

**ROBERT AND ELIZABETH McKINLEY**

**AND DESCENDANTS**

**And Related Families**

**Bishop**

**Dearman**

**Gilliam**

**Lunsford**

**Lyon**

**McElroy**

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Our dead are greater and more truly alive than we are. When we forget them,  
it is our whole future that we lose sight of; and when we fail in respect to them,  
it is our own immortal soul that we are trampling under our feet.

Maurice Maeterlinck

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## Random Quotes from Genealogy Researchers

Whatever it is that compels people to go chasing after ancestors - a sense of history, a hunger for the taste of royal blood - a need for "roots" - what they find and treasure are anecdotes such as those stories that make their ancestors emerge as flesh-and-blood human beings.

The purpose of genealogy study is to make people long dead live again that we might know them.

Genealogy a hobby - I find my ancestors were people with the virtues and all the faults of real human beings. Through becoming involved with them I have been educated and really entertained.

It is only human that you should desire a touch of immortality here on earth, an assurance of a place in history, a hope that after you have gone the way of all flesh, someone will know and care that you once passed this way. A genealogical record is one means of achieving that hope.

Marriage - especially early marriage was encouraged. An unwed girl of twenty-one could be referred to as "an antique virgin." Widows often remarried promptly; one used the leftover refreshments of her first husband's funeral for her second wedding. Babies arrived with almost frightening frequency. Excessive childbearing drained the vitality of many pioneer women, as the weather-eroded colonial tombstones eloquently reveal, and a number of the largest families were borne by several mothers.

Many people are deluded into believing that there is a coat of arms for every name. This is not true. There are thousands of respectable names for which no coat of arms exists. For some names there are many authentic coats of arms. There are about eighty coats of arms in existence for the name "Smith." If you have a name which, in the past, bore a coat of arms in connection with an English family, it by no means follows that you are entitled to use that coat of arms.

## Preface

Collecting and compiling this information about the McKinley family has been a happy endeavor. It has taken a great deal of time and effort but it has been a labor of love. I dedicate this volume to all McKinley ancestors and descendants, but especially to my wonderful mother, Ina Gilliam Peel. She has Sarah Nancy Ellen McKinley's Bible with invaluable dates, and she has told me many stories, some of them related in these pages, but more importantly she has been my constant source of inspiration and encouragement.

As I now compile my notes and papers, I have thoughts of appreciation for my friend Ann Clayton, who persuaded me to become interested in genealogy, and who has been my mentor and traveling companion on many research expeditions.

I have met and talked with many relatives, and some non-relatives, who have given me enthusiastic assistance. Many, many letters have been written and I have been encouraged by the trouble most people have taken to answer and bring together all of the bits of information to make this a worthwhile history of the family.

I have been excited by the many lost relatives I have found and the new friendships that have developed. I found the name of Gaston L. Lyon in the Tchula, Mississippi telephone book and contacted him to find out that he is one of our family. I visited him and his family in their home and found them very much in the family. I have visited Martha Kate Simmons and Kathryn Mobley Wilkinson in Columbia, Mississippi. Barbara Philippus of Austin, Texas has visited me twice and we have exchanged many letters. She has provided me with a great part of the information in this book. I am sincerely grateful for her documented answers to several of my puzzling questions.

I have corresponded with Lela Mae Prisock Hodo, Agnes McElroy Kelly, Cdr. J.F. Trawick USN(Ret.), Ben Trawick, Mayda Alston Mallonee, Albert McKinley, and Nina McKinley Hughes. Nina is the only living child of William R. McKinley and Mary P. Worsham. When Nina learned I was researching the McKinley history she said, "I am sorry some one didn't start this years ago, for this has been a large interesting family."

I have driven countless miles to read census records and search wills, deeds and marriage records. Some were found in the Archives in Montgomery, Alabama; Jackson, Mississippi; Nashville, Tennessee; and Washington, D. C., and court houses in Putnam County, Georgia; Charlotte, North Carolina; Holmes, Jones, Forrest and Lauderdale Counties in Mississippi; and Sumter County, Alabama. I have visited most of the cemeteries in Lauderdale County, Mississippi and some of the cemeteries in Sumter County, Alabama; Putnam County, Georgia and Holmes County, Mississippi.

It is a difficult and tedious task to trace lines, especially before 1850, as prior to that time only the heads of households were named on the census. Others were listed under age categories.

In many cases, children were named for their father, grandfather, or uncle; and stepfather was often called father-in-law, thus making a web that is hard to separate. A second name or initial did not come into common use until about 1800.

In the *Dictionary Of Family Names* under Surnames of Scotland, I found the following information on McKinley:

"MacKinlay - MacKinley, the son of Finlay (Fair Hero), this name is the Gaelic form of Finlayson, both meaning son of Finlay. In Gaelic the name is MacFhionnlaigh. The name is distinctly a Scottish one, but is found also in the north of Ireland (Antrim) among the descendants of the settlers of Scots Plantation of Ulster. Unlike most other Scottish surnames beginning with Mac this name is not a common one, occurring but sparingly in the public records of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries as M'Finlay 1633, McIndlay 1667, McKinla and MakKinla 1528, McKinlay and McKinley 1718, McEnlea 1706."

It the book *Lost Tribes of North Carolina*, it is stated that the McKinleys of Paw Creek, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina were related to President McKinley but the relationship is not explained.

No one making a serious genealogy study can ever be completely satisfied. Every new bit of information opens up a new area for investigation. There is always a feeling of urgency because history is obscured by the passing of time.

This book is in loose-leaf form, so that revisions, corrections and additional information may be presented on supplementary pages.

## A Little Bit of History

In 1727, six emigrant ships full of Scotch-Irish arrived at Philadelphia in one week and all through the first half of the 18th Century it was not uncommon for two or three emigrant ships a day to reach America from Ireland. Presbyterians were most numerous in early times. From Mecklenburg-Strelitz in the year 1761 went a young princess to be the wife of George III and Queen of England and her name was Charlotte.

In November 1768, a bill introduced by Martin Phifer was passed dividing the original Mecklenburg County, North Carolina into Mecklenburg and Tyron Counties. (*History of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, Volume I*)

From the book *Story of Georgia, Georgia People*, Smith: "Putnam County, Georgia was created December 10, 1807 from Baldwin County. It was named for Major-General Israel Putnam (1718-1790) Revolutionary War hero. The county seat is Eatonton, Georgia. Putnam is almost in the center of the State of Georgia. It adjoins Hancock and Greene Counties on its Eastern side, Baldwin and Jones Counties to the South, Jasper County to the East and Morgan County to the North.

"None of these new counties, of which Putnam was one, could be said to have had any first settlers. They came in droves. These first people were mainly Georgians, the land being given away to Georgians by lottery. Everyone 21 years old or a Revolutionary Soldier could put his name in the pot and then a drawing was held at the county court house to see who got land. The lots were 202 and one-half acres in size, and when Putnam County was first settled it was dotted all over with small farms. The first people came not only from older counties of Georgia, but from North Carolina, Virginia and Maryland."

Mississippi, the 20th State, was admitted to the Union December 10, 1817.

Lauderdale County, Mississippi was established on the 23rd of December, 1833, three years after the signing of the Treaty of Dancing Rabbit Creek. It was named in memory of Colonel James Lauderdale, who was killed in the Battle of New Orleans 8 January 1815.

In 1800, James Lauderdale bought the land at present-day Lauderdale Springs, Mississippi from the local Indian chief and established a trading post there. He was the original settler in the area.

At that time very few settlers had ventured into present-day Alabama and Mississippi, because the Creek Indians who occupied most of Georgia and Eastern Alabama fiercely repulsed any incursions unto or across their lands, and travel northward from the Gulf of Mexico through East Florida was blocked by the French and Spanish nations who successively possessed that land. In 1817, Andrew Jackson and his Volunteer frontiersmen defeated and subdued the Creek Indians, and in 1819, The United States acquired all of Florida from Spain.

In a series of treaties beginning with the Hopewell Treaty in 1768 and evolving through the Treaty of Dancing Rabbit Creek, signed September 27, 1830, the Choctaw Indians were forced to give up their homelands to the United States government. They relinquished nearly 25 million acres of land in Mississippi and Alabama for only five million acres in Arkansas and Oklahoma. By 1833 the Indians of the Choctaw Nation had been transported along the "Trail of Tears" to their new homes in the West. The immigrants then flocked across the frontier in ever increasing numbers. In 1812 there were only three distinct white settlements in Alabama. They were Mobile, 1702; Fort Tombecbee, 1785; and Huntsville, 1805.

The citizens of Alabama and Mississippi readily demonstrated their pride in their new states and their nation. Villages were built and grew into towns and roads were constructed to join them. Lauderdale County, Mississippi population was: 1840 - 5,358; 1850 - 8,717; 1860 - 13,313; 1870 - 13,462; 1880 - 21,501; 1890 - 28,661.

Lauderdale County is located about midway between the north and south borders of the state. Its eastern border is the state line between Mississippi and Alabama. Lauderdale County adjoins Sumter County, Alabama.

The county seat of Lauderdale County was moved from the original site at Marion to Marion Station in 1866. In 1870 the county seat was moved from Marion Station to Meridian, where it has remained ever since.

When the the clouds of war gathered across the Southland in 1861, Mississippi was the second state to secede.

The Confederate Government built a railroad from Rome, Georgia to connect with the Mobile and Ohio Railroad at Lauderdale, Mississippi. The road was called the East Tennessee, Virginia and Georgia, called "Eat Tough Victuals and Grunt" by some. The facilities of this railroad were stressed to capacity with the monumental task of transporting troops and equipment. One overburdened station on the E.T.V. & G. was Springs Station, which was at the front gate of the Confederate General Hospital at Lauderdale Springs.

After the devastating years of War and Reconstruction, Mississippi was readmitted to the Union in 1870.

In the early 70's, the Alabama Great Southern railroad was extended through York to Meridian. Meridian ultimately became a transportation hub with the services of five railroads. In 1922, 44 passenger train arrivals and departures were scheduled in Meridian.



## In Memoriam

The Walter Leake Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution; The Marmaduke Coate Chapter, National Society Colonial Dames XVII Century; and the Winnie Davis Chapter No. 24, United Daughters of the Confederacy conducted a memorial service for Mrs. Tom "Betty" Lawrence, Thursday, March 31, 1994.

These chapters conducted the service at Magnolia Cemetery in Meridian, Mississippi, to commemorate Mrs. Lawrence's devotion to the causes and the programs of these patriotic organizations.

Mrs. Lawrence, who died August 18, 1993, was an accomplished student of history and a tireless and meticulous genealogist. She was a member of the Mississippi Historical Society, and she served for many years on the Genealogy Committee at the Meridian Public Library.

She compiled and wrote: *A History of Winnie Davis Chapter No. 24, United Daughters of the Confederacy; A History of Lauderdale Springs, Mississippi; A History of Sumter County, Alabama; and Unrevised History of the War for Southern Independence*. She also compiled and published genealogical records and histories of a number of families, some in great depth and some less extensive: *Bennett, Bishop, Bracewell (Braswell), Bryant, Burgess, Carver, Cotton, Crider, Dearman, DeLoach, Dew, Gilbert, Gilliam, Green, Guinn, Hill, Kizziah, Lavender, Lawrence, Loyd, Lunsford, Lyon, McDaniel, McElroy, McKinley, Mercer, Murry, Newell, Oswald, Pearson (Pierson), Peel, Permenter, Pigford, Pinson, Poythress, Preston, Ray, Robbins, Sampson, Shamblin, Snow, Stiles, Taylor, Wedgworth, West, Williams and Wood*.

Mrs. Lawrence had an abiding interest in the maintenance and preservation of the Lauderdale Springs Confederate Cemetery, which is owned by the Winnie Davis Chapter, UDC. A portion of the land occupied by this cemetery was her great-grandparents' farm at their home in Lauderdale Springs, where her grandmother, her mother and her older sister were born.

While Mrs. Lawrence was President of the Winnie Davis Chapter, UDC, that organization established a Perpetual Care Fund for the cemetery. At that time, she expressed her pleasure for that accomplishment, "We are now assured that the 1,100 valiant men who are buried here will rest forever at a place of beauty and dignity."

Dr. William Apperson, pastor of the First Christian Church of Meridian, delivered the commemorative address at the ceremony.



## THE MCKINLEYS

The McKinleys came to this country from Scotland. I wrote Nina McKinley Hughes asking if she had ever heard anything about the early times of the McKinleys in this country. She recalled having heard it said that three McKinley brothers came to the U. S. from Scotland, but she didn't know their names or when they came. There were McKinleys in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina very early as proved by early deeds and mortgages located in the Court House in Charlotte, North Carolina. It is known that McKinleys have been in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina for two hundred fifty years. There are strong indications but no definite proof of which McKinleys in the early times are our ancestors. Judgments have to be made on the dates, as well as the names given to the children in the families.

In April of 1764, Robert McKindley bought 400 acres of land on Paw Creek in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina from Matthew and Jean Patton. Robert McKinley was born ca 1708. His wife's name was Elizabeth. Robert McKinley wrote his will January 21, 1775 in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina.

I, Robert McKinley of Mecklenburg County and Province of North Carolina in declining health, state of body, but a perfect mind and memory. Thanks be to God for his mercy and calling to mind the mortality of my body and that it is appointed unto all men to die, do make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament. That it is principally and first of all recommending my soul to almighty God who gave it and my body to the earth to be buried in a decent Christian manner and at the discretion of my Executors. I give unto Elizabeth, my well beloved wife, one third part of this plantation whereon I now live or one third part of the value or price of that plantation, if it be sold; likewise the use of the dwelling and outhouses belonging thereto to be at the disposal by her. Also, Sarah Thom, my beloved daughter, to William McKinley, my beloved son, also to Elizabeth, my daughter, one bay mare and three cows; also to my son, Joseph, a horse or the price of one; to my daughter, Martha, I give a mare and two cows, and after my wife's demise, I will that the plantation above written to be equally divided between my three youngest daughters, viz: Jane, Elizabeth and Martha. My son William McKinley and Joseph Scott, my son in law, I constitute, ordain and appoint my executors of this my Last Will and Testament. I hereby disallow and disannul all previous Wills, Testaments and Legacies executed by me. Confirming this to be my Last Will and Testament, whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal.

Signed: Robert McKinley

Witnesses

Thomas William

Justice Beech.

1775 - the Last Will and Testament of Robert McKinley was proved in court by the oath of Justice Beech a subscribing witness thereto, whereupon Letters Testamentary issued to William P. McKinley and Joseph McKinley and Joseph Scott, Executors nominated in the said Will, who came into court and took the oath of executors, and prayed an Order of State for the perishable effects of the Estate of the said deceased, which was granted.

I do not have the death date of Robert McKinley but it was sometime in 1775. Wills were seldom made unless the Testator was sick unto death. In 1776, William McKinley, executor of Robert McKinley deceased, returned unto open court an account of sales of the estate of the said deceased amounting to 34 pounds, 17 shillings 3 currency, and ordered that same be filed.

In the early days wills were not usually made except by property owners and men of

substance. The Robert McKinley of the above will was a plantation owner, but since I do not have the original deed with the description, we do not know the size of his property.

Robert McKinley was born about 1708 and died in 1775 in Mecklenburg County, Province of North Carolina.

Robert McKinley and wife, Elizabeth, had children as proved by his last will and testament: William McKinley, Joseph McKinley, Elizabeth McKinley, Martha McKinley and Jane McKinley. These are the children listed in the last will and testament. Perhaps there were others who were deceased.

This Robert McKinley was the great-grandfather of Robert McKinley and Sarah Nancy Ellen McKinley, who is my great-grandmother.

Joseph Scott, one of the executors of the will of Robert McKinley, was listed as a son-in-law, but we do not know which of the daughters was his wife.

In the Mecklenburg County Court House in Charlotte, North Carolina, *Court Minutes 1774-1790* lists a deed of sale from Joseph McKinley and Elizabeth McKinley, his wife, to James Brown for 406 acres of land - dated October 6, 1776 and proven (ordered to be registered). Joseph McKinley was the son of Robert and Elizabeth McKinley.

William McKinley, son of Robert and Elizabeth McKinley, was born in 1741 and died May 29, 1813 in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina. William McKinley's wife, Margaret, was born in 1734 and died in 1800 and is buried in Steele Creek Cemetery.

Children of William and Margaret McKinley:

1. Robert McKinley married Peggy Neil in 1802 in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina.
2. William McKinley was born March 20, 1779 and married Sarah \_\_\_\_\_ ca 1803.
3. Elizabeth "Betsey" McKinley married Michael Stinson, October 20, 1790, in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina.
4. Sally McKinley married \_\_\_\_\_ Cathey.
5. Jean McKinley married \_\_\_\_\_ Swan.
6. Nancy "Agnes" McKinley married Hugh Stinson, July 29, 1795. in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina.
7. Margaret "Peggy" McKinley married Samuel Whiteside, September 28, 1799. in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, witnessed by William McKinley.

The names of the children of William McKinley were proved by his will written on the 2nd day of April, 1810. Nancy McKinley who married Hugh Stinson was listed with the name "Agnes". This was a nickname for the name Mary, in common usage at that time.

In the book *Lost Tribes of North Carolina*, page 398, the author writes of the wife of William McKinley: "Margaret McKinley, wife of William, was born in 1734 and died 1800 and is buried Steele Creek Cemetery."

#### WILLIAM MCKINLEY WILL

In the name of God amen I, William McKinley being weak of body, but of a perfect sound mind and memory, do make, ordain and constitute this my Last Will and Testament.

Imprimis I will and allow that all my just debts be paid by my Executors hereafter to be named.

Firstly, I devise my lands in the following manner and form,

To my son Robert McKinley I will and bequeath one hundred acres of land off the upper end of my plantation joining the land of Joseph Hudson and William Flinn including his improvement beginning at a line newly blazed in the dividing line between William Flinn and myself running in a North Westerwardly direction to a Red Oak and gum stump so as to include one hundred acres of land and no more. Secondly, I also will and allow my son Robert McKinley aforementioned my middle sized pot, one Twister, Howell Cross Inshave & Crooked drawing knife to him and his heirs forever.

Thirdly, to my youngest son William McKinley I will and bequeath the remainder part of my land including all my improvements to him and his heirs forever and also all my personal estate of every kind to be for his use and at his disposal by first paying cash to my daughters one dollar.

Fourthly, to my eldest daughter Nancy Stinson, I will and Bequeath one dollar.

Fifthly, to my daughter Betsey Stinson I will and bequeath one dollar.

Sixthly, I will and Allow my daughter, Peggy Whiteside One Dollar.

Seventhly, I will and Allow my daughter Sally Cathey one Dollar.

Eighthly, I Will and Allow my youngest daughter Jane Swann One Dollar.

Ninthly, I do hereby ordain, appoint and constitute my two sons Robert McKinley and William McKinley my executors of this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking and disannulling all former and other wills making and appointing this and this only as my Last Will and Testament.

Given unto my hand and seal this second day of April 1810.

Signed, sealed and published the day and date above written. In the presence of us who all signed in presence of each other.

William McKinley (Seal)

Witnesses:

M.M. Leary

Wm. Flynn

Hugh Bradford

In the book *Lost Tribes of North Carolina*, page 398 it is stated, "William McKinley died May 25, 1913, 72 years old (born 1741). The heirs were: daughter, Nancy Stinson; daughter, Betsey Stinson; daughter, Peggy Whiteside; daughter, Sally Cathey; and youngest daughter, Jane Swann; elder son, Robert McKinley; and younger son, William McKinley. These two sons, Robert and William, were appointed executors of their father's last will and testament. The wife was already dead."

A deed of sale from Robert McKinley to William McKinley for 200 acres of land on both sides of Paw Creek was proved in open court by oath of David Davis and registered January 17, 1775. I believe this William McKinley to be the William McKinley born in 1741 of the above will and Robert McKinley possibly his brother.

Listed below are some conveyances which I believe involve our McKinley family:

1764 - April 18th Robert Mckinley bought land from Matthew and Jean Patton. 400 acres on Long Creek and Paw Creek.

1770 -William McKinley, buyer of 220 acres on Paw Creek from Robert McKinley.

1778 - April - William and Margaret McKinley, buyers from Moses Sharpley, 200 acres on Paw Creek. (This is the William McKinley of the will who was born 1741. Margaret, his wife, was not mentioned because she was deceased before he made his will in April 1810).

1779, William McKinley bought 100 acres from Richard Caswell, located on Paw Creek.

Robert McKinley was the son of William and Margaret McKinley. He was born ca 1770 in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina. Robert McKinley married Peggy Neil August 23, 1802. (*Mecklenburg County, North Carolina Marriage Record*) According to the 1810

Mecklenburg County, North Carolina Census, Robert and Peggy McKinley had four children, 2 boys and 2 girls, all under ten years of age:

1810 Mecklenburg County, North Carolina Census  
Robert McKinley  
1 male 26 and under 45 years of age  
1 female 26 and under 45 years of age  
2 males under 10 years of age  
2 females under 10 years of age

William McKinley was born March 20, 1779 at Paw Creek, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina. William and Sarah were married about 1803 in North Carolina. Sarah was born in 1780 according to the Sarah Nancy Ellen McKinley Bible, and also according to the 1850 Putnam County, Georgia Census:

1850 Putnam County Census - dwelling house numbered in the  
order of visitation - #399  
William McKinley, age 71, Farmer, value of R. Est. \$1500, b. N.C.  
Sarah, age 70, b. N.C.  
Elizabeth C., age 30, b. N.C.  
H. L., age 31, b. N.C.  
Sarah N, age 21, b. N.C.  
Isabella Hamilton, age 21, b. N.C.  
William Hamilton, age 17, b. Ga.

Isabella and William Hamilton are grandchildren of William and Sarah McKinley. They are the daughter and son of Sarah Eliza McKinley who married Robert Hamilton. Sarah Eliza died November 27, 1841.

It was not until 1950 that all members of a family were listed on census records by name, age and state where born, as exhibited on the census shown above.

The first United States Census was taken in 1790 and listed the head of the family and the number in the household as male and female. The 1800 through 1840 censuses listed the name of the head of the family and other members of the household were listed under male or female in age groups.

Below I have listed 1800, 1810 and 1820 Mecklenburg County, North Carolina census records. There is no absolute proof that they are our McKinleys but, all things considered, it is believed they are.

1800 Mecklenburg County, North Carolina Census  
William McKindley (sic)  
2 males 16 under 26  
1 male 45 up  
1 female 16 under 26  
1 female 45 up

This is believed to be the father of our William McKinley and his wife, Margaret, and their children.

1810 Mecklenburg County, North Carolina Census

Capt. William McKinley

1 male under 10 years (John age 6)

1 male 26 under 45 (William age 31)

1 male 45 up (William Sr., father of Capt. William. He wrote his will in 1810 and probably died shortly thereafter)

3 females under 10 (Margaret, age 5; Sarah E., age 3; Mary, age 1)

1 female 26 under 45 (Sarah, age 29)

1820 Mecklenburg County, North Carolina Census

William E. McKinley

2 males under 10 years of age (Robert, age 7; William, age 1)

1 male 16 under 18 years of age (John, age 16)

1 male 26 under 45 years of age (William E., age 41)

1 male 18 under 26 years of age (do not know who this could be)

2 females under 10 years of age (Ann 6, age 9; Elizabeth, age 4)

3 females 10 under 16 years of age (Margaret, age 15; Sarah E., age 13; Mary A., age 11)

1 female 26 under 45 years of age (Sarah, age 39)

The listing of William E. McKinley on this 1820 census is the first time his middle initial "E" is used on any document.

William McKinley was still in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina in 1830, as proved by this 1830 Census Record:

1830 Mecklenburg County, North Carolina Census

William McKinley

3 males 5 under 10 years of age (Leander, age 9; Joseph and Hugh, twins, age 7)

1 male 10 under 15 years of age (William, age 11)

2 males 20 under 30 years of age (John, age 26; I do not know who the other is)

1 male 15 under 20 years of age (Robert, age 17)

1 male 50 under 60 of age (William, age 51)

1 female under 5 years of age (Sarah Nancy Ellen, age 3)

1 female 20 under 30 of age (Sarah E., age 23)

1 female 10 under 15 years of age (Elizabeth, age 14)

2 females 15 under 20 years of age (Ann, age 19, Mary, age 20 or 21)

1 female 50 under 60 (Sarah had already had her birthday and was 50 years old)

2 slaves

At the time of the 1830 census, William and Sarah McKinley had all their children. It was in 1830 that William McKinley and his family went to Putnam County, Georgia to make their home, as proved by a Memoriam for Ann McKinley, daughter of William.

The earliest land transaction involving William McKinley, that I have been able to locate in Putnam County, was the purchase of land from Thomas Cooper and L. Weston. This tract or parcel of land was originally listed as lying and being in the district of Baldwin County - lot No. 444 - four hundred forty-five acres, and Southwest half of lot No. 445. Putnam County was later created from this area of Baldwin County. The deed was signed December 11, 1830. (*Putnam County, Georgia Deed Book N*, p. 294)

In an indenture dated February 3, 1863, Hugh L. McKinley, executor of the will of William McKinley, sold the above described real estate to Kirchin Little.

1840 Putnam County, Georgia Census

William McKinley

3 males 15 under 20 (Leander 19; Joseph and Hugh 17)

1 male 60 under 70 (William 61)

1 female 10 under 15 (Sarah Nancy Ellen 13)

1 female 20 under 30 (Elizabeth because she still lived at home in 1850)

1 female 50 under 60 (Sarah age 60)

Children of William and Sarah McKinley:

- I. **John McKinley** was born March 4, 1804 and died September 1860.
- II. **Margaret McKinley** was born April 26, 1805 and died September 15, 1879.
- III. **Sarah Eliza McKinley** was born May 20, 1807 in North Carolina and died November 27, 1841. She married Robert Hamilton June 6, 1827.
- IV. **Mary A. McKinley** was born April 17, 1809 and died October 13, 1894. She married the first time William Lunsford on December 5, 1833. She married the second time James Stephens.
- V. **Ann S. McKinley** was born February 22, 1811 and died November 12, 1891. Ann McKinley married Rev. W. H. Lyon September 10, 1835.
- VI. **Robert McKinley** was born February 17, 1813 and died August 14, 1900. He married Mary Elizabeth Daniel February 7, 1839.
- VII. **Elizabeth McKinley** was born December 14, 1816 and died 1876.
- VIII. **William J. McKinley** was born April 13, 1819 and died November 14, 1856.
- IX. **Leander F. McKinley** was born September 19, 1821 and died November 24, 1841.
- X. **Joseph L. McKinley** was born November 16, 1823 (twin) and died September, 1893.
- XI. **Hugh L. McKinley** was born November 16, 1823 (twin) and married Ann E. Dickerson September 4, 1855.
- XII. **Sarah Nancy Ellen McKinley** was born July 19, 1827 and died December 17, 1906. She married William Dearman September 17, 1851 the first time. The second time she married William Parker.

Children of William and Sarah McKinley:

I. **John McKinley** was the oldest child of William and Sarah McKinley. He was born March 4, 1804 in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina and died September 1860. This information is from Sarah Nancy Ellen McKinley's Bible.

John McKinley came to Putnam County Georgia in 1830 with his parents, William and Sarah McKinley.

John McKinley married Luduske Davis March 1, 1840. (*Jones County, Georgia Marriage Records*) Luduske Davis was born 1812 in South Carolina.

1840 Troop County, Georgia Census, page 316

John McKinley

1 male 30 under 40 (Daniel age 36)

1 female 20 under 30 (Luduske)

1850 Troop County, Georgia Census

John McKinley, age 46, b. N.C., Occupation Carpenter



Luduske, age 38, b. S.C.  
Mary, age 9, b. Ga.  
Sarah L., age 7, b. Ga.  
William, age 4, b. Ga.  
John T., age 1, b. Ga.  
Orange Davis, age 80, b. Va.

I do not know who Orange Davis was, perhaps the grandmother. 1850 was the first year the entire family was listed by name, age and where born.

1860 Troop County, Georgia Census  
John McKinley, age 56  
Luduske, age 48  
Mary, age 19  
Sarah L., age 17  
William, age 14  
John, age 11 years

1870 Troop County, Georgia Census, Family #468  
John McKinley, age 66, b. N. C.  
Mary, age 27, b. Ga.  
Sarah, age 26, b. Ga.  
John, age 20, b. Ga.

William McKinley, who would have been 24 years of age in 1870, is not listed on this census. He was either married or living away from home. Also, Luduske Davis McKinley is not listed. Probably she had died.

It must be noted that the death date of John McKinley was listed in Sarah Nancy Ellen McKinley Bible as September 1860, however, on the 1870 census, shown above, he is listed as still living, age 66. I assume the date listed in the Bible is incorrect because of a mistake in recording or it was not clearly legible and was misinterpreted.

**II. Margaret McKinley**, daughter of William and Sarah McKinley, was born April 26, 1805 in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina. She died September 15, 1878. Margaret McKinley married Daniel Hale (Hail) ca 1831. In the 1830 Mecklenburg, North Carolina Census, page 342, Daniel Hail is listed with his mother and father.

1830 Mecklenburg County, North Carolina Census  
\_\_\_\_ Hale  
1 male 60 under 70 years of age (his father)  
1 female 60 under 70 years of age (his mother)  
1 male 20 under 30 years of age (Daniel Hale, age 26)

Margaret McKinley and Daniel Hale probably married in North Carolina before the family removed to Georgia in 1830, as there is no record of a marriage for Margaret and Daniel in Putnam County, Georgia. Possibly they all moved at the same time.

In wagons it would have taken weeks to make the trip and it would have been unusual for an individual family to make the long trip alone. Travelers usually traveled in groups for

protection and mutual help. Daniel Hale and Margaret McKinley had three children:

1. William Hale was born in 1833 in Georgia.
2. Minerva Hale was born in 1834 in Georgia.
3. John Hale was born in 1838 in Georgia .

In the 1840 Troop County, Georgia Census page 316, Daniel Hale is listed as head of his family.

1840 Troop County, Georgia Census  
1 male 30 under 40 (Daniel age 36)  
1 female 30 under 40 (Margaret age 35)  
1 male under 5 (John age 2)  
1 male 5 under 10 (William age 7)  
1 female under 5 (Minervia age 5)  
1 female 40 under 50 (Possibly a relative of Daniel or a servant)

1850 Troop County , Georgia Census, Family #114  
Daniel Hail, age 46, b. Conn.  
Margaret, age 45, b. N. C.  
William, age 17, b. Ga.  
Minerva, age 16, b. Ga.  
John, age 12, b. Ga.

Daniel and Margaret Hale were still living in Troop County, Georgia in 1860 as proved by the Census:

1860 Troop County, Georgia Census  
Daniel Hale, age 56, b. Conn.  
Margaret, age 54, wife, b. N. C.  
William, age 27, son, b. Ga.  
Minerva, age 25, dau., b. Ga.  
John, age 22, son, b. Ga.

It seems a little unusual that all the children remained unmarried. This family has not been located in this county after 1860. No Hale or Hail is listed in the entire county.

Margaret McKinley Hale did not die until 1878 so it could be that Daniel died before the 1870 census and Margaret moved in with relatives or went to another state. All the children were grown and perhaps married before the 1870 census.

**III. Sarah Eliza McKinley**, daughter of William and Sarah McKinley, was born May 20, 1807 in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina and died November 27, 1841, according to the Family Bible of Sarah Nancy Ellen McKinley Dearman. Sarah Eliza McKinley married Robert Hamilton, June 6, 1827 in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina. They had three children:

1. Isabella Hamilton was born ca 1828 in North Carolina. She married Paul Wheeler on August 11, 1850. (*Putnam County Marriage Record Book F*) In the cemetery in Eatonton, Georgia, I located the grave of Paul Wheeler with this inscription:

Paul Wheeler - b. August 21, 1824 - d. In Battle Nov. 22, 1864

Paul and Isabella Wheeler could have had children, but I have found no record of them. Also, Isabella could have remarried after her husband was killed in the War for Southern Independence. She would have only been 34 or 35 years old at the time.

2. Sarah J. Hamilton was born ca 1829 in North Carolina.

3. William Hamilton was born ca 1833, probably in Georgia.

Robert Hamilton and Sarah Eliza McKinley Hamilton were still living in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina in 1830 as proved by this census. They had two daughters as proved by the following 1830 Mecklenburg County, North Carolina Census. Robert Hamilton is listed as head of household.

1830 Mecklenburg County, North Carolina Census  
Robert Hamilton, male 20 under 30 years of age  
1 female 20 under 30 years of age (Sarah Eliza)  
2 females under 5 years of age (Sarah J. and Isabella)

The William McKinley family moved to Putnam County, Georgia in 1830 and possibly Robert and Sarah Eliza Hamilton came at the same time. There is no record of a Robert Hamilton in Mecklenburg County in 1840 and Sarah Eliza died in November 27, 1841.

In the 1850 Putnam County Census Isabella Hamilton and her brother, William Hamilton, were listed in the household of William McKinley, their grandfather, however, Sarah J. Hamilton, the other daughter, was not. We know she was alive in 1850 because all three children were listed in the July 3, 1851 will of their grandfather, William McKinley. He died in 1854. "Item 13th - I give to my two granddaughters, Sarah J. Hamilton and Isabella Wheeler, five dollars each."

**IV. Mary A. McKinley**, daughter of William and Sarah McKinley, was born April 17, 1809 at Paw Creek, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina. Early in life Mary A. McKinley joined the Presbyterian Church, but after her father moved to Georgia in 1830 she joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Mary A. McKinley married William W. Lunsford December 5, 1833 in Putnam County, Georgia. The wedding rites were performed by Stephen Weston, Justice of the Peace. (*Putnam County, Georgia Marriage Book X*, p. 43)

William W. Lunsford was born May 25, 1811 in North Carolina and died July 12, 1853 in Holmes County, Mississippi. He is listed on the 1850 Holmes County, Mississippi Census, born in North Carolina and his occupation was listed as a farmer. It is not known when he moved from North Carolina to Georgia. Possibly his family made the move at the same time the McKinleys did.

Mary and William Lunsford must not have lived very long in Georgia because, according to the 1850 Holmes County Census, their children were born in Alabama.

1850 Holmes County, Mississippi Census  
William Lunsford, age 37, farmer, b. N.C.  
Mary, age 39, b. N.C.  
William, age 12, b. Ala.  
Minerva, age 11, b. Ala.  
Alexander, age 10, b. Ala.

Sarah, age 9, b. Ala.

They may have been living in Chambers County, Alabama when the children were born as I have a 1850 Chambers County, Alabama census of William and Ann Lyon living in that county. Ann Lyon was the sister of Mary A. McKinley Lunsford.

Another sister of Mary A. Lunsford, Margaret Hale, and her husband were living in Chambers County also. Their brother, Robert McKinley married Mary E. Daniel in 1839 in Chambers County, Alabama, and was listed on the 1840 Chambers County Census Record.

William W. Lunsford and Mary A. McKinley Lunsford were buried in Hebron Cemetery, Holmes County, Mississippi. This cemetery is about three miles from Lexington, Mississippi. Gravestone in Hebron Cemetery:

Wm. W. Lunsford - b. May 25, 1811 - d. July 12, 1853  
Mary A. - Wife of Jas. Stephens - Mother of W.W. and T.A. Lunsford d. Sept. 13, 1894  
age 85 years 4 mo. and 2 days

After William W. Lunsford died, Mary A. McKinley married James Stephens. There is no record of this marriage in Holmes County. A fire in the Court House destroyed many records and this marriage record was probably one of them.

#### IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Mary Stephens, mother of T.A. and W.W. Lunsford, was born April 17, 1809, in Mecklenburg County, N.C., and died October 13, 1894, at the residence of her son, W.W. Lunsford, of Holmes County.

In early life she joined the Presbyterian Church at Paw Creek, N.C. After her father moved to Georgia in 1830, she united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and continued a consistent and exemplary member until her death.

She was a true and faithful wife, a fond and affectionate mother, sister and friend. In the graveyard of Hebron her remains were laid by the side of her first husband, William Lunsford.

Children of William W. and Mary A. (McKinley) Lunsford:

1. Minervia Lunsford, daughter of William W. and Mary A. (McKinley) Lunsford, was born August 19, 1835 in Alabama. She married James Stigler. Minervia died young and is buried in Hebron Cemetery in the same plot with her uncle and aunt, as well as some other of the Lunsfords. Her gravestone is inscribed:

Minervia, wife of James Stigler  
born Aug. 19, 1835 - died July 4, 1857, aged 21 yrs - 10 mos - 15 days

2. William Willaford Lunsford, son of William W. and Mary A. (McKinley) Lunsford, was born March 25, 1837 in Alabama. He died March 29, 1919 in Holmes County, Mississippi. He was a member of the Methodist Church. He married Sarah E. \_\_\_\_\_ ca 1855. Sarah E., wife of William W. Lunsford, was born January 3, 1937 in Mississippi and died November 11, 1900.

1860 Holmes County, Mississippi Census, page 30, Beat 1,  
P.O. Lexington, Mississippi

W. W. Lunsford, age 23, Farmer, Value R. Est. \$1200, b. Ga.  
Sarah E., age 23, b. Miss.  
William, age 3, b. Miss.

William Willaford and Sarah E. Lunsford both are buried in Hebron Methodist Church Cemetery, Holmes County, Mississippi about three miles from Lexington, Mississippi. Their gravestones:

William Willaford Lunsford - b. March 25, 1837 - d. March 29, 1918  
S.E. - Wife of W.W. Lunsford - b. Jan. 8, 1837 - d. Dec. 11, 1900

William Willaford and Sarah E. Lunsford had two children that I know of:

1. William H. Lunsford, son of William Willaford and Sarah E. Lunsford, was born August 11, 1856, died September 14, 1909 and is buried in Hebron Cemetery. William H. Lunsford married Alice Rebecca and they had children. I don't know how many, but twins were buried in Hebron Cemetery as infants:

1. Dessie Lunsford - born June 17, 1894 - died July 1, 1894
2. Jessie Lunsford - born June 17, 1894 - died June 18, 1894

Both William H. and Alice Rebecca Lunsford are buried in Hebron Cemetery. The inscription on the tombstone of Alice Rebecca Lunsford indicates there were other children:

Alice Rebecca Lunceford Moore - August 24, 1861 - Sept. 5, 1940  
Our lovely Mother who had a smile and kind word for everyone Resting in peace and happiness  
W.H. Lunsford - Aug. 11, 1856 - Sept. 14, 1908

Alice Rebecca evidently remarried after the death of her husband, W.H. Lunsford, since her tombstone is inscribed "Alice Lunsford Moore." She lived 32 years after W.H. Lunsford's death.

2. James T. Lunsford, son of William Willaford and Sarah E. Lunsford, was born March 5, 1861 and died August 5, 1863 and is buried in Hebron Cemetery, Holmes County, Miss.
3. Thomas Alexander Lunsford, son of William W. and Mary A. (McKinley) Lunsford, was born 1839 in Alabama and died in 1915 and is buried in Lexington Cemetery, Holmes County Mississippi.

Thomas Alexander Lunsford entered the service of the Confederate States of America on January 4, 1862 at Grenada, Mississippi. He was mustered in by Lt. Burnett for a period of three years. He enlisted as a private in Company A., 28th Regiment, Mississippi Cavalry. He was mustered out by Capt. Smith on February 23, 1864. His residence was given as Lexington, Mississippi. It is interesting to note that the soldiers were paid only 40 cents a day for the keep of their horses. This information was taken from the original Military Record of T. A. Lunsford in the Archives, Washington, D. C.

T.A. Lunsford appears on Company Muster Roll for September and October, 1862. He was marked as absent sick. He received pay for his horse, 40 cts. per day, which came to \$24.40. Also he appeared on the Company Muster Roll for October 31, 1862 to February 28, 1863. He was marked absent sick - since

returned. He was last paid on October 31, 1862. He received \$48.00 pay for his horse. He was also listed on the Company Muster Roll for May and June, 1863; July and August, 1863 and September and October, 1863.

T.A. Lunsford, Pvt. Co. A. 28 Reg't Miss. Cav., appears on Company Muster Roll for November and December, 1863. He was marked Present and under remarks: Mounted. He was also on the Company Muster Roll for January and February, 1864 and May and June, 1864, and July and August, 1864, marked present.

Pvt. T. A. Lunsford appears on Company Muster Roll for September and October, showing him as being present and on extra duty. The last time he appears on a Muster Roll was for March and April, 1865. The war was over.

On Sunday, April 9, the two great generals met in a farmhouse at the little country settlement of Appomattox Court House, Virginia. The Confederate soldiers received a full day's rations, and were released on parole. They were allowed to keep their horses, and officers retained their side arms.

Thomas Alexander Lunsford married India Wells. She was born in 1846 and died in 1924 and is also buried Lexington Cemetery, Lexington, Mississippi. Their gravestones:

T. A. LUNSFORD - Company A, 28th Miss. Regt. CSA, 1839-1915  
INDIA WELLS - wife of T. A. Lunsford - 1846-1924

T. A. and India (Wells) Lunsford had children. Most of the information I have of the children came from the Holmes County Census Record.

1880 Holmes County, Mississippi Census, p. 41, Dist. 2, Beat 1  
T. A. Lunsford, age 41, farmer, b. Ala., mother and father b. N.C.  
India, age 32, wife, b. Miss., mother b. Miss., father b. Va.  
Thomas, age 16, son, b. Miss.  
Linsey, age 8, son, b. Miss.  
Webster, age 6, son, b. Miss.  
Anna, age 4, dau., b. Miss.  
Alma, age 2, dau., b. Miss.

Lela and Aleck Lunsford died before the 1880 census and Harper was not born.

Children of Thomas Alexander and India Wells Lunsford:

1. Lela Lunsford was born December 21, 1867 in Holmes County, Mississippi and died September 11, 1870 and is buried in Hebron Cemetery.
2. Aleck Lunsford was born December 20, 1868 in Holmes County, Mississippi and died January 4, 1869. He is buried in Hebron Cemetery.
3. Thomas E. Lunsford, born February 12, 1870 in Holmes County, Mississippi and died March 9, 1898 and is buried in Lexington Cemetery, Lexington, Mississippi. He married Alice Eaken February 6, 1893. (*Marriage Record Book H*, p. 22)
4. Webster Lunsford was born in 1872 in Mississippi. No other information.
5. Lindsay W. Lunsford was born in 1874 and died in 1944. He married Rebecca Byrd December 4, 1897 in Holmes County, Mississippi. (*Holmes County Marriage Record Book H*, p. 312) Rebecca died in 1955. Both are buried in Hebron Cemetery.

Their gravestones:

Lindsay W. Lunsford - 1874-1944  
Rebecca Byrd Lunsford - 1874-1955

6. Anna Lunsford was born in 1876.
7. Alma Lunsford was born in 1878 in Holmes County, Mississippi. She married Edward White June 5, 1900. (*Marriage Record Book H*, p. 504)
8. Harper Lunsford was born 1884 and died 1911 and is buried in Lexington Cemetery.
4. Sarah Lunsford, daughter of William W. and Mary A (McKinley) Lunsford was born in 1841 in Alabama. I have no other information.
5. Josiah L. Lunsford, son of William Willaford and Mary A. (McKinley) Lunsford, was born February 17, 1843, died January 25, 1850 and is buried in Hebron Cemetery.

V. **Ann S. McKinley**, daughter of William and Sarah McKinley, was born February 22, 1811 at Paw Creek, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina. In 1830, when she was 19 years old, her father and mother, William and Sarah McKinley, removed from North Carolina to Putnam County, Georgia.

Ann McKinley joined the Presbyterian Church in Mecklenburg County when she was 15 years old, but when the family moved to Putnam County, Georgia, she joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Ann S. McKinley was married on September 10, 1835 in Putnam County, Georgia to the Rev. William H. Lyon. The wedding ceremony was performed by William Arnold, M. G. They lived in Georgia and most probably in Putnam County until after 1839. According to the 1850 Chambers Alabama Census, they were living in Chambers County, Alabama at that time. You will note the youngest child, Amanda, was born in 1849 in Alabama.

1850 Chambers County, Alabama Census  
William Lyon, age 39, Methodist Clg., b. Ga.  
Ann, age 38, b. N. C.  
Joseph, age 14, b. Ga.  
William, age 13, b. Ga.  
Robert, age 12, b. Ga.  
Henry, age 11, b. Ga.  
Amanda, age 1, b. Ala.

Henry and Amanda Lyon surely must have been children of William and Ann Lyon, but I have no further record of them. Leander L. Lyon was born in 1847 but was not listed on this 1850 census record. Neither is Thomas S. Lyon who was born in 1840. As you will note below, the 1860 Holmes County, Mississippi Census lists Leander and Thos. L. Lyon.

1860 Holmes County, Mississippi Census, P. 0. Lexington, Miss.  
Beat #1, page 17, Family #89  
William Lyon, age 51, b. Ga., value Real Est. \$1600, Per. Est. \$445, Meth, Min.  
Ann, age 49, b. N.C.  
Joseph, age 23, b. Ga., Farm Laborer  
William, age 22, b. Ga., Farm Laborer

Robert, age 21, b. Ga., Farm Laborer  
Thos. L., age 20, b. Ga., Farm Laborer  
Leander, age 10, b. Ala.

In the 1880 Holmes County, Mississippi Census, Rev. H. Lyon and wife, Ann S. McKinley, are living alone.

1880 Holmes County, Mississippi Census, Beat #1, page 42  
W. H. Lyon, Rev., age 72, Minister of Gospel, b. Ga.  
Ann S., age 70, Keeping house, b. N. C.

Ann S. McKinley died November 12, 1891 and the Rev. William H. Lyon died July 14, 1895. They are both buried in Hebron Methodist Cemetery, near Lexington, Mississippi.

Rev. W.H. Lyon - died July 14, 1895 - 86 yrs., 8 mos., 6 days  
Ann S. wife of Rev. W. H. Lyon - died Nov 12, 1891 - aged 80 years, 8 mos.. 20 days

Memoriam for Ann S. Lyon:

In memory of  
ANN S. LYON  
November 18th, 1891  
Daughter of William and Sarah McKinley  
Born February 22nd, 1811, in Mecklenburg county, N.C.  
Married to W.H. Lyon September 10th, 1835, in Putnam County, Ga.  
Died November 12th, 1891, in Holmes County, Miss.  
Joined Presbyterian Church in the 15th year of her age, in N.C.  
Removed to Ga., 1830, and joined the M.E. Church South  
She was an exemplary member 65 years  
A true Christian, fond mother and faithful wife  
To heaven thou art gone, I am left, but not for long.  
W. H. LYON

Rev. W.H. Lyon was never a farmer, his only occupation a minister. His grandson, Gaston Lyon, said he was sometimes called doctor as he did treat people at times, but that he never had a degree. W.H. Lyon was the first minister of Hebron Methodist Church. Lexington, Holmes County, Mississippi began in the 1820s as a trading post. It was incorporated in 1836 and became the county seat of Holmes County in 1834. In 1807 the first Corn Club in the United States was organized there by W.H. "Corn Club" Smith.

Children of William H. and Ann S. (McKinley) Lyon:

1. Joseph Travis Lyon was born June 11, 1936 in Putnam County, Georgia. He died June 30, 1964.
2. William Norris Lyon was born September 24, 1837 and died July 21, 1875.
3. Robert M. McKinley Lyon was born 1839.
4. Thomas S. Lyon was born February 1, 1840 and died August 13, 1917. He married Mollie V. Lloyd ca. 1866.



5. Henry Lyon was born ca 1842.
6. Leander L. Lyon was born July 19, 1847 in Alabama and died May 30, 1923. He married Sallie Elizabeth Camp ca, 1872.
7. Amanda Lyon was born in 1849.

Children of William H. and Ann S. (McKinley) Lyon:

1. Joseph Travis Lyon, son of Rev. William H. and Ann S. (McKinley) Lyon, was born June 11, 1836 in Putnam County, Georgia, and died June 30, 1864 in Lauderdale Springs, Mississippi. He is buried in the Lauderdale Springs Cemetery. His Gravestone:

Jos. Travis Lyon - Son of W. H. and Anne S. Lyon  
Born Putnam Co. Ga. - Died Lauderdale Springs, Miss.  
June 11, 1836 - June 30, 1864

Joseph Travis Lyon was listed on the Holmes County, Mississippi Census as age 23 and occupation as farm laborer. It is not known why he was in Lauderdale Springs where he died or what he died of, however, he did have relatives there; an Aunt Sarah Nancy Ellen McKinley Dearman, and an Uncle Robert McKinley.

2. William Norris Lyon, son of Rev. William H. and Ann S. (McKinley) Lyon, was born September 24, 1837 in Putnam County, Georgia. He married Mary \_\_\_\_\_ about 1868. He died July 21, 1875 and is buried in Hebron Methodist Cemetery near Lexington, Mississippi. His gravestone:

William N. Lyon - Sept. 24, 1837 - July 21, 1875

1880 Holmes County, Mississippi Census, p. 41, Dist. 2, Beat 1  
Mary Lyon, age 30, widow, farmer, b. Miss.  
Ella, age 8, dau., attends school b. Miss.  
William, age 6, son, b. Miss.  
Norris, age 4, son, b. Miss.

In this census Mary, wife of William Norris Lyon, is listed as head of household. She died October 18, 1907 and is buried in the Lexington Cemetery, Lexington, Mississippi. Her gravestone:

Mary S. wife of W. N. Lyon - b. Feb. 13, 1849 - d. Oct. 18, 1907

William Norris and Mary Lyon had four children that I know of, there may have been others:

1. Ann Lyon was born November 30, 1869 in Holmes County, Mississippi and died August 21, 1870. She is buried in Hebron Cemetery, Holmes County, Mississippi.
2. Ella Lyon was born in 1872, according to the 1880 Holmes County census. Norris had died in 1875.
3. William T. Lyon was born December 10, 1873 in Holmes County and died June 2, 1887 and is buried in Hebron Cemetery, Holmes County, Mississippi.
4. Norris Lyon was born February 26, 1876 and died November 30, 1887 and is

buried in Hebron Cemetery. Norris Lyon was born after the death of his father. None of the children of William and Mary Lyon lived to marry except possibly Ella but I have no other record of her.

3. Robert M. (maybe McKinley), son of Rev. William H. and Ann S. (McKinley) Lyon, was born in Putnam County, Georgia in 1839, the year of birth according to census records. In the 1850 Chambers County, Alabama census he was listed as age 12 and in the 1860 Holmes County, Mississippi census his age was listed as 21. I have no death date.

4. Thomas S. Lyon, son of Rev. William H. and Ann S. (McKinley) Lyon, was born February 1, 1840 in Georgia and died August 13, 1917. He was buried in the Liberty Chapel Methodist Cemetery in Holmes County located five miles west of Lexington, Mississippi. He married Mollie V. Loyd ca 1866. Mollie V. (Mary) Loyd was born June 11, 1844 in North Carolina and died June 26, 1913, and also is buried in Liberty Chapel Cemetery. Their gravestones:

Mollie V. Loyd wife of T. S. Lyon - Born June 11, 1844 - Died June 26, 1913  
T. S. Lyon - Born Feb. 1, 1840 - Died Aug. 13, 1917

Thomas Lyon and Mollie V. Loyd had three children that we know of from census records, but there may have been others.

1870 Holmes County Mississippi Census, page 49, Family #414  
William Lyon, age 61, physician, b. Ga., Real Est value \$400  
Ann, age 59, keeps house, b. N.C.  
Leander, age 21, farmer, b. Ala.  
Norris, age 33, farmer, b. Ala.  
Mary, age 19, keeps house, b. Miss.  
Ann, age 9/12, b. Miss.  
Thomas, age 30, farmer, b. Ga.  
Mary, age 28, keeps house, b. N.C.  
Hallie, age 3, b. Miss.  
India, age 1, b. Miss.

In this 1870 Census, Thomas, his wife, Mary, and two daughters, Hallie and India, are listed as living in the house hold of Rev. William and Ann (McKinley) Lyon. Another son, Norris, is listed as living in the same household. Children of Thomas and Mollie Lyon:

1. Hallie was born in 1867 in Mississippi and married T.C. Jackson, April 16, 1885. (*Holmes County Marriage Record Book G*, p. 72)
2. Mary India Lyon was born May 6, 1869 in Mississippi and died June 25, 1949. She married Marion Jacob Fonville. He was born February 20, 1860 and died December 12, 1934. Both are buried in the Liberty Chapel Methodist Cemetery, Holmes County, Mississippi. Their gravestones:

FONVILLE

Mary I. Lyon - May 6, 1869 - June 25, 1949  
Marion Jacob - February 20, 1860 - Dec. 12, 1934

3. Charles T. Lyon was born July 27, 1874 in Holmes County, Mississippi and died

September 25, 1901 and is buried in Liberty Chapel Methodist Cemetery. His Gravestone:

Charlie T. Lyon, son of T. D. and M. V. Lyon  
born July 27, 1874 - died Sept. 25, 1901 - Aged 27 Yrs, 1 mo. 29 days

1880 Holmes County Mississippi Census, page 43, Beat #1  
Thomas Lyon, age 40, Farmer, b. Ga.  
Mary, age 35, wife, b. N.C.  
Hallie, age 13, dau, b. Miss.  
India, age 10, dau, b. Miss.  
Charles, age 4, son, b. Miss.  
Alice Berry, age 20 (negro servant)

5. Leander L. Lyon, son of Rev. William H. and Ann S. (McKinley) Lyon, was born July 19, 1847 in Alabama and died May 30, 1923 in Holmes County, Mississippi. He is buried in Liberty Chapel Cemetery in Holmes County, Mississippi. He married Sallie Elizabeth Camp ca 1872. Sallie was born July 8, 1857 in Alabama and died May 11, 1920. She is buried in Liberty Chapel Cemetery. The family of Leander Lyon were members of this church.

Father - Leander E. Lyon - Born July 19, 1847 - Died May 30, 1923  
Mother - Sallie E. Lyon - Born July 8, 1857 - Died May 11, 1920

1880 Holmes County Mississippi Census  
Leander Lyon, age 31, Farmer, b. Ala.  
Sallie, age 22, wife, b. Ala.  
Robert, age 6, son, b. Miss.  
Harper, age 5, , son, b. Miss.  
Edward, age 2, son, b. Miss.

Leander L. Lyon and Sallie Elizabeth Camp had twelve children. I was fortunate enough to be in contact with Gaston Lester Lyon, a son of Leander and Sallie Lyon, who gave me this information on their family.

Children of Leander Lawson and Sallie Elizabeth (Camp) Lyon:

1. Robert McKinley Lyon, son of Leander Lawson and Sallie Elizabeth (Camp) Lyon, was born August 28, 1873 and died October 2, 1948 and is buried in Durant Cemetery, Durant, Mississippi. Robert McKinley Lyon and Mary Pernicie \_\_\_\_\_ were married in Holmes County, Mississippi. Mary Pernecie was born July 12, 1875 and died December 10, 1953 and is also buried in the Durant Cemetery. Robert McKinley and Mary Pernecie Lyon had children. The only ones I know of are buried in the Durant Cemetery.

1. Robert Roy Lyon, born 1898 and died 1938, married Beatrice Fondren.
2. Hildreth H. Lyon, born September 19, 1909 and died March 1, 1975. He was married.
2. Louis Harper Lyon, son of Leander Lawson and Sallie Elizabeth (Camp) Lyon,

was born December 1875 and died May 26, 1955. He married Rosa Wallis on February 11, 1901. (*Holmes County Marriage Record Book II, p. 573*)

3. Edward Ira Lyon, son of Leander Lawson and Sallie Elizabeth (Camp) Lyon, was born May 5, 1878 and died June 11, 1956 and is buried in Yazoo City, Mississippi.

4. Artie Abe Lyon, son of Leander Lawson and Sallie Elizabeth (Camp) Lyon, was born October 14, 1881 and died March 9, 1975. He married the first time Nannie Fonville October 26, 1904 in Holmes County, Mississippi. (*Marriage Record Book I, p. 263*) She was born March 4, 1881 and died December 29, 1915. Both are buried in Liberty Chapel Methodist Cemetery, but there is no gravestone for Abe Lyon.

Nannie Fonville - wife of A. A. Lyon - Mar. 4, 1881-Dec. 28, 1915

Murry Bradford - son of A. A. and N. F. Lyon - June 15, 1909-May 10, 1911

5. Cordelia Lyon, daughter of Leander Lawson and Sallie Elizabeth (Camp) Lyon, was born February, 22, 1883 in Mississippi and died March 18, 1973. She married Ed Foose and they had one son and one daughter.:

1. Dan Edward Foose - deceased and is buried in Yazoo City, Mississippi.

2. Lilia Elizabeth Foose

6. Betty Ann Lyon daughter of Leander Lawson and Sallie Elizabeth (Camp) Lyon, was born in 1885 and died August 30, 1968, and is buried in Jackson, Mississippi. Sallie married Ed Whittington January, 14, 1912. (*Marriage Record Book 2, page 156*) They had no children.

7. Effie Lyon, daughter of Leander Lawson and Sallie E. (Camp) Lyon, was born September 20, 1887. She married J.L. Bain. He is deceased.

8. Mattie Lee Lyon, daughter of Leander L. and Sallie E. (Camp) Lyon, was born in 1890 in Mississippi and died October 25, 1974 and is buried in Jackson, Mississippi. She married Charles Clark and they have two children.

1. Charles Clark Jr. - deceased.

2. Evelyn Clark who lives in Jackson, Mississippi.

9. Sallie Camp Lyon, daughter of Leander L. and Sallie E. Camp Lyon, was born September 7, 1893. She married J.S. Savage. He is deceased. Sallie lives in Columbus, Mississippi. They had two children:

1. J.S. Savage Jr.

2. Marjorie Savage.

10. Allie Gene Lyon, daughter of Leander L. and Sallie E. (Camp) Lyon, was born August 20, 1896. She married Ward Fisher and they have one son,

1. Ward Fisher, Jr.

11. Infant son of Leander L. and Sallie E. (Camp) Lyon, born July 1, 1900 and died July 6, 1900.

12. Gaston Lester Lyon, youngest child of Leander L. and Sallie E. (Camp) Lyon, was born May 28, 1903 in Holmes County and died ca 1983. He married Lucy Love Gordin May 25, 1925 in Canton, Mississippi. Gaston Lester Lyon was freight clerk for the Illinois Central Railroad in Tchula, Mississippi. He began work in 1922 and retired

in 1968. The last 19 years were with the I.C. Railroad in Yazoo City, Mississippi. Gaston and Lucy Love (Gordin) Lyon have two children:

1. Gaston Gordin Lyon born October 13, 1936 and married Elsie Hart, June 29, 1952 in Canton, Mississippi. They are divorced. They have three children.
  1. Henry Hart Lyon, born October 6, 1953.
  2. Edward Gordin Lyon, born January 12, 1957.
  3. Lee Anthony Lyon, born November 18, 1961.
2. Lester Love Lyon was born September 4, 1930, and married Nell Parker Blaine, August 25, 1951 in Tchula, Mississippi. Lester and Nell had four children.
  1. Leslie Blaine Lyon was born March 9, 1959.
  2. Parker Lawson Lyon was born November 10, 1960.
  3. Sarah Love Lyon was born March 22, 1964.
  4. Paul Gaston Lyon was born November 26, 1966.

**VI. Robert McKinley**, son of William and Sarah McKinley, was born February 17, 1813 in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina. He died August 14, 1900 in Lauderdale, Mississippi at the home of his daughter, Gussie McKinley Plummer, and was buried in the Lauderdale Springs Cemetery, Lauderdale, Mississippi. Robert McKinley married Mary E. Daniel on February 7, 1839 in Chambers County, Alabama. The marriage ceremony was performed by Henry L. McGregor, Justice of the Peace.

Mary E. Daniel was the daughter of Lewis Daniel and Mary Elizabeth Gray. She was born May 29, 1822 in Putnam County, Georgia and, died May 31, 1877 and is buried in Lauderdale Springs Cemetery, Lauderdale, Mississippi. Their gravestones:

R. McKinley - Born Feb. 17, 1813 - Died August 14, 1900  
Mary E. Daughter of Lewis and Elizabeth Daniel - Wife of R. McKinley  
Born Putnam Co., Ga. May 29, 1822 - Died May 31, 1877

Marriage Record shows Robert McKinley and Mary E. Daniel as marrying in Chambers County, Alabama, and the 1840 Chambers County, Alabama Census listed below proves they were living in that county in 1840 and also proves their oldest son, William R. McKinley, was born there in 1840.

1840 Chambers County, Alabama Census

Robert McKinley

2 males 20 under 30 (Robert and probably his brother, William J. McKinley)

1 female 15 under 20 (Mary E. Daniel McKinley)

1 male under 5 (William R.)

1850 Lauderdale County, Mississippi Census

Robert McKinley, age 38, b. N. C.

Mary, age 26, b. Ga.

William, age 11, b. Ala.

Sarah, age 9, b. Miss.

Jane, age 7, b. Miss.

Lewis, age 3, b. Miss.

Hugh L., age 1, b. Ala.

Sarah's age is listed as 9 years which proves the Robert McKinleys were living in Mississippi in 1841. Sarah is not listed on the 1860 Lauderdale County, Mississippi Census Record since she was already deceased.

Kathryn Wilkinson wrote that Robert McKinley had been a River Agent at Black Bluff, in Sumter County, Alabama. Hugh Lee McKinley, son of Robert, was listed on the 1850 Lauderdale County Census as being born in Alabama, so it seems he must have been born in Black Bluff, Alabama. There is no proof of this as yet.

Robert McKinley was Justice of the Peace for many years and was called Squire McKinley.

The first record I find of a Justice of the Peace Bond was November 10, 1853. Bond and security approved November 10, 1853; the Bond being in the sum of One Thousand Dollars, and was signed by Robert McKinley. (*Lauderdale County Book G*, p. 168) Another bond in the amount of Two Thousand Dollars is dated November 30, 1857. (*Book I*, p. 127) In this Bond it was stated that the term of office was extended to the first Monday of January 1859 by amendment of the constitution approved February 2, 1856, and the Bond being approved the 30th of November 1857, and signed by Robert McKinley, James Simmons and Thomas Simmons. There is another Justice of the Peace Bond in the amount of Two Thousand Dollars for Beat No. 2, Lauderdale County, Mississippi stating Robert McKinley was duly elected a Justice of the Peace of said county on the first Monday of October 1858. Bond approved January 1st 1859 and signed by Robert McKinley, James L. Simmons and A. Calhoun. (*Book I*, p. 415)

These are some of the earliest bonds for Justice of the Peace. There are numerous documents located in the Lauderdale County Court House, Meridian, Mississippi signed by Robert McKinley in his capacity as Justice of the Peace.

Robert McKinley was a civic minded person. He was a School Commissioner in the year 1852. I do not know for what period of time, but a legal document dated October 23, 1852, recorded in *Book F*, page 775, in the Lauderdale County Court House relates to the mortgaging of certain lands by the School Commissioners to obtain money for school business. The School Commissioners were: Cincinnattus W. Mathews, Benjamin Gaddis, Robert McKinley, Alan Pace and William White.

I do not know the exact date Robert McKinley came to Lauderdale County, Mississippi but there are land deeds which establish his presence in Lauderdale County at particular times.

February 21 1844, Robert McKinley and wife, Mary E. McKinley, sold to Henry R. Wilson - The South East quarter of Section 17, Township 8, Range 17 East, 160 acres. (*Deed Book D*, p. 58)

Lauderdale County - March 4, 1847, For the sum of 50 dollars in hand paid by Robert McKinley of Lauderdale County, H. M. Roberts sold to R. McKinley a certain parcel of land, the North half of lot 7 and North half of Lot 8 containing one acre or less adjoining the Lauderdale White Sulphur Springs of the N. E. quarter of the N. W. quarter in Section 30, Township 8, Range 18 East. (*Book E*, pp. 259-260)

Robert McKinley owned slaves at one time and on April 20 A. D. 1852 he deeded some

of his slaves to his children.

...in consideration for the natural love and affection I bear my sons, William R. McKinley, T.J. McKinley (T.J. McKinley was not a son but a daughter, Theresa Jane) Lewis McKinley and Hugh L. McKinley for their better support and education, also in consideration of the sum of one dollar paid by aforesaid children, do bargain, grant and sell the following described negro slaves for life, viz, Mariah, age 17, Celia, aged 22 and her two children - this for the payment on two promissory notes, one for \$245 and the other \$80. (Book F, p. 710)

These were the only children of Robert and Mary E. McKinley on this date, April 20, 1852, as the next child, a son to be named John Augusta McKinley, was not born until April 27, 1852.

Cousin Debbie Miller told me a story about Robert McKinley, her grandfather. While Robert McKinley was Justice of the Peace, he performed a marriage ceremony with everyone on horse back. The bride was very pregnant.

When I visited Martha Kate Simmons and Kathryn Wilkinson in Columbia, Mississippi, Martha Kate showed me a white platter that came out of a restaurant Robert McKinley owned in Lauderdale Springs, Mississippi. Robert McKinley also owned and operated a store in Lauderdale.

Another story Martha Kate Simmons told me. They used to tell about the lady "Squire" McKinley was thought to be courting. Every Sunday he went to see Nancy Parker and took her a box of candy. What the person who started the rumor didn't know was that they were brother and sister.

Martha Kate said there had been two chairs from Robert McKinley's restaurant at Cousin Debbie Miller's home. She wishes she had them.

Robert McKinley died August 14, 1900. He left an estate but no will. The record of the settlement of this estate is located in the Lauderdale County Court House, Meridian, Mississippi.

J.F. Plummer petitioned the court to have himself appointed Administrator of the estate. John F. Plummer said that Robert McKinley in his life became indebted to him in the sum of \$540 for board and care. The Petition further states that said decedent left three children, all adults, but that none is a resident of Lauderdale County, except Mrs. J. F. (Gussie McKinley) Plummer, wife of Petitioner.

One of the heirs, a son, John A. McKinley, made an affidavit in Harrison County, Mississippi, December 4, 1900, in which he states that he waives his right to administer said estate and appoints J. F. Plummer Administrator.

Mrs. J. F. Plummer also waived her right to administer the estate on December 8, 1900, in favor of her husband. John F. Plummer came before the Chancery Court to show he has no funds in his hands to pay the debts probated against the estate of Robert McKinley. J. F. Plummer asked the court for an order to sell land to pay the debts.

The following persons were heirs of said Robert McKinley: Mrs. J.F. Plummer, Lauderdale, Mississippi; John A. McKinley, Biloxi, Mississippi; J. E. McKinley, Bremond, Texas; R. D. Walker, Wood McKinley, Meridian, Lauderdale County, Mississippi; Charles McElroy, Artesia, Mississippi; Mrs. Lena Westbrook, Hattiesburg, Mississippi; Mrs. Annie Gorman, No. 16, Wesley Avenue, Providence, R. I.; Carrie Brunson, 509 South Franklin

Street, Mobile, Alabama; Mary Alston, Cereton, Georgia; Robert McKinley, Willie McKinley, John McKinley, Maggie McKinley, Albert McKinley, Nina Blanche McKinley, Jackson, Tennessee; Iva McKinley, Delma McKinley, Herbert McKinley, Albert McKinley and Mavoureen McKinley, Franklin, Texas; and Robert Bishop, Patterson, Texas.

An Administrator's Notice published in the Meridian Star Meridian, Mississippi, December 10, 1900, gave notice to all persons having claims against said estate to file them registered within one year from this date or they will be forever barred. This notice was sent out to Mrs. Annie McKinley, Ruby McKinley and Gladys McKindley, Bremond, Texas on March 15, 1902. They were commanded to appear before Chancery Court the first Monday in May, 1902. This was because of the death of Joel Elliot McKinley, a son and heir of Robert McKinley. His widow, Annie McKinley, and Gladys and Ruby McKinley, his two daughters, both minors, resided in Bremond, Texas.

Robert McKinley, Final Account - Resident heirs: Mrs. J. F. Plummer, Miss Lena Westbrook, R. D. Walker, Lauderdale County, Mississippi; Wood McKinley, Monroe County, Mississippi; Charles McElroy, Lowndes County, Mississippi; John McKinley, Harrison County, Mississippi.

Publication was also made for the following non-residents: Mrs. Annie Gorman, Providence, R. I.; Carrie Brunson, Mobile, Alabama; Annie McKinley, Ruby McKinley, Gladys McKinley, Bremond, Texas; Mary Alston, Canton, Georgia; Robert McKinley, Maggie McKinley, Albert McKinley, Nina Blanche McKinley, Jackson, Tennessee; Albert McKinley, Mavoureen McKinley, Delma McKinley, Iva McKinley, Herbert McKinley, Ella McKinley, and Robert Bishop, Patterson, Texas.

#### Children of Robert and Mary E. (Daniel) McKinley:

1. William R. McKinley was born March 11, 1840, and died ca 1897 and is buried in Jackson, Tennessee. He married Molly P. Worsham ca 1866.
2. Theresa Jane McKinley was born in 1844 and died March 4, 1883. She married W. R. Bishop April 17, 1864.
3. Lewis Daniel McKinley was born October 12, 1846 and died June 2, 1899. He married Ella Mims October 30, 1875.
4. Hugh L. McKinley was born August 10, 1849 and died January 16, 1883. He married Mary L. Parker January 14, 1868.
5. John Augustus McKinley was born April 27, 1852 and died September 7, 1920. He married Kate Kennedy Carroll November 30, 1871.
6. Joel Elliot McKinley was born in 1855 and died February 8, 1902. He married first time Evie Armstrong in 1875. He married the second time Annie Theodora Bozeman in 1894.
7. Mary Augusta "Gussie" McKinley was born May 16, 1863 and died July 4, 1952. She married John F. Plummer March 3, 1881.
8. Sarah McKinley was born 1841 or 1842 in Mississippi and died at age 9 years.
9. Floyd McKinley died very young.
10. Albert H. McKinley was born 1860 and died 1886. He never married.

#### Children of Robert and Mary E. (Daniel) McKinley:

1. William Robert McKinley was the son of Robert and Mary E. (Daniel) McKinley. He was born March 11, 1840 in Chambers County, Alabama; this according to all census records. This 1880 Lauderdale County, Mississippi Census Record shows William R. McKinley



as head of household with wife Mary and seven children:

1880 Lauderdale County, Mississippi Census, page 5, Family #33, Beat 2  
W.R. McKinley, age 40, Laborer on farm, b. Ala.  
Molly, wife, age 32, keeping house, b. Miss. (Mary)  
Robert W., son, age 13, working on farm, b. Miss.  
Annie, dau., age 12, at home, b. Miss.  
Carrie, dau., age 10, at home, b. Miss.  
Mary, dau., age 8, b. Miss.  
William, son, age 5, b. Miss.  
Pattie, dau., age 3, Miss.  
Maggie, dau., age 2/12, b. Miss.

Three other children were born after 1880. They were John, Albert and Nina Blanche McKinley. They were born in Jackson, Tennessee.

Much of my information about W.R. McKinley came from Nina McKinley Hughes. Nina wrote me that she did not think her dad, William R. McKinley, ever lived in Okolona, Mississippi, that all she ever heard about was Lauderdale, Meridian and Bevah. She wondered if there is a town in Mississippi by the name of Bevah. I also wonder. Nina said, "I have no idea where my mother and father married or the date of his death, all records have been misplaced. Sister Carrie knew more than any of us and I doubt if any of her family keep any records."

Nina remembers her mother talking about her father being in the War for Southern Independence before her parents married. He was wounded in the Battle of Knoxville, Tennessee. He had three fingers of his right hand shot off. The ones left were the thumb and forefinger.

William Robert McKinley and Mary P. "Molly" Worsham married probably ca 1866 as their first child was born in 1867.

W.R. McKinley served in New Company F, 13th Regiment, Mississippi Volunteers. This company was successively designated as Captain McElroy's Company, Mississippi Volunteers; and as Captain McElroy's Company, (Old) Company G; and (New) Company F, 13th Regiment, Mississippi Infantry.

The 13th Regiment Mississippi Infantry was organized in May 1861, of companies which had previously been in the State service and was mustered into the Confederate service for twelve months. About April 26, 1862, the regiment was reorganized and the letters of all companies changed.

I have a copy of the Military Record of W.R. McKinley, son of Robert McKinley, from the Archives, Washington, D. C.:

W.R. McKinley was mustered into service March 30, 1861 at Lauderdale Station by Lt. G. W. Spooner. Enlisted - May 13, 1861 in Corinth, Mississippi for a period of one year; Born- (State) - Alabama; Occupation - Farmer; Residence (Nearest P. O.) Lauderdale, Mississippi; Age when enlisted - 21.; Married or single S.

W.R. McKinley, Pvt., appeared on Company Muster Roll for May 13 to June 30, 1861, marked present. His name appears on Company Muster Roll for September and October, 1861, stating he was last paid by Jas. Turner on July 1861. Under Remarks; Name appears in Column of Names Present as W.R. McKinley.

Pvt. W.R. McKinley appears on Company Muster for January and February 1862, marked present, and under Remarks: Appointed 3 Corpl., February 18, 1862, pay due as corpl for 10 days.

W.R. McKinley, 4 Sgt., appears on Company Muster Roll for September 1862, marked present. Does not give date he was made 4 Sgt.

W. R. McKinley, 3 Lt., appears on the "Roster of Commissioned Officers" of the 13th Regiment, State of Mississippi, from May

13, 1861, to March 27, 1865, appointment to 3 Lt. January 14, 1863 by authority of the Secretary of War - Commission Expired

W.R. McKinley appears on Company Muster Roll for January and February 1863, was present. Under Remarks: Promoted by election to 2 Lt. February 7, 1863.

Remarks - Elected 3 Lt. January 14/63, Promoted to 1 Lt. December 12/63, Disabled at Knoxville, November 29/63.

Under Remarks: Wounded at Knoxville, Tenn. November 29, 1863. Sent to Hospital. December 1863 because promoted to 1 Lieut., December 12, 1863.

W.R. McKinley appears on Company Muster Roll for March and April, 1864. He was marked Absent.

W.R. McKinley appeared on Company Muster Roll for May and June, 1864 and is marked absent. Under Remarks: Wounded at Knoxville November 29, 1863 and sent to Hospital.

W.R. McKinley, 1 Lt., appears on Company Muster Roll for July and August, 1864, and marked Absent.

Remarks: On detached service in Mississippi. (Excerpted from the CSA service record of William Robert McKinley in the Archives, Washington, D. C.)

The date of the death of William R. McKinley is not known, but surely he died prior to the death in 1900 of his father, Robert McKinley, because William R. is not listed with the children as an heir.

According to information from his daughter, Nina Blanche, he died about 1897. She said she remembered that her father died when she was seven years old and Nina was born in 1890. He died and is buried in Jackson, Tennessee.

Mary P. "Mollie" Worsham was born November 22, 1848 in Mississippi. The county is not known. She died in 1924 in Cincinnati, Ohio and was buried in the Spring Grove Cemetery in Cincinnati, Ohio. She died at the home of her daughter, Nina Hughes. Nina said about her Mother, "I heard my mother tell about her parents owning many slaves and that she was sent to a Catholic boarding school during the Civil War."

Children of William R. and Mary P. Worsham McKinley:

1. Robert Worsham McKinley was born June 17, 1867 in Mississippi. He married Mamie Foy.
2. Annie McKinley was born in 1868 in Mississippi and married Jim Gorman.
3. Carrie Rebecca McKinley was born in 1871 in Mississippi and died May 8, 1955. She married Horace Benjamin Brunson.
4. Mary McKinley was born September 30, 1872 in Biloxi, Mississippi. She married Thomas Lee Alston.
5. William "Willie" McKinley was born in 1875 in Mississippi. He married Emma Teague.
6. Pattie McKinley was born in 1877 in Mississippi and died when she was eight years old.
7. Maggie McKinley was born in 1879 in Mississippi. She married James Slaughter.
8. Albert H. McKinley, Sr. was born January 28, 1885 in Jackson, Tennessee and

died January 10, 1947. He married Caroline Betz.

9. John McKinley was born about 1887 in Jackson, Tennessee. He died at age 29 years.

10. Nina Blanche McKinley was born December 3, 1890 in Jackson, Tennessee. She married Edwin P. Hughes.

Children of William R. and Mary P. (Worsham) McKinley:

1. Robert Worsham McKinley, son of William R. and Mary P. (Worsham) McKinley, was born June 17, 1867 in Mississippi. He married Mamie Foy of Okolona, Mississippi. She was Catholic, he Presbyterian, but he later became Catholic. Robert McKinley was a Railroad Engineer on the Mobile and Ohio R. R. Mother says she remembers when they would come for a visit with Uncle Johnny and Cousin Gussie Plummer. She can remember they always had fish. Robert Worsham and Mamie (Foy) McKinley had three children. All three are deceased. Their children were:

1. Mary Agnes McKinley who married a Christenberry and lived in St. Petersburg, Florida. They had a daughter,

1. Loraine, who married a Crawford and now lives in St. Petersburg, Florida.

2. Loraine McKinley married Tom Houston and lived in New Orleans.

3. James Thomas McKinley, called J.T., was Station Agent at Okolona, Mississippi.

2. Annie McKinley, daughter of William R. and Mary P. (Worsham) McKinley, was born in 1868 in Mississippi. She was married to Jim Gorman of Providence, R. I. and they had two daughters, Molly and Clara, all deceased and buried at Worcester, Mass. Annie, after the death of her husband, married the second time to a Mr. Painter.

3. Carrie Rebecca McKinley, daughter of William R. and Mary P. (Worsham) McKinley, was born in 1870 in Meridian, Mississippi. She married Horace Benjamin Brunson of Camden, South Carolina. In 1925 Horace Benjamin and Carrie Rebecca (McKinley) Brunson built a home at 3168 Southwest 24th Terrace in Miami, Florida. Horace lived there until he died in 1929 and Carrie lived there until 1940 when she moved to live with her daughter, Evie Brunson Trawick. Carrie lived with Evie until she died of cancer May 8, 1955. Carrie Rebecca McKinley and her husband, Horace Benjamin Brunson, were buried in Woodland Memorial Park Cemetery in Miami, Florida. Carrie McKinley Brunson was a life time member of the Shenandoah Presbyterian Church. Rev. Daniel Iverson was pastor. Carrie Rebecca McKinley and Horace Benjamin Brunson had children:

1. Carrie Evie Brunson, twin, was born in Meridian, Mississippi about 1894. She married Jesse Frank Trawick. They had three children: Carolyn, Rebecca and Evie who died as infants and they had three other children:

1. James Frank Trawick was born in 1919. He married Eunice Williams Chambers and their children are:

1. Pamela Eunice Trawick married William Glen McIntyre and their children:

1. Kimberly Carol McIntyre

2. Michael Andrew McIntyre
2. Patricia Alice Trawick married James Simeon Karling and they have three children:
  1. Christine (deceased as infant)
  2. Matthew James Karling
  3. Andrew Simeon Karling.
3. David James Trawick - unmarried at this time.
2. Bennie Mildred Trawick, daughter of Jesse Frank Trawick and Evie Brunson, was born in Georgia. She married Roswell E. Lee and they had three children:
  1. Roswell E. Lee Jr.
  2. Bryan Lee.
  3. Terry Lee who is married and has two children.
3. Benjamin Edward Trawick, son of Jesse Frank Trawick and Evie Brunson, was born July 27, 1931 in Miami, Florida and married Winifred Jeffery on August 24, 1952. Winifred Jeffery was born November 16, 1933 in Buffalo, New York. They are both members of the Presbyterian Church. Ben Trawick is a Mechanical Engineer. They have six children:
  1. Debra Jane Trawick born August 13, 1955 in Ft. Belvoir, Va. he is married to Robert Ellis Woods of Savannah, Georgia. He was born in Savannah on September 5, 1953.
  2. Benjamin Edward Trawick Jr. was born February 4, 1957 in Miami, Florida.
  3. Donald Bruce Trawick was born April 26, 1958 in Miami, Florida.
  4. Ted Andrew Trawick was born July 10, 1959 in Miami, Florida.
  5. Laura Jean Trawick was born September 26, 1961 in Miami, Florida.
  6. Thomas Russell Trawick was born April 29, 1965 in Miami, Florida.
2. Elva Brunson, daughter of Horace Benjamin and Carrie (McKinley) Brunson and twin to Evie, was born in Meridian, Mississippi ca 1894. She married Augustus H. Deudney and they had one son, Horace Deudney, who was born in Miami, Florida and has an executive position with the R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company in Winston Salem, North Carolina. Nina Hughes sent me a write up and picture of Horace Deudney. Horace Deudney is married and they have children:
  1. Heidi Deudney
  2. Holly Deudney
  3. Daniel Deudney
  4. One daughter deceased
3. Robert Curran Brunson, son of Horace Benjamin and Carrie Rebecca (McKinley) Brunson, married "Aunt" Switzer and they had two children. He is

deceased.

1. Bob Curran Brunson married and they have one child. Bob is divorced. He resides in Miami, Florida.
2. Caroline Brunson married a Ferguson and they have two children, all living in Miami, Florida.
4. Horace Zimp Brunson, son of Horace Benjamin and Carrie (McKinley) Brunson, was born April 21, 1899, the youngest child of Horace Benjamin and Carrie Rebecca (McKinley) Brunson. He married the first time Jo T. Brown and they had one daughter, Darleen Brunson. Horace and Jo T. Brown are divorced and he has since married and divorced Bobby Baker. He is currently married to Elizabeth Gety and they reside in Chiefland, Florida.
4. Mary McKinley, daughter of William R. and Mary P. (Worsham) McKinley, was born September 30, 1872 in Biloxi, Mississippi and died September 30, 1945 in Asheville, North Carolina. She is buried in Murphy, North Carolina. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church. Mary McKinley married Thomas Lee Alston in Jackson, Tennessee.

Mayda Mallonee wrote me that her mother was born in Biloxi, Mississippi and thought that she lived awhile in Meridian, Mississippi before she married. Mary McKinley also lived in Jackson, Tennessee where she met and married Thomas Lee Alston. After they married they lived in Marietta, Georgia; Canton, Georgia; Cordele, Georgia; Dalton, Georgia; and Murphy, North Carolina. At the time Mary McKinley married both her parents were still living.

Thomas Lee Alston was born July 1867 in Enfield, North Carolina and died April 1917 in Murphy, North Carolina of a cerebral hemorrhage. He was buried in Murphy, North Carolina. His occupation was marble engraver.

Mary McKinley's daughter, Mayda Mallonee, wrote this about her mother, "If ever I could say anything about my mother, she was the best person I ever knew...no fault whatever. Her pastor called her the saint of the church. She kept busy helping me after my father died, also made her home with me. She liked crocheting."

Thomas Lee Alston and Mary McKinley had three children:

1. Mayda Alston was born October 17, 1891 in Jackson, Tennessee. She married Elbert Commodore Mallonee September 1, 1917 in Murphy, North Carolina. Mayda Mallonee was a member of the Presbyterian Church, but Elbert was a Methodist so she went with him to his church. Elbert C. Mallonee was a member of the armed forces in World War I and served overseas. Elbert Mallonee was born February 10, 1893 in Franklin, Macon County, North Carolina and died April 22, 1941 in Chicago, Illinois at the Hines Clinic. His parents were Commodore Barney Mallonee and Laura Reed.

James F. Trawick wrote in a letter dated July 22, 1976, "As a boy I often heard my mother speak of her cousin Mayda (who later married Elbert Mallonee). They both were excellent basketball players and unbeatable when on the same team. During the 1937-1941 time frame while attending Georgia Tech I visited my cousin Edie Mallonee in Murphy, North Carolina and met Mary Alston. Aunt Mayda is living, however, Aunt Mary's and Aunt Mayda's

husbands are now deceased."

Elbert and Mayda Mallonee had children:

1. Elbert Alston Mallonee, born October 8, 1920, lives in Morganton, North Carolina and is owner of Mallonee Surveying Company. He married Virginia Richardson of Murphy, North Carolina November 30, 1941 and they have three daughters:

1. Jerrie Lane Mallonee born 1943, married Fred J. Von Cousen of Banner City, North Carolina. They live in Memphis, Tennessee. They had one child, Triff, born 1969 and died in 1974.

2. Jane Mallonee, born 1946 and married to Dr. Joseph Philips, who is now serving his residency at Mt. Sinai Hospital, New York City. They have no children.

3. Missy "Ginny Lou" born 1962, lives at the home of her parents.

2. Jerry Mills Mallonee was born July 19, 1922. He married Marjorie Ammons of Murphy, North Carolina in 1946. They have three children:

1. Sandra Gail Malonee born June 11, 1948 in Asheville, North Carolina

2. Jerry Mills Malonee, Jr. born February 5, 1951 in College Hill, N.C.

3. Jimmy Malonee born January 3, 1955 in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

3. Thomas Lee Mallonee was born July 25, 1932, died June 19, 1933.

2. Robert Mills Alston, son of Thomas Lee and Mary (McKinley) Alston, was born in 1896 in Jackson, Tennessee. He worked as a monument engraver in Charlotte, North Carolina. Robert Mills Alston is deceased. He married Ella Sadler and they have three children:

1. Robert Mills Alston (deceased). Bobby was burned in a fire in Mobile, Alabama.

2. Thomas Lee Alston. Tommy lives in Knoxville, Tennessee. Tommy's father, Robert Mills Alston, died when Tommy was only three years old. His mother remarried.

3. Eugene Alston.

3. Mary Lee Alston, daughter of Thomas Lee and Mary (McKinley) Alston, was born September 1, 1900 in Canton, Georgia. She married the first time to Edward Abbott Hyatt of Murphy, North Carolina and they had one child,

1. Caroline Rebecca Hyatt.

Mary Lee and Edward Hyatt lived in Asheville, North Carolina.

After the death of Edward Hyatt, Mary Lee married Fariday Clifford Hall, of Waynesville, North Carolina. They have two daughters:

1. Mildred Lee Hall.

2. Mary Lee Hall.

5. William "Willie" McKinley, son of William R. and Mary P. (Worsham) McKinley, was born in 1875 in Mississippi. Nina McKinley Hughes wrote to me: "My Brother William. I remember his wife Emma was a Teague. All I can remember about her they had four children, 2 boys and two girls: Ed McKinley, Robert McKinley, Mary McKinley and Lillian McKinley. The last I heard of my brother, William, he was living with his daughter, Mary Majestic, in Memphis, Tennessee."

William McKinley was a Railroad Engineer. He died and was buried in Memphis, Tennessee.

Albert McKinley, wrote in a letter to me, "All my relatives lived in the South, never got to meet them outside of one cousin. His name was Ed McKinley. He came to Cincinnati for a short time and lived with us. I was very young at the time. I believe he was the son of William McKinley and was from Tennessee."

The Ed McKinley he mentioned is the son of William "Willie" McKinley who lived in Memphis, Tennessee.

6. Pattie McKinley, daughter of William R. and Mary P. (Worsham) McKinley, was born in 1877 in Mississippi and died when she was eight years old. Nina McKinley Hughes wrote that Pattie was deceased before she was born which would have been in 1885.

7. Maggie McKinley, daughter of William R. and Mary P. (Worsham) McKinley, was born 1879. She married James Slaughter of Cincinnati, Ohio, where they made their home. After James Slaughter died, Maggie moved to Jacksonville, Florida. She died in Jacksonville and is buried there. They had no children.

8. John McKinley, son of William R. and Mary P. (Worsham) McKinley, was born ca 1887 in Jackson, Tennessee. He died when he was 29 years old. He never married.

9. Albert H. McKinley, Sr., son of William R. and Mary P. (Worsham) McKinley, was born January 28, 1885 in Jackson, Tennessee. He died January 10, 1947 in Cincinnati, Ohio, and is buried there in the Spring Grove Cemetery. Albert McKinley went to Cincinnati to visit his mother and sister, Nina, who were living alone in an apartment there. Albert stayed and married Caroline Betz, a Cincinnati girl, and except for a short time when they lived in Mississippi, they stayed in Cincinnati until his death. Nina McKinley Hughes wrote me, "My brother, Albert McKinley, was a cooper by trade and due to Cincinnati having so many breweries, he located there for work and to be near mother and I."

Albert McKinley, Sr. and Carolina Betz had three sons:

1. Robert Sheldon McKinley was born April 30, 1912 and died April 10, 1972. Robert Sheldon McKinley lived in Cincinnati until the late 1930s when he moved to Miami, Florida.

2. Albert McKinley, Jr. was born January 5, 1914 in Cincinnati, Ohio and is still living there. He married Bernadette M. Blessing August 21, 1937 in Cincinnati. Albert McKinley and Bernadette Blessing had four children:

1. Ronald McKinley was born August 3, 1938 in Cincinnati, Ohio. He married Janice Meyer in Cincinnati.

2. Marlene McKinley was born December 14, 1942 in Cincinnati,

Ohio and is married to Paul Uhlenbrock.

3. Richard McKinley was born September 8, 1948 in Cincinnati, Ohio and is married to Ceal Hodges.

4. Michael McKinley was born June 4, 1952 in Cincinnati, Ohio, and is married to Linda Foote.

3. Edwin H. McKinley was born April 24, 1917.

10. Nina Blanche McKinley, youngest child of William R. and Mary P. (Worsham) McKinley, was born in Jackson, Tennessee December 3, 1890. Nina McKinley married Edwin P. Hughes in 1907. They had no children.

She lived with her family in Memphis, Tennessee from age eleven to thirteen. When she was thirteen years old she moved to Cincinnati, Ohio with her mother and lived with her sister, Maggie, for awhile. Her sister was married to James Slaughter and she insisted on their coming to live with her. James Slaughter was a Cincinnati man, and that is the reason they went north. Nina wrote me, and I quote her, "I went to work at the National Biscuit Company. My mother and I then had a little apartment to ourselves and mother took in sewing. With the help of my brother Robert we got along okay. After I married Edwin Hughes we made a home for my mother until she passed away in 1924. In the meantime Edwin's dad passed away so we decided to move to Florida. Mr. Hughes was with the First National Bank for thirty years and was retired at age 65. We had no children." They lived in Tampa, Florida.

Nina McKinley is the only living child of ten children of William R. McKinley and Mary P. Worsham. I correspond with her and she has been very helpful. I enjoy her letters very much. I will quote her again, as I think it more interesting in her own words, "Mother lived with me 18 years after I married before she passed away. I will be 86 years old the 3rd of December and thankful to be in as good shape as I am, as I had three operations before coming in the Home, also a cataract operation, so without any family left thought it best so I turned over my 7 room home and what savings I had and I have never been sorry; there are 96 members in this home and we all have our private rooms and go to the dining room three times a day. We can go out with friends, sign a book when leaving and returning. Have recovered from a stroke and surgery and couldn't live alone anymore so now I live in a Nursing Home. I married again after Mr. Hughes passed away to Arthur Wachendorf. We were friends with he and his wife when we lived in Cincinnati.

I had a nice companionship for ten years until he passed away. He was buried next to his wife as they had a son and his family living in Cincinnati. I will be buried next to Mr. Hughes. I have requested it and turned deed and insurance over to Home." Nina lived in Jackson, Tennessee; Memphis, Tennessee; Cincinnati, Ohio and Tampa, Florida, where she lives today. She wrote how much she likes living in this Home in Tampa, and the picture she sent of the building is very attractive. Also she sent a snapshot of herself in front of her home in Tampa.

2. Theresa Jane "Jennie" McKinley, daughter of Robert and Mary E. (Daniel) McKinley, was born in Mississippi in 1844 according to the 1860 Lauderdale County, Mississippi Census:



1860 Lauderdale County Census, Family #444

Robert McKinley, age 46, Occupation Farmer, b. N. C.

Mary E., age 38, b. Ga.

William R., age 20, b. Ala.

Theresa, age 16, b. Miss.

Louis D., age 13, b. Miss.

Hugh L., age 10. b. Ala.

Theresa Jane McKinley died March 4, 1883 and is buried in the Lauderdale Springs Cemetery, Lauderdale, Mississippi. Her gravestone:

Mother - Jennie M. Bishop - Wife of W. R. Bishop - Died March 4, 1883

Theresa Jane McKinley married William Robert "Billy" Bishop on April 17, 1864 in Lauderdale County, Mississippi. The license was issued April 11, 1864. The ceremony was performed by Thos. G. Armstrong, Minister of the Gospel. The Marriage Bond was signed by W. R. Bishop and W. R. McKinley. (*Marriage Record Book 1*, p. 223) William "Billy" Robert and Theresa Jane (McKinley) Bishop had three children:

Children of William Robert "Billy" and Theresa Jane (McKinley) Bishop:

1. Sallie E. Bishop was born August 30, 1867 and died September 22, 1906. She married Robert D. Walker, December 9, 1884.
2. William Robert Bishop was born in 1870. He married Harriet Ivy Gaston.
3. Pattie Augusta Bishop was born November 8, 1874 and died December 26, 1947. She married Charlie Thomas McElroy.

Children of William Robert "Billy" and Theresa Jane (McKinley) Bishop:

1. Sallie E. Bishop, daughter of William Robert "Billy" and Theresa Jane (McKinley) Bishop, was born August 30, 1867. Sallie E. Bishop married Robert D. Walker December 9, 1884. (*Marriage Record Book 2*, p. 40) She died September 22, 1906. She was a member of the Church of God. Robert D. Walker died August 1, 1921. Both are buried in the Lauderdale Springs Cemetery, Lauderdale, Mississippi. Their gravestones:

Papa - Robert D. Walker - Jan. 31, 1862-Aug. 1, 1921

Sallie E. Walker - Wife of R. D. Walker - Aug. 30, 1867-Sept. 22, 1906

Children of Robert D. and Sallie E. (Bishop) Walker:

1. Walter Samuel Walker, son of Robert D. and Sallie E. (Bishop) Walker, was born July 10, 1887 and died September 9, 1916 and is buried in Lauderdale Springs Cemetery, Lauderdale, Mississippi. Walter Walker married Miss Edna Mixon.
2. Nettie Bell Walker, daughter of Robert D. and Sallie E. (Bishop) Walker, was born July 21, 1895 and died January 17, 1919 and is buried in the Lauderdale Springs Cemetery, Lauderdale, Mississippi. Nettie Bell Walker and Julian Suggs were married October 26, 1915 in Lauderdale County, Mississippi.

(*Marriage Record Book 15*, p. 165) Nettie Bell Walker and husband Julian had two children. Nettie Bell Walker and husband, Julian Suggs, lived in the backwoods of Louisiana. Julian Suggs was a preacher, but the denomination is not known. He carried her into the backwoods where you could only get in and out in a wagon, and there were no doctors. She had a very bad time in childbirth. She died in childbirth of her second child.

1. Deborah Suggs
2. Ralph Suggs

After the death of Nettie Bell, Julian Suggs married her sister, Janie Walker.

3. Janie Walker, daughter of Robert D. and Sallie E. (Bishop) Walker, was born in Lauderdale County and died August 3, 1959 in an automobile accident near Fayetteville, Arkansas. They were returning home to Neosho, Missouri after visiting in Meridian and Lauderdale, Mississippi. Julian T. Suggs was killed in the same-accident. Janie Walker and Julian Suggs had two daughters:

1. Eunice Suggs
2. Frances Suggs

4. Deborah "Debbie" Walker, daughter of Robert D. and Sallie E. (Bishop) Walker, was born April 2, 1889 in Lauderdale County, Mississippi and died June 24, 1970 in a hospital in Meridian, Mississippi. She is buried in the Miller Cemetery, Lockhart, Mississippi. Deborah Walker was married to John F. Miller on April 28, 1907 in Lauderdale, Mississippi. The marriage ceremony was performed by T. E. Dobson, Minister of the Gospel. (*Marriage Record Book 6*, p. 418) John F. Miller was born December 30, 1882 and died August 18, 1928 and is buried in the Miller Cemetery in Lockhart. Their gravestones:

Father - John F. Miller - Dec. 30, 1882 - Aug. 18 1928  
Mother - Deborah Walker Miller - April 2, 1889 - June 24, 1970

John F. Miller and Deborah Walker had two children:

1. Harold Miller, son of John F. and Deborah (Walker) Miller was born July 24, 1909 in Lauderdale, Mississippi and died August 18, 1950, also buried in the Miller Cemetery. Harold Miller married Edna DeWeese and they had two children:

1. Edith Ann Miller
2. Lynn Miller

2. Ida Edith Miller, daughter of John F. and Deborah (Walker) Miller was born April 3, 1915 and married when she was twenty years old to John Franklin "Buster" Britt, Jr. He was twenty-one years old. They were married June 16, 1935 in Lauderdale County, Mississippi. (*Marriage Record Book 38*, p. 607) Edith Miller Britt died March 2, 1936 and is buried in the Miller Cemetery, Lockhart, Mississippi. I think she died in childbirth. John F. and Edith (Miller) Britt had a son,

1. John Miller Britt.

5. Robert Louis Walker, son of Robert D. and Sallie E. (Bishop) Walker, was born April 7, 1891 and died October 31, 1951. Robert Louis Walker was married to Kate Barnecastle.
6. Albert H. Walker, son of Robert D. and Sallie E. (Bishop) Walker, was born November 12, 1897 and died January 5, 1951. He was a bachelor.
7. Spencer Walker, son of Robert D. and Sallie E. (Bishop) Walker, was born November 4, 1900 and died March 10, 1951. He was married in Texas.
8. Grace Walker, daughter of Robert D. and Sallie E. (Bishop) Walker, was born July 28, 1902 and died June 24, 1959. She is buried in the Miller Cemetery, Lockhart, Mississippi. She married Rudolph Wedgworth.
9. Raymond Walker, son of Robert D. and Sallie E. (Bishop) Walker, married Willie Bell Rowson. They both work and still live in Meridian, Mississippi. They have a daughter,
  1. Doris Walker
 

After the death of his first wife, Sallie E. Bishop, September 22, 1906, Robert D. Walker married the second time to Sallie Clayton. They married November 4, 1914 in Lauderdale County, Mississippi. (*Marriage Record Book 13*, p. 450) Sallie Clayton was born in 1889 and died March 7, 1948. She was buried in the Lauderdale Springs Cemetery, Lauderdale, Mississippi. Robert D. and Sallie (Clayton) Walker had three children:

    1. Clayton Walker married Norma Lee Parmer November 13, 1947. (*Marriage Record Book 54*, p. 141)
    2. Rodney Walker
    3. Nancy Walker was married to a Helms.
2. William Robert Bishop, son of William Robert and Theresa Jane (McKinley) Bishop, Sr., was born in 1870 in Austin County, Texas. He married Harriet Ivy Gaston. William Robert and Harriet Ivy (Gaston) Bishop had two children:
  1. Vesta Bishop was born July 4, 1908. She married Robert Cheshire January 8, 1939 in Seabrook, Harris County, Texas. Vesta is a member of the Pentecostal Church. Robert Cheshire was born November 20, 1900 and died November 2, 1959. He was employed by the Humble Refinery and was retired there. Vesta Bishop and Robert Cheshire had six children:
    1. Clyde Edward Cheshire, son of Robert and Vesta Cheshire, was born January 8, 1941 in Pasadena, Texas, and married Helen Ruth Wilkens on June 2, 1962 in Diboll, Texas. Clyde Edward Cheshire was a barber and also was employed with the U. S. Post Office. His wife, Helen Ruth, was a teacher. They are both members of the Pentecostal Church. Clyde Edward Cheshire and Helen Ruth Wilkens had children:
      1. Cary Edward Cheshire was born May 19, 1963 in Diboll, Texas.
      2. Robert Garrison Cheshire born July 16, 1968 in Diboll, Texas.
      3. Rodney Glen Cheshire was born October 30, 1975 in Diboll, Texas.

2. Kenneth Earl Cheshire, son of Robert and Vesta (Bishop) Cheshire, was born September 21, 1944 in Pasadena, Harris County, Texas. He and Wanda Zell Ward were married June 26, 1965. Wanda Zell Ward was born October 14, 1940. Kenneth Cheshire is a photographer. He is a member of the Pentecostal Church. The children of Kenneth Earl and Wanda Zell (Ward) Cheshire are:
    1. Ward Craig Cheshire was born May 12, 1966 in Pasadena, Texas.
    2. Joel Robert Cheshire was born July 5, 1967 in La Margue, Texas.
    3. Donna Joyce Cheshire was born October 16, 1971 in Jacksonville, Texas.
  3. Otis Keith Cheshire, son of Robert and Vesta (Bishop) Cheshire, was born August 23, 1947 in Pasadena, Texas. He married Betty Ruth Beagle, December 21, 1968 in La Margue, Texas. Betty Ruth Beagle was born July 23, 1951. A notation I have on the occupation of Otis Keith Cheshire is "jack of all trades." They have two children:
    1. William Robert Cheshire was born November 4, 1970.
    2. Shannon Keith Cheshire was born February 1, 1973.
  4. Dora Cecile Cheshire, daughter of Robert and Vesta (Bishop) Cheshire, was born May 9, 1943 in Pasadena, Harris County, Texas and married Winfred Earl McKee on August 3, 1962. Winfred Earl McKee was born January 2, 1936 in Six Mile, Louisiana. His occupation is printer and typesetter, all phases of printing. They are both members of the Pentecostal Church. Winfred Earl and Dora Cecile (Cheshire) McKee have four children:
    1. Felecia Ann McKee, born August 21, 1964 in Greenville, Texas..
    2. Kevin Earl McKee was born November 2, 1965 in Pasadena, Texas..
    3. Laura Lynn McKee born October 1, 1966 in Pasadena, Texas,.
    4. Robert Lester McKee born October 29, 1968 in McKinney, Texas.
  5. John Robert Cheshire, son of Robert and Vesta (Bishop) Cheshire, was born October 6, 1939 in Seabrook, Texas. John Robert Cheshire died on March 31, 1947.
  6. Ivy Mae Cheshire, daughter of Robert and Vesta (Bishop) Cheshire, was born January 9, 1942 in Seabrook, Harris County, Texas. She died April 16, 1942.
2. Laura Gertrude Bishop, daughter of William R. and Harriet Ivy (Gaston) Bishop, was born May 18, 1902 in Angelina County, Texas. She died June 8, 1955 in Bexar County, Texas and was buried June 11, 1955 in Seabrook, Harris County, Texas. She was a member of the Pentecostal Church. Felix Porter

Mallory and Laura Gertrude Bishop were married on April 16, 1921 in Texas City, Texas. Felix Porter Mallory was born July 5, 1893 in Fort Graham, Brown County, Texas. Felix Mallory was an auto mechanic before the depression and a carpenter after. He now lives in Bryan, Texas. The parents of Felix Porter Mallory were Thomas Emerson Mallory of Fannin County, Texas and Sue Louiza of Grimes County, Texas. Laura Gertrude Bishop and Felix Porter Mallory had seven children:

1. Iva Lou Mallory was born February 24, 1922 in Texas City, Texas, and died September 1943. She was married to James Hulen Chance, January 1940.
  2. Robert Elton Mallory was born May 1, 1925 in Texas City, Texas. He married Ann Williams.
  3. Margaret Marie Mallory was born September 8, 1928 in Texas City, Texas. She married John Sirianni September 13, 1974.
  4. Charles Thomas Mallory was born February 21, 1932 in Seabrook, Texas. He married Irene Alice Jalligan from England. They were married July 13, 1957.
  5. Vesta Felecia Mallory was born December 7, 1933 in Seabrook, Texas. She married Herman Bell.
  6. Barbara Ann Mallory was born November 27, 1936 in Seabrook, Texas and married Marvin Theodore Philippos on October 27, 1956.
  7. Richard Alexander Mallory was born December 27, 1939 in Seabrook, Texas. He has been married twice.
3. Pattie Augusta Bishop, the daughter of William Robert and Theresa Jane (McKinley) Bishop, was born November 8, 1874 in Conroe, Texas and died December 26, 1947 and was buried in the Lauderdale Springs Cemetery, Lauderdale, Mississippi. She married Charlie Thomas McElroy December 18, 1890 in Lauderdale County, Mississippi. The marriage Ceremony performed by J. Smith, Justice of the Peace. (*Marriage Record Book 2*, p. 264) Charlie Thomas McElroy was born June 17, 1869 in Lockhart, Mississippi and died June 20, 1961 and is buried in the Lauderdale Springs Cemetery. The tombstone is inscribed as follows:

McELROY

Charlie T. - 1869-1961    Pattie A. - 1874-1947

Charlie T. and Pattie A. (Bishop) McElroy had eight children:

1. Nannie Agnes McElroy, daughter of Charlie T. and Pattie (Bishop) McElroy, was born September 11, 1893 in Lauderdale, Mississippi. Agnes married the first time Alexander P. Blue on May 2, 1909. Their children were:
  1. Alexander P. Blue, Jr., son of Alexander P. and Nannie Agnes (McElroy) Blue, was born April 9, 1910 in Lauderdale, Mississippi. He married Elsie Morton. She was born March 6, 1912 in Texas, and their children were:

1. Alexander P. Blue III, born September 5, 1943. He married Carol Ann Cupps in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and they have two children:

1. Alexander Joseph Blue, born March 6, 1968 in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

2. Maggie Blue, born August 26, 1972, in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

2. Mary Ann Blue, born January 1, 1949 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. She married Tom Brenner from Dallas, Texas. They have one child,

1. Jenny Elaine Brenner, born March 26, 1975.

2. Pattie Augusta Blue, daughter of Alexander P. and Nannie Agnes (McElroy) Blue, was born January 15, 1914 and died June 1, 1920 and is buried in Lauderdale Springs Cemetery, Lauderdale, Mississippi.

Alexander P. Blue, Sr. died May 12, 1914 and is buried in Meridian, Mississippi. Nannie Agnes (McElroy) Blue married the second time to Thomas Kelly December 23, 1929. He died October 25, 1945 and is buried in Meridian, Mississippi. Agnes Kelly still lives in Palestine, Texas.

2. Janie Gertrude McElroy, daughter of Charlie T. and Pattie A. (Bishop) McElroy, was born January 16, 1895 in Lauderdale, Mississippi and died November 15, 1914. Janie Gertrude McElroy married John Adam Prisock on June 22, 1913 in Meridian, Mississippi. The wedding rites were performed by A.B. Barry, Minister of the Gospel. (*Marriage Record Book 9*, p. 624) She died of typhoid fever at Lauderdale, Mississippi, and is buried in Lauderdale Springs Cemetery Her gravestone:

Gertrude Prisock - Dau. of C. T. and P. A. McElroy  
Jan. 16, 1895-Nov. 14, 1914

Janie Gertrude McElroy and John Adam Prisock had one daughter;

1. Lela Mae Prisock was born April 15, 1914 in Lauderdale County, Mississippi. She married the first time to Malcolm R. Harrison on April 18, 1929 in Lauderdale County, Mississippi. One daughter was born of this marriage:

1. Charlotte Maxine Harrison was born April 17, 1931 in Tuscaloosa, Alabama and married Gene W. Felder September 23, 1950 in Pike County, Mississippi. They have three children:

1. Michael Gene Felder was born May 14, 1952 in Memphis, Tennessee. He is married and they have a son,

1. Michael Gene Felder, Jr., born October 1, 1976.

2. Kathryn Jean Felder was born October 27, 1955 in Carthage, Mississippi.

3. Paul Raynor was born September 11, 1962 in Jackson, Mississippi.

Lela Mae Prisock and Malcolm R. Harrison were divorced in 1933. Lela

- Mae married the second time Forrest Vivian Hodo on November 26, 1934 in Pike County, Mississippi. They have two daughters:
1. Vivian Ruth Hodo was born December 13, 1940 in Pike County, Mississippi and married Thomas Aubrey Smith June 22, 1960 in Pike County, Mississippi. They have three children:
    1. Linda Ruth Smith was born January 20, 1962.
    2. Forrest David Smith was born October 2, 1966.
    3. Aubrey Lee Smith was born November 5, 1971.
  2. Sarah Lynn Hodo was born February 22, 1945 in Hinds County, Mississippi and married Richard Murphree Evans June 16, 1968. They have three children;
    1. Christine Evans was born December 23, 1970.
    2. Minnie Lee Evans was born April 1, 1973.
    3. Lee Murphree Evans was born September 30, 1974.
  3. Thomas Billy McElroy, son of Charles T. and Pattie A. (Bishop) McElroy, was born February 3, 1897 in Athens, Texas. He died May 27, 1971 in Vicksburg of emphysema. He married Carrie Walker in 1916. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Revel Walker. Billy McElroy and Carrie Walker had two children:
    1. Thomas Billy McElroy, Jr. was born February 18, 1923 and married Lillian Florence Hill and their children are;
      1. Robert Aaron McElroy, born July 23, 1949, married Karon Harper.
      2. Janice Marie McElroy, born May 30, 1951 and is married to David Brown. They have one child,
        1. Melissa Ann, born April 1, 1975.
      3. Thomas Michael McElroy, born March 2, 1957.
      4. Howard Bruce McElroy, born December 13, 1958.
    2. Dorothy Elizabeth McElroy was born February 13, 1921 and married John Watson Stennett. Their children are:
      1. Leonard Thomas Stennett, born January 27, 1943.
      2. John Watson Stennett, Jr. was born August 2, 1944.
  4. Charles Clyde McElroy, son of Charlie T. and Pattie A. (Bishop) McElroy, was born July 28, 1899 in Lockhart, Mississippi. He married Bessie Watkins in Taylor, Texas. Bessie Watkins was born in Philadelphia, Neshoba County, Mississippi. They have two children and live in San Antonio, Texas.
    1. Mary Agnes McElroy, daughter of Charles and Bessie McElroy, was born in 1928 in Meridian, Mississippi. She married Richard Tarrillion from San Antonio, Texas and they have three children:
      1. Richard Tarrillion, Jr., married Nancy Singleton and they have two children.
      2. Pamela Tarrillion is married but they have no children.
      3. Steven Tarrillion.
    2. Charlie Clyde McElroy, Jr., son of Charles Clyde McElroy and Bessie Watkins, was born in 1930 and is married, but they have no children.

5. Sarah Eugenia McElroy, daughter of Charlie T. and Pattie A. (Bishop) McElroy, was born July 28, 1901 in Lockhart, Mississippi. She married William Harry Miller, Sr., April 17, 1919. William Harry Miller, Sr. was born in Dexter, Missouri, and died February 19, 1947. Eugenia and Harry Miller Sr. had four children

1. William Harry Miller, Jr. was born April 11, 1920 in Mississippi and died December 27, 1970 and is buried in National Cemetery, San Antonio, Texas. William Harry Miller, Jr. married Betty Lockhart in San Antonio, Texas and they have two children:

1. Judy Miller was born in San Antonio, Texas and married Larry Grona and they have four children, three girls and one boy. They live in San Antonio, Texas.

2. Terry Miller was born in San Antonio, Texas. He is married to Debbie Skains.

2. Fred Lee Miller was born August 14, 1921. He married Mary Lee Daniels in Palestine, Texas. They have no children.

3. Pattie Ruth Miller was born December 20, 1924 in Lauderdale, Mississippi. She married Calvin E. Glenn, who was born in Palestine, Texas. They have two children:

1. Larry Glenn Miller who is married to Susan Tippitt. They have two children,

1. Larry

2. Jeannie

2. Jeannie Glenn Miller married Tom Duvall of Georgia.

4. Charles Daniel Miller was born January 22, 1934 and is married to Earline Lively of Palestine, Texas. They have three children all born in Texas:

1. Dana

2. Susan

3. David

After the death of William Harry Miller Sr. in 1947, Eugenia married the second time to Jack Henry in 1958. He died January 26, 1976.

6. John Dooley McElroy, son of Charlie T. and Pattie A. (Bishop) McElroy, was born September 26, 1903 in Shuqualak, Mississippi and died April 1949. He is buried in Vista, California. He married Alta Wilson who was born in Paxton, Illinois and they had four children. They lived in or near Mojave, California.

1. John Dwight McElroy was born March 5, 1925 in Paxton, Illinois.

2. James Earl McElroy was born December 23, 1927 in San Antonio, Texas. He is married and they have five children.

3. Patricia Myrl McElroy was born November 12, 1929 in San Antonio, Texas. She is married and they have two children.

4. Gladys Carol McElroy was born October 30, 1934 in San Antonio, Texas. She is married and they have one child.

7. Ransom McElroy, son of Charlie T. and Pattie A. (Bishop) McElroy, was born October 11, 1906 in Lockhart, Mississippi and died September 23, 1907 and is buried in the Lockhart Methodist Cemetery in Lockhart.



8. Rentie Augusta McElroy, daughter of Charlie T. and Pattie A. (Bishop) McElroy, was born February 14, 1914 in Lauderdale, Mississippi and died October 26, 1920. She is buried in the Lauderdale Springs Cemetery at Lauderdale.

3. Lewis Daniel McKinley, son of Robert and Mary E. (Daniel) McKinley, was born October 12, 1846 in Lauderdale County, Mississippi. He died June 2, 1899 in Franklin, Robertson County, Texas and is buried in the Franklin Cemetery. He married Ella Mims, who was born in Alabama on August 6, 1855. Lewis McKinley and Ella Mims were married in Lauderdale County, Mississippi. The marriage license was issued on October 30, 1875. The marriage was performed November 3, 1875. (*Marriage Record Book 1-A*, p. 494) Lewis Daniel McKinley and Ella Mims made their home in Lauderdale, Mississippi for five or six years after their marriage. They then moved to Robertson County, Texas, however, they must have gone to Bastrop County, Texas first, as Delma, their daughter, was born there in 1879. Ella Mims was born August 6, 1855 in Alabama and died January 29, 1900 in Franklin, Robertson County, Texas. She also is buried in the Franklin County Cemetery. Both Lewis and Ella McKinley were members of the Methodist Church. Lewis McKinley evidently went to Robertson County, Texas about 1883-1884, as his name appeared on the tax roll in 1884 for the first time in the City of Wheelock, Texas. Then he moved to Franklin, Texas. He owned quite a few lots in town, and according to the minutes of Probate Court, he also owned a grocery store and hotel.

Barbara Philippus went to the Franklin County Cemetery (the only one there) and stated that it is a very nice plot and has a large marker on the grave. Other Mims are buried there, probably some of the family of Ella Mims McKinley. Mary Iver McKinley, daughter of Lewis and Ella McKinley also is buried there - born 1877, died 1942. There is a metal marker stating that Lewis D. McKinley was a Veteran of CSA 1861-1865. Maydell Collier, granddaughter of Lewis Daniel McKinley, said, "Grandpa Lewis got one of his arms cut off at the gin he operated."

Her Aunt Artelia, called "Tee," used to show her a combination knife and fork that he had made to use with his one hand. The knife was curved with some fork prongs on the end. She did not know what had become of it. Maydell Collier said Lewis Daniel McKinley was a Mason, and that she had heard her mother and Aunt Tee speak of that and of his Masonic funeral. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, Patrick Lodge No. 359, Franklin, Texas. Maydell said her grandparents were Methodist and so were all descendants including herself.

Lewis Daniel McKinley and wife Ella Mims both died young leaving young children. Their oldest, a daughter, Ella Artelia, was appointed guardian of the younger children.

#### Children of Lewis Daniel and Ella (Mims) McKinley:

1. Ella Artelia was born September 12, 1876 and died May 24, 1969.
2. Mary Iva McKinley, born November 8, 1877 and died 1942.
3. Lennie Delma McKinley born May 31, 1879 and died August 22, 1952. She married George A. Hollingsworth.
4. Lewis Herbert McKinley was born December 28, 1887 and died ca 1937. He married May Wilson.
5. William Albert McKinley was born December 3, 1892 and died July 25, 1969. He married Nora Richards.
6. Vera Mavoureen McKinley was born September 5, 1894 and died ca 1938. She

married James A. Stevens.

Children of Lewis Daniel and Ella (Mims) McKinley:

1. Ella Artelia McKinley was the oldest child of Lewis Daniel and Ella (Mims) McKinley. She was born September 12, 1876 in Lauderdale Springs, Lauderdale County, Mississippi and died May 24, 1969 in Leona, Madison County, Texas. Ella Artelia McKinley was a school teacher for many years and later a seamstress. She lived the last 25 years with her niece, Maydell Hollingsworth Collier. Maydell said this about her aunt, "A devout Christian and precious aunt. Her parents, Lewis and Ella McKinley, died leaving young children. The oldest was Ella Artelia, age 22, and she was appointed guardian of the younger children, who were: Mary Iver, age 21; Lennie Delma age 19; Lewis Herbert, age 12; William Albert, age 7; Vera Mavourneen age 5. These were the ages of the children at the time of the death of their mother. Lewis McKinley died June 2, 1899 and wife, Ella, died January 29, 1900, only eight months after his death.

Maydell wrote, "I never knew my McKinley grandparents as they died when Vera, the youngest, was just a few years old. Artelia kept the family together at Franklin until the youngest was old enough to leave home. Ella Artelia never married."

Mrs. Stegal, keeper of the cemetery records in Franklin, Texas, told Barbara Philippus that she had moved to Franklin as a small child in the early 1900s and that Artelia McKinley had never married. She worked for Love Abstract Company for many years. She took care of her sister Mary Iver until her death and then left Franklin, according to the records.

2. Mary Iver McKinley, daughter of Lewis Daniel and Ella (Mims) McKinley, was born November 8, 1877 in Lauderdale Springs, Mississippi. She died in 1942 in Travis County, Texas in an institution. She never married. She was mentally retarded and spent approximately her last 15 years in a home in Austin Texas. Artelia took care of her until she was placed in the home. It was stated in the *Minutes of Probate* that Mary Iver McKinley was a person of unsound mind. She was buried in the Franklin Cemetery.

3. Lennie Delma McKinley, daughter of Lewis Daniel and Ella (Mims) McKinley, was born May 31, 1879 in McDade, Bastrop County, Texas and died August 22, 1952 at Leona, Texas. Delma McKinley married George A. Hollingsworth of Leona, Texas. She came to Leona from the family home in Franklin, Texas to teach piano. Here she met her husband-to-be. George and Delma Hollingsworth are buried in Leona Cemetery, Leon County, Texas. Their markers read:

Delma Hollingsworth - 31 May 1879-1953 (August 22nd)

George A. Hollingsworth - 1869-1953 (October 24th)

Children of George A. and Lennie Delma (McKinley) Hollingsworth:

1. Maydell Hollingsworth, born December 5, 1907 at Leona, Texas. She married Arlie D. Collier November 30, 1933 and they have two adopted daughters. Maydell is a retired school teacher. She and her husband are both living. They live in the family home in Leona, Texas.

2. Helen Hollingsworth was born August 10, 1909 at Leona, Texas. She married Ossed G. Speer in 1930. Both are retired school teachers living in Houston, Texas. They have one daughter,
  1. Patricia Speer Davis. She is married and she also lives in Houston.
3. Erin Hollingsworth was born October 10, 1914 and married Harry F. Patterson in 1940. He died October 18, 1975 and is buried in the Leona Cemetery, Leona, Texas. Erin lives in Houston and is an office worker. There are no children.
4. Lewis Herbert McKinley, son of Lewis Daniel and Ella (Mims) McKinley, was born December 28, 1887 in Wheelock, Robertson County, Texas. He died about 1937 in Fort Worth, Texas and is buried in Fort Worth. He married May Wilson and they have an adopted daughter.
5. William Albert McKinley, Sr, son of Lewis Daniel and Ella (Mims) McKinley, was born December 3, 1892 at Franklin, Texas and died in Dallas, Texas July 25, 1969. William Albert McKinley moved to Dallas, Texas and for many years sent \$50 a year for the upkeep of the cemetery, and at his death, Mrs. Stegal, keeper of the cemetery records at Franklin, Texas received a letter from his estate saying no provision had been made to continue this. William Albert McKinley, Sr. married Nora Richards and they had two children, a son and a daughter. Nora lives in Dallas.
  1. William Albert McKinley, Jr. lives in Troy, New York. He is married and they have two children. Maydell Collier, daughter of Delma McKinley Hollingsworth, said that William Albert is the only one of the six children Lewis Daniel and Ella McKinley to carry on the McKinley name, as he was the only son to have a son. He was a college professor and lives in Troy, New York. He also has a son.
    1. Katie McKinley.
    2. William Albert McKinley III.
  2. Dorothy McKinley married James A. Cheek and they have two daughters:
    1. Carol Cheek Kistler and she has three children ages 11, 7 and 5 years.
    2. Jennifer Cheek Fooshee.
6. Vera Mavourneen McKinley, daughter of Lewis Daniel and Ella (Mims) McKinley, was born September 5, 1894 in Franklin, Texas. She married James A. Stevens, a dentist. Vera lived most of her married life in Jacksboro, Texas. Her husband married again and is still living in Jacksboro. There are four children all living:
  1. James A. Stevens, Jr., living in Arizona, a retired military man. He has one son.
  2. Jo Ann Stevens Hunnicutt - living in Fort Worth, Texas. She has one daughter and one son by first husband.
  3. Peggy Jeanette Stevens, a nurse, is not married.
  4. Robert "Bob" L. Stevens living at Jacksboro and is a postal worker and has one daughter.

Maydell Collier wrote, "Vera was more like a sister than an aunt to me."

**VI. Hugh Lee McKinley**, son of Robert and Mary E. (Daniel) McKinley, was born August 10, 1849. According to the 1870 Lauderdale County, Mississippi Census, he was born in Alabama, however, according to the 1880 Lauderdale County, Mississippi Census he was born in Mississippi. I go along with Mississippi, my reasons to be given elsewhere in this book.

1870 Lauderdale County, Mississippi Census  
Hugh L. McKinley, age 20, Farmer, b., b. Ala.  
Mary S., age 18,  
Lena, age 1

1880 Lauderdale County Mississippi Census, P. O. Meridian  
Hugh Lee McKinley, age 31, b. Miss., Railroad Fireman  
Mary S., age 29, b. Miss., wife  
Lena, age 11, b. Miss., dau.  
Robert, age 5, b. Miss., son

Hugh L. McKinley married Mary L. Parker January 14, 1868 in Lauderdale County, Mississippi, by the Justice of the Peace. (*Marriage Record Book I-A*, p. 10) Hugh L. McKinley died at age 34, January 6, 1883. Mary L. Parker McKinley died at age 75, September 21, 1925. Both are buried in the Lockhart Methodist Cemetery, Lockhart, Mississippi. Their gravestones:

H. L. McKinley - August 10, 1849 - Jan. 16, 1883  
Mary L. McKinley - Died September 21, 1925

Hugh L. and Mary L. (Parker) McKinley had two children:

1. Lena J. McKinley, daughter of Hugh L. and Mary L. (Parker) McKinley, was born in 1869 in Meridian, Mississippi. She married Magnus Westbrook on December 28, 1886. Marriage ceremony was performed by the Rev. Langford, M. G. (*Marriage Record Book 2*, p. 317) Magnus Westbrook was born January 6, 1864 in Alabama and died September 8, 1903 and is buried in the Lockhart Methodist Cemetery, Lockhart, Mississippi. He was the son of Dr. Allen and Ann Westbrook, as proved by the 1870 Lauderdale County, Mississippi Census Record, which lists Dr. Allen A. Westbrook, wife Ann, and eleven children.

1870 Lauderdale County Census, Family No. 611, P. O. Marion Station:  
Allen Westbrook, age 50, Physician, b. N.C.  
Ann, age 40, b. Ala.  
Charles, age 22, b. Miss.  
Julian, age 21, b. Miss.  
Alonzo, age 19, b. Miss.  
Ida, age 18, b. Miss.  
DeWitt, age 10, b. Ala.  
Camile, age 16, b. Miss.  
Bruce, age 14, b. Ala.  
Anna, age 12, b. Ala.

Magnus, age 6, b. Ala.  
Chestine, age 4, b. Ala.  
George, age 1, b. Miss.

Lena and Magnus Westbrook had four children:

1. Magnus Westbrook
2. Oscar Westbrook
3. Lena B. Westbrook
4. Lucille Westbrook married Lenwood Howell March 4, 1909. (*Marriage Record Book 6*, p. 421)

2. Robert McKinley, son of Hugh L. and Mary L. (Parker) McKinley, was born ca 1775.

5. John Augusta McKinley, son of Robert and Mary E. (Daniel) McKinley, was born April, 27, 1852 near Lauderdale, Mississippi. He died on September 7, 1920 in Columbia, Mississippi, and is buried in the Lauderdale Springs Cemetery, Lauderdale, Mississippi. John A. McKinley married Kate Kennedy Carroll on November 30, 1871, license issued November 28, 1871. (*Lauderdale County Marriage Record Book 1-A*, p. 236) They were members of Old Main Street Methodist Church in Columbia, Mississippi. She died August 23, 1914 in Columbia, Mississippi. She was buried in the Lauderdale Springs Cemetery by the side of John A. McKinley, her husband.

John Augusta McKinley

April 27, 1852 - Sept. 7, 1920 - Age 68 years 8 m. - 10 days

Kate Kennedy Carroll - Wife of J.A. McKinley

Feb. 2, 1856-Aug 23, 1914 - 58 years, 6 m, 21 d

John A. McKinley was living in Sumter County, Alabama, in 1880.

1880 Sumter County, Alabama Census, Post Office, York, Alabama, Beat No. 6

J.A. McKinley, age 29

K.K., age 24

Floyd, age 8

Ella, age 5

Alma, age 2

It is not known how long they lived in Sumter County, but John A. McKinley moved to Biloxi in 1897 and lived there until 1908. He was Chief of Police of Biloxi for the entire time he lived there. Martha Kate Simmons told me that when he was living in Biloxi there was very often trouble with the shrimpers and the personality of John A. McKinley was such that when he walked into the room where the shrimpers were meeting they calmed down even before he spoke. John A. McKinley went to Columbia, Mississippi because he was told by friends or maybe a relative that there was a need of another hotel in Columbia, so he sold out in Biloxi and went to Columbia. His hotel in Columbia was called "McKinley House." It was torn down in 1927 to make way for another building.

John A. McKinley was a Justice of the Peace while he lived in Columbia.

Martha Kate Simmons told me the old clock, which she has on the mantel in her home belonged to her grandfather, John A. McKinley. John A. and Kate Carroll McKinley got this clock when they began housekeeping about 1872, which means it is 104 years old. It still runs perfectly. Kate used to keep her medicine in the clock to keep it away from the children. There is this story about the clock, "Whenever the clock had to be moved, it is said that John A. McKinley would remove the pendulum and carry the clock himself in a basket. He never allowed it to be shipped."

Kate Kennedy Carroll was born near Lauderdale, Mississippi on February 2, 1856. She was named for Dr. Sidney Kennedy, a very close friend of the family. He was a doctor in Lauderdale at that time. Kate was afflicted with an ailment called catarrh of the nose and most of her nose was eaten away. She had an artificial nose made and wore it most of the time. Kate Kennedy McKinley broke her hip and at that time setting the hip bone was not being done. The hospital sent some equipment to their home for her use. She got a germ from this equipment which infected her hip. She died with lockjaw, a horrible death. John Augusta McKinley was born in 1852, but he was not listed on the 1860 Lauderdale County Census with his family, neither was his brother, Joel Elliot McKinley, born in 1855, however, they were both listed in the 1870 Lauderdale County census. It is not known where they were.

In 1892 John A. McKinley bought from J. D. Walker six acres of land which, according to my mother, adjoined the land of Sarah Nancy Ellen McKinley, who was his aunt. His father, Robert McKinley was Sarah N. E.'s brother.

Mrs. J. D. Walker To J. A. McKinley

Part South East quarter of North West quarter, Section 30, Township 8, Range 18 - six acres. The property known as Payton Place, lying near Lauderdale Springs.

Dated: 13th day of January 1892 Signed: J. D. Walker (*Lauderdale County Deed Book 26, p. 245*)

John A. McKinley bought another parcel of land from R. M. Bordeaux.

R.M. Bordeaux To Deed John A. McKinley

In consideration of 50 dollars I convey and warrant to John A. McKinley the land described as 12 acres in the South East quarter of North West quarter, Section 30, Township 8, Range 18 East.

Signed: R. M. Bordeaux on December 31, 1892. (*Lauderdale County Deed Book 30 p. 316*)

John A. McKinley and his wife, Kate McKinley, sold this property to E. R. Crooker:

September 22, 1904, In consideration for the sum of 350 dollars do warrant unto E. R. Crooker the following lot of land - part of South East quarter, Section 30, Township 8, Range 18 containing 6 acres and known as Payton Place, lying near Lauderdale Springs, Mississippi.

Also one lot, 12 acres in the South East quarter of North West quarter, Section 30, Township 8, Range 18 East, beginning at the South West corner of the Lot this day sold by me to E. R. Crooker -running 100 yards South thence east 420 yards thence North 140 yards and South East corner of the lot ... being the same land purchased by me from R. M. Bordeaux on December 31, 1892 and recorded in Record of Deeds Book 30, page 316, the 22nd day of September 1904.

Signed: J. A. McKinley

Kate McKinley (*Lauderdale County Deed Book 76, p. 68*)

The above deed was notarized in Harrison County in the State of Mississippi.

Children of John Augusta and Kate K. Carroll McKinley:

1. Floyd McKinley was born October 16, 1872 and died May 30, 1894. He never married.
2. Jane Ella McKinley was born September 4, 1875 and died May 11, 1937. She married Asa James Simmons on February 14, 1898.
3. Alma McKinley was born November 11, 1878 and died May 11, 1936. She did not marry.
4. Katie McKinley died at about age two years.
5. Eulalia McKinley died in infancy.
6. Louis Fennel McKinley was born December 28, 1888 and died November 18, 1931. He married Lozanne Mitchell in 1917.
7. Gussie McKinley was born February 8, 1893 and died September 8, 1960. She married Houston Alonzo Mobley November 10, 1920.
8. Jessie McKinley was born 1897 and died when 3 months old.
9. Infant born dead 1898.

Children of John Augusta and Kate K. Carroll McKinley:

1. Floyd McKinley, son of John Augusta and Kate Kennedy (Carroll) McKinley, was born October 1872, and died May 30, 1894. He was serving in the army at the time of his death. He was given a vaccination for smallpox, developed blood poisoning and died. He was to have been married in two weeks. He was only twenty one years old. He is buried in the Lauderdale Springs Cemetery, Lauderdale, Mississippi. His gravestone is inscribed:

Floyd - Son of J. A. and K. K. McKinley  
Born October 16, 1872 - Fell asleep May 30, 1894

2. Jane Ella McKinley, daughter of John Augusta and Kate Kennedy (Carroll) McKinley, was born September 4, 1875 and died May 11, 1937. She is buried in the Lauderdale Springs Cemetery, Lauderdale, Mississippi. Jane Ella McKinley was married to Asa James Simmons on February 14, 1898 in Lauderdale County, Mississippi. Asa James Simmons was born December 14, 1861 in Lauderdale County, Mississippi, the son of G. B. and Martha Simmons. He was reared in the Presbyterian Church. Asa James Simmons died May 6, 1933 of a kidney disease in Columbia, Mississippi. Asa James Simmons and wife, Jane Ella, had been living in Columbia for a few years before his death. He is buried in the Lauderdale Springs Cemetery by the side of his wife, Jane Ella (McKinley) Simmons.

Asa James Simmons - Dec. 14, 1861 - May 6, 1933  
Ella McKinley Simmons - Sept 4, 1875 - May 11, 1937

Asa James Simmons and Jane Ella McKinley had two children:

1. Martha Kate Simmons was born July 10, 1902. She did not marry.

Kathryn Wilkinson said this about Martha Kate, "She is like a second mother to me. I lived with her after mother died and we taught kindergarten together at her home until I married Charles in 1967. She lives at 427 Mary Street, Columbia, Mississippi. She is a member of the Methodist Church in Columbia, Mississippi.

2. Albert James Simmons was born January 4, 1909 in Columbia, Mississippi and died May 4, 1960 in Houston, Texas. He is buried in the Lauderdale Springs Cemetery, Lauderdale, Mississippi.

Albert James Simmons - Son of Asa J. and Ella M.  
Jan. 4, 1909 - May 4, 1960 - Fireman 1st USNAR

Albert James Simmons married Freddie Morris December 20, 1934 in Columbia, Mississippi. She was born March 21, 1909 in the Improve Community, near Columbia, Mississippi. Freddie still lives in Columbia. Albert and Freddie Simmons had one child,

1. Janella Simmons, born July 22, 1936 in the Improve Community at the home of her mother. Janella married Wayne Simmons May 29, 1954 and they have three children. Wayne Simmons is no relation. The children of Wayne and Janella Simmons:

1. Paul Wayne Simmons, born December 20, 1955 and is married to Julie Branch of Columbia. They have a baby girl,

1. Sandy.

2. Mitchell Simmons, born May 2, 1957.

3. Mark Simmons, born March 19, 1971.

3. Alma McKinley, daughter of John Augusta and Kate Kennedy (Carroll) McKinley, was born November 11, 1878 and died May 11, 1936. She is buried in the Columbia Cemetery, Columbia, Mississippi. Her niece, Kathryn Wilkinson, wrote that she was a wonderful aunt. Alma McKinley never married.

4. Katie McKinley, daughter of John Augusta and Kate Kennedy (Carroll) McKinley, died when about two years old.

5. Eulalia McKinley, daughter of John Augusta and Kate Kennedy (Carroll) McKinley, died in infancy.

6. Louis Fennel McKinley, son of John Augusta and Kate Kennedy (Carroll) McKinley, was born December 28, 1888 and died November 18, 1931. He married Lozane Mitchell in 1917. She died July 7, 1939. They were both buried near Sun, Louisiana. Lozane Mitchell was born and reared in Sun, Louisiana. They had no children.

7. Gussie McKinley, daughter of John Augusta and Kate Kennedy (Carroll) McKinley, was born February 8, 1893 at Lauderdale Springs, Mississippi. She was born in the home of her grandparents, Robert and Mary E. McKinley, which was next door to the home of Sarah Nancy Ellen McKinley. I remember hearing my mother say that there was only a fence between the two homes. Gussie McKinley married Houston Alonzo Mobley November 10, 1920 and died September 8, 1960 in the Marion County General Hospital Columbia, Mississippi. She was buried in the Columbia Cemetery,



Columbia, Mississippi.

Obituary - Mrs. Gussie McKinley Mobley, a former Biloxian, age 68, died Thursday in the Columbia Hospital, a native of Lauderdale, Mississippi. Mrs. Mobley was the youngest daughter of the late J. A. McKinley...two daughters survive. Mrs. Ernest P. Swartz; her husband is pastor of the Methodist Church and Miss Kathryn Mobley of Columbia, Mississippi. J. R. and W. S. McElroy from Biloxi are her cousins. Burial was in Columbia Cemetery. John A. McKinley lived in Biloxi from 1897 to 1908 when they moved to Columbia, Mrs. Gussie Mobley was a member of Old Main Street Methodist Church. (*Columbia Newspaper*)

Gussie McKinley and Houston Alonzo Mobley were married November 20, 1920 in Columbia, Mississippi. Houston Alonzo Mobley was born June 7, 1888 in Columbia, Marion County, Mississippi. He died in the Marion County General Hospital, Columbia, Mississippi on August 26, 1953. His parents were W. C. Mobley and Lydia Sterling. He was buried in the Columbia Cemetery, Columbia, Mississippi. He was a member of the Baptist Church in Columbia. Houston Alonzo Mobley was previously married to Nancy Walker who died. They had a son,

1. Charles Houston Mobley, who lives in Slidell, Louisiana.

Houston Alonzo and Gussie (McKinley) Mobley had two daughters:

1. Kathryn Mobley was born October 26, 1922 and was married the first time to O. D. Bickerstaff. They were divorced and she married the second time to Charles Howell Wilkinson on April 1, 1967. She has no children of her own, but her step children are:

1. Robert White Wilkinson, born 1950 and married 1973 to Patty Lasher and they have a son, Robert Charles Wilkinson.

2. James E. Wilkinson, born 1951.

3. John C. Wilkinson born 1958. He attends school at Columbia Academy.

4. Ann Wilkinson was born 1952 and is in school at the Columbia Academy.

2. Carol Joy Mobley was born November 18, 1930 and married June 7, 1935 to the Rev. E.P. Swartz. Rev. Swartz, and family have a Methodist pastorate in Troy, Missouri. They have two children:

1. John Philip Daniel Swartz, born March 21, 1956. Philip lives in Columbia, Mississippi during the school year and attends PRC.

2. Sharon Joy Swartz, born September 2, 1960.

8. Jessie McKinley, son of John Augusta and Kate Kennedy (Carroll) McKinley, was born in 1897 and died at the age of three months with yellow fever. He died in Biloxi, Mississippi.

9. An infant born dead while John A. and Kate K. McKinley were living in Biloxi, Mississippi.

6. Joel Elliot McKinley, son of Robert and Mary E. (Daniel) McKinley, was born in Lauderdale County, Mississippi about 1855 according to the 1870 Lauderdale County, Mississippi Census.

1870 Lauderdale County, Mississippi Census, P. O. Lauderdale, Miss., Family #543, page 79  
Robert McKinley, age 57, b. N.C., Farmer Mary E., age 48. b. Ga., Keeping house  
John A., age 18, b. Miss., Farm laborer  
Joel E., age 15, b. Miss, Farm laborer  
Albert H., age 10, b. Miss., At home  
Mary A., age 7, b. Miss., At home

Joel Elliot McKinley died in his sleep February 8, 1902 in Bremond, Texas. He married the first time Evie C. Armstrong in Lauderdale County, Mississippi in 1875. (*Marriage Record Book I-A*, p. 507) There were no children by this marriage.

Joel E. McKinley went to Texas. I do not know if his first wife died there or when she died, but Joel E. McKinley married the second time Annie Theadora Bozeman on December 2, 1894. She was born December 2, 1874 in Falls County, Texas. She was nineteen years younger than Joel E. McKinley. They lived in Franklin, Texas where Ruby Angelina was born. When Gladys was born they were living in Bremond, Texas.

Gladys McKinley wrote to me, "I was born in 1898 in Bremond, Texas. Papa owned a Drug and Jewelry business. As you see we were both quite young when papa died...Our grandfather, Nathan Bozeman, lived on a large farm east of Rosebud, Texas. Grandpa moved the business to Rosebud. Mama's brother and Grandpa ran the Drug Store, and Mama made hats for two year...We lived on the farm with Grandma, four aunts and four uncles...We can remember good food and lots of fun and good care...then Mama married a man by the name of Sog Ford, who lived on a big farm. He was as old as my grandfather. Mama wanted a good home for us and she could never love anybody but my papa anyway...Later Grandpa moved his family to Waco. Daddy (she called her stepfather Daddy) sold his farm also and we came to Waco when I was 8 years old and we lived next door to Baylor University until I married."

Joel Elliot and Annie Theodora (Bozeman) McKinley had two daughters. Elliott's daughters, Ruby and Gladys, are Baptist, probably Elliot married into a Baptist family.

1. Ruby Angelina McKinley, daughter of Joel Elliot and Annie Theodora (Bozeman) McKinley, was born in 1895 in Franklin, Texas. She married Lawrence Harris. She lives in Waco, Texas. They had five children. Lawrence Harris died while the children were still young and she was left to rear them alone.. Children of Lawrence and Ruby Angelina (McKinley) Harris:

1. Romilda Harris is a graduate of the Deaf School in Austin, Texas. Romilda works at the First National Bank and has not married. She talks and hears most everything that is said and reads lips so doesn't have any trouble. Her mother, Ruby, lives with her.
  2. Loraine Harris is married and has three children and two grandchildren.
  3. Pawnee Harris has a daughter and one granddaughter.
  4. Nancy Harris died about six years ago.
  5. Leo Harris has 2 boys and 2 grandchildren.
2. Gladys McKinley, daughter of Joel Elliot and Annie Theodora (Bozeman) McKinley, was born February 8, 1898 in Bremond, Texas. She married Thomas Tatum and they had three children:
1. Thomas McKinley Tatum, the oldest, died in 1929.
  2. Ardis Elaine Tatum was born in 1930. She graduated from Baylor University in

1952 and taught the American Air Force children in Japan one year and two years in Germany. She married John Bouma of Washington State. They have three children and now live in Waco, Texas.

3. Ralph Donald Tatum was born in 1933 and is a teacher at M.C.C. Junior College. He is married to Martha Sue Hayman. She is an R.N. at the Hillcrest Hospital. They have two girls and two boys.

Joel Elliot McKinley died and Annie McKinley married the second time to Sog Ford. He died in 1916 and is buried by his first wife. When Annie Theodora Bozeman McKinley died September 2, 1918 she was buried in Bremond Cemetery, Bremond, Texas, by the side of her first husband, Elliot McKinley.

7. Mary Augusta "Gussie" McKinley, daughter of Robert and Mary Elizabeth (Daniel) McKinley, was born May 16, 1863 in Lauderdale, Lauderdale County, Mississippi. She died July 4, 1952 and is buried in the Lauderdale Springs Cemetery, at Lauderdale. Gussie McKinley married John F. Plummer on March 3, 1881 in Lauderdale, Mississippi. The ceremony was performed by Jas. L. Simmons, Justice of the Peace. (*Marriage Record Book 1879-1884*, p. 201) John F. Plummer was born November 1, 1859 in Lauderdale County and died August 19, 1938 and is buried in Lauderdale Springs Cemetery. Their gravestones:

John F. Plummer - Nov. 1, 1859-August 19, 1938  
Gussie Plummer - May 16, 1863-July 4, 1952

John F. and Gussie (McKinley) Plummer had one child, Howard, who died as an infant. His gravestone in Lauderdale Springs Cemetery:

Infant Howard - son of J.F. and M.A. Plummer

8. Sarah McKinley, daughter of Robert and Mary Elizabeth (Daniel) McKinley, was born in 1841 or 1842 in Mississippi and died at age of nine years.

9. Floyd McKinley, son of Robert and Mary Elizabeth (Daniel) McKinley, died very young.

10. Albert H. McKinley, son of Robert and Mary Elizabeth (Daniel) McKinley, was born in 1860 and died in 1886. He never married.

**VII. Elizabeth C. McKinley**, daughter of William and Sarah McKinley, was born December 14, 1816 in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina. She died in 1876. She married a Mr. Jones, probably late in life. Barbara Philippus questions whether she did marry. The only reason I have for thinking she did was that in the Sarah Nancy McKinley Bible, when she was listing deaths, she listed Elizabeth Jones as dying in 1876. In the 1850 Putnam County, Georgia Census Elizabeth is listed as Elizabeth C. McKinley, age 30, so she was still single at that time, however, this age is incorrect as she was born in 1816 and would have been 34 years of age.

**VIII. William J. McKinley**, son of William and Sarah McKinley, was born April 13, 1819

and died November 14, 1856. He is presumed to be the "1 male 10 under 15 years of age" listed on the 1830 Mecklenberg County, North Carolina Census in the household of his father, William McKinley. William would have been about 10 years old. He was not listed in the household of his father on the 1840 Putnam County, Georgia Census. No other information.

**IX. Leander F. McKinley** was born September 19, 1921 and died November 24, 1841. Leander is presumed to be listed in the household of his father on the 1840 Putnam County, Georgia Census under "3 males 15 under 20." Leander would have been 19 years old. The other two listed under this category would have been twins, Joseph L. and Hugh L. Leander, sister, Ann S. (McKinley) Lyon, named her son Leander to honor her brother. I have no other information.

**X. Joseph L. McKinley**, twin brother to Hugh L. McKinley, was the son of William and Sarah McKinley. He was born November 16, 1823 at Paw Creek, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina. He died September, 1893. This date is recorded in the Sarah Nancy Ellen McKinley Bible. He was married to Malinda J. Wright on September 14, 1867 in Putnam County, Georgia. The marriage ceremony was performed by William G. Johnson. (*Marriage Record Book F*, p. 326) The 1860 Putnam County, Georgia Census lists this family by initial:

1860 Putnam County, Georgia Census

J. L. McKinley, age 35, b. N.C.

M. J., wife, age 29, b. Ga.

Wm. L., son, age 12, b. Ga.

E., dau., age 11, b. Ga.

S.J., dau, age 8, b. .Ga.

Clary, dau., age 4, b. Ga.

M., dau., age 1, b. Ga.

**XI. Hugh L. McKinley**, son of William and Sarah McKinley, was a twin brother to Joseph L. McKinley. He was born November 16, 1823 at Paw Creek, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina. He married Ann E. Dickerson September 4, 1855 in Putnam County, Georgia. The marriage ceremony was performed by C. R. Culner, Minister of the Gospel. (*Marriage Record Book F*, p. 114) Hugh L. McKinley and Ann E. Dickerson had children, as proved by the 1860 Putnam County, Georgia Census:

1860 Putnam County, Georgia Census

Hugh L. McKinley, age 34, b. N.C., Farmer, Real est. \$1800, Per. est. \$3500

A.E., wife, age 25, b. Ga.

W.A., son, age 4, b. Ga.

S.P., dau., age 2, b. Ga.

E.C., age 35, b. N.C.

This E.C. is possibly Hugh L. McKinley's sister, Elizabeth C. McKinley, however, the age is incorrect. She was born in 1816 and would have been 44 years old. She could have been living with her brother as her mother and father were both dead.

**XII. Sarah Nancy Ellen McKinley**, daughter of William and Sarah McKinley, was born July 19, 1827 near Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina. She died December 17, 1906 in Lauderdale Springs, and is buried in the Lauderdale Springs Cemetery, Lauderdale County, Mississippi. Her Gravestone:

Sarah Nancy Parker - July 19, 1827-Dec. 17, 1906

Sarah Nancy Ellen McKinley was married the first time to William Dearman Jr. on September 17, 1851. The second time she married William Parker. This information is from the Sarah N.E. McKinley Bible, however, the place where the marriage was recorded is not known. I believe it to be the Lauderdale County, Mississippi Court House, but unfortunately a fire in that court house destroyed some of the early records. A check has been made in Putnam County, Georgia, and in Chambers County, Alabama, where they do have early records and where it is known several members of the McKinley family lived at periods of time, but all searches have been unproductive.

William and Sarah N. E. (McKinley) Dearman, Jr. had twins, probably their first children, that died in infancy. The 1860 Lauderdale County, Mississippi Census lists William Dearman, wife Sarah N. and their three children. This was the only time the entire family was listed on a census because William Dearman died in 1862.

1860 Lauderdale County, Mississippi Census

Dearman, William, age 36, b. Ala., Value of Real Est. \$2000, Personal Est. \$1000

Sarah N., age 33, b. N.C.

Clara, age 6, b. Miss.

Willie, age 4, b. Miss.

Malloy, age 2, b. Miss.

I do not know where William and Sarah N. E. Dearman were living the first few months of their married life, but William Dearman bought property near Lauderdale Springs, Lauderdale County, Mississippi with the deed being signed April 29, 1852. He bought the property from Jarred Yarrell and wife, Mary H. Yarrell.

To William Dearman - Lot No. 15 in the North West quarter of Section No. 30, Township No. 8, Range 18 East lying near the Lauderdale Springs containing one acre more or less. (*Lauderdale County Deed Book F*, p. 753)

Quit Claim Deed from H. W. Roberts to William Dearman describing land lying near the White Sulphur Springs in a plot of lots containing one-half acre more or less - East one half of Lot No. 17 in the South East quarter of Section 30, Township 8, Range 18 East.

Signed - H. W. Roberts - September 3, 1852 - recorded September 24, 1852 (*Lauderdale County Book F*, p. 754-755)

Sale of the following described real estate by Sullivan and Hopson to William Dearman, on the 10th day of November, 1855: All the certain parcel of land described to wit; The South half of North half of Lot No. 3, Section 30, Township 8, Range 18 East, containing one fourth acre adjoining Lauderdale Springs. (*Lauderdale County Book G*, p. 564)

There must be another deed which I have not located, since Mother told me her Grandmother, Nancy Ellen McKinley Dearman, owned at least three acres of land. Mother does not know if a house was already on the property, but I believe there was.

I located a deed transferring property along the A. T. & N. Railroad near Ward in Sumter County, Alabama from Mrs. S.E. Parker to John Dearman, her brother-in-law.

Sumter County, Alabama - Mrs. S. E. Parker - To Deed - John Dearman  
South East quarter of North West quarter and the South half of North East quarter all in Section 28, Township 17, Range 3 West, containing in all 120 acres, more or less.  
Dated 19th day of November, 1894  
Signed: Sarah E. Parker (*Sumter County Deed Book 21*, p. 119)

William Dearman Jr. was born May 14, 1824 in St. Clair County, Alabama and died December 27, 1862 and is buried in McLemore Cemetery, Meridian, Mississippi. There is no gravestone. William and Sarah N. E. McKinley Dearman separated because he was an alcoholic. He enlisted in the Confederate Army at Lauderdale, Springs, Mississippi in 1861 and served for a year or whenever his enlistment was up. Sarah N.E. McKinley did not know he had enlisted, but was told about it by someone else. After his enlistment was up he stopped off in Meridian, Mississippi and died soon thereafter. He was dead and buried in the McLemore Cemetery in Meridian before Sarah N.E. knew of it. It was very sad.

Sarah Nancy Ellen then married the second time to William Parker on October 31, 1866. The marriage ceremony was performed by T. Y. Armstrong, minister of the gospel. (*Lauderdale County Marriage Record Book*) Sarah N. E. and William Parker had one son,

1. McKinley Parker, born December 31, 1867 and died October 3, 1868.

Sarah Nancy Ellen's husband, William Parker, died August 12, 1867, only ten months after they were married, and four months before their child was born.

I am not sure when Sarah Nancy Ellen McKinley came to Lauderdale County, Mississippi. Her brother, Robert McKinley, was in Lauderdale County during or before 1844 because his second child was born there during that year. Robert's oldest son, William R., was born in Chambers County, Alabama. It could be that Sarah Nancy Ellen McKinley came with her brother to Mississippi, however, she was listed in the 1850 Putnam County, Georgia Census. Another possibility is that she simply came for a visit.

Mother once told me that her grandmother, Sarah Nancy Ellen, used to talk to her a lot, and especially shortly before she died, about when she grew up in North Carolina. She was reared in Charlotte. Her father and mother were quite prosperous and they lived on a big plantation with slaves to wait on her hand and foot. She never had to do so much as dress herself.

After the death of her second husband Sarah N.E. had to support herself and children. So one who had never learned to do anything had to learn to do everything. She took in sewing for a living. Mother said she was a wonderful seamstress.

The following 1870 Lauderdale County, Mississippi Census shows Sarah Parker, age 43, with her children in Lauderdale, Mississippi.

1870 Lauderdale County, Mississippi Census  
Parker, Sara, age 43, b. N.C., keeping house

Clara, age 16, b. Miss.  
Willie, age 14, b. Miss.  
Malloy, age 12, b. Miss.

1880 Lauderdale County, Mississippi Census  
S.N.E. Parker, age 52, b. N.C., mother b. N.C., father b. N.C. Clara Dearman, age 26, b. Miss., mother  
b. N.C., father b. Ala.

Her daughter, Willie Ellen, had married Walter Scott Pigford in 1879, and her son, Malloy Beatty, had married in 1880 before the census was taken or else he was living away from home.

My mother, Ina Gilliam Peel, said the house in Lauderdale Springs, where she was born and where Grandpa Gilliam and Grandma Gilliam lived, originally belonged to Great Grandmother Sarah Nancy McKinley Dearman. Grandpa Gilliam bought it from her.

The house was built out of big logs covered with clapboards and ceiled inside. Mother said that she suggested, years later, using the logs to build a camp house, but Daddy said it wouldn't work because as soon as the air hit the logs deterioration would set in, and the logs would not last long.

The house originally consisted of only two rooms with an open hall, known as a dogtrot, from front to back. There was a room on either side of the wide hall. The room on the right was the one used by Sarah Nancy McKinley Dearman. Mother nursed her while she was so ill, and she died in this room. The room on the left was Grandpa and Grandma's room. When I was a little girl I stayed with them for long periods of time. Grandpa had closed up the wide hall and it served as a large room. He also added a shed room and a kitchen adjoining Grandpa and Grandma's room. The shed room connected to the bedroom and was used as a storage room for trunks and clothes. The kitchen had a back door opening directly onto the steps.

In Grandma's room, I remember her bed and dresser with her chair always in the same place by the fireplace and next to the window which adjoined the fireplace. This window had glass panes, but the window opening onto the porch had wooden shutters. The window in the other room opening onto the porch also had a wooden shutter.

Out back there was a very big oak tree under which I can remember playing. The well with a wall around it and a cover over it was near the tree. The cover was attached to four poles which were anchored in the ground. This was a new well Grandpa had dug because the original well had gone dry. This well which I remember had a bucket with a rope to draw the water up out of the well.

Mother says she remembers, or remembers hearing about it, that once when someone drew some water from the well they found an old rag tied up and when it was opened the contents turned out to be fingernail and toenail clippings. In those days some negroes were very superstitious so it must have been that this was an act akin to voodoo done to drive away some "hant." The well had to be cleaned out by drawing out all the water.

Out back there was a smokehouse built of logs. It was small, only about 8 feet by 10 feet. Farther back from the house Grandpa had a crib where he kept the feed for the horse and cows. In the front of the house there were two big paradise trees. There was a chimney on each side of the house. The house was roofed with hand hewn boards about six inches wide and 12 or 14 inches long. These were called shakes. The outside of the house was whitewashed

instead of being painted.

Mother has told me of Old Aunt Easter, a negro slave who came with the McKinleys to Lauderdale County, Mississippi from Mecklenburg County, North Carolina . The entire McKinley family must have come to Mississippi, but I have been unable to verify this.

Aunt Easter had her bedroom by the kitchen which was built separate from the house. She would allow no one in her kitchen while she was cooking. The family had a dog that played tricks on Aunt Easter. When she cooked cornbread on the hearth of the fireplace the dog seemed to know when the bread was done and would go to the front of the house and start scratching at the door. That would bring Aunt Easter away from the kitchen and the dog would tear out around the house to the kitchen and steal the bread and eat it. The kitchen that I remember was built later and I think the house was much larger. I wish I knew whether the McKinleys built the house, or bought it and added on to it. Also, I wish I knew why the family left North Carolina and came to this particular spot.

It was generally believed that Sarah N. E. McKinley Dearman always kept money hidden in or around the house, some of it being gold. During the War for Southern Independence a military hospital was located at Lauderdale Springs and after the war soldiers were mustered out at the encampment there. Money and food were scarce and the men would do anything for money to buy food, and of course this meant stealing. Some men got into the house and looked for the gold coins, even cut the lock out of her trunk, but they did not find anything.

Mother said she actually saw the can where the money was hidden and sneaked and looked at it sometimes, but after the death of Great Grandmother McKinley Dearman it was never found. Mr. Bishop, the man who tore the house down many years later, said he did not find it. Someone must have found the gold coins. I wish I knew what happened.

I recall one night when I was about five years old and was staying with Grandmother and Grandfather Gilliam, I was standing on a stool looking out the window by the fireplace and I saw a man standing by the side of the chimney looking in the window and listening. It scared me half to death. He saw me looking at him and ran. Grandpa said it happened often, that people believed the money was still in the house and they would sneak around hoping to get a clue to where the money was hidden.

Another story concerns a small trunk. This trunk, when I first saw it, had a round hole cut in the bottom. A piece of tin had been nailed over the hole to cover it. This trunk was in the wide hall in the house and one night someone went under the house, cut a hole through the floor and the trunk looking for the money. This trunk was given to my brother, Albert, who was named for Grandpa Gilliam, and it was destroyed when his house burned.

I can remember Aunt Malinda, that wonderful, kind negro woman, who always helped Grandma when she was sick. It seems she was sick a lot as I remember her being in bed much of the time when I was four, five and six years old. I was only six and a half years old when she died. She died in Rush's Hospital in Meridian. She never regained consciousness from surgery to remove a tumorous growth.

I was named for my Grandmother, Clara Elizabeth Dearman. I spent more time during my early years with my grandparents than I did at home. One thing I well remember was going to funerals. The cemetery was not very far from my grandparent's home and during the winter, when the leaves were off the trees, you could see when there was a funeral. Grandpa went to all the funerals and took me with him. This was alright because I was fascinated and wanted



to go but it also scared me to death because of so many tales that were told to me, most of them by Grandpa. The most horrifying memory is a story about someone being buried and for some reason later dug up and found to have moved. It was probably true.

The old East Tennessee, Virginia and Georgia Railroad ran alongside the house. The rails had been removed before my time. Mother says that in about 1899, after the Spanish American War, many soldiers were brought by rail to Lauderdale Springs and encamped there for several weeks. Mother said they were all over the place, even in their yard and she was afraid of them. They stayed around there a while until the officials decided to send them on to Chickamauga, near Chattanooga, to be mustered out. That was the last time the railroad was used. It was then abandoned and the rails were taken up.

I stayed with them at times following World War I, when Mr. Herbert Hoover was in charge of distributing food to the starving people of Europe. Sometimes when I couldn't eat everything on my plate they would tell me Mr. Hoover would get me if I didn't. It truly frightened me.

Children of Sarah Nancy Ellen McKinley and William Dearman, Jr.:

1. Clara Elizabeth Dearman was born September 28, 1853 in Lauderdale Springs, Mississippi and died May 9, 1921 and is buried in Lauderdale Springs Cemetery. She married Albert Gilliam on January 14, 1883.
2. Willie Ellen Dearman was born January 26, 1856 in Lauderdale Springs, Mississippi and died July 30, 1895 in Lockhart, Mississippi and is buried in Lockhart Cemetery. She married Walter Scott Pigford November 20, 1879.
3. Malloy Beatty Dearman was born January 26, 1858 in Lauderdale Springs, Mississippi and died March 28, 1913. He married Kate Moore June 22, 1880.

Children of Sarah Nancy Ellen McKinley and William Dearman, Jr.:

1. Clara Elizabeth Dearman, daughter of William and Sarah Nancy Ellen (McKinley) Dearman, Jr., was born September 28, 1853 in Lauderdale Springs, Lauderdale County, Mississippi. She died May 9, 1921 in Rush Infirmary, Meridian, Mississippi. Clara Dearman was married to Albert Gilliam on January 14, 1883 at Lauderdale, Mississippi by D. C. Langford, minister of the gospel. (*Marriage Record Book 1879-1884*, p. 449) After they married they made their home with Sarah N.E. Parker, Clara Dearman's mother, and that is where they lived until she died.

Albert Gilliam was born July 21, 1847 in Collinsville, Weakley County, Tennessee and died of pneumonia, April 9, 1928, in Payneville, Sumter County, Alabama at the home of his daughter, Ina Gilliam Peel. Albert and Clara Gilliam are buried in Lauderdale Springs Cemetery. Their gravestones:

Mother - Clara E. Albert Gilliam - Wife of Albert Gilliam  
Sept. 28, 1853-May 9, 1921

Father - Albert Gilliam - July 21, 1847 - April 9, 1928

Albert Gilliam's father and mother were John Gilliam and Sallie Taylor Edgar. They had one son, Albert Gilliam, and six daughters: Eliza Ann Gilliam, Nancy Jane Gilliam, Martha Gilliam, Mary Magdeline Gilliam, Ellen Gilliam and Frances Gilliam.

Albert Gilliam left home at an early age, after a bitter argument with someone in the family. He was gone for many years and had various kinds of jobs. My mother, Ina Gilliam Peel, told me that one of his jobs was carrying the mail "over the mountain" in Tennessee. He had to carry his food and prepare it over the open fire and for once he really got coffee that was too hot for him to drink, because he drank it out of a tin cup. I remember hearing him say that was the only time in his life he ever had coffee too hot. It was during the time he was carrying the mail that the tarantulas got after him. The only thing handy to hit them with was some cold hard biscuits which proved to be an effective and deadly weapon. He was in Texas for a while and during that time he rode shotgun on a stage coach.

A few years ago I talked with Mr. Robert Taylor in Lauderdale, Mississippi. I had heard that his father and Grandpa Albert Gilliam came to Lauderdale together in the 1880s. Mr. Taylor was under the impression that Grandpa came first and his father, Mr. Robert Taylor, Sr., came shortly afterward. I had thought they were related because Albert Gilliam's mother was named Sallie Taylor Edgar and Mr. Taylor, Sr. came from Paris, Tennessee, a place often mentioned by Grandpa Gilliam. Paris was a short distance from where he was reared and only ten miles from Puryear, Tennessee where Grandpa had cousins living, however, Mr. Robert Taylor Jr. told me he had never heard of any relation between his and Grandpa Gilliam's families so evidently there was not. Just friends.

Mother always thought Grandpa Gilliam was working on the railroad when he came to Mississippi, but Mr. Taylor said they went to work in the tobacco factory at Lauderdale Springs.

The man who owned the factory got people to plant a few acres of tobacco. It would be interesting to know the reason the factory failed and how much tobacco was actually planted, surely not enough to keep the factory busy. Most likely some tobacco was shipped in from elsewhere.

Evidently the tobacco factory job had played out when Clara Dearman met Albert Gilliam because he was working on the railroad in Lauderdale at that time. They married in 1883 in Lauderdale Springs. She was thirty and he was thirty-six. They later moved to Poplarville, Mississippi where he was employed by the railroad. They returned to Lauderdale where Albert Gilliam bought some land and started farming.

They lived in the home with Sarah N. E. Dearman where their two children, Ina Beattie Gilliam and John William Gilliam, were born.

In 1967 my brother, John, my mother, Ina Gilliam Peel and I visited Puryear, Tennessee and surrounding areas and visited two of Mother's first cousins who are Grandpa's nieces. So far as I know these two nieces and their children are the only living descendants of Grandpa's sisters. It is very sad that Grandpa, the youngest of seven children, never went back to visit his family in his home community after he left it as a young man.

Children of Albert and Clara Elizabeth (Dearman) Gilliam:

1. John Willie Gilliam, son of Albert Gilliam and Clara Elizabeth Dearman, was born June 23, 1887 in Lauderdale Springs, Mississippi and died April 19, 1966 in the Fayette County, Alabama Hospital and is buried in the Fayette City Cemetery.

John Willie Gilliam and Lillian Newton were married November 19, 1928 in Fayette, Alabama. Lillian Newton was born August 11, 1896 in Fayette, Alabama, the daughter of William Taylor Newton and Velutia Jane Whitley. They had no children.

Obituary - August 20, 1966 - Entered Into Eternal Rest Tuesday, April 19, 1966 JOHN W. GILLIAM, Fayette, Alabama Funeral services for John W. Gilliam, 77, who died last night in the Fayette County Hospital following a lengthy illness, will be held tomorrow at 2 p. m. in the Chapel of Dowdle-Brown Service Funeral Home.

Rev. J. T. West Jr. and Rev. Charles Davis will officiate. Burial will follow in the Fayette City Cemetery. Mr. Gilliam was retired in 1944 after 31 years with Southern Railway Mail Service in Birmingham. He was a native of Lauderdale, Mississippi and had lived in Fayette since 1946. He was a Mason and member of the First Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Lillian Newton Gilliam, Fayette; sister, Mrs. J. W. Peel, Livingston, Alabama and several nieces and nephews. (*The Commercial Dispatch*, Columbus, Mississippi)

2. Ina Beatie Gilliam, daughter of Albert and Clara Elizabeth (Dearman) Gilliam, was born December 21, 1889 in Lauderdale Springs, Mississippi. She now lives near Livingston, Alabama. Ina B. Gilliam and John William Peel were married December 14, 1910 in Lauderdale, Mississippi at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Plummer. John William Peel was born June 9, 1885 in Wahalak, Kemper County, Mississippi and died in an automobile accident on September 13, 1951 on the Mississippi-Alabama State line near Kewanee, Mississippi, and is buried in Magnolia Cemetery, Meridian, Mississippi. He was a Mason and an elder in the Hadden Presbyterian Church, Sumter County, Alabama. Ina Beatie Gilliam and John William Peel had seven children:

1. Ethyle Inez Peel was born June 30, 1912 in Lauderdale Springs, Mississippi, at the home of her grandparents, Albert and Clara Gilliam. She was born in the same house where her mother and grandmother were born. She married Walter J. Watson on November 26, 1937 in the Hadden Presbyterian Church, Payneville, Sumter County, Alabama. This church was over a hundred years old at that time and this was the first wedding ever held in it. It has since been torn down and replaced by a new building. Inez died on November 12, 1947, and is buried in Magnolia Cemetery, Meridian, Mississippi. Walter and Inez had no children but she was a wonderful stepmother to his children.

2. Clara Elizabeth "Betty" Peel was born October 23, 1914 in Payneville, Sumter County, Alabama and was married to Dr. Tom Lawrence, June 6, 1948. They live in Meridian, Mississippi. They have one child:

1. Thomas Eugene Lawrence, born March 2, 1949 in Dallas, Texas. He lives in Houston, Texas, and is not married.

3. Leon Hughes Peel was born July 24, 1916 in Payneville, Sumter County, Alabama. He married Myrtle Clem Sheppard December 27, 1938 in Meridian, Mississippi. Myrtle Clem Sheppard was born September 26, 1918 in DeFuniak Springs, Florida. Leon "Jack" Peel and Myrtle Sheppard had six children:

1. Jackie Nell Peel was born January 23, 1940 in Meridian, Mississippi. She married Richard Arlen Cobb, Jr. April 7, 1956 in Columbus, Mississippi. Richard Cobb was born March 21, 1937 in New Castle, Indiana. Richard A. and Jackie Nell (Peel) Cobb have four children:

1. Richard Arlen Cobb, Jr. was born July 12, 1958 in Birmingham, Alabama.

2. Robert Alan Cobb was born November 23, 1960 in Birmingham, Alabama.
3. Roger Dale Cobb was born December 2, 1962 in Birmingham, Alabama and died July 10, 1967 in Birmingham, Alabama. He died of cancer.
4. Roxanne Cobb was born May 9, 1964 in Birmingham, Alabama.
2. Leon Hughes Peel Jr., born April 25, 1941 in Electric Mills, Mississippi, married Elna Faye Eustice on July 22, 1961 in Birmingham, Alabama. They have three children:
  1. Leon Hughes Peel III was born July 20, 1962 in Birmingham, Alabama.
  2. John Arthur Peel was born November 11, 1964 in Birmingham, Alabama.
  3. Lydia Ann Peel was born May 30, 1973 in Birmingham, Alabama.
3. Ina Mae Peel was born November 4, 1942 in Meridian, Mississippi. She married Edward James Gackley March 3, 1961 in the Presbyterian Church, Birmingham, Alabama. Ina Mae and Edward James Gackley are divorced. They had one child:
  1. Elaine Gackley was born February 17, 1963 in Birmingham, Alabama.
4. Carolyn Sue Peel was born June 14, 1946 in Meridian, Mississippi. She married Roy Frederick Wiegman on September 18, 1964 in Birmingham, Alabama. They have two children:
  1. Daniel Ronald Wiegman was born July 24, 1965 in Birmingham, Alabama.
  2. Richard Dale Wiegman was born June 4, 1969 in Elgin, Illinois.
5. Billy Joe Peel was born July 8, 1947 in Meridian, Mississippi and died April 1, 1949 in Birmingham, Alabama. The house burned and he died in the fire.
6. Jerry Lee Peel was born October 29, 1948 in Birmingham, Alabama. He is not married.
4. John Willard Peel, son of Ina B. Gilliam and John W. Peel, was born August 22, 1918 in Payneville, Sumter County, Alabama. He married Isabelle Bishop August 21, 1943 in Washington, D. C. John and Isabelle Peel had two children:
  1. Pamela Peel was born June 25, 1944 in San Diego, California. She married Ray Hallam May 8, 1965 and they have two children:
    1. John Walter Hallam was born March 23, 1966 in Los Angeles, California.
    2. Anne Hallam was born February 26, 1972 in Long Beach, California.

2. John W. Peel III was born July 31, 1946 in St. Johns, Newfoundland. He was married to Mary Lain Mills June 21, 1970 in the Presbyterian Church, Selma, Alabama. They have no children.
5. Albert Hancock Peel was born December 17, 1920 in Payneville, Sumter County, Alabama. He married the first time Annie Pearl Eldridge on September 29, 1945 in Meridian, Mississippi. They had two sons.
  1. Charles Albert Peel was born May 3, 1946 in Louisville, Mississippi. He married the first time Carol Arnette in Ganada. Texas and they had a daughter, Robin Lee Peel, born May.18, 1966. They were divorced. Charles Peel married the second time to Charlene Lohmann, Lawrence County, California. She and Charles had no children. Charles married the third time, Donna Bell, July 17, 1974 in Charleston, South Carolina. Donna was born April 16, 1949 in Wilmington, North Carolina. Charles and Donna Peel have two children:
    1. Charlamayne Peel was born October 15, 1974.
    2. Charles Albert Peel Jr. was born August 23, 1976.
    3. Katrina was born June 18, 1971, a daughter of Donna by a previous marriage. She has been adopted by Charles.
  2. David Carroll Peel was born December 26, 1948 in Louisville, Mississippi. He married Margaret Walton August 23, 1968 in the Baptist Church in Cuba, Alabama. David and Margaret Peel have a daughter, Tanya Peel, born June 12, 1972 in Meridian, Mississippi. David is in the Air Force stationed in Blytheville, Arkansas.

Albert H. Peel and Annie Pearl were divorced and Albert later married Shelia Fekety. They were married January 26, 1963 in Livingston, Alabama in the Livingston Baptist Church. Shelia has three sons by a previous marriage, Peter, Stephen and Daniel Fekety.
6. Lucille Grace "Lucy" Peel was born October 8, 1924 in Payneville, Sumter County, Alabama. She married Grover Cleveland "G.C." Newberry December 26, 1945 in Dothan, Alabama. G.C. served until retirement with the United States Coast Guard. G.C. Newberry died suddenly July 23, 1976 in the hospital in Livingston, Alabama, a great loss to his family and many friends. Lucille and G.C. had four children:
  1. Michele Inez Newberry was born October 13, 1950 in Panama City, Florida. She is married to Thomas Dalehite and they live in Atlanta, Georgia. They have no children.
  2. Larry Stephen Newberry was born October 1, 1952 in Meridian, Mississippi. He is married to Phyllis Harris and they are living in Tuscaloosa, Alabama where he is attending the University of Alabama. He is majoring in Art. They have no children.
  3. Amelia Lynn Newberry was born September 20, 1953 in New Orleans, Louisiana. and is married to Jeffery Williams. They live in Atlanta, Georgia.
  4. Byron Peel Newberry was born June 9, 1961 in Key West,

Florida.

7. Joseph Carroll Peel was born October 4, 1926 in Payneville, Sumter County, Alabama. He married Betty Lou Ritchie on April 20, 1949 in St. Petersburg, Florida. They live in Montgomery, Alabama. They have an adopted son,

1. Joseph C. Peel, Jr., born October 14, 1969 in Greater Anchorage, Alaska.

2. Willie Ellen Dearman, daughter of William and Sarah Nancy Ellen McKinley Dearman, Jr., was born January 26, 1856 in Lauderdale Springs, Mississippi and died in Lockhart, Mississippi on July 30, 1895.

Willie Ellen Dearman married Walter Scott Pigford on November 20, 1879 in Lauderdale Springs, Mississippi. (*Marriage Record Book B-1*, p. 63) Walter Scott Pigford was born January 15, 1858 and died March 13, 1939 in Lockhart, Mississippi. They are both buried in the Lockhart Methodist Cemetery, Lockhart, Mississippi. Their gravestones:

Father - Walter Scott Pigford - Jan. 15, 1858-March 13, 1939

Willie E. Dearman - wife of W. S. Pigford

Born Jan. 26, 1856 - Died July 30, 1895

Walter Scott Pigford was one of Lauderdale County's leading citizens. He retired from the Mobile and Ohio Railroad after serving 45 years. In 1898 he opened a large Mercantile business at Lockhart and retired from this occupation in 1935. He was Justice of the Peace and postmaster for many years. He was a large planter and a faithful member of the Methodist Church. Walter Scott and Willie Ellen (Dearman) Pigford had children:

1. Walter William Pigford was born August 25, 1880 in Lockhart, Mississippi and married Anna Mary Lotz on September 18, 1906.

2. Mabel Clara Pigford was born August 16, 1882 in Lockhart, Mississippi. She died March, 19, 1972 and is buried in the Lockhart Methodist Cemetery, Lockhart, Mississippi. She married Samuel Monroe Bailey October 8, 1903 in Lockhart, Mississippi at the home of her father, Scott Pigford. Mabel Clara Pigford and Sam Bailey had children:

1. Maybelle Bailey was born October 3, 1908 and married Dr. John E. Baxter on May 21, 1933. He is a dentist. Children of Maybelle Bailey and Dr. John E. Baxter:

1. John Edward Baxter was born August 29, 1937.

2. James Bailey Baxter was born in 1941.

2. Samuel Monroe Bailey II was born October 30, 1904. He married Kathleen Gordon Martin. They had one child,

1. Joann Martin Bailey, who was born in 1928. She married James Anderson and they live in Meridian, Mississippi. They have children.

3. Claude Scott Bailey was born September 28, 1906 and married Mary Pauline McRoy on October 1, 1933. They have a son, Claude Scott Bailey II, born 1939.

4. Cecil Bernard Bailey was born September 5, 1912 in Marion, Mississippi.

He is not married.

5. Walterine Bailey was born October 3, 1910 in Bailey, Mississippi and died October 10, 1911.

3. Jewell Irene Pigford was born September 18, 1886 in Lockhart, Mississippi. She married the first time Thomas Walter Rowzee on August 31, 1910. After he died she married the second time James Howard Covington. There were no children by either marriage. She is deceased.

4. Malcolm Leon Pigford was born September 2, 1891 and married Mary Rutledge McQueen on June 10, 1914. Malcolm died January 12, 1939. They had one son, Malcolm Leon Pigford II, M. D., born July 6, 1916.

5. Willie Scott Pigford was born February 5, 1894 in Lockhart, Mississippi. She married Aubry Jack Hammock on June 24, 1926. Willie Scott and Jack Hammock live in Macon, Mississippi. They had two children:

1. Ann Hammock was born April 13, 1934 in Macon, Mississippi and is married to Dr. Curtis W. Long. They live in Kansas City, Missouri.

2. Aubrey Scott Hammock was born November 4, 1931 and died July 15, 1932.

After Willie Ellen (Dearman) Pigford died her husband, Walter Scott Pigford, married the second time to Julia Rush Key on December 22, 1897 and they had ten children;

1. Thelma Pigford
2. Charlie Floyd Pigford
3. Doris Rogers Pigford
4. Jim Key Pigford
5. Sam Meyer Pigford
6. Scott Franklin Pigford
7. Raymond Pigford (twin)
8. Laymond Pigford (twin)
9. Arulia Pigford
10. Minetta Pigford

1938 - Walter Scott Pigford, one of Lauderdale County's leading citizens, who has just celebrated his 80th birthday, retired from the employ of the Mobile and Ohio Railroad Company after serving 45 years.

Mr. Pigford was born at Lockhart, January 15, 1858, and has been a resident of the place all his life.

Mr. Pigford is the son of the late William Wells Pigford and Arulia Jane Boney Pigford. In 1879, he married Miss Willie Dearman of Lauderdale. Five children were born to them, of whom four survive.

In July, 1895, Mrs. Pigford died and in December 1897, Mr. Pigford married Miss Julia Rush Key, daughter of the late Senator and Mrs. J.R. Key of Kemper County. Nine children were born of this union, of whom five survive.

Mr. Pigford became M. and O. agent and held that position until July 1937 when he retired from service. In 1898 he opened a large Mercantile business at Lockhart and retired from this occupation in 1935. He was justice of the peace of this district and postmaster for many years.

This resident was a member of the board of trustees of the East Mississippi State Hospital several years and a member of the Lauderdale County Democratic Executive Board. He has always had the interest of Lauderdale County at heart and has performed every civic duty to make it a bigger better place in which to live.

Mr. Pigford has been a large planter and still oversees a large farm. He is a consistent member of the Methodist Church and is always doing everything he can to help others.

On his eightieth birthday, January 15, he celebrated with a five course dinner. He received many gifts, telegrams and letters of congratulations. He lives a quiet but useful life with his wife and son Jim Key Pigford, at Lockhart.

Mr. Pigford's slogan has always been "Learn today as though you are going to live forever; live today as though you are going to die tomorrow"; "Honesty is the best policy" and "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

This pioneer resident attributes his four score years to regular hours of rest and three balanced meals a day. Mr. Pigford has nine living children; M. L. Pigford, of Laurel, Mississippi; Charlie F., of Laurel; Jim Key, of Lockhart; Mesdames T. W. Rowzee, of Ada, Oklahoma; S. M. Bailey of Marion, A. J. Hammack of Macon; Ed Rueckert, of Tuscaloosa; Thelma Grayson of Meridian, and Miss Minetta Pigford of Meridian. Seven Grandchildren: Walter Scott Pigford, of Beaumont, Texas; Malcolm L. Pigford, Jr. of Laurel; Samuel M. Bailey and Claude Scott Bailey of Meridian; Bernard Bailey, of Jackson; Mrs. John E. Baxter, of Meridian and Ann Hammock of Macon; two great-grandchildren, John E. Baxter, Jr. and JoAnn Bailey, of Meridian. (*The Meridian Star*)

3. Malloy B. Dearman, son and youngest child of William and Sarah Nancy Ellen (McKinley) Dearman, Jr. was born January 26, 1858 in Lauderdale Springs, Mississippi and died March 28, 1913 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. He was married to Kate Moore June 22, 1880 in Lauderdale County, Mississippi. The ceremony was performed on the 23 day of June, 1880 by W. R. McKinley, J. P., son of Robert McKinley and first cousin of Malloy B. Dearman. (*Marriage Record Book B-1*, p. 127) Kate Moore was born November 10, 1857 in Lauderdale County, died February 9, 1941 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Both Malloy and Kate Moore Dearman were buried in Baton Rouge.

Malloy Dearman left home after he was grown and married and did not come back. According to Mother, her Grandmother Dearman and Malloy had some kind of disagreement and Malloy left home. Mother never knew what it was about or when it happened.

Malloy hardly ever wrote to his Mother. My Mother never knew any place her Uncle Malloy had lived except Mosell, Mississippi where he was employed as telegrapher for the Vicksburg and Meridian Railroad Company. I have a note he wrote his mother. It was written on a letterhead of a railroad company. The note spoke of his wife, Kate, being sick and hoped she would soon be better. When Sarah N. E. McKinley Dearman Parker died December 17, 1906, her son, Malloy, did not come for the funeral, however, Mother said the children did come back to their grandmother's for visits.

I located descendants of Malloy Dearman through the assistance of others who are working on the Dearman genealogy. They are children of Charles William Dearman and grandchildren of Malloy Beatty Dearman. We definitely are cousins. We have corresponded several times and I have attended two family reunions in Mansfield, Louisiana. There were more than 85 Dearmans at each reunion and practically all play some musical instrument and sing and provide great entertainment. Tom and I enjoyed these reunions with our newly discovered relatives.

Malloy Beatty and Kate Dearman moved to Baton Rouge, Louisiana sometime before 1910. They had five children. Four were born in Mississippi and the youngest was born after they moved to Baton Rouge. The children were married in Louisiana:

1. Iva B. Dearman, born August 31, 1881 in Lauderdale County, Mississippi.
2. Travis Earl Dearman, born November 20, 1883 in Lauderdale County. He never married.



3. Virgia T. Dearman, born January 18, 1886 in Lauderdale County. Virgia changed her name to Virginia.
4. Charles William Dearman, born November 18, 1887 in Lauderdale County, died December 17, 1967 in Freeport, Brazoria County, Texas and is buried in Logansport, Louisiana. He married and there were eleven children.
5. Kate Dearman, born in Louisiana was named for her mother. She married and had one child, a daughter.

