February 11, 1993

Dear Mr. Dawson

I purchased your History of Whynot, Vol.I while I was in Meridian over the Christmas holidays. I found it very interesting and will look forward to the next volume. My grandfather and grandmother lived in the Whynot area. His name was Dr. Stephen B. Harmon and was referenced on page 55 of your book. My grandmother's name was Cora Pigford, daughter of Timothy D. Pigford and Catherine Satcher. She was born in Whynot in 1866. Dr. Harmon was born in Alabama and served as a Doctor in the Whynot and Zero area. I have enclosed some information about Dr. and Mrs. Harmon for your review. I would appreciate any additional information you may have on the Harmon's.

I enjoyed the book very much. My youngest son and I visited the Vimville cemetery where Dr Harmon and some members of his family are buried. He just asked me where Whynot is and I told him down the road from Vimville a few miles. Next time over, I'll have to show him the town. I retired from A.T.&T. in December of 1989. While working for that company in Meridian, I spent considerable time in the microwave station located just south of Whynot.

I have also enclosed a copy of a photograph of the Harmon' family home in Whynot. The picture was taken in the late 1890's. Included in the picture along with the Harmon family is a Mrs. Helen Edwards, who was Dr. Harmon's sister.

Please let me know when the next Volume will be available.

Sincerely

Stephen Harmon Dearman

437 Angie Way

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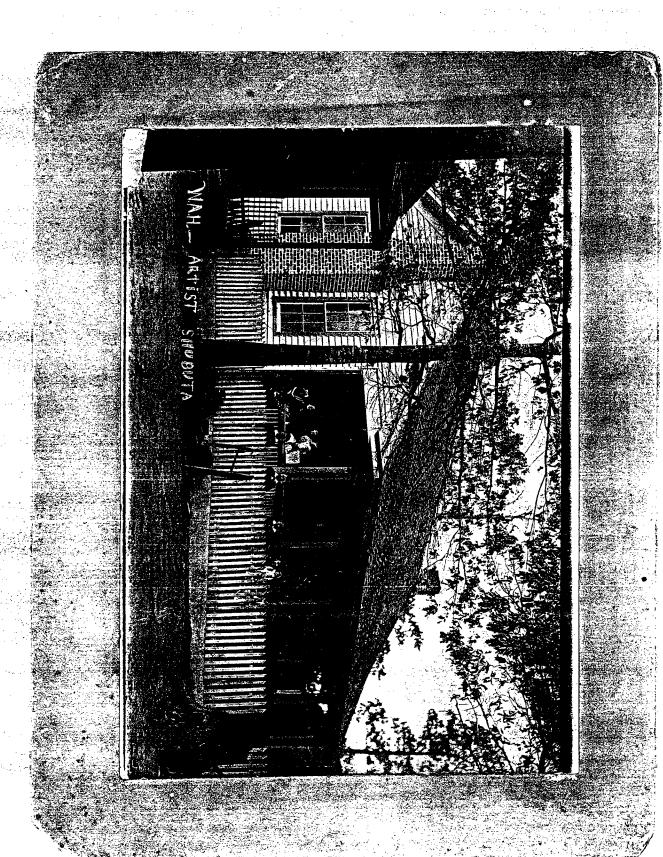


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Among the respected physicians of Lauderdale county, Miss., may be mentioned Dr. S. B. Harmon, who has devoted the greater part of his life to healing the sick, and for his many kindly deeds has received a portion of his reward in this world, for he has the confidence, respect and love of his fellowmen and the consciousness that he has driven sorrow and despair from many homes by his skill and talent as a physician. He was born in Alabama in 1850, attended the common schools in his youth, and grew up on a farm. entered the Alabama medical college at Mobile, and for four years practiced his profession in that state and Lauderdale county, Miss., but in 1881, in order to more thoroughly fit himself for that calling, he entered the medical department of the University of Kentucky at Louisville, from which he took the degree of M. D., and has since been one of the first-class practitioners of this county. He owns between seven and eight hundred acres of fine farming land, on a considerable portion of which is heavy timber (the longleaf pine) which he This is located twelve miles east of Meridian, on the Meridian and is engaged in milling. Butler road, and is considered exceptionally valuable land. In 1882 he took for his wife Miss Cora M. Pigford, of Lauderdale county, Miss., and their union has been blessed in the birth of four children: Stephen M., Thomas C., Charles H. and Miriam Kate. Mr. and Mrs. Harmon are members of the Methodist church, and in his political views he is a democrat, taking an active interest in politics. He is a model citizen in every respect, is kind of heart and liberal in the use of his means. His father, John N. Harmon, was born in the Palmetto state about 1816, and in 1843 was married to Mrs. Wallace (formerly Miss M. B. Nelson, of North Carolina), whose birth occurred in 1829. He died in 1886, but Mrs. Harmon still survives him, being a resident of Marion, Miss.

A history of Covington county would not be complete without mention of Alexander S. Harper, Santee, Covington county, Miss., who was born in Wilkinson county, Miss., in 1807, In 1817 he removed with his parents to Marion county, Miss., and there resided until he was twenty-five years of age. He then came to Covington county, and has since made it his home. His father, Samuel Harper, was a native of Georgia, and was a soldier in the war of 1812. He was a son of Alexander Harper who was brought by his parents during his infancy from Ireland to South Carolina. Alexander S. Harper was educated in the common schools of Marion county. Soon after coming to Covington county he was elected a member



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DESCENDANTS OF LOST BILLIE

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the wife of Solomon Pigford is referred to as JERUSHA; whereas, the 1850 census of Lauderdale County Mississippi lists her name as LUCRETIA. It may be assumed, therefore, that her name was JERUSHA LUCRETIA.

I have found the census records quite helpful in tracing the Pigford family. However, the fact cannot be overlooked that some census records have been destroyed. The 1810 census record of North Carolina was burned by the British during the War of 1812.

In my efforts to determine if there were any Pigfords in the United States in 1790 (the year the first census was recorded) beyond the boundaries of the State of North Carolina I engaged a professional organization to examine the records of the original thirteen states. This research organization reported that the census records of six of the states had been burned by the British during the war of 1812. They were the states of Pelaware, Georgia, New Jersey, Tennessee, Kentucky and Virginia. In lieu of the census records the tax lists of the states of Kentucky and Virginia were examined with negative results, as were the census records of the states that were examined.

The 1790 census record of North Carolina lists only one Pigford as head of a household. He is William Pigford (Washington Government Printing Office 1908). Thus it would seem that in 1790 a William Pigford, Wilmington District, North Carolina was the only Pigford head of a household in North Carolina, and probably in the United States.

It should be remembered that decadal census records for 1790-1840 did not list the names of any occupants of a household except its head. The remainder of the occupants were classified as to sex and age groups, including those who might be outside the family group such as farm hands and others. Beginning with the census of 1850 all occupants were listed by name and with certain classified information included. These studies resulted in more definitive analyses.

Now, to return to Cevilla Clementine's story, a story which had sufficient facts to form a basis from which to expand know-ledge of the Pigford family. Her story was essentially as follows:

"Sometime between the years 1735 and 1745 a small ship-wrecked lad was found on the coast of North Carolina. He could tell only that his name was Billie Pigford and that he with his parents had sailed from England.

"The boy was taken into a Dutch family with whom he lived until he grew to manhood. He was always called Lost Billie. He married a woman of Dutch descent. They reared a family, the exact number of children, five sons whose names were William, Solomon, Jacob, Ned and Timothy; and one daughter who was called Patsey."

#### EARLY PIGFORDS IN AMERICA

Cevilla Clementine continues her story from this point with the story of her direct antecedent who was Timothy (G2).

Thus the story of another American family that found its way to a land of new and limitless opportunities is begun.

The number of descendants of William Pigford (Lost Billie), past and present, would run into thousands.

#### WILLIAM PIGFORD SR (Lost Eillie) 1728 - 1803

What of Lost Millie Pigford who at the age of five to ten years suddenly was orphaned and made a dramatic entry into a new and "far away country?"

Was his name Pigford? It might have been. But a number of names phonetically similar to that of Pigford were possible. And it is doubtful that he could spell his name. In all probability he was hungry and was in no mood to discuss his name.

..hat was his native country? The statement that "he with his parents had sailed from England" suggests they might have been natives of England. But they might have been from the highlands of Scotland or from Ireland, or Scoth-Irish who were entering this country and settling in North Carolina in the first half of the eighteenth century. Indeed he might have been a native of one of the countries of Continental Europe and had been taught a few English words enroute to America.

The fact that Lost Eillie was found on the Coast of North Carolina indicates that his ship was wrecked in that area, but it does not indicate that his ship's destination was one of the ports of North Carolina.

There is evidence that he was a native of England, Scotland or Ireland. Names such as Oxford, Swynneford (Swineford?) and Pickford are suggestive. In the late 1964 Tulsa, Okla., telephone directory are the names Pigg, Piggott, Pigler and Pigman. Some of these are known to be of English origin.

A bit of substantiating evidence was discovered in the fall of 1964 when I "stumbled" across a family of Pigfords who came to this country circa 1880 from their native County Durham, England. At the time of this writing (1965) I have been unable to obtain enough information concerning the background of this family to indicate any link between them and Lost Billie and his descendants.

Since writing the preceding discussion on the early Pigfords in America, my attention has been called to a minor variation in

the story of Lost Billie's contact with the new world. Mrs. H. Lisso Lawrence, nee Dorothy Pigford G6, wrote that it was her recollection her grandmother, Sarah Margaret Eastis Pigford, had related to her that Lost Billie was unable to speak to his rescuers because he was so young and spoke in a foreign language.

This difference in language revives the question concerning Lost Billie's true background. Thousands of emigrants from Continental Europe poured into this country during the early eighteenth century, many of whom stopped in England to await passage via English ships.

Mrs. *i.* Campbell Slemp nee Ray Mathis G5 called my attention to what apparently was the first documentary evidence of the existence of a William Pigford in this country. I have in my files a photocopy of the original court entry of this transaction. The record is from the Minutes of the March term of Court Willington (sic) N. C., March 11, 1740 (41), and reads as follows:

"Read the pet" of Reb(ecca) Perry praying to have an orphan child called Im Pigfoot bound to her till the age of twenty-one years. The Court having considered the affair thought fit to bind the said boy to Benj. Fussel he giving security to the Court to learn the said orphan boy the trade of a Carpenter and also to pay the petner Mrs. Perry the sum of £22:10:0 current money of this province. Ordered that the Clerk make proper indenture to bind the P boy to Mr. Fussel for the term of nine years and that he --- signed the indentures in behalf of the Court." (see Fig. 9)

Minutes of the New Hanover Court 1735-1769 p. 116 (page number listed by other copyists as p.22).

Genevieve Pigford Elmore (G6) furnished the following: McCain - The County Court in North Carolina before 1750. (Historical Society Series XXI Duke University Press) The orphan referred to is william Pigfoot and he is said to be a twelve year old.

At no other time have I seen the name Pigfoot. A William Pigfott served on the Jury in New Hanover County, N. C., in 1781. I have not seen this name elsewhere.

#### REVOLUTIONARY .AR RECORDS

The name of a William Pigford appears in the records of the Department of Archives and Records, State of North Carolina. This is probably the record of the first born (1762) of William Pigford (Lost Billie) whose name was also William. For further information see William Pigford (G2).

#### JOHN EDWARD PIGFORD DESCENDANTS

PERCY PIGFORD

F&M Edward Thomas (Tommy) Pigford G3 & Mary Carroll

JUDSON PIGFORD

G4

F&M sana

#### MARGARET PIGFORD G2 AND HER DESCENDANTS

M/RG/RET PIGFORD ca 1780-? G2
F&M William Pigford G1 (Lost Billie) & Sarah b NHanCoNC
ca 1780 d ? No other information

#### TAMOTHY PIGFORD G2 AND HIS DESCENDANTS

TIMOTHY PIGFORD ca 1780-1823 G2
F&M William Pigford G1 (Lost Billie) & Sarah b NHanCoNC
abt 1780 d Duplin Co NC 1823 m Elizabeth Wells b Duplin Co NC
1791 d LaudCoMiss Nov 1848 bur Old Pigford cem near Toomsuba
LaudCoMiss
Their issue G3
Enoch ? Sarah Anne 1811 Wright 1812 Martha 1815 Jerusha
Jane 1816 (1813?) William Wells 1818 Elizabeth ? Alfred D
1822 Timothy Samuel 1824 (posthumous child)

I have no information in my files that would indicate the exact date of birth of Timothy. However, the text of the will of his father, Lost Billie, suggests that Timothy was one of the two youngest of his children. Also the listing of Timothy's family in the 1820 census of Duplin Co NC and the recording of his children in his will written in June 1823 suggest that he was older than his brother Solomon who according to the 1850 census of LaudCoMiss was 66 (b in 1784).

Timothy was the first of the five sons of Lost Billie to leave his home county of NHanCoNC. In 1817 Timothy Pigford deeded land in North Carolina to Edward Pigford. Filliam Jr and Edward never moved from their home county. The 1820 census (1810 not available) lists Timothy as head of a family in Duplin Co NC, the only Pigford to be entered from that county. His will was recorded in Duplin Co NC in 1823.

Betty Pigford, head of a household is the only Pigford entered in the 1830 Duplin Co NC census.

In A History of Toomsuba, Miss (q.v.) as related to A Jarvis Welch by W. C. Rogers, among the first settlers of Toomsuba circa 1832 were "Mrs. Elizabeth Pigford and children - Wright, William, Timothy, Alfred and two daughters." Elizabeth Pigford head of a family is entered in the 1840 census of Laud Comiss. She died in 1848. (see below)

The Timothy mentioned above is Timothy Samuel, posthumous child of Timothy and Elizabeth Wells Pigford.

### ELIZABETH WELLS Wife of Timothy Pigford

The information for the background of the present subject, Elizabeth Wells, was in substance taken from The Wells and Allied Families. This 90 page mimeographed record was published in 1938 by Guy Herbert Wells LLD erstwhile President of the Georgia State College for Women.

According to this record the first of this Wells family, Jacob Wells I came to this country with the DeGraffenreid colonists in 1710. Jacob Wells I was a native of Basel Switzerland area. With him came his family consisting of his wife and their sons Jacob II, Henry and Martin. Another child died enroute. Special permission was granted the family to postpone burial of this child until they reached the United States.

Their boat docked first on the James river in Virginia. The colonists made their way from this point to New Perne North Carolina.

Jacob Wells I settled on the east side of Yokey swamp about two miles southwest of the present town of Magnolia, N.C.

Jacob Wells II was twelve years of age when his family arrived in New Berne in 1710. He married a Miss Wright. They settled on the west side of Yokey swamp. They had seven children the oldest of whom was Jacob Wells III.

Jacob Wells III married Nancy Boney in 1785. They settled on the east side of Rockfish creek west of Wallace NC. He died in 1826, Nancy died in 1833. They had 14 children one of whom was the present subject Elizabeth Wells.

On page 9 of the Wells and Allied Families the children of Jacob Wells III and Nancy Boney is recorded. A simple statement concerning Elizabeth is entered. It reads "Betsy married Tim Pigford, moved to Georgia."

As stated in my notes previously Betsy (Betty, Elizabeth) was widowed in 1823, was entered in the 1830 Duplin County NC census as the head of a family. She moved with some of her children about 1832 to Toomsuba Lauderdale County Miss., and was entered in the 1840 Lauderdale County Miss. census as head of a family.

In 1958 Mrs. Grady Elmore, nee Genevieve Pigford G6 found a gravestone in the Old Pigford cemetery near Toomsuba Miss. It was inscribed as follows:

ELIZABETH WELLS

daughter of J and N Wells
wife of T Pigford

(broken stone makes month impossible to read)

born (March or April) 1791 (from another died November 1848 source birth date 20 Feb 1791)

ENOCH PIGFORD G3
F&M Timothy Pigford G2 & Elizabeth Wells b Duplin Co NC abt 1810

JOHN McLEARY ALLEY JR

1899-d early ch

F&M John McCleary Alley Sr G5 & Mary Estelle Turnbough b

LaGrange Fayette Co Tex 9 Mar 1899 d early childhood

MARY ESTELLE ALLEY

1907-liv 1965

G6

F&M sana b Glidden Colo Co Tex 22 Apr 1907 Bapt beautician hswfe She has operated a beauty parlor since Mar 1947 m/1

Thomas William Maxwell Jr m/2 1 Mar 1941 Frank Deen Haynes b Leesville Colo Co Tex 1 Apr 1914

Her issue G7

m/1 Dorothy Jean 1927 m/2 Vernon Deen 1942

DOROTHY JEAN MAXWELL

1927-liv 1965

G7

F&M Thomas Willfam Maxwell Jr & Mary Estelle Alley G6 b Glidden

Colo Co Tex 26 Jun 1927 Bapt hswfe Dep Co Clk m 6 Dec 1948

Raymond James Heine b Nada Colo Co Tex 21 Feb 1926

Their issue G8

Elizabeth Estelle b Columbus Colo Co Tex 2 Dec 1949 Mary Jean

b Leimar Colo Co Tex 12 Jul 1952

VERNON DEEN HAYNES
1942-liv 1965
G7
F&M Frank Deen Haynes & Mary Estelle Alley G6 b Glidden Colo Co
Tex 13 Jul 1942 Bapt student civil engineering m 24 Apr 1964
Grace Lane Lynton b Rosebud Falls Co Tex 23 Dec 1941

WRIGHT PIGFORD

1812-1881

G3

F&M Timothy Pigford G2 & Elizabeth Wells b Duplin Co NC 12 Aug

1812 d 29 Jun 1881 bur Pigford cem Toomsuba LaudCoMiss Bapt

farmer m Lucretia Harris Rogers (Rodgers?) b Ala 22 May 1822 d

22 May 1907 (her birthday) bur Mt Gilead Bapt Ch cem near Toomsuba Miss Their issue G4

Timothy Daniel 1839 Ann Elizabeth 1841 William Wright 1842

Jacob Wells 1844 Sarah Jane 1845 Melissa Ophelia 1847 Alfred

James 1848 Martha Lucretia 1850 Melancthon 1851 Thomas Green

1853 Mary Catherine 1854 Caroline (Charlotte) 1855 Flavius

Augustus 1857 Joseph Alonzo 1858 Cevilla Clementine 1860

Medie Mayo 1862 Ella 1863

Wright Pigford settled in the Mt Gilead community near Toomsuba Miss. Wright's granddaughter Minnie Virginia Wallace-Maury wrote in 1959 (her 88th year) that Wright was a successful farmer. He owned considerable property and he operated a cotton gin and store. He gave each of his children a tract of land. Upon marrying each son was given a horse and saddle; each daughter received a milk cow.

#### BAPTIST MEETING REPORT

- from the centennial number Meridian (Miss) Star May 8 1960
Three copies of minutes of Bethlehem Baptist association for the years 1875, 1880 and 1883 were found in Meridian.

In the minutes of 1875 were the names of E. J. Martin, 11. D. Northrup, Joshua McLemore, L. A. Duncan, G. B. Thite (my father), E. S. Robinson, Wright Pigford, J. G. Flournoy, J. E. Brunson and many others....

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF WRIGHT PIGFORD August 7, 1880

In the Name of God, Amen:

· I, Wright Pigford of the County of Lauderdale and State of Mississippi, being of Sound Mind and Memory, and considering the uncertainty of this frail and transatory life, do therefore, make ordain, publish and declare this to be my Last Will and Testament. That is to say, First after all my Lawful debts are paid and discharged. The residue of my Estate Real and Personal I give. \_bequeath and dispose of as follows, - to wit- To my beloved wife the land and Appurtenances situated therein known and described as the House- home lying in the County of Lauderdale and State of Mississippi Viz the North half of the North West fourth and the South half of the North West fourth of Section Twelve, Township Six, Range Seventeen East (Except Sixteen acres on the South East corner I sold to my son Melangthon Pigford) containing about One Hundred and Forty five acres, and the South-West fourth of the South fourth of Section Twelve Township Six Range 17. Each containing Forty acres more or less. Together with one Good House and One Cow and calf, and one sow and pigs, and one Buggy, and all the Household and kitching furniture we have. Or as much as She wants, and Provisions enough to do her, and the children she may have with her for Twelve months, and Five Hundred Dollars in Money. To be put out at interest To be used for her Support During the Time of her natural life, and after her death the money to be divided Equally among my heirs, and the Land and Appurtenances situated therein Together with all the stock that I left to her at her death to my son Flavius Augustus Pigford and at my death to my son Flavius Augustus Pigford, Five Hundred Dollars to be put out at Interest, and the Interest to be used for his support, and at his death the money to be Equally divided between my children then living, or their children that be living at the time of his death, and the ballance of my propirty if ther is any to be divided Equally between all of my Children then living, or their children that may be living at the time of my death - Except - the household and kitchen furniture, which I give to my beloved Wife to dispose of according to her wishes .-Likewise I make, Constitute, and Appoint my Sons, Timothy D. Pigford and Melangthon Pigford to be executors of this my last 'ill and Testament to Sell and dispose of all the property not mentioned in this will or privately given off by me, or disposed of otherwise, and Settle all the lawful debts if any,

and settle off with all my Children accordingly, after taking pay for their trouble.

Likewise I make, Constitute, and appoint my sons <u>T. D. Pigford</u> and M. Pigford Guardins for my son Flavius Augustus Pigford, to take charge of all the money and property I give to him, and use it for his support and benefit. In Witness whereof I have hereunto Subscribed my name and affixed my Seal this Seventh Day of August, A.D. 1880, Eighteen Hundred Eighty.

!right Pigford (Seal)

The State of Mississippi Lauderdale County

Personally appeared before Mr. R. H. Camp an Acting Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Lauderdale and State of Mississippi the within named Wright Pigford who acknowledges that he Signed and Sealed the within fill on the day and year therein mentioned. This the Seventh Day of August, A.D., One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty.

R. H. Camp

Justice of the Peace (Seal)

TIMOTHY DANIEL PIGFORD 1839-1908 G4
F&M Vright Pigford G3 & Lucretia Harris Rogers b Mt Gilead
comm LaudCoMiss 22 Oct 1839 d 27 Jan 1908 bur Mt Gilead Ch Cem
Bapt farmer m Catherine Satcher b 23 Jun 1847 d 30 Dec 1919
Their issue G5
Cora Marlee 1866 William Floyd 1867 Dillon Elizabeth 1870
Arthur Algernon 1872 Milton 1874 James Aquilla 1876 Monroe
1878 May Zelda 1881 Maude Everett 1884 Earl Wright 1886

CORA MARLEE PIGEORD 1866-1935 G5
F&M Timothy Daniel Pigford G4 & Catherine Satcher b Whynot
LaudCoMiss 20 May 1866 d 13 Mar 1935 Bapt m Stephen Burrell
Harmon MD he d 10 Oct 1925.
Their issue G6
Stephen Milton 1883 Thomas Claude 1885 Charles Howard 1887
Miriam Catherine 1889 George Bancroft 1894 Willard 1899
Annie May 1904

STEPHEN MILTON HARMON 1883-1955 G6
F&M Stephen Burrell Harmon & Cora Marlee Pigford G5 b Whynot
LaudCoMiss 17 Mar 1883 d Jan 1955 m Emma McBride b LaudCoMiss
20 Feb 1883 d 30 May 1940
Their issue G7
Marian 1906 Jack Villard 1911

MARIAN HARMON 1906-liv 1958 G7
F&M Stephen Milton Harmon G6 & Emma McBride b Meridian Miss
6 Dec 1906 m/1 Fred Alfred John Lowry Jr b Tupelo Lee Co Miss
25 Jul 1898 m/2 William Charles Kahn b Little Rock Ark 26
Dec 1906 d 3 Dec 1951
Her issue G8 m/1 Mary Ann 1932 Alfred John III b Little Rock
Ark 20 Dec 1949

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	MARY ANN LOWRY F&M Fred Alfred John Lowry Jr & Mari Miss 20 Apr 1932 m/1 Robert Edward I Ark 1930? m/2 Robbie Wilford Parker Her issue G9 m/2 Robert Christopher 18 Jan 1952 John Harmon b Little Rock Ark 1955 Haven Conn 4 Jan 1958	lan Harmon G7 b Jackson Bell b Clarendon Monroe r b Little Rock Ark 14 M Steven Wesley 31 Aug 19	ar 1928 53
	JACK WILLARD HARMON F&M Stephen Milton Harmon G6 & Emma 9 Jan 1911 grad U of Miss 1932 Sigma m Jane Sykes Hall b "Old Homestead" Their issue G& Jane Hall b Memphis Tenn 28 Jan 1945 Kappa Nu Jacquelyn b Jackson Miss	a Chi Presbyt sales mgr Aberdeen Monroe Co Miss 2 hi sch honors Pres Phi	3
/	THOMAS CLAUDE HARMON F&M Stephen Burrell Harmon & Cora MalaudCoMiss 29 Jun 1885 d 5 Jan 1944	1885-1944 arlee Pigford G5 b Whynd m Beulah Jones no iss	G6 ot sue
	CHARLES HOWARD HARMON F&M sana b 10 Mar 1887 d 11 Jun 1910	1887-1916 5 m Anna Walker no iss	G6 sue
	MIRIAM CATHERINE HARMON F&M sana b 16 Dec 1889 d 26 Feb 189	1889 <b>-</b> 1890 O	G6
	GEORGE BANCROFT HARMON F&M sana b 30 Sep 1894 d 24 Sep 189	<b>40</b> ,	<b>G</b> 6
	WILLARD HARMON F&M sana b 31 Oct 1899 d 2 May 1907	1899-1907	G6
Charles Howard, Miriam Catherine, George Bancroft & Willard Harmon all b Whynot LaudCoMiss			1
	ANNIE MAE HARMON F&M sana b Meridian Miss 27 Feb 190 Their issue G7 William Burrell 1927 Cora Elizabet		G6 1937
	WILLIAM BURRELL DEARMAN F&M Denver C Dearman & Annie Mae Ha 12 Oct 1927 m Ruth Lee Jessee Their issue G8 Christy Lea 3 Oct 1950 Joy Ann 14 Sep 1957 all b Houston Tex	1927-liv 1959 rmon G6 b Meridian Miss	G7
	CORA ELIZABETH DEARMAN F&M sana b Meridian Miss 14 Aug 193	1930-liv 1959 O Med Tech Electroencelo	<b>G7</b> ography

STEPHEN HARMON DEARMAN 1937-liv 1959 G7
F&M Denver C Dearman & Annie Mae Harmon G6 b Meridian Miss
16 Nov 1937

WILLIAM FLOYD PIGFORD 1867-1938 G5
F&M Timothy Daniel Pigford G4 & Catherine Satcher b Whynot
LaudCoMiss 15 Nov 1967 d 21 Mar 1938 retail grocer m Mary
(Mollie) Kennerly b 24 Jan 1967 d 23 Aug 1938 both bur Mt
Gilead cem LaudCoMiss her headstone lists her as Mary G
Pigford
Their issue G6
Katherine M 1890 Floyd Kennerly 1893

From Newspaper Clipping published
March 22, 1938

"In the midst of life we are in death."

At 12:30 o'clock on Monday, W. Floyd Pigford was addressing the Meridian Rotary Club.

At 3:30 he was dead - the victim of a heart attack.

At noon - conducting a public program 
In the evening a lifeless form.

One hour, vigorous and full of life 
The next O still in cold embrace of death.

"Then with no fiery throbbing pain,
No cold gradations of decay,
Death broke at once the vital chain,
And freed his soul the nearest way."

"Floyd" Pigford made himself a Meridian institution-A pioneer business man of Eastern Mississippi -He always shared and gave abundantly, often beyond the measure of his means.

He enjoyed prosperity without conceit. He endured adversity without complaint.

Despite vicissitudes of fitful fate, he nobly "carried on."

"A good soldier" in the forward march of social-religiouscivic betterment -

An upstanding, zealous, sacrificing citizen - A gentleman and friend - in everything. A full and useful life - a noble soul!

"Emigrated to another star."

Author unknown- Publication unknown-

KATHERINE M PIGFORD 1890-1892 G6
F&M William Floyd Pigford G5 & Mary Kennerly b 11 Oct 1890
d 5 Feb 1892 bur Mt Gilead cem. She was the first to be buried in Mt Gilead cem her headstone reads Katie M Pigford

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