

## THE PRATT FAMILY

The Pratt family came from Ireland, but one descendant was William Pratt who was born in Georgia on April 15, 1813. He was married, probably in Georgia, to Miss Rosa Linda Everett, who was born August 3, 1814. They had several children when they moved to Alabama sometime in the early 1850s. In the 1860 census of Sumter County, Alabama, they are listed with seven children. William's occupation is listed as Master Carpenter, and his two older sons, Sherrod and John, are also listed as carpenters, although not as masters of the trade. *WERE LIVING IN SYDENHAM COMMUNITY, SUMTER CO. IN 1860, WAS LIVING IN LAUD. CO. 1853 STATE CENSUS.*

Some of the sons served with the Confederate Army during the Civil War. The family did not move to Lauderdale County, Mississippi until after the war. William died Oct. 3, 1872 and Rosa Linda died Feb. 12, 1887. Their children were:

- I. SHERROD G. PRATT 1838-d/after 1880, m. Mary J. \_\_\_\_\_ (b 1838)<sup>d. JUNE 20, 1862</sup>, in 1860? Sherrod and Mary were living with William and Rosa, his parents, in Sumter County in 1860, while Sherrod worked with his father. They moved to Lauderdale County after the war and in 1880, Sherrod became an engineer on the Railroad. *OWNED 10 AC. IN SE<sup>TH</sup>NE<sup>4</sup> SEC 21-8-15E IN 1892*  
Children: (not in order of birth; may have had more)  
21. DERIUS E. PRATT 1861-  
22. DORA A. PRATT 1866-1884, Did not marry, bur Gumlog Bapt. Ch., Lauderdale Co.  
23. M. E. PRATT 1860-1904, buried beside Dora at Gumlog.  
24. WILLIAM "WILLIE" PRATT 1873-
- II. JOHN W. PRATT 1841Ga-1864Ga, Did not marry. In the Confederate Army, John was killed in front of the court house in Atlanta, Georgia on July 28, 1864.
- III. W. R. PRATT 1847Ga- \_\_\_\_\_, was thirteen, living with his father<sup>in ALA.</sup> in 1860. It is not known what happened to this son.
- IV. MALINDA N. PRATT 1848Ga- \_\_\_\_\_, was eleven, living with parents in Ala. in 1860. *she may have married and settled in ALA. as she may have come to Sumter Was 18 unknown*
- V. JOSEPH AARON PRATT Sept. 6, 1850-June 24, 1900, m. Mary Isabelle Thrash (1850-1936), dau. of W.D. Jackson Thrash and Elizabeth (Walker?) Thrash of Ala. Joseph was born in Georgia, came to Alabama with his father when he was a baby. He grew up in Alabama and married a girl from that state around 1874-75. They moved to Lauderdale County, Miss. and rented a house near the Bailey Store where Joe worked. They had three daughters, born in 1876, 1877 and 1879. Joe worked for John Bailey at his gin and sawmill at Bailey. Joe became ill with some kind of stomach trouble and was unable to work. His middle daughter had married Albert Pace of Pine Springs and was living on their farm there. Joseph and Mary and the two other daughters moved to Pine Springs and lived on a house on the Pace farm. That summer, Joe's problem got so bad that he couldn't eat anything but blackberries that June. He died on June 24, 1900. Mary and the girls moved in with the Paces, and ~~the other~~ <sup>single</sup> two daughters married and moved away, but Mary - Grandma Pratt - lived on with Bettie and Albert Pace the rest of her life. She died in 1936.
- Children:
1. ELLA MAEBELLE PRATT 1876-1926, m. Joel New, June 5, 1901. Ella taught school and was 25 years old when she married Joel New. He had been married before and had four children from his first wife who had died in 1900. Joel was a bridge gang forman for a railroad

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and worked out of Meridian. By 1904 they had saved enough money to buy a farm over in Pine Springs and moved there. Joel quit his job on the railroad and started farming full time.

Ellie's first child, Lorena, was born in Obediah in 1902. In 1904 she had another little girl, Mary, born that was premature. Old Mary, Grandma Pratt, took over the care of her tiny little namesake and determined to make it live. She placed the infant in a shoebox and kept her warm before the fire. Little Mary was so small that Ellie was able to slip her wedding ring onto the wee little arm for a bracelet. Grandma Pratt put up a valient fight for the baby's life, but had to admit defeat when baby Mary died. Grandma Pratt had managed to keep her alive for three months, which was somewhat of a miracle, itself.

Ellie's next four children, Herman, Joe, Susie and Irvin, were all healthy kids and grew up in Pine Springs.

Joel had four children from his first wife, and Ellie raised them all together <sup>with her</sup> and treated them as she did her own. She was a neat, quick person, and expected them all to help keep the house clean. She loved flowers and always had lots of color in her yard. She remained a bit of a school-ma'am and often corrected the children's grammer as they talked. She always called Joel 'Mr. New' when she spoke of him.

Ellie became ill and died in 1926. Miss Ruth Johnson, a RN who became a missionery to Africa with the Adventist Church, was at home on the adjoining Johnson farm, and Joel got her to come and take care of Ellie while she was sick. Mrs. Annie Byrd, a widow who was renting a house on Joel's farm, also helped nurse Ellie in her last illness.

Ellie died in 1926. *She was paralyzed & had a rolling chair (strapped)*  
Children: (First four were step-children) (For more detail, see New Fam.)

- A. Joel Henry New 1894-1944
- B. Edward Leon New 1895-1955
- C. Minnie Mozelle New 1896-1946
- D. Marie New 1898-197
- E. Vivian Lorena 1902-1987
- F. Mary M. New 1904-1904
- G. Herman J. New 1906-1951
- H. Jodie "Joe" New 1908-1979
- I. Susie Mae New 1912-
- J. Irvin Deason New 1916-1964

2. ELIZABETH HARMON "BETTIE" PRATT 1877-1956, m. Albert Rose Pace, (qv) in 1897, Lauderdale County, Miss. He was a son of Bennet Rose and Mary Jane (Davison) Pace of Pine Springs.

Born in Sumter County, Alabama, Bettie moved to Bailey, Miss. when she was a young girl where she met and married her husband. She lived the rest of her life on the Pace farm in Pine Springs.

After her father died in 1900, her mother came to live with Bettie and Albert.

Children: (For more on her children, see Pace family history.)

- A. Bessie L. Pace 1897-1929
- B. Albert Cecil Pace 1898-1979
- C. Joseph Bennet "J.B." Pace 1901-1938
- D. Everett Leroy Pace (Twin) 1904-1938
- E. Evelyn Rosalee "Ebbie" Pace 1904-
- F. Infant Son 1908-1908

- G. Barney Dell Pace 1909-1987
- H. Bettye Maye Pace 1913-1987
- I. Marcus Cleon "Pat" Pace 1915-
- J. Myra Belle Pace 1917-
- K. Millard Larnell "Buck" Pace 1921-
- L. Martha Isabelle Pace 1923-1924

3. ROSE ANN PRATT 1879-19 , m. Andrew Wesley Brown (b.1876) in 1905. Lauderdale County, Miss. He was son of David E. and Eliza Frances (Davidson) Brown (qv, Brown family # 1) Born in Ala, came to Miss. when she was a young girl.  
Children: None.

- VI. OWEN R. PRATT <sup>Sept 7</sup> 1853-19 , m. Mary E.                      (d.1894)  
Born in Alabama, came to Lauderdale County after Civil War. Lived near Bailey Store in Lauderdale County, . LIVED in Silas Pratt

Children: (Not in order of birth. Possibly had more.)

- <sup>call</sup> "BERTIE" 1. ROBERTA PRATT 1880-1950, m. George P. McCall  
Children: None known.
2. EVIE PRATT 18\_\_-197\_, m. Fred U. Wilson (1885-1958) in 1909, Lauderdale County. He was son of George Washington and Dicia (Talbert) Wilson of Obediah, Laud. Co.  
Had a farm in Obediah.  
Children: A. Hilda Wilson <sup>POWELL</sup> B. Hazel Wilson <sup>TRAVIS HARVEY</sup>
3. KATHERINE "Kate" PRATT 18\_\_-19\_\_ , m. (1)George Lewis Wilson(1882-1905). He was son of U.L."Fate" and Anna Miriah (Brown) Wilson. After he died Kate m. (2)John Mooney. who owned a furniture store in Meridian.  
Children:  
A. Johnnie Kate  
B. (Another daughter) MARY
- <sup>call</sup> "AUD" 4. CLARENCE PRATT 1887-1954, m. Nora (Pace?).  
Served in US Army in World War I as Corporal in HQ Co. 140, Field Artillery. Home was in Obediah.  
Children:  
A. Mattie Belle Pratt  
B. Harold Pratt
5. Ellis Pratt 1894-197\_, m. (1)Mary Byrd (b.1888), dau. of S.V."Vas" and Rosalyn Thurzaline Byrd of Pine Springs in 1913. After Mary d. in 1955, Ellis m. (2)Mrs. Odena Williams (3)Mrs. Sudie Pace. <sup>ELLIS OWNED FARM IN PINE SPRINGS</sup>  
Children:  
A. Walterine Pratt 1914-1978, m. (1)N.E.Ott (2) Walker  
B. Preston Pratt 1916- , m. (1)Alma Faye Rasberry (2)Mrs.Edna Earl (Smith) Null  
<sup>ESSIE</sup> C. Elsie Estelle Pratt 1917- , m. Milton White of Obediah. Div.  
D. Owen Vastine "O.V."Pratt 1919- m. (1)Helen Penny,div (2)Esther  
E. Thusline Pratt 1921- m. Paul Okerlund of Pittsburg,Penn. who was stationed at Key Field, Meridian, in World War II.  
F. Roy Edgar Pratt 1922- m. Bernice Jones. He served in World War II.  
<sup>737-2385</sup> - G. Clifton Pratt 1924-1984, m. Elizabeth Null  
H. R.L.Pratt (Twin) 1927- m. (1)Louise McDonald,div (2)Judy Irby,div (3)Janelle ,div (4)Bernice Hopper. HE served in W.W. II  
I. C.L.Pratt (Twin)1927-1980,m. Willie Lee Sullivan. When he went into Army in W.W.II, he had to have a name besides C L, so he named himself Charles Larry Pratt.  
J. Robert Earl Pratt 1933- , m. Verna Mae Cooley. Was in W.W.II.  
<sup>KOREAN war</sup>

VII. MARY PRATT 18 -19 . Did not marry. There was an Aunt Mary Pratt, unmarried, who came to Lauderdale Coonty and lived with her Niece, Evie Pratt Wilson. She was not listed in 1860 census with her family, so apparently she was born after then. Mary lived to be up in years when she died. At Gumlog there is a stone for M.E.Pratt, 1860-1904. Could this be Mary?