

The STOKES FAMILY

William ^{Wilson} Stokes, according to census records ^{-d 1880} was born in South Carolina in 1805. He came westward, either alone or with his family, and married around 1826. His bride was named Martha, born in Georgia in 1810, and she was't but about 16 when they married. Their oldest son, George Stokes, was born the following year in Mississippi in 1827. They had twelve children, all born in Mississippi. ^{d. 1881} ^{Hannover Co, Texas} ^{died @}

William Stokes settled his family in Mississippi at an early date, sometime before Lauderdale County was formed, but we have found no record of what part of the state they were living at that time. It could be that they lived in the southern part of Mississippi, which was purchased from the Choctaws at an earlier date than the 1830 purchase from which Lauderdale County was formed in 1833. Both the 1850 and 1860 census records of Lauderdale County list Mississippi as being the birthplace of all his children.

The next record we find of William W. Stokes is in 1834, when on December 15, 1834, he purchased 40 acres (Sec. 10, Township 7, Range 15E) in what later became Pine Springs, Lauderdale County, from the U.S. Land Office in Augusta, Mississippi, paying \$49.10 for the tract. That is the first record of Stokes that we have in the county. He is listed in Lauderdale County in the 1840 census, living in Pine Springs. (It wasn't called Pine Springs, then; that name came later.) Most of the other land in his neighborhood, with the exception of the Hays Rodgers land, just east of Stokes', was purchased from the government in 1835 or 1836, so Stokes was one of the very first settlers in the virgin land.

On October 24, 1836, William Stokes bought the 80 acres which joined his land on the north side, in Section 3. He paid the Land Office \$98.88 for it, and received patents on both tracts of his land (120 acres) on January 5, 1841. In the next few years he bought other surrounding land from other settlers until his farm totaled close to 500 acres in the 1850's. His land was rich soil in the flat bottomland along the Rogers' Creek that ran through it, and the new ground was made for growing cotton. William Stokes prospered. ~~He owned 2 slaves in 1848.~~

In 1849, his neighbor on the west side, near the Okatibbee Creek, became ill with "swamp fever". Then Hatcher's wife also became ill and they both died, leaving ten orphaned children. The neighbors helped out the orphaned children all they could and William W. Stokes became the guardian of nine year old Josiah (?) Hatcher, and helped rear the boy along with his own children. ^{OR 1852}

Sometime in the 1850's, the Stokes family moved to the northern part of the county, above (now) Obediah. He sold his farm - by now it was big enough to be called a plantation - to Moses Warren. The date of this sale is not known because the Warrens disdained the need to have their deeds registered at the court house, but by 1860 the Stokes were living in another part of Lauderdale County, with their post office listed as Daleville. ^{W.W. Stokes owned 15 slaves, value \$17,100 in 1860}

It is almost certain that some of the William Stokes' nine sons were in the Civil War, but no research has been done on that. After the war, ^{Aug 1873} two of the Stokes men, W. W. Stokes and G.P. Stokes, along with his wife, Elizabeth (White) Stokes, were charter members of Arkadelphia Baptist Church that met at Mt. Carmel Presbyterian Church on ¹⁸⁷³ to organize. They organized that day, and the old church records follows the progress that was made toward selecting the site and building the Arkadelphia Church building. On ¹⁸⁷⁵, the church records show that MARTHA J. Stokes (a grand-daughter of Williams, or wife of one of his sons?) made a mistake and was dismissed from membership for, shall we say, "unchristian conduct". Still later, several of the Stokes family were dismissed, honorably, by letter. Presumably this was when the family moved to Kemper County. ^{(G.P. STOKES & ELIZABETH, AND A FEMALE S - C - STOKES. (dau?))}

It is not known when William or Martha Stokes died. ^{Was still in Pine Spgs in 1858 (on tax roll)} ^{But soon sold out to Moses Warren (1860?)}

K-246 Wm. W. STOKES BOUGHT 80 acres from James M. and Mary Ann Trussell on July 18, 1863
S34 - 8-14 In Collenville, next to his Son Richard.

His BRO. (?), GEORGE A. STOKES, BOUGHT 40 ACRES IN Sec 4, T-7, R15E ^(Pine Springs)
From Augusta L. office in 1837 - Believed to have lived 2 with in 1840 Census, was gone by 1850. Will's eldest son named George (b. 1827)

APRIL, 1884
DEKalb?

CHILDREN OF WILLIAM WILLSON STOKES

I. GEORGE STOKES *Simpson Co. Mo*
 Born: 1827, 'somewhere in Miss'
 Married: 1850's

1875? (48 yrs old)
 Died: POSSIBLY IN NICHOLAS COUNTY

Was living with his father in 1840 and 1850 census, but had left home before 1860. It is possible, but not likely, that this was the George P. Stokes that married Elizabeth White of Obediah, James Wesley White's daughter. However, this is not likely because he was 28 years older than she was.

This George was the right age to have been in the Civil War. Also, there was a George Stokes that moved to Kemper Co, near DeKalb. (G.P. Stokes, Elizabeth's husband, moved to DeKalb. G.P. and Eliz were dismissed by letter from Archadelp-his Bapt. Church in 1884.) (LIVED IN OBEDIAH UNTIL 1880's; then moved to Kemper Co,

Children?:
 DORA
 S.C. (dau.)
 R.L.E. (SON)

R.B. (SON)
 Ellis - JOHN ARCH
 CH. Oct. 1875
 MARTHA

GEORGE P. (m. ELIZ. WHITE)
 Wilson Damascus B. 1846

BY J.M. Richardson, M.G.

Was licensed by Arch. to preach Oct. 1875

II. THOMAS STOKES *JUNE 2, 1828 Simpson Co., Miss.*
 Born: 1828, 'Somewhere in Miss.'

Died:

Married: Malissa Harper, Nov. 14, 1855, Lauderdale County, a relative (dau. or sis.?) of Richard B.G. and Mary Ann Harper. (R.B.G. Harper was Laud. Co. sheriff several yr.

Was about 6 when William bought land in Pine Springs in 1834, was listed with Wm. in 1840, 1850 census. He married in November of '55; in Jan. of '56, R.B.G. Harper sold him 160 acres in (now) Prospect community (E of Bailey Store) for \$200. (D.Bk.I;145) The land was the NW¹/₄ of the NW quarter of Sec.17, T-7, R-16E.

Two and a half months later, on April 7, 1856, Thomas bought 140 acres over near Nellieberg in Sec.29 and 32 which was being sold at auction for unpaid taxes by Sheriff Benjamin Meador. He was able to purchase it for \$3.50, the taxes owed.

We assume that Thomas and Malissa Stokes moved to their new farm; we have not tried to keep up with them after that date. Thomas was the right age to have served in the Civil War, but this has not been checked out.

Children: 12 children -

In Army
 MOVED TO TEXAS IN 1857
 Was elec. Constitute Rep NOV, 1855 - married Nov 14

III. Sarah STOKES (daughter)

Born: Ca 1838, Mississippi

Died:

The 1840 Lauderdale County census shows that William W. Stokes had two daughters between the ages of 5 and 10 years old that year. They had either died or had married by 1850, as they were not listed with him any more. The marriage records should be checked.

married ETR miss??

IV. Elizabeth STOKES (daughter)

Born: Ca 1838, Mississippi

Died:

(See # III.) Bakers - moved to Tex
 William + Martha died @ her home

V. SAMUEL W. STOKES

Born: 1835 (Pine Springs), Lauderdale Co. Died: Nov 1875 in Lauderdale Co.
 Married: Emily A.E. Brown, (b. 1839, Wilcox Co, Al) on Nov. 21, 1858 in Lauderdale Co.

She was a dau. of John and Elizabeth S. Brown of Hookston who had come to the county in 1842 when she was a little girl. (Lived across from Winsted's Food Cent) Near the beginning of the Civil War, Samuel had bought 120 acres from Peyton and Hannah Madison on Oct. 17, 1862. (Sections 2 & 3, T-7, R-14) (It was located between Suqualena and Collinsville, w. of HWY. 19) W bought land in same section (see John Stokes)

Sam and Emily are listed in the 1860 census with their little daughter, Elizabeth. Sam may have had to go fight, since he was 26 when Civil War started.

Children: (May have had more after 1860.)

1. Elizabeth Stokes 1857-

W.W. bought
 MOVED TO TEXAS

Fought in Battle 1856
 See et. Rec.

"Dick"

VI. RICHARD S. STOKES

Born: 1839, (Pine Springs), Lauderdale Co. Died: *Lampasas Tex 1920*
 Married: Elizabeth Rawson, Aug. 14, 1858, Lauderdale Co. The Rawson family lived over in Toomsba area. Richard was only 19 and his dad gave permission so he could get the license, and Elizabeth's mother, also named Elizabeth, gave her permission for the young bride. ~~Mr. Rawson must have been dead, else why didn't he sign?~~

Moved to Texas

Richard appears in the 1840, 1850 census with his father, but had married and was moved out by the 1860 census. He was 22 when the Civil War started and so it was almost sure that he was in the fight. If he did, he made it through because at the close of the war on Dec. 3, 1864, Richard bought 78 acres from Hampton L. and Mary E. Williamson in Sec. 34, T-8, R-14E, which was ~~just NW 1/4~~ 'downtown' Collinsville. His younger brother, John, bought the adjoining 40 acres in Section 34 in 1872.
 Children: *His pa had bought land from Trussell (Geo. m.) in that sec. in 1863*

VII. JOHN W. STOKES

Born: 1840, (Pine Springs), Laud. Co. Died:
 Married: ~~Sarah M. Stokes~~

PSR

Was 20, unmarried, living at home in 1860 census. He MUST have been in Civil War. Old William W. Stokes must have bought the N 1/2 of the Northwest quarter of Section 3, Township 8, Range 14E (which was in the same section where his son, Samuel, had bought in 1862) because William sold it to John W. Stokes on October 23, 1869, after the war. It was not a gift; Wm. charged John \$450.

On Dec. 28, 1872, John Stokes bought 40 acres from John A. Gilbert for \$200. This was located next to his brother, Richard's farm.

We do not know who John ever married. We'll leave him in Collinsville.
 Children: (In case he did get married).

VIII. JAMES S. STOKES

Born: 1842, (Pine Springs), Lauderdale Co. Died:
 Married:

K?

To date I have found no land record for this Stokes son in Lauderdale County. He was 21 when the Civil War came, perhaps he didn't make it home.

IX. COLUMBUS C. STOKES

Born: 1845, (Pine Springs) Died:
 Married:

K?

No land records have been found for this Stokes, either. He was 17 at start of War.

X. AMANDA M. "MANDY" STOKES

Born: 1848, (Pine Springs) Died:
 Married Robert P. (or T?) Brown, July 19, 1865, Lauderdale County. He was a son of John and Elizabeth S. Brown, and a brother of Emily Brown. (BROWN Family #)

Went to Texas

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IX. WILLIAM F. STOKES

Born: 1850 (Pine Springs), Lauderdale Co. Died: *Stephan g. and Mary A. Eliza (Hatcher) Clay of Pine Springs*
Married: *Emma Adaline Clay (1854-1896) dau of Wm Stokes and Mary A. Eliza (Hatcher) Clay of Pine Springs*
Was 9 years old, living with his father in Pine Springs in 1860 census. Haven't heard from him since. *Daleville*

X. ANDREW J. STOKES

Born: 1853, (Pine Springs) Died:
Married: *Daleville*
Was 7 years old, living with his father in Pine Springs in 1860. Have not heard from him since.

- 1874 Joe Stokes (m) Rokana Stennis
- 1888 S.T. Stokes (m) F.E. Clay
- 1888 Wm Stokes (m) PERSIS E. Dodge

UNIDENTIFIED STOKES

George P. Stokes - married Elizabeth White (b. 1855) a dau. of James Wesley and Eliz Emily (Pierce) White, who lived across the road from Mt. Carmel Presby. Church in Obediah. WouldN8t have been 16 until 1870, so they couldn't have married much before 1870. G.P. and Elizabeth (White) Stokes were charter members of Archadelphia Baptist Church when it was organized in Obediah on Aug. 3, 1873. At the same time, there was a girl, S.C. Stokes, who was also at the meeting. Could this have been George's sister? George was too young to be the George that was the son of William Wilson Stokes of Pine Springs; that George was born in 1827 and would have been 28 years older than Elizabeth. Not likely that he was her husband. Must have been a grandson of William's, but WHO was his father? (G.P. bought 80 ac on 493 N. of Tele. Off. Nov. 30, 1870 of Sherwood & Pulvin In October, 1873, Ellis Stokes joined Archadelphia Church and was baptised. George P. hadn't been married long enough to have son old enough to join church in 1873. October, 1875- R.L.E. Stokes was licensed to preach the gospel. Again, too old for George. There was also an R.B. Stokes who a member about the same time. Dora Stokes was a member Maybe a sister; could be a wife of a Stokes. In 1873, Martha J. Stokes was excluded for "Fornication" Wife of or sister to a Stokes? April, 1884- G.P. and Elizabeth Stokes asked for and received letters of dismissal from Archadelphia Church. They moved to Kemper Co, believed to have moved to DeKalb.

WAS THIS GEORGE STOKES THE GREAT*GRANDFATHER OF WAYNE STOKES OF MERIDIAN???

FAMILY OF WAYNE STOKES OF MERIDIAN (693-4575)

<u>Great-grandfather:</u>	<u>Grandfather:</u>	<u>Father:</u>
George Stokes	Wilson Damascus Stokes	Waltie Stokes (Pa) 1902-
Lived in Kemper & Neshoba Co.	Born: 1866	Dod William Stokes) 1902-
Died in Neshoba, 48 years old.	He & his bros. went to	Uncle Dod lives on Evergreen St,
It is possible that this	Kemper County.	Philadelphia.
is the oldest son of W.W.	(Too old to be son of	
Stokes of Pine Springs,	Eliz. White Stokes)	
born 1827, and father of		
girls S.C., Dora, and Martha J,		
sons George P, R.L.E, Ellis & R.B. Stokes of Archadelphia.		

(V-61) Joseph Stokes bought 40 ac. vrom F.C.Vaught for \$120 on Feb. 3, 1875, SE 1/4 of SW 1/4, Sec. 34, T-8, R-14 (Collinsville,) joining John Stokes. (Could be Andrew (Joseph?) Stokes??

(M-643) Levi?? Stokes from Emma Dement, *W.M.* of James Dement Sept. 13, 1866 for \$1100 SW 1/4 of NE Quarter + 1/2 interest in (etc.) Sec. 31-T-7, R-16E (E of Bailey Store nr D'wood Lak

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Meridan, MS 39305
11 April 1990

Dear Mrs. White,

Mrs. Bettye Compton sent me your name and address when I wrote her asking for information concerning my ancestors, William Willson Stokes and his wife Martha F. McMullen Stokes. I understand from her that you are writing a book about the people who settled in Pine Springs community. I suppose then, that the Stokes lived there. I thought it might be easier if I sent you the information I have collected about my Lauderdale County families and then I will call you later to see if you can help me with anything else.

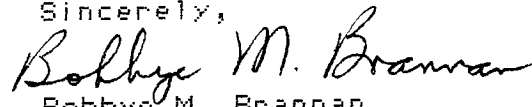
To that end I am enclosing a family group sheet for W.W. Stokes that I have compiled plus one for their daughter, my great-grand mother, Elizabeth Stokes Babers and her husband Andrew Jackson Babers. I do not know if they lived in the same community but thought you might find it interesting. I am also enclosing additional information or stories that I have acquired about these families.

Since I wrote Mrs. Compton I have found two articles about the Stokes family that tell of W.W.'s ancestry. I am enclosing a copy of one of them. This article is the transcript of a letter written by Emily A.E. Brown Stokes Fullwood. E.A.E. Brown married Samuel W. Stokes in Lauderdale County 21 Nov 1858, bk.1, pg 35. After the death of S.W. Stokes in 1875 in Navarro County, Texas, she married a Mr. Fullwood. I thought the letter was interesting and might be useful in your book.

For the past couple of years, I have been writing short biographies of my ancestors to give to my children. I am enclosing a copy of the ones I have done for Andrew Jackson Babers and W.W. Stokes. I don't know if anything there will be helpful to you or not, but perhaps they will be interesting. Please feel free to share anything I send you with the Lauderdale County Genealogical Society if you wish. Some Societies have files of surnames of interest in the county.

I will plan to call you during the weekend following Easter week-end. I am interested in anything that can fill in my Stokes Family Group Sheet. As you can see, I am short of material on a number of the children. Also, do you have access to the Confederate records of service for the men from Lauderdale County? The article on Thomas Stokes states that W.W. Stokes had 6 sons to serve in the war - 2 died at Richmond. Which ones? Thomas, Samuel, Andrew Jackson, and Richard went to Texas with him or before him. And what happened to Amanda? You can see I have lots of questions.

I hope some of this will be of interest to you. I do certainly want to be placed on your list of persons who want to have a copy of your book and will be looking forward to its publication.

Sincerely,

Bobbye M. Brannan
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Livingston, TX 77351

WILLIAM WILLSON STOKES

William Willson Stokes was born in South Carolina on 12 Feb 1805. An article in "The Lone Star State", published by the Lewis Publishing Company in 1893 states that W.W. Stokes was a son of George Stokes, of Virginia. George moved to South Carolina, where he married a Miss Middleton, then to Tennessee, Kentucky, the Louisiana Territory, and then to the then Territory of Alabama, where he was killed by the Seminole Indians. The remainder of the family were wounded and left for dead, but all survived. William, the second child, remained with his widowed mother and family until twenty years of age, when he went to Mississippi. He afterward located in Clarke County, Alabama, but again went to Mississippi. "He was a farmer through life, was a true Christian gentleman, and was a man of prominence in his community." He married Miss Martha McMullen, a daughter of Alexander and Sarah (Childress) McMullen, natives of Virginia and Georgia.

Tax records show us that William Stokes paid taxes in 1824 in Simpson County, Mississippi, and lived in that county until 1835 when he began paying taxes in Lauderdale County. A Simpson County census taken in 1833 shows 3 males and 3 females in his household. Deeds show that he acquired land in Lauderdale County from 1837 before first selling some in 1851. He did quite a bit of land trading from then on.

The above quoted article from the "Lone Star State" says that the Stokes, William & Martha, had 14 children. I can name eleven. Family stories have indicated a daughter older than his daughter Elizabeth, our ancestress, but I have not been able to find her.

The article also says that six of William's sons served in the Confederate army, two were killed at Richmond and two wounded, both recovered. However, one died later in Georgia. Thomas, the 2nd child, moved to Navarro County, Texas, in 1857. He served in the War, but I don't know if it was in Texas or Mississippi. Elizabeth & her husband, A.J. Babers, sold out and moved to Bienville Parish, Louisiana, in 1865 after the war was over.

Life was hard after the war in the South, specially in the areas where Sherman had passed. Lauderdale County was one of those. So, in the summer of 1869 a group of families from Meridian organized a wagon train to head for Dresden, Navarro County, Texas. Thomas and Richard Stokes, both sons of W.W. Stokes, were already there and met the train when it arrived in Corsicana on December 22, 1869. Samuel W. Stokes and his family went, too, along with several other families from Lauderdale County. They all settled near Cryer Creek. The group was called the Mississippi Colony, with W.W. Stokes' home as headquarters.

William Willson Stokes died on 4 July 1880 and was buried in the Cryer Creek Cemetery. His wife Martha died on 14 July 1881 and buried by his side.

FAMILY GROUP No. _____

HUSBAND'S FULL NAME

Andrew Jackson Babers

SOURCE OF INFORMATION:

*Babers Bible
Babers Family Book
by Ben Little*

HUSBAND'S DATA	DAY MONTH YEAR	CITY, TOWN OR PLACE	COUNTY	STATE OR COUNTRY
BIRTH	<i>23 Jan 1824</i>		<i>Barrowell Dist</i>	<i>SC</i>
MAR.	<i>31 Jan 1850</i>		<i>Lauderdale</i>	<i>MS</i>
DEATH	<i>24 Apr 1904</i>		<i>Navarro</i>	<i>TX</i>
BURIAL		<i>Barry (Cryer Creek Cem.) Navarro TX</i>		

PLACES OF RESIDENCE *S.C., Miss., LA., TX*

Texas Death Index

OCCUPATION *Stock Farmer* CHURCH AFFILIATION *Meth.* MILITARY REC. *(over)*
OTHER WIVES, IF ANY. NO. (1) (2) ETC.
MAKE SEPARATE SHEET FOR EACH MAR.

HIS FATHER *John Babers* MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME *Martha Elkins*

WIFE'S FULL MAIDEN NAME *Elizabeth Stokes*

WIFE'S DATA	DAY MONTH YEAR	CITY, TOWN OR PLACE	COUNTY	STATE OR COUNTRY
BIRTH	<i>31 Dec 1831</i>		<i>Simpson</i>	<i>MS</i>
DEATH	<i>11 Feb 1911</i>		<i>Navarro</i>	<i>TX</i>
BURIAL		<i>Cryer Creek Cem. - Barry, Navarro, TX</i>		

NOTE: IN RECORDING DATES, LIST

DAY, MONTH AND YEAR:

TAKEN BY *Bobbie Brannan*

ADDRESS *4605 Ford Dr*

CITY, STATE *Col. Springs, Colorado*

DATE *March 1983*

PLACES OF RESIDENCE
OCCUPATION IF OTHER THAN HOUSEWIFE CHURCH AFFILIATION *Meth.*

OTHER HUSBANDS, IF ANY. NO. (1) (2) ETC.
MAKE SEPARATE SHEET FOR EACH MAR.

HER FATHER *William W. Stokes* MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME *Martha F. McMullen*

SEX	CHILDREN'S NAMES IN FULL (ARRANGE IN ORDER OF BIRTH)	CHILDREN'S DATA	DAY MONTH YEAR	CITY-TOWN-PLACE	COUNTY	STATE OR COUNTRY	ADD. INFO. ON CHILDREN
M	1 <i>William Thomas</i> FULL NAME OF SPOUSE* <i>Liza Barron</i>	BIRTH	<i>3 July 1851</i>		<i>Lauderdale</i>	<i>MS</i>	<i>Killed when a house fell on him</i>
		MAR.					
		DEATH		<i>Blooming Grove - Navarro TX</i>			
		BURIAL					
M	2 <i>John Wesley</i> FULL NAME OF SPOUSE* <i>M. E. Watson</i>	BIRTH	<i>31 Oct 1853</i>		<i>Lauderdale</i>	<i>MS</i>	<i>died with 4 of his children of typhoid</i>
		MAR.	<i>1876</i>				
		DEATH	<i>early 1890's</i>	<i>new Montgomery Winn ^{Bienville} LA</i>			
		BURIAL		<i>Shiloh Community</i>			
F	3 <i>Martha Melissa</i> FULL NAME OF SPOUSE* <i>James Madison Callicutt</i>	BIRTH	<i>5 Feb 1856</i>		<i>Lauderdale</i>	<i>MS</i>	
		MAR.		<i>Montgomery Winn ^{Bienville} LA</i>			
		DEATH	<i>27 Nov 1940</i>				
		BURIAL					
F	4 <i>Anna Jane</i> FULL NAME OF SPOUSE* <i>William A. Little</i>	BIRTH	<i>7 Mar 1858</i>		<i>Lauderdale</i>	<i>MS</i>	<i>twins</i>
		MAR.	<i>1 Feb 1882</i>	<i>Montgomery</i>	<i>Winn</i>	<i>Bienville LA</i>	
		DEATH	<i>11 Mar 1938</i>		<i>Harris</i>	<i>TX</i>	
		BURIAL		<i>San Antonio</i>	<i>Bexar</i>	<i>TX</i>	
F	5 <i>Josephine</i> FULL NAME OF SPOUSE* <i>H. Thomas Neal</i>	BIRTH	<i>7 Mar 1858</i>		<i>Lauderdale</i>	<i>MS</i>	
		MAR.	<i>1872</i>		<i>Winn</i>	<i>LA</i>	
		DEATH	<i>2 July 1928</i>				
		BURIAL					
M	6 <i>Lewis/Louis Levi</i> FULL NAME OF SPOUSE* <i>Emma (Diphant) Edwards</i>	BIRTH	<i>29 Jun 1860</i>		<i>Lauderdale</i>	<i>MS</i>	
		MAR.	<i>18 Jun 1895</i>				
		DEATH	<i>5 Sept 1940</i>		<i>Harris</i>	<i>TX #41919</i>	
		BURIAL					
F	7 <i>Sarah Elizabeth</i> FULL NAME OF SPOUSE* <i>Manson B. Little</i>	BIRTH	<i>21 Feb 1863</i>		<i>Lauderdale</i>	<i>MS</i>	
		MAR.	<i>6 Dec 1886</i>		<i>Bienville</i>	<i>LA</i>	
		DEATH	<i>11 Feb 1939</i>				
		BURIAL					
M	8 <i>Samuel Andrew</i> FULL NAME OF SPOUSE*	BIRTH	<i>30 Sept 1865</i>		<i>Lauderdale</i>	<i>MS</i>	
		MAR.					
		DEATH	<i>1893</i>		<i>Natchitoches</i>	<i>LA drowned</i>	
		BURIAL					

*IF MARRIED MORE THAN ONCE NO. EACH MAR. (1) (2) ETC. AND LIST IN "ADD. INFO. ON CHILDREN" COLUMN. USE REVERSE SIDE FOR ADDITIONAL CHILDREN, OTHER NOTES, REFERENCE OR INFORMATION.

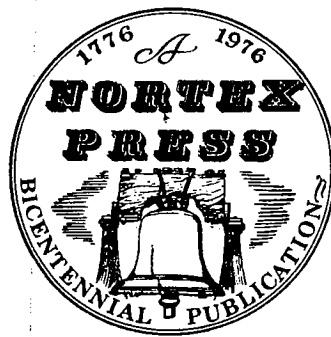
SEX	CHILDREN'S NAMES IN FULL (ARRANGE IN ORDER OF BIRTH)	CHILDREN'S DATA	DAY MONTH YEAR	CITY-TOWN-PLACE	COUNTY	STATE OR COUNTRY	ADD. INFO. ON CHILDRE
F	9. Fannie FULL NAME OF SPOUSE*	BIRTH	24 Mar 1868			LA	
		MAR.					
		DEATH	1872			LA	
		BURIAL					
F	10. Mary Iola "Molly" FULL NAME OF SPOUSE* (1) Warren Nixon (2) Wm. M. Freeman	BIRTH	8 Jul 1871			LA	
		MAR.					
		DEATH	22 Jan 1953				
		BURIAL					
F	11. Lillie Olivia FULL NAME OF SPOUSE* Robert Edward Gulley	BIRTH	21 Jun 1873		Bienville	LA	
		MAR.	11 Nov 1891				
		DEATH	29 Nov 1956	Farmerville	Union	LA	
		BURIAL					
M	12. Edwin Edgington FULL NAME OF SPOUSE* Pearl Lynn Finch	BIRTH	14 May 1878			LA	
		MAR.	1905	Blooming Grove	Navarro	TX	
		DEATH	15 May 1952				
		BURIAL					
	FULL NAME OF SPOUSE*	BIRTH					
		MAR.					
		DEATH					
		BURIAL					
	FULL NAME OF SPOUSE*	BIRTH					
		MAR.					
		DEATH					
		BURIAL					
	FULL NAME OF SPOUSE*	BIRTH					
		MAR.					
		DEATH					
		BURIAL					

PERTINENT FACTS ON PARENTS OR CHILDREN: (EDUCATION, MILITARY SERVICE, CIVIC SERVICE, ETC.)

Andrew J. Babers served Confederate Army as a Pvt.
Company C - 36th Regiment - Mississippi Infantry - CSA

NAVARRO COUNTY HISTORY

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associates would receive one section of land.

Gen. Mercer had a contract to settle in four parts of Texas but was interested in Navarro County only. As mentioned before, settlers came from many states of the Union. Such was the case of the McKinnys. Jubilee McKinney came to Texas from Illinois and was well impressed with Navarro County. He returned home to bring back his two brothers, Hampton and Jefferson, and their families, who reached Dresden in 1846.

Land certificate number 305 was given to Hampton McKinney who was one of the Mercer colonists. The land certificate was issued on April 20, 1850, and was signed by Anson Jones, Governor of the State of Texas.

By 1848, Gen. Mercer was claiming every family who moved into Navarro County as a Mercer colonist, since Navarro County was designated for Mercer. The State said that he was claiming every new immigrant to Texas.

Gen. Mercer made four trips to Texas from his home in Florida and had claimed 1,853 families as his colonists to Texas. As a result of his claim, a suit was filed in Navarro County against him and his associates by the State.

By the act of the Legislature, the Governor was authorized to appoint John M. Crockett, a kinsman of Davy Crockett, as Land Commissioner in 1850. Crockett made his office in the Hampton McKinney Tavern in Corsicana for two years or more. He was authorized to make the same land grant to immigrants moving into Texas and for the writing of each certificate and locating the land, he was to charge a fee of 30 dollars.

The record of the Mississippi Colony was found in a faded paper in a treasure chest that was the property of G.W. Brown. This account was written by Mrs. E.A.E. Stokes Fullwood:

"Following the close of the Civil War the South was in ruins, suffering on all sides, broken homes all over the lands, many were talking of going to Texas to get a new start in a land of opportunities. Preparations were made in the summer of 1869 to organize a group to join the wagon train and leave Meridian, Mississippi some time that fall, heading for Dresden, Texas by Christmas. To each wagon was hitched four oxen, some of the others were pulled by eight mules, also two hacks pulled by horses.

"Traveling was very slow especially through the river bottoms. Much of the traveling was through sleet, snow, rain, mud and over narrow roads. You could hardly travel. It took six weeks to reach Corsicana.

"After we crossed the Trinity River, David Maggard, Thomas and Dick Stokes were sent on ahead to make plans for us to find

lodging in Corsicana.

"On December 22, we drove into this town of Corsicana without stopping for breakfast, only to find there was no place to stay. There was no room at the tavern, no hotels, not even a vacant house. The merchants looked at us sympathetically and told us they could do nothing for us. They did tell us we could find a tank of water some three miles west of town on the road to Dresden.

"We drove to the tank, placed our wagons in a circle, gathered wood and made a fire, cooked and ate, then laid down to rest and sleep. After all had thawed out, we felt better, but our stock was tired and the wagons needed repairing. After a few days' stop, we continued our journey to Dresden, where we had friends and kinfolks. They were Dick Stokes and a Mr. Thomas.

"We remained in Dresden until the winter blizzard had spent its force. The men in our party, W.W. Stokes, S.W. Stokes, G.W. Brown, R.T. Brown, Hiram Brown, Charles Ransom, Henry Edwards and others, went over to a community called Melton Town, near Cryer Creek, Texas. The Melton Community was bought and with Dave Maggard and Dave Williams the group formed the Mississippi Colony, with Father Stokes' home as headquarters.

"As there was no furniture stores in Corsicana, we sent a four-ox wagon to Kosse to purchase some beds, chairs, and other things. It took three weeks to make the trip. The only store near us was one at Cryer Creek run by a Mr. Kelton and in Corsicana, there were three log houses, a log courthouse, a jail and a blacksmith shop, a saloon, and newspaper.

"In the spring of 1870, the Mississippi Colony met on Sunday at the home of Father Stokes. The day was spent in telling of events of the past and making plans for the future. As the day closed, all returned to their homes. The nearest living to the home of Father Stokes was Mr. and Mrs. Brazelle, a family who made the journey with us from Mississippi.

"Shortly after nine o'clock, we heard two shotgun blasts. Then we heard a woman calling for help in the distance and screams the most pitiful I ever heard. The men folks rushed over to the Brazelle home and found him dead—shot twice through the chest. First to reach the Brazelle home was John Maggard. It was learned later that some white man living across Chambers Creek did the killing. No reason was given and nothing was ever done about it."

ROADS IN NAVARRO COUNTY

By the year 1848, there was a great need for roads in Navarro County. The Springfield Road being most traveled between Taus-

FAMILY GROUP No. _____ HUSBAND'S FULL NAME William Willson Stokes

SOURCE OF INFORMATION: <u>Census Records</u> <u>1830 Simpson Co. MS</u> <u>1840, 50, 60 - Lauderdale MS</u>	HUSBAND'S DATA	DAY MONTH YEAR	CITY, TOWN OR PLACE	COUNTY	STATE OR COUNTRY
	BIRTH	<u>12 Feb 1805</u>			<u>SC</u>
	MAR.	<u>1827</u>			<u>MS</u>
	DEATH	<u>4 Jul 1880</u>		<u>Navarro</u>	<u>TX</u>

<u>Cryer Creek Cemetery Tombstone</u> <u>Babers Family Bible</u>	BURIAL	<u>Cryer Creek Cem - above</u>			
	PLACES OF RESIDENCE				
	OCCUPATION	CHURCH AFFILIATION - <u>Mason</u>		MILITARY REC.	
	OTHER WIVES, IF ANY. NO. (1) (2) ETC. MAKE SEPARATE SHEET FOR EACH MAR.				

HIS FATHER	MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME
WIFE'S FULL MAIDEN NAME <u>Martha F McMullen</u>	

NOTE: IN RECORDING DATES, LIST DAY, MONTH AND YEAR:	WIFE'S DATA	DAY MONTH YEAR	CITY, TOWN OR PLACE	COUNTY	STATE OR COUNTRY
	BIRTH	<u>18 Jan 1810</u>			<u>GA</u>
	DEATH	<u>14 Jul 1881</u>		<u>Navarro</u>	<u>TX</u>

TAKEN BY <u>Betty M Brannon</u> ADDRESS <u>4605 Ford Dr</u> CITY, STATE <u>Colo. Springs, CO</u> DATE <u>May 1988</u>	PLACES OF RESIDENCE				
	OCCUPATION IF OTHER THAN HOUSEWIFE	CHURCH AFFILIATION			
	OTHER HUSBANDS, IF ANY. NO. (1) (2) ETC. MAKE SEPARATE SHEET FOR EACH MAR.				
	HER FATHER <u>Alexander McMullen</u>	MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME <u>Sarah Childress</u>			

SEX	CHILDREN'S NAMES IN FULL (ARRANGE IN ORDER OF BIRTH)	CHILDREN'S DATA	DAY MONTH YEAR	CITY-TOWN-PLACE	COUNTY	STATE OR COUNTRY	ADD. INFO. ON CHILDREN
M	1 <u>George</u> FULL NAME OF SPOUSE*	BIRTH	<u>1828</u>	<u>Simpson</u>		<u>MS</u>	
M	2 <u>Thomas</u> FULL NAME OF SPOUSE* <u>Melissa M. Harper</u>	BIRTH	<u>2 Jun 1828</u>	<u>Simpson</u>	<u>MS</u>	<u>Mason</u>	
F	4 <u>SARAH</u> FULL NAME OF SPOUSE* <u>E. BENEZET T. R. MILES</u>	BIRTH	<u>ca 1833</u>		<u>SIMPSON</u>	<u>MS</u>	<u>had no children were listed 1860 census of Kemper Co.</u>
F	3 <u>Elizabeth</u> FULL NAME OF SPOUSE* <u>Andrew J. Babers</u>	BIRTH	<u>31 Dec 1831</u>	<u>Simpson</u>	<u>MS</u>		
M	5 <u>Samuel W</u> FULL NAME OF SPOUSE* <u>E. A. E. (Emily) Brown</u>	BIRTH	<u>17 Sep 1838</u>	<u>Simpson</u>	<u>MS</u>		
M	8 <u>Richard J.</u> FULL NAME OF SPOUSE* <u>Elizabeth Rawson</u>	BIRTH	<u>1838</u>	<u>Lauderdale</u>	<u>MS</u>		
M	7 <u>John W HENRY</u> FULL NAME OF SPOUSE*	BIRTH	<u>1839</u>	<u>Lauderdale</u>	<u>MS</u>		<u>will sold this son's LAND IN 1869. to \$450</u>
M	8 <u>James G.</u> FULL NAME OF SPOUSE*	BIRTH	<u>1842</u>	<u>Lauderdale</u>	<u>MS</u>		

* IF MARRIED MORE THAN ONCE NO. EACH MAR. (1) (2) ETC. AND LIST IN *ADD. INFO. ON CHILDREN* COLUMN. USE REVERSE SIDE FOR ADDITIONAL CHILDREN, OTHER NOTES, REFERENCE OR INFORMATION.

SEX	CHILDREN'S NAMES IN FULL (ARRANGE IN ORDER OF BIRTH)	CHILDREN'S DATA	DAY	MONTH	YEAR	CITY-TOWN-PLACE	COUNTY	STATE OR COUNTRY	ADD. INFO. ON CHILDREN
M	9. Columbus C. FULL NAME OF SPOUSE*	BIRTH			1845	Lauderdale		MS	
		MAR.							
		DEATH							
		BURIAL							
F	10. Amanda M FULL NAME OF SPOUSE* ROBERT P. (OR T.) BROWN	BIRTH			1848	Lauderdale		MS	
		MAR.	19, July,		1865	Lauderdale		MS	
		DEATH							
		BURIAL							
M	11. William A. T. FULL NAME OF SPOUSE* EMMA ADALINE CLAY	BIRTH			1851	Lauderdale		MS	
		MAR.	SIS. of		SUSAN ANN CLAY				
		DEATH							
		BURIAL							
M	12. Andrew Jackson FULL NAME OF SPOUSE* Georgia Fannie West	BIRTH			1853	Lauderdale		MS	
		MAR.	17 Feb		1876	Navarro		TX	#369
		DEATH			1884	Navarro		TX	
		BURIAL				Cryer Creek Cem - Okla.			
		BIRTH							
		MAR.							
		DEATH							
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		MAR.							
		DEATH							
		BURIAL							
M	JOSIAH AUGUSTUS HATCHER JOSIAH - Joseph - JOE FULL NAME OF SPOUSE* Sister of General W. H. Hatcher 1852	BIRTH	CA		1840	PINE SPRINGS	LAUDERDALE Co	MS	
		MAR.	-		-				
		DEATH	July 23,		1864	ON Battle Field		Georgia	
		BURIAL						Georgia	

PERTINENT FACTS ON PARENTS OR CHILDREN: (EDUCATION, MILITARY SERVICE, CIVIC SERVICE, ETC.)

W. H. HATCHER
SIBERIAN
W. H. HATCHER - Surgeon of Ft. Stephen - on Texas Land. LINE - APPOINTED first major July 2, 1858

STOKES & RELATED FAMILIES

THOMAS STOKES, one of the prominent settlers of Navarro county, was born in Simpson county, Mississippi, June 2, 1828, a son of W. W. and Martha F. (McMullen) Stokes, natives of South Carolina and Georgia. The father was a son of George Stokes, of Virginia. The latter afterward removed to South Carolina, where he married a Miss Middleton, then went to Tennessee, a short time afterward to Kentucky, next to Louisiana Territory, and then to the then Territory of Alabama, where he was killed by the Seminole Indians. The remainder of the family were wounded and left for dead, but all survived. The father of our subject, the second child, remained with his widowed mother and family until twenty years of age, when he went to Mississippi. He afterward located in Clarke county, Alabama, but again went to Mississippi. He was a farmer through life, was a true Christian gentleman, and was a man of prominence in his community. He was married in Alabama to Miss Martha McMullen, a daughter of Alexander and Sarah (Childress) McMullen, natives of Virginia and Georgia. The parents moved from Virginia to Alabama, in 1835 to Mississippi, and in 1853 to Bastrop county, Texas. The father afterward went to Austin for medical treatment, where he died in 1861, having passed his four-score years. Mr. and Mrs. Stokes were the parents of fourteen children, five of whom are still living, four in Texas and one in Louisiana. Six of the sons served in the Confederate army, two were killed at Richmond and two wounded, both of whom recovered. Afterward one died in Georgia.

Thomas Stokes, the second child in his father's family, was reared to farm life, and while a resident of his native State served as Deputy Sheriff and Bailiff. In 1857 he located near Dresden, Navarro county, Texas, and the following year bought a farm of Mr. Key. In 1862 he sold his place, took his pay in Confederate money, and then enlisted in the late war. After nine months of service he was discharged on account of rheumatism, and returned home. He found his farm gone, his money worthless, and he was obliged to farm on rented land. After seven years he bought 100 acres of his present place, to which he has since added until he now owns 265 acres, all well improved, and 135 acres cultivated to cotton and corn. He raises sufficient stock for farm use. Mr. Stokes has resided in this county for thirty-four years, has never been sued, nor sued any one, has never attended court except as a witness, and has never owned or carried a pistol, as has also his sons.

Our subject was married November 14, 1855, to Miss Melissa M. Harper, who was born in Kemper county, Mississippi, June 23, 1841, a daughter of R. B. G. and M. A. (Thomas) Harper, natives of South Carolina. He moved to Mississippi in an early day, where he spent the largest portion of his days, dying about 1879 in Louisiana. He served four years as Tax Collector, six years as Sheriff, was a farmer, stock-raiser and merchant by occupation, and was a prominent man wherever he lived. Mr. and Mrs. Stokes have had twelve children, viz: William G., a farmer of Lampasas county; Thomas F. D., deceased in 1869; aged ten years; Samuel L., a farmer of Runnels county, Texas; Lulu, wife of J. H. Watson, a native Texan and a farmer of Navarro county; Ida, wife of L. J. Harris, also a farmer of this county; Mary A., wife of Wallace Brown; Richard H.; James C.; Olo; George M.; Eugene S.; and Hubert, at home. Mr. Stokes is a Democrat in his political views; socially, is a member of the Masonic fraternity; and religiously, his wife and six of their children are devoted Methodists.

MY MEMORIES OF MY FATHER

Better Known as "Papa"

by

Gladys Stokes Coleman

George W. Stokes was born August 30, 1881 in Neshoba County, five miles east of Philadelphia, Miss. on land homesteaded by his parents. 360 acres, 40 acres for each of the 9 children. Papa was the youngest of the nine. He had 3 brothers and 5 sisters. One of the sisters died as a teenager. Their home was on a large bank on the side of the road. The pasture and Ocobie Creek were across the road from the house, barn and garden. The creek was a good place to fish and had a swimming hole. Papa grew up here at the old homestead. He had an uncle who lived in Kemper County that he loved to visit often. His name was Marion "Dink" Stokes. "Dink" was a nickname. He ran a country store. He also was a veterinarian "horse doctor" and as did many of the old time "vets", he pulled teeth for people and helped any way he could. Uncle "Dink" had 4 daughters so he really loved Papa. Papa's family went to Ocobie Baptist Church and he was elected as a deacon. The church burned and we were not able to get records. Papa was also known as a peacemaker and loved his family very much. Papa and Mama married in 1907. George and Sallie eloped to get married. He met Mama at a political rally in Kemper County as he was visiting Uncle "Dink". They lived in Neshoba County where Papa's land was across Ocobie Creek from Papa's family. They lived there for a short time before Uncle "Dink" talked Papa and Mama into moving to Kemper County in a house close to the store and Uncle "Dink's" house. They lived there 2 or 3 years where their first 3 children were born, Herman, J.B. and myself. We moved back to Neshoba County to the place they lived when they were first married. We lived there for several years. Our Great-Great Grandmother, Katherine Stokes, lived nearby. She walked with a cane. She

would come and visit often. She would gather us around the fireplace and regale us with stories about coming from England on a boat and landing at Charleston, South Carolina and their moving to Mississippi and their fighting off wild animals and wild Indians. We would sit entranced for long periods of time listening, not wanting to miss a word. Soon after this we moved back to Kemper County. My sister Gracie was born. She lived to be about 2 years old, got sick and died shortly after. We always had someone living with us. Mary Stokes, Mom's sister lived with us when we lived in Kemper County. We moved back to Neshoba County where my sister Edna Earline was born. She lived about 1 year, got sick with colitis and died. Next Cecil was born. He contracted whooping cough and pneumonia and died. Then Rachel and Ray were born. Then Russel was born in Neshoba County. While we lived in Neshoba County Uncle Stanley lived with us until he went into the Army during World War I. He was sent overseas where he died in France where he contracted Flu and Pneumonia where he died. His body was brought back to Kemper County several years later to Shepard Church of God cemetery and reburied. We moved back to Kemper County where Papa who was a good fun loving man and a righteous man led the singing at Shepard Church and people came after him to go and pray for the sick and his prayers would often be answered and people would be healed. He often went to sit with people who were gravely ill and sometimes died. After Russel was born there were twin girls born. They were premature and died shortly after and Mom was so sick that Papa prayed not to let Mom die for he loved her so. He did not know what to do with 7 children. Papa loved his family and he liked to fish and camp out on the river so he would tell us as we worked on the farm for us to finish up so much work and we would get the horse and wagon and put pallets and

blankets or quilts and go set out hooks and build a big fire and camp out at night on the river on weekends. Papa was on the School Board and us children were called the "Teacher's Pets".

We raised some hogs and in Feb., 1926 Papa got several of the neighbors to help and they killed some of them and divided the fresh meat as was the custom then. We cooked some of the meat and Papa ate lots of it and it caused him to have locked bowels. My uncle came and took him to the hospital at Electric Mills which is south of Scooba. They operated on him but gangrene had already set in and they did not know what to do so he was left to die. He died Feb. 26, 1926. My Aunt Alice called on party line telephone and I answered the phone and she told me Papa had died. It was such a shock to all of us, especially Mom because she was about 6 months pregnant with G.W. My cousin who lived close by on the other hill came over and help us to get over the shock some. Papa was buried at Shepard Church on the 27th of Feb., 1926. Mom did not know how to tend to the affairs of business as most men in those times did not show their wives the outs and ends of the everyday business. Several of the men of the church showed Mom and my Uncle "Dink" helped her get the business affairs in order. Mr. Print Hicks let us have a mule ^{BEE} and I ^{FARMED} ~~Eamed~~ the land where we lived. Herman worked for other people for wages. We lived there for 2 or 3 years. G.W. was born May 3rd, 1926 after Papa had died in February, 1926. I will always remember Papa as a very kind and loving person. We had Indians and Negro people who lived nearby and after Papa died the Indians would look after us especially when we would go somewhere after dark. They would follow us until they saw us go in the yard gate and they would go home. One of the Negro women was a mid wife and she took care of Mom when G.W. was born because Herman went after the doctor but took so long that the midwife had most of it done.

ANDREW JACKSON BABERS

Andrew Jackson Babers, son of John Babers and Martha Elkins, was born in Barnwell District, South Carolina, on 23 January 1825. He married Elizabeth Stokes, daughter of William Willson Stokes and his wife Martha McMullen, on 31 Jan 1850 in Lauderdale County, Mississippi. They had 12 children in a period of 26 years, 8 in Mississippi and 4 in Louisiana. (See Family Group Sheet for A.J. Babers) They lived in Lauderdale Co., MS, until after the Civil War, and moved to Bienville Parish, Louisiana, in 1865.

A.J. was a stock farmer and did much buying and selling of livestock. He later moved near Natchitoches, LA, on the Cane River, where the family lived some 20 years until his retirement, after which he moved to Corsicana, Navarro County, Texas and died 24 April 1904. Elizabeth Stokes Babers, died 11 Feb 1911. They are buried in a private cemetery called Cryer Creek Cemetery, near Blooming Grove, Navarro Co., Texas.

Andrew J. Babers enlisted in the Thirty-sixth Regiment of the Mississippi Infantry, Confederate States of America from Lauderdale County, Miss., and was a Private in Company C of this Regiment.

His daughter, Lillie Babers Gulley, loved to tell her children stories of her parents. One of their favorites was one about Andrew while he was in the War. It seems that when he enlisted a negro slave went along to look after him. Time passed without word of them. Then one night, Elizabeth (his wife) heard a tapping on her window. Andrew's slave had come to tell her that his master was seriously ill and would surely die if she couldn't find a way to help him. Elizabeth Stokes Babers mounted a horse and the man servant sneaked her through the enemy lines. Somehow she managed to get him aboard a train. She hid him between the seats and covered him with her full skirt and petticoats as they wore many in those days. Since Elizabeth was a beautiful young woman the Yankee soldiers allowed her to travel through their lines and she got him home safely. She nursed him back to health and off to the War again he went, accompanied by the faithful darky. He was wounded three times but returned home to resume management of his affairs. He took a lot of good natured ribbing from family and friends for it appeared that Elizabeth had done a better job of "running" things than he!

Another Civil War story the children never tired of hearing was about a visit from the Yankee soldiers. Sherman made a sweep through that section of Lauderdale County, MS. It seems that they had visited all of the plantations along the river, stripping them of everything they had need of and burning the rest. They stripped pillow cases from the pillows and filled them from the pantry. They took bacon, hams, sausage and any beef on hand. They took the chickens, geese, turkeys and guineas. They took the horses and cows and any other live stock they found. They burned barns, gins, and many times the houses as well.

They finally reached the Babers ranch. They rolled out the bales of cotton ready to burn. About that time two small girls, identical twins, came skipping around the house. They had long red curls and looked just alike. They were not afraid of the soldiers and talked to them. Well - the Yankees were delighted with Anna Jane and Josephine Babers. They gave them money and gifts. Then they had the cotton rolled back without

STOKES CENSUS

(LIZELIA)
1860 Daleville

713-692
1805
W. W. STOKES 55 SC \$2400-\$1700
MARTHA 50 GA 1810
JOHN W. 20 MS 1840
JAMES L. (sr) 18 MS 1842
COLUMBUS C. 15 MS 1845
WILLIAM A. 9 MS 1851
ANDREW J. 7 MS 1853
7 AMANDA M. 12 MS 1858
J. HATCHER 20 MS LABORER 1840

1860

714-693
1835
SAR W. STOKES 25 MS \$220-\$300
EMILY 21 AL
ELIZABETH 3 MS
SAMUEL W. STOKES m. Emily A. E. Brown
Gas. E. Brown, bond Nov. 21, 1858

1850 (PINE SPRINGS)

722-735
1805
WILLIAM STOKES 45 SC \$1500
MARTHA 40 GA
GEORGE 23 MS 1827
THOMAS 22 MS
SAMUEL W. 15 MS
RICHARD S 11 MS
JOHN W. 10 MS
JAMES S. 8 MS
COLUMBUS C. 5 MS
AMANDA M. 2 MS

1840 (PINE SPRINGS)

WILLIAM STOKES 30-40 IFE 20-30
1 m 20-30 George A. (ms?)
1 m 10-15 George 13 IFE 5-10 dau
1 m 10-15 Thomas 12 IFE 5-10 dau
1 m √5 Sam 5
1 m √5 Richard S, 1
1 m √5 John W (mo)

1870 Bt. 1, Mendon

1826
JOHN H. STOKES 44 AL
ELIZABETH 36 AL 1834
WILLIAM 12 MS 1858
SARAH 9 1861
ELIZ. 4 1866
GEORGE A. 1 1869

1870 T8, Bt. 3, Big OAK

1840
GEORGE STOKES 30 MS
ELIZ. 1850 20 MS
WILSON 1868 2 MS
CHARLES 1869 1 MS

1870 T-7, Bt. 3, LOCKHART

JOSEPH STOKES 28 AL
CAROLINE 28 AL
LETITIA 8 AL
PARTHENIA 3 AL

1870

361 LEVIN ? STOKES 1814 56 NC
AMANDA 49 AL
SAMUEL 17 MS
SARAH 10 MS
GUSTER 6 MS

1827
+8
1876

PAGES 342 to 364 PERSONALTY

H. L. Williamson and
wife, Mary E.,

To

Richard S. Stokes

War Deed

Dated 3rd Dec., 1864

Filed 5th Dec., 1864

Cons \$400

Ack before O. S. Mason, J.P.

Rec D. B. K P 365

Conveys:

The following tract of land in Lauderdale County, Miss:

NE 1/4 and NW 1/4 of SE 1/4 Sec. 34, Tp. 8, R 14

East containing 78 acres more or less

Same Sec as his pa, W. W. Stokes

Thomas Stokes and
wife, Mary M.,

To

Mathew Lee

Quit-Claim Deed

Dated 17th June, 1858

Filed 17th July, 1858

Cons \$ 400

Ack before H. S. Cropland, N.P

Rec. D. B. I P 309

Conveys:

E 1/2 of SE 1/4 and SW of SE 1/4 Sec. 29

E 1/2 of NE 1/4 and NW 1/4 of NE 1/4 Sec. 32, all in

Tp. 7, R 15 east

ick Mat in stat form

Wm. H. Child and
wife, Emma,

To

S. P. Kennedy

War Deed

Dated 21st June. 1858

Filed 23rd July, 1858

Cons \$200

Ack before R. McKinley, J.P

Rec. D. B. I P 310

Conveys:

All the certain lot or parcel of land described as follows,
to-wit: Town lot No. 95 at Springs Depot in Sec. 24, Tp. 8,
R 17 east 80 feet wide and 112 -- long situated lying and being
in Lauderdale County, Miss.

Final Record

No 145 The State of Mississippi vs Wm Evans & Co. Defendants. Plaintiff Wm Evans. It is therefore found by the Court that said defendant Ramey be fined in the sum of ten dollars & imprisoned until this evening & costs of said case admitted. What the fine & all costs be paid do

Minutes July 25th 1837
 Records of 24th 1837
 Wm. Henderson Clerk

No 144 The State of Mississippi vs J. W. Appray James B. Battle Samuel Stokes In the Circuit Court of said County October term A.D. 1836 - The Grand Jurors for the State of Mississippi, elected, sworn and charged to enquire for the State of Mississippi, in and for the body of the County of Lumbard as aforesaid upon their oath present that James B. Battle & Samuel Stokes late of said County on the 21th day of October in the year 1836 with force arms in the County of Lumbard an affray did make by them and there willingly fighting together in a public place to the terror of the good people then & then being, and against the peace & legitimacy of the State of Mississippi. For which said affray

Prosecutor Isaac Spinks foreman,

Witnesses
 A. D. Postwells
 Thos Stokes
 Brice Mansfield
 W. G. Calhoun

A true bill
 Isaac Spinks
 Foreman of the Grand Jury

Lumbard
 County
 Mississippi
 Circuit
 Court
 Final
 Record
 Book D

James B.
 Battle
 and
 Samuel
 Stokes
 indicted
 for affray
 Eye
 Eye
 happened
 Oct. 28, 1836

No 144
 Battle
 Bond

Final Return

No 144
Bonds
Bond

Jury of said County against the above named James P. Butts charging him with an affray. Now if the said James P. Butts does personally appear before the Circuit Court of said County, at the Court House thereof on the 4th Monday next day of April A.D. 1857 to answer said charge of which he is indicted and shall not depart from said Court, but shall remain from day to day and from time to time until thereof he shall be fully discharged then this recognizance to be void, In witness whereof they hereunto put their names and seals, this 4th day of April A.D. 1857.

James P. Butts (S)
C. B. Pushing (S)
W. P. New (S)

144
Stotes
Bonds

The State of Mississippi's
Municipal County
Before me Benjamin Meador Sheriff of said County, this day came Samuel Stokes, Samuel Watters and E. F. Miles who severally acknowledge themselves indebted to the State of Mississippi, The said Samuel Stokes in the sum of Two Hundred Dollars and the said Samuel Watters & E. F. Miles his debtors each in the sum of One Hundred and to be paid of their respective goods and chattels, lands and tenements. The condition of the said recognizance is that whereas at the October Term A.D. 1856 of the Circuit Court of said County, a bill of Indictment was found by the Grand Jury of said County against the above named Samuel Stokes charging him with an affray Now if the said Samuel Stokes does personally appear before the Circuit Court of said County, at the Court House thereof on the 4th Monday of April A.D. 1857 to answer said charge of which he is indicted and shall not depart from said Court but shall remain from day to day and

No 144
Stotes
Bond

Monday
the 4th

No 144

No 144

No 144

Indictment

Provs
Wit.
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July Special Term 1837

No 144
 Stokes' }
 Bond }
 from termination until when he shall be fully
 discharged, then this recognizance to be void,
 In witness whereof they, hereunto put their
 names and seals this 27th day of April
 A.D. 1837
 Saml M Stokes D
 Saml Hatcher D
 C. T. R. Miles D
 Bond approved by and before
 the day & date above written }
 Chas. H. Smith

No 144
 The State }
 vs }
 Wm. H. Battle }
 James Stokes }
 Defendant Battle pleads
 guilty fine One cent
 & costs & stands committed
 until fine and costs be
 paid.

Any verdict not guilty as to defendant
 Stokes, it is therefore awarded by the court
 that defendant Stokes go hence without day
 &c

Minutes July 24, 1837 Remanded Sept 24/37
 Chas. H. Smith

No 147
 The State }
 vs }
 James F. Shannon }
 John C. Dunn }
 The State of Mississippi
 Grand Jurors }
 In the Circuit Court of said
 County, October Term A.D. 1836.
 The Grand Jurors for the State of Mississippi, do hereby
 swear and charge to inquiry in and
 for the body of the County of Leflore do date of aforesaid, upon
 their Oath present that James F. Shannon and John
 C. Dunn, late of said County, on the twenty eighth
 day of October in the year of Our Lord One thousand
 eight hundred and fifty six, with force and arms,
 in the County of aforesaid an affray did make, by then
 and there, willingly fighting together in a public
 place to the terror of the good people then and there
 being, and against the peace and dignity of the State
 of Mississippi.
 George Wood Sheriff
 Attorney of the 5th District
 Pros. Isaac Spate foreman }
 Wm. S. Grant & Kinney (opposing)
 a true bill Isaac Spate Foreman of the Grand Jury.

W. W. Stokes and
wife, M. F.

To

H. L. Williamson

War Deed

Dated 27th July, 1863

Filed 1st Aug., 1863

Cons \$ 150

Ack before O. S. Mason J.P

Rec. D. B. K P 245

Conveys:

The following tract of land in Lauderdale County, Miss:
NE 1/4 of SE 1/4 Sec. 34, Tp. 8, R 14 east containing
40 acres more or less *Collinsville - 3/4 mi S. of town*

James M. Trussell and
wife, Mary Ann

To

William W. Stokes

War Deed

Dated 18th July. 1863

Filed 1st Aug., 1863

Cons \$300

Ack before H.L. Williamson, MBP

Rec. D. B. K P 246

Conveys:

The following tract of land in Lauderdale County, Miss:
E 1/2 of SE 1/4 Sec. 34, Tp. 8, R 14 east containing
80 acres more or less *Collinsville - 3/4 mi S. of town*

north on said boundary line to the beginning corner containing
4 acres more or less all situated in Lauderdale County, Miss

Thos. R. Goddman and
wife, Eliza A.

To

Albert P. Johnson

War Deed

Dated 18th May, 1863

Filed 18th July, 1863

Cons \$ 800

Ack before E. G. Gibbons, J.P

Rec. D. B. K P 342

Conveys:

SE 1/4 of SE 1/4 Sec. 28, Tp. 7 R 16 containing
40 acres more or less

W. W. Stokes and
wife, M. F.

To

Hampton S. Williams

War Deed

Dated 27th July. 1863

Filed 1st Aug., 1863

Cons \$ 228

Ack before O. S. Mason, J.P

Rec. D. B. K P 243

Conveys:

The following lot or parcel of land situated in
Lauderdale County, Miss., to-wit:

NW 1/4 of S E 1/4 Sec. 34, Tp. 8, R 14 east containing
38 acres more or less

1 mi S. of Martin

W. W. Stokes and
wife, Martha

To

Mary D. Rhodes

War Deed

Dated --- 1862

Filed 5th Jany., 1863

Cons \$14. 00

Ack before H.L. Williamson, J.P.

Nov 21, 1863.
Rec D. B. K P 206

Conveys:

The following tract of land in Lauderdale County, Miss

Two acres in NE corner of W 1/2 of SW 1/4 Sec. 34,

Tp. 8, R 14 east, one acre deep north and south and two east
and west

1 mi S. of Martin

J. W. Brusiter and
Margaret S. Brusiter *wife*

To

William Wimberly

War Deed

Dated 3rd April, 1862

Filed 3rd April, 1863

Cons \$1000

Proven ~~ack~~ before J. W. Henson, Judge

Rec. D. B. K P 207

Conveys:

The following tract of land known and described as follo

E 1/2 of SE 1/4 Sec. 20, Tp. 5, R 17 east containi

80 acres more or less lying and being in Lauderdale County, Miss

ack within 20th Jan

Arka delphia

Ellis Stokes came for Baptism 1st Sabbath 9th 1873

April 1884 G.P. & Elizabeth Stokes called for letters of dismissal by letter

~~W.W. Speare, members~~

~~J.M. White - departed this life March 16, 1879~~

~~J.D. " " " " Feb 20, 1881~~

~~R.B. Stokes d. by letter~~

~~Ellis Stokes "~~

~~John Wright "~~

~~G.B. White " Nov. 1887~~

~~W.T. " "~~

March 1874
letters of dismission
granted John
Wright, wife &
children (412)

~~S.C. Stokes d. by letter M.J. Wright - d B letters
Minnie & White~~

~~Mary A. White Martha J. Stokes - excluded~~

~~Mary C. Speare DORA STORES MHE white D by
MATTIE WHITE LILLIE B. WHITE Aulah " Nov 1887~~

Board of Police min - 1864-1870

pg. 39 July 11, 1864 - ordered that W.W. Stokes

be allowed \$50 for repairing Bridge

across Okatibbe, a Creek above L.B. ^{Moser's}

mill on Philadelphia Road.

1870 Census

Beat 3 po Big Oak

George Stokes	30	-	ms
Elyzabeth	20		"
Wilson	2		
Charles	1		

¹⁰⁷ John Stokes Bl

1840

58

John Stokes Bl

⁶⁹ H. Stokes	44	al	Meridian
John	36	al	
Elyz.			
Wm	12		Elyz. 4
Sarah	9		George * 1

¹¹³ Loghart			
Joseph Stokes	28	al	
Caroline	28	al	
Lelitia	8	"	
Parthenia	3	all	
Jessie Phillips	8		
John			

SC

Oct 6, 1992

Dear Mary Ellen,

Thanks so much for sending me the article. What a treat! I have ordered a copy of the book today.

Along with my order I enclosed some information about Alexander McMullen who lived in Lauderdale County from around 1835 - 1852/3 when he moved to Texas. He was Will Stokes father-in-law.

I don't know if you're so tired of the Pine Springs folks you ~~would~~^{never} want to hear of them again. But I have discovered a bit more about them. Am enclosing it on separate page.

And, I have found a descendent of Richard Stokes. I am sending her a copy of your article so she can get a book, too. Carolyn Parman

#6 (inghats)
 camp Richard Brett Stebbins received a Carnegie
 Award Medal in 1911 for saving 3 people from
 drowning at the age of 73. He was living
 in Damasco, ^{County} Va., at the time.
 I can hardly wait to get the book.

Congratulations!

Delroy Bannan

INDEX TO CONFEDERATE RECORDS - Mississippi - STOKES

- STOKES, Arthur E. 1st Sgt, 2 st. Co. C - 34 Miss Infantry
 A.W. ACS - Capt Co. F - 9 Miss Infantry
 A.W. (E.W.) Pvt Co. F - 41 Miss Infantry
 (Note: an Arthur W. Stokes was in Navarro County, Texas & died there
 in 1925. "Arthur" was a name connected with our Stokes.)
- STOKES, C.C. Pvt Company C 41 Miss. Infantry
 enlisted 1 Feb 1863 at Marion Station for 3 years
 enrolled by Capt J.M. Hicks
#9 my chart
 Name appears on an Invoice of Deceased Soldiers
 Columbus C. STOKES - St. Mary's Hospital - Dalton, GA
 July, Aug 1863.
- STOKES, George Pvt. Company C. 2nd State Troops - 30 days 1864. Dated Sept
 17, 186_. Enlisted: 22 Aug 186_ at Macon by Capt W. Kellis -
 30 days.
 Capt. Gamblin's Company (State Troops) Miss. Cavalry
 Residence - Kemper County, MS. Appears on a R oll of
 Prisoners of War - unattached Company, Miss. State Reserves,
 CSA commanded by & surrendered by Lt. Gen. R. Taylor, CSA, at
 Scooba, MS, to Maj. Gen. R.S. Canby, USA. May 1865. Parolled
 at Columbus, MS 17 May 1865.
- STOKES, Richard Pvt. - 2nd Lt. Company I, 8th Miss Inf. (No service record
#6 cards found) This was Richard S. Stokes
- STOKES, Richard Company H, 6th Miss Cavalry (No service record cards found)
 Not listed as Richard S.
- STOKES, S.W. Pvt Company C 41 Miss. Infantry
 enlisted 28 May 1862 at Marion Station by J.M. Hicks
 cards dated Feb 8 to June 30, 1862 - also May 28, 1862
 for 3 years - Feb 1863 for War
#5
 Samuel W. STOKES admitted to hospital at Kingston, GA
 1 Jan 1863, returned 13 Jan 1863 - Injury or illness -
 Febris Remittens - also admitted from 25 Mar to 29 Mar
 1865 for abcess. Residence listed as Hinds County.
 Appears on a Record of Confederate Soldiers Parolled at
 Headquarters, 16th Army Corp, Montgomery, AL
 Prisoner of War Record - Oath of Alligence 9 May 1865.
- STOKES, Thomas Corporal - Company C 2nd State Troops - 30 days, 1864.
 dated 17 Sept 186_. Enlisted: 22 Aug 186_ at Macon by Capt W.
 Kellis - 30 days.
 Pvt. Capt. Gamblin's Company (State Troops) Miss. Cavalry.
 Enlisted 30 Apr 1984 Drugstore Kemper County, MS. Descript-
 ion: Age 17; eyes gray; hair orben (sic); complexion fair;
 feet 5, inches 8.
 Appears on a Roll of Prisoners of War - Unattached Company,
 MS. State Reserves, CSA commanded & surrendered by Lt. Gen
 R. Taylor, CSA, at Scooba, MS., to Maj. Gen R.S. Canby, USA
 May 1865. Parolled at Columbus, Miss 17 May 1865.
 (Note: no proof that this is our Thomas.)

Age indicates it is not our Thomas

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STOKES, William Pvt Capt. Gamblin's Company (State Troopers) Miss Cavalry
enlisted 30 Apr 1864 drugstore Kemper County by Capt E D
Gamblin for the perior of war. Listed as being 17 years
of age; eyes blue; hair lite (sic); complexion fair;
feet 5, inches 6; farmer
Appears on a Roll of Prisoners of War - Unattached
Company, Miss. State Reserves, CSA, commanded by Lt. Gen.
R. Taylor, CSA. Surrendered by same at Scooba, Miss. to
Maj. Gen. R S Canby, USA May 1865. Parolled at Columbus,
Miss 17 May 1865.

The records show that Columbus C. & Samuel W. (brothers) served in Company C,
41st Miss. Infantry. A George, a Thomas, and a William served in Capt.
Gamblin's Company of the State Troops. They were possibly our brothers. George
and Thomas also served in Company C 2nd State Troops, Miss. Infantry. Nothing
is known of George past the 1850 Census Lauderdale County. Thomas, we know,
moved to Texas before 1860. We don't know where he served during the war.

William + Martha Stokes
 moved to Texas & several of
 their sons in 1870

1878 Lauderdale Co.
 Land Tax Roll

	Sec.	Twnsp	Range	Acres	Value	Page
<u>Steward, C.L.</u> E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$	24	8	13	80	\$160	96
<u>Stewart, M.D.</u> Balls lot 1,2, blk 23 W&O RR pts 95,97					\$1500 \$150	110 116
<u>Stinson, John</u> SE NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$	7	5	16	200	\$500	3
<u>Stockton, Gus</u> S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW SW $\frac{1}{4}$	1 6	7 7	17 18	80 40	\$200 \$100	57 64
<u>Stokes, G.P.</u> E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$	23	8	15	80	\$100	76
<u>Stokes, Joe</u> N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$	3 34	6 8	18 14	80 80	\$200 \$200	40 71
<u>Stokes, Levine</u> NW NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE SW $\frac{1}{4}$	1 36	7 8	15 15	40 40	\$100 \$100	43 78
<u>Stokes, R.B.</u> W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE NE $\frac{1}{4}$	14 15	8 8	15 15	20 40	\$30 \$60	74 74
<u>Stone, Mrs. D.A.</u> Ragsdale lot 1-4, blk 60 Ragsdale lot 16, blk 102					\$1000 \$800	103 108
<u>Stone, J.A.</u> SE NE $\frac{1}{4}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$	34 35	6 6	16 16	40 80	\$50 \$100	31 31
<u>Stone, J.D.</u> SE SE $\frac{1}{4}$	35	6	16	40	\$50	31
<u>Stone, Miles</u> E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SW NE $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE SE $\frac{1}{4}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$	3 34 35	5 6 6	16 16 16	140 40 80	\$350 \$50 \$100	8 31 31
<u>Stone, W.M., Trustee L'dale Sprgs Co.</u> E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE SW $\frac{1}{4}$ pt NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW NW $\frac{1}{4}$, pt SE SW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$	25 25 30	8 8 8	17 17 18	80 40 163	\$300 \$80 \$1200	90 90 97
<u>Strait, Robert</u> NW $\frac{1}{4}$ less 1 A.	35	8	17	159	\$318	92

October 1873 Ellis Stokes joined the church and was baptised
Oct. 1873: Bro. R.L.E. Stokes was licensed to preach the gospel
1875: W.T. Lacy was a member
1873: Martha J. Stokes, excluded for 'Fornication'
April 1884: G.P. and Elizabeth Stokes ~~and Dan~~ asked for and received letters of dismissal.
March 1874: John Wright, wife & dau. granted letters of dismissal. (wife, M. J.)
Other Stokes members: Dora Stokes, S.C. Stokes (fe), R.B. Stokes (m),
W.W. Spears and Mary C. Spears, members, 1870's
G.B. White and wife, Mary Anne were charter members, dismissed by letter in Nov. 1877.
Their children who were members were: Mattie, Lillie B. Bulah, M.H.E., were dismissed by
letter. Sons J.M. White died March 16, 1879; J.D. White died Feb. 20, 1881.

General August the 3rd 1873

To parents appointment the following members of the Baptist Church of New Church of I Blanks and Joel Wedgworth

- 8 P A Partin
- 9 Elizabeth Stokes
- 10 G & Stokes
- 11 Sarah Brown
- 12 Mary Wright
- 13 Eliza Wright
- 14 W B Beddingfield
- 15 Mary at Beddingfield
- 16 W B Beddingfield
- 17 W R Foster
- 18 M Temple
- 19 A R Temple
- 20 Many of White

of reading letters and entering names of adopting articles of faith and rules of discipline in motion Bro J Blanks was called to the bar on motion the members agreed to let Bro G Beddingfield income the church which was Rochesteria one motion this church agreed to grant a commission of officers Rochesteria of I Blanks was elected Pastor G B White he

the motion measure for the balance of the year on motion resolve that this church apply to Rochesteria association for membership on motion Bro J Blanks

and of B Beddingfield was elected delegate and of B White alternate Bro J Blanks was called on an acting session on motion agreed to on motion of J Blanks

August the 1st 1873

At a meeting of the following members of the Baptist Church of ... met for the purpose of Constituting a new Church I L Blanks and Joel Wedgeworth

- | | | |
|------------------------|----------------------|----|
| Secretary | P. A. Partin | 8 |
| 1. P. A. Partin | Elizabeth Stokes | 9 |
| 2. Elizabeth Stokes | S. C. Stokes | 10 |
| 3. Sarah Brown | Sarah Brown | 11 |
| 4. Mary Wright | Mary Wright | 12 |
| 5. Eliza Wright | Eliza Wright | 13 |
| 6. M. B. Bedingfield | M. B. Bedingfield | 14 |
| 7. Mary A. Bedingfield | Mary A. Bedingfield | 15 |
| | M. G. A. Bedingfield | 16 |
| | M. W. Laseter | 17 |
| | S. M. Temple | 18 |
| | N. R. Temple | 19 |
| | Mary A. White | 20 |

reading letters and entering names and adopting Articles of Faith and rules of ... on motion Bro I L Blanks was called to the Chur on motion the members agreed to let Bro C C Bedingfield ... Church which was Archadelphia on motion this Church agreed to grant an ... of officers whereupon J. I. Blanks was elected Pastor G B White ... Partin's Treasure for the balance of the year on motion resolve that this Church apply to Bethlehem association for membership on motion Bros P A Partin and M B Bedingfield was elected delegate and G B White alternate Bro P A Partin was called on an ... Deacon on motion ... Partin ... I L Blanks