiah Gardner married Beady Robinson, daughter of William H. and Frances Henley Robinson. Isaiah and Beady were charter members of the Buckatunna Baptist Church at Snell in Clarke County, MS.

In 1850 the children of Isaiah and Beady Gardner were: Martha 12, Mary 10, Robert 9, Miles 8, Eleza (Elijah) 6, Franklin 4 and Frances 1.

In 1860 the children in their household were: Martha 22, Mary 21, Miles 16, Elizer (Elijah) 14, Franklin 13, Frances 12, Beasely 9, James 8 and Sara 3.

In 1860 the family was living near Daniel Reynolds.

This family and offsprings of this family apparently left the Whynot area either during or after the Civil War for no later record could be found on them by the writer.

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George W. Garrison, who was born on 7/4/1827 and who died on 5/14/1890, probably came to the old Kinterbish area in Sumter County, Al, from the State of New Jersey (family legend). His wife's given name was Mary A. with the surname unknown. She was born on 4/12/1839 and she died on 5/24/1883. Some of their children were:

1. William (Bill) H., born 9/25/1869, died March 1906, and is buried in the Concord Baptist Cemetery at Yantley, AL. He married Ida Culpepper, the daughter of Harden and Mary L. Goodwyn Culpepper. Mary L. was the daughter of Thomas H. and Eliza Vaughn Goodwyn. Ida Culpepper was a sister to Mary L. (Weesie) Culpepper Tims. The children of Bill and Ida Culpepper Garrison were:

A. Clara Estelle, who married Harvey W. Robinson, son of Sebe and Annie Robinson. Their children were: Claiborn, H.W., Jr., and Eugene (Joe Bill). The writer could not resist the "Joe Bill" as Eugene was fondly known in his youth. He is now referred to as Gene. **NOTE:** The writer grew up next to this family and his only buddy in his youth was Claiborn.

B. Nan (Nancy) M., who married Roscoe Nettles. They removed from the area to Oklahoma. The writer remembers Mr. Harvey and Miss Estelle journeying to Oklahoma in their A-Model Ford to visit Miss Estelle's sister.

C. William Brantley, who married Cora Nichols. This family at one time lived at what is known today as the Lamar Shirley place.

There may have been other children.

William (Bill) Garrison was shot accidentally while on a trip to Meridian. He survived the wound, but a few days after the accident he became ill with pneumonia and died shortly thereafter. After his death, Ida Culpepper Garrison married Albert Robinson.

2. John R., married Josephine Goodwyn, daughter of George W. and Ellen Hardin Goodwyn, who was a sister to Howard L. Goodwyn. This family lived at Kinterbish, near Ward, AL.

3 Jim. This may be J.M. Garrison who was born on 10/18/1857 and died 11/16/1932. His wife, Julia Estell, was born on 12/5/1863 and died on 3/16/1925. Both are buried in the Concord Cemetery.

4. George C., married Ida Joyner of the State of Georgia. They were the parents of Roy Garrison, Sr., who is a resident of Whynot (1992). Roy Garrison, Sr., married first Elizabeth

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Coker, daughter of Emmett and Barbara Slade Coker of Lisman, AL. They had a son, Roy, Jr., who at present resides in Choctaw, AL. After Elizabeth Coker Garrison's death, Roy married second Avera Nell Chatham Shirley.

George C. Garrison was born on 1/31/1873 and died 3/3/1946. His wife, Ida Joyner, was born on 12/22/1882 and died on 12/15/1927. Both are buried in the Concord Baptist Church Cemetery.

There may have been other children as there are a number of Garrisons buried in the Concord Cemetery.

It appears that most of this Garrison family lived in the Yantley/Kinterbish area of Sumter County, AL.

Some members of the W.H. (Bill) Garrison family were members of the Liberty Baptist Church.

NOTE: Elizabeth Coker, as stated, was the daughter of Emmett and Barbara Slade Coker. Emmett was the son of Ira Bird Coker and Emma Means. She was Ira Bird Coker's second wife. Ira Bird, by his first wife, Ann Sims, was the father of Lucy A. Coker who married T.A. (Tom) Means, Emma's brother.

The writer's great grandparents on the Coker side were Ira Bird Coker and Ann Sims. Emma, when she married Ira Bird Coker, thus became his step-great grandmother. Because she was an aunt to the writer's mother, she is also a great aunt to the writer. She also became stepmother (in law) to her brother!

Very confusing! The writer's mother solved the problem by sometimes speaking of Aunt Ruby and Uncle Emmett (children of Ira Bird and Emma Means) and sometimes just using the term cousin. (See Means history).

THE GODWIN FAMILY

According to the 1840 census of Lauderdale County, Jacob Godwin was located in the old Whynot area with his wife and four sons and one daughter. Mississippi Governor John J. McRae issued a state land patent to Jacob Godwin conveying 160 acres in Section 14, Township 5, Range 17E on 9/24/1855.

1850 Census of Lauderdale County, MS

Jacob Godwin	49, born 1801 in GA
Lucinda	39, born in AL
Thomas K.	21, born in AL
William C.	19, born in AL
Jacob L.	16, born in AL, father of G.W. (Wilburn) Godwin
Abraham J.	14, born in AL
Wallis (Wiley)	12, born in AL
Elisha C.	6, born in AL
Pheby C.	6, born in AL
Sarah P.	2, born in AL
George A.R.	2, born in AL
Lucinda. H.	age not given

The above Thomas K. married Julia A. Gibson on 1/27/1857 in old Whynot. They were later members of Ebenezer Baptist Church, leaving in 1866.

1870 Census of Lauderdale County, MS

Jacob L. Godwin	36, born in AL. In 1870 his post office address was Enterprise, MS.
Nancy O.	24, Nancy Ophelia McGregor, daughter of Ira and Nancy Culpepper Buckalew and mother of Wilburn Godwin. Ira Buckalew was the son of Zebulon and Mary (polly) Raley Buckalew. Nancy Culpepper first married Wm. Mcgregor
William J.	4, married M. L. Grace in 1895 and Lula Hobson in 1908
Saracy	2

1880 Census of Lauderdale County, MS

J.L. Godwin	47, born in AL. In 1880 these Godwins were living near the Pistoles north of Whynot Loop on the Whynot/ Alamucha Road.
N.L.	31
L.D. (Coleman)	11
G.W. (Wilburn)	8, born 1872
Bal (Beaula) (daughter)	6

The above G.W. (Wilburn) married first Frances J. Kornegay, known as "Maggie". She was born 11/30/1866 and died 2/10/1914. One of

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their children was Herman Godwin who lost his life in a sawmill accident. He was sawed in two. Other known children of Wilburn and Frances were Nancy Ophelia and Larry J. G.W. (Wilburn) married second Mattie Mitchell in 1915.

Wilburn and Mattie lived in a neat white house on top of the hill where Mr. & Mrs. Gary Scruggs now reside. They did not have any children.

Coleman Godwin, brother to Wilburn, married Blanche Murff. Their children were: Nonnie, born 10/12/1897, died 1/20/1918; Thomas Jacob, born 1/22/1906, died 1/2/1954; Lizzie and Henrietta. These Godwins lived in the area of the old Dallas Dearman home.

Wilburn Godwin was a member of Buckatunna Baptist Church in September of 1886. Some members of the Godwin family were also members of Bethany Baptist Church. Wilburn Godwin died from injuries in a car accident when he was 87 years old. He is buried at Bethany.

The writer remembers "Miss Mattie" who had a nice smile and always had cookies for visiting children.

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Lloyd A. Goodman (Big Lloyd) was in the area of Whynot prior to 1859. Legend has it that Big Lloyd's father was Samuel Goodman and that his grandfather was Ben; his great grandfather was also Ben; his great great grandfather was James Goodman from Ireland. Thee writer has no proof of this.

Big Lloyd A. Goodman married first Mary J. Jay in Lauderdale County, MS, on April 6, 1859. The bondman was J.C. Jay. Be married second Edith Tims.

One descendant believes that Big Lloyd was only accompanied by his mother (name not known) when he arrived in the Whynot area. It is believed that his father died prior to their arrival in Lauderdale County.

The writer did not use census records in his research on this family, so no birth states are known. Like other families, the family probably came through Georgia and Alabama before arriving in Lauderdale County, MS.

The writer has no knowledge as to whether or not Big Lloyd's children were by his first wife or by both wives. He will list them as follows:

1. Lloyd A. Jr. (Little Lloyd), born 6/15/1870, died 5/2/1955 He married Sallie Davidson. Their children were: Mary Etta, who married Luther Ford; Cora, who married Hubert Jay; Walter L., born 6/5/1895, died 2/13/1975; Colie, died in WWI, buried at Mt. Zion; Eunice who married will Fountain; Maggie (Tennie) who married Wash Davidson; Sadie Rae, who married Sidney Avery and Sammie Gray (Little Sam) who never married. Sadie and Sammie were twins.

2. L.H. (Lon), married Sidney Reynolds, daughter of John Reynolds. They were the parents of Lois Goodman Shannon, Florence Goodman Vaughn, Brownlee, Lillie Mae, Ela and Horace. This family at one time lived in the old Mason home on the Whynot/Alamucha Road north of the Whynot Loop. Later they lived in what is known today as the Lon Goodman home on Lon Goodman Road in south Whynot. In later years, after his wife died, Lon Goodman married second Mrs. Cannie Martin, widow of John H. Martin.

3. Anne, married Robert Reynolds. Their children were Willie, Danny Paul, Eddie and Ida May... Ida May married Pearman M. Jackson and they were the parents of Bennie Jackson Temple.

4. Minnie, married Richard M. (Bud) Davidson. She was born 11/6/1898, died 8/29/1975. One of their daughters, Fannie Mae, married Lewis Robinson. Lewis Robinson's father was Pink Robinson

At one Lime during the writer's youth, Mr. Lewis and Miss Fannie Mae were neighbors to the writer. They farmed part o the old Sebe Robinson place. The writer did day labor for Mr. Lewis - that of hoeing ribbon cane stubs IL was a job left. It was so lonesome. He was all by himself with a big job to do, but he toughed i.t out and Lhen bought a ;4.50 guitar and case with his pay. The guitar was recently repaired and refurnished by Lhe writer's son, Ken. But after all that hard youth labor, hauling Lhe instrument around for years, paying for repairs, the writer can only play a few chords. To Lhe writer, Lhe above work Lask represents a good lesson he learned in his youth. Slick wiLh the job, bile iL off a piece at a lime, and before long you can see Lhe end of Lhe row.

NOTE: The writer learned early that he had no ear for music, but his feel were made for dancing, going on Lo dance in many lands while in Lhe Navy. Of course LhaL was before he met his wife, Agnes. A[Ler that, the two went on lo enjoy dancing and even Loday, when the music and the mood are just right, Lhey glide around Lhe den.

5. Lou Ella, married Bruner Shirley.

6. J.A. (Vester), married Baltic Reynolds. One of Lheir children was a son, Jesse.

7. William Edgar, married first Catherine (Katie) Shirley. Their children were: Savannah; Willie Granville (LiLLle Bud); Evie; Edna, who married Jesse Waldo Reynolds, Sr., who was the father of J.W. Reynolds, Jr.

William Edgar Goodman married second Martha Jefferson (Jeffie) Boswell, daughter of Kinsey W. and Bell 'Lora hunt Boswell.

Their children were:

A. Irene May, who married James M. l3uckalew, Jr., -qr father of John Reed Buckalew.

B. Edward Gray, who married Pearl Long.

C. Catherine 'Lora, who married first Frank Shannon and second Dearman M. Jackson.

B. Commie

E. Elmer Robert

F. Samuel Robert, who married Myra Culpepper.

G. Nina Bell, who married Oscar Booker.

B. Lawrence Thomas, who married Sue Oliver.

The above Edward Gray and Pearl Long Goodman's children were:

1. James Edward, married Juanice Fuller.

2. Oscar, married Beth Robinson.

3. J.C., married Frances Mosley.

4. Arthur, (Little), married Nell. Shannon

5 Gaythel, married Ben Dearman.

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Edward Gray Goodman, in 1992, was the oldest living male resident of Whynot. He is still active and quite knowledgeable of the history of the Whynot area. In fact, since Mrs. Lude Clarke moved to a nursing home, he is THE oldest person in Whynot today.

The grandparents of the above Edward Gray Goodman were Kinsey W. and Bell Zora Hunt Boswell. They are of great interest to the writer. Please see the W.B. Boswell history. Mr. Edward G. Goodman has a picture of his grandmother, Bell Zora, which the writer hopes to publish with this history. Bell Zora was and is an excellent example of the courage that women exhibited during and after the Civil War.

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Thomas H. Goodwyn was a brother of Ann Goodwyn who married Anthony D. Hunter. Thomas H. owned 120 acres of land in Section 34 Township 5 Range 18E in 1858. This land is located slightly NE of the Whynot Loop and south of Liberty Baptist Church. He was a member of Liberty Baptist Church. Thomas H. Goodwyn was married to Elizabeth Vaughn on 8/23/1837 in Sumter County, AL, by William Clark, Sr. William Sterling of Sumter County, AL, was security. Elizabeth is thought to have been a sister of Thomas Vaughn, Sr. Both Thomas H. and Elizabeth Goodwyn are buried at Liberty Baptist Church. The William Clark, Sr., who performed the marriage ceremony was a Baptist minister and uncle to William Clark of old Whynot.

The Goodwyns were in Washington County, AL, in 1810. Thomas H. Goodwyn and wife, Eliza, were received by letter in Liberty Baptist Church on 7/18/1848.

The Goodwyns married into the Hunter family, as stated above. Ann Goodwyn married Anthony Davis Hunter in Sumter County, AL. Prior to her marriage, she recorded all her property as her own in the Court Records of Lauderdale County, MS. One old Goodwyn place is behind the writer's present home. The writer and his father, James Nevel Dawson, filled in an old well on top of the hill in the area, and it has been referred to as the "Old Goodwyn Place". This could have been the home site of James W. Goodwyn, son of Thomas H. Goodwyn.

Thomas H. Goodwin (Goodwyn) was a charter member of Concord Baptist Church at Yantley, AL, 11/29/1845. He possibly was a member of the old Harmony Baptist Church prior to becoming a member of Concord.

According to the 1850 Agricultural Schedule for Lauderdale County, Thomas H. Goodwyn owned 31 acres of improved land with a cash value of \$200, 1 horse, 3 milk cows, 24 swine, 80 bushels of Indian corn, 3 bales of cotton and 100 bushels of sweet potatoes.

George W. Goodwyn, son of Thomas H. Goodwyn, married Ellen Harden in 1871. Their children were:

1. Josephine, married John R. Garrison in 1906. She had one child, Olen. This family lived at Kinterbish in Sumter County, AL.
2. Howard L., married Nellie Dawson,
3. Sylvanus, married Evie Gibson, daughter of William J. and Elvira Gough Gibson.
4. Robert Lloyd (died early), married Nellie Dawson.

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5. Callie, married George Knight 8/27/1883.
6. Almedia (known as Media), married Charles Rainer.
7. Cora, married (briefly) Luther Morgan (M.L. Morgan).
8. Claude, married Pearl Gibson, daughter of William J. and Elvira Gough Gibson. They were the parents of Agnes Goodwyn Butler.

George W. Goodwyn's sisters and brothers were:

1. Karen J., married Rev. W.S. Culpepper in 1872. Rev. W.S. Culpepper, born 5/14/1854, was a minister at Bethany. He died 4/26/1927 at the age of 73 years and 6 months. Karen J. was born 5/14/1855 and died 7/23/1932 at the age of 77. Both are buried at Liberty Baptist Church cemetery. Karen lived with George W. Goodwyn, her brother, after her husband's death. Legend has it that she was expert at needle work and made beautiful quilts. No one knows where they went.

2. Emma, married John Luther Culpepper in 1877 who was a brother to the above W.S. Culpepper. Both were sons of Joseph M. Culpepper.

3. Frances E., married An Yarborough in 1870.

4. Mandy (Mary L.), married Hardin Culpepper, son of Joel Culpepper.

5. Elizabeth (Betty?), married Jim Thorne. (Not in Lauderdale records).

6. James W., married Nancy J. Culpepper on 10/14/1866.

There was a Samuel Goodwyn who married Sarah A. Roper in 1853. Samuel P. Goodwyn was in Section 10 Township 5 Range 18E on 9/5/1853. They lived NE of the present Reynolds Store and later sold land to John Smith. This Samuel Goodwyn may have been a brother to Thomas L. Goodwyn.

In Sumter County, AL, on 8/20/1835, a Robert Goodwin (Goodwyn) married Eliza Ann Roberson (Robinson). This Robert A. is a possible brother to Thomas H. Goodwyn. A Robert Goodwin operated the Goodwin Ferry across the Tombigbee in Section 12, Township 16N, Range 14W, in Sumter County, AL, in 1835.

1860 Census Lauderdale County, MS

Thomas H. Goodwyn	53, born 1808 in GA
Eliza A. (Vaughn)	42, born 1818 in AL
Ann	21, born 1839 in AL

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James W. (Jim)	19, born 1841
Mary (L.)	17, born 1843
George (W.)	15, born 1845
Frances (R.)	13, born 1847
Elizabeth (Betty?)	11, born 1849
Emma	10, born 1850
Kerron (Karon) J.	5, born 1855
Eliza	3, born 1857

There is some indication that the Goodwins were in fact Goodwyns. Some are supposed to have changed the spelling of the name...the above Robert Goodwin may have been one of those who changed the spelling.

In 1860 Mary L. Goodwyn married Harden Culpepper. They were living close to Benjamin Mason and Louis Pistole just north of Whynot Loop. This is near the old Goodwyn place behind the writer's present residence.

The following children were in the Confederate Orphan Home at Lauderdale in 1870: John Goodwyn 11, Eunice Goodwyn 9 and Thomas Goodwyn 7. Parents of these children are unknown.

Liberty Baptist Church

Thomas H. Goodwyn & Eliza received by letter in July 1848. Prior to that they were members of Concord.

Mary Goodwyn, baptized 9/1886.

Maggy Goodwyn, baptized 9/1888

1880 Census Lauderdale County

Family #290

Thomas H. Goodwyn	70, born GA
Eliza	60, born AL
Elizabeth	19, born MS

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James W. Goodwyn	40, born AL (son of Thomas)
Nancy J.	29, born MS
Thomas, Jr.	11, born MS
Mary A.	7, born MS Married J.W. Ponds in 1890)
Maggie L.	3, born 8/22/1876, died 12/10/1922. Married Edd Allen
James W.	1, Married Rebecca Lenier). Later a Meridian City Councilman.

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George W. Goodwyn	36,	born MS (son of Thomas)
Ellen	27	
Josephine L.	7	
Howard L.	4	(uncle of writer)
Sylvanus	2	
Robert L.	2/12	

The Goodwyns came from the east through Georgia, settling for awhile in Sumter County area, then came to Lauderdale County in the late 1830's. At first they lived on a ridge between the present day Whynot Loop and Liberty Baptist Church and close to the Sumter County line. After Thomas H. Goodwyn died, and sometime after 1883, his son (George W. Goodwyn) moved to what today is known as the old Tims place in south Whynot. Two of his sons, Howard and Claude, lived near him.

The writer remembers the G.W. Goodwyn home which was near the home of Howard and Nellie Dawson Goodwyn. On visits to his Uncle Howard and Aunt Nellie, he often was at the Goodwyn home. He remembers elderly people being at the Goodwyn home and that the home was dim and dark-looking inside from his view from the front porch. Somehow a spinning wheel appears in his memories of this home. An old organ from the George Goodwyn home was in the home of Howard Goodwyn for many years. The writer wonders what happened to it.

Ben Arthur Goodman now resides on the site of the old Howard and Nellie Goodwyn home.

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Thomas Henry Benton Gough, born 6/18/1837, was the father of John W. Gough. Thomas Henry Benton Gough was in the Providence Church in Choctaw, AL, in 1850.

William M. Gough was in that church also. William Gough and Letticia Price Gough were the parents of Thomas Henry Benton Gough; they married on 2/4/1836, probably in Georgia where Thomas Henry Benton Gough was born. They are buried at Energy in Clarke County, MS. Thomas Henry Benton Gough married Josephine Culbreth on 12/5/1859 in Clarke County, MS. The bond was by a Culbreth, and they were married by B.C. Quinna, J.P. They were received into the Buckatunna Baptist Church in 1860. This Thomas H.B. was robbed and killed in 1890 on a return trip from Neshoba County, MS, where he had sold his cotton. He is buried in the County Line Cemetery, Section 33, Township 9, Range 12, in Neshoba County.

Their children were:

1. John W., married Mary J. Thompson, daughter of John B. Thompson. He was 19 years old. His mother, Josephine, gave her consent. W. A. Prince was bondsman. He is thought to have been an uncle of John W. Gough. The children of John W. and Mary J. Thompson were:

A. Henry Lee, married Nanie Mae Ponds, daughter of J.W. Ponds.

B. Josephene (Jodie) B., married Ernest Brit Tims, the only child of Ed and Wessie Culpepper Tims.

C. Etta C., married Rufus Hardin.

D. John B., twin to Etta C. He died young.

E. Benton, married %essie Null.

F. Lela, married Grady Shirley.

G. Miriam, married Arhgy ; Culpepper.

H. Lucille, married C.A. Maule.

I. Inez, married W.J. (Willie) Raley/

J. Mary T, born 5/1/1912 and died 11/30/1912.

2. Henry, married Letta Butler. They lived at the west end of Millers Lane and were the parents of Oscar Gough. Letta F. Butler was a sister to James Allen Butler.

3. Isabella Ann, married David Samuel Hill Shannon.

4. Elviria, married William J. Gibson. They were the parents of Pearl Gibson Goodwyn who married Claude Goodwyn. They lived where Myra Culpepper Goodwyn now resides.

5. Mollie Frances, married James Madison Buckalew, Jr.

6. Lizzie, was the second wife of John E. McKinney.

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There was a William Gough in Buckatunna Church. This would have been W.J. Gough whose wife was Ann C. Gough. Also, a William and Joseph may have been brothers to Thomas Henry Benton Gough.

Before John W. Gough bought the old Sire Booker place, known today as the old John Gough place, he was in the area of Holbrook. It was reported to the writer that he once lived in what is known today as the Lou Goodman home.

There was a Martha Culbreth, 52, born in Georgia in 1818, living in Beat 5 (Toomsba postoffice) in 1870 with children: John 18, born 1852, and James 12, born 1858. This family may have been related to the Gough family.

There was also an Elizabeth and Jane Culbreth in Buckatunna Baptist Church in 1856. These females may have been related to Josephine Culbreth. Josephine Culbreth Gough was living with her son, Henry, in 1900.

John W. Gough was a farmer and blacksmith and a deacon in Bethany Church for many years. He also ran a grist mill for many years in downtown Whynot, which is now owned by John Mac Booker. The grist mill, when operated by J.W. Gough, was owned by Mr. Dave Carr, Supervisor for Beat 5.

There is nothing left today of the old J.W. Gough place, its blacksmith shop, barn, and out buildings. The place is now owned by the children of James and Cynthia Nettles, with their daughter, Katherine Nettles Brewster residing there. The writer was often at this home as a youth and often observed Mr. Gough working in his blacksmith shop.

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Joseph Grimes married Leander Jones in Lauderdale County on 1/27/1859. They were the parents of Joseph G. Grimes, born 4/13/1863, who died 12/28/1938.

Joseph G. Grimes married Harriett Carrie Ann Griffin (known as Karran), born 12/19/1859, died 8/14/1936, who was the daughter of John Thomas B. Griffin and Eliza Jane Roberson (Robinson). Eliza was one-half Choctaw Indian according to Nancy Jane Grimes Pigford.

The parents of John Thomas B. Griffin were John Griffin and Harriett Elizabeth Conner who were married in Montgomery County, GA, on 5/25/1813. John Griffin was born 10/13/1789 and was the son of Revolutionary soldier Samuel Griffin, Jr. Samuel Griffin, Sr., was also a Revolutionary soldier. Harriett Elizabeth Conner's parents were Wilson Conner and Mary "Polly" Ann Cook who was one-half Choctaw Indian.

It is thought that James Grimes, who was the first settler of Yantley, AL, was the father of Joseph Grimes who married Leander Jones in 1859. James Grimes was born in Duplin County, NC, on 1/11/1790 and died 2/15/1858. He is buried in the Concord Cemetery at Yantley.

Joseph (Joe) G. Grimes and his wife, Karran, settled in Whynot along with her parents in the late 1800's. Joseph G. and Karran Griffin Grimes were the parents of two daughters, Lucy and Nancy Jane.

Around the turn of the century, Barren Griffin, along with her parents, applied for land in Indian Territory (now Oklahoma) as Choctaws under the Treaty of Dancing Rabbit Creek of 1830.

Other families in the Whynot area to file claims were the Jim Rawlings family and two other Griffin families. There were other families in the area and state who also filed claims for land in Oklahoma. Jim Rawlings was the son of George W. Rawlings. Jim Rawlings married Julia Ann Martin, daughter of Rufus Martin. Julia Ann was a sister to Nettie Martin Allen, wife of Will Allen.

An agent by the name of Arnold made the arrangements for these families to travel to Oklahoma in 1902, with each family paying a fee, according to, Nancy Jane Grimes Pigford. Arnold arranged for their passage to the Indian Territory by train.

When the group arrived in a little town known as Broken Bow, the agent left them and nothing more was heard of or about him, thus leaving the group stranded. The group, which was 30 in number, then arrived a short time later in a town known now as Ardmore, OK, where it took awhile for the families to find a place to live.

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Nancy Jane Grimes was 10 years old at that time and remembers that no one received any land. Among those who stayed were her grandparents (Tom and Eliza Griffin) and they are buried in Ardmore. Her parents remained in Ardmore for five months and then returned to Whynot.

When Nancy Jane was 25 years old, her parents again went to Ardmore, along with her sister, Lucy P. The family returned to Whynot three years later. Lucy P. Grimes married Elbert N. Nichols, son of Colonel and Martha Robinson Nichols.

At the age of 33, Nancy Jane married Isaac (Ike) Spinks Pigford, son of A.J. (Jim) and Caroline Spinks Pigford. They lived in Arkansas for a few years while working and saving their money. The saved money was used to purchase the old Andrew Brown place in Whynot and is known today as the old Ike Pigford place. They remained there until Ike Pigford's death in 1965 at the age of 73. Nancy Jane, while retaining ownership of the home and 170 acres of land, lived with relatives for a number of years in Meridian. For the past 16 years she has been a resident of Pine Forest Nursing Home. She was 98 years of age on June 6, 1990. When that nursing home closed, she transferred to the Queen City Nursing Home in Meridian and recently celebrated her 100th birthday (1992).

Her sister, Lucy P., was born 8/7/1887 and died 12/9/1980 at the age of 93.

The old Grimes place was where Lonnie and Maryln Shirley Cooper now reside (1992).

THE HAGWOOD (HAGUEWOOD) FAMILY

Some of the Hagwood (Haguewood) families spell their name differently. According to some reports, the original spelling was HAGUEWOOD. This name may have been shortened by people spelling the name as it sounded to them, thus becoming Hagwood, in the various records. As you will see, the early records have this name as Hagwood; a B.C. Hagwood voted at Bagsby Mill in Sumter Co., AL, on 2/3/1843.

1850 Census of Choctaw County, AL. Family #313

Hagwood, B.C. 81, born 1769 in SC, planter
Mary (Willis?) 61, born 1789 in SC
Jackson (?) 21, born 1829 in AL, planter

Apparently the above Jackson (census difficult to read) was the last child and son of the above B.C. and Mary. This family being in Choctaw County in 1850 implies that they may have been in that part of Washington County, AL, that became a part of Choctaw in 1847 when Choctaw County was formed. With B.C. being born in 1769, he may have been a Revolutionary soldier. The above Mary may have been a Willis and related to B.F. Willis the noted Baptist minister. (See Willis history).

Family #88

Hagwood, (James) Willis 36, born 1814 in SC, planter
Francis 35, born 1815 in GA. Maiden name Rowe;
possibly daughter of Churchwell Rowe,
born 1793 (see Rowe history).
Lish (Elisha) 14, born 1836 in AL
Fanny 11, born 1839 in AL
Jas. (James) 9, born 1841 in AL
William Alex (Alexander) 8, born 1842 in AL
Elizabeth 6, born 1844 in AL
Caroline 5, born 10/26/1845 in AL; married
Joseph Waller; died 3/7/1893; buried at
Center Grove Cemetery.
Zachariah 2, born 1848 in AL; married Mary Waller
on 2/20/1867.

The above Zachariah and Mary Waller Hagwood had a son, Jim, who in his youth met a tragic death. The writer will not use the other party's name for there was never a charge, indictment, or conviction of any person in the death of this youth. The tragic incident occurred in about the middle 1880's in the Whynot area.

Jim and his pal, who were both about 14 to 15 years old, were sent to town (Meridian ? or another supply point?) in a wagon for cottonseed. At one point on their return trip, the boys stopped to give the horses a rest. The boys began to tussle on the cottonseed and play with their open knives. Young Jim's

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friend (legend) accidentally fell on a knife and was killed. No one knows the full story for there were no witnesses. After young Jim's arrival back home, the father of the deceased boy became enraged and (legend) threatened to kill young Jim. The tension was apparently so intense that young Jim's father hid him in the woods perhaps hoping the tension would ease. Young Jim and his father used bell signals to communicate and for the father to furnish supplies to his son.

After a period of about two months, the enraged father found young Jim one morning and he was killed as he lay sleeping against a tree stump. This stump remained in place for many years and was pointed out to Leslie Hagwood many times by his father.

Emotions ran high between these two families for years. Even today among descendants, there is some bitterness that justice had not been done.

These youths, who were friends and playmates, ended up dead, one by accident due to youthful carelessness and unsupervised play, and one with full intent. Both parents suffered but their suffering could never compare with the tragic deaths of the two youths.

A simple stone in the Hagwood Homesite Cemetery reflects youthful Jim as the son of Zack (Zachariah) and Mary Waller Hagwood . The other youth is buried in the Bethany Cemetery.

There were two tree stumps that are a part of the history of Whynot-the stump near the old Means Home where two Yankee horse thieves were hung and the stump, location unknown, where a youth was shot to death while he slept by an adult man who never gave the youth a chance to counteract.

The above Willis Hagwood could have been the son of the above B.C.Hagwood or at least a relative. We do not have a list of B.C.'s children, but Willis was born in South Carolina in 1814. B.C. would have been 45 years old when Willis was born and may have been married prior to his marriage to the above Mary (born 1789). Jackson was born in 1829 when B.C. was 60 years old and Mary was 40 years old. This would, perhaps, imply that the Jackson may have been a grandson (instead of a son) who was working for his grandparents.

More research is required in Choctaw County, AL, and it should be noted that the initial "B" is prominent in this Hagwood family.

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1860 Census Lauderdale County, MS, Beat 5, Whynot area.

Hagwood, Willis	46, born 1814 in SC
Frances	40, born 1820 in GA. Maiden name Rowe.
Elisha	22, born 1838 in AL. He may have lost his life in the Civil War.
James	10, born 1845 in AL
William Alexander	18, born 1842 in MS; student. He lost his life in the Civil War. Leslie Hagwood has a picture of him.
Zachariah	14, born 1846 in MS
Benjamin H.	10, born 1850 in MS
Parting (P.W.)	8, male, born 1852 in MS. (The name probably is Partin
Elizabeth	15, born 1845 in MS
Caroline	15, born 1845 in MS (Twins)

James Willis Hagwood, as noted above, was in Choctaw County, AL, before coming to the Whynot area in the early 1850's. Therefore, Willis Hagwood probably was living in a part of Washington County, AL, earlier.

On 4/11/1867 Willis Hagwood purchased 79 acres of land in Section 20 Township 5 Range 18E. This land is located in the Antioch area of Whynot.

Willis Hagwood's first wife, Frances (Rowe), apparently died sometime in 1867 as he married Nancy Tew on 10/19/1868 in Lauderdale County, MS.

In 1870 Willis Hagwood, age 56, was still living in the Antioch area of Whynot with his second wife, Nancy, age 40. Next door to him was his son, Benjamin (H), 19, with his wife Sarah (Sallie) Dearman. In Benjamin's household were Lizzie (Elizabeth) Reynolds (sister to Benjamin and daughter of Willis) and her daughter, Emma Elizabeth (Lizzie). Also in Benjamin's household was a John Ward, age 12, born 1868, whose parents are unknown.

The above Benjamin H. Hagwood was a delegate from Bethany Baptist Church to the Liberty Baptist Association held at the Bladen Springs Baptist Church in Choctaw County, AL, on 10/2/1875.

Benjamin H. and his wife Sarah were charter members of the Center Grove Baptist Church which was constituted about 1887. They are buried in that church cemetery. R.H. Hagwood was born 1/28/1845 and died 1/10/1926. His wife Sarah was born 9/29/1849 and died 10/25/1927, according to information at Center Grove.

P.W. (Willis) (Tobe) and Elizabeth Hagwood were also charter members of Center Grove Baptist Church. It is thought Tobe's name was Partin Willis.

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1910 Census Lauderdale County, MS, Center Grove area.

Hagwood, B.H. 61, born 1849 in Ms. His father was born in SC.
This B.H. could have been named for the B.C. who
was born in 1769, thus named for his grandfather,
if that B.C. was the father of Willis Hagwood.
Sallie 60, born 1850. Her maiden name was Dearman.
Dallas 20, born 1850 in MS.

Next door:

Hagwood, Floyd C.
(Churchwell) 36, born 5/12/1874, died 4/28/1936.
Annie 28, daughter of Jimmy and Margaret Waller Chatman.
She was born on 7/6/1880 and died 1/2/1937.
Mamie 12, born 1898 in MS; married Granville Davidson.
Minnie 11, born 1899 in MS; married Walter Goodman.
Winnie 11, born 1899 in MS; married Ulmer Davidson, broth-
er of the above Granville.
Lela 9, born 1901 in MS; married James McCary.
Everett Wiley 8, born 1902 in MS; married Nell Dunman Abel. She
was previously married to Louis Abel and was the
mother of Louis Abel. Everett and Nell were par
ents of a son, Leslie, and a daughter,,0ow-t.
Sallie 7, born 1903 in MS; married Orbon Moffett.
Callie 6, born 1904; married James Allen Butler, Jr.
(Junior Butler).
Jamie (male) 4, born 1906; married Clara Mae Johnson.
Bill born 12/7/1910; married Ruby Martin. They were the
parents of Algene and Fred Hagwood. Ruby was the
daughter of J.H. and Cannie Martin.

Two other children were Sadie who married Homer Davidson, and
Evie who married Joe Grady Warren. Evie died when she was 32 years
old.

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The children of Benjamin H. and Sallie Dearman Hagwood were:

1. Mat (Mathew), married Junnie Tims.
2. Floyd C., married Annie Chatham (see Chatham history).
3. Moody, married Mellie Chatham.
4. Dallas, married Vera Hargar.
5. Cisroe (Roe), male, married ? Broom. He died at an early age.
6. Viola, married Jimmy Chatham.
7. Cannie, married Howard M. Butler, Sr.
8. Sallie, married John Stone.
9. Annie

Tobe Hagwood, brother to Benjamin H., was the father of Will, John, and Ed Hagwood. He and his wife, Elizabeth, are buried in the Center Grove Cemetery Tobe Hagwood's full name was Partin W.

One P.W. Hagwood married Henrietta Kennedy in Clarke County, MS, on 3/29/1900. He was apparently a later P.W. Hagwood.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Floyd C. (Churchwell) Hagwood operated a store in the fork of the roads at Center Grove Baptist Church. Leslie Hagwood, owner of the Causeyville General Store, has a box with a red donkey painted on it. This box is the last remaining item of Floyd's store. His store also became a post office. Floyd Churchwell Hagwood had the privilege of naming the post office and he named it after his wife, Celia Annie (Ann) Chatham. This post office was opened on 12/30/1904, named Celia, and was discontinued on April 22, 1907.

There is another story handed down that has to do with Benjamin Hagwood and his son, Floyd C. It seems that Floyd C. had been a bit rowdy in life. Floyd was in church one Sunday, and he was asked to lead a prayer. Before Floyd C. could commence, his father, having little confidence in any prayer by Floyd, jumped out a church window, fearing the church might fall in.

The writer would like to end this history with a special tribute to both Leslie Hagwood and Algene Haguewood whom he considers his true friends and both of whom were very helpful in the writing of this family history.

THE HARMON FAMILY

Among the respected physicians of Lauderdale County, MS, stood Dr. Stephen Burrell Harmon of the old Whynot area. His house stood on the hill to one's right as one turns off old Highway 19E on to the Kelva McRae Road. This home is thought to have been built between 1882 and 1885.

Dr. Harmon was born in Alabama on 5/12/1850. His father, John N. Harmon, was born in Florida about 1816. His mother was Miriam Nelson Wallace, born in North Carolina about 1829. They were married in 1843 probably in Alabama. John N. Harmon died in 1886. After his death the widow resided in Marion. Both are buried in the old Marion Cemetery.

Dr. Stephen B. Harmon entered the Alabama Medical School in Mobile in 1871 at the age of 27, and it is thought that his parents arrived in Lauderdale County in the late 1870's. John Harmon is registered on the 1880 Lauderdale County Census. In 1881 Dr. Harmon entered the medical department of the University of Kentucky at Louisville where he received his degree of M.D.

Dr. Harmon married Cora M. Pigford in Lauderdale County, MS, on May 23, 1886. Cora Pigford was the daughter of Timothy D. Pigford and Lucinda (or Lucretia) Catherine Satcher. Timothy, born about 1839 was the son of Wright and Lucretia Harris Rodgers Pigford. This Wright Pigford family lived in the Mt. Gilead area. Catherine Satcher, born 1847, is thought to have been the daughter of Ribb Satcher who was living next door to Wright Pigford in 1850. Catherine Satcher was born on 6/23/1847 and died 12/30/1919. She is buried at Mt. Gilead.

Timothy D. Pigford and his family lived in the old Whynot area. He was postmaster of the Whynot post office from 1876 to 1/6/1879. The post office was closed on that date and re-established on 2/16/1882 in new Whynot.

Dr. Stephen B. Harmon enjoyed a medical practice in Whynot and the surrounding areas and owned between seven and eight hundred acres of land located twelve miles east of Meridian. He was also in the milling business. He and he family were members of the old Whynot Methodist Church, and he furnished land for the first two Whynot schools. Later the land reverted to his heirs when the school ceased to exist.

Dr. and Mrs. Harmon were the parents of the following children:

1. Steven Milton, date of birth not known.
2. Charles H., born 3/10/1887, died 6/11/1916, buried in Coker Chapel Cemetery.
3. Thomas C., date of birth not known.
4. Mirian Catherine, born 12/16/1889, died 2/26/1890, buried in Coker Chapel Cemetery.

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5. George Bancroft, born 9/30/1894, died 9/24/1895, buried in Coker Chapel Cemetery.

6. Willard (daughter), born 10/31/1899, died 5/2/1907, buried in Coker Chapel Cemetery

7. Anne Mae, born 2/27/1904, died 1959.

Dr. Stephen B. Harmon died 10/10/1925 at the age of 75 years. His wife, Cora, born 5/20/1886, died on 3/14/1935. Both are buried in Coker Chapel Cemetery.

The writer has no knowledge as to when this Harmon family left the Whynot area. Some of the children were baptized at the Whynot Methodist Church on August 29, 1892. Dr. and Mrs. Stephen B. Harmon received a certificate of dismissal from the Whynot Methodist Church in 1903 and this may have been the year they removed from the Whynot area.

The old Harmon home was used after their removal by A.R. and Augusta V. Anderson Hardin as a boarding house for teachers of the old Whynot school and Mr. Hardin operated a store. This store may have been the old office of Dr. Harmon. Augusta Anderson was a sister to Dr. Jeff Anderson who founded the present Anderson Memorial Hospital in Meridian.

Later there were other families who rented the home including the Hughes, Cottons and perhaps others. The last family to occupy the home was a black couple by the name of Haskins. The writer remembers the old home. It was still standing in 1940, but a few years later it was gone.

The writer is grateful for the assistance received from Stephen Harmon Dearman of Lilburn, GA, in the writing of this family history.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Only three of Dr. Harmon's children survived: Milton attended Mississippi State University and later became Secretary/Treasurer of the National Cotton Seed Association and lived in Memphis, TN. Claude was employed by the GM&O Railroad. Annie Mae married Denver C. Dearman. They lived in Zero, Chunky, Newton County, and finally in Meridian. They were the parents of the above Stephen Harmon Dearman.

After Dr. Stephen Burrell Harmon left Whynot, he practiced medicine in the Zero area of Lauderdale County until his death. Mrs. Harmon continued to live for awhile in the Zero community and then lived with her daughter, Annie Mae Harmon Dearman, at Chunky where she died.

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Dr. Stephen Burrell Harmon contributed to the Whynot area through his interest in education and through his medical practice. He is another example of productive residents of Whynot in the past who are almost forgotten today.

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1850 Census of Lauderdale County

Robert (Rob) Harrison	68, born 1782 in NC
Nancy	38, born in AL
America	32, born in AL
Virginia	28, born AL
Safronia	26
Combia	24
John	20

This Harrison family lived in the Antioch area of Whynot close to the Alabama line. Rob Harrison was one of the early settlers in the area. On 5/22/1842 he was sued by Thomas Willis for striking Willis over the head with his walking cane.

This Harrison is thought to have been related to the Harrisons of Scott Mountain in Choctaw, AL. He owned land in the Whynot area around 1840. The above Nancy was his second wife. The name of his first wife is unknown.

On 12/3/1840, Elizabeth Harrison married second Absolum Shamburger of Alamucha. Elizabeth is thought to have been a sister to Rob Harrison.

On 10/28/1856 Robert Harrison deeded the NWQ and SW4NE4 of Section 18 and SW4SE4, Section 21, Township 5, Range 18E to C. Willis.

It is thought that Robert Harrison then left the area, for no further record was found on this family. They may have removed to Texas in the late 1850's like other families.

THE HOLBROOK FAMILY

The Holbrook family lived in the area in Whynot known today as Holbrook which is east of the eastern tip of the Whynot Loop. James Holbrook, who was born in Massachusetts, first bought land in Meridian on 3/23/1867. Then on 8/10/1868 he bought 440 acres of land from John P. Smith in Section 15, 16, and 22, Township 5, Range 18E for \$1,100. The Holbrook home was east of the old Ike Pigford place on the road leading to Yantley, AL. During the writer's youth, this house was considered to be haunted, with the writer getting no closer to the house than the road.

James Holbrook is considered the founder of the black school of Holbrook. This school, located just east of the Holbrook residence, is thought to have been first the white Hunter school. It was in this area that the Holbrook Benevolent Association, a black burial insurance firm, was organized. This organization is presently located on west Fifth Street, Meridian, MS. There is some speculation that James Holbrook may have been a school teacher.

1870 Census Lauderdale County

James Holbrook 35, born 1835 in MA
Fannie M. 25, born in NC
Edwin M. 8, born 1862 in MS (probably child of first marriage)
Daniel L. 1, born 1869 in MS
Anna Blanks 70, born 1800 in VA
(black female)
Joseph
Sparkman 20, born in MS. He was later a trustee
(black male) for the black Holbrook School.
Jones Turner 10, born 1851 in AL (black male)
Isham Johnson 17, born 1853 in AL (black male)

This family was difficult to trace. The writer found a James Holbrook who was issued a marriage license to marry Henrietta S. Kilpatrick on 9/16/61, but the marriage license was never returned for recording. This marriage may have occurred, and the son on the 1870 census, Edwin M., born 1862, could have been a child of this union. The writer notes that there is a break in births from 1862 to 1869. If Edwin M. is a son of that union, then Fannie M. (Gunn?) was the second wife of James Holbrook. It is unknown where that marriage took place.

On 2/1/1879 James Holbrook executed a deed of trust to D.B. Gunn to satisfy a debt of \$1,200. This deed included most of his land (except the home), 8 head of stock cattle, 2 ox wagons, 2 mules, and 3 horses. The writer has no proof, but the D.B. Gunn is thought to have been Fannie M's father and that her maiden name was Gunn. She named one son Henry Gunn. in 1892 the above

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land was still in the name of D.B. Gunn but back in the hands of Fannie M. Holbrook by 1896. The 1879 entry is the last record found on James Holbrook and the family is not listed on the 1880 census for Whynot.

Fannie M. Holbrook regained all the land as her will of 1910 reflects that she, while living in Hinds County, MS, owned 520 acres of land in Whynot. She paid taxes on the land in 1896. This land was willed to two of her children, Mary V. Holbrook Seutter and Jason W. Holbrook. Her son Daniel Holbrook, was deceased at the time of the will. He had married Annie M. ? and had the following children: James Daniel, Henry Gunn and Mary. This family was living in Meridian in 1910 and Annie M. had remarried to J.T. Alford on 4/4/1906.

The only Holbrook marriage that is on file in Lauderdale County, MS, is the marriage of James Holbrook and Henrietta S. Kilpatrick, who, the writer believes, was the first wife of James Holbrook.

Fannie M. Holbrook's will did not mention James Holbrooks' oldest child, Edwin M., which is another indication that he was not her child.

1910 Census Lauderdale County, MS, Beat 1, 35th Ave., Meridian. Family #1117

Holbrook, Henry	35, born 1875 in MS. Father born in CN, Mother born in MS
Imogene	28, born in MS. Father born in GA, Mother born in MS
Fannie Kate	8, born 1902 in MS
Hennrettia	6, born 1904 in MS
Ruth	3, born 1907 in MS

The above Henry (H.G.) married Imogene Chisolm in Lauderdale County in 1900. The above Henry Holbrook has to be Henry Gunn Holbrook, son of James and Fannie M. (Gunn) Holbrook.

Since Judson W. Holbrook was born in April 1886, this indicates that James Holbrook was alive in 1885, but he was not in Whynot. It is not known where in Mississippi that Judson W. was born. it could have been that the James Holbrook family removed from the Whynot area around 1880 either to Meridian or Jackson.

Since Fannie M. Holbrook's will mentions owning property in Meridian, it is entirely possible that the family removed first to Meridian and perhaps later to Jackson, MS. The 1900 Lauderdale County Census reflects some of James Holbrook's children living in Meridian, but none were living in Whynot.

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1900 Lauderdale County Census Beat 1, 16th Ave. Meridian, MS.

Holbrook, Daniel L. 30, born January, 1870 in MS. Married for three years. Father born in MA, Mother born in NC.

Anna M. 25, born May, 1875, in WY. Father born in MS, Mother born in WY.

James D. 2, born April, 1898 in WY.

Edward born February, 1900, in MS

Henry G. (Gunn) 27, born December, 1872. Brother to Daniel L.

Judson W. 14, born April, 1886. Brother to Daniel L.

As the above Judson was born in 1886, this reflects that his father was alive in 1885-1886. There is 14 years difference in the birth of the above Henry G. (1872) and Judson W. (1886) which indicates that James Holbrook may have been separated from his wife and family for a period of time.

The known children of James and Fannie M. (Gunn) Holbrook were:

1. Daniel L., who was living on 16th Avenue in 1900 (see census above) with his wife, Anna, and two sons, James and Edward. Apparently Daniel L. must have removed to the state of Wyoming when he married his wife, Anna. Their first child, James D., was born in Wyoming. By 1900 he had returned to the Meridian, MS, area, but he was not on the 1910 census for Lauderdale County.

2. Henry G., living with his brother, Daniel.

3. Judson W., also living with his brother, Daniel.

4. Mary V, who married Carl Seutter. She probably lived with her mother in Jackson. The writer does not have a birth year for her and does not know if she was younger or older than Judson.

There is some indication that Fannie M. Holbrook may have returned to the Whynot area for a brief period as the writer found her signature as a witness on several documents in 1896.

During the reconstruction period, James Holbrook was appointed and served briefly as a Justice of the Peace and as a member of the Board of Police.

Little is known or remembered about his family. For that reason many residents may think the Holbrook name came from the black Holbrooks, but this is not the case.

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The family, in a way, remains a mystery. This was a northern family in a southern area during the period immediately after the Civil War and during the reconstruction period. James Holbrook apparently was interested in the education of the blacks. There may have been resistance in the community which may have forced the Holbrooks to depart the area.

In 1879 when Holbrook mortgaged his place, the local officials were beginning to regain political power, and the climate for so-called Yankees was unhealthy.

The family's contribution to Whynot was in the leaving of the family name, Holbrook, as the name of an area of Whynot and the establishment of the black school of Holbrook.

Efforts to establish contact with possible descendants in Jackson met with failure.

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON HUGHES FAMILY

George was the youngest son of John Hughes and Demarius Hayman. John Hughes was born about 1805 and married Demarius Hayman, daughter of Johnson and Jane Nelson Hayman, about 1831.

John Hughes, along with his wife and mother, Margaret, became members of Salem Baptist Church in 1841. Later they were members of Ebenezer Baptist Church. Margaret Hughes was in Dallas County, AL, in 1830. The name of John Hughes' father is unknown. Both John and Demarius are buried in the old Ebenezer Cemetery near Causeyville, MS.

George Hughes, son of John Hughes, married first Annie Rowe, daughter of Madison Rowe and Cynthia Ann Thrash. They settled on Rowe land near Hurricane Creek. Later George and Annie built a home on land that lies between Little Brown Creek and Big Brown Creek. This family consisted of George, Annie, Eva Adelle, and Fletcher Franklin. They lived near John Hughes and other Hughes families. This was in the general area southwest of the Whynot Community. According to B.W. Scruggs, who is now deceased, the George Hughes family lived at one time in Whynot in an area south of the present residence of Kelva McRae. The above Fletcher, son of George and Annie, was a well-known and respected educator in the area. He lived for awhile in the old Cotton house on the west end of Millers Lane.

The above Eva Adelle lived to be 100 years old, passing away in 1989.

Annie died 2/24/1897 after contracting yellow fever from a neighboring family which she had helped nurse during the epidemic. Annie was buried in Antioch Cemetery. She had said she did not want rain to fall on her grave. George built a protective shelter of heart pine which stood over her grave for almost one hundred years. Annie's daughter, Eva, later placed a marker on her mother's grave.

It stands to reason that the Roe (Rowe) family were of the primitive Baptist faith and they were probably members of the Bethel Primitive Baptist Church at Antioch.

There are many unmarked graves in the Antioch cemetery.

Cynthia Roe, mother of Annie, lived with the George Hughes family and took care of Eva and Fletcher after Annie's death. Cynthia died in 1904.

Annie E's father, Madison G. Rowe, died in 1869 and her mother married second to L.G. Goodman in 1888.

On 6/15/1898, George Hughes married second Margaret Elizabeth (Bettie) Chatham, eldest daughter of James Wilson Chatham and Margaret Jane Stinson Waller Chatham. Bettie's mother had died,

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leaving the care of younger brothers and sister to her.

Asa Waller was Margaret Elizabeth Chatham's great grandfather. The old Asa WalJerPlace is thought, by some, to have been where Gerald Roberson and his mother now reside in the Center Grove area. On the other hand, the Asa Waller place may have been in the Hurricane Creek area close to the Alabama line. As legend has it, Asa buried his gold during the Civil War. Later, holes were dug all over the place in search for the gold.

Asa Waller's wife was Margaret Sloan, who was born 9/12/1799 and died 10/12/1881. She is buried at Concord Baptist Cemetery in Yantley, AL.

The children of George and Margaret Elizabeth Chatham Hughes were:

1. Everette Hollis, who married Johnnye Maggard.
2. Margaret Demaires, who married Aubert Pogue, Sr.
3. William Bryan, who married Pauline Maggard.
4. George Ray, who married Gertrude Lucas.
5. Lucy Estelle, who married Otis Austin Carmichael.

George Washington, along with his first wife, was a charter member in 1887 of Center Grove Baptist Church. He had the honor of being the first song leader in that church. George W. Hughes and wife, Bettie, are buried in the Hebron Baptist Church Cemetery.

There was a Hughes School built by the Hughes in the area southwest of Whynot where the Hughes lived. The school was named after John Hughes. See History of County School System for details on school.

Another son of John Hughes, John Madison Hughes, served in the Confederate Army.

The writer would like to thank Mrs. Helen Hughes Smith of Columbus, MS, for her assistance in the writing of this family history.

THE HUNTER FAMILY

The Lebbeus Hunter, Sr., who came to the Whynot area, was really Libbeus Hunter, Jr., who in 1815 was a North Carolina Senator from Carteret County, NC. His father was Libbeus Hunter, Sr., son of Nicholas and Rebecca Hunter. Libbeus Hunter, Sr., died in North Carolina just after September 17, 1806, when his wife (name unknown) predeceased him.

Nicholas Hunter's father was William Hunter who was granted land in Henrico County, VA, on March 6, 1636. Nicholas Hunter died in 1750 and his wife (Rebecca) in 1785. Nicholas and Rebecca were blessed with 12 children: Stephen, Ezekiel, Libbeus, William, Joab, Esther, Zillah, Rachael, Keziah, Mitchell, Elizabeth, Sarah, and Ruth. The above Lebbeus (who was the first Lebbeus and whom the writer refers to as Libbeus, Sr.) made a will on 8/17/1806. The will was proved in November, 1806. His children were : Libbeus, Jr., Stephen, Mary Hunter Jones, Clare Hunter Middleton, Rebecca Hunter Armoto, Rachael Hunter Davis, Sarah Hunter Stephens. Sarah predeceased her father.

According to the Hunter line in the North Carolina publication, "One Dozen Pre-Revolutionary War Families", the Hunter family was of royal descent from King Edward I of England.

As Libbeus Hunter, Jr., was a North Carolina Senator in 1815, it is clear that he was not in the Whynot area by 1815.

Libbeus Hunter, Jr., born 1772, was the son of Libbeus Hunter, Sr., and ? Middleton. This Libbeus Hunter, Jr., (later known as Libbeus Hunter, Sr.), married Clarkey Davis in North Carolina. She was the daughter of Solomon White and Jean Davanaugh Davis.

According to existing records, this Libbeus Hunter and wife Clarkey arrived in the Whynot area in the early 1830's. The Hunters were in Florida for awhile and the legend may refer to the Hunters being in the Mississippi Territory prior to their arrival in the Whynot area.

Anthony Davis Hunter, son of Libbeus, Jr., and Clarkey Davis Hunter, married Ann Goodwyn (thought to be a sister to Thomas H. Goodwyn). Anthony is the only Hunter buried in the old abandoned Hunter Cemetery, having a tombstone that reads as follows: Anthony D. Hunter Son of Lebbus and Clarkey Hunter of Carthwright (Carteret) County, N.C. B 10/26/1800 D 5/5/1853

Legend has it that the wife (Ann Goodwyn) of Anthony Davis Hunter, S., was a descendant of England's Lord Goodwin. Anthony

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Davis Hunter's only child, John Goodwyn Hunter, was the grandfather of A.D. Hunter, who resided on Old Marion Road until his death in 1992. This A.D. Hunter remembered the old Hunter Cemetery with its carved wooden tombstones that have long ceased to exist.

According to A.D. Hunter of Marion Road, his grandfather (John G. Hunter) told him that his father (Anthony Davis Hunter, Sr.) was six years old when Libbeus Hunter, Jr., came to the Whynot area. He told him that when the Hunter family left North Carolina, the family split a book of sermons in a Bible. They broke it in half and each took a part. This book was printed in 1763 in Edinburgh, Scotland. A descendant of A.D. Hunter presently holds part of this book of sermons. The writer was unable to copy the sermons due to their condition.

Libbeus, Jr., and Clarkey Davis Hunter came to the area from Cartwright (Carteret) County, NC. They probably came through Washington County, AL, arriving in that area after the signing of the Dancing Rabbit Indian Treaty in 1830. They lived in the section east and northeast of the Whynot Loop near the Alabama Line. Libbeus was 78 years old in 1850 and his wife Clarkey was 74. Children of this family were fluent in speaking the Choctaw language. Their children were:

1. Libbeus III (known as Jr.), married Amanda Rosser, daughter of Elijah Rosser, in Sumter County, AL, on 3/13/1839. (Rosser, AL, is named for Elijah who arrived in that area in 1830.) Their children were: Osbourne 10, born AL, James 8, John 6, Martha 3, Martin W. 1. Also in the household was Sarah A. Rosser, sister to Amanda. Libbeus Hunter, III, was next door to his father and to Thomas H. Goodwyn (grandfather to Howard L. Goodwyn). Nicholas M. Hunter (brother) was a bondsman for the marriage of Libbeus and Amanda.

2. Anthony Davis, married Ann Goodwyn on 1/12/1838 in Sumter County, AL. Their only child was John Goodwyn.

3. Edward, who he married is unknown. On the 1850 census for Lauderdale County, Edward is listed as 43 years old, born in 1807, in the household of his parents. This Edward had to marry about 1848, for his first child was born in 1849. According to the 1870 census of Lauderdale County, he was y3 years old, and in his household were: Martha 21, born 1849 in AL; John 12, born 1858 in MS; Anthony 9; James 6; Clarey, and Betsy 2. The break in birth years from 1849 to 1858 indicates that the first wife died or Edward was separated from his wife. The entry on the 1860 census in Lauderdale County is unreadable. The Family was in Sumter County, AL, in 1849. Edward may have been visiting his parents when the census taker for Lauderdale County visited his parents' home. There is some indication that Edward and his wife lived apart

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in later years. This would imply an early separation after the birth of Martha in 1849. The first name of Edward's wife may have been Elizabeth J. Edward was difficult to trace.

It should be noted that Edward's brother, Anthony D. Hunter, and his wife, Ann Goodwyn, were also living apart after the birth of their only child, John Goodwyn Hunter.

4. Isaac M., born in North Carolina, married Louisa Jones. Their children in 1850 were: Octavia 19, Eleanor 16, Oscar 14, Oliver 12, Louis 10, Harriet 8, and Caroline 5. Also in the household was Alexander J. Brand, a school teacher from London, England. The above Harriett married W.H. Eastland on 9/5/1864 in Lauderdale County, MS. (The Hunters may have operated the first Patron School in Whynot.)

5. Nicholas, married Elizabeth J. Scurlock, daughter of William H. and Amelia P. Scurlock, on 12/15/1839, in Lauderdale County, MS. Nicholas died when his children, Martha, Amelia P., and Mary, were minors. He died in Sumter County, AL.

6. Robert L., married Mary Louisa Wallace on 9/5/1837 in Sumter County, AL.

There may have been other children. It is assumed that both Libbeus Hunter, Sr., and his wife, Clarkey, are buried in the old abandoned Hunter Cemetery.

The War of Rebellion more or less brought an end to the Hunter era in east Lauderdale County. Some had left the area earlier.

In 1853 the widow of Anthony Davis Hunter I, Ann Goodwyn Hunter, sold the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 15, the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 10 and Lot #7 in Section 11, all of Township 5, Range 18E, and removed from that land to another location in the area. Her son, John G. Hunter, was nearby. The above Anthony Davis Hunter I was the son of Libbeus Hunter and an uncle to Anthony Davis Hunter II. The last of the Hunters, Anthony Davis Hunter II, moved from the area in 1871. This Anthony Davis Hunter II has to be the son of Edward Hunter.

Legend has it that a good bit of the Hunters' land was given to former slaves after the Civil War.

1850 Agricultural Schedule Lauderdale County

Libbeus Hunter, Sr., owned 25 acres of improved land and 45 acres of unimproved land, 1 horse, 3 milk cows, 3 working oxen, 9 other cattle, 18 sheep, 30 swine, 300 bushels of Indian corn, 6 bales of cotton, 30 pounds of wool, 15 bushels of peas and beans and 150 bushels of sweet potatoes.

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Libbeus Hunter, Jr., owned 65 acres of improved land and 30 acres of unimproved land, 1 horse, 2 mules, 4 working oxen, 9 other cattle, 21 sheep, 75 swine, 700 bushels of Indian corn, 16 bales of cotton, 10 pounds of wool.

From the above, it appears that the Hunters dealt both in cotton and in wool. Their cotton probably was shipped on the Tombigbee River to Mobile.

Edward Libbeus owned 45 acres of improved land and 35 acres of unimproved land, 2 horses, 1 mule, 1 milk cow, 2 working oxen, 2 other cattle, 300 bushels of Indian corn and 6 bales of cotton.

Isaac M. Hunter owed 100 acres of improved land and 40 acres of unimproved land, 3 horses, 5 mules, 8 milk cows, 3 working oxen, 16 other cattle, 12 sheep, 46 swine, 500 bushels of Indian corn, 11 bales of cotton, 40 pounds of wool, 10 bushels of peas and beans and 150 bushels of sweet potatoes.

A.D. Hunter owned 120 acres of improved land and 50 acres of unimproved land, 2 horses, 3 mules, 4 milk cows, 2 working oxen, 16 other cattle, 60 swine, 1000 bushels of Indian corn, 16 bales of cotton, 50 bushels of peas and beans and 150 bushels of sweet potatoes.

In 1860 Libbeus Hunter, Jr. had 270 acres of land, Ann Hunter had 80 acres of land, Edward Hunter had 160 acres of land, and B.F. Hunter had 200 acres of land. (The writer found no other entry on this B.F. Hunter).

John G. Hunter lived in the area of what is known today as the old Pigford home. The actual home site is unknown. It most probably was a log house. John G. sold some land on this place to Andrew Brown on 1/17/1882 and removed to Meridian to a location on the Old Marion Road in the area where his grandson, A.D. Hunter, now resides. Five acres of the land that he sold had been inherited from his grandfather, Libbeus Hunter, Sr.

In Cary, NC, where the Hunters lived, there is a picturesque waterway which still bears the name, "Hunters Creek".

The Hunters were not politically involved and none sought public office in Lauderdale County. Apparently they took a part in politics in North Carolina. They were apparently hard and productive workers and a family that valued education.

They, like the early Robinsons, Clarks, Vaughns, and others, were true frontier people of the Whynot area. We of today cannot even come close to visualizing what suffering they must have encountered. It is so sad that the harshness of the times has prevented any recognition of their efforts.

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It would be great if the old Hunter Cemetery and other cemeteries, like the old Bethany Cemetery, could have been preserved. They, like the old Antioch Cemetery, would, for sure, historical show-places for Whynot.

The Hunters, surely, were among the noted early settlers of the Whynot area. They were of excellent character and possibly of noble stock. They brought a school teacher from London to educate their children. The Hunters were noted families in both Sumter County, AL, and in Lauderdale County, MS, and it is sad that they were not recognized in the formation of Lauderdale County. Libbeus Hunter, Jr., being a former senator of North Carolina, was qualified, yet he never sought any public office...not even the Justice of the Peace office.

The writer grew up near the Hunter land and left in 1940 when he completed high school. He returned 44½ years later to live at the home place. He wishes he knew the exact location of some of the Hunter homes. He has an idea of where some were, for as a youth he visited the homes of elderly blacks who lived in log cabins on ridges. The gracious, elderly couples would cook pieces of meat on a stick over an open fireplace. Then they would allow the writer to pull the piece of meat off the stick to go with a piece of bread baked on the open fireplace. The writer remembers a number of these homes that these blacks occupied in his youth that were probably homes of the Hunters. If one today were to pass the present residence of Otis and Jewel Shirley, go east a short distance, and take a left, you would be in the area the writer is referring to. There were many old homes along this road.

The writer would like to express appreciation to Mrs. Sidney Schrum of Goldsboro, NC, for her assistance with this history.

THE JACKSON LOGAN FAMILY

This family came to an area north of Center Grove in about the year 1935 from Vossburg in Clarke County, MS. The parents of Jackson Logan and his twin, Lee, were Lucian B. and Susie Catherine (Katherine) Brady Logan who married in Clarke County, MS, on 11/18/1883. Lee Logan settled in the Sandersville, MS, area.

Jackson Logan married Ida Hellen Henson, daughter of James D. and Mamie Snellgrove Henson, in Clarke County, MS. Ida H. Henson was an accomplished music teacher and practiced this occupation until she married and commenced a family. Jackson (Jack) Logan and his wife are buried in the Goodwater Cemetery in Clarke County, MS.

The children of Jackson and Ida H. Henson Logan were:

1. First child born dead.
2. Lois Vermel, married A.J. Mosley.
3. Harold Lucian, married Una Powers.
4. Mary Katherine, married Ester Ellis.
5. Marguerite, married James R. Riley.
6. Ina Mae, married Ross C. Powers.
7. Ruby Lee, married Woodrow McKnight.
8. Annie Ruth, married Calvin Thomas
9. William Jackson (Jack), married Shirley Crenshaw.

The above Marguerite was known as a writer and poet while attending the Whynot Consolidated High School. She suffered a stroke in 1992, but is doing fine now. She resides in Causeyville. The above Ina Mae graduated from Whynot with top honors.

The baby child, Jack, became a captain in the USAF after completing the Whynot school at age 15. He died at age 36 from cancer.

The writer well remembers both Marguerite and Ina Mae, but unable to remember any of the other children.

The writer is acquainted with Shirley Crenshaw Logan who at present (1992) is the Director of the Lauderdale County Mental Health Association.

THE JAY FAMILY

Alfred J. Jay married Mollie Williams. They lived in the Cyril area in west Alabama close to the Mississippi State line. Mollie Williams may have been related to the Joseph Williams who settled early in the Hurricane Creek area of Whynot. Their children were:

1. Hubert Cleveland, married Cora Edith Goodman, daughter of L.A. (Little Lloyd) and Sally Davidson Goodman. Hubert and Cora were the parents of Eugene, Grady, Chester, James, and W.H. (Buddy). Hubert C. was born 9/10/1888 and died 9/13/1955. Cora Edith was born 5/25/1892 and died 5/10/1986. Both are buried at Bethany.

2. Herman, married Madge Still, the daughter of Milton Still. Their only child was Billy Gene who married Winford Sollie.

3. Harry, never married. He remained at the old home place in the Cyril area and was found dead of a heart attack after being dead for several days.

4. Myra, married Albert Raley.

5. Biver, married Richman Allen, lived at Cyril.

6. Audie, married Grady Shirley. They were the parents of W.G. and Martin Ray.

7. Mamie, married Steve Miller. This couple lived at one time in the old Henry Lee Gough house near the present residence of Donald Shirley. The writer remembers this family.

8. The oldest child was a female, name unknown. She never married. Lived at the old home place until her death.

According to Grady Jay, son of Hubert and Cora, the Jays originally came from France where the name was spelled "Jai". The Jays originally, like the Goodmans, settled in Virginia, then came to the Alabama area, and later to Lauderdale County, MS.

OTHER INFORMATION:

One J.L. Jay married Ms. M.V. Raley on 1/19/1887. L.G. Goodman was bondsman.

The Herbert C. Jay family remained in the Cyril area until their son, Grady, was nine years old and then moved to the Whynot area. Grady was born about 1915, so it would be about 1924 when the Herbert C. family moved to Whynot. The Jays probably moved to the Whynot area so that Cora Goodman Jay would be close to her relatives.

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James and W.H. (Buddy) Jay, children of Herbert C. and Cora Smith Goodman Jay, remain in the Whynot area today with their families.

Buddy Jay and his wife, Virginia Robinson, daughter of Otto Robinson (son of Sebe Robinson), at present live near the old Jay place.

THE KNIGHT FAMILY

John Calvin Knight married Matilda Tims. He lived in the Antioch area of Whynot. Their children were:

1. Lewis L., born 9/28/1866.
2. A daughter who died at birth on 10/5/1868.
3. Alice, born 9/7/1869, married Tom Morgan.
4. Alma, born 3/28/1871, married Bill Richie of Causeyville
5. William W., died shortly after birth on 9/19/1872.
6. Anna, born 11/19/1873, never married.
7. Emma, born 11/19/1873, twin to Anna.
8. Betty, born 8/12/1875, died young.
9. Mayomi, born 11/17/1876, married Charles Morgan.
10. Frances, born 2/25/1878, married Owen Williams.
11. Monroe Jackson, born 3/10/1879, never married, died 1935.
12. C.J. (Columbus Lum), born 10/9/1880, married Annie Mae Brewer in Clarke County, MS.
13. J.F. (Frank, Franklin), born 1/26/1882, married Edna Wallace in 1905.
14. G.W. (George Washington), born 8/27/1883, married Callie Goodwyn, daughter of G.W. Goodwyn and sister to Howard Goodwyn, in 1905. He died 2/3/1936. His wife was born 6/12/1883 and died 4/25/1944.
15. S.R. (female), married E. Tedder.
16. F.M., married A.A. Anderson in 1887.

The G.W. Knight family lived west of old Antioch. Among George W. Knight's children were, Curtis, Audie Mae Knight Cook, Julian, Bernard, Chestine, Eugene, and Annie Ruth. The writer remembers Annie Ruth as an excellent basket ball player.

Mrs. Audie Mae Knight Cook remembers her grandfather, John Calvin, who lived close by, and that her father always kept his children close to home.

The Knights were of the primitive Baptist faith and, no doubt, were members of the Bethel Primitive Baptist Church.

In 1850 the only Knights on that year's census record were James K. Knight and Milton Knight.

James K. Knight was 56, born 1794 in SC. This Knight was a charter member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church as were Isabella and Mable (Mabel) Knight. Other members of the James K. Knight family in 1850 were:

Sarah, 34, born in SC

Henry, 14, born in AL. This is probably the J.H. who married Isabella ? . Both left Mt. Zion Church in 1868. Henry Knight was received in 1908 and dismissed by letter in 1911.

Frances, 7, born in AL

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Joseph, 5, born in AL

Allen, 1, born in AL. This is Allen E. Knight whose children in 1885 were Samuel L.13, Joe J. 10, Allen E. 8, and Milton 5.

Milton Knight, 28, was born in 1822 in TN. He married first Mary Wallace in 1844 and second to Eliza ? . In 1850 Eliza was 16, born in SC. Also in the household was Nancy, 5, born MS (issue of first marriage). Milton Knight was in the Mt. Gilead area in 1850.

In the Antioch Cemetery there is the grave of a James K. Knight, born 5/5/1868 and died 2/4/1941. He was probably a grandson of James K. Knight, born 1794. There is also an Elizabeth B. Knight, born 5/5/1868, died 2/4/1941. The James K. born 1794 has to be connected to John Calvin Knight. James K. may have been a brother to John Calvin's father (name unknown).

One Frances Knight married Robert Rowland Perry in 1859 in Lauderdale County. There is the possibility that this Frances Knight was the daughter of James K. Knight, born 1794. According to the 1850 census, Frances was 7 years old in 1850, born 1843. She married at the age of 16 to Rowland R. Perry.

Allen Knight, son of James K., married Eliza Thornhill in 1870. In June, 1869, T.R. Knight and wife, along with Merma Knight, were received by letter into Mt. Zion Church. One J.R. Knight with wife, Mabel, joined Mt. Zion in August, 1868. Joe Knight was a member of that church in 1898 as was A.P. Knight, a female.

More research is needed to separate the Knight families, especially since there were also Knights in the Mt. Gilead area of Lauderdale County as well as in Clarke County, MS.

In summary, it appears that one family line of Knights were in the Whynot area, descended from James K. Knight, born 1794, and the other family from John Calvin Knight's father (name unknown). All of these Knights may have been related, including those in the Mt. Gilead area.

THE KOONCE FAMILY

Jacob L. Godwin married Nancy Ophelia PVka-- eqdaughter of Ira and Nancy Culpepper Buckalew. Ira Buckalew was the son of Zebulon Buckalew. One of Jacob and Nancy Buckalew Godwin's daughters, Beulah Irene, married Joseph Koonce.

Joseph Koonce, born 1860, came from Germany and nothing is known about his parents. The Koonce family has been unsuccessful in their efforts to trace their ancestors. One of Beulah Irene's brothers was Wilburn Godwin.

The writer noticed one Joseph F. Koonce who married in Hale County, AL on 5/30/1829. Since the Joseph that was in Whynot was born in 1860, it may be that the above Joseph Koonce, born 1829, may have been his father (no proof).

In viewing the above, it would appear either that Joseph, born 1860, came from Germany after the Civil War, or that it was his father who was actually born in Germany, and Joseph, born 1860, was born in the United States, possibly in Alabama. More research is needed in Alabama to prove or disprove this.

The children of Joseph and Beulah Godwin Koonce were:

1. Silas, married Kathleen Butler, daughter of William Earnest and Pernetia (Necy) Maggard Butler.
2. Charlie, married Emmett Means, daughter of Charlie and Maud Scruggs Means. No issues.
3. Bertha, became the second wife of Darling Lewis Coker, son of Will (William J) and Ida Moore Coker.

Joseph, born 1860 and died 1910, an Beulah, born 1874 and died 1918, are both buried in the Bethany Cemetery.

Ida Moore was the sister to Rufus L. Moore and daughter of Lewis and M. Ophelia Moore. Darling Lewis Coker married first Minerva Johnson. Their children were: Olen, who married Earline Parnell, and Earl, who married Joyce Stephens. William J. Coker was the son of Sir W. Peyton Coker.

Nancy Culpepper Buckalew died at the home of her grandson, Wilburn Godwin, and is buried at Bethany.

Beulah Irene Godwin Koonce's grandparents on the Godwin side were Jacob and Lucinda Godwin. (See Godwin history.)

THE KORNEGAY FAMILY

The Kornegays arrived in the Whynot area prior to 1872 and were in Mississippi by 1857. This family came from Tennessee. The Kornegays lived in the southern area of old Whynot. They may have come to the Whynot area from Tennessee through Dallas County, AL.

According to a family Bible held by Miriam Creel Brewster, the parents of the below listed individuals (who were listed on the 1880 census) were Lewis W., born in North Carolina, and Annie Hart, born in Sumter County, AL. Lewis W. Kornegay was in Choctaw County, AL, in March, 1848.

Lewis W. Kornegay served as Postmaster for the old Whynot post office in 1872-73, being appointed on 1/26/1872. Annie Hart Kornegay died about 1872 and Lewis W. Kornegay died in 1876. It is not known where they are buried. They may be buried in the old abandoned Whynot Methodist Cemetery or the old Ebenezer Cemetery in unmarked graves.

On 2/11/1859 Samuel S. Kornegay married Jemina Hart, sister to Annie, with bond by L.W. Kornegay. This Samuel was a brother to Lewis W. Kornegay. One, T.M. Hart, married M.J. Humphries on 1/29/1867 in Lauderdale County, MS. He may have been a brother to Annie and Jemina Hart. Samuel S. Kornegay and wife lived in the Alamucha area.

1880 Census of Lauderdale County, Beat 5, P.O. Whynot

Children of Lewis W. and Annie Hart Kornegay:

J.J. (male) 23, born 1857 in MS, married Lula Ellis in 1889.

Harriet W. ? Married Jim W. Butler in 1878. She may have been a half-sister to the other children. She was the mother of Willie Butler who married Vergie Dearman.

N.T. (Nancy) 25, born in TN. Married James B. Perry, son of Robert Rowland Perry and Francis Knight.

S.L. (Allie) 21, married James Wesley Pogue in 1883

Susan 19, married E. Clark, son of Marion Clark, in 1887.

Georgia Ann 16, married Andrew Miles Linton

Francis J. 11, married G.W. (Wilborn) Godwin.

Lewisa (Louisa) 9, married George H. Butler, son of Richard Franklin Butler.

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J.J. Kornegay and his sisters were living in the south part of old Whynot near the Pogue, Linton, and Richard F. Butler families. These Kornegays attended church at Ebenezer Baptist Church in the 1880s.

According to Velma Butler Smith, who was the baby child and only daughter of George H. and Louisa Kornegay Butler, her grandmother, Annie Hart Kornegay, died when her mother (Louisa) was six weeks old and that her grandfather, Lewis W. Kornegay, died when her mother was 5 years old.

Mrs. Velma Butler Smith also recalled that it was the above Nancy, at age 15, who took over the raising and caring for her baby sister, Louisa, after the death of their mother Annie Hart Kornegay.

The writer would like to express his appreciation to Mrs. Velma Butler Smith for her assistance in writing a history of not only this family but others as well.

THE LACY FAMILY

Austin H. Lacy lived in the Alamucha community with his wife, Charlotte Jones Lacy.

They were parents of John G, Thomas G, Stephen F, and Mary E. Austin H. Lacy died before 1840. Charlotte Jones Lacy married second Isaac Spinks who lived in the old Whynot area. It was in May, 1847, that the first record was found on the estate settlement of Austin H. Lacy. In July, 1847, Isaac Spinks was ordered by the Probate Court (later Chancery Court) to render an inventory of the estate. Then Isaac and Charlotte Spinks made application for the Commissioner to divide the property of the estate between the said Charlotte and her children: John G, Thomas G, Stephen F, and May E; and for a guardian to be appointed for the children. James H. Suttle, William A.D. Ewing and Thomas Lucy, Sr., were appointed as commissioners to divide the estate. Elizah Hearn was appointed guardian.

Charlotte Jones was the daughter of Thomas and Hannah Jones and a sister to Lucinda Jones who married William Clark.

Descendants of Austin Lacy reside today at Alamucha and in other parts of Lauderdale County, MS. One descendant is T.M. Lacy who resides in Meridian but still maintains the old Lacy home and grounds near the Liberty Baptist Church. (See History of Liberty Baptist Church by Dawson).

THE LINTON FAMILY

1850 Census of Lauderdale County, MS

Miles Linton 60, born 1790 in NC
Elizabeth 52, born 1798 in NC
Sara Wilkins 22, born 1828 in NC
Elisha J. 17, born 1833 in TN, printer, married Martha Dearman on 11/15/1855.
Mary 16, born 1834 in TN, married Lafayette on 1/20/1853.

1860 Census of Clarke County, MS

Miles Linton 50, born 1810-11 in NC, shoemaker
H.E. (Harriett) 40, born in MS
J(?) .B. (male) 5, born in MS
S.W. (male) 3, born in MS
L.M. (female) 2, born in MS

This Miles Linton, born 1810, is probably the son of Miles Linton (Sr.), born 1790. If true, then his mother, Elizabeth, would have been about 13 years of age when he, Miles Linton, was born in NC. By 1850 this Miles Linton would have been about 30 or 40 years old and not in the household of his father.

It is not known what relation, if any, the Elisha Linton, born 1833, and the May Linton, born 1834, or the Sarah Wilkins, born 1828, in Miles Linton's household in 1850, were to Miles Linton, Jr.

Ander (Andrew) Miles Linton was born in North Carolina in 1811. The name of his first wife is unknown. He was married second to Mary Wilkins and married third to Harriett Puckett, born 1820, died 1897. She is buried in the Orange Cemetery near Rose Hill in Jasper County, MS. No children were born to him in his first two marriages.

1870 Census of Lauderdale County, MS

Miles Linton 59
Harriet E. 50
Eliza E. 9
Andrew 4

1880 Census of Lauderdale County, MS

Miles Linton 69, born 1811 in NC, farmer
H.E. (Harriett) 59, born in NC
A.M. (Ander) (son) 17, born 1863 in MS
E.H. (daughter) 14, married Lewis Smith

Miles Linton, born 1811, was a Methodist minister and his family probably came to the Lauderdale/Clarke County area in the late 1840's

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The above A.M. was Andrew M. (Miles?) Linton. The name Andrew was cut short to "Ander".

Ander Miles Linton married Georgia Ann Kornegay. They were the parents of Robert (Bob) Linton. Georgia Ann was a sister to Louise Kornegay who married George H. Butler, as well as a sister to Frances J. Kornegay who married G.W. (Wilburn) Godwin. The parents of Georgia Ann were L.W. and Allie Hart Kornegay. The Lintons were of the Methodist faith, first attending church at the Whynot Methodist Church, then at Cokers Chapel.

The Lintons lived in the area south of old Whynot near the Rob Sims and Wilson Robinson families. The Linton children attended school at Whynot where Bob Linton served as a trustee for a number of years.

The children of Robert (Bob) and Vera Moore Linton were: (not in order of birth)

1. Ruby Lura, married first John Hill Kimbrough and second Rex Robinson, brother to Elma Robinson Shannon.
2. Ida Warrine, married Mason Raspberry.
3. Rufus Miles, married first Janie Reynolds and second Marguerite Mosley.
4. James Felix, married Lena Brewster.
5. Louis Paul, married Barbara Lee Tanner.
6. Grace, married Charles Ashmore.
7. William, married Edna Owen.

Miles Linton, born 1790, was probably the father of Andrew Miles Linton, born 1811. By 1850 this Andrew Miles was 39 years old. The Sara, Elisha, and Mary Linton were perhaps related to Miles Linton, born 1790, perhaps children of a brother. Elisha and Mary may have been first cousins to Andrew Miles Linton, born 1811.

THE LOWE FAMILY

1850 Census of Lauderdale County, MS (Alamucha Area)

Daniel Lowe	35, born 1815 in NC. Married Mary Jane Almuson (Alberson) in 1843.
Mary Jane	26, born in MS? (NC)
Benjamin	5, born 1845 in NC
Arena C.B. (female)	4, born in AL
Harvey G.	3, born 1847 in MS
Julia A.	1, born in MS

There is a John M. Lowe, age 37, born 1813 in SC, on this census, with wife Serena, 38, born SC. In this household is a Mary Lowe, 78, born 1772, in SC. Daniel and John M. may have been brothers and, if so, the above Mary, born 1772, would be their mother.

1860 Census of Lauderdale County, MS (P.O. Rawsonville)

Daniel Lowe	48, born 1813 in NC
Mary J.	35, born in AL
Benjamin F.	12, born 1848 in MS
Rena C.	10, born 1850 in MS
Harvey G.	8, born 1852 in MS
Julian	7, born 1853 in MS
Eliza M.	5, born in MS
Martha E.	4, born in MS
Stephen E.	2, born in MS
John T.	2, born in MS
James D.	6/12, born in MS

The above ages of children do not compare favorably, so the ages on the 1850 census are most likely correct for the older children.

There were no Lowe's on the 1870 Census of Lauderdale County.

1880 Census of Lauderdale County, MS

Daniel Lowe	67, born 1813
Mary Jane	57
Cebelle (female)	33
July Ann	30
Martha E.	25
James D.	20
Melessa J.	18

By 1880, H.G. Lowe, who was 32 years old, was out of the household as was Benjamin (B.F.)

The Lowe family lived in the Alamucha area and there is some indication that they may have come to that area from Bibb County, AL.

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Rena Lowe, daughter of H.G. and Olivia Lowe, married John D. McRae of Whynot. Their children (not in order of birth) were:

- A. Leo, married Ethel Carr.
- B. John L, married Hortence Sutter.
- C. Verna Sue, married Garland Allen.
- D. Jannice, married Enrich A. Gandy.
- E. Lillian, married Robert Mac Booker.
- F. Lorraine, married Virginia Smith.

Salem Baptist Church Cemetery

H.G. Lowe born 4/10/1848; died 10/12/1924.

Olivia, wife of H.G. Lowe born 3/31/1853; died 7/24/1913.

Near H.G. Lowe's grave, with no date on stones are: Daniel Lowe, Mary Ellen Lowe, Julia Lowe, Melissa Lowe and Essie Lowe.

The Mary Ellen Lowe could be Mary Jane Lowe, wife of Daniel, as an error may have occurred. This is often the case, especially if the tombstone is placed in the cemetery years after the individual's death.

1885 School Census Lauderdale County

H.G. Lowe, father, with school age children:

E.A., male, 11 years old. This is Edward A. Lowe, born 12/10/1873, died 5/29/1952, buried at Salem.

Reaner (Rena), age 7.

Jeaney, age 7.

Nearby H.G. Lowe on this school census was his brother: B.F. Lowe with school age children:

Eady, female, age 12

Meadie, female, age 9

Etter, female, age 7.

Another Lowe family that was in Whynot was the Luther Lowe family. Luther and his brother, Johnny Roy, were the sons of J.T. and Emma Bell Lowe. Luther Lowe married Jessie Mattox and they were the parents of Dorothy Lowe who married A.R. Yochim, Jr. This Luther Lowe family lived in an apartment in the old store/post office building that was located across from the present residence of Lude Clark. The building was adjacent to the present Booker Antique store.

Jesse Mattox Lowe was a teacher at the Whynot Consolidated High School for a number of years. The writer has very fond memories of Mrs. Rena Lowe McRae. As a youth, the writer was a frequent dinner-table guest at the John McRae home.

THE LUCY FAMILY

Thomas B. Lucy, Sr., with wife, May, and his family, lived in Section 32, Township 6, Range 18E on 360 acres. This was in the same section where William H. Robinson lived which was near the Joe Long Hill on the Whynot/Alamucha Road. He was also a neighbor to William Clark. Thomas B. Lucy, Sr., was in Marengo County, AL, in 1830.

This family was connected to the Salem Baptist Church and did not locate in Whynot proper. Thomas B. Lucy, Jr., was secretary for the Alamucha Masonic Lodge No. 130 on 12/4/1855. This body held its meetings in the Salem Church. When William H. Robinson removed from the area, he sold his land in 1864 to Thomas B. Lucy, Jr.

While this family was in the area early, living on the outer northern edge of Whynot, they removed from the area prior to the development of present-day Whynot.

Thomas B. Lucy, Jr., married Rebecca Erwin in Lauderdale County on 7/17/1861. She was probably related to the Erwin that married Matilda Robinson, daughter of William H. Robinson. Thomas B. Lucy, Sr., was deceased by 1858.

Andrew J. Rainer, an early member of the Bethany Baptist Church, married Caroline R. Lucy on 3/1/1855 in Lauderdale County. She may have been a daughter of Thomas B. Lucy, Sr.

THE MAGGARD FAMILY

Many will remember the grand old Maggard home that was located on present Old Highway 19E just west of the entrance road to the Boy Scout Camp. It was a large home with two great oak trees in front. This was the John Cary Maggard home.

John C. Maggard's father was Gary Maggard who was born on 4/18/1846 and who died on 11/23/1922. He married Mary Ann Catherine Coker born on 12/28/1846 and died 11/12/1915. She was the daughter of Sir Peyton and Cynthia Hall Coker. Their children were:

1. John, who married Virginia Williams. Their children were:
 - A. Jessie, who married Monroe Butler. They lived west of the old Maggard home.
 - B. Charlie, who married Ora Butler.
 - C. Dave who married Ina Butler.
 - D. Wess, who married Corina Sims.
 - E. Pernetia, who married Earnest Butler. Pernetia was born 10/9/1896 and died 3/11/1939 at the age of 45 years. A daughter, Kathleen Butler Koonce, resides in present Whynot (1991).
 - F. Johnnie, who married Everette Hollis Hughes.
 - G. Pauline, who married William Bryan Hughes. She was at one time a teacher at the Whynot Consolidated High School. Her only child, a daughter, Helen H. Hughes, lives in Columbus, MS, (1992). After the death of Pauline, her sister Johnnie and her husband raised Helen. (Please see Wash Butler and Hughes history).

The Maggards were of the Methodist faith and many are buried at Coker's Chapel in Vimville, MS.

The writer appreciates the assistance from his friend, Helen H. Smith, for the above information as well as other family information.

THE MARTIN FAMILY

Norman Martin, Sr., was one of the men who organized the county of Lauderdale, MS. Norman Martin, Sr., is believed to have been the son of John and Mary McDuffie Martin. His brothers included Daniel, John, and Allen Martin. These Martins came from North Carolina and first settled in Greene County, MS. There was also a Valentine Martin in the county at an early stage, but it is not known whether Valentine Martin was related to Norman Martin. The Valentine Martin family later removed to the Smith/Simpson County, MS, area.

1860 Census of Clarke County, MS

Norman Martin, Sr.	62, born 1798 in NC.
Elender	56, born in SC
Edwin (Edwin J?)	9, born 1851 in MS
Mary Hatten	84, born 1776 in NC, mother of Norman Sr. (married 2nd to Hatten)

John Martin, thought to be the father of Norman, Sr., married Mary (Polly) McDuffie possibly in North Carolina around 1790. Afterwards they removed to the state of Georgia. There were, according to some researchers, possibly two other sons. There is no known information on any daughter.

According to a descendant, all of these Martins can be found to have been in Greene County, MS, in the early 1800's. Between 1830 and 1840 they removed to Clarke and Lauderdale County, MS.

After the death of John Martin, Mary McDuffie Martin married Louis Hatten (Hatten), probably in Hinds County, MS. There were no issues to this marriage.

Mary McDuffie Martin, wife of John Martin, was the daughter of John McDuffie who was born about 1746 on the Isle of Skye, Scotland, and Flora McDonald, born about 1745 in the same area of Scotland. Flora died in 1833 at Edwards, MS, in Hinds County. She is buried in Hinds County, MS, possibly near Edwards.

Norman Martin, Sr., as well as his sibling, were of Scotch descent.

Mary (Polly) McDuffie Martin Hatten was living with her son, Norman Martin, Sr., in 1860 in Clarke County, MS. Apparently she removed to Hinds County after the death of her husband John Martin to be near her mother and then returned to her son Norman's home by 1860 after the death of her second husband, Louis Hatten.

Norman Martin, Sr., was a prominent person. He was involved in the establishment of not only Lauderdale County but other counties. There were some sixteen counties established around

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and Clarke counties in the setting up of county government bodies. The writer has researched and written a history of the Lauderdale County Board of Police/Board of supervisors. There are no early records of the members of the Board of Police which was established by the Mississippi Constitution of 1832. It is known that Norman Martin, Jr., was later a member of the Board of Police, which by the Mississippi Constitution of 1869 was made the Board of Supervisors.

Now with the necessary background information, let us go to Daniel Martin, brother to Norman Sr., and son of John and Mary McDuffie Martin.

He was on the 1840 census for Lauderdale County, MS, in 1840. His first wife was Susan or Selma Ann Baxter, born about 1802, and who died in Lauderdale County about 1843. Daniel Martin married second to Martha Jane Wolfe McDonald, who was the daughter of Jim (James) Wolfe and Mary Knight Wolfe. The name of her first husband, McDonald, is unknown or if there were any issues of her first marriage. Martha Jane married Daniel on 9/11/1845, and she died on 5/23/1887. Daniel died in 1885.

Children of Daniel and Susan (Selma Ann Baxter Martin) were:

1. Anny (Anna), born 5/6/1823; married Thomas Tedder in 1843.
2. Elizabeth, born 3/12/1825, married Washington McCann.
3. Tempy (Temperance), born 5/6/1827, married Tipton, went to Texas.
4. Sarah Ann, born 3/25/1829, married John Pinkney Shirley on 11/6/1846. She died on 7/15/1883.
5. John Henry, born 3/16/1831, married Sarah Ann Butler.
6. Israel, born 5/12/1833.
7. William Wallace, born 10/3/1835, married Ora Anna Cordelia Kin.
8. James M., born 11/24/1857, married Susan Davidson.
9. Hannah Susan, born 1/3/1840.
10. Sibby (Sybyl), born 5/18/1842, married Louis Butler. These are the great-great grandparents of Mrs. (Connie) Hobby Rains, 112 Gwindale Road, Gadsden, AL, 35901.

The children of Daniel and Martha Jane Wolfe McDonald Martin were:

1. Christopher Columbus, born 1/7/1847, married Cynthia Rainer in 1865.
2. Mary P., born 4/23/1848, married Jasper Buckalew.
3. Robert Bruce, born 10/25/1849, married Emily Robinson in 1871, daughter of B.R. Robinson and sister to Annie Robinson who married Seaborn Robinson.
4. Rufus, born 1/20/1851, married Sarah Robinson in 1869. Sarah was a sister to the above Emily.
5. E.W. (Elisha), born 12/12/1853, married Martha Goree.
6. Harriett Caroline, born 11/17/1855, married Jeff Young.
7. Helen Victoria Alice, born 8/3/1860, married George W. Wolfe.

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8. Marion Lee, born 2/11/1863, married Emma Evans.
9. George M., born 5/27/1865, married Dollie Cox.
10. Theodosia Ann, born 12/29/1868, married Andrew Jackson.
11. Nancy Jane, born 3/4/1858, married John William Taylor.

1850 Census of Lauderdale County, MS.

Daniel Martin	56, born 1794 in NC
Martha	24, born in MS, second wife.
William	15
James	13
Susan	10
Libby	8
Columbus (C)	3, born 1847
Mary	2
R. Bruce	9/12

1860 Census of Lauderdale County, MS

Daniel Martin	60, born 1800
Martha	33, born 1827 (second wife)
Columbus	12, born 1848. Married Cynthia Rainer 5/2/1865. Father of Cannie Martin who married John Henry Martin, son of John & Sarah Ann Butler Martin. Cannie and John Henry Martin were the parents of Johnnie Martin who married Lyle Butler.
Mary	11, married ? Robinson.
Robert Bruce	10, married Emily Robinson on 11/15/1871, daughter of Berry R. & Sarah Shannon Robinson. She was a sister to Annie Robinson who married Sebe Robinson.
Rufus	9, married Sarah Robinson, daughter of B.R. Robinson. Father of Net Martin who married William A. Allen.
Elisha	6
Harriett	5
Nancy	2

1885 School Census Lauderdale County, MS.

C.C. Martin, father with children: J.T. 17, William 15, Adonald G. 14. This C.C. probably was a nephew to Daniel. Possible son of Norman Martin, Jr.

C.C. Martin, father with children: Ann O. 12, Ellender 10, Martha C. 5, born 1880. This is Cannie Martin.

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John Martin, son of Daniel, born 2/16/1831, died 9/30/1917. He married Sarah Ann Butler, born 5/19/1842, died 5/14/1922. The children in 1885 were:

1. Ida Vesta, 18, married G.W. Scruggs in 1908.
2. Sarah Alice, 12, married ? Wallace
3. Josephine E., 10, married R.G. Gipson in 1923.
4. J.H., 6, married Cannie Martin, daughter of Columbus Martin in 1905.

1880 Census Lauderdale County

Rufus Martin	29
Sarah (Robinson)	31
J.A. (Julia Ann)	10, married James T. Rawlings, son of G.W. Rawlings.
M.C. (female)	8
M.A. (female)	6
Nettie L.	3, married William A. Allen
S.E. (Lizzie)	4/12

Rufus Martin had the following children in his household in 1885: July (Julia) Ann 14, Allace 10, Nettie 8, Lizzey 6, who married John Joseph Culpepper. Later, sons Earnest and Falcon were born. Earnest became a tobacco salesman and Falcon sold oil and gas.

The Martins of Whynot were related to the Martins of the Causeyville area who descend from Norman Martin, Sr., a member of the Board of Police (now Board of Supervisors) when Lauderdale County was formed on 12/23/1833.

Rufus Martin and his family lived in the area of the old Bethany Church and School near the present old Will Allen home in Whynot.

The John Henry Martin family lived in the area of the present Harve Chatham place.

The writer greatly appreciates the assistance of George Shirley of Madison, MS, in the writing of this history.

THE MASON FAMILY

Elder Benjamin Mason was born 1/21/1789 in Craven County, NC. The name of his first wife is unknown. He married second on 3/17/1844 to Elizabeth Nelson in Sumter County, AL. He died on 2/18/1848 and is buried in Cokes Chapel Cemetery in Sumter County, AL. Elizabeth Nelson was the daughter of Samuel Nelson.

Benjamin Franklin Mason, Sr., son of the above Elder Benjamin Mason, was approved and certified at the Methodist Church Conference in 1841 by Bishop Beverly Waugh to perform baptisms, marriages and burials.

Benjamin Franklin Mason, Sr., was in Lauderdale County, MS, by 1841 as he was performing ministerial duties. Benjamin F., Sr., married Elizabeth Dunnam and they lived on the Whynot/Alamucha Road north of the present day Whynot Loop.

One of the sons, B.F., Jr., born 2/10/1846, married Martha Washington Brewster, daughter of James and Charity Brewster, on 12/21/1871. B.F. Mason, Jr., died at Butler, AL, in November, 1921.

The children of B.F. Jr., and Martha W. Mason were:

1. Henry Howard, born 1/10/1873, who married Margaret Bruister in 1910. Henry H. died in October, 1931.
2. James Franklin, born 6/1/1875, died 5/14/1905
3. Eron, died 1876.
4. Mattie Washington, born 9/8/1878, died 3/1/1937.

In 1870 Benjamin Franklin Mason, Sr., was deceased as his wife, Elizabeth Dunnam, was in the household of her son, Benjamin Franklin Mason, Jr. at the old Mason home place on the Whynot/Alamucha Road.

Benjamin F. Mason, Jr., known as Ben, served as a long-time Justice of the Peace in Beat 5, Lauderdale County. He performed many marriages, and some present-day residents of Whynot may remember the old home with the well located across the road from the house.

Florene Goodman Vaughn, Lois Goodman Shannon, and Brownlee Goodman lived in the house some years ago with their parents, Lon and Sidney Reynolds Goodman.

Benjamin F. Mason, Jr. married second, 1881 California Hardin. They had six children.

THE MCCLAMMY FAMILY

There was only one McClammy that came to the Whynot area. This McClammy came from Monroe County, AL.

This was Catherine McClammy, daughter of Mark (Mack) McClammy. She married Robert Tucker in Monroe County, AL, on 3/10/1852. Robert Tucker died in Monroe County, AL, while on leave from the Confederate Army.

Robert and Catherine McClammy Tucker had a daughter, Mary Francis, who married John Willis Brown, son of Andrew Brown, on 12/23/1875. It was after this marriage that the John Willis Brown family, along with Catherine McClammy Tucker, came to the Whynot area. John Willis Brown was the father of Ludie Brown Clark. Catherine McClammy Tucker was her grandmother.

Martha Ann McClammy, daughter of Mack McClammy, and sister to Catherine, married William B. Booker in Monroe County, AL. They were the parents of Mack Henry Booker who married Frances Brown, daughter of Andrew Brown and sister to John Willis Brown. Mack Henry Booker was a grandfather to Robert Mac Booker.

Sarah McClammy, sister to the above Catherine and Martha Ann, married John Booker, brother to William B. Booker. They were the parents of Ina Booker who married Thomas Josiah (Joe) Brown, son of Andrew Brown. Joe Brown built and lived in the old Ike Pigford home until he removed to Oklahoma.

Thomas Tucker, born 1857, son of Catherine and Robert Tucker, married Celia Coker, daughter of Ira Bird and Ann D. Sims Coker. Celia was a sister to Lucy A. Coker who married T.A. Means, grandfather of the writer. Ira Bird Coker was the grandson of Sir Peyton Coker.

The above Ann D. Sims Coker was the daughter of George W. and Lucy A.W. White Sims.

THE MCKINNEY FAMILY

John A. (J.A.) McKinney was born 5/6/1847 according to his gravestone in Bethany Cemetery. His wife, S.A.E. (Ann) was born 4/24/1841. The date and location of their marriage is unknown.

One of the children of J.A. McKinney was J.E. McKinney (date of birth unknown). There is a John C? McKinney buried in Bethany Cemetery with a birth date of 1863. The writer thinks that this John C. is really John E. McKinney as he is buried next to J.E.'s second wife, Josephine Elizabeth Gough McKinney.

In 1889) J.E. McKinney married first Nancy Elizabeth (Bettie) Winders, daughter of William and Sarah Willis Winders. Their only child was Eugene Lee. McKinney, born 12/24/1889. Nancy Elizabeth Winders apparently died in or shortly after the birth of Eugene Lee McKinney. (See Winders history.)

Another known child of John A. and S.A.E. (Ann) McKinney was Sol. On the 1900 census for Lauderdale County, Sol, age 21, born 1879, was living with his mother next door to J.E. McKinney. The writer found no information on any other possible children by J.A. and his wife, Ann; nor is it known if J.A. was married more than once. He probably was not.

Sol McKinney married Emma ? , and they were the parents of Gladys McKinney. This family lived, at one time, in what is known today as the old Lamar Shirley place. Later they removed from the area.

J.A. McKinney, at age 60, applied for a Confederate Pension on 8/3/1895 which was approved on 9/3/1895. He enlisted into Company A, 45th Alabama Infantry Regiment under Colonel Harris Lampley and Captain Ellis Philaw. He was captured in a hospital in Franklin, TN, taken to Camp Chase in Ohio where he was paroled in 1865. His command surrendered in Greensboro, NC. He was wounded in November of 1864, being struck in the left shoulder and hip by a shell which paralyzed his entire left side. He was unable to use his left arm.

At the time he made application for the pension, he was indigent and unable to earn support by his own labor. According to his pension application, he was living with his son, J.G., in 1895. This has to be his son, John E., who married Lizzie Gough in 1895. Apparently J.A. McKinney was severely crippled from his service in the Confederate Army, and his son, J.E., thought it best to have him in his home so that J.E. could lift and care for his father. Perhaps this made it easier on his mother who lived nearby and who, no doubt, also provided care for J.A. According to Myra Culpepper Goodman, J.A. slept on a mattress on the floor as it was feared he would fall off a bed.

Apparently it was John E. McKinney who operated the McKinney Store. Legend has it that Lizzie Gough worked in the store, and

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that it was John E. and Lizzie who lived in what is known today as the old Tom Roberson home.

If the John C., buried in Bethany Cemetery, is really John E., then John E. was born in 1863 when his father was 20 years old and his mother was 22 years old.

J.A. wife (Ann) died on 6/12/1906, and J.A. died on 2/20/1914.

Sometime after the death of J.E.'s parents, he sold the home and land to Thomas Roberson and removed to the Tuxedo area of Meridian where he operated a store. Lizzie Gough, his wife, who was a sister to John W. Gough and daughter of Thomas Henry Benton and Leticia Gough, died on 3/18/1932.

If the John C. (E.) McKinney who is buried next to Lizzie Gough McKinney is really John E., then according to his gravestone, he died in 1961 at the age of 98 years. The above age is in line with legend.

According to legend, Eugene Lee McKinney was a musician, somewhat of a character, and well-liked by the people of the community.

Lee, who was apparently loved and protected by his step-mother, had his own secret hide-a-way in the attic of the old McKinney home. Later, according to legend, evidence of his reading materials were found in this secret place in the attic.

J.A. McKinney most likely came to Whynot from Choctaw County, AL, and perhaps lived near the Winders who were in Choctaw County, AL, in 1850.

THE MCRAE FAMILY

James McRae received a land grant in Jasper County, MS, in 1841. John J. McRae received a land grant in 1838 in the same county. Christopher McRae and Daniel McRae were also in Jasper County. Daniel McRae was there as late as 1859.

In the February Term, 1849, of the Lauderdale County Probate Records, there is mention of James McRae acting as the administrator of the estate of Daniel R. McRae. A citation was ordered by the court to be sent to Wayne County MS, citing Sarah McRae, Elizabeth McRae, and Jim and Margaret McRae to appear at the March Term as heirs of the estate. There is no record of their reporting, and the estate was later declared insolvent.

James McRae made application to administer the estate of Daniel K. McRae in 1846. During the process, one Dempsey Blanks served as security for James McRae.

In 1844, a Colin McRae was in Lauderdale County, MS.

Philadelphia Presbyterian Church Cemetery in Waynesboro, MS:F.A.

McRae, born 6/3/1799, died 1/14/1851.

Rachel, wife of F.A., born 10/12/1805, died 12/11/1900.

Colin McRae, born 1808, died 1886.

Alexander McRae, born 1814, died 1871.

James B. McRae, born 4/1/1822, died 6/4/1906.

Ann McRae, born 1825, died 1877.

Annie McRae, born 1855, died 1938.

Cornelia McRae, born 1850, died 1929.

Flora Moody McRae, born 1826, died 1885.

Rose Ann McRae, born 4/10/1838, died 7/16/1906.

Margaret, wife of D.O. Sigler, born 7/19/1855, died 9/10/1892.

Henena, born 1866, died 1886.

Franklin McRae, born 1845, died 1885.

Tabitha McRae, born 1846, died 1883.

Elizabeth McRae Britton, born 1827, no other date.

David Britton, born 1826, no other date.

The James McRae in Lauderdale County was born in 1890. This would be about the year that Wayne County, MS, was formed from the old Washington County, Mississippi Territory. With the estate settlement of Daniel K. McRae notifying heirs in Wayne County, MS, and James McRae being administrator of the estate, it is reasonable to assume that James McRae came to Lauderdale County, MS, from Wayne County, MS.

Looking at the above cemetery information, we find Colin McRae, born 1808; Alexander, born 1814; F.A., born 1799. All or some of these men could have been brothers to James McRae, born 1890 in South Carolina. From a descendant, the writer learned that James McRae had one known brother, John McRae, who lived in Newton County, MS. This John McRae was in Lauderdale County, MS, on 4/25/1836 when he purchased land in Section 3, Township 5, Range

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18E from the Augusta Land Office located in Perry County, MS. This land was located NE of the present Whynot Loop. According to a descendant, James and John had some form of disagreement, and John removed to Newton County. John McRae died in Newton County, MS, in 1857. His wife's name was Mary. Her maiden name may have been Evans.

It is not known whether Daniel McRae was the father or a brother to James McRae. He was most likely a brother.

The initial "D" is used in the names of the McRae males. Could this stand for Daniel?

A Daniel McRae, Sr., was in Wayne County, MS, in 1821, according to Wayne County records by Jean Strickland. With this information, it could be that Daniel R. McRae in Lauderdale County, whose estate was settled, was the son of Daniel, Sr. Using this line of reasoning, one might assume that Daniel McRae, Sr., was the father of James McRae, born 1809 in SC. It would also appear that the McRae family came to the Whynot area from South Carolina through Wayne County, MS.

1850 Census of Lauderdale County, MS

James McRae	41, born 1809 in SC
Eliza	30, born 1820 in AL
Cynthia A. (Thrash)	10, born 1840 in AL
Frances E.	7, born 1843 in MS
Mary	3, born 1847, in MS, married Alford Tims in 1877.
John D. (Daniel?)	2, born 1848 in MS

Later, after the census was taken, Joseph William was born on 10/1/1850. This Joseph, who died on 4/30/1908, was the grandfather of Lorraine McRae.

The above John D. McRae, born 4/16/1849, was in the household of John B. Thompson in 1870 as 23 years old and apparently working for Thompson. John B. Thompson was the father of Mary J. Thompson who married John W. Gough.

James McRae and Eliza Edwards Thrash probably married about 1838-39 in what is now known as Choctaw County, AL, but was known as Sumter County, AL, until 1847. No effort was made by the writer to trace the Edwards Thrash line.

Neighbors of the James McRae family were: Ransom H. Robinson, Sr., who is buried at Antioch; Libbeus Hunter, Sr.; other Hunters; William H. Robinson, father of the above Ransom; Thomas H. Goodwyn, grandfather of Howard L. Goodwyn. Dempsey Blanks and John H. Blanks were also neighbors.

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In 1850 James McRae had 60 acres of improved land and 60 acres of unimproved land, cost value \$450. He also owned 3 horses, 9 milk cows, 4 working oxen, 7 other cattle, 21 head of sheep, 20 swine, 400 bushels of Indian corn, seven 400-pound bales of cotton, 100 bushels of sweet potatoes. The value of his live stock was \$395.

James McRae was a member of the Buckatunna Baptist Church in 1850.

Mrs. Eliza McRae was the administrator of the James McRae estate in 1858. This was 100 acres of land in Sections 34 and 35, Township 5, Range 18E. After James' death, Eliza McRae married second to John Bishop on 3/30/1859. At the time, John Bishop was living four miles north of Marion Station and moved to the McRae home in the SE corner of Lauderdale County where he lived until 1867 when both he and Eliza died.

1870 Census of Lauderdale County, MS, Beat 5

John D. McRae	31, born 1848-49 in MS, son of James McRae.
Nanitta	25, born 1855-56 in MS
Martha J.	4, born 1876 in MS
James T.	2, born 1878 in MS
Benjamin J.	9/12, born 1880 in MS
James C.	24, born 1856; listed as brother to John D. This James C. married M.E. Blanks in 1881.
James	20, born 1860 in MS; listed as a nephew to John D. (Writer unable to connect this nephew.)

According to Lauderdale County marriage records, John D. McRae, born 4/16/1849, died 5/11/1912, married Mary E. Irby, born 7/15/1856, died 10/21/1925. The Nanitta could be from the middle name--the "E" initial. Both J.D. and Mary E. are buried in the Causeyville Baptist Church Cemetery. The above J.D. was referred to in some instances as J.D. McRae, Sr. J.D. McRae, brother to Joseph W. McRae, had a son named J.D. who was referred to as "Jr.". The Sr. and Jr. titles probably were used for identification purposes.

Joseph W. McRae married M.J. Powell, probably in Choctaw County, AL. Their children were

1. Annie, born 12/16/1875, died 11/29/1876, buried at Concord.
2. John D., born 1878, married Rena Lowe, daughter of H.G. and Olivia Lowe.
3. Ida, born 1880, married Jack Tims.
4. Eva, born 6/29/1885, married Major T. Irby, died on 3/24/1917 of TB at her parents' home near the Alabama line in the Antioch area.
5. Hubert S.

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Joseph W. McRae, in 1900, was living in the Whynot area with his daughter, Eva, age 24, and son, Hubert S., Sr., age 12. Both Joseph and his wife are buried at Antioch.

H.G. Lowe, father of Rena Lowe McRae, served in the Civil War. He enlisted in April, 1864, into Company A, 2nd Col. Gilliam Regiment. He served under Col. Patton and Capt. Shannon (both from Lauderdale Count). He surrendered at Jackson. H.G. Lowe filed for a Confederate pension on 8/27/1920. The pension was approved on 9/16/1920. He lived with his daughter, Rena, at the time and was 72 years of age. Both he and his wife are buried at Salem.

The McRae family was one of the few early families to settle in and remain in the Whynot area. Lorraine McRae is today living in the general area that his great grandfather, James McRae, came to around 1836, some 155 years ago. (See Lowe history.)

THE MEANS FAMILY

Thomas Alexander Means, Sr., was born on 1/18/1834 and died on 10/20/1908. He came from Georgia, an area known as Bronwood, to Desotoville, (Lisman area, Choctaw County), AL, to a friend's home, a Mr. McCall. By trade he was a cotton gin mechanic. His family would follow later.

Thomas A., Sr., married first Wilmouth L. Bryant on 7/30/1854 in Terrell County, GA. They were the parents of three daughters, Ella, Nan, and Molly.

The parents of Thomas A. Means, Sr., are unknown, but it is known that his father lost his life in the Civil War.

Thomas A. Means, Sr., volunteered 9/5/1861 for a period of one year as a private in Company K, 27th Regiment, Georgia Infantry. He was gouged by a bull and discharged with disability on 11/18/1861. He wore a band across his stomach for the rest of his life.

The mother of Thomas Alexander Means, Sr., was Welch. He lived first in Bibb County, GA, which is not too far from the Alabama line. He had a brother by the name of Lawrence and a beautiful sister by the name of Harriett. Later he was in Terrell County, GA.

Legend has it that T.A. Means, Sr., was a strong man - that, using a leather strap, he could pick up with his teeth a 50-pound bag of nails. He was not scared of the devil himself and had no patience with low-class folks, but his friends were always the best people.

The children of T.A., Sr., and Wilmouth L. Bryant were:

A. Ella, the oldest child, remained in Georgia when the family came to Whynot. No further information is known.

B. Nancy Jane, half-sister to T.A. Means, Jr., was born in Georgia about 1859. She died in Winnfield, LA, on 3/17/1885. She married William Mathis Long, who was born 3/10/1852 at Pushmataha (Choctaw County) AL, and who died on 3/30/1880. William Mathis' father was Thomas Long. Their first child, Wilmouth, was born 3/6/1881 at Whynot. The second child, a son, Francis Brain Bryant, was born 12/1/1884 in Winnfield, Winn Parish, LA.

C. Mollie, married Reuben Thompson as his second wife They lived in Whynot. There were no issues. Both are buried at Bethany. After Reuben Thompson died, Mollie lived with her half-brother, T.A. Means, Jr.

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Thomas A. Means' first wife died about 1861, death believed to have occurred in or as a result of childbirth. On 12/25/1862 in Terrell County, GA, he then married Margaret Ann Stanley, an orphan living with his mother. Legend has it that this family lived on a ranch before removing to the Whynot area about 1870.

Margaret Ann Stanley's parents were William Stanley and Harriett Owens Stanley who married about 1798 near Charleston, SC. William died in Terrell County, GA, in 1858. One set of Margaret Ann's grandparents were John and Marie Stanley. Known children of William and Harriett Owens Stanley were:

1. Lizzie, born about 1844 in Terrell County, GA. Married Merrel Williams and died about 1871.

2. Margaret Ann, born 10/12/1846 in Terrell County, GA. She married T.A. Means, Sr., in Terrell County, GA. She died at the home of her son, Brick Means, on 5/11/1930 at Lisman, AL. She is buried at Bethany.

3. Thomas (Tom) who came to the area of Whynot with Sara, his wife. Their later years were spent in the Lisman area. The writer remembers his mother treating and dressing a very large sore on Uncle Tom's neck.

Apparently Margaret Ann Stanley's parents were deceased prior to 1862.

In 1870 Margaret Stanley Means, second wife of T.A. Means, Sr., with step-daughters Molly and Nancy Jane, daughter Emma and son Tom (known by the immediate family as Tommy) came from Georgia in a wagon pulled by a horse and mule. Your writer holds the three-pronged campfire cooking utensil used by her on the trip...meat cooked first, then bread. The family settled in the old Means place near the present residence of Jamie Roberson. This is north of the present day Bethany Baptist Church.

Thomas A. Means, Sr., traveled to fix cotton gins throughout the area. He became one of the first members of the trustees of Bethany School and probably was an early member of Bethany Baptist Church. He died while on a trip to Lumberton near Hattiesburg, MS, and is buried in the Bethany Baptist Church Cemetery.

In his travels on his horse, he would often stop at people's homes and be invited to supper and spend the night. On one trip the people would say that he was welcome to supper "such as tis". This meant cornmeal mush which consisted of meal, onions, and buttermilk.

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After several meals of the above, T.A. Means, Sr., began to express in plain terms his dislike for mush, turn on his horse and travel until he found food more to his liking. He liked his toddy, and as he grew older, his son would put his jug high over the fireplace out of his father's reach. One day T.A. Sr., got himself a stool, reached for the jug and then dropped it in front of a roaring fire. His wife came running with her broom. She began to swat the fire on the floor once, then turned and swat T.A., Sr.

The writer has no memory of his great grandfather but does remember his great grandmother, Margaret Ann. She was a small woman but powerful. The writer learned that fact when he, with his sister Louise, got caught meddling in his great grandmother's trunk one day.

The children of T.A. Sr., and Margaret Stanley Means were:

A. Emma Frances, born 2/17/1864 in GA. She became the second wife of Ira Bird Coker, who was the son of Levi Coker (who was the son of Sir Peyton Coker). Ira Bird Coker was first married to Ann Sims, daughter of George W. and Lucy A.W. White. Ira Bird and Ann Sims were the parents of Lucy A. Coker who married T.A. Means, Jr., son of T.A., Sr., and Margaret Stanley Means. WRITER'S NOTE: Emma Frances Means was a great aunt to writer as well as a step-great-grandmother. (See Sims history). Emma Francis died on 8/23/1949. The children of Ira Bird Coker and Emma Frances Means Coker were:

1. Emmett, who married Barbara Slade. Their children were Elizabeth, who married Roy Garrison, and Little Emmett, who lives at Lumberton, MS. This family lived at Lisman, AL.

2. Ruby, who first married ? Leonard. Their children were: Lillian, a retired school teacher who resides in Lisman, AL; and Mildred, who resides in Salt Lake City, UT (1992). Ruby married second ? McCall.

B. Thomas Alexander, Jr., was born on 3/9/1868 in GA and he died on 3/19/1958. He was two years old when his mother came in a wagon from Georgia to the Whynot area. His sister, Emma, was six years old. In 1894 in Lauderdale County, he married Lucy Coker, born 11/3/1874, died 5/31/1907, the daughter of Ira Bird and Ann Sims Coker. Their children were:

1. Sallie Portis, born 5/18/1895, died 3/27/1979. She married James Nevel Dawson (See Dawson history).

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2. Margaret Ann, who married Brooks Moore. Their children were: Melvin, Elsie, k Raymond, Bill, Betty, Clarice, and Brooks (Sonny). Melvin, above, lost his life in World War II as a parachute jumper over France. Melvin is well remembered by the writer for his quick smile, revealing a full set of even white teeth. Melvin joined the C.C. Camp and then went on to fight in World War II. His body rests today in France as his mother (Aunt Mag) did not desire to disturb his resting place. Perhaps Aunt Mag thought it best to expect him home someday rather than to actually see his remains and to realize her first child, the son with the flashing smile, was gone. WRITER'S NOTE: Aunt Mag (as she was known) was left with a family to raise after Uncle Brooks Moore died. The writer remembers being in and can describe the home of Brooks Moore's parents where Brooks Moore died, but he can remember nothing about his Uncle Brooks. Aunt Mag favored her father. She had her father's black eyes and favored her grandmother, Margaret Ann Stanley Means, for whom she was named.

3. Birdie Lee, who married E.C. Bancroft. This family lived in Meridian. Their children were E.C. Jr., Harold, and daughter Jerre.

4. Lucy, born 1/18/1901 and died 4/9/1975, married T.J. Buckalew. Their children were Grady, Kathryn and Jim.

5. Gladys, who married Tom Lawrence. Their only child was Fay.

6. Tommie, who married Lee Harrison. This family lived in the Scott Mountains area of Choctaw County, AL. Their only child was a son known as Shorty (Tommy Lee)

C. Sarah M. (Mittie), was born after the family arrived in the Whynot area in 1870. She married Dan Perry (See Perry history). Mittie Means was the artist of the family and of a delicate nature. Writer holds one of her poems, which is given below:

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WOMAN'S LOVE

by

Sarah M. (Mittie) Means Perry

*Woman's love is a thing that lives And stronger grows forever.
When her heart in her idol she gives She claims it back...No,
never.*

*She loves but once and then her love Grows stronger till the
grave*

*Hides her from view. She is to love An ever willing slave.
'Tis her religion, 'tis her life It is her joy, her sorrow
If woman's love should cease to be Oh! What would be tomorrow.*

*For the one she loves, she lives or dies But man, he lives for
help.*

He loves, but, alas, the one he loves Is generally himself.

Some of the children of Mittie Means and Dan Perry were: Vera, who married George Capsass; Dan, who died in 1936; and Bela, who died in 1905.

D. J. Burton, born April, 1882, died January, 1962. He never married, remaining near his brother, T.A. Means, all his life.

E. Charles E. (Charlie), born 12/14/1872 and died 11/11/1921. He married Maude Scruggs. Their children were Sam, Addie, Sharlyne, Emmett, Tom, Margie, Carl, Chip, and Charles, Jr.

F. Brick (Pomroy), born in 1880. He married Mattie Grimes. Some of their children were Ruth, Pomroy and Jack. This family lived at Lisman, AL.

G. Reuben, who married Earlene Clark, sister to Jim Clark. Some of their children were Lucille, Eugene, Clara Dee, and Eleanor. This family generally lived in Choctaw County, AL.

H. Eugene (Gene), who married Nancy Burns. Some of their children were Mae Eva, Jimmie, Gordon, Charles, Nellie, Hattie, and Bobby. This writer remembers Uncle Gennie who was a well-known architect in Butler, AL.

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Thomas Alexander Means, Jr., grew into manhood and married Lucy Alzata Coker, daughter of Ira Bird Coker who was the grandson of Sir Peyton Coker of Vimville. He enjoyed life for a few years as his sawmill work boomed in Choctaw County, AL. At Lumberton, MS, his and Lucy's marriage was blessed with six daughters: Sallie Portis, Margaret Ann, Birdie Lee, Lucy A., Gladys E., and Tommie. When daughter, Tommie, was a year old, disaster struck in the form of the death of his wife, Lucy.

He returned home to his parents where his mother cared for his daughters. He, no doubt, suffered, but due to his everlasting love for his wife, he never looked at another woman. He took care of his daughters with the help of his mother. Through his life he suffered many heartaches and setbacks. After Lucy's death, he was never quite able to regain the financial position that he once enjoyed. After his father's death, Thomas Alexander Means assumed the father role for his younger brothers.

He grew to be the most respected man in the community - not only as a man of high moral character, but as a surveyor and timber estimator. Some kind of inner strength carried him through life until he was 90 years old.

He never received any awards. Perhaps his reward was people coming to him for advice. He never entered into a dispute nor did he take sides. If someone asked his advice, he would look at the person through his black piercing eyes and in a low, soft voice tell them what he thought.

Yes, Papa Means was a great man - a tribute long overdue. He is buried alongside his beloved wife, Lucy, at Coker Chapel at Vimville.

James M. Brewster owned some 1200 acres of land which reached to Alamucha on the north and to the northern limits of present-day Whynot. This was the old T.A. Means place which T.A. bought from J.W. Brown who had purchased the land from the Brewster family. Lude Brown Clark, the daughter of J.W. Brown, remembers her mother talking about the place being the former Brewster place.

Your writer remembers, as a boy, working in the fields behind the old Means place and seeing the remains of a house on a ridge at the back of the upper part of the field. Also behind the T.A. Means house was an area covered with Indian arrowheads believed to be an Indian burial ground. One day James Nettles, tenant farmer on the T.A. Means place, was plowing this area, and for no reason the trace chains unhooked. He must have associated this with the Indian burial ground, because a frightened Mr. Nettles came to the house rather hurriedly.

In the middle of the field, adjacent to the house, was a golden apple tree with delicious apples. Your writer has wondered many

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times why this fruit tree was in the middle of the field - it had to have been at one time close to someone's home. T.A. Means guarded this apple tree, keeping his grandchildren from it as much as he could. This site could have been the home of one of James Brewster's sons.

There is also a story of gold being buried on the east side of the hollow between the house and the Indian field. Your writer's mother, Sallie Means Dawson, told of the family finding a hole which reflected recent holes where a three-legged pot had set...some unknown person had found the pot and taken it without the Means family having any knowledge of the find. It is not known just what was in the pot. It could have been gold, valuable jewelry, or some other type of valuable goods. It could have been Confederate money. People hid valuables during the Civil War.

Myra Culpepper Goodman, wife of Sam Goodman, was born in a house on the J.W. Brown place (later T.A. Means place). This house was located on a knoll just south of the present residence of PeeWee Rutledge. Your writer remembers this house when it was the residence of White Johnson, an elderly black man who used to walk barefoot in the snow in the winter to protect himself from colds.

The writer had only two living grandparents - T.A. Means, Jr., on his mother's side of the house, and Manola Allen Dawson on his father's side. He loved and respected both.

THE MERRELL FAMILY

J.E. Merrell married Isabella Clark in 1876. Isabella Clark was the daughter of William and Lucinda Clark and a sister to Jim Clark. J.E. and Isabella removed from the Whynot area shortly after their marriage.

The Merrells were members of Buckatunna Baptist Church before they moved away. Isabella, who was born 8/15/1853 and died 7/11/1907, is buried at Bethany. Near her grave is William Grady Merrell, who was born 9/6/1893 and died 9/19/1895, a possible son, two years old. The family may have returned to the Whynot area prior to her death.

In 1874 one W.J. Merrell was in Section 6, Township 5, Range 18E which is located north of the Whynot Loop.

No further record was found on this family.

THE MILLER FAMILY

The William (Will) M. Miller who came to the Whynot area from Choctaw County, AL, had five brothers. The parents are unknown. The six brothers are listed below:

1. Jerry, the oldest and half-brother to the others. He was a deaf-mute.
2. William M., born 10/20/1857 in Alabama. He married Sarah M. Waller, daughter of Jim and Jane Denham Waller in Lauderdale County, MS, in 1883. Sarah M. was born 2/8/1863 and died 1/9/1939.
3. Alex (E.A.), born 7/7/1864, died 1/26/1945. He is buried in the Buckatunna Baptist Church Cemetery at Snell in Clarke County, MS. Next to him is Rachael Elizabeth Taylor Miller, born 6/11/1862, died 11/1/1932. They were married in Clarke County, MS, on 12/4/1887. Alex Miller was a member of Mt. Zion in July, 1916.
4. Eli, remained in Choctaw County, AL.
5. Davis, remained in Choctaw County, AL.
6. Thomas, lived in Clarke County, MS.

Legend has it that the mother of the above males was half Choctaw Indian.

This family may have been first in Washington County, AL. The two northern townships of Washington County, AL, became a part of Choctaw County, AL, in 1847.

The children of William Milton and Sarah M. Waller Miller were:

1. Albert H., born 11/19/1884, died 3/9/1960. He became a minister. He married Evie L. McNees of Holmes County, MS. Their children were:
 - A. Louise, married W.W. (Woody) Thompson.
 - B. Curtis, married Hazel Rogers.
 - C. Earline, married Odis Smith.
 - D. Annie Ruth, married Leslie Wright.
 - E. A.H., Jr., married Dorothy Rawson.
2. Eula J., born 7/7/1886, died 7/7/1919, married Jesse L. Roberts of Holmes County, MS.
3. William Luther, born 12/30/1888, died 1/2/1958, married Mrs. Grace Morgan Truitt of Holmes County, MS. Their children were:
 - A. William L.J.
 - B. Eula Grace
 - C. Tom
 - D. James Lavoid (Jim), married Shirley Flack.
4. Milton, no record of any marriage.

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5. Cecil A., born 12/15/1896, died 10/25/1897.

The above Eula J., born in 1886, was a school teacher and taught school one year at the old Drippings Springs School in Whynot. She died in childbirth.

William Luther, born in 1888, is remembered for his wit and humor. He enjoyed fox hunting.

Rev. A.H. Miller, Sr., was a well known and respected Baptist minister throughout the area, ministering to a large number of churches, a task no minister of today would tackle.

The Millers lived in the Millers Lane area of Whynot and the old William Luther Miller home is still standing.

Tom Miller, son of William Luther Miller became chief of the Meridian Police Force and later served as sheriff of Lauderdale County for a number of years.

The old Luther Miller home was located near the present residence of Vernon and Bennie Jackson Temple. The Whynot Fire Department held a fire drill and burned what was left of the old home.

THE MITCHELL FAMILY

1870 Census of Lauderdale County, MS, Beat Five

Robert G. Mitchell	47, born 1823 in AL
Ellen L.	45
Joseph L	13, born 1857 in MS
Dovey M.	11, born 1859 in MS
Margaret Davis	58, born 18?? in MS
Harris Bynum	39, born in GA
Sousana (female)	28, born in MS
Lydia	13, born in MS
Elizabeth	10, born in MS
Semantha (female)	6, born 1863 in MS
James W.	1, born 1869 in MS

The above Dovey M. (Mattie) was the wife of George W. Scruggs.

No in-depth research was performed on the Mitchell family.

Miss Mattie Mitchell became the second wife of Wilburn Godwin in 1915. She had a brother, George, and two sisters, Bertha and Nora. Miss Mattie and her siblings were probably related to the above Robert G. Mitchell family. The writer tried, with no success, to identify Miss Mattie's parents. One possibility is that Miss Mattie may have been a younger sister to Dovey M.

THE MOONEY FAMILY

L.J. Mooney was the second husband of Mary Ann Robinson Williams, daughter of Ransom and Sarah Robinson. She was born 12/15/1840 and died 9/10/1894. She was buried in Antioch Cemetery

It is thought that L.J. Mooney came to the Antioch area of Whynot from Choctaw County, AL, after 1870.

L.J. Mooney was a delegate from Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Clarke County, MS, to the Liberty Baptist Association held at Mount Rose Church in Clarke County, MS, on 10/5/1877.

An interesting story has been passed down through the years as to the method L.J. Mooney used in proposing marriage to Mary Ann. After the Civil War, Mary Ann had moved back to her former residence near Yantley. This had been her home with her first husband prior to his death in the Civil War. L.J. Mooney appeared at this place one day, and Mary Ann agreed to let him farm. He would receive half the produced items and she the other half. When it came time to divide the corn, L.J. Mooney proposed that they put all the corn in one crib. Mary Ann agreed and they were later married.

L.J. Mooney was the grandfather of Ethel Carr McRae, her mother, Claudia, being a daughter of L.J. & Mary Ann. L.J. Mooney is buried in the Antioch Cemetery. The above L.J. Mooney could have been the son of John Mooney.

1860 Census of Lauderdale Count, MS, Whynot Area Family #1128

Mooney, John	40, born 1820 in NC, farmer, personal worth \$300. Lived in old Whynot area.
Frances	40, born in SC
Lemuel *	18, born 1842, student in MS. If the L. in L.J. Mooney stood for Lemuel, then he was the son of John Mooney.
Martha	19, born in MS
Westley W.	11, born in MS
Frances	9, born in MS
Laura A.	1½, born in MS

1870 Census of Choctaw County, AL Page 65, Family #527

L.J. Mooney *	27, born 1843 in MS, real estate value \$1500
Mary	29, born in MS
Jefferson	2, born in AL
Mary	6/12, born in AL
L. Williams	11, born in AL, attending school.
Sarah Williams	8, born in AL

*With these two entries corresponding favorably - then L.J. (Lemuel) was the son of John and Frances Mooney.

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Charles L. Williams 6, born in AL

Mary Ann Robinson Williams Mooney was the daughter of Ransom H. Robinson. He is buried in the Antioch Cemetery. (See Robinson and Williams history).

THE MOORE FAMILY

It is known that Rev. L. (Lewis) B. Moore was one of the ministers of the Whynot Methodist Church at old Whynot.

The following Moore family is picked up on the 1870 Census of Lauderdale County, MS:

Martin Moore	73, born 1797 in NC
Mary	39, born 1831 in NC
Rena	16, born 1854 in MS
Boney (male)	14, born in MS

The above Martin Moore could very well have been the father of Lewis B. Moore by his first wife (name not known). Lewis B. Moore was born in Mississippi in 1826 according to the 1880 Census of Lauderdale County. Lewis B. Moore named a son Martin. If Lewis B. was in fact born in Mississippi in 1826, then the Moore family had to be in the southern part of the state of Mississippi.

1880 Census of Lauderdale County, MS

L (Lewis) B. Moore	34, born 1826 in MS, parents born in NC.
M.C.	31
I.M. (Ida)	15
W.W. (William)	13, married Lerla Lee Coker in December, 1891.
R.L. (Rufus)	10
R.W. (male)	9
L.J. (female)	6
E.A. (female)	3
Martin	2/12

1885 Lauderdale County School Census, Beat 5

L.B. Lewis, father with children:
W.W. 17, R.L. 15, R.W. 13, L.J. 11, and Martin 5.

R.L. (Rufus) Moore first married Lura Coker, daughter of J. Gerald and Sallie Newton Coker. Their daughter, Vera Moore, married Robert (Bob) Linton. Although Rufus Moore was married five times, Vera was his only child.

Rufus Moore, born 1826, lived with his family on the hill where Gary Scruggs lives now. He operated a store in front of his home. It was a small store and legend has it that some of the lumber in the store came from the old Antioch Primitive Baptist Church when the church was torn down.

Wilburn and Mattie Godwin sold the property to Rufus Moore and it was he who built the store. Later this store would be operated by his step-son. The old store was torn down about 1985-86.

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In 1878 L.B. Moore owned 160 acres of land in Section 12, Township 5, Range 17E valued at \$320. This land was located in the area of the present residence of Lonnie Frank Shannon.

Lewis B. Moore at the age of 73 filed for a Confederate pension on 8/2/1916. He enlisted into Company F, 20th Miss. Regiment in Scott County, MS, in the summer of 1861. His command surrendered at Greensboro, NC, while he was home on furlough.

According to his pension application, he owned his home and an interest in four acres of land valued at \$200 in 1916.

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1850 Census of Choctaw County, AL Family #295

E. Morgan	63, born 1787 in GA, planter, R.E. \$200
Abigail	57, born in GA
F.M.	29, born 1821 in MS. This is F. Merritt, the father of Thomas Merritt Morgan of Whynot.
Adaline	22, born 1828 in AL. This is Adaline Gough, sister to Thomas Henry Benton Gough, and aunt of John W. Gough.
Irs (Iris)	20, male, born 1830 in AL, planter.
Mary	17, born in AL
Eliza	15, born in AL

This family was apparently in the state of Mississippi in 1821, as F.M. Morgan was born in Mississippi. The location most likely was in the southern part of the state. The family returned to Alabama by 1830 for Iris's birth. F.M. and Adaline were in his father's household in 1850 and probably had been married for a short period of time.

Next door to E. Morgan was:

A.M. Morgan	35, born 1815 in MS, planter
Linna	23, born in AL
Benjamin	3, born in AL

This A.M. Morgan was probably a brother to F.M. and son of the above E. Morgan. He had to be born in the Mississippi Territory since Mississippi did not become a state until 1817. Alabama was a part of the Mississippi Territory until 1817, so the family could have been in the area of the old Wayne County, Mississippi, which was formed within the Mississippi Territory in 1890. A.M. Morgan and his wife probably married about 1846 in Alabama.

The Thomas Merit Morgan family lived where Florence Goodman Vaughn now resides (1992). The old home no longer stands but the writer well remembers the house and the barn which was across the road from the house. Thomas M. Morgan was the son of Merit and Minerva Jane (Adaline) Gough Morgan. Known children of Merit and Minerva Jane Adaline Gough Morgan were:

1. Thomas M., born 1865, married Alice (AJ) Knight, daughter of John Calvin and Matilda Tims Knight. Their children were:

A. Jesse, married Ollie Robinson, daughter of Sebe and Annie Robinson. They were the parents of two daughters. Sybil and Grace. Jesse married second--name not known.

B. Ruthie Mae, died at age of five years, buried in Mt. Zion Cemetery.

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- C. Luther M., married first Cora Goodwyn and second, Ella Walthal.
 - D. Hubert J., married Sally Brown of Lauderdale, MS.
 - E. Milton L., married a girl from Florida, name not known. He died in 1938 and is buried in Mt. Zion Cemetery.
 - F. Frankie J., married Chestine Hobgood.
 - G. Paul J., married Gladys Kinard.
 - H. Myrtle, married S.H. (Holland) Mooney).
 - I. Titus, married Elizabeth Reynolds, daughter of Clarence and Eva Hearn Reynolds.
- 2. Charles, married Mayomi Knight, sister to the above Alice Knight.
 - 3. John, taught school at Whynot Consolidated High School, never married.
 - 4. Rufus, never married.
 - 5. Mary Frances, married Jesse Franklin Simpson Dearman, Jr.

There is some information that T.M. had another sister who married Will (William A.?) Prince. There could also have been other children whose name or names are unknown.

The Thomas M. Morgan family, as the years went by, left Whynot, but in years past they were an integral part of the community. Myrtle Morgan Mooney, one of the few descendants, resides today (1992) in Meridian. She and her husband operated the Mooney Furniture Store on West 4th Street for many years. The writer enjoyed talking with her and purchased a swing from their business some years ago.

Thomas M. Morgan, born in 1865, died in 1963. He and his wife, Alice Knight Morgan, sold the old home place to Earl and Florene Goodman Vaughn. Shortly afterwards, the old home burned to the ground. Thomas M. and Alice lived their last days with their daughter, Myrtle Morgan Mooney, in Meridian.

Both Thomas M. and his wife are buried in the Mt. Zion Baptist Church Cemetery in Clarke County, MS.

THE NICHOLS FAMILY

One Simon Nichols was in Jackson County, AL, on 4/20/1835, living with his wife, Eliza B. at Clarksville, AL. Jackson County, AL, borders on the state of Tennessee. It is not known whether this Simon is the same Simon who later came to Whynot.

The Simon Nichols, who was in the Whynot area, was first found on the 1853 Lauderdale County State Census which only listed him by name.

1860 Lauderdale County Census

S. (Simon) Nichols	50, born 1804 in LA
Sidney	52, born in AL
Lucinda	21, born in MS, second wife of James E. Rawlings.
Emma Zeller	19, born in MS, married J. (Joseph) Robinson in 1865.
Colonel F.	17, born in MS, married Martha Robinson on 1/24/1867, sister to Annie Robinson who married Sebe Robinson.
Martha	14, born in MS
Lovana	12, born in MS
Roslina	10, born in MS
Alsetta	8, born in MS

This family was living next door to C.C. Willis in the Antioch area.

Simon Nichols and wife Sidney apparently were deceased by 1880. The last record on Simon Nichols was in May, 1873, when he was summoned as a court witness. The writer has found no record of the burial of Simon and his wife.

1870 Lauderdale County Census

Colonel T. Nichols	25, born 3/25/1842, died 4/17/1925 at age 83.
Martha A.	20, born 8/22/1850, died 3/15/1934.
Laura	5
John	1

1885 School Census

C.T. (Colonel) Nichols	Florence	16	F
	Robert W. (Rob)	15	M
	Alla (Ella?)	13	F
	Alder (Ada)	10	F
	Berry	8	M
	Eddie	5	M

Ada, born 3/19/1875, died 5/15/1961, married John C. Pippin.
Berry (B.A.), born 5/6/1878, died 11/15/1943. married Eve (Evie)

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Wallace in 1901. She was born 5/6/1878 and died 11/15/1943. Robert W. married Effie P. Rawlings in 1890. She was a sister to Octavia Rawlings Culpepper and daughter of George W. Rawlings. Elbert N., son of C.T. Nichols, married Lucy P. Grimes in 1901. C.T. Nichols' daughter, Cora, married Brantley Garrison, brother to Estelle Garrison who married Harvey Robinson.

C.T. Nichols applied for a Confederate pension on 7/1/1916 which was granted on 9/4/1916. He was 74 years old. He enlisted in 1861 in Co. F, 46 Miss. Infantry and served four years under Capt. Con Rea and Colonel Sears. (NOTE: Con Rea was a noted newspaper publisher of old Marion.) C.T. was wounded at Altoona Mountain, GA, in the leg from a shell. A minnie-ball was still in the other leg and he was crippled for life. He almost lost use of one leg and foot. He thought his command surrendered in Meridian, MS. He had five sons and six daughters who were poor and unable to provide for him. In 1916 he was renting land and trying to farm.

The C.T. Nichols family, at one time, lived where Donald and Sandra Shirley reside at present (1990).

Y.T. Nichols was raised by his grandfather, C.T. Nichols. V.T. married Myra Culpepper whose mother died when she was an infant. Myra was raised by her aunt, Wessie Culpepper Tims, wife of Ed Tims. The writer well remembers Mr. V.T. and Miss Myra as well as their children. All are deceased now except Norris who resides in Texas. Norris visited the writer in the summer of 1992, and the writer was touched by Norris' sad remarks about his entire family being gone and that he had no living family member to visit now in Whynot. To say the least, it is sad indeed.

THE ROBERT ROWLAND PERRY FAMILY

R.R. Perry - Males: 2 10-15 years of age, born 1815-1820
4 10-20 years of age, born 1810-1815
1 20-30 years of age, born 1800-1810
(R.R. Perry, born 1813)
Females: 2 15-20 years of age, born 1810-1815
1 20-30 years of age, born 1800-1810

The above indicated that R.R. Perry was the head of the household.

Robert Rowland Perry had in his household his 6 brothers and 2 sisters, and the above indicates that he was the oldest son and thus head of the household for all of his parents' children. He was 17 years old in 1830, having been born in 1813 according to census records. He is next picked up on the 1853 Lauderdale County State Census with his wife and one child, a son. R.R. Perry was living at the time in the old Whynot area. Apparently R.R. Perry married first sometime around 1850. On 1/1/1859 R.R. Perry married second Frances Knight. The name of his first wife is not known, but the son of his first marriage is believed to have been Frank G. Perry

No further information has been found after 1853 on R.R.'s son, Frank G.? He may have lived with relatives. Legend has it that one Frank Perry relocated to the state of Texas.

1860 census of Lauderdale County, MS

R.R. Perry 48, born 1812 in AL
Frances (Knight) 16, born in MS
James B. 2/12, born in MS

Rowland Perry was probably first in the Hurricane Creek area. His father was born in North Carolina, and his mother was born in Georgia, while he was born in Alabama. Possible brothers of Robert Rowland Perry were: Franklin M. Perry, who married Eliza Vaughn in Clarke County, AL, on 8/9/1853; Oliver H. Perry, who married Emeline Walker on 4/15/1855 in the same county; and a J.B. Perry, who was on the 1840 census for Lauderdale County who apparently removed afterwards from the area.

At the time of R.R. Perry's marriage to Frances Knight, they were members of the Ebenezer Baptist Church. They left the area in 1869 and returned to the Whynot area. In 1870 they were again in the Antioch area, near the Blanks and Wallaces. They were later members of the Liberty Baptist Church. In 1883 R.R. and Frances Perry owned the SE SE4 in Section 31, Township 6, Range 183, which is located north of present Whynot. Frances was still there in 1896. This is the area of old Whynot.

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1870 Census Lauderdale County MS

Rowland Perry	57, born 1813	in AL
Frances	26, born 1846	in MS
James	10, born 1860	
Oliver	6, born 1864	
Mary	4, born 1866	
David L.	2/12, born 1870	

1. The above James, age 10, was James B. Perry (known as Jim), who married Nancy P. Kornegay. Issues from this marriage were:

A. Francis Brucie, who married C.E. Creel. Their children were Jim (father of Jerry and Jimmy Creel), Jack, Agnes, and Miriam

B. Martha Ann, who married Lee Pigford. They were the parents of Nannie Mae Pigford Tinsley. Both Brucie and Martha Ann were married in the Whynot Methodist Church.

C. Margaret (Maggie, never married. She is buried at Bethany.

2. Oliver, also listed as T.O. and O.H.F., has to be the son known as Frank Perry who married Florence Nichols in 1892. (She was the daughter of Colonel and Martha Robinson Nichols.) Their children were Estes, Lonny, Sam, Fred, and Dallas. There could have been other children. One may have been Minnie Bell. This family were members of Bethany Baptist Church in 1904.

3. MCR (Mary), daughter.

4. JDL (David), known as Joe, who married Hattie O. Stodard in 1890. Known children were Mary, Edward, Silas, and Daniel W. Silas died at the age of two and Daniel died at the age of two months.

5. Daniel Napoleon, known as Daniel N., Sr., married Sarah (Mittie) Means, sister to T.A. (Tom) Means. Their children were Veva, Dan, Jr., Bela, and Monroe. One of Dan, Jr.' sons was Daniel Edward Perry, born 8/24/1936 at Lisman, AL. D.E. Perry's mother's name was Willie Mae Hill. D.E. Perry resides in McCalla, AL, (1992). Veva joined Bethany in 1916. Her mother, Mittie Means Perry, no doubt was a member joining prior to 1900. These Perrys, until they removed to the Lumberton area of Mississippi, lived in a house just north of the old Tom Means house in the Whynot/Alamucha area. Mittie Means Perry is buried near Hattiesburg.

Frances Knight Perry was in the household of her son (Dan N. Perry) in 1900. She was 57 years old, born 5/1843. Dan N. Perry was born 4/1877; Mittie, his wife, was born 4/1870.

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Most of the Perry children appear to have had three or more given names as did other families of that period.

It is unknown where Robert Rowland Perry is buried. He may be buried in the old abandoned cemetery of the Whynot Methodist Church in old Whynot.

Apparently they ended up living in the old Whynot area. Nancy P. Kornegay Perry, wife of James B. Perry, was received into the Whynot Methodist Church on July 25, 1897, along with her daughters. Some of the Perrys are buried at Bethany.

The writer remembers Dan Perry, Jr., who used to visit relatives in Whynot. The writer corresponded with his sister, Veva, for a number of years before her death. She resided in California and informed the writer about the history in both the Means and Perry families.

Veva Perry married George Capsas, and they operated a restaurant in Memphis, TN, for a number of years. Some of their children entered the acting field and moved to Hollywood, CA.

THE PIGFORD FAMILY

A.J. (Jim) Pigford, the father of Lee and Ike Pigford, was in the WZ of the NW4 in Section 30, Township 6, Range 18E in 1896. This was in the area west of the Joe Long Hill on the Whynot/Alamucha Road. Later this family lived on the Wire Road west of Alamucha near the area of the Shamburger Hills. He, along with his wife (Caroline Spinks Pigford), are buried in the Mt. Gilead Baptist Church Cemetery.

A.J. Pigford, born 7/19/1848, was the son of Wright and Lucretia Harris Rodgers. Caroline Spinks Pigford was the daughter of Isaac and Charlotte Jones Lacy Spinks.

These Pigfords descend from Lost Billie (William) Pigford who survived a shipwreck near the American east coast. His parents did not survive. He was taken in by a Dutch family and raised as "Lost Billie". (See Pigford history in LCDAH. Also see Mt. Gilead Baptist Church history for more on Wright Pigford.)

Wright Pigford at one time owned land in the Antioch-Harrison Creek area, but the writer did not find any evidence of his residing in the area.

In 1870 A.J. Pigford married Caroline Spinks, sister to Mrs. Jim Clark.

In 1885 they were the parents of school age children: Charley 14, Lee 12, Joseph 10, and Monroe 6. Other children were: Isaac, Wright, Lettie, and Pearl. Isaac's full name was Isaac Spinks (Ike).

The above Lee Pigford married Martha Perry who was the daughter of James B. and Nancy Kornegay Perry. They were the parents of Nannie Mae Pigford Tinsley and Hiram Harmon Pigford. Hiram was born about 1911. He was a retired machinist and died in Sheffield, AL, on 2/24/1993. He married Beatrice Teeter of Tusculumbia, AL. Their children were: Hiram Lealand, Thomas Houston, Martha Jean, and Marilyn Jo Anne. This family lived in the area of old Whynot.

The above Isaac Pigford (Ike), born 9/6/1892, died 9/2/1965, married Nancy Jane Grimes in 1926, and they lived in Whynot at the east tip of the Whynot Loop. There were no issues to this marriage. Nancy Jane Grimes Pigford celebrated her 100th birthday in 1992.

Lee Pigford was born 5/9/1873, died 3/7/1956, and is buried at Bethany along with his brother, Ike.

Please note that one of Hiram Harmon Pigford's names is that of Harmon.

THE PIGFORD FAMILY

Dr. Stephen Burrell Harmon married Cora Pigford, daughter of Timothy Pigford who was the son of Wright Pigford. A.J. Pigford, father of Lee Pigford, was also the son of Wright Pigford.

Hiram Harmon Pigford was no doubt named after Dr. Stephen Burrell Harmon through the family, or he could have been named after the doctor due to respect and admiration.

THE PISTOLE FAMILY

The Pistole family is first picked up in Sumter County, AL, where William Pistole in 1833 operated a ferry across the Sucarnochee River a short distance above the mouth of Alamucha Creek in Section 27, Township 18W and Range 2W. W.C. Pistole was in Lauderdale County by 1839 as he paid poll tax for that year.

1840 Census of Lauderdale County

W.C. Pistole Males: 2 under 5; 1 30 plus.
 Females: 1 under 5; 1 15 plus.

The family was living near Solomon and William Pigford in the Lauderdale area.

L.A. Pistole, known as Louis, was the Pistole who came to the Whynot area and resided on Whynot-Alamucha Road north of Whynot Loop. The place is now known as the old Tempy place after a black woman who operated a store in the old house for many years. L.A. Pistole, born 1843, has to be a son of William C. Pistole. By 1850 his father was deceased.

1850 Census of Lauderdale County

Mary Pistole 18, born 1822 in AL
Dreury 13, born 1837 in MS
George 11, born 1839 in LA
Jane 9, born 1841 in MS
(L) Alexander 7, born 1843 in MS
Davis 5, born 1845 in MS
Harriett 3, born 1847 in MS

Louis Alexander Pistole married Emily Robinson on 1/1/1869. She was the daughter of Ransom H. Robinson, Sr., Her grandfather. (William H. Robinson) lived just north of the old Pistole place on the above mentioned road in the vicinity of the old Mason place. Emily's brother, Ransom H. Robinson, Jr., was bond for the marriage. Other Robinson families were nearby.

1870 Census of Lauderdale County

Louis Pistole 27, born 1843 in MS
Emily 33, born 1837 in MS
William 1/12, born 1870 in MS

This child is William R. (probably Ransom) who later was Chancery Clerk of Lauderdale County for many years.

THE PISTOLE FAMILY

1880 Census of Lauderdale County

L.A. Pistole	37, born in MS
Emily	44, born in MS
W.R.	10, born 1870 in MS
J.L.	6, born 1874 in MS
A.E.	4, born 1876 in MS
E.M.	3, born 1877 in MS

By 1900 L.A. Pistole was in the Causeyville area with his wife, Emily, and his youngest child, a son (Walter) who was 18 years of age, born in 1882. He was 67 years of age and his wife was 73.

L.A. Pistole's land at Whynot was 120 acres in Section 4, Township 5, Range 18. Some of this land was bottom-land which was farmed. The writer remembers going with his father and grandfather to work some of these bottom fields.

Mrs. Lude Brown Clark, present oldest resident of Whynot, remembers the Pistoles when, as a child, she lived at what is known today as the old T.A. Means, Jr., place.

Apparently the brothers of L.A. Pistole removed from the area as no further trace of them is found.

The writer did not find any living descendants of the Pistole family in the Whynot area.

THE POGUE FAMILY

Since it is difficult to find a starting point in the early census records, the writer will work backwards.

1900 Census Lauderdale County, MS - with other records

James W. (Wesley) Pogue	born 6/20/1861, died 12/24/1935
Sally J. (Kornegay)	born 12/2/1858, died 5/14/1952
Aries J. (male)	born 1884 in MS
Annie D.	born 1888 in MS
William L. (Luther)	born 7/26/1889 in MS
Mary S.	born 1891 in MS
Arthur	born 9/1894 in MS
Vestula (female)	born 11/1896 in MS
Isaac S.	born 1900 in MS

The above Sally J. Kornegay, known as Allie, was 34 years old when she married J.W. Pogue in 1882. Her parents were Lewis Ward and Annie Hart Kornegay.

The above James Wesley Pogue, born in 1861, was the son of James P. Pogue who married Mary Ann Butler in Lauderdale County, MS, on 9/1/1853. James Wesley and Sally J. Kornegay were grandparents of Merle Pogue Bishop and her siblings.

1860 Census of Lauderdale County

James P.; Pogue	38, born 1822 in AL
Mary	25
Sarah	6
James W. (Wesley)	2/12 There is a conflict here in that later census records reflect James Wesley's birth to be in 1861. No doubt an error was made and his real birth year was 1860, being born 6/20/1860 instead of 6/20/1861.
Sarah	65, born 1795 in GA. This is the mother of James P.

According to Inez Pogue Rancalli, James Wesley Pogue has a brother by the name of John P. Pogue (see below).

1850 Census of Lauderdale County, MS

Sarah Pogue	50, born 1800 in GA. Name of husband unknown.
James (P)	30, born 1820 in GA. Other census records reflect birth year of 1822. Father of John Wesley Pogue.
John Cunningham	35, born in NC May have been related to the above Sarah.

THE POGUE FAMILY

Martin Pogue 30, born 1820 in AL. To writer's knowledge, James and Martin were not twins. Both are listed in the census as 30 years old - one born GA and one born AL. Please note that on the 1860 census above, John P. was born in AL in 1822 - thus their family was in Alabama in 1822. Alabama became a state in 1819. This further reflects errors on census records. This Martin was an uncle of John Wesley Pogue. The father in the above family and husband of Sarah apparently was deceased by 1850.

Mary 26 This is Martin Pogue's wife. She was a Boutwell, daughter of George and Sarah Boutwell of Choctaw County, AL. This gives a lead that the Pogue family may have come to the Whynot area through Choctaw County, AL.

Sarah 5, child of Martin and Mary.

Martha 3, child of Martin and Mary.

1885 School Census - Lauderdale County, MS

School age children of J.P. and Mary Pogue were:

William M., age 18, born 1867.

John (P?), 16, born 1869. This has to be the John P. that Inez referred to.

Martin C., 14. He married Clara M. Robinson in 1891 when he was 30 years old. She was the daughter of Louis Henry (Haney) and Martha Shannon Robinson.

Nancy, 11.

So the children of James P. and Mary Ann Butler Pogue probably were Sara, John Wesley, William M., John P., Martin C., and Nancy.

The old James P. Pogue homesite is in the area of the present S.L. Wilson place. On 9/21/1900 the Alabama-Vicksburg Railroad went into circuit court with a claim to a tract of this land. No further record of this matter was found, and apparently he did not lose any of his land.

The writer has no knowledge when James P. Pogue expired, but in 1900 he would have been 78 years old. It is assumed that James Wesley, born 1860, at the age of 40 years, was living in the same area as his father.

THE POGUE FAMILY

As John Wesley was the oldest son, let's follow his family first. The writer has knowledge only of his two boys, Luther and Arthur.

William Luther Pogue married Nora Cotten. Their children were Lawrence and Zula Fay. Zula Fay was born on 1/14/1914 and died on 7/17/1918. The writer remembers Mr. Luther and the small house he and his family lived in near the railroad tracks in present downtown Whynot. (See Cotten family.)

Arthur Pogue married Laura Cotten, sister to the above Nora. They were blessed with 13 children. The writer has fond memories of this family who lived near Leo McRae Sawmill on old Highway 19E. One memory that sticks out is when Merle commenced work at a garment factory. She bought her parents a sofa for the front room. She was so proud.

The children of Arthur and Laura Cotten Pogue were (not in order of birth): Russell, Inez, B.G., Merle, Clelland, Arthur Jr., Gerald, Bettys, Jackie, Brooks, Hilda, Ronnie, and Gay.

William M. Pogue, son of James P. Pogue and brother to James Wesley Pogue, married Kisiah Rutledge in 1882. Their children were:

1. Rosa, who married Price Glass and lived at Vimville.
2. Maggie (Margie), who married Luther Johnson.
3. Millie, who married Rube Smith.
4. Florie, who married Fletcher Hughes.
5. Lucille, who married Ted Shirley.
6. William Albert, who married Maggie Hughes (living in Forest, MS, in 1990).
7. Howard, who married Viola Richardson.
8. Franklin (Frank) Monroe, who married Thellis Ponds.
9. Melvin, who married Grace Jones (living in Laurel, MS, in 1990).
10. Junior Lee, who married Audett Smith.

Since James P. Pogue was born in Alabama in 1822 and his mother was born in Georgia in 1800, it can be assumed that this Pogue family came to the Whynot area from Georgia through Alabama. With the John Cunningham, age 35, born in North Carolina, in Sarah Pogue's household in 1850, this may indicate that the father of James P. Pogue may have traveled to Georgia from North Carolina. It may further indicate that Sarah Pogue was married to a Cunningham prior to her marriage to the father of James P. Pogue, and that John Cunningham was her son and a half-brother to James P.

Inez Pogue Rancalli was a class mate of the writer, finishing high school at the Whynot Consolidated High School in 1940. She was known for her expertise in the field of basketball.

THE PONDS FAMILY

Miles W. Ponds married Sarah L. Baskin in Choctaw County, AL, about 1860-61. No record of this marriage exists as the court house burned.

Sarah Lucason Baskin was born 9/7/1836 in Lancaster County, SC, to John and Nancy Horton Baskin. Sarah L's grandparents were William and Susannah Horton Baskin and her great grandparents were Andrew and Mary Marshall Baskin. Andrew Baskin was from Ireland, born about 1730, married about 1752 in Augusta, VA, and served in the Revolutionary War. The writer holds Sons of American Revolution membership from the Baskin line.

Miles and Sarah Baskin Ponds' children were:

1. Joseph Washington, born 8/20/1862, died 6/13/1933. He married Mary Ann Goodwyn, born 10/3/1872, died 10/25/1958. She was the daughter of J.W. and Nancy J. Culpepper Goodwyn.

Mary Ann's half-sister, Bertha Boswell, married Houston Sutter.

The children of J.W. and Mary Ann Goodwyn Ponds were (not in the order of birth):

- A. Hassie, married Sam Culpepper.
- B. Tommie Hardin married Lois Carter.
- C. Preston C. (Bud), married Imogene McClellan.
- D. Nanie Mae, married Henry Lee Gough.
- E. Thellis, married Franklin Pogue.
- F. Joseph Leggette, married Doris White.
- G. Elsie, who died young.
- H. Stennis (Dick), married Margie Joyner

2. Benjamin, married Martha Penelops Welch, daughter of J.M. and Martha Boswell Welch.

Miles W. and Sarah L. Baskin Ponds lived at Pushmataha in Choctaw County, AL, with their sons. Miles W. Ponds enlisted in the Confederate Army at Gainesville, AL, on 8/19/1863. He had his horse, valued at \$600, with him. He was promoted from the ranks to Sergeant on 6/20/1864. Miles Ponds was killed by a Yankee sniper near Peachtree, AL, while on his way home after the Civil War. It is presumed that he was buried in the Peachtree area.

After Miles W. Ponds' death, Sarah L. Baskin Ponds married Robert I. Allen in Choctaw County, AL, about 1865-66. The family lived there for awhile and then removed to the Alamucha area of Lauderdale County. (See Allen history.)

After Joseph Washington Ponds' marriage, he lived in the area north of the Whynot Loop between Whynot and Liberty before moving to a location on the Whynot Loop.

THE PONDS FAMILY

J.W. Ponds was first a member of the Salem Baptist Church along with his brother Benjamin. Benjamin left the Alamucha area about 1903 and settled in the Meehan area of the county. J.W. left Salem Church in May, 1891, and was a deacon in the Liberty Baptist Church in May, 1898. He was also a delegate to the Liberty Baptist Association in August of that year. His homesite was between Liberty and Whynot in what is known today as the old Ponds place.

He and his family became members of the Bethany Baptist Church about 1905. He was also a leader in the Whynot community. He was a farmer and at one time operated a store which stood in the front yard of the present home of his son, Stennis. His home still stands and is now the home of Mrs. Doris Ponds, wife of J.W.'s youngest son, Leggette.

Sarah L. Baskin Ponds Allen lived until her death in a house that once stood in front of the present Charles Reynolds Store. Later the house became the home of Annie Allen Welch, one of her daughters.

Sarah L. became almost blind before she died. Stennis Ponds, a grandson, remembers his grandmother making peanut candy for the children and getting peanut hulls in the candy. According to Stennis, the children never complained but ate the candy, hulls and all.

Sarah L. drew a Confederate Pension from Robert I. Allen's Confederate Army service. She is buried in the Bethany Baptist Church Cemetery.

No effort was made by the writer to perform in-depth research on Miles Pond. The writer did find the following Sam Ponds who may have been related to Miles Ponds.

1860 Census Sumter Co., AL, P.O.Gaston

Sam Ponds	52, born 1808 in NC, farmer
Sarah	53, born in NC
Rosana	20, born in AL
Sophona	16, born in AL
T.B. (male)	14, born in AL
F.B. (male)	12, born in AL
G.H. (male)	6, born in AL

THE PRINGLE FAMILY

The Pringle family came early to the old Whynot area. Isham K. Pringle was the first postmaster. His wife's given name was Frances Elizabeth. Their land and home was located just east of the present-day Mt. Horeb Baptist Church. Isham K. was born in Alabama in 1808 and his wife was born in Alabama in 1814. Their children were: Isham, Jr., born 1842, who married Fannie Bains on 5/2/1865; Mary, born 1839; George, born 1846; Elizabeth, born 1849; Quitman, born 1855; and Benjamin, born 1838.

In their household in 1860 there were three laborers: Johnson Godwin, born 1836; Jacob (L.) Godwin, born 1833; and Henry Butler, born 1836.

In 1850 Samuel T. Pringle, born 1815 (thought to have been a brother to Isham K. Pringle), was in the old Whynot area with his wife, Sarah M., and children: Margaret A.P., born 1840; John A., born 1842; Martha A., born 1843; Abraham, born 1845; Emma L.L., born 1847; and Shadrock, born 1849.

Samuel T. Pringle was deceased by 8/8/1859 for on that date James Madison Bruister was the guardian of the heirs of Samuel T. Pringle and the administrator of the estate. This family apparently removed from the area after Samuel T. Pringle died.

Isham K. Pringle received two land grants. One was for 40 acres in Section 1, Township 5, Range 17E, on 9/1/1848, signed by President James K. Polk. The other grant was later for 80 acres of land in the same area signed by President Millard Fillmore.

In 1850 Abraham Pringle, age 74, born 1776 in South Carolina, and his wife Anna, 68, born in North Carolina, were in the old Whynot area. In their household there was an Emma Mimins, probably a married daughter. This Abraham and Anna were the parents of Isham K. and Samuel T. Pringle, and they all lived near each other.

The Pringle families, or at least Isaham K. Pringle's, came to the old Whynot area from Florida about 1837.

The Pringles owned slaves and there are many blacks in the general area today who carry the Pringle name. There are no Pringle descendants in the area that the writer could find. The Pringles apparently left the area during or immediately after the Civil War with Isham K. Pringle removing to Fall County, TX (Family history).

The Pringle family played an important role in the early development of old Whynot. Some Pringles may be buried in the old Brewster Cemetery in unmarked graves.

THE RAINER FAMILY

Traditionally the Rainers were German. Legend has it that some of the Rainers spoke German fluently.

1860 Census

T.G. Rainer	45, born 1815 in TN, real estate \$2400
Mahildah (Matilda)	20, born in TN
Elizabeth (wife)	46, born in TN
Sarah	17, born in TN
George	19, born 1841 in TN
Kessiah (Keziah)	16, born in AL
Mary	14, born in MS. (Family in MS by 1846)
Letha	13
Francis	12
Thomas	9, born 1851
William	6, born 1854
Jesse	1, born 1858
Sophia (?)	4

The daughter, Matilda, may have been giving the census information on the family as she is listed before her mother. This is Thomas Gilbert Rainer. In 1860 the family was in the old Whynot area near the Brewsters.

Thomas G. Rainer was the son of Charles Rainer, born 1794, and Nancy Powell Rainer. Charles Rainer died 8/9/1855; Nancy died 9/18/1849. Thomas G. Rainer married Elizabeth Butler. Their son (George), born 1841, became minister of Bethany Baptist Church in 1876 when he was 35 years old

In 1858 Thomas G. Rainer lived in Section 22, Township 5, Range 17, which is just northeast of present-day Causeyville. At the same time, a Thomas John G. Rainer was in Section 5, Township 5, Range 18. This John G. was also a son of Charles Rainer born 1794.

John G. or Thomas John G. married Mary Ann Wilkerson on 2/2/1844 in Lauderdale County. He died in the Civil War. His widow married second John Baskin on 12/21/1873. John Baskin was the father of Sarah L. Baskin Ponds Allen by his first wife. Sarah L. Baskin Ponds Allen was a great grandmother to the writer and grandmother to Stennis (Dick) Ponds.

One of John G. Rainer's sons (Charles F. Rainer) married Henrietta Clay Baskin (daughter of John Baskin and sister of Sarah L. Baskin Ponds Allen). Charles F. and Henrietta were step-brother and sister. They lived and died at Pushmataha in Choctaw County, AL.

THE RAINER FAMILY

1860 Census of Lauderdale County

A.J. (Andrew J.) Rainer 28, born 1832 in TN, teacher
Catherine 24, born in AL
Laura C. 5 born 1855 in MS

This Andrew J. Rainer served on the Board of Police and is believed to have been a charter member of Bethany Baptist Church in 1867. He lived north of present-day Whynot. He was a delegate to the Liberty Baptist Association from Bethany Baptist Church in 1868.

The above Andrew Jackson Rainer was the son of Charles Rainer, born 1794. Another son of Charles Rainer was C.F. Rainer, born 1820.

1870 Census of Lauderdale County, Beat 5, Post Office Meridian

George W. Rainer 29, born 1841 in TN, son of T.G. Rainer, born 1814.
Elizabeth F. (Butler) 34, born in MS
George 8
James F. 5
Berry W. 4
Louis 2
Holly 5/12
Charles (F.) Rainer 41, born 1829, in TN, son of Charles born 1794.
Sarah (Watkins) 34, born 1836 in GA, married 1854.
William 12, born 1858
Benjamin 4, born 1866

Charles and Sarah were married on 10/19/1854 by Rev. Ambrose Yarbrough, who is recognized as the father of the Liberty Baptist Church.

Andrew J. (Jackson) Rainer 38, born 1832 in TN, son of Charles born 1794
Catherine C. (Lacy) 35, born in AL
Sarah 15, born in MS
Mary E. 5, born in MS
Willie 9/12, born in TN (1869-70)
Mary Lacy 70, mother of Catherine.

In 1878 C.F. Rainer was in Section 34, Township 6, Range 18, with 200 acres, near the Alabama line.

G.W. Rainer was in Section 22, Township 5, Range 17, with 40 acres.

THE RAINER FAMILY

T.G. Rainer was in Sections 15, 16, & 22, Township 5, Range 17, with 480 acres. He was in the same area that he was in 1858.

W.G. Rainer was in Section 16, Township 5, Range 17. W.G. Rainer may have been a son of C.F. Rainer. He married Melinda Culpepper on 8/24/1854.

The Rainers who were more closely connected with Whynot were Thomas George Rainer and his son, George W. Rainer who, as stated above, was a long-time minister of the Bethany Baptist Church. He was authorized to practice his gift by the Ebenezer Baptist Church in October, 1874. Thomas George Rainer's brother, Andrew Jackson Rainer, as noted above, was also considered one of the charter members of Bethany. (Writer's Note: For more information on both Andrew Jackson and George W. Rainer, see Jim Dawson's History of the Bethany Baptist Church.)

About 1844 Charles Rainer came to Lauderdale County from Wayne County, TN, to join other members of his family when his son, Andrew Jackson, was about 12 years old. It is unknown where Charles Rainer is buried. The first Rainers lived in the area of the Mississippi/Alabama state line in Sumter and Choctaw Counties, AL, and Lauderdale County, MS. A number of Rainers were members of the Harmony Baptist Church (later Zion) and Liberty Baptist of Sumter County, AL. Some were members of the Salem Baptist Church, Bethany Baptist, and Ebenezer Baptist Churches of Lauderdale County, MS.

THE RAWLINGS FAMILY

1850 Census of Lauderdale County

Henry Rawlings, age 83, born in Virginia in 1767 and his wife, Lucy, age 74, were in the household of John and Seliva Robinson.

This John (H) Robinson was the son of, William H. Robinson, and Seliva, no doubt, was the daughter of Henry and Lucy Rawlings.

John H. Robinson in 1850 was living in the area between present-day Whynot and Liberty near the Alabama line.

In 1860 Henry Rawlings, 93, born in Virginia, was head of the household with his son, William W., age 47, and William's daughter, Jane, age 14, born in Mississippi. They were living in the area later referred to as Holbrook.

In 1850 the above William W. Rawlings was living in the above area with his wife, Ellen, daughter, Jane, age 3, and J.M., age 8 months. Ellen and J.M. died sometime between 1850-1860 as William W. was in this father's household in 1860.

1850 Census of Lauderdale County, MS, Whynot

James B. Rawlings	56, born 1794 in BA. (Thought to be been the son of Henry & Lucy Rawlings)
Kizziah	46, born in AL
William	24, born 1826 in MS
Elizabeth	18, born in MS
Franklin	16, born 1834 in AL
George	14, born 1836 in AL. This has to be George W. even if the census age is off three years.
Jefferson	12, born in MS
Hinchey	10, born in MS
Martha	8, born in MS
Susan	6, born in MS
Emmy	4, born in MS

J.B. Rawlings was Justice of the Peace in 1830, 1840, and 1841, for Beat 5, Lauderdale County. The family lived north of the Whynot Loop in the Liberty area.

James B. and Kizziah Rawlings were members of Salem Baptist Church in May, 1845.

1885 School Census

G.W. Rawlings (father) (Son of James B.)

THE RAWLINGS FAMILY

Children:

1. James T. (Jim), born 1869, married Julia Ann Martin in 1889, daughter of Rufus Martin
2. Effie P., born 1872, married Robert (Rob) W. Nichols, son of Colonel and Martha Robinson Nichols.
3. George O., born 1875, married Ina Brown, daughter of John Willis and Mary Tucker Brown. (Lived between Whynot and Causeyville.)
4. Robert Lee, born 1877, married Ollie G. Thompson.
5. Asa A., born 1876, became a dentist, died 9/5/1922.

Known children, not of school age:

6. Octavia, born 5/1/1881, married John Edmund Culpepper, son of Hardin and Mary L. Goodwyn Culpepper.
7. Henry B., born 7/1/1883, died 1/4/1900.

George W. Rawlings was an ordained deacon and before his death he served as moderator at the annual meetings of the Liberty Baptist Association in which Bethany Baptist Church held membership. He and his wife, Melissa, are buried at Bethany.

According to a resolution passed by the Bethany Baptist Church upon the death of George W. Rawlings on 7/30/1912, he was born in North Carolina in 1839. He moved to Mississippi in early manhood. He joined Mt. Hason Baptist Church (location unknown) soon after the War of Rebellion.

The above would imply the Rawlings family came to the Whynot area sometime before 1850. The Hason Baptist Church may have been an early church in the area either in Mississippi or Alabama.

In 1910 the children of James T. (Jim) Rawlings and Julia Ann Martin Rawlings were: Lola 19, Letha 18, Dorothy 16, Vera 14, Zella 11, Vernon 10, Agnes 8, Don 6, and Zell 3. This Rawlings family went to Oklahoma Indian Territory with the Grimes and Griffin families.

George W. Rawlings married Melissa Henderson, daughter of William J. Henderson, in 1865. At the time his father, James B. Rawlings, was living in Section 17, Township 6, Range 18E, which was near the Liberty Baptist Church.

1860 Census of Lauderdale County, MS

J.E. Rawlings	46, born 1814 in VA (son of Henry and Lucy), farmer
Sarah E.	31
Nancy	13, married Timms
Hartwell	9

THE RAWLINGS FAMILY

Jesse 6
James B. 2

J.E., son of Henry and Lucy, may have arrived in the Whynot area after his parents' arrival. The writer thinks he was referred to as Jim Rawlings.

1870 Census of Lauderdale County, MS

(J) E. Rawlings	55, born 1815 in VA
Lucy (Nichols)	28, born 1842 in VA. Lucinda Nichols, daughter of Simon Nichols and sister to Colonel Nichols. She was J.E.'s second wife.
Nancy	22, born in VA
Hartwell	18, born in VA
Isaac	16, born in VA
Susan	13, born 1857 in VA
William	4, born in MS
Sarah	5, born in MS

To the writer's knowledge, there are no known descendants of the Rawlings family presently residing in the Whynot area.

THE REYNOLDS FAMILY

The Reynolds family arrived in the area of Whynot prior to the federal census in 1850. While this family is not on the regular census, Daniel Reynolds, Sr., is covered on the 1850 Agricultural Schedule. According to this AG. Schedule, Daniel Runnells (Reynolds) was living and Farming next door to Joseph Williams in the Hurricane Creek area. Another neighbor was James McRae.

At the time, Daniel Sr., had 30 acres of improved land, one horse, four milk cows, ten other cattle, ten sheep, fifty swine, 250 bushels of Indian corn, two bales of cotton, 25 pounds of wool and 200 bushels of sweet potatoes.

On this same census there is a Drewry Runnells south of old Whynot who may have been a brother to Daniel, Sr.

1860 Census of Lauderdale County, MS

D. (Daniel) Reynolds, Sr. 50, born 1810 Frances 43

Their children were (some were on this census record):

1. Penelope, born 1838, married Daniel P. Griffin on 1/16/1861.
2. John, married Matilda Tims, daughter of John and Jane Tims.

One of their children was Robert (Rob) Reynolds who married Anna Goodman, daughter of Big Lloyd Goodman. Their children were: Willie, Eddie, Danny Paul, and Ida May. Ida May married Pearson M. Jackson. Ida May and Pearson were the parents of Bennie Jackson Temple who at present is a resident of Whynot.

3. James Bruce (Jim), 14, born 1846, married Nan Ray. This Jim was grandfather to J.W. Reynolds, Jr.

4. Missouri, 10, no information.

5. Daniel (Jr.), 8, born 1852, married Susie Jay. They were grandparents of Oscar Reynolds.

6. Susan, 5, no information.

7. Seaborn R., six months, born 1860, married Elizabeth J. Williams (Bettie Sebe) on 12/19/1881. They were married by Elder N.L. Pace. He was grandfather to Dot Reynolds Hynde and great-grandfather to Dr. Kathy Baxter. The children of Seaborn and Bettie Sebe were:

A. Warrine, who married Dewitt White.

B. Bertha, who married Well Douglas.

C. Clarence, who married Eva Hearn, parents of Dot Reynolds Hynde

D. Leon, who married Kate Carr. Miss Kate, as she was fondly known, lives with her daughter in Greenwood, MS (1992).

8. Amanda, married Samuel Griffin on 2/28/1859 in Lauderdale County. May have been a daughter of Daniel, Sr.

9. Mary Ann, married Oliver Tims, son of John and Jane Tims, on 10/14/1858 in Lauderdale County. She was a daughter of Daniel, Sr., since he furnished bond for the marriage.

THE REYNOLDS FAMILY

There may have been other children.

Daniel Reynolds, Sr., born 1810, and his wife were charter members of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church in 1868. Their son, Bruce (Jim) also was a charter member.

James Bruce Reynolds, born 1846, married Nan Ray. Their children were:

1. Sue
2. Tabatha
3. John
4. Jesse Waldo, Sr., born 3/11/1879, died 10/17/1958, married Edna Goodman, born 12/14/1889, died 7/1/1983. She was the daughter of Ed and Katie Shirley Goodman. Their children were:

A. Lonnie Clyde, born 7/3/1910, died 4/22/1972, married Lillie R. Hill.

B. Martha Ree, married B.W. Scruggs

C. Ray, who is unmarried.

D. Ethel, who married Houston Flowers.

E. James, who married Deloris Allen, daughter of Garland and Verna Sue McRae Allen.

F. Charles, who married Betty Jean Davidson, who was daughter of Homer and Sadie Haguewood Davidson.

G. Jesse Waldo, Jr., who married Julia Davidson, who was daughter of Ulmer and Winnie Haguewood Davidson.

H. Clarice, who married Louis Maxwell.

Daniel Reynolds, Jr., son of Daniel, Sr., born 1852, married Suzzie Jay, sister to Alfred Jay, probably in Alabama. Their children were:

1. Preston (P.S.), married Minnie L. McRae in 1900. Their children were: Eugene, Ruby, Hattie, Christine, and Earl.

2. Daniel Lafayette, married first Evie Goodman, daughter of William Edgar Goodman. Their children were:

A. Stella, who married a Davis.

B. Lurlee, who married Clarence Harris.

Daniel L. married second Bessie Parlee (Perlief) Shirley, daughter of Miles Shirley (who was son of W.W. and Mary Wolf Shirley). D.L. and Bessie Parlee's children were:

A. Oscar, who married Clara Edna Long.

B. Otto, who married Ruth Mosley.

C. Maudine, who married Lee Jellene

3. Winter (M.S.), born 4/2/1895, died 4/11/1871, married Lora C. (Big Ma) Culpepper, born 9/16/1898, died 9/21/1982. She was a sister to Myra Culpepper Goodman. Their children were: Randolph, Fredna Ruth, and Madeline.

4. Jake (J.P.), married Velma Annie Long. Their children were: Willie Dan, Nannie Mae, Alene, and Virginia. Virginia married Jimmy Coleman.

THE REYNOLDS FAMILY

5. Nannie, who married Joe Shirley. Their children were: Joe Lee, Harold, Roy, and Hilda.

6. Myra, who married Jessie Cook.

7. Edmund, who as a young man, left home in his teens after he refused to allow his father to punish him with a whipping. He advised his father (according to family members) that he was leaving and that his father would never see him again. He jumped a rail fence as he left. Years later, after his father's death, he returned by jumping the same rail fence to reunite with his family shortly before his own death.

The writer relates to this in a personal way for he was whipped many times with the razor strop'-by his father. It was so bad one time that the writer's grandmother, Manola Allen Dawson, took the strop away and threatened to whip the father. The writer waited until he finished high school before he "jumped the fence" to join the Navy and ride the high seas - never to farm or work on a farm again. The writer holds the strop today, but now he has positive thoughts that it may have helped mold his character.

8. Johnny (J.S.), born 11/17/1899, died 11/22/1967. He married Bettie S. Shirley in 1927. She was born on 9/3/1895 and died 9/14/1984. No information on children. Bettie S. Shirley was a sister to Joe Shirley.

9. Mattie, married a Boswell and died very young.

10. James D., born 1/5/1873, died 3/15/1957, married Betty M. Mooney, daughter of L.J. and Mary Ann Robinson Williams Mooney. Betty M., born 4/22/1874, died 5/15/1938. Both are buried in the Antioch Cemetery along with an infant son who died 10/22/1902.

There are many descendants of Daniel Reynolds, Sr., who reside in present day Whynot and in the surrounding area.

One of the favorite Reynolds of the writer is J.W. Reynolds, Jr., a long-time employee of the county. J.W. is the last of the story-tellers of Whynot. In the words of Brown Lee Goodman, "If J.W. don't know the story, he'll make one up." The writer has had many enjoyable moments at J.W.'s home. In between a number of, "Don't you print this," and "Don't you print that," the writer learned a lot. One of the most interesting stories was when J.W. went with his father to purchase a hog from the writer's grandfather, Thomas Alexander Means, Jr., When the deal was settled, the money went to the writer's great-grandmother, Margaret Stanley Means, not to the writer's grandfather. J.W. remembers the great-grandmother as a strong woman and the grandfather as a well-respected man in the community.

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Additional Information:

1850 Census Choctaw County, AL - Family #210

R. Reynolds	31, born 1819 in AL, blacksmith
Elizabeth	24, born in AL
John B.	9, born in AL
Margaret	4, born in AL
Jesse M.	4/12, born in AL

This R. Reynolds may have been a brother to Daniel Reynolds, Sr., as well as the following who were in Choctaw County, AL, in 1850. It should be noted that a grandson of Daniel Reynolds, Sr., was named Jesse, as was a great-grandson.

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Irby Reynolds	46, born 1804 in S.C., planter, real estate \$2,000.
Emaline	30, born in AL
George W.	14, born in AL
Martha J.	12, born in AL
Frances M.	9, born in AL
Isaiah	7, born in AL
James J.	5, born in AL
Josiah	3, born in AL
Margaret E.	2, born in AL

The name Reynolds is often reflected as "Runnels" or "Rennels" in the old records.

**THE JOHN PRESTON ROBERSON FAMILY
(AND SCARBOROUGH FAMILY)**

There were two J.P. Robersons in Lauderdale County. According to descendants, one J.P. Roberson settled in the Toomsuba area and was thought to have been related to the Robersons of Whynot.

The J.P. Roberson of Toomsuba was in Lauderdale County by 1850 as listed below:

John Roberson	47, born 1803 in SC
Rachael	46, born 1804 in TN
Enoch	18, born 1832 in AL
Lodewick	15, born 1835 in MS
Thomas	13, born 1837 in MS
Ina	9, born in MS
Marvin	6, born in MS
Elizabeth	4, born in MS

The family came into Mississippi between 1832 and 1835.

This family confused the writer for some time since the wife's name of Rachael is also the name of the wife of J.P. Roberson who was the father of Thomas Jefferson Roberson of Whynot.

The parents of Thomas Jefferson Roberson of Whynot were John Preston Roberson and Rachael Tedder. They were married in Lauderdale County on 12/24/1876 by Robert West, minister of the Gospel; bondsmen were P.M. McDonald and J.M. Smith. Your writer knows that the J.M. Smith was in the area of Zero. They lived first in the Spring Hill Community of Beat 4 of Lauderdale County where they attended the Spring Hill Methodist Church, according to Mrs. Daisy Roberson McKinnon, one of their grandchildren. The writer is deeply indebted to Daisy for her assistance in this family history.

The children of J.P. and Rachael Roberson were:

1. Willis (the oldest). His name was really Sylvester. He died at the age of 19 years of yellow fever. He was born about 1877 and died 1894-95.
2. Margaret (Nag), born 1878, married Eb Henson who worked for the railway. They lived in Meridian. Margaret was attending school at age 7 years in 1885 in Beat 4 at the Spring Hill School.
3. Martha, born 1880, married Willie Henson. She was attending school at Spring Hill School at the age of 5 years with her sister. She died in Texas.
4. Carrie, who married Bill Hollingsworth. He was manager of a cotton mill in Meridian. They went to Oklahoma. She also attended Spring Hill School.
5. Thomas Jefferson, born 1889, married Leanna (Le Anna) Scarborough, daughter of Richard (Little Richard) and Rebecca Pickard Scarborough. R.J. (Richard J.) Scarborough married

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E.R. (Rebecca) Pickard in 1884 in Clarke County, Ms.

6. Owen, who married Bertha ? from Germany. Owen died in El Paso, TX.

7. Lucy, who married H.B. (Henry) Henson. He was a farmer and they lived in Clarke County, MS, below Shady Grove Church.

8. Flonie was a baby when her father died of yellow fever. She married Tom Clemons who worked at a cotton mill. She died in Georgia.

NOTE: The writer would like to inject something here in regard to the cotton mill. It was located across the railroad tracks from present day Peavy Electronics and is now a shopping center in what is known as Tuxedo. The writer has walked through some of the space of this building when it was used by Acme Building Supply Company. It was in this building that the daughters of John P. Roberson worked to supplement the family income. After John P. Roberson died, Rachael Tedder Robinson married Oliver Smith of Forest (Scott County), MS. After his death, Thomas Jefferson brought his mother to his home.

Children of Thomas Jefferson and Leanna Scarborough Roberson were:

1. Theo, who married Janie Thomas.

2. Jeff, who married Elizabeth Sims.

3. Daisy, who married Wilbur McKinnon. Daisy, like the writer, worked hard as a member of the family. She picked 300 pounds of cotton many a day as a youth at home. After her husband died in 1962, she went into nurse's training and worked for many years in the field of nursing before her retirement. She now resides in the Causeyville area.

4. John R. (Edmund), known as Eddie, married Olla (Ola) Powell from Clarke County MS. In 1991 he was the only child of this family that was deceased.

5. Grady, married first Lois Haguewood. They had a son, Gerald, who works as a technician at Riley Hospital (1992). Grady married second Grace Shumate. They live in Tennessee.

6. Clyde, married Ouida Powell, sister of Olla Powell of Clarke County who married John R. Their father was Gilbert Powell.

7. Jamie, married Ruby Wallace from Butler. AL.

8. Horace, married first Dorothy Dearman of Clarke County, MS, and second to Elsie Clark.

9. Hazel, married J.T. Smith of Clarke County, MS.

The Thomas Jefferson Roberson family bought the old McKinney place in Whynot. It was there that he and Leanna raised their nine children. The old house is still standing and is owned by members of the Tom Roberson family. The writer remembers visiting this home years ago where Tom Roberson was in his rocker on one side of the fire place and Leanna Scarborough Roberson in her rocker on the other side.

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Thomas Jefferson Robkfsn donated the land for the Water Valley Pentecostal Church and the Roberson Memorial Cemetery some 50 years ago. One of the specifications in regard to the cemetery was that : if a party or parties needed a burial space, that a space in the cemetery would be furnished free of any charge.

The church building today is a very modern building. As Daisy put it, "I wish Mama and Papa could see the church as it is today. They would be so proud."

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Since the wife of Thomas (Tom) Jefferson Roberson was a Scarborough, the writer did some research on her family.

1850 Census of Lauderdale County, MS

Frederick Scarborough	62, born 1788 in NC. He was in Wilcox County, AL, in 1830.
Mary A.	52, born in GA. Full-blooded Indian; no doubt Cherokee.
David	19, born 1831 in Perry County, AL. In 1870 at age 33 he was in Beat 4, Lauderdale County with wife, Martha (22) and son, William (9 mos.)
Elisha	22, born 1828 in Perry County, AL.
William	21, born 1829 in Perry County, AL.
Julia A.	19, born 1831 in Perry County, AL.
Richard	16, born 1834 in Clarke County, AL. He married Martha A. Pickard in December, 1875, after serving in the Confederate Army, Company D, 8th Mississippi Regiment. He died 12/4/1909. They had one son and one daughter. Martha A. Pickard Scarborough drew a Confederate pension and lived on Route 5, Meridian, near her daughter on 8/4/1911.
Henry	14, born 1836 in Clarke County, AL.
Frances M. (female)	11, born 1839 in Perry County, AL.

According to legend, two of the above sons went to Texas and were captured by Indians and never heard from again.

Frederick Scarborough, born 1788, was the oldest son and namesake. Frederick L., Jr., was living in the Whynot area in 1860.

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1860 Census of Lauderdale County, MS

F.L. Scarborough (Jr.)	40, born 1820 (Fred)
Sarah	28
Caroline	10
Richard (Little Richard)	8, born 1853. This is the father of Leanna Scarborough who married Thomas Jefferson Roberson.
William	6, born 1854. May have married Hester Smith in Clarke County, MS, 12/23/1895.
Mary A.	4
Eliza	3
Thomas	1

There was also one son known as Fad.

On this same census in Beat 4 were:

H. (Henry) Scarborough	22, born in AL, son of F.L. Scarborough Sr.
Frederick	65, (72?) born SC? (F.L., Sr.)
Mary A.	50, (62?) born GA (F.L., Sr.'s wife.
Richard	24, born in AL. This was an uncle of Little Richard.
Frances M.	21, born in AL.

The above Henry Scarborough married Mary Ford in Clarke County, MS, 11/7/1895.

Frederick Scarborough in Clarke County, AL, on 10/30/1817, married Mariam Phelps. In 1850 a William Phelps, 50, born 1800, with his wife Nancy, 37, were living next door to F.L. Scarborough, Sr. It is not known if this was the first wife of F.L. Scarborough, Sr. F.L. Scarborough, Jr., was born in 1820. There were a number of Scarboroughs in the Clarke County, AL, area. One was Silas Scarborough, born 1811, who may have been a brother to Frederick L. Scarborough, Sr. He is buried in Clarke County, MS.

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The Robinsons were in the county early. it has been difficult to separate these Robinsons, as father and son used the same names to name their sons. The most used names were: Henry, Ransom, John, and "H". Likewise, the daughters used the names: Martha, Mary, Amanda, etc. Years ago there were numerous John Robinsons and they were separated by calling each by an animal name - for example, "Fox John", Coon John", "Turkey John", etc.

The William H. Robinson family came into Lauderdale County from Hinds County, MS, about 1837. They had previous' resided in Washington County, AL, and before that had been in Tennessee and North Carolina.

A great deal of research was carried out due to the fact that legend and family history reflected that one Charles A. Robinson was the father of William H. Robinson, and that Charles A. Robinson died in Lauderdale County, MS at the age of 110 years.

The writer found no Charles A. Robinson, and the result of his research is below.

William H. Robinson lived first in the area of north Whynot and was, no doubt, a neighbor of Libbeus Hunter. He was also a neighbor to Coleman C. Watkins who was in Sections 34 & 35, Township 6, Range 18E near the Alabama Line. Another neighbor was James B. Rawlings who was in Section 27, Township 6, Range 18E. Many people in this area were early members of the Liberty Baptist Church. (See history of this church in Lauderdale County Department of Archives & History, Inc.)

This was an area close to Whynot, Liberty and Alamucha and near the Alabama State Line. The Coleman C. Watkins married Sallie Culpepper and that family ended up in Yantley, AL. Their son, James Polk Watkins, married Nancy Jane Brewster, daughter of James Madison and Charity Edwards Brewster.

To confuse the issue, there were other Robinsons who came to the area after the arrival of the William H. Robinson group and intermarried with the William H. Robinson family. This set of Robinsons had similar names. The Robinsons, along with others, played an important role in the early development of the county. They were generally of the primitive Baptist faith. Some of the other Robinsons were:

1. The Ransom Wesley Robinson family. He was known as Wess Robinson, the father of Sebe Robinson. This Robinson family was related to William H. Robinson.

2. The Berry R. (B.R.) Robinson family (whose daughter, Annie, married Sebe Robinson), came in from the Alabama area. The Henry Robinson, born 1810 in AL, was of the Haney Robinson

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and B.R. Robinson set of Robinsons and came into the area from the east - the Perry/Green County, AL, area.

The writer will attempt to separate these Robinsons, but first will take up the matter of a possible lost generation in the William H. Robinson line.

By 1791 when William H. was born, Charles A. would have been 53 years old.

On 5/13/1837 a John Robertson (Robinson) was involved in a civil case over a debt to Owen Lee. John H. Robinson (son of W.H.) born 1820, would have been only 17 years of age. It had to be the early John who was involved in this case.

The Doctor Robinson, born 1800, fits as a brother to William H. The Ransom Wesley, born 1827, probably is the son of the William Robinson who was an early member of the Buckatunna Church and a relative of W.H. Robinson. Doctor Robinson names one son Charles. This could have been the name of Doctor Robinson's grandfather, as well as William H. Robinson's grandfather.

There was a senior John Robinson, as mentioned above, in the county and who disappears from the records in 1848. This John Robinson could have been the father of William H. Robinson and the missing link in the line of William H. Robinson. Please see later for further explanation.

THE LOUIS HENRY (HANEY ROBINSON) FAMILY

Louis Henry (Haney) Robinson was born in 1827 in Mississippi according to the census records. His birth may have occurred in Wayne County, MS, which was a part of old Washington County, AL, when the area was in the Mississippi Territory.

In order to get some idea of just who Haney Robinson was, the writer drew on various records and sources.

Haney Robinson paid his first personal tax at the age of 21 in 1848 in Lauderdale County, MS. He is thought to have been the son of Simon and Lucretia Shannon Robinson. Simon and Lucretia were married in 1814 and the marriage could have occurred in Alabama, probably in the Greene/Perry County, AL, area.

Lucretia Shannon was the daughter of David and Mary Mobley Shannon. She was born either in Fairfield or Chester County, SC, in 1800 and would have been 14 years of age at the time of her marriage to Simon Robinson. Lucretia may have been the second wife of Simon Robinson. A strong clue that this Lucretia was the mother of Haney is that he named a daughter Lucretia.

On the 1860 census for Lauderdale County, there is a Henry Robinson, age 50, born in Alabama in 1810. In this household in the Antioch area were his wife, Mary, and the following children:

1. Henry A.
2. Amanda M., who married Archy (Archibald) Vaughn on 8/2/1863. They were married by William Clark, member of the Board of Police. Joseph Vaughn was a witness. Archy Vaughn was a son of Thomas Vaughn.
3. Edward, who in 1870 was in the household of Haney Robinson. In 1870 Haney Robinson lived next door to C.C. Willis and Thomas Vaughn in the Antioch area.

In the area there was also a Berry H. Robinson, born in Alabama in 1814. This man, also known as B.R. Robinson, was the father of Annie Robinson who married Sebe Robinson. She was probably related to the Henry Robinson born in Alabama in 1810. This Henry Robinson apparently removed to Texas and other points westward.

Henry Robinson's son, Edward, being in the household of Haney Robinson in 1870, clearly indicates that Haney Robinson was related to the Henry Robinson. The Henry Robinson, born 1810, and the Berry H. (B.R.) born 1814 could very well be the sons of Simon Robinson by his first wife, and that Haney Robinson was his son by his second wife, Lucretia Shannon, and that Lucretia may have raised Berry H. and Henry after the death of their mother.

Haney Robinson married Frances Robinson, baby daughter of William H. Robinson, sometime in 1851-52, for Haney is listed on the 1853 state census with two females in his household. There is no record of this marriage in Lauderdale County. The marriage could

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have occurred in Choctaw County, Ala. where records were destroyed by a court house fire in 1870. Frances Robinson joined the Liberty Baptist Church in 1854 and died shortly thereafter.

In 1860-61 Frances' father, William H. Robinson, went to court seeking guardianship of one Frances E. Robinson and her estate. This was the daughter of Frances and granddaughter of William H. Robinson. The estate included slaves that Frances had inherited from her father. William H. Robinson, lost the case to Haney Robinson who was the father of Frances E. Robinson.

On the 1860 census Haney Robinson is married to a Martha and had a daughter by the name of Martha, age two, in his household. There is no entry on his daughter, Frances E. This Frances E. may have been in her grandfather's home, but there is no William H. Robinson household listed on the 1860 census.

Haney Robinson's second wife was Martha Shannon, daughter of John M. Shannon, great-great-grandfather of Stanley Shannon. Haney and Martha married about 1857-58 as their daughter, Martha, was two years old in 1860. This daughter, Martha, must have died as well as Frances E., for the writer found no further record on either child. It is believed by the writer that Haney's second marriage also occurred in Choctaw County, AL.

In 1870 Haney was with his second wife, Martha, and the following children:

1. Lucretia R., age 10, born 1860, who married Charles N. Vaughn in 1887.
2. James L., a minister, who married first Allie Mae McDaniels in 1912 and second Sallie Briggs in 1925.
3. Jesse Wilson, who married Julia S. Butler in 1891.
4. Julia Alma, who married Herbert L. Butler.
5. Martha Clare, who married Martin C. Pogue.

After the death of Haney Robinson's second wife, he married her sister, Julia Shannon, in 1897.

Nancy Robinson and Benjamin L. Bobbett furnished bond for the marriage of a Frances Robinson to Benjamin L. Bobbett on 7/22/1858. They were married by a Justice of the Peace, John W. Wilkerson. This Frances, born 1830, was probably a sister to Haney and daughter to Simon and Lucretia Shannon Robinson. In 1860 the Bobbett family, with daughter Jane, age 1, were living in the Antioch area in the vicinity of Henry Robinson. The Nancy Robinson, who furnished bond for the marriage, is unknown.

The above Justice of the Peace, John W. Wilkerson, married second Iva A. (Ivey) Robinson, daughter of William H. Robinson.

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The children of Lucretia R. and C.N. Vaughn were: Lillian, Luther and Lamarge. All of the children's names began with the letter "L", which is very interesting. The writer would like to know why.

The children of James L. are unknown to the writer.

The children of Jesse Wilson and Julia S. Butler Robinson were: Elmer, Everett, and Mollie Ella, who married Robert (Rob) K. Sims in 1913.

The children of Julia Alma and Herbert L. Butler were: Earnest, Curtis, Jim, Earlene, Luna, who married Charles Thomas, Lucy, Ina, who married Maggard, Ora, and Christine. Julia Alma died shortly after the birth of Christine. The writer recently enjoyed a telephone conversation with Christine (1991).

The children of Martha Clara are unknown to the writer.

NOTE: The writer enjoyed several pleasant and enjoyable telephone conversations with the above Mrs. Ina Butler Maggard, who was 93 years of age in 1990. She resided near the Hebron Baptist Church at Vimville and in 1989 was still working her own garden. She died in March, 1992.

Haney Robinson apparently was an enterprising man out on his own at an early age. He apparently had money and made money through the operation of an early saloon which was located on a knoll near the present residence of Clarence Willis (near the residence of Stanley Shannon). The old Haney Robinson home stood on the hill just west of this knoll and, according to Stanley Shannon, the old well remained there until a few years ago. Some of the old hand-hewed lumber from this old house were used in the old Sugarloaf School House.

Haney Robinson picked a good location for his saloon at the crossroads of the old Tuscumbia Road leading to the Tombigbee and the Mobile Road that led to Mobile from old Marion.

No one, at this time, knows whether he made or bought his spirits. After tracing this man, the writer has an idea that he made his own. He may have the honor for being the first manufacturer of spirits in Whynot.

Haney Robinson, like many other men, did not believe in the cause for the War of Rebellion and declined to enlist in the Confederate Confederate Army.

Louis Henry (Haney) Robinson received a land grant from the President of the USA through the Federal Land Office at August now New Augusta) in Perry County, MS, on 6/1/1859. This was for 40 acres of land in Section21, Township 5, Range 18E (Antioch

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area). The original copy of this grant is held by Stanley Shannon.

The Shannon, Vaughn, and Haney Robinson families came to the Whynot area through Alabama and apparently were acquainted with each other prior to their arrival in the area.

THE RANSOM WESLEY (WESS) ROBINSON FAMILY

R. W. Robinson, born 1827 in Mississippi, and his wife, Jane, were members of Sugarloaf Church which became Mt. Zion Baptist Church in 1868. They moved to Whynot during the 1865-69 period to a location just east of the present residence of Otis and Jewel Harper Shirley. Part of the old log house is still standing; it was known as the old "Wess" Robinson place. It was there that R. W. and Jane lived out their lives. They became early members of Bethany Baptist Church and are buried in the church cemetery. The name Ransom indicates kin to the William H. Robinson family.

When this family left Sugarloaf (Mt. Zion) there were two children in the household (Eliza J. and H.C., a son). This is the only reference to the son, and apparently he died early. What was his name...Henry Charles? Henry Claiborn?. He may be buried in the original Bethany Cemetery in an unmarked grave. This grave yard is now in the present front yard of Mr. & Mrs. John R. Buckalew according to J.G. Dorough. This cemetery was the first cemetery of the old Bethany Baptist Church constituted in 1867 and which was located about where the former residence of Odis and Ethel Allen stood.

R. W. Robinson was related to the William H. Robinsons, being possibly a nephew to William H. The parents of R. W. are thought to be William Robinson who married Lavina Sims on 5/7/1821 in Mobile County, AL. R. W. Robinson was born in 1827.

There was a William and Lavina Robinson who left the Buckatunna Baptist Church in 1854 and joined the Methodist Church. This William and his wife were members of Harmony Baptist Church near Rosser in Sumter County, AL, before they joined Buckatunna Baptist Church in July, 1841.

In September, 1854, there was a Joseph Robinson in the Buckatunna Church with his wife Mary in September, 1854, who made an acknowledgment and was forgiven for fighting. This Joseph later was a member of Bethany. He is thought to have been a brother to R. W. Robinson. This Joseph Robinson was back in the Buckatunna Church in 1886. This set of Robinsons probably came out of Washington County, AL.

A Joseph Robinson married Mary Willis in Sumter County, AL, on 11/19/1844. At that time Sumter County bordered Washington County, there being no Choctaw County until 1847. There is some indication that this Joseph Robinson may have married second Emma Zella Nichols, daughter of Simon Nichols and sister to Colonel Nichols.

The children in the R.W. Robinson household at Whynot in 1870 were:

1. Eliza J., buried at Bethany.
2. Mary A., married W.J. Rainer.

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3. Berry, was 19 years old in 1870 and married Sarah Culpepper in 1871 and lived in Alamucha area and may have left the area. There were at least 3 Berry Robinsons.
4. Carolina, buried at Bethany.
5. Joseph, was 16 years old in 1870. No other information.
6. Martha, buried at Bethany.
7. John (Elmer), married Frances Dearman in 1880. Their children were: Laurence, Adron, Bonnie, Ida, Johnnie (son), Leney (son), Annie, and Elmer.
8. Seborn (Sebe) M., married Annie Robinson. Sebe had a brother Berry, and so did Annie, but there is no proof they were related.

In 1856 R.W. Robinson informed the public through the Republican newspaper of old Marion of his withdrawal from the Know Nothing Party.

The writer remembers the old Wess Robinson home when it was occupied. The lane leading to it was lined with fruit and other types of trees. The writer's first remembrance is only of the land, a well, and a field of high corn in the back of the house. Another memory is that an airplane crashed in the field alongside the house, which frightened an elderly black couple living there at the time. They thought Judgment Day was at hand. That was when Mr. Harvey Robinson, son of Sebe Robinson, said he enjoyed flying as long as he could keep one foot on the ground.

On 3/25/1872 R.W. (Wess) Robinson mortgaged 120 acres of land to Reuben P. Thompson for \$67.50 in gold and \$39.50 in currency. Witnessing this deed of trust were neighbors James and Fannie Holbrook. R. W. Robinson signed with his mark.

Mr. Sebe Robinson was a farmer and a dairy man. As a boy the writer worked in some of his field for 50 a day. The writer often watched the processing of milk by Mr. Sebe and Miss Annie.

In the front of the old Sebe Robinson home, there was a sugarcane mill where syrup was made each year. This was an enjoyable time as everybody got together to make good old molasses. It was great with fresh sausage and hot buttered biscuits - especially on a cold morning when the syrup was thick. Those were times when the menfolks would have a toddy or two. Back of the cane mill stood another log house where another elderly black couple resided, whose name has slipped from the writer's memory.

Back of Mr. Sebe Robinson's home stood a house that was the home of his son Harvey and his wife Estelle Robinson which, no doubt, was the home of an earlier Robinson. It was a log structure and there were many blooming red running rose bushes. Mr. Harvey and Miss Estelle later moved closer to the main road on the north Whynot Loop.

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Memories flow freely when the writer remembers this area, for it was home ground where he and Claiborn Robinson, son of Mr. Harvey and Miss Estelle, roamed the area freely in their youth.

We knew where there was water to drink. We knew where the bearing fruit trees were. We knew where the ripe watermelon were, and we knew where the chestnuts were, and we knew that we would be fed at any house we happened to come by. We explored, we walked miles, we grew up leaning on each other. The only problem today is that Claiborn is not with the writer to share in this writing of the history of Whynot.

So be it, Claiborn. Time marches on and waits for no man. We had our time and it was a great time for both of us. You are not forgotten.

WILLIAM H. ROBINSON

William H. Robinson came to the area of Whynot about 1836. He settled on land in Section 21, Township 6, Range 18E (this land near the old Mason place on the Whynot/Alamucha Road)[Sec. 21 on Liberty Church Road] There is no record of his purchase of the 80 acres he lived on and farmed for many years. He owned a number of slaves. There is a record of his paying taxes on his 80 acres in 1858 and a record of the sale of the 80 acres in 1865. The reason for there being no deed to his property could be that he never had the deed re-recorded after the court house burned in November, 1837.

William H. apparently left North Carolina with his parents, and after arrival in Tennessee, he married Frances Henley about 1809 when he was 20 or 21 years old. He was later in Washington County, AL. There is some indication that he may have been in Wayne County, MS, which was formed from Washington County, and he removed from there to Hinds County, MS and arrived in Lauderdale County, MS, about 1836. From William H. and Frances Henley's marriage, there were twelve issues. Legend has it fifteen issues, but there is no proof. Only twelve are listed in his will of 1843. They were:

1. Ransom B.H. (Sr.), born 1810 in Tennessee. He married Sarah Waldrop in Hinds County, MS, in Sept. 27, 1828 when 18 years old. Sarah's parents were Martha Davenport and Hezeciah Waldrop (who were in Laurence County, MS, in 1820). Ransom, Sr., lived in the area of Whynot just north of the Whynot Loop until his later years when he resided in the Antioch area. He became a Primitive Baptist in 1840 and remained of the faith during life. Both he and his wife are buried in the Antioch Cemetery. Their children were: (births not in order)

A. Martha, born 2/16/1834, died 8/10/1836.

B. Emily, born 6/27/1836, married L.A. Pistole in 1869. They lived in the area north of the Whynot Loop; their home became the old Tempy place. The old home later became a store operated by a black woman known as "Aunt Tempy". The Pistole children in 1880 were: W.R., 10, (male who later became Chancery Clerk of Lauderdale County, MS); M.A., 8,; J.L., 6; A.E., 4; and E.M., 3. By 1900 L.A. (Louis), his wife Emily and son Waller, age 18, were in the Causeyville area. Emily owned 40 acres of land in 1874, the land being located near her father's land in Section 4, Township 5, Range 18E, just north of present-day Whynot Loop.

C. Robert Jarman, born 1839. He married Frances Hagwood in 1855; died in the Civil War at Dalton, GA. It is unknown if Frances Hagwood remarried. The Confederate Company Robert Jarman served in is unknown. There is no widow's Confederate pension application record on Frances.

D. Mary Ann, born 12/15/1840 in Lauderdale County; died 9/10/1894. She married first Charles Washington

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Williams, born 8/23/1829 who died 5/6/1864 while serving in the Civil War at Resacca, GA, near the Oostenaula River.

The father of C.W. Williams (see section on Williams) was Joseph Williams, born 1/29/1794, in North Carolina, who died in Lauderdale County, MS, on 8/20/1880. Joseph married Sarah Crenshaw on 3/15/1827. Joseph William's father was Ned Williams, born about 1750. Joseph and Sarah Crenshaw Williams were living in the Antioch area in 1860. This Sarah Crenshaw may have been related to the Rachel Crenshaw who married James Clark, father of William Clark of old Whynot.

Ann Robinson married second L.J. Mooney, and by him had several children (one female named Claudia married David Carr). J.J. and Mary Ann Mooney are both buried at Antioch. L.J. Mooney, born 12/22/1841, died 5/11/1896. He was a charter member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church. J.L. Williams (son by Mary Ann's first marriage) described his mother during the Civil War period, as follows:

She suffered many privations for herself and for three little ones. We were too small to be of much help and no protection at all. She was a splendid marksman with the rifle. Father had left her a good one, too. Many times I have seen her kill squirrels and shoot them only in the head to keep the body whole. In those days these little animals were very numerous - so much so that she had only to walk to the corn crib to find plenty of game. There was not but a small field "now and then" in cultivation, and all the balance of the country around was a forest of game.

Thus we have a bird's eye view of Mary Ann Robinson Williams Mooney as well as a view of the small amount of land in cultivation in the Whynot area during the Civil War period.

E. Berry (B.H.), born 1843. He was married to Mrs. Josephine Brewster Spinks, daughter of James M. Brewster and widow of W.W. Spinks. They were married on 12/14/1865 by J.R. Ryan, Minister of the Gospel. They lived at the old Brewster place, later known as the old Robinson place, at old Whynot. Both are buried in the old Brewster Cemetery. Berry died in 1929. In 1870 Berry was living with Josephine and her two children (Martha and James P. Spinks) in Township 6, Beat 1. This was probably on land that Josephine owned. For reasons unknown, this Berry Robinson was living alone next door to his brother, John J. (area of the old Jay place) in 1880.

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Berry served in the Civil War and was in prison at the time the war ended, having enlisted in the fall of 1861. He drew a Confederate pension.

In 1900 Berry was at the old James M. Brewster place. With him were his wife Josephine and the following children: Bomer L. (son) 28, Eva A. 27, Everett E. 25, Josie 19, and Lizzie 12.

It should be noted that while this man was called Berry, so was his brother, Beauregard.

Berry was described by one of his children as a rugged type individual. He had a shaggy iron-gray beard that set him off as a true patriarch. He excelled as a hunter which indicated that he was a creature of the woods and fields. Rail fences, steep hills and swollen creeks were not looked upon as obstacles...they were to be climbed over, waded or swum through, especially if necessary to follow the trail of the dogs and to have the thrill of seeing a perfect point in time to give the flushing signal. Another descendant remembered him as a man who had a weakness for the spirits and was known for his ability to "cuss".

F. Josephine, born 12/11/1845, died 9/3/1863 at the age of 18 years. Since Ransom B.H. Robinson, father of Josephine, was a Primitive Baptist, Josephine may be buried in an unmarked grave in the Antioch Cemetery. She died at a time when the Civil War was at its peak, and perhaps there were no funds for a grave marker.

G. Ransom B.H., Jr., born 10/6/1848. He married Sarah E. Henderson, daughter to William J. Henderson, Jr., of Whynot. They removed to Texas in about 1858.

H. Dora Ann C., born 6/7/1852, married George J. Brewster on 10/16/1873. She died 5/5/1887 and is buried at Liberty Baptist. George J. Brewster remarried and removed to Mounds, Ok. Three of Dora Ann's children lived and two died at birth. George J. Brewster was the son of James M. Brewster and Charity Edwards Brewster. He and Dora lived on the top of McCan Hill.

I. James Lafayette, died at age 3, buried at Antioch Cemetery.

J. Beauregard R., born 4/19/1861, died 7/10/1921. Married Caroline Ardell Smith. She was born 1/11/1869 and died 4/25/1939. Their children were;

- a. Grover N., born 6/2/1892, died 10/17/1942.
- b. Spencer Lee, born 1/20/1899, died 1/12/1952.
- c. Luna, married a Walker.

They were members of Bethany Baptist Church, leaving in May 1908. They were later members of Salem Baptist Church where they are buried. Beauregard and Caroline

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lived in the area of his father's residence. Most of the records list him as B.R. Robinson. Caroline Ardell Smith was the daughter of William Wiley Smith and Emily Caroline Lowe Smith. William Wiley Smith was the son of John A. and Irene Lowe Alberson Smith. Grover Robinson lived at Alamucha when he operated a store in his front yard.

K. Amanda L., born 12/1/1850, married Hugh McCann in 1872. They lived in Section 22, Township 6, Range 18E. Hugh McCann bought land from Amanda's parents, and their place is now referred to as McCann Hill. Both are buried at Liberty Baptist Church Cemetery. Amanda's mother, Sara, was 84 in 1900 and in Amanda's household. Later Amanda lived out her last days at Cuba, AL. Children were: Ida, married W.P. Culpepper (son of M.J. Culpepper); Adda, married John R. Culpepper (son of James Culpepper); Lloyd; Morris; Ezell.

L. John J., born 1858. He was the baby child of Ransom, Sr., and Sarah. He married Margaret A. Spinks, daughter of Josephine Brewster and W.W. Spinks and step-daughter to John J's brother, Berry, born 1843, to whom Josephine was married second. Margaret A. was known as Maggie and John J. was known as Fox John. According to the 1900 census, they were the parents of

a. Lois, born 1881, married James Clarke Chiles in 1906. She had a daughters Jesse who was a playmate of Myra Culpepper Goodman.

b. Claborn (Lamar), born 1884, married Myrtle ?

c. William C., born 1887.

d. Proctor, born 1887-

e. Valley M. (Maud), born 1892 and, in 1912, married W.H. Anderson, son of Dr. Billy Anderson of Causeyville.

f. Lula R., born 1892, was a school teacher.

g. Charles T.B., born 1899, married Ruby Ford in 1924. This John J., while not a dentist, pulled teeth for people in the area. Myra Culpepper Goodman was one of his patients. He was also the church clerk for Bethany Baptist Church for many years.

There was a black John Robinson who, with his wife Hettie, lived near Fox John. He was known as Fiddler John Robinson. Myra Culpepper Goodman was very fond of Hettie. This could be a descendant of a former slave of William H. Robinson.

While it is known that Ransom B.H. Robinson, Sr., son of William H. & Frances Henley Robinson, was of the Primitive Baptist faith, some of their children were of the regular Baptist faith. Some attended church at Liberty, some at Concord, at Yantley, at Bethany, and in their later years, some returned to the Primitive Baptist

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faith in the Bethel Primitive Church.

Now to continue with the children of William H. & Frances Henley Robinson:

2. Matilda, born 1820. in Alabama. She married F.P.B. Ervin, probably in Washington County, AL. F.P.B. Ervin was deceased by 1860 when we find Matilda living in the Antioch area with neighbors C.C. Willis, R.J. Thompson, and Frances Day. This would be the area just north of the present residence of Lorraine and Virginia Smith McRae. Matilda Ervin was 40 years old in 1860; her occupation was farmer. In her household were: William (F?), 21, born in Alabama in 1839, whose occupations was teacher; Martha, 20, born 1840 in Georgia; and Benjamin, 10, born 1850 in Mississippi. In the household there was another male, age 20, born in Georgia. His first name was not readable on the 1860 census; his last name was Ervin. The son William could have been a school teacher at the patron school at Antioch or he could have taught school at Yantley. The family is not listed on the 1870 census for Lauderdale County, MS, and no further record is found of them. This family may have gone to Georgia from Alabama about 1839 and then were in Lauderdale County, MS, by 1850. Members of the family may be buried in the Antioch Cemetery.

3. Beady, born 1818 (probably in Alabama), married Isaiah Gardner, born 1816 in Alabama. Both were charter members of Concord Baptist Church at Yantley in 1845. They lived in the southeast corner of Lauderdale County, MS. We find Beady and Isaiah on the 1850 census, next door (probably across the swamp or over the hill) to Joseph Williams, Doctor Robinson (an uncle of Beady), and James McRae. In the Gardner household were children: Martha 12, Mary 10, Robert 9, Miles 8, Eleaza 6 (male), Franklin 4, and Francis 1. Francis was named for Beady's mother, Frances Henly Robinson). In 1860 this family was composed of the parents and the following children: Martha 22, Mary 21, Miles 16, Elezer 14 (male), Sara 3, Franklin 13, Frances 12, James 8, Beasely (Beady?) 9. They were living near D. (Daniel) Reynolds whose younger son, Seaborn, was 6 months old in 1860. They were also living in the area of the Wallaces and the L.H. (Haney) Robinson family who were not related to Beady. This was in the Hurricane Creek (Antioch) area in southeast Lauderdale County, MS. Isaiah Gardner was an early member of the Buckatunna Baptist Church, apparently coming to the Whynot area through Clarke County, MS. He originally was a native of South Carolina. Isaiah's father was James Gardner, and his grandfather was Mandrake Gardner.

4. John H, born 1820, married Seliva (Sylvia) Rawlings. Her parents were Henry and Lucy Rawlings, both born in Virginia.

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In 1850 the children of John H. & Seliva were: Elizabeth 10, Mary 8, John 8, Martha 6, and Richard 1. This John H. Robinson was living in the area north of the present-day Whynot Loop and west of the present Whynot/Alamucha Road, in the vicinity of James Brewster in upper old Whynot.

According to the 1838 Personal Tax Roll for Lauderdale County, William H. Robinson had four slaves and paid a total tax of \$1.87½. At the same time, his brother (Doctor Robinson), having one slave, paid a total of \$1.00. John H. Robinson, son of William H., paid only his poll tax of \$.37½. John Robinson, the probable father of William H., paid one poll tax. This John is on the 1848 tax roll as owning a clock worth \$10. He is referred to as John Robinson. The John who was the son of William H. is referred to as John H. Robinson. This John Robinson is not on the 1850 federal census nor the 1853 state census. Thus he could have died in 1848-49. This would fit the legend that W.H.'s father died in 1848 in Lauderdale County. This part of the legend may be true, and if so, the father of W.H. was John Robinson and his grandfather may have been Charles A. Robinson. Thus we could have a lost generation. Charles A., born 1738, would have been 20 years old in 1758, 40 years old in 1778, and 50 years old in 1788, about the time William H. was born. There is plenty of room for a son by Charles to have been born and to have fathered a son, the father of W.H. This also matches W.H. in Hinds County, MS, in 1840 with a male in his household 50-60 years old, born 1770-1790. This would also match the legend that the father of William H. came to Lauderdale County.

In 1848 there was a John Robinson and a John H. Robinson (son of W.H.) paying taxes along with Dr. Robinson, brother of W.H., (Berry) Robinson, son of W.H., and Pinkney Robinson, son of W.H. Louis Henry (Haney) Robinson also paid taxes, but it is known that he was of a different set of Robinsons.

On the 1850 census, there was a:
Doctor Robinson with wife Nancy and children: Pricillia 18,
John 13, Charles 12, Harriett 9, Nancy 6, John? 2.
Berry H. Robinson, 28 (not son of W.H.) with wife Sarah and
daughter Sarah 1.
Ransom Robinson, 37, son of W.H., with wife Sarah and children:
Emily 12, Robert 12, Mary 10, Berry 8, Francis 6, Ransom 4,
Selita 1.
John Robinson (John H. Robinson, son of W.H.) with wife
Selvia and children: Elizabeth 10, Mary 8, John 8. Also in
this household were Henry Rawlings 83 and Lucy Rawlings 74
(parents of Selvia) and Benjamin Edward, 21, son of W.H. and
brother to John H.
William H. Robinson, 59, born in North Carolina, with wife Francis and
daughter Francis 12. There are two other

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youths (census very difficult to read): Spivey 15, and what is thought to be Ivey (Iva A.) 15. Both these entries are labeled as males. A strong point for it being Ivey is that Iva A., daughter of W.H. Robinson, had not married by this time. The name read as Spivey could have been a nickname for Iva A.'s sister, Sophronia. An error could have been made by the census taker in recording them as males. There was a Spivey Robinson who married Amanda Mathis on 11/15/1851. This Spivey may have been the son of Doctor Robinson. This family probably removed to Texas in 1858.

William Robinson, 20 (born 1830, son of Doctor Robinson, with wife Elizabeth, who went to Bowie County, TX, which is located northeast of Shreveport, LA. Other Robinsons may have removed to the same area.

On the 1853 state census there were:

Doctor Robinson

Ransom W. (Wesley) Robinson. He was first in the Mt. Zion Baptist Church area in Clarke County, MS, arriving in the Whynot area sometime in 1869-70.

William H. Robinson who was living alone with his wife.

Berry H. Robinson (son of W.H.) and his family.

L.H. (Haney) Robinson with his wife, Frances (daughter of W.H) and daughter Frances.

In studying the written information by Fate Williams, it says that Charles A. Robinson was born 1738 in North Carolina, and that he moved to Kentucky in 1750 when he was 12 years old. In the previous sentences, it states that Charles A. married Polly Chambers in North Carolina. It goes on to say that, not finding a suitable home in Kentucky, he moved to Tennessee, then to Washington County, AL, Hinds County, MS, then to Lauderdale County, MS.

BUT his son, William H. Robinson, was born in North Carolina on 1/10/1791. Evidently Charles A. never went back to North Carolina for his son William's birth. We know from census records that William H. Robinson was born in North Carolina in 1791, being 59 years of age in 1850. THIS IS WHERE IT GETS STICKY. Charles A.'s birth information is probably correct, but he stayed in North Carolina until about 1760 when he was 22 years old. He married in North Carolina between 1760-1770. A man, 50-60 years old, born 1770-1780, is in William H. Robinson's household on the 1830 census in Hinds County, MS...let's say this male was born 1768-1770. If born 1768, the child would have been 23 years old in 1791 when William H. Robinson was born. Here could be the lost generation as stated above. If this reasoning is correct, John Robinson was the father of William H. Robinson, and Charles Robinson was the father of John.

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Fate Williams, in talking to his grandparents, may have confused grandparents with great grandparents. This reasoning may be incorrect, but it sounds logical. No record on Charles A. Robinson was found by the writer in Lauderdale County, MS. He apparently was never in Lauderdale County, MS.

William H. Robinson named one of his oldest boys John. Insofar as the writer can see, he never named any son Charles or "A". Charles A.'s children are unknown except possibly one being named John Robinson.

Thus the name of W.H's father has to have been John. As stated previously, a John Robinson disappears from the records of Lauderdale County about 1848. Legend has it that Charles A. Robinson died here in 1848, when in fact, it was John Robinson that died in Lauderdale County, and his father, Charles A. Robinson, may also have died in 1848 at another location at the age of 110 years (legend).

5. Berry H. Robinson married Louise Thomson in 1844 in Lauderdale County. She probably was the daughter of Etheldred Thomson (Thompson) who was an early Justice of the Peace in the area southeast of Alamucha where the Robinsons and Hunters resided. No other information was found. This Berry Robinson applied to exercise his gift at preaching through the Bethel Primitive Baptist Church in the 1840's. He may have removed from the area.

6. Pinkney, born 1829, married Elimer Tomison in Lauderdale County in 1842. (She also may have been a daughter of Etheldred Thomson, an early J.P. in the area.) Pinkney is not on any census except the one in 1850 and must have removed from the area after the Civil War. The last record on him was in 1868.

7. Benjamin E., was listed in 1850 in the household of his brother, John H. Robinson, as 21 years old, born also in 1829. It is believed that he removed from the area between 1850 and 1853 with his brothers to Texas. No other record is found on this family in Lauderdale County. It is rather strange that this Benjamin E. would choose to live with his brother than be at home with his parents, William H. and Frances Henley Robinson. Maybe Benjamin E. was with his brother preparing to remove from the area. It could be that William H. Robinson ruled with an iron hand and the children left home as soon as an opportunity came along. John and Benjamin are not on the 1853 state census.

8. Mary Ann. There is no information on this daughter other than she was alive in 1843 when her father wrote his will. She was not in her father's household in 1850. She may have married William J. Clark, Jr., in Alabama. (He was the son of William Clark, Sr., who was a Primitive Baptist minister.)

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9. Iva A., born 1835. She married John W. Wilkerson as his second wife in 1855. In 1854 she became a member of Liberty Church. In 1860 their children were: Wesley H. 4, Andrew J. 1, and William Jr., 10 months. Also in their household was Haran Wilkerson, age 70, mother of John W. Wilkerson. Iva A. was known as Ivey. John W. Wilkerson was first married to Lucinta A. Crocker on 3/2/1854 by R. McKinley, Justice of the Peace. They were members of Salem Baptist Church prior to her death. Ivey is listed as a male on the 1850 Lauderdale County, MS, census. (see next child.)

10. Sophronia, was alive in 1843 when named in her father's will, but like her sister, Mary Ann, no record on her after that date has been found. She was not in her father's household in 1850. There was a male Spivey in her father's household in 1850, but no Spivey is listed in her father's will. As stated previously, what is read on the census records as "Spivey" could have been a name meant for Sophronia. The writer thinks that it was Sophronia, instead of a Spivey, in her father's household in 1850, and that possibly, since her father had no sons at home, that the daughters left at home performed physical work to help their father. Sophronia and Iva A. (Ivey) could have been dressed in male clothing the day the census taker visited the farm.

11. Frances, 12 years old in 1850, born 1838. In 1861 there is a record of William H. Robinson attempting, through the court, to gain guardianship of a minor, Frances E. Robinson, and her estate from one Haney Robinson (Louis Henry Robinson). On the 1853 state census for Lauderdale County, L.H. Robinson is listed with two females in his household. No marriage is found of a marriage of Henry Robinson to Frances in Lauderdale County. Speculation is that L.H. Robinson and Frances Robinson probably married in Choctaw County in 1854 when she was 14 years of age. (The records were destroyed in the burning of the court house in Choctaw County.) It is known that she was alive in 1854 when she joined Liberty Baptist Church.

Frances died sometime about 1857-58, for in 1860 L.H. Robinson has for his wife a Beady (Martha Shannon), daughter of John Shannon, with a daughter, Martha, about two years old. There was no entry on Frances E., his daughter by Frances. Likewise, there is no entry on the 1860 census for William H. Robinson, so it is not known if Frances E. was with her grandfather at that time. W.H. Robinson lost his bid to become guardian of Frances E. L.H. Robinson gained use of her slaves which had been passed down to her from her mother's estate. There is no further record of Frances, her daughter Frances E., or of L.H. Robinson's daughter, Martha, by Martha Shannon, second wife to L.H. Robinson.

It is thought that Frances Robinson, daughter of William H. Robinson, may be buried at Liberty Baptist Church in an

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unmarked grave. Her daughter, Frances E., may also be buried there. Or both may be buried in Antioch Cemetery.

12. Amanda (Mandy) Lavinna, born 1830. Amanda became the second wife of C.C. Willis in 1863 at the age of 33. It is not known where Amanda was in 1850 and 1860 as she was not recorded on any census record. She was living with her daughter in the Causeyville area when she applied for a Confederate widow's pension in 1896. In 1860 this C.C. Willis was living next to Matilda Robinson Ervin, sister to Amanda Lavinna, so Amanda was probably in the area nearby. She may have been in Choctaw County, AL.

William H. Robinson made a will in 1843 whereby he divided his slaves and their issues among his twelve children. At that time he owned eleven slaves. There is no mention of any land, home, stock, or household effects in this will. It dealt only with slaves and was not to be executed until after the deaths of W.H. and his wife. The will was never executed, as William H. lived to see his slaves set free as a result of the Civil War. His wife, Frances Henley Robinson, died during the Civil War.

In 1864 William H. married second Mary Vaughn, widow of Thomas Vaughn, Sr. In 1865 he and his second wife sold the 80 acres of land where he had lived and worked since his arrival in the area. As indicated above, with W.H. Robinson seeking guardianship over the daughter of Frances, he may have divided his slaves and his estate to some degree before his death and never had the transactions recorded by the county.

The Civil War, no doubt, broke W.H. Robinson in more ways than one. He lost his slaves; then there was no one to work on his farm. He lost his wife during the period of the war. Some of his children were dead and some had removed from the area. He probably married second for convenience.

It is thought that his son, Ransom, buried both William and Frances Henley Robinson in the Antioch Cemetery;, his grave being one of the two unmarked, rock graves. His father, William H. Robinson, is probably buried in the other rock covered grave.

How great it would be if we could piece it all together. William H. Robinson was probably a hard man on his children, being of frontier stock. One had to be tough back in those days. Not all children born back then and not all children born today could or can cope with the rigors of the time. Many died as infants or young children.

The writer's thoughts are with Mary Ann, Sophronia, and Frances, daughters of William H. who did not make it.

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Let us be thankful for the Robinsons' efforts of yesteryear. They suffered and battled the frontier, and they set the stage for later developments that brought us to the present-day Whynot.

So, in summary, we have William H. Robinson, great-great-grandfather of Ethel Carr McRae, as one of the earliest settlers of Whynot. The John who died here in 1848 would have been Mrs. McRae's great-great-great-grandfather, with his father being Charles A. Robinson.

On the other hand, there was Haney Robinson, who could have been the son of Simon Robinson and Lucretia Shannon (born 1880 in South Carolina), who was the daughter of David and Mary Mobley Shannon. Simon and Lucretia were married in 1814. Haney named a daughter Lucretia. There was also a Henry Robinson, born 1810 (in the county by 1850, who could have been a half-brother to Haney. The birth year of Simon is not known. It is very possible that Lucretia was Simon's second wife.

John M. Shannon, brother to Lucretia, had a daughter (Sarah C. Shannon), born 1829 in Perry County, Alabama, who married Berry H. Robinson. This Berry and Sarah were parents of Annie Robinson who married Sebe Robinson. Sarah's sister (Martha Shannon) married Haney Robinson as his second wife. Martha's sister, Julia, married Haney Robinson as his third wife. Their brother (John Shannon) married the widow of James Madison Buckalew (M.E. Powell, the daughter of John and Mary Powell of Yantley, AL).

The above Berry H. (listed as B.R. on some records) could have been B.R.H. or B.H.R., or R.B.H. and was in Whynot area in 1850 with his wife Sarah and daughter, Sarah, age one. Later in 1870 he is listed as B.R. and living at dwelling 52 (census count) at old Whynot with his wife Sarah and the following children: Emily 16, John 14 (this John known as Coon John), Berry D. 10, twins Edgar and Mary 7, and Annie 6.

So it would seem that Annie Robinson, who married Sebe Robinson, would have been a half-first-cousin to Haney Robinson. Both the Annie Robinson family and the Haney Robinson family came from the east, while the William H. Robinsons came from Hinds County, MS, after being in Washington County, AL, and later in Wayne County, MS, a former part of Washington County, Mississippi Territory.

It would also seem that the Haney Robinson group knew and were in close proximity to the Shannon family while the William H. Robinson family was not. The Haney Robinson family was perhaps acquainted with the Vaughn family that came into the Whynot area from Alabama.

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Madison Roe (Rowe) was in the Hurricane Creek area in the southeast corner of Lauderdale County by 4/4/1859 when he married Cynthia A. Thrash. They were married by B.F. Willis, minister of the gospel, and John Bishop, who married the widow of James McRae, was the bondsman. John Bishop was Cynthia's step-father.

Madison Rowe was with his father in Choctaw County, AL, according to the 1850 census of Choctaw County, AL.

Rowe, Churchwell	57, born 1793 in NC, planter
Jno (John)	35, born 1815 in GA, laborer
Madison	21, born 1829 in AL, laborer

In 1860 Madison Rowe was, as stated above, in the Hurricane Creek area with his wife and six month old son, James M. Rowe. Madison Rowe was a farmer. His wife, Cynthia Thrash, may have been related to the Thrash's of the Alamucha area. She was the daughter of ? and Eliza Edwards Thrash McRae Bishop.

Madison Roe, born 3/23/1829 in Alabama, died 1/24/1869 at the age of 39 years, 10 months, and 10 days. He is buried at Antioch and was apparently of the Primitive Baptist faith. In 1870 Cynthia Rowe had the following in her household:

James M.	11, born in MS, farm laborer
Dora F.	9, born 1861 in MS
William	8, born 1862 in MS
Ann Eliza	4, born 1866 in MS
Sarah	1, born 1869 in MS, the year of her father's death.

The above Annie E. married George Washington Hughes, and they became the parents of Fletcher Hughes and Eva Adelle Hughes. Fletcher Hughes was a well-known educator of the Whynot area.

In 1888 Cynthia Ann Thrash Rowe, who legend has as being part(SEE PAGE 90) Indian, married second to L.G. (Little Lloyd) Goodman.

L.G. Goodman had married first Miss Mary A. Jay on 4/6/1859 with J. C. W. Jay as security.

Cynthia Ann Thrash Rowe Goodman lived out her last days in a small house on her son-in-law's place (George W. Hughes) near the Chatham's in the area of Center Grove Church. She was, no doubt, of pioneer stock and helped to raise her grandchildren. (See Hughes history)

THE SCRUGGS FAMILY

As best as can be determined, the Scruggs family of Whynot came from Choctaw, AL, probably being first in the Clarke County, AL, area. There was a Richard W. Scruggs in Clarke County, AL, on 9/5/1818. There was also a Richard Scruggs who paid poll tax in Lauderdale County in 1843. Please note below that there was later a Richard Scruggs connected to the Scruggs family of Whynot. George W. Scruggs is probably the most remembered Scruggs of Whynot. Since there is no date of birth or death on either his or his wife Dovie's tombstone, the best guess is that he was born in Choctaw County about 1855-1860 and arrived in Lauderdale County around 1888 after his marriage which may have occurred in Choctaw County, AL.

His old home was located on a hill across from the present residence (1992) of Mrs. Harve Chatham. His wife's maiden name was Mitchell.

In Beat 5 on the 1870 census of Lauderdale County, MS, the writer found one Mitchell family that had a daughter named Dovey, who was born in 1859. This Dovey was born in Mississippi and was the daughter of Robert G. and Ellen L. Mitchell.

There is no record of George W. Scruggs' marriage in Lauderdale County or Clarke County, MS. The Robert G. Mitchell family was in the general area of Whynot near the Alabama line.

George W. (Washington) Scruggs had brothers as follows:

1. Richard, who married Ann O. (Annie) Martin, born about 1873, daughter of C. C. Martin and sister to Martha Cannie Martin, mother of Johnnie and Annie Martin (See Martin history).
2. Sam O., married Elena (Lena) Martin in 1894, sister to the above Annie. They removed to the state of Louisiana.
3. Thomas, it is unknown who Thomas married, but there was a son named after his father, Thomas McLaurin (called Mack) who married Sadie Culpepper, sister of Myra Culpepper Goodman. Mack was an engineer for a big logging company and this family moved around. The McLaurin name could mean that this was the maiden name of Mack Scruggs' mother. One McLaurin family lived in Toomsaba, MS.

The children of George W. and Dovie (Mitchell) Scruggs were:

A. Sam B., (known as Little Sam), married Dora Bunyard in Lauderdale County in 1910. Their children were:

1. B. W., married Martha Ree Reynolds.
2. Horace, married Mary Covington in 1934.
3. R. E., born 3/16/1915 and died 9/14/1982, married Dorothy Clarke.

B. Harve, departed the area. He lived and died in the Hattiesburg area.

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C. Lonnie, married Adrian Robinson. They had two children, Wilson and Williard. This family lived on the Causeyville/Whynot Road and operated a store. Lonnie is buried in Meridian. Adrian Robinson is thought to have been the son of John Elmer and Frances Dearman Robinson. John Elmer was a brother to Sebe Robinson. Both were sons of R. W. and Jane Robinson who were early in the Mt. Zion area.

D. Sadie, married Joe Vicino in Lauderdale County in 1917. According to family legend, Sadie and her ten-year-old daughter, Rosie, disappeared one day never to be seen or heard from again. E. Carl, lived at one time at Lauderdale, MS. He is buried in Jackson, MS.

F. Ben, family legend has it that he went to Louisiana.

G. Maud Lenora, born 10/30/1882 and died 3/1/1969, married Charlie E. Means, born 12/14/1872 and died 11/11/1921, son of Thomas Alexander, Sr. and Margaret Stanley Means. The children of Maud and Charlie were:

1. Charles, Jr., died as an infant.
2. Sam, never married.
3. Thomas G. (Tom), born 3/16/1904 and died 11/29/1949.
4. Emmett, born 7/11/1906 and died 3/5/1985, married Charlie Koonce.
5. Carl, born 4/9/1911 and died 8/31/1968, veteran of WWII.
6. Addie R., born 10/15/1908 and died 12/6/1984.
7. Margie
8. Chip, disappeared. He was last heard from while in Chicago, IL. He planned to go overseas to marry the girl he loved and was never heard from again.
9. Sharlene.

H. Corine Annie Molly Dovie, married Ed Chatham. They were the parents of Harve Chatham (See Chatham history).

I. Reuben, like his sister Sadie, also disappeared never to be heard from or seen again. Both of these incidents caused great grief and sorrow within the family, as did the disappearance of Chips Means.

George W. Scruggs, after the death of his wife Dovie, married second to Ida Vesta Martin, born 5/11/1867 and died 3/21/1951. She was a daughter of John and Sarah Ann Butler Martin. She was a sister to J.H. Martin who was the husband of Cannie Martin. Dovie (Mitchell) Scruggs probably died about 1906-07.

According to Martha Ree Reynolds Scruggs, her husband, B.W. Scruggs, never spoke of his real grandmother due to the fact he did not remember her, but he spoke often of Miss Ida, his step-grandmother.

According to some sources, Miss Mattie Mitchell, who married Wilburn Godwin as his second wife, was related in some way to the

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Scruggs family. According to Mrs. Myra Culpepper Goodman, Miss Mattie had a brother George and two sisters, Bertha and Nora. Dovie Mitchell Scruggs may have been a cousin to Miss Mattie Mitchell Godwin.

The old Sam B. Scruggs place was located west of the present residence of Tommy Joe and Eloise Jay Butler.

Years ago B. W. Scruggs told the writer of a small church located on the old George W. Scruggs place. This church may have been an arm of the old Ebenezer Baptist Church which was located just west of present-day Causeyville. (See Whynot History, Volume I, for more on churches.)

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The first Shannon family that is on record with regard to the Shannon family of Whynot, was the Captain Thomas Shannon who died in Fairfield County, SC, in 1812. The name of his wife was Elizabeth Taylor Shannon.

Known issues from this marriage were:

1. David, born about 1774 and died after 1840.
2. Thomas, on whom there is no information.
3. John, who died in 1800.

There was a David M. Shannon in Monroe County, MS, in 1820, 26-45 years old, born between 1775 and 1794. This David M. could not be the son of Captain Thomas Shannon, as David (son of Thomas) married Mary Mobley in South Carolina, and she died in Chester County, SC, on 10/13/1844. The Shannons of Whynot descend from Thomas through this David who married Mary Mobley. The children of David (son of Thomas) and Mary Mobley were:

1. Hiram, born 1797, married Margaret McKeown on 5/15/1823; died 10/26/1879.
2. Lucretia, born 1800 in either Fairfield or Chester County. SC. She married Simon Robinson in 1814 and died 5/12/1893. These are probably the parents of Louis Henry (Haney) Robinson. Haney named a daughter Lucretia, and she married Charles N. Vaughn.
3. Elizabeth, born 1802 in Fairfield County, SC. Married Thomas Colvin, brother to Drucilla Colvin, who married Elizabeth's brother, Samuel Hill Shannon.
4. Thomas, married Lucinda Hill (or Head). It is thought that Thomas and Lucinda had a son (Thomas Hill) who lived in New Orleans There is also information that Thomas and Lucinda were divorced and that he remarried. This Thomas may have been in the Alamucha area as one Thomas Shannon was received by letter in Salem Baptist Church on 2/21/1857.

5. John, who was the John M. Shannon that came to Lauderdale County. John M. (John Mobley Shannon) would have been born about 1806 in South Carolina. This birth year, as registered on the 1850 Lauderdale County census, fits in with the birth of other children of his family. On 12/26/1826 in Perry County, AL, John M. Shannon married Martha Phillips who was born in Georgia about 1812. He was in Lauderdale County by 1836 shortly after Lauderdale became a county on 12/23/1833. John M. Shannon is registered on the Lauderdale County 1858 Land Tax Roll Book as owning 120 acres of land in Sections 15 & 22, Township 5, Range 18E, which is located in the Hurricane Creek (Antioch) area.

John Shannon in 1850 had 65 acres of improved land and 40 acres of unimproved land. His farm, according to the 1850 Agricultural Schedule, was next door to Libbeus Hunter, Sr. John Shannon's farm had a cash value of \$400. He owned 3

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horses, 3 milk cows, 1 working ox, 5 other cattle, 25 swine, 300 bushels of Indian corn, 5 four hundred pound bales of cotton, 50 bushels of peas and beans, 50 bushels of sweet potatoes, and the value of his live stock was \$290.

The children of John M. and Martha Phillips were:

a. Sarah C., born about 1829 in Perry County. She married Berry H. Robinson, born in Alabama in 1822, probably in Perry County. They were married before 1850 and were in Lauderdale County by 1850. They were the parents of a daughter, Sarah, age 1. They were later the parents of Annie Shannon Robinson who married Sebe Robinson

b. David, born about 1831 in Perry County, AL. He married Florida Thomas. (There were Thomas's in Miller's Lane in the Whynot area.)

c. Thomas S., born about 1833 in Perry County, AL.

d. Martha, born about 1835 in Lauderdale County, MS. She married Louis Henry (Haney) Robinson about 1858 as Haney's second wife. Their children were Lucretia, James, and Jesse Wilson.

e. John, Jr., born 12/11/1836 in Lauderdale County. He married Mary Elizabeth Powell Buckalew, widow of James Madison Buckalew who had lost his life in the War of Rebellion. The marriage occurred after John Shannon returned from that war. He is buried at Bethany. (Note: For clarity, this John will be referred to as "John Shannon, Jr.")

Their children were:

A. David Samuel Hill, born 1868, married Isabella Gough in 1887. She was born on 1/28/1871 in Clarke County, MS.

Their children were:

a. Adie Parker, who married Elma Robinson. Their children were Parker, Stanley, Nell, and Johnnie Rex.

b. Joe Clyde, married Ruby Malone, went to Choctaw County, AL.

c. Thomas Gough (T.G.), married Lois Goodman.

d. Samuel Arvin, married Ruby Snowden.

e. Frank, married Kathy Goodman.

f. Lizzie, married Sou4e.L. Culpepper.

g. Luddie, married Hardy Dearman.

h. Mattie, married Luther Vaughn.

B. Charles F., born 8/6/1871, died 2/19/1897.

C. Robert L., born 2/10/1874, died 7/22/1897, married Susie Walker. There was no issue.

f. Julia A., born about 1840 in Lauderdale County. Married Louis Henry (Haney) Robinson in 1897 after the death of her sister, Martha.

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6. Samuel Hill, born Chester County, SC, married Drucilla Colvin in Greene County, AL, on 12/13/1836. Greene County, AL, bordered Perry County, AL, prior to the establishment of Hale County. So John Shannon, who married in Perry County in 1826, could have been close to his brother Samuel Hill who married in Greene County in 1836. By 1836 John was in Lauderdale County, MS. Samuel Hill Shannon married second Mary Boswell in Lauderdale County on 7/16/1843. Mary Boswell may have been the daughter of Winnie and Asa Boswell.

The children of Samuel Hill and Mary Boswell Shannon, according to family information were: Columbus F, Samuel Hill, Elbert, Joseph, Mattie, Mary Mobley, Elizabeth (Lizzy), and Helen. This Samuel Hill Shannon in 1858 owned 105 acres of land in Section 6, Township 6, Range 18E (this land located south of the present-day Toomsaba, MS). Samuel Hill's first wife, Drucilla Colvin, was probably a sister to Thomas Colvin who married Samuel Hill Shannon's sister, Elizabeth. Samuel H. Shannon was a member of Salem Baptist Church prior to 12/25/1853.

1860 Census Lauderdale County, MS. Toomsaba area

S.H. Shannon 42, born 1818 in SC. Served as a captain in the Civil War.

Mary (Elizabeth) 34, born 1826 in AL. This is Mary Boswell, second wife of S.H.Shannon. Apparently there were no children from the first marriage of S.H. Shannon to Drucilla Colvin.

Elizabeth C.

(Colvin) 16, born 1844 in MS. Named for his first wife? and for her mother whose name was, perhaps, Mary Elizabeth.

Columbus F. 14, born 1846 in MS. From family documents, the birth of this Columbus F. is listed on 10/16/1845, which fits nicely with the census age of 16 on the 1860 census for Lauderdale County.

Mary M.V. 13, born 1847. This has to be the Mary Mobley on the family chart. She married D.E. Williams on 2/13/1867. Elvia Hill 9, born 1851. May have been the Helen listed on the family chart.

Thomas A. (E) 6, born 1854. It is known one child had three first names and perhaps other children in this family had three names.

Samuel H. born 1859.

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1870 Census Lauderdale County, MS.

James H. Shannon 54, born 1816 in SC. With the three-name concept, he could have been named James Samuel Hill Shannon.
Mary born 1825 in AL.
Thomas E. (Elbert) born 1854 (George Shannon line).
Samuel H. born 1859
Hiram J. born 1861 after 1860 census.

The above is the same family as the S.H. Shannon family on the 1860 Lauderdale County Census.

The full name of the Samuel Hill Shannon, born 1868, and the son of John, Jr., was David Samuel Hill Shannon. The David came from John M. Shannon's father, David Shannon. The Samuel could have come from the father of David's wife, Mary Mobley, whose father, Samuel Mobley, was a Revolutionary War soldier.

The will of Samuel Mobley dated 12/21/1802 in Fairfield, SC, was proved on 1/24/1803. This will reflected his wife, Mary (Polly) Waggoner, along with son, Samuel, as executors of the will. His other sons were Edward, John, and Biggers. His daughters were Eliza, Marsell, Sukey, and Darkey.

The name Hill may have been the maiden name of Captain Thomas Shannon's mother, being an old and respected name for many generations David Samuel Hill Shannon, son of John, Jr., was born 11/8/1868 and died 1/20/1942 at Yantley, AL.

It would appear that John M. Shannon was first in the area of Alamucha in 1836; then he relocated to the Hurricane Creek (Antioch) area prior to 1850. His brother, Samuel Hill, was in the Alamucha area by 1843 when he married Mary Boswell. He and his family remained in that area at a location south of Toomsuba. Samuel H. or James Samuel Hill Shannon was a member of Salem Baptist Church.

Legend has it that there were three Samuel Hill Shannons: Samuel Hill, son of John M. Shannon. Samuel Hill, brother of John M. Shannon - James Samuel Hill. Samuel Hill, son of James Samuel Hill Shannon.

The Shannons rank along with the Vaughns, the McRaes, the Clarks, and the Goodwyns as early members of Whynot Community and whose descendants remained in the area.

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John Pinkney Shirley was born in Alabama on 5/19/1827. In 1847 he married Sarah Ann Martin, daughter of Daniel and Susan (Selma) Ann Baxter.

There are two theories as to the identity of John Pinkney Shirley's parents:

One source thinks John Pinkney was the son of John T. and Martha (Patsey) Young of Virginia, and that John T. Shirley was the son of Revolutionary soldier John Shirley and Frances Yates of Spotsylvania County, VA. There is no proof available that the above is correct.

Another source, namely, George Shirley of Madison, MS, after years of research, thinks John Pinkney Shirley was the son of John and Ellen (?) Shirley who came from Lenior County, NC, to Darlington County, SC, and then to Dallas County, AL. They were later in a part of Washington County, AL, that is now Choctaw County, AL. This theory appears to have more weight than the first theory.

It is believed that John Shirley was deceased by 1840, as Ellen, his wife, is listed as the head of the household. There is a will of Moses Shirley of Darlington County, SC, (date unknown) that lists his children as John, David, Martha Shirley Skinner, Nancy Hearon, Caty Mazingo, Moses, and Nathan. In the above list, John could very well have been a son of Moses and a brother to the other above-listed individuals. More research is needed to prove or disprove the matter.

Known siblings of John Pinkney Shirley, and possible children of John and Ellen (Skinner or Mazingo) Shirley, were William Washington Shirley, born 1/1/1830 and James Benjamin Shirley, born about 1838.

According to legend, John P., who died on 7/17/1894, and Sarah Ann, who died on 7/15/1883, are buried in unmarked graves in the Martin Cemetery in Clark County, MS. Their children were:

1. John, born 4/4/1849, married Shirley Elizabeth Chatham. He died 7/26/1919
2. Sarah Celita, born 3/15/1852, married James Wesley Hayman in 1872 in Lauderdale Co., MS. She died on 2/28/1932 in San Jacinto County, TX.
3. William Washington, born 4/25/1853, married Martha J. Henderson. He died 10/13/1909. This William Washington, born 1853, should not be confused with William Washington Shirley, born 1/1/1830, who was a brother to John Pinkney Shirley.
4. James Norman, born 4/25/1858, married Nancy Catherine (Nan) Dunham. This James N. became a very prominent citizen of Lauderdale County and is covered elsewhere in this book. He

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is also the father of Charles E. Shirley who in 1886 was the first person to be buried in the present-day Bethany Baptist Church Cemetery. Charles E. died at the age of five years.

5. Susan E. (Ellen), born 2/1/1861, married Wade Hughes 9/15/1897. She died on 4/16/1937.

6. Margaret Emaline, born 5/25/1864, married Eli W. Dunham. Their daughter, Nancy Ellen (known as Nell) married Everette Hagwood, and they were the parents of Leslie Hagwood of Causeyville, MS. Margaret E. died on 2/20/1935. Her husband Eli, born 4/14/1856, died 1/30/1916. Both are buried in the Center Grove Baptist Church Cemetery.

7. Hulda McGuire, born 3/28/1870, died 10/20/1872.

8. Benjamin Pinkney, married Ella White and is buried in Livingston, TX.

1850 Census Lauderdale County, MS

John P. Pinkney Shirley	23, born 1827 in AL
Sarah	21, born 1829 in MS
John	2, born in MS

1860 Census Lauderdale County, MS

J.P. Shirley	33, born 1827 in AL
Sarah	31, born 1829 in MS
John M.	11, born 1849 in MS
Sarah C. (Celita?)	9, born 1851 in MS
William Washington	6, born 2/4/1853 in MS
James Norman	2, born 1858 in MS
J. B.	22, born 1838. This J.B. has to be a brother of J.P. Shirley, and his name could very well be James B. Shirley.

The above J.B. Shirley is believed to have been a brother to John Pinkney and to have died in the Civil War. Confederate records list a J.B. Shirley who died at Charlottesville, VA, on 8/15/1861 who was a member of the 13th Mississippi Regiment.

William Washington Shirley married Mary Buckalew who is thought to have been the daughter of Zebulon and Mary (Polly) Railey.

Continuing with same 1860 Census: (Next door to John Pinkney Shirley)

W.W. Shirley	30, born 1/1/1830, died 9/5/1907. He is buried in Mt. Zion Baptist Church Cemetery. He was a brother to John Pinkney Shirley.
Mary C.	27, born 1833
Frances E. (Fanny)	5

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William B. (Brunner?) 3

Nancy Wolf 20, It is not known what kin, if any, Nancy Wolf was to this family. She could have been a sister to Mary C, or possibly a sister to W.W.

According to Mrs. Mamie Watts Shirley, the children of W.W., born 1830, and Mary C. Buckalew Shirley were:

1. William Bruner, who married L. Ella Goodman on 1/31/1882 in Lauderdale County.

2. Miles, who married Margaret M. Roberts. Their daughter, Sadie, married Clay Neal. One of Sadie & Clay's daughters was Vivian Neal McRae.

3. Nanny, who married Fate Jay and married second a Raley.

4. Fanny (F.E.), who married George P. Williams in Clarke County, MS, on 11/17/1878.

5. Mary Catherine, who married Ed Goodman.

6. Callie, who married Warner Tims.

7. Cecil Boyd, who married Cisley Tims. They were the parents of Lamar Shirley who married Essie Chatham, a sister to Harve Chatham. Lamar and Essie's children were Odis, Edward, and Winfred

8. Jesse, who married Laura Bynum.

9. Ellis (E.C.), who married Mattie Still in Clarke County, MS, on 11/25/1893.

10. Washington Forest, born 1864, married Piety Tims. Their children were:

A. Colin Con, married Katherine Alabama Weekley. Their children were: Honey, Pearl, Christine, Bryant, Annie Mae and Colin Carl. (The writer has fond memories of attending dances with Honey and Pearl Shirley.)

B. Bryant, married Ethel McKinion.

C. Steven, married Ruth Thomas.

D. Mary, married Jim Weekly.

E. Lilli Pearl, married Willie Cooper.

F. Robert G. (Robbie), married Mary I. Dunham. Their children were:

a. Frank G., married Sarah Tims.

b. Desma, married Julian Tims, brother to the above Sarah.

c. Martin V., married Genelle Martin.

d. Raymond Houston, married Mamie Watts.

e. Robert Leo, married Irma Ford.

f. William Rex, married Ida Scoggin.

g. Mary Louise, married James Culpepper.

According to Mrs. Mamie Watts Shirley, John Pinkney Shirley, born 1827, had a son William Washington Shirley, born on 2/14/1853, who married Martha J. Henderson. The children of William and Martha were:

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1. John H., married Ella Wolf in Clarke County, MS, on 11/30/1899.
2. Willie Belle, married John Sire Booker, son of Mack Booker, and brother to Andrew Booker. The Sire Booker family lived at the old John Gough place in Whynot until they removed to the Causeyville area.
3. Ownie, married Bernie Raley.
4. Bettie, married Johnny Reynolds.
5. Lillian, never married.
6. Grady, married Audie Jay, daughter of Alfred J. and Mollie Williams Jay. Grady and Audie Jay Shirley were the parents of W.G. and Martin Ray.
7. Joseph, married Nanie Reynolds. They were the parents of Joe Lee, Harold Roy, and Hilda.
8. Mae Bell, married Ellis Raley.

There was an A.A. Shirley who paid poll tax in Lauderdale County in 1848. The writer was unable to connect him to John P. Shirley.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1850 Census Choctaw County, AL, Dwelling #663

Moses Shirley	40, born 1810 in NC, planter.
Susan	39, born in SC
Mary	16, born in AL
Eliza	13, born in AL
James	9, born in AL
Sarah J.	7, born in AL
Susania	4, born in AL
Bertha A.H.	1, born in AL

This Shirley may have been an uncle to John Pinkney Shirley.

Sarah Martin, wife of John Pinkney Shirley, died on 7/5/1883. Pinkney then married second to Mrs. M.J. Smith on 4/13/1887.

John Pinkney Shirley served in the Confederate Army and was captured at Vicksburg, MS. He was released on 7/10/1863. He served at that time in Company C of the 5th Regiment of the Mississippi State Troops. Included in this unit were Col. H. C. Robinson, R. W. Robinson, and C. Hughes.

Per family history, while going to the home of his son, William Washington Shirley, Pinkney stopped walking, sat down beneath a tree and died quietly (probably from a heart attack).

John Pinkney Shirley named one of his daughters Susan Ellen Shirley. The name Susan could have come from John Pinkney's wife's mother's name, Susan Baxter, and the Ellen came from John Pinkney's mother's name.

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The major question is: Who were the parents of John Pinkney Shirley and William Washington Shirley. The preponderance of evidence points to John and Ellen Shirley.

There are many Shirley descendants in the Whynot, Causeyville, Snell, and surrounding areas. The writer wonders what it would be like to have so many kin folks, and "kinda feels like it would be sorta nice".

JAMES N. SHIRLEY

J.N. Shirley was born in Lauderdale County, MS, in April, 1855, the fourth in a family of eight children born to J.P. and Sara (Martin) Shirley. J.P. was born in North Carolina; Sarah was born in Green County, MS. J.P. (Pinkney) Shirley first lived in Section 24, Township 5, Range 17W of present-day Causeyville. J.P. Shirley was brought by his parents to Alabama as a small boy where he resided until he was seventeen years of age when he came to Mississippi. He was married in Lauderdale County, where he lived and reared his family. He made planting his chief occupation throughout his life, never caring to enter political life or to hold any public office.

J.N. Shirley, son of John Pinkney Shirley, began the battle of life for himself when sixteen years of age. When only eighteen years old he married to Miss Nancy Dunham of Lauderdale County. To them four sons and three daughters were born: Arabella, Talitha, Charles (died young), Arthur, Julian and Justin (twins), and Ora.

Mr. Shirley commenced to make his own way in the world without a dollar, but by energy and strict attention to business, he succeeded in getting a fair start in the world. In 1881 he opened a mercantile establishment, and to that calling he gave most of his attention; but he also farmed and was engaged in milling a part of the time. He began business in the south-eastern part of Lauderdale County (Whynot) where he remained until 1889. At that time he sold out and moved to the Bailey area where he purchased a plantation of 120 acres. On this plantation he opened a store. His stock of goods was worth at least \$3,000 from which he derived an annual income of \$15,000. He was a young man of excellent business qualifications and thus made a success of the enterprises in which he engaged when many others would have failed. He was progressive, public-spirited and intelligent. He made a point of keeping well posted on the general topics of the day and kept up with the times in the business affairs of life.

By his honorable methods of doing business and his many amiable and worthy traits of character, he won the respect and esteem of all who knew him. He and his wife were gladly welcomed into the highest social circles. They were members of the Baptist Church and he was liberal in his support of his church as well as of other churches. He was a patron of education; in fact, all worthy enterprises received his hearty support.

J.N. Shirley was a member of the Bethany Baptist Church. He was born in 1859. Seventeen years later, in 1865, he was in the southeastern part of Lauderdale County, MS. His parents also may have been members of the church. On Saturday before the first Sabbath, August 8, 1889, Brother and Sister Shirley were received by letter into the Arkadelphia Baptist Church which was, and is, located three miles north of Bailey Post Office on

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Highway 493. Later J.N. Shirley lived in Clarke County, MS, where he died after being a successful merchant for a number of years.

SOURCE: MEMORIES OF MISSISSIPPI. See Volume 1 for more information regarding the first post office in present downtown Whynot.

THE SIMS FAMILY

The first recorded Sims in Lauderdale County was John Sims who was reflected on the 1840 census.

1840 Census Lauderdale County

John Sims	50, born 1780-1790
Two males	born 1820-1830
One male	born 1815-1820
One female	born 1815-1820

The wife and mother of this family was deceased by 1840. Since there is a reference to an old Sims store located in the Alamucha area in the county record in 1848, John Sims may have been a merchant.

John Sims in 1839 paid personal tax on eight slaves and one poll tax, a total of \$5.372. Since he owned slaves, this would indicate that he was farming. He again paid \$5.00 personal tax on eight slaves in 1840. In 1841 he paid taxes on 10 slaves. In 1843, a Thomas Sims paid poll tax (to vote) and John Sims paid taxes on five slaves. In 1846 a Francis Sims paid taxes on a watch, clock, 17 slaves, and one poll tax; George W. Sims paid poll, state, and county taxes as did William A. Sims and a James W. Sims. In 1848 George W. Sims, J. J. Sims and J. W. Sims paid poll tax.

In studying the above, it would be reasonable to speculate that John Sims died before 1846 (no record of taxes for 1844 and 1845). This John Sims is not found on later census records.

1850 Census Lauderdale County

Family #292

William Sims	57, born 1793 in NC
Frances	58, born in NC
John J.	23, born 1827 in AL. Farmer, married Narcissa Burkhalter on 1/12/1853.
Martha	19, born 4/3/1865 in AL. She may have married William Gressett.
Seaborn	16, born 1865 in AL. Farmer, married Nancy A. Henderson on 1/29/1857.

This William was living in the Russell/Mt. Gilead area in 1850. It appears that his two sons were farming. According to the 1850 Agricultural Schedule, this William had 32 acres of improved land, 1 horse, 1 milk cow, 15 swine, 150 bushes of Indian corn and 1 400 pound bale of cotton. Next to him, his son, John J. Sims had 15 acres of improved land, 1 horse, 8 swine, 150 bushes of Indian corn. Next to both of the above was George Sims with 24 acres of improved land, 1 horse, 1 milk cow, 1 other cattle, 15 swine, 200 bushes on Indian corn, 1 bale of cotton, and 100 bushels of sweet potatoes.

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Continuing with the 1850 Lauderdale County Census:

Family #293

George Sims 31, born 1819 in AL, farmer, son of William.
Lucy (White) 28, born 1822 in GA
Frances 4, born 1846 in MS, female.
George 3, born 1847 in MS

In this same household were:

James Henderson 35, born 1815 in TN, farmer, \$300.
Elizabeth 25, born 1825 in AL
Margaret E. 12, born in MS
Aaron 10, born in MS
Sarah A. 8, born in MS
Malissa 6, born in MS. She may have married A. J. Rainer as his second wife.

It would appear from the above that William Sims born 1793 in NC was the father of John J., Seaborn, and George (W.) Sims. Please note that George and Lucy Sims' first daughter was named Francis. By the Henderson family being in the household of George Sims, it implies that Elizabeth, born 1825 and wife of James Henderson, was a daughter of William Sims born 1793. Please note that Seaborn, son of William, married a Henderson.

Continuing with the 1850 Lauderdale County Census:

Family #412

William A. Sims 28, born 1822 in AL, farmer.
Sarah B. 27, born 1823 in AL
William A. 4, born 1846 in MS
Moses D. 2, born in MS

This William was next door to Wright Pigford and William V. H. White in the Mt. Gilead area.

Family #428

James Warren Sims 33, born 1817 in GA
Susan (Barfield) 35, born in NC
William 10, born in AL
Henry G. 8, born in AL
Susan P. 6, born 1844 in MS. Married D. J. Collier 11/8/1860.
Warren F. 4, born in MS
Elias L. 3, born in MS

This family was living next door to Elias Barfield, age 30, who married Serena J. White, daughter of Moses White and sister to William V. H. White.

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1860 Census Lauderdale County, MS Beat 5

George W. (G. W.) Sims 40, born 1820 in AL
Lucy A. (White) 39, born 1821 in GA
Frances 14, born 1846 in MS. Probably named after her grandmother, Frances Sims.
George A. 12, born in MS. Married Sarah White, daughter of William Vernon White.
Ann D. 7, born 1853 in MS. Married Ira Bird Coker, son of Levi Coker and Lucinda Gilbert Coker and grandson of Peyton and Cynthia Hall Coker. Ann and Ira Bird had a daughter, Lucy A., who married Thomas a Means, Jr. (grandparents of the writer).
Daniel H. 5, born 1855 in MS
John (G.) 2, born 5/12/1858; died 9/28/1932. Married Ophelia Ellen Coker, born 5/12/1858; died 2/14/1959. She was a sister to Ira Bird Coker.

George W. Sims and Lucy A. W. White married in Lauderdale County on 10/12/1844.

Next door to George W. in 1866 was his brother, William A., 38, born 1822 in AL, and his wife Sarah M. V., born in GA. Their children were William A. (Jr.) 13, Moses D. 11, Oliva T., Thomas Moody 4, and Riley H. 1.

By 1870 both George W. and Lucy A. W. White Sims were deceased. Their minor children were in the home of George W.'s brother, William A. Sims.

1870 Census Lauderdale County, MS

William A. Sims 48, born 1822 in AL
Sarah B. (Moody) 48, born 1822 in GA
Moses D. 21, born in MS
Martha 21, born in MS
Alice F. 16, born in MS
Moody (Thomas M.) 13, born in MS

The following are children of G. W. and Lucy A. W. White Sims who were in the William A. Sims household in 1870:

Ann D. 16, born 1854, in MS.
Daniel 13, born 1857 in MS
John 12, born 1858 in MS

The two oldest children, Frances and George A., were out on their own by 1870.

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The children of John and Ophelia Ellen Coker Sims were:

1. Robert (Rob), who married Mollie Robinson, daughter of Jesse Wilson and Julie Butler Robinson. Their children were:
 - a. Williard, who married Earnest Stewart.
 - b. Lottie S., who married Gilder Ford.
 - c. Roberta, who married J.W. Maggard.
 - d. R. W., male.
2. George
3. Levi
4. Brice, married Mattie Sims
5. Nora, married first Henry Williams and second Vester Richardson. It is this Nora who helped care for the children of T.A. Means after his wife, Lucy A., died in Lumberton, MS.
6. Dan (Daniel?), father of Elizabeth Sims Roberson, wife of Jeff Roberson.
7. Cliff

In summary, it would appear that the early John Sims may have been a brother to William Sims born 1793, and that William A. born 1822, George born 1819-1820, John J. born 1827, and Seaborn born 1834, were sons of William Sims born 1793. The Warren Sims born 1817 in Georgia may have been either the son of the early John or William, born 1793.

In 1860 there was a J. W. Sims, age 45, born 1815 in Georgia, at Alamucha with wife Susan and a son William J., age 22, who could likewise be a son of either the early John or William Sims.

The writer was unable to identify the parents of Lucy A. (Arzata?) W. White who married George W. Sims. She may have been the daughter of Rev. Moses White, but there is no proof. Lucy was in Lauderdale County by 1844 when she married G. W. Sims. She was born in Georgia in 1821 (see White history).

The writer's grandmother, Lucy A. Coker Means was named after her grandmother, Lucy A. White Sims.

THE A.B. (ANDER) SMITH FAMILY

A. B. Smith lived in Choctaw County, AL, before coming to the Whynot/Vimville area.

According to Mrs. Velma Butler Smith, some of A. B. Smith's brother were:

1. George, born 1861. He was living with his family in Whynot in 1910 near the residence of T.A. Means, Jr.
2. Walter
3. Thomas

The birth date of A. B. Smith is unknown. He was married to a Miss Cane in Choctaw County, AL - date not available. Some of the children of A. B. and his wife (Miss Cane) were John A., Albert, Allie, who married ? Crenshaw, and Eunice, who married ? Irby.

A. B. Smith 's first wife died about 1891 and is buried in the Hopewell Cemetery near the Tombigbee River in Choctaw County, AL.

After the death of his wife, A. B. Smith moved to Lauderdale County, and in 1822 he married the widow of Thomas Kitchens. The widow was Mattie Lovella Brewster, born 6/26/1863 and died 12/15/1934. She was the daughter of Hiriam Hamilton and Sarah Edwards Brewster. Some of their children were Ruby, Corrine, George, and Leon.

Thomas Kitchens, first husband of Mattie L. Brewster, was killed by a horse. He is buried in the Coker's Chapel Cemetery as is Mattie L. It is unknown where A. B. Smith is buried.

A. B. Smith's oldest son, John A. (by his first wife) married first Vilia Irby. Their children were:

1. Lamar
2. Ruth, who married Preston Stodard. They were the parents of Ray, Darnell, Ruth Carolyn, and Sarah Margaret.
3. Curtis, who married Rowena Carr, daughter of Eugene and Thelma Allen Carr.
4. Ada, who married Gussie Irby. Their daughter, Irene, married Jim Creel and they were the parents of Jerry and Jim Creel.

The writer notes that there were many Smiths in the area with like names; for example, John, which makes it difficult to research any Smith line. The name George is prominent in the A. B. Smith line. One, George M. Smith, married Lavinia Rainwater in Washington County, AL, on 7/1/1835. In 1850 this George was in Choctaw County, AL, with his wife and his father David, age 60, born NC about 1790. This George M. Smith may have been connected to the A.B. Smith line.

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The writer is very appreciative of the generous assistance rendered him by Mrs. Velma Butler Smith in regard to this Smith line.

The Lauderdale County Department of Archives & History holds a number of Smith histories, and another is now being written by Mrs. Elaine Smith of Elkhart, IN, (1992) which should be in LCDA&H at some later date.

The writer has fond memories of the above Mr. Preston Stodard who was one of his teachers in high school. The writer is likewise fond of the above Rowena Carr Smith who is "kinfolks".

THE WILLIAM SMITH FAMILY

William Smith was born 1/9/1790 on his father's farm on Log Creek in Edgefield County, Old 96 District, SC, and died around the first of February, 1851, in Lauderdale County, MS.

For over forty years, a number of William Smith's descendants claimed that William Smith of Lauderdale County, MS, was descended from Revolutionary War soldier, David Smith, and his wife, Rebecca Lindley of Abbeyville, Laurens, and Pendleton Districts, SC. However, noticing discrepancies in this David Smith lineage, Elaine Smith of Elkhart County, IN, began systematically researching the family of David Smith and Rebecca Lindley. Using Revolutionary War pension records, probate records, and censuses, she finally, in the summer of 1991, proved beyond reasonable doubt, that William Smith was not one of David and Rebecca's children.

Once Mrs. Smith had established that William was not David and Rebecca's son, identifying his true father was not difficult. In the 1830 Bibb County, AL, census, William Smith was living next door to John Smith, a Revolutionary War pensioner of the right age to have been William's father. Using land records, Revolutionary War pension records, census records, and court records, Mrs. Smith was able to establish the relationship between William and John Smith.

William's father, Revolutionary War veteran John Smith, had sold his farm in Edgefield County, SC, shortly after William's birth and moved his family to land on Cedar Creek in what is now South Central Fairfield County, SC. Even William's early years were filled with the same economic turmoil that plagued him throughout his life. When the purchasers of his father's land on Log Creek failed to pay the full amount owed, John Smith, then of Fairfield County, brought suit against the two men. The sheriff of Edgefield County seized the land from the purchasers and sold it to the highest bidder.

Although, according to Fairfield County censuses, William was apparently one of a family of six sons and three daughters, little is known of his brothers and sisters. Further research is required to prove their identity.

On 12/1/1812 William Smith married Sarah Phillips. She was most likely the daughter or granddaughter of Robert Phillips whose land lay adjacent to that of John Smith on the waters of Cedar Creek in Fairfield County. The farms of the two men can be found side by side along the Charleston Road in the 1820 Mills Atlas map of Fairfield County, SC. By the enumeration of the 1820 census, William and Sarah already had three sons and two daughters, all under ten years of age.

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About 1816 the land of William's father was seized by the sheriff of Fairfield County and sold to David Aiken, a wealthy landowner of that area. John Smith brought suit, contending that he had not been properly notified that his land was being seized. During the twenty years that the case was being tried in the Fairfield County Court of Common Pleas, John and William Smith and their families continued to live on the land and to market the crops. Finally, late in 1820, the court found in favor of David Aiken, and the Smiths were forced to vacate the land.

About 1830 William and Sarah Smith removed with their young children to Bibb County, AL, along with William's parents, John Smith and his wife. In 1831 William and Sara were living near Maplesville, then in Bibb County, AL. There they and their neighbors were caught in what became known as the "Crash of 1837". Forced to mortgage his land in order to support his family, William was unable to repay the mortgages and lost his Bibb County land for nonpayment of debts. After the enumeration of the 1840 U. S. census, William and Sarah removed to Lauderdale County

On 7/29/1847 William Smith and Sarah Smith were among the fourteen charter members who signed the "Covenant and Abstract of Principles of Mt. Gilead Baptist Church" in Lauderdale County, MS. William owned 40 acres of land in Section 12, Township 6, Range 17E, located due east of the Mt. Gilead Church. Nearby lived Wilkin Smith, William's eldest son, and an older John Smith, who may have been William's brother. Little is known about this older John Smith who appears to had no wife or children.

William Smith died intestate about the first of February, 1851, and his probate records do not name his wife or children. In fact, only a few records are found for William in Lauderdale County. Because his estate was insolvent after paying of debts, no guardians were appointed for his minor children. Unfortunately William and his close neighbors do not appear in the only extant copy of the population schedule of the 1850 United States census for Lauderdale County. Since William and his neighbors do appear in the agricultural schedule of that census, apparently their records were skipped when the census taker made this particular surviving copy of the 1850 population schedule.

Sarah Phillips Smith, William's widow, was living in Lauderdale County, MS, at the enumeration of the 1853 Mississippi state census and probably died before the enumeration of the 1860 U. S. census.

For further information about William and Sarah and their struggle to raise their large family in a sometimes hostile environment, see Smiths of Lauderdale County, Mississippi: Ancestors and Descendants of William Smith , a thoroughly documented family history by Elaine Spires Smith (Mrs. D. Neal

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Smith), to be published in 1993 by the Lauderdale County Department of Archives and History. Children of William Smith and Sarah Phillips:

1. Wilkin, born about 1813 in Fairfield County, SC; died before 12/9/1851 in Lauderdale County, MS; married Martha (Patsy) Broadhead. (ancestor of D. Neal Smith)
2. Simkin, born about 1813 in Fairfield County, SC; died before 1890 in Lauderdale County, MS; married (first) Charity J. Wilson, (second) Mary Clark, and (third) Mrs. Caroline Shack.
3. Catherine (Kitty), born about 1814 in Fairfield County, SC; married William R. Richey.
4. John (Jack) A., born about 1814 in Fairfield County, SC; died 8/9/1888 in Lauderdale County, MS; married Irena Lowe Alverson.
5. Lucinda, born about 1816 in Alabama; died before 6/14/1886; married William Jackson Ritchey.
6. William Pinckney, born 11/15/1820 in Fairfield County, SC; died 8/10/1864 near Vicksburg, MS, in the Civil War; married Mary (Polly) Pearson.
7. Benjamin, born about 1825 in Alabama; married Rebecca Ann (Becky) Minor and removed to Rusk County, TX in the 1850's.
8. Mary Ann, born about 1829 in Bibb County, AL; died after 1916 in Lauderdale County, MS; married Marion Clark.
9. Samuel Ellias (Elisa), born about 1831 in Bibb County, AL; died between 1855 and 8/17/1860; married Mary A. (Polly) Williams.
10. T. Elkanna, born about 1831 in Bibb County, AL; married Martha A. Rainer.
11. David S., born 2/26/1833 in Bibb County, AL; died 2/13/1915 at Meridian, MS; married Sarah A. Hughes.
12. James M., born 7/4/1834 in Bibb. County, AL; died after 7/24/1915; married Senah Hughes.

In using the above, specific credit must be given to the researcher, Elaine Spires Smith (Mrs. D. Neal Smith), 59201 Merrimac Lane, Elkhart, IN 46517

The writer wishes to express appreciation to Mrs. Elaine Spires Smith for furnishing the above family history.

THE SPINKS FAMILY

Isaac Spinks was a resident of old Whynot. Records indicate that he was the son of Enoch Spinks, and that two of his brothers were Rawleigh (Rolly) and John C. The name of the wife of John C. was Caroline. His father, Enoch, may have married Sarah Needham.

One of Isaac's sisters, Eliza Spinks, married Thomas J. Culpepper. Both died in Choctaw County, AL, prior to 1850 and Isaac became guardian of their son, Enoch.

Another possible sister was Mary Spinks who married Henry S. Clark. Henry S. Clark was born in 1802 to Henry and Elizabeth Gilbert Clark. Henry S. Clark died in 1848, and Isaac Spinks helped to settle his estate.

Another sister was Kesiah Spinks, who married first Elijah Shamburger in Clarke County, AL, and second John Tatum in Lauderdale County, MS.

In 1840 Isaac Spinks married Charlotte Jones Lacy, widow of Austin Lacy. Some of their children in 1850 were:

Stephen	15, born 1834.	Stepson
Mary E.	12, born 1838	Stepdaughter
Enoch	7, born 1843	
Charles S.	5, born 1845	
Caroline	1, born 1840.	Married A.J. Pigford, grandfather to Nannie Mae Pigford Tinsley.

Later Martha J. was born. She married James (Jim) H. Clark, son of William and Lucinda Jones Clark. Lucinda Jones Clark was a sister to Charlotte Jones Lacy Spinks. Therefore Martha J. and James H. were first cousins.

Living near Isaac in 1850 were:

His brother Rolly,	63.
His wife Jane Mathews,	59, daughter of Willis Mathews. His sons, William W., 18 and Enoch P., 16.
Rolly's son, Rolly Jr.,	23, with wife Sarah, 25, and son Walter, two months, were also in the area.

In 1870 Charles S. Spinks was living in the Toomsuba area, and Martha J., his sister, was in his household.

W.W. Spinks, son of Rolly and Jane Spinks, married Josephine Brewster, daughter of James Madison and Charity Edwards Brewster. W.W. Spinks served in the Confederate Army. He disappears from the records and is presumed to have died. Josephine Brewster Spinks married second Berry Robinson, son of Ransom Robinson, Sr.

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These early Spinks came to Lauderdale County, MS. from Clarke County, AL.

Lewis Spinks was circuit clerk in 1840. He died in 1845 according to the minutes of the Salem Baptist Church. Lewis and Enoch may have been brothers. Enoch was alive on 8/6/1842 with his wife, Sarah, in the old Whynot area.

It is these Spinks, who were originally in or near the old Whynot community in Randolph County, N.C., who played an important role in the naming of our present-day Whynot.

Elizabeth Spinks, who married Peter Marsh in Clarke County, AL, on 2/27/1826, may have been a sister to Isaac and daughter of Enoch. They lived in the Alamucha area.

THE STILL FAMILY

Charles Still, Sr., born 12/24/1837, died 3/30/1908, arrived in the Mt. Gilead Baptist Church area sometime prior to 1865. He was a merchant and is thought to have had his store somewhere in that area. Charles, Sr., came from somewhere in south Alabama. According to descendants, he may have come from the area of Deer Park, near Mobile.

Accompanying Charles Still to the above area were his two sons, Benjamin Franklin and W. D. (Dave) and two daughters, Ruby (who died young) and Susie. In 1895 Benjamin Franklin married Ida Butler, daughter of Richard Franklin Butler and sister to James Allen Butler, Sr. W. D. (Dave) Still married Georgia E. (Elizabeth?) Pierce (Pearce) in 1881. They were married by Rev. Richard H. Camp, one of the ministers of Mt. Gilead. Susie married Tom Dunham.

The name of Charles Still's first wife is unknown. They probably married in Mobile County, AL. Charles Still, Sr., according to legend, served in the Confederate Army.

It was in the Mt. Gilead area that Charles Still, Sr., met, courted and married Ann Elizabeth Pigford on 1/2/1865. She was the daughter of Wright and Lucretia Pigford. (See Pigford history.) Their children were:

1. Jesse
2. Neadie (male)
3. Wright, who became a school teacher.
4. Charles, Jr., who married Mary Alice Spinks in 1893 and lived at Lawrence, MS.
5. Viola C., who married J. W. (Jim) Smith on 12/23/1886 and lived in Clarke County, MS.
6. Lilly, who married Ed Mayerhoss.
7. Mat, who married ? Shirley.
8. Milton, who married Annie Reeves. Their children were:
 - a. Madge, who married Herman Jay.
 - b. Charlotte, who married Janice Griffin.
 - c. M. W. (Buddy), who married Inez Pogue, daughter of Arthur and Laura Cotton Pogue. He suffered a fatal heart attack about two years after his marriage.
9. Walter, who married Mary Tims. Their children were:
 - a. Imogene, who married Spencer Hughes
 - b. Marah, who married Ethel ?
 - c. Ed, who married Nadie Lee.
10. Erma Louise, who died young.
11. Judson, who died young.

Charles Still, Sr. is buried in the Mt. Zion Cemetery. Charles Still, his wife Ann, son Charles, Jr., and daughter Viola, were received by letter into the Buckatunna Baptist Church in August, 1885. Prior to that, Ann Still had been granted a letter

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of dismissal from that church in 1876. This means she was living in the area prior to 1876.

Ann Pigford's father, Wright Pigford, owned land in the Buckatunna Baptist Church area and may have lived on this land for a short period of time before returning to the Mt. Gilead Baptist Church area.

Charles Still, Sr., joined the Mt. Gilead Baptist Church by letter in November, 1890. His son, W. D. (Dave) and his wife, Georgia Pearce Still wrote for a letter of dismissal from the Mt. Gilead Church in 1884. Charles Still, Sr., apparently had received a letter of dismissal from Mt. Gilead in November, 1884, and moved to Buckatunna, but before 1890 had moved back to the Mt. Gilead area.

Legend has it that Charles and Ann lived for a long time in the area between Center Grove Baptist Church and Snell. Then they moved to the Mt. Zion Baptist Church area where they built a log house. This house stood until recent years when it was torn down.

While Charles, Sr., never emerged as a merchant in the Mt. Zion area, one of his sons did. That son was Milton. His descendants remain today in the area of the old log house which was his last home. How great it would be if this old log house had been preserved.

In 1868 one H. M. Still was received by letter into the Buckatunna Baptist Church.

The writer would like to express appreciation to Mrs. Winfred Jay for her assistance with this family information as well as the writing of the history of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church. The writer and his granddaughter, Tracy Dawson, enjoyed a visit in her home during the writer's research on this family.

THE SUTTER FAMILY

Houston Samuel Sutter was a well-known merchant of Whynot and in later life became involved in real estate. At one time he operated a cotton gin near his store. Mr. Sutter was left an orphan at an early age and was raised by his Uncle George McMurray and Aunt Margaret McMurray.

He was born 11/26/1884 at Alamucha, the son of Sarah Ann McMurray Smith Sharpe Sutter and Mr. Sutter. Mr. Sutter came from Germany and was a traveling salesman. He disappeared when Houston Sutter was six months old. He had gone to Meridian with Mr. George McMurray and failed to meet back at the wagon for the return trip home. The family was never able to locate him or find out what happened to him. His first name was lost or forgotten as the years went by. Houston Sutter's mother died in 1885 a short time after her husband disappeared.

Houston Sutter's mother, Sarah Ann McMurray, born about 1846, was the daughter of William S. and Martha S. Newton McMurray. The old McMurray home still stands in the Alamucha area. Sara Ann McMurray married first Jessie Smith in 1869. Jessie Smith is believed to have been from Sumter County, AL. Sarah and Jessie Smith had a son, John Wesley, who was seven months old when the 1870 census was taken for Lauderdale County, MS. He and his mother were in her father's household. The father, Jessie Smith died sometime between 1869 and November 15, 1874 when Sarah Ann McMurray Smith married John C. Sharpe.

Sarah Ann's son, John Wesley, grew up in the McMurray home. Afterwards he married Miss Willie ? , probably in Sumter County, AL. They had a daughter, Nina B. Smith. After John Wesley's death, Miss Willie married a Dukes and lived in Gaston, AL, with Nina, a minor child.

John C. Sharpe is thought to have died by 1880 as he is not listed on the 1880 census for Lauderdale County, MS. There were no issues from this marriage. Sometime between 1880 and 1883, Sarah Ann McMurray Smith Sharpe married ? Sutter (Seuter) and their son, Houston Samuel, was born on 11/26/1884. Houston Samuel lost both his parents in 1885. His father disappeared and his mother died. It was during the 1870's and 1880's that the yellow fever struck the area. Some of the deaths could have been caused by this fever.

The writer could not help being touched by the sadness of the life of Sarah Ann McMurray. Her marriages were touched by the death and disappearances of her husbands and her first born. The legend is that this son, John Wesley Smith, was gambling in Sumter County, AL and won a horse from another man. The man later charged John Wesley with stealing his horse. This charge was also noted in the Liberty Baptist Church minutes. The family was never able to learn what really happened to John Wesley.

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The writer has viewed a letter from Sarah Ann to her brother George in Texas regarding her son, John Wesley. She was concerned about him and seeking advice from her brother on the raising of her son.

In reviewing her life from scant records, one can reason that she was no doubt a sad person prior to her death. She was never able to build her own family. But out of this sadness came her last son who became very successful, and the writer feels sure that Sarah Ann would have been proud of him had she lived.

Houston Sutter, as stated above, was raised by his mother's brother and sister. Down through the years, Houston Sutter was close to these two people and visited them often until their deaths.

In 1908 Houston Sutter married Bertha Gertrude Boswell, daughter of Kinsey Commie and Nancy Jane Culpepper Goodwyn Boswell.

Bertha Gertrude Boswell Sutter was the granddaughter of Kinsey W. and Bell Zora Hunt Boswell and Ambrose and Mary Culpepper. After their marriage they remained in the Alamucha area for awhile and then moved to Whynot and lived in the old Mack Booker home (the present residence of Winfred Shirley). Their children were:

1. Stancil, who married Mary Louise Leary.
2. Hortense, who married John L. McRae and 2nd Lashe Phillips.
3. Anita, who married George Allen.
4. H.S., twin to Gertrude. He married Mary Ellis Lucr,
5. Gertrude, twin to H.S. She married J.B. Phillips.

Mr. Houston Sutter was an enterprising man and worked hard to become a successful business man in the fields of real estate and merchandising which resulted in his owning of property in both Whynot and Meridian. Mr. Sutter purchased the old first building of the Whynot Consolidated High School of which some of the lumber was used to build homes in Meridian.

Today the only descendants actually living in Whynot are Mary Louise Leary Sutter, the widow of Mr. Sutter's son Stancil, and two of her children, Judy Sutter Creel and Mike.

The writer has memories of the old Sutter store when Mr. & Mrs. Sutter operated it. The store had a bit of everything. Their was the old stove that folks gathered around in cold weather using some rocking chairs and some straight chairs. The store was a gathering place with many tall tales being told.

The writer also has memories of the time when the store was operated by Mr. Sutter's daughter Hortense - the writer visiting the store when he came home on leave from the Navy.

THE THOMAS FAMILY

The Thomas family lived in the area of Miller's Lane which lies between old Whynot and present-day Whynot.

1900 Census, Lauderdale County, MS

C. J. Thomas (Lum)	born 1861 in AL. His name was probably Columbus J.
Melissa S.	born 1872 in AL
Oscar C.	born 1887, died 1945, buried at Bethany.
Lula O.	born 1889
Mannie R.	born 1891
Ruth M.	born 1893
Mary E.	born 1896 (This may be May E.)
Charlie J.	born 1899; married Josie Reese 12/24/1925 in Whynot Methodist Church.

C. J. Thomas, born 10/12/1861, died 10/2/1922, is buried in Bethany Baptist Church Cemetery. In 1911 he owned land in Section 1, Township 5, Range 18E (old Whynot).

Other Thomas' in the area are reflected as members of the Whynot Methodist Church (list not dated):

C. J. Thomas (Charley J.) was the son of Lum Thomas. Charley Thomas' wife was Luna Butler, daughter of Jesse Wilson and Alma Robinson Butler.

One John Thomas operated a store in Miller's Lane. The store, according to Mrs. Myra Culpepper Goodman, was located on the road that led to the William Clark place just off Highway 19E. In other words, the store was not on or facing the highway but a short distance north of Highway 19E.

1885 School Census for Beat 5

Father: J. M. Thomas

Children:

Rosey, 18, born 1867

Sallie, 16, born 1869

Amanda, 12, born 1873

Allissa, 7, born 1878

The Lum Thomas children, Jewel, May, Charley and Ruth, attended school in the old Whynot School.

Charles J. Thomas and J. M. Thomas may have been brothers as their children were born in about the same time frame. The above J.M. possibly was John M. Thomas who married Jewel Fuller, and the John Thomas who operated the store in Miller's Lane.

These Thomas' probably arrived in the Whynot area from Alabama sometime in the 1890's.

The writer regrets that additional information could not be found. Apparently descendants of these Thomas' removed from the area.

THE REUBEN THOMPSON FAMILY

According to the 1840 census of Lauderdale County, MS, Reuben Thompson was in the southeast section of Beat 5 (Antioch area) in 1840. He was over 70 years of age, born 1770, and his wife was over 60 years of age, born 1780. In this household there were two other males, one over 20 years and one over 50 years. There was another female over 40 years of age. These Thompson were in the county by 1838 as Reuben Thompson paid tax on three slaves that year. The male over 70 years of age and the female over 60 probably were the parents of Reuben J. Thompson, born 1800 (see below).

1850 Census of Whynot

Reuben J. Thompson	50, born 1800 in GA. Married Martha Jones in Washington County, AL, on 12/18/1834.
Martha H.	48, born in SC
Reuben P.	19, born 1831 in AL
J. B.	17, born 1833 in MS
Napolean B.	15
Ienens (Stevens?) K.	no age given
Mary J.	14, born 1836
Sarah O.	12
Josephine	9

Next door to the above Reuben J.:

Robert Thompson	68, born 1782 in NC
Nancy	38
Amelia	31
Virginia	28
Safronia	26
Columbia	24
John	20

This Robert Thompson probably was a brother to the above Reuben Thompson, born 1770, and an uncle to Reuben J. Thompson, born 1800. Reuben J. Thompson's parents were apparently deceased by 1850. They may have been buried in the old Hunter Cemetery or the Antioch Cemetery.

1860 Census, Whynot

R. J. Thompson	60, born in GA; farmer.
Martha	58, born in SC
John (B.)	28, born in MS
Marcus	15, born in MS

In 1880, R.J. Thompson was deceased and Martha was in the household of her son, John B. Thompson whose wife may have been Mary Smith. Mary J. Thompson, daughter of John B., married John

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W. Gough. Mary J's sister, Ellener L., married Joseph Brown who was the son of John Willis Brown, father of Lude Brown Clark.

Reuben J. Thompson, as best as can be figured, died about 1878 at the age of 78 years.

Reuben P. Thompson, born 1831, was the son of Reuben J. Thompson. Some of R. P. Thompson's children were J. R., J. W., and Florence.

These Thompsons lived in the area north and east of the present residence of Lorraine McRae.

Reuben P. Thompson married second to Mollie Means, half-sister to T. A. Means, Jr. In 1900 he was riding in his buggy down a hill just north of the old T.A. Means place when some children jumped out of a dugout space in the bank of the road. This frightened the horse and as a result Reuben P. Thompson fell out of the buggy and broke his neck. At the time of his death, he and his wife, Molly, were living in the house which is located on top of a hill where he was killed. The writer remembers this old house when an elderly black couple lived there. He also remembers their fire place where they cooked their food. This house was on the old road to Alamucha from Whynot before it was straightened and when it passed the home of James and Cynthia Nettles before turning back into the main road of today.

Mollie Means Thompson spent her last days in the home of her half-brother, T. A. Means. Both she and Reuben P. Thompson are buried at Bethany. The Thompsons were early members of the Bethany Baptist Church as well as early settlers in the Whynot area.

THE TIMS FAMILY

There was an Ed Tims, a Jack Tims, and a Odle Tims in the Whynot area. At first the writer thought they were not related but additional research indicated that they were.

Mr. Ed Tims, who lived with his wife, "Miss Weesie" in a big white house (still standing) next door to the Ponds, is well remembered by the writer. Mr. Ed, like several others in the community, could at will use frank and forceful language in the four letter form. The writer remembers one day when he was at Mr. Ed's home. Mr. Ed (who had just purchased a new T-model Ford) was going to show all present how he could back the car into the garage. The T-model had a clutch pedal on the left of the floor board, a brake on the right, and a little pedal in the center for reverse purposes. Mr. Ed was doing fine until he forgot to take his foot off the small center pedal and place the foot on the brake. He and his new car went right through the back wall of the garage. Mr. Ed, not to be outdone, cut loose with a series of choice words about the manufacturers of vehicles and their inability to build a workable car..

Mr. Ed, born in 1871, married Mary L cutiae.. Culpepper. Miss Weesie was a sister to John Culpepper who married Octavia Rawlings (parents of Verdie Culpepper Gibson).

Mr. Ed and Miss Weesie's only child was a son, Ernest Brit Tims. The name "Brit" may give a hint or lead to the maiden name of Mr. Ed's mother or grandmother. Ernest Brit Tims married Josephine (Jodie) Gough, daughter of John W. and Mary Thompson Gough. Brit and Jodie were the parents of two daughters, Louise and Hazel. This family lived near Mr. Ed Tims and the writer was often a visitor at their home.

Hazel Tims Walters remembers that Mr. Ed (her grandfather) had a sister (June) who married ? Haguewood from the Center Grove area. At times this sister visited Mr. Ed and Miss Weesie.

In 1909 Ed D. Tims owned 80 acres of land in Section 29, Township 5, Range 18E and 58 acres of land in Section 32, Township 5, Range 18E. The 58 acres were next door to J. B. Tims and T. M. Morgan. This land is located in south Whynot in the vicinity of the old T. M. Morgan place (now Vaughn's) and near the Clarke County, MS, line.

While there is no real proof, the father of Edd (Ed) D? Tims was most probably James B. (Brit) Tims, born 1845, who was the son of John Tims, born 1816 in South Carolina, and his wife Jane Brit? Tims, born 1820 in Tennessee.

Evidence points to Jack Tims, born 2/2/1875, died 2/4/1935, as the son of William A. J. (Andrew Jackson?) Tims, born 1841 who was a brother to the above James B. Tims, born 1845.

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The above would make Edd Tims and Jack Tims first cousins. The above Tims families were in Choctaw County, AL, in 1850, and some were later members of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church where some family members are buried.

One Jacob Mancell Tims married Sally Boutwell, most likely in Choctaw County, AL, sometime in the early 1880's or perhaps about 1885. The names of their parents are unknown. Mancell and Sally Boutwell Tims' children were (not in order of birth):

1. Evie, married Howard Fuller; one child, a son Ira.
2. John Leston, born 10/5/1889, died 4/7/1976. He married Addie Fuller. Their children were:
 - a. Mae, married first Davidson and second Reece.
 - b. Reta, married William Davidson.
 - c. Lelola, married first Davidson and second Rex Robinson.
3. Odie Mancell, born 1891, died 1953. He served in World War I and received medals for bravery. He was wounded in the Battle of Argonne Forest. He served once as a member of a firing squad to carry out a death sentence of which memories remained with him all his life. Towards the end of the conflict, he was gassed with mustard gas from which he never fully recovered.

In 1919 he married Rilla Fuller (born 1900, died 1951). The family first lived in the area of Cyril, AL, where Odie Tims worked for the railroad bringing timber to the lumber mill at Riderwood, AL. They were the parents of Byron and Almagene, who married Sam Culpepper. When their daughter Almagene was two years old, the family moved to Whynot and lived in the old Lamar Shirley house for four years. At that time Odie Tims moved to the old George W. Goodwyn home which he later purchased.

4. Daisy, married Dr. Andrew Jackson Reese. Their children were Grace (McNeal), A.J. Jr., Loy, Ray, Nadine (Scruggs), Opal (Graham), Janell (Tomson) and Bryant.
5. Carrie, married Ed Griffin. She died at age 101.
6. Bertha, married Gene Barr. There were no children. He died at age 33.
7. Mary, never married.
8. Ray, never married.
9. Donnie, married Herman Stewart; children were Robbie, Ernest (killed in WWII), Sylvia married a Mathis.

This Tims family attended the Antioch Baptist Church located between Quitman, MS, and Butler, AL, and many of them are buried in the Antioch Cemetery. The John Leston Tims family were later members of the Bethany Baptist Church.

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Jack Tims, born 2/2/1875, died 2/4/1935, married Ida McRae, daughter of Joseph McRae. Their only child was a daughter, Mamie, who married ? Fisher. Missouri Tims was a sister to Jack Tims.

Much research is needed to connect the Tims families as they all were probably related.

Ed Tims and Jack Tims were related as first cousins, but Jacob Mancell and his son, Odle Mancell, while claiming kinship had to be more distant kin.

Almagene Tims Culpepper is the only known Tims descendant presently living in the Whynot area (1992). The writer appreciates Almagene's assistance in the writing of this history.

The writer also appreciates the help from Hazel Tims Walters and deeply regrets to report the death of Louise Tims McLemore in 1992 before this history went to press. There are memories of Louise and Hazel riding the school bus with the writer.

THE THOMAS VAUGHN FAMILY

The Vaughns came to the area of Whynot through Alabama from South Carolina. They were in the area before 1850.

Thomas Vaughn, great-great-great grandfather to Charles Vaughn, first lived in the area north of the Whynot Loop. He was in the same area as were the Goodwyns, Hunters, Robinsons and others. Elizabeth Vaughn married Thomas H. Goodwyn, the great grandfather of Howard Goodwyn. She could possibly have been a sister to the above Thomas Vaughn. According to the 1850 census, Thomas Vaughn was in Clarke County, MS, in Beat 3, probably close to the Lauderdale County line.

The Vaughns were perhaps among the first settlers since, according to the 1830 Choctaw Indian census, there were Vaughns living among and alongside of the Choctaw Indians.

By 1860 the following were in this Thomas Vaughn household:

Thomas Vaughn	60, born 1800 in SC. Great-great-great grandfather to Charles Vaughn.
Mary	50, born 1810 in SC. It is thought this Mary married second W.H. Robinson in 1864 after Thomas's death.
Archie P.	22, born 1838 in AL. In 1863 he married Amanda Robinson, thought to be sister to Haney Robinson.
Mary M.	18, born 1842 in AL

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Joseph Vaughn	34, born 1826 in SC. This Joseph was the son of the above Thomas. Joseph later came to the Whynot area from Alabama after Thomas's arrival.
Lucy J.	30, born 1830 in AL
Benjamin W.	15, born 1845 in AL
Thomas W.	7, born 1853 in AL

On 8/18/1855 this Joseph and Lucy were received in the Ebenezer Baptist Church from Concord Church in Dallas County, AL. Joseph and Lucy received letters of dismissal from Ebenezer Church in April, 1859.

1870 Census

Thomas Vaughn	50, born 1820 in AL. This is the son of the above Thomas, born 1800, and brother to the above Joseph, born 1826. This Thomas is the great-great grandfather of Charles Vaughn.
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Harriett	40, born 1830 in AL. Her maiden name is thought to have been Mason.
Charles (Napolen)	16, born 1854 in AL. Married Lucretia Robinson, daughter of Louis H. (Haney) and Martha Shannon Robinson. This Charles is great grandfather to Charles Vaughn.
Beulah	13, born in AL
Chester	10, born in AL
Emma	7, born in AL
Ellen	5, born in AL
John	3/12, born in AL
Mary Mason	40, born in AL. She is thought to be Harriett's twin sister whom the above Thomas married after Harriett's death.

The Vaughn family has remained in the Whynot area since their arrival.

The Harriett and Mary Mason may have been related to the Benjamin F. Mason, Sr., family of Whynot.

Luther Vaughn, son of Charles and Lucretia Robinson Vaughn, married Mattie Shannon, daughter of Sam and Isabella Gough Shannon. One of Luther and Mattie's children was Earl, who married Florene Goodman.

The writer remembers that Florene Goodman Vaughn looked after him when he first commenced school - even though she was only a few years older than the writer. It was the beginning of a close relationship which remains in place today.

THE WALKER FAMILY 1850 Census, Lauderdale County, MS

Walker, John G.	53, born 1797 in GA; farmer
Elizabeth A.	52, born in AL
William A.	15, born 1835 in AL
Jasper W.	13, born in AL
Martha A.	10, born 1840 in AL

This family was living next to Isaac M. Hunter in the Whynot area.

Nothing more could be found on this family, and it could be that they moved across the Alabama line into Choctaw County, AL.

THE WALLACE FAMILY

1850 Census, Lauderdale County, MS, Whynot Area.

Daniel C. Wallace	36, born 4/8/1813 in GA; farmer; died 12/18/1899
Mary D.	36, born 1814 in AL
Martha E.	7, born in AL
William H.	4, born 1846 in MS
Selila J.	2, born in MS
N.A. Spinks	23, born 1829 in GA; farmer

Daniel C. Wallace, according to the Lauderdale County Agricultural Schedule of 1850, was living in the Hurricane Creek area. Some of his neighbors were Dempsey Blanks, R.J. Thompson, James McRae, and Daniel Reynolds, Sr.

He owned 40 acres of improved land, 120 acres of unimproved land, 1 horse, 3 milk cows, 2 working oxen, 9 sheep, 40 swine, 600 bushels of Indian corn, 7 bales of cotton, and 40 bushels of sweet potatoes.

1860 Census, Lauderdale County, MS

D.C. (Daniel) Wallace	47, born 1813 in GA
Lavina (G)	32, born 2/10/1828 in,A; died 2/5/1952.
William H.	14, born 1846 in MS
L. (male)	11, born 1849 in MS
Ruth A. (Almeda)	2, born 1858 in MS
Alice M. (Minerva)	1, born 1859 in MS
M.G. McDonald	18, born 1842

Mary D. Wallace died in the 1850's as Daniel was remarried to a Lavina in 1860. The M. G. McDonald may have been a brother to Lavina or possibly could have been her son by a previous marriage.

The Martha E., age 7 in 1850, could have been married by 1860.

This census is extremely difficult to read and in some instances impossible. Continuing with the same census:

Raleigh Wallace	30, born 1830 in NC (Moore County); farmer
Elizabeth	29, born in GA (Harris County)
Lawson	8, born in AL
Jasper	1, born in MS

This family arrived in Lauderdale County, MS, in about 1859.

It is unknown if this Raleigh was related to the Dan Wallace family or not. Chances are they were, arriving in the area after the arrival of the Dan Wallace family in the middle 1840's.

THE WALLACE FAMILY

1870 Census, Lauderdale County, MS, Whynot Area

Daniel Wallace	57, born 1813-14 in GA
Lavenia	42, born 1828 in VA
James M.	14, born 1/23/1856 in MS; died 4/16/1940.
Almeda (Ruth A.)	12, born in MS
Minerva (Alice M.)	10, born in MS
John H.	8, born 6/30/1862 in MS; died 3/23/1948.
Frites Cleaber	50, born 1820 in Denmark. Buried at Bethany. It is unknown if this Cleaber was related to the family or was a hired hand. He may have been kin to Lavenia, possibly a brother, for on the census record he was listed as "family".

Nearby was William Wallace, 25, born 1845-46 in MS, son of Daniel, with his wife, Penelopy, age 35, and son (Elech), age 2.

1885 Lauderdale County School Census

L. Wallace, son of Daniel who was 11 years old in 1860, born 1849, with his children, Minnie 13, and Acy 10.

On the same census there is an H. Wallace with sons: James E., age 17, born 1868; Daniel H., age 14, born 1870; and daughter, Mary S., age 8, born 1877. This H. Wallace was Daniel Wallace's son, William H. Wallace.

On the 1910 census for Beat 5, there is a Jim M. Wallace listed as living in the Whynot area. This would be James M. Wallace, born 1856, son of Daniel Wallace, Sr. In 1938 he was serving as treasurer for the Bethany Masonic Lodge, while Daniel F. Wallace was serving as Lodge secretary.

One of the old Wallace homes is still standing near the residence of Parker Shannon. It is referred to as the old Dan Wallace home and is owned by Johnny Rex Shannon.

1950 Census, Choctaw County, AL - Family #23

James Wallace	64, born 1786 in GA; planter; real estate \$100
Nancy	61, born in GA
Elizabeth	30, born in GA
Parthenia	10/12, born in GA (granddaughter)

With this Wallace being born in 1786, there is the possibility that he, James Wallace, may have been the father of Daniel C. Wallace. Daniel Wallace named a son James.

THE ASA WALLER FAMILY

It is unknown when Asa Waller was born. It is known that he married Margaret Sloan, who was born 9/12/1799, died 10/12/1881, and buried at Concord Baptist Church Cemetery at Yantley. Margaret Sloan's brother may have been William Sloan. Margaret Sloan was a charter member of the Concord Baptist Church at Yantley, AL.

On 8/22/1852, one of their daughters, Celia J. Waller, married Rev. Mathis Woolf, an early Baptist minister. After his death, she married William Darias Chatham.

Other possible children of Asa and Margaret Sloan Waller were:

1. Joseph, who married Caroline Hagwood on 10/2/1866. They were members of Buckatunna Baptist Church in 1886. Caroline Hagwood was the daughter of Willis Hagwood. She is buried at Center Grove.

2. Jim, (wife unknown), had two daughters: M. Elizabeth, who married James Allen Butler; and Sarah M., who married William M. Miller.

3. Robert, who was in the household of James L. Blanks in 1870 as a laborer, 32 years old, born 1838 in Alabama. Robert Waller married Margaret J. Buckalew on 1/7/1879. She was a member of Buckatunna Baptist Church until about 1870. In 1885 Robert Waller was guardian to Eller Phillips, age 14, and Mary Phillips, age 11. One of Robert's sons, J. M., born 3/9/1881, died 11/1881, is buried in the Concord Cemetery. This would further indicate the Waller's church was Concord. Robert enlisted in the Confederate Army in Clarke County, MS, and served in Company H, 8th Mississippi Regiment. He was discharged in 1865 from Rock Island Prison in Illinois; he was in the Union prison camp for about 30 days. His occupation was carpentry. On 7/20/1909 he applied for a Confederate pension. He lived in a rented house and had four sons and one daughter. He had the use of only one eye.

Robert died on 10/16/1914 and his wife, Margaret J., drew a widow's pension. On 9/27/1915 she was living with her son, W.M. Waller, at 1815 19th Avenue in Meridian. Robert's daughter, Maggie W., married Jim Harden Culpepper. They were the parents of Myra Culpepper who married Sam Goodman. Margaret J. Buckalew Waller's parents are unknown. She may have been the daughter of William and Sarah Buckalew who were members of Buckatunna Baptist Church.

4. Winston, was a member of Bethany Baptist Church.

5. Henrietta Waller Kemp and Fannie J. Waller may have been daughters of Asa Waller.

It appears that there was only one set of Wallers in the Whynot area.

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Legend has it that Asa Waller buried his gold during the Civil War period. He lived in the Hurricane Creek area near the Alabama State Line. Legend has it that no gold was ever found. It is unknown if Asa Waller actually owned any land as no land record of any type was found. There may be records on him in Clarke County, MS, or Choctaw County, AL.

Asa Waller died prior to 1880 as Margaret, his wife, was head of her household with a Mary E. Waller with her. Nearby was another Margaret Waller.

Margaret Sloan Waller was born 9/12/1799 and died October 12, 1881. She is buried in the Concord Cemetery at Yantley, AL. Asa is probably buried beside her in an unmarked grave.

THE WARD FAMILY

Little is known about the Daniel Ward family which was in the Whynot area by 1860. They were still in the area in 1870 but apparently left the area sometime after 1885.

1860 Census of Lauderdale County, MS

Daniel Ward	28, born 1832
Sarah A.	25
Sarah F.	8, born 1852
George	7, born 1853
Mary	6, born 1854
John	2, born 1858

1870 Census of Lauderdale County, Whynot

Daniel Ward	40, born 1830 in MS
Sarina	48, born 1822 in MS
Kitty	21, born 1849 in MS
Tommy	21, born 1849 in MS
Mary	18, born 1852 in MS
Elisha	11, born 1859 in MS
William	6/12, born 1870

Next door

George Ward	19, born 1851 in MS
Melissa	21, born in MS

The above George Ward was the son of Daniel and Sarah A. Ward

These Wards in 1860 and 1870 were living near Willis Hagwood in the Hurricane Creek/Antioch area. In 1870 the above John Ward, born 1858, was in the household of Benjamin and Sarah Ward Hagwood. This Sarah was the daughter of Daniel Ward and sister to the John Ward born 1858.

No further record could be found of their family remaining in the Whynot area.

THE DEWITT WHITE FAMILY

Records reflect that there were two different families of Whites who relocated in Lauderdale County, MS, in the early days of the 1840's. One family was that of John White of North Carolina who had a son David. The other other White family was descended from the Rev. Moses B. White who was born in South Carolina in 1785. He was a Baptist minister and at one time served as minister of the Salem Baptist Church at Alamucha. It is from this second line that the Dewitt White family of Whynot descends.

The name of the wife of Rev. Moses B. White was Elizabeth (maiden name unknown). They were probably married in Georgia sometime around 1788.

Rev. Moses B. White had a brother, Rev. Cyrus White, who was born in 1783 in South Carolina and who also came to Lauderdale County, MS. He married Verlinda Harvey in Georgia and taught school in Jasper County, GA, and Lee County, GA, before coming to Lauderdale County, MS.

These Whites came from South Carolina through Georgia and Alabama to Lauderdale County arriving after the signing of the Choctaw Indian Treaty of 1830. Rev. Moses B. White may have been a brother to William V. White who was in the Alamucha/Mt. Gilead area early. The children of Rev. Moses B. White were:

1. William Valentine Hosey, born 1818, died 1886. He first married Sarah M. White, daughter of William V. White (first cousin?).
2. Elizabeth D. M., born around 1824. Nothing else is known.
3. Sarena J. S., born around 1826, married Elias Barfield. (See Barfield family history in Lauderdale Department of Archives and History.)
4. Ghasky C. M., born around 1830, the second wife of Robert Brown. There was no issue.
5. Catherine V. P., born 1832, married first John Welch and second James ? Blanks.
6. Unknown daughter who married Alford Sims.

It appears to the writer that these Whites may have come from Georgia with the Sims family. There are a number of Sims-White marriages, and the Sims were in the Alamucha/Mt. Gilead area. One marriage of note was that of the writer's great-great-grandmother, Lucy A. White to George W. (A?) Sims in 1846. While the writer has no proof, he firmly believes that Lucy A. White, born 1821, was the daughter of Moses B. White. She was not the daughter of William V. or Rev. Cyrus White. (See Sims history.) Lucy and George had a daughter Ann who married Ira Bird Coker.

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Following William V. H. White, son of Rev. Moses B. White, we find that he first married Sarah M. White in 1844 in Lauderdale County BK. A164. Their children were:

1. Albinia Stanhope, born 1846, died 1879, married Robert Pierce.
2. Anna, born 1847
3. Elizabeth, born 1851. Died young.
4. William Vernon (Bud), born 1855, died 1923, married Fannie Elizabeth Satcher.

William V. H. White married second Mrs. Elizabeth Rogers whom he divorced in 1885 after about 30 years of marriage. Their children were:

1. Moses D., born 1858, may have died young.
2. Mary Catherine, born 1860.
3. Cyrus, born 1862, died 1906, married Sallie V. Pack. This Cyrus was the father of Dewitt White of Whynot.
4. Infant twin to Cyrus. The child died at birth.
5. Ghaskey, married J. W. Ellison in 1885. No issue.

The Sally V. Pack, wife of Cyrus above, was the daughter of Elijah E. and Elizabeth Boswell Pack. She was born 7/18/1882. E.E. Pack first married Sarah S. Webb, born 5/8/1834, died 5/13/1855. He married second Elizabeth Boswell, daughter of Asa and Winnie Stinson Boswell. (See Boswell history.) E.E. lost his life in the Civil War. Elizabeth and her daughter, Sallie, were in her mother's (Winnie) home in 1880.

Elizabeth and E. E. also had a daughter Winnie who married Thomas Moody Sims who was the son of William A. and Sarah B. Moody Sims This William A. Sims was a brother to George W. Sims who married Lucy A. White in 1846 in Lauderdale County, MS.

Buried in Rawson Cemetery, Mt. Gilead area are:
Cyrus White, born 1/19/1862, died 6/18/1906 at 43 years of age.
Sallie V. (Pack) White, born 5/8/1861, died 11/20/1914 at 53 years of age.

The children of Cyrus and Elizabeth Pack White were:

1. Alabama, married David Merritt.
2. Elizabeth, married Wade Young.

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3. Dewitt, born around 1886, died 1951, married Warrene Reynolds, born 1896, died 1985. She was the daughter of Seaborn R. and Elizabeth J. (Betty Sebe) Williams Reynolds. (See Reynolds History.) Their children were:

- a. Grace, married Bernard Knight.
- b. Marguerite, married Julian Knight, deceased 1993.
- c. Leo Dewitt, married Edwina Hughes, deceased 1993.
- d. Cyrus R., married Mary Smith.
- e. Robert A., married Virginia Sanders.
- f. Mabel, married Earl W. Pigford, Jr.
- g. Billy E., married Edith Riley.
- h. Jack R., married Carolyn Weeks.
- i. Mildred, never married.

The Dewitt White family lived in what was known at one time as the Blankstown area of Whynot, and the children attended the Whynot Consolidated High School. One son, Cyrus, apparently named after his grandfather, graduated from the high school in 1940 along with the writer. Both Cyrus and his brother Dee were known for their expertise in the playing of basket ball.

4. Judson V., married Mary Turner, buried at Butler, AL.
5. Aaron, married Katie M. Brook (Brock?)
6. Kittie, married Fred Little.
7. Ethel, married Robert Platt; lived in Marion, LA.
8. John, experienced poor health, never married.

THE WILKERSON FAMILY

John W. Wilkerson joined the Salem Baptist Church in October of 1848. He received a letter of dismissal in December of 1856. In 1858 he married second Iva A. Robinson, daughter of William H. and Frances Henley Robinson.

1860 Census of Lauderdale County, MS

Mary (Glass) Wilkerson	28, born 1832
Nancy	4, born 1856
Ann	3, born 1857; married Henry E. Dearman; parents of "Miss Ella".

Mary Glass married first to George Wilkerson, son of John W. Wilkerson. She married second to Jesse F. S. Dearman, Sr. Both are buried at Bethany. (See Dearman history.)

Nancy Wilkerson, known as "Aunt Nancy", never married. She was born 3/3/1856 and died 7/15/1937.

THE WILLIAMS FAMILY

Ned Williams, born about 1750, lived first in North Carolina where several children were born, one being Joseph Williams, born 1/29/1794. Joseph died in Lauderdale County, MS, on 8/20/1880, age 86 years, 6 months, 21 days. The Ned Williams family moved from North Carolina to Green County, AL, in 1824-25. From there they moved to Marengo County, AL.

It was in Marengo County that Joseph joined the Baptist church and was baptized by Elder Morian Ryan. Later he was ordained a deacon. When the division came between the missionary and anti-missionary factions, he sided with the anti-missionary faction and retained the Primitive Baptist faith thereafter.

This Joseph Williams was in the Antioch area early and no doubt was a member of the Bethel Primitive Church (Antioch).

On 3/15/1827 he was married to Sarah Crenshaw, very possibly in Marengo County, AL. They were married on her 18th birthday. Sarah Crenshaw was born in North Carolina on 3/15/1890. She was probably related to Rachael Crenshaw who married James Clark. (See Clark history.)

Joseph and Sarah were the parents of four boys and two girls all born in Alabama: Joel C., Charles W., Elizabeth, Eliza Ann, James L, and Samuel S. They lived in the old homestead in the southeast corner of Lauderdale County (Hurricane Creek-Yantley area) arriving in that area prior to 1850.

Joseph Lafayette (Fate) Williams, grandson of Joseph Williams, witnessed his grandfather's death as follows (Written on 5/29/1889):

Joseph straightened himself (in bed), folded his hands on his breast, closed his own eyes and mouth, then only a little drawing of the muscles of the face was noticeable and all was over.

Sarah followed Joseph in death four years and eleven months later at the age of 77. Both are buried at Antioch.

Eliza Ann, who was born 6/8/1837, married James L. Blanks on 11/16/1854. They were married by John Walker. Eliza Ann was charged with dancing by the Buckatunna Baptist Church in April, 1854, before her marriage on 11/16/1854. She gave the church a satisfactory report.

Eliza A. and James L. had a good-sized family, but by 1889 some of the children were deceased. One daughter, Ida, was killed in a horse gin by having her skull crushed between the area of the king wheel and stirrup that held up the band wheel. This Ida C. Blanks, born 10/12/1874, died 10/12/1881, is buried at Antioch.

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Eliza Ann and James L. Blanks had left the missionary church (regular Baptist) some years before 1889 and joined the anti-missionary church (Bethel Primitive Baptist Church - Antioch).

Another daughter of Joseph Williams was Elizabeth J., born 2/23/1835. She was married to David Powell on 2/21/1851 by B.F. Willis. Their home was in the northwest corner of Choctaw County, AL. It was there she died of cancer of the face on 12/19/1885 at the age of 49 years, 9 months, and 26 days. This family belonged to the missionary church - Concord Baptist Church at Yantley. The cancer that caused Elizabeth's death originated from a decayed tooth. It was a front tooth and she did not have it pulled. It inflamed, rose, and finally broke out under the right eye and began to eat the flesh from the nostril up causing much pain which terminated in her death. She is buried in the Concord Baptist Cemetery.

Joel C. Williams, son of Joseph, was born on 12/12/1827. He first married Esther Powell, a sister to Elizabeth (Lizzie) Powell. They lived on land in the west edge of Choctaw County, probably the Yantley area. In 1882 after they had been married for 31 years, she died at the residence of Dr. M.V. Miller (Dr. Sam Miller's father) apparently in Meridian.

Prior to her death, she and Joel left the missionary church and joined the anti-missionary church (Bethel Primitive Baptist Church - Antioch). After her death, Joel C. Williams married Margaret Griffin and became a minister of the Gospel on 12/9/1885. In 1889 they lived near Sucarnochee Station, MS, (Kemper County). He is buried at Antioch.

Another son of Joseph and Sarah Williams was James T., born 7/31/1839. He married Mattie Puckett of Choctaw, AL, on 11/26/1866. They were married by J.R. Ryan. They belonged to the anti-missionary church (Bethel Primitive Baptist). This James with his wife Martha, son Andrew, and daughter Sarah were living next door to his parents in 1870. He was a neighbor to Thomas Vaughn and L.H. (Haney) Robinson.

The last child of Joseph and Sara Williams was Samuel S., born 2/15/1842. He was married to Nancy Waller on 3/26/1862 by B.F. Willis. Nancy Waller was probably a daughter of Asa and Margaret Sloan Waller. Joseph and Nancy lived in the southeast corner of Lauderdale County and were the parents of a good-sized family with a number of children dying at an early age. They raised two boys and three girls.

1870 Census Choctaw County, AL, Page 65, Family #523

S.S. Williams	28, born in AL; farmer
Nancy	30, born in AL
Margaret Waller	71, born in NC; mother of Nancy.

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Next door to this family was Joseph Waller and his family. He was 26, born in Mississippi, son of Margaret Waller.

According to J.L. (Fate) Williams' report in 1889, Samuel honored and homored his parents in their last days, even in their most childish notions. Later, apparently after the death of his parents (prior to 1889), he and his family removed to Kemper County, MS.

NOTE: While Joseph Williams and Sarah Crenshaw were living in 1860, their children were not in their household. They were in the household of their daughter, Eliza, and her husband, J.L. Blanks. These were James, 21, and Samuel, 18. There was also a David Williams, 8, born 1852. There is no mention of this David in J. L. William's report. Perhaps David died young. One would wonder why these brothers of Eliza were in her household. Perhaps Joseph was no longer farming and J.L. Blanks was farming his land. Joseph and Sarah could have been very close to Eliza and thus the family was not separated.

Charles Washington Williams, son of Joseph and Sarah Crenshaw Williams, was born 8/23/1829 and was killed at Resacca, GA, near the Oostenaula River on 5/6/1864 while serving in the Civil War. His age was 34 years, 8 months, and 13 days. He is the father of Joseph L. (Fate) Williaams to whose writings the writer is referring.

Mr. Fate Williams, who was a half-brother to Mrs. Dave Carr, wrote of a letter from his Aunt Eliza Ann Williams who married James L. Blanks:

Hurricane Creek, April 30, 1889 Mr. J.L. Williams

My dear nephew - in complying with your request, I will say my dearly beloved brother, Charles W. Williams, was born Aug. 23, 1829. He was a good, kind brother - dutiful son of a good easy dispostion and of moral, sober temperament.

He always seemed to esteem it a great privilege to be able to accomodate all around him. Your mother can tell you more of him after his marriage than I can, but if I learn anything that will be of benefit to you, I will write to you...etc...etc...(the letter goes on)

Your affectionate aunt Eliza Blanks.

On 12/23/1856 Charles Washington Williams married Mary Ann Robinson, daughter of Ransom B. H. and Sarah Waldrop Robinson. To that union were born J.L. (Fate), Sallie, and Charles W. They resided in northwest Alabama until Charles Washington enlisted in the Confederate Army in March 1861. At that time, Mary Ann and

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the children went to live with her parents in Whynot until July, 1864.

On 8/2/1866 Mary Ann married second J. J. Mooney. They were the parents of: Beri (Berry); Viola; Leonara, who married a Pigford; Bettie, who married J.D. Reynolds; and Caludia, who married David (Dave) Carr. L. J. Mooney was a charter member of Mt. Zion in 1868.

Mary Ann Robinson Williams Mooney followed the missionary faith until her later years when she became associated with the anti-missionary church. Later she probably attended Concord Baptist Church and, still later, Bethel Primitive Baptist Church at Antioch.

It was with a great deal of interest that the writer learned from Mrs. Ethel Carr McRae that Mary Ann Robinson Williams Mooney was her grandmother. This Mary Ann was also the grandmother of Kate Carr Reynolds, a teacher of the writer while in the third grade at Whynot Consolidated School. She has been a very dear and helpful friend through the years. The writer would like all to know that "Miss Kate" helped shape the career of the writer, and that she is one of the most precious persons on the face of this earth. Her advice and guidance was always "right on". One of the many things she encouraged the writer to do was to write history.

THE WILLIS FAMILY

B. F. Willis was one of the first Baptist ministers in the Whynot area. He first lived in the area of the Libbeus Hunter family between Liberty and Whynot near the Alabama line.

In examining various church histories, it was noted that he was the minister of a number of churches - for example, he was the minister of the Salem Baptist Church on 9/11/1847.

1860 Census of Whynot

B. F. Willis	54, born 1806 in GA, Baptist minister.
Martha	53, born in GA
Paul J.	16
Benjamin	13
Florida	11

Next door

James D. Willis	37, born 1823 in GA; farmer
Laura	30, born in GA
Adeline E.	9
Martha J.	7
Mary	2

Nearby in the same census

C. C. Willis	42, born 1818 in GA; farmer, Per. Prop. \$7,200
Nancy	36, born in AL
Sarah M.	14
Bruce	11
John L.	8
Benjamin	5, born 1855
Docia L.	1

The above B. F., James D., and C. C. Willis were, no doubt, brothers. The C. C. or Cincinnati, and other Willis' owned slaves as there remain today in Whynot many blacks with the surname of Willis.

1870 Census of Whynot

Cincinnati Willis	50, born in AL; married second Amanda Robinson
Mandy (Amanda)	40, born 1830 in GA
Washington (Bruce)	21, born in MS
John C.	18
Benjamin	15, born 1855
Docia	12
Mary	11

THE WILLIS FAMILY

1880 Census of Lauderdale County, MS

Amanda Willis	49, born 1831 in GA
Bruce W. (stepson)	30, born in MS, married Margaret Ann Elizabeth (Lizzie) Coker, daughter of Levi Coker.
John S. (stepson)	24, born in MS Theodorcia (stepdaughter) 21, born in MS
Missouri C. (daughter)	9

C. C. Willis served in the Civil War. Amanda filed for a Confederate pension in 1897. She spent her last days in the household of her daughter at Eastville (near present-day Causeyville). Some members of the Willis family removed to Texas.

THE WINDERS FAMILY

The Winders family lived in the Antioch/Yantley area.

1850 Census of Choctaw County, AL

John Winders	48, born in NC; planter
Sarah	43
William H.	13, married Sarah E. Willis on 11/30/1865 by John R. Ryan, M. G. Probably daughter of C. C. Willis.
John D.	11
Edward	9
Nancy	7
Sarah	5
Mary	4

In 1865 the above Sarah, wife of John Winders, was a charter member of Concord Baptist Church, Yantley, AL. William H. was a member of the Whynot Methodist Church on 5/8/1894.

It appears that most of the above family removed from the area prior to 1880.

1880 Census of Lauderdale County, MS

William Winders (W. H.)	45, born in NC
Sarah A. (Willis)	32, born in NC
Nancy E.	13, born in AL
Alma A.	10, born 1870 in MS
Martin D.	7, born in MS
Henry W. L.	6, born in MS
Ida F.	3, born in MS
Maggie	1, born in MS

The above Nancy E. married J. E. McKinney in 1889 and was the mother of Lee McKinney. Ida F. married Cadmus M. Wesson. Both are buried at Coker's Chapel at Vimville.

While there are early records of this family, no extensive research was performed.

The Winders family was like a number of other families who lived near the Alabama state line as well as the Clarke County, MS, line. Records could be in Choctaw County, AL, Clarke County, MS, and also in Lauderdale County, MS.

The writer did not find any living descendants of the Winders family in the Whynot area in 1991.

Correction
J.L. Mitchell Family

Addendum Page 158

To: Leven Culpepper

From: Paul Ford > Grt. grandson of Joseph Linear Mitchell
Dwelling 38 - Family No. 38
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* Miss Mattie Mitchell was the daughter of Joseph L. Mitchell (shown as age 11). Dovey M. was the ~~sister~~ sister to Joseph L.'s father (~~Robert G. Mitchell~~). The 1870 Census depicts all the people (related & non related) residing in Dwelling 38. Robert G. Mitchell had only 2 kids - Joseph L. & Dovey Mae. Dovey married a Scripps. " "

Joseph Linear Mitchell - Sarah Emily Coats

- 1. Wm. Arthur
 - 2. Sara Alice Mitchell
 - 3. Sara Virginia " B. 1890
 - 4. Carrie Estelle " B. 1892
 - 5. Mattie Viola " B. 1899
 - 6. Robert Luther B. 1901
 - 7. Ora Mae Mitchell B. 1904
- Mother & Wm. Carrie died together from a measles epidemic in 1906.

So 1870 Census lists residents living in Dwelling 38 but they are not all related to Robt. G. & Ellen L. They just live in the same house -

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