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Dear Mr. Calhoun,

It was good to talk with you today on the phone. I am delighted that you have the probate papers for Joseph L. PITTS and can send me a copy.

Joseph L. PITTS
Born Feb 1834 Livermore, Androscoggin, Maine, USA
Died 13 Sep 1902 Meridian, Lauderdale, Mississippi, USA

If you should get any requests for information about Joseph family, his younger daughter Frances M. (PITTS) GRANT and her husband Melville Rosyn GRANT, I think I have them figured out.

Joseph had two wives. His second wife's daughter was adopted by John Wright who is mentioned in the *Historic Homes of Meridian* on Poplar Springs Rd. He lived in the house with a bowling alley in the basement.

I am enclosing a chronology of Joseph's life as we have researched it.

I am also enclosing a check for \$20 for the photocopies of Joseph's probate papers.

Thank you very much,



Elise C. Morris

Name: Joseph L PITTS

AKA: Joseph Leforest PITTS, Joseph M. PITTS
Parents: Hiram Abial PITTS (1799-1860) and Lenora HOSLEY (Abt 1804-1869)
Life Range: Feb 1834 - 13 Sep 1902

Feb 1834 Birth: Livermore, Androscoggin, Maine, USA.
1835 Alt. Birth: Maine, Androscoggin, Livermore.
29 Dec 1836 Spouse (#1): Amanda A. DENNY (1836-1878). Born in Hickory Creek Precinct, Will, Illinois, USA. Died on 13 Aug 1878 in Milan, Sumner, Kansas, USA.

1840 Census: Winthrop, Kennebec, Maine, USA.
20 Nov 1850 Census: Alton, Madison, Illinois, USA.
1854 ? Marriage (1): Amanda A. DENNY (1836-1878). in Chicago, Cook, Illinois, USA.
1855-1856 City Directories: Chicago, Cook, Illinois, USA.
29 Jan 1856 Son born (1-#1): Charles Avery PITTS (1856-1904). Born in Chicago, Cook, Illinois, USA. Died on 25 Jun 1904 in Minneapolis, Hennepin, Minnesota, USA.

1859 Residence: h 270 S. Jefferson. Chicago, Cook, Illinois, USA.
1859 Occupation: clerk. Chicago, Cook, Illinois, USA.
Abt Apr 1860 Daughter born (1-#2): Female Child PITTS (Abt 1860-). Born in Chicago, Cook, Illinois, USA.

16 Jun 1860 Census: 5th ward. Chicago, Cook, Illinois, USA.
10 Sep 1860 Death of Father: Hiram Abial PITTS (1799-1860). In Chicago, Cook, Illinois, USA.
Abt 1861 Spouse (#2): Gentalina S. RHINES (Abt 1861-). Born in Marseilles, La Salle, Illinois, USA.

24 Jan 1863 Daughter born (1-#3): Francis M PITTS (1863-1935). Born in Chicago, Cook, Illinois, USA. Died on 2 Mar 1935 in Gulfport, Harrison, Mississippi, USA.
Feb 1865 Son born (1-#4): Frederick L PITTS (1865-1928). Born in Chicago, Cook, Illinois, USA. Died on 30 Jan 1928 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois, USA.

25 Jul 1869 Death of Mother: Lenora HOSLEY (Abt 1804-1869). In Chicago, Cook, Illinois, USA.
16 Jun 1870 Census: Chicago, Cook, Illinois, USA.
13 Aug 1878 Death of Spouse (#1): Amanda A. DENNY (1836-1878). In Milan, Sumner, Kansas, USA.
13 Aug 1878 Cemetery: Woods Cemetery.
3 Jun 1880 Census: Chicago, Cook, Illinois, USA.
9 Jan 1881 Marriage (2): Gentalina S. RHINES (Abt 1861-). in Marseilles, La Salle, Illinois, USA.

9 Jan 1881 Marriage: Marseilles, La Salle, Illinois, USA.
9 Jan 1881 Marriage: Milan, Sumner, Kansas, USA.
1883 Mentioned in book: Milan, Sumner, Kansas, USA.
23 Dec 1883 Daughter born (2-#1): Genta L. PITTS (1883-1958) (Father:Biological) (Mother:Biological). Born in Mississippi. Died on 25 Dec 1958 in Downey, Los Angeles, California, USA.

1884 Daughter born (2-#2): M. L. PITTS (1884-). Born in Iowa.
1885 Census: Cherryvale, Montgomery, Kansas, USA.
8 Nov 1888 Daughter born (2-#3): Elizabeth May PITTS (1888-1984). Born in Cherryvale, Montgomery, Kansas, USA. Died on 14 Jan 1984 in Downers Grove, DuPage, Illinois, USA.

1 Jun 1900 Census: Meridian, Lauderdale, Mississippi, USA.
13 Apr 1902 Obituary: Meridian, Lauderdale, Mississippi, USA.
13 Sep 1902 Death: Meridian, Lauderdale, Mississippi, USA.
13 Sep 1902 Obituary: Meridian, Lauderdale, Mississippi, USA.
Burial: Meridian, Lauderdale, Mississippi, USA. Address: Rose Hill Cemetery, Meridian, MS