

The cover of book "Daniel Coat of Arms"

From Daniel "Best" - a unicorn head - copyright

Chapter 1

- ✓ James W Daniel b 1801 Tenn died 21 July 1868 bur on the Old Estate married about 1823
- ✓ Avarilla Huff b 1804 Miss died about 1871 bur on Old Estate

The earliest record of James W and Ava were that they were living in 1830 in Wilcox Co. Ala. The first land grant for James W was in 1 Aug 1831 Certificate #7445 for land E. $\frac{1}{2}$ of the N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 20 in Township 11 of Range 7 containing 80 acres of land. This grant was signed by President Andrew Jackson

James W sold this land 15 of May 1834 to Mary Hails & Harriet Hails. Robert M. Hails payed \$200.00 to James W for this land before he ~~deceased~~ ^{died}. Robert M. Hails is the father of Mary and Harriett Hails.

James W also received a land grant in 1 Aug 1831 with Aaron Mathews certificate #7443 for land in S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 30 in Township 11 of Range 8 for 159 Acres of land. This grant was signed by Andrew Jackson also. (*Wilcox Co. Ala.?*)

Then James W moved to Meridian Miss in 1834 later went back to Sumter Co. Ala and bought land from the the government for investment. This land located in Section 30 Township 15 Range 2W. This land contained 80 acres of land. This land grant #6889 dated 14 March 1835. Signed by President Martin Van Buren. James sold this land to Robert Littlepage for \$400.00.

In 1837 James W received a land grant Certificate #27053 from President Martin Van Buren. This land located in S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of the S.E. $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 30 in Township 11 of Range 8 containing 39.98 of acre. This land is in Wilcox Co., Ala., and I have failed to receive the land deed where James W sold this land and the land that he had with Aaron Mathews.

✓ James W children: Nancy and W.H., were born in Ala. but have failed to find the Co. John and James Monroe were born in Wilcox Co Ala. Thomas Marion and Amanda and Mary Jane all born at Lost Gap (Meridian) Miss. *AMANDA LAUDERDALE Co.*

James W's family has several sets of twins. His family has several sets of double cousins. Several cousins married their cousins. *Daniel*

✓ James W great grandson Harlan Huddlin (Dan) Daniel is the author of the book. His great great grandson Jimmy Dear is the publisher of the book.

The history of Wilcox Co Ala where James W Daniel family lived. Wilcox Co. formed in Dec. 13 1819 from Monroe and Dallas Co. It lies in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the State S. and E. of Marengo, S and SW of Dallas, W of Butler, north of Monroe and NE of Clarke. It was named for Lt. Joseph M. Wilcox. The land is rolling, often hilly, but with much that is flat. The land consist mostly of prairie. The Ala. River flows through it for 62 miles. I think that is the way James W Daniel came from Tenn. to Wilcox Co is by the Ala. River and then back to Sumter Co., Ala., by this river. Camden is the County Seat. In 1830 when James W lived in Wilcox Co., Camden was called Bachomville. In Feb 1814, Col. Russell marched his regiment from Fort Claiborne to the Cohaba River to drive the Indians from this county. *John*

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- 1- James W. Daniel and Avarilla (MN) Huff
(BOTH BURIED AT "OLD GILBERT CEMETERY")
- 2- John Daniel and Elizabeth
(HE IS BURIED AT "OLD GILBERT CEMETERY")
- 3- Thomas J. Daniel and Dora (MN) Kittrell.
(See pages 10 & 15 of "Daniel" zeroxed pages enclosed.)
- 4- Thomas Ellis Daniel and Dora (MN) Kittrell.
- 5- James Davis Daniel and Mary Luther Ward (MN).
(James has no other children.)
- 6- Our 7 children.
- 7- Our 5 Grand-children.

Later, I'll get limited official documentation to go along with what we now have BUT it's more than enough to make the "Old Gilbert Cemetery" cleaning a must.

Joey and I spent 5 hours on a cleaning trip and only cleaned about an eight of the cemetery and some of the graves are ~~are~~ scattered or possibly some spaces are unmarked graves. A careful study of all the tomstones in the enclosed cemetery records, show 3/4 to be relations and I suspect the Gilberts are related on the "Kittrell" line. We have failed to locate the grave of Nancy Daniel. In the "Daniel" book publication it states she is also buried there. If, after, cleaning we locate her grave or any others I'll mail them to you. Did not mean to get so carried away and so long winded. We're taking before and after pictures at the cemetery and will do the same at the "Key" cemeteries. We collect pictures of family tombstones.

Sincerely,

Mary Daniel Campbell.

I always as a hobby researched my Mothers side of the family. The Whitlock, Skelton, Turnage, Gay, and Dowell maternal family lines have been in Lauderdale County since the middle 1800's and ^{some} earlier. Edward S. Key published 3 "Key Family" books on my paternal family lines and did such a great job that I have done little research on these family branches... Key, Ward, Hand, and Warren. The "Key" family re-union (3 days in Aug.) in DeKalb will include a day of cleaning "Key" cemeteries. Of course my son, Joey, and I volunteered for the Cemetery cleaning. By continuing our work at the "Gilbert" cemetery we should be well in practice for the event.

Even though I knew something of the Daniel family history, I have done little research there as my first husband and I divorced several years ago and he later re-married. HOWEVER, THE DANIEL TOMBSTONES AT "THE OLD GILBERT CEMETERY" WERE IRRESISTABLE. To add to and verify my personal knowledge, I phoned Thomas Ellis Daniel, my first husbands father, in Chattanooga. He moved from Lauderdale County to Chattanooga about 1945 and has lived there since. He's 88, 1 of 9 children, and his memory is fair. To double check his parents names and other pertinent data, I also phoned his sister, Iva Sanderford McCrory here in Meridian. She and Ellis agreed on their parents data and most of other information. Their help led me to the book published by Harlan Huddlin (Dan) Daniel, titled "The James W. Daniel- Family History of Miss.". A copy of this book is in the Meridian Public Library.

I'm sending you a few zeroxed pages of this book as it will give you THE HISTORY OF THE "OLD GILBERT CEMETERY" WHOSE RECORDS I'm enclosing. Thought you might enjoy this. You can discard all but the cemetery records.

In brief-

This is our "Daniel" family line in DIRECT decedence..

1- This whole thing started when I phoned George Robert Fairchild of Fairchild Rd., Lost Gap Community. He's an old school mate of mine. I asked him if he knew of any really old cemeteries in the Lost Gap area where there might be Turnages buried. He said yes and gave me directions off in the woods where we searched for almost an hour before locating the cemetery. We of course phoned Duane Maust, the current owner of that property for permission. He verified the fact that the cemetery existed. So-o guess who is cleaning "The Old Gilbert Cemetery" when time permits... It truly is a thick jungle like wilderness. In the beginning, my son Joey and I were shocked at the fact no family members cleaned and maintained the cemetery. We did not realize they were our relations at that time. The elaborate old tombstones and Confederate stones are lovely. On our first trip in we copied as many tombstones as we could locate but found no Turnages. After returning home, it took me some few days to really examine the cemetery data and attempt to identify them. The following is the very surprising results. A maternal Great Uncle and Great Aunt of mine were: Eligah Arthur "Lige" Turnage and Ava Missouri "Zudie" Bounds Turnage. In the enclosed cemetery records, the Richard Daniel Bounds and wife, Avarill are the parents of "Zudie" Bounds Turnage. Daniel Addison Bounds is (in Cemetery records) the brother of "Zudie" Bounds Turnage. He is buried beside his wife, Sibbie Wilson Bounds. I phoned Eloise (MN) Turnage Burke, a daughter of "Zudie" Bounds Turnage to make sure I was correct on that.

THE JAMES W. DANIEL FAMILY - HISTORY OF MISSISSIPPI

James W. Daniel's family moved to Meridian, Miss. in 1834. The home place is located West of Meridian at Lost Gap, north of Highway 80 in Lauderdale County.

The old Gilbert Cemetery is on the Daniel Estate and Union Hill school was on the property in the old days. James W., Ava, his wife; John, his son; and Nancy, his daughter, are all buried in the Estate. Today Meridian Memorial Park, for white, and Sunset Memorial Park, for colored, are a part of the Estate.

✓ Lauderdale County was established in 1833. It is 677 Square Miles. ^{It} ~~She~~ was ~~first~~ named in honor of Col. James Lauderdale of the War of 1812. The first County Seat was located at Marion until 1866; then moved to Marion Station until 1870; then to Meridian. Meridian is still the County Seat for Lauderdale County.

Lauderdale County's first temple of Justice was a giant red oak tree. The giant red oak tree was struck by lightning in 1915. There was an opening large enough for an adult man to stand up in. There was a Mrs. Brook and Mrs. Cochran who visited the red oak tree. Mrs. Brooks took a piece of the wood from the tree; had a Mr. Charles Mapp make a gravel from the piece of wood. It is marked in Sterling Silver.

The first court session of Lauderdale County was in 1841. ^{no} The presiding Judge was Judge Henry Mounger. The first case was a man tried for murder. He was found to be guilty of murder. Then the first newspaper was established in 1859 by Mr. W.B. Spinks.

Meridian became a legal corporation in 1860. The first elected mayor was J.H. Gibbs. The first aldermen were: I.S.O.G. Grser, W.J. Berry, M. Massengale, and John T. Ball in 1865. John T. Ball secured the first Post Office by the name of Meridian.

✓ In 1864, General W.P. Sherman of the Federal army raided Meridian. They destroyed the railroad, grist mills and homes.

✓ James W. Daniel's 4 sons served in the War of 1861 to 1865. Thompson Marion was the youngest son and was killed in the war.

The first liquor election was held in 1886. The results were that it was prohibited; then the second election was in 1888-voted wet. A saloonist and an officer of the city government carried negroes at night and registered them to vote, gave them a whiskey ticket tied up in a handkerchief and told them to keep it until the election day, then put it in the voting box.

Compiled from State Archives.

Book - ^{above prepared from -} "The James W. Daniel Family History" - written & compiled by Harlan Huddell "Dan" Daniel

Book at Meridian Public Library -

James W Daniel sold land to the following:

James W sold land to J.F. McGehee on 1 Jan 1842 located
the SW $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 8 Township 8 Range 16 E consisting of 80 acres
for \$200.00 and a \$200.00 Note to be paid the 1st of 1843.

Signed by Allen Russell
and John Warrey

James W sold land to R.T. & E Fountain on 24 May 1845 located
NE corner of NW $\frac{1}{2}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 4 Township 6 Range 15 E con- ✓
sisting of 80 Acres

Signed by W.H. Daniel ✓ and Adam Eubanks ✓

James W sold land to W. Hughes on the 31 May 1849 located
W $\frac{1}{2}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{2}$ of section 3 Township 6 Range 15E. SE $\frac{1}{2}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{2}$ of
section 4 Township 6 Range 15E. E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 4 Township 6 Range
15E. E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 4 Township 6 Range 15E. W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{2}$ of section
4 Township 6 Range 15. W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 4 township 6 Range 15 E ✓
taken in exchange for 80 Acres transferred to R.A. Fountain Beginning at
the NE corner of SE $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 4 Township 6 Range 15E

Signed by P.T. Cullum
& W.R. Mason J of P.

James W sold land to P.G. Hughes on 24 Aug 1849 located
NE $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 5 Township 6 Range 15E SW $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 33 ✓
Township 7 Range 15 E. E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 33 Township 7 Range 15E.
For the sum of \$500.00

signed by William R Mason J. of P.

✓ James W sold land to J.P. Calley on 21 July 1855 located
SE $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 26 Township 6 Range 15E consisting of 160 acres for \$1,000.00

Signed by Lewis Dearman
Joel Ballard

James W sold land to Southern Railroad Co located
NE $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 20 Township 6 Range 15E for a right of way on ✓ ✓
18 June 1859 for \$100.00

Signed by Chirty Vosburg
T.M. Daniel

James W sold land to Michael Cassey on 29 Sept 1862 located ✓
S $\frac{1}{2}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 16 Township 6 Range 15E

Signed by R Seachman

James W Estate was sold by Commissioners Brooks and Ramsey on 9 Jan 1872
to James Monroe and John Daniel.

Later James Monroe sold his part to John and John deeded it to his son
Hugh and the last of the Daniel Estate was sold by Hugh Daniel to
H.B. Burwell on 30 Dec 1911.

*The Turnage families were neighbors of the Daniel
families during the middle 1800's and thru 1911 (see above)*

840 Census of Lauderdale Co.

m -40 James W Daniel
f 20-30 Ava
m under 5
m 5-10
m 10-15

850 census of Lauderdale Co.

ames W 49 born Tenn
va 46 born Miss
ames 17 born Ala
hompson 14 born Miss.
ary 8 born Miss
nanda 3 born Miss

860 census of Lauderdale Co.

ancy Reives 63 F.S.C.
Elizabeth 41 F S.C.
ames Daniel 60 M Tenn
va Daniel 55 F Miss
ary J Daniel 18 F Miss
nanda Daniel 12 F Miss
eorge Stanley 17 M Ala
l Stanley 14 M Miss
usan Fairchild 19 F Miss

850 census of Lauderdale Co.

lams Eubanks M 33 S.C.
ancy F 25 Ala.
ohn M 5 Miss
lilissa F 3 Miss
ry Frances F 1 Miss

860 Census of Lauderdale Co.

lams Eubanks M 44 S.C.
ancy F 35 Ala
lilissa F 13 Miss
ry Frances F 17 Miss
ances F 9 Miss
iza F 7 Miss
liss F 5 Miss
lmes M 3 Miss
linda F 2 Miss

1860 Census Jasper Co.

Willima Daniel 33 Ala
Nancy 32 Miss
A Jane 12 Miss
Emiline 9 Miss
W.J. 3 Miss
E.L 2 Miss.

1880 census of Bosque Co. Texas

G.W. Turner 39 Ala
A Jane 32 Miss
N.E.F. 12 Miss
M.F.F. 10 Miss
W.M. M 7 Miss
M.G. F 6 Miss
M.E. F 4 Texas
N.M. Daniel 54 Miss
E.K. Loper 56 Miss

1860 census of Jasper Co.

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1850
Census

John Daniel M 31 Ala
Elizabeth Daniel F 27 Ala
J.B. Daniel M 6 Miss
W.J. Daniel M 5 Miss
J.T. Daniel M 1 Miss
Mary Jane Daniel F 6 Miss

1870 census Newton Co.

John Daniel M 41 Ala.
Elizabeth F 37 Ala.
James B. M 17 Miss.
William J M 15 Miss.
Thomas J M 11 Miss
Avarilla R F 4 Miss

1880 Census Lauderdale Co.

John Daniels M 51 Ala
Elizabeth F 46 Ala
William J M 28 Miss
Thomas J M 21 Miss
Avarilla R F 14 Miss
Laura F 12 Miss
Hugh B M 6 Miss
Lula F 6 Miss

B. 1859