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Mr. James S. Dawson
Lauderdale County Department of Archives and History
Meridian, Mississippi

Dear Sir:

In a book by June Alice Stubbs, I located the enclosed photocopy. If the James L. Johnson is the same man who married Martha Jane Mason and moved to Limestone County, Texas, then we have a little more support for our conjecture that James L. Johnson is the son of Martin Johnson and Mourning Russell Johnson. Mourning Russell was the older sister of James Madison Russell.

Several years ago, I mailed you a photocopy of the James L. Johnson material from Limestone County History. Billie Black was the informant. Perhaps you placed the sheets in the Russell file; I don't know.

I am in contact with June Nanley in Lubbock, Texas. Her great-grandmother was Nancy Emaline Johnson who married a preacher M^r. Abister. Nancy Emaline's sister, Elizabeth, married John Russell. The two, Elizabeth and John, were married April 14, 1842 in Marion, by John Russell, 711 B. P. (John, the respected older brother of James Madison Russell.)

Sincerely,
Wm. H. J. Rhodes, Jr.

he cold beat him twenty five to one J.A. Wilcox is our Lt Col. but I informed you of that some time ago I was proud to Learn that you had Recd the Rifle I sent to you by Dick Hancock for I was a little unease about it for he Loves to gamble I wish you to Keep the gunn and if I never Return when you ar no more and your Son John should Live, give it to him I have a watch here. If I die while in Mexico I want John, your son, to have it. I am geting on here about as usual. You spoke of Jas L. Johnson having some idear of coming out here that would be one of the proudest day of my life to see one of my relations here for I have none in the army. If he Should come tell him not to joine the army untell he gets here for I can put him in busness that he can make Money verry fast and be near me all the time he can get for driving team twenty-five Dollars pur Month and If he wold go to bisness in Saltillo he could make fifty dollars per Mounth I can gave him a start in Saltillo tell him to come on It will not cost him more than forty dollars to get here If he will be saving and if he wants to come here and stay with me I draw Sixety four dollars and fifty cents pur month and fifteen of It is for a Survent Capt Daniel draws Ninty Dollars fifteen of It is for a Survent James L. Johnson can get that If he will come and have nothing to do but to stay and nock about camps I want him to com verry mutch. You wrote to me that Jesse Wootton wanted to now what county Dr Thompson Lived In in Texas when I Lay all night at his house he Lived in St Augusteen County sevn Miles from St. Augusteen town between St Augusteen and Gaines's ferry and the Sabine River he lived 18 miles from Gaines Ferry 7 Miles from Town of St Augusteen they was five Mexicans hung on the 18th Inst for Killing three Discharged Soldiers from our Regt ther names was Sargent W^m S. Walker of Co. H, Private Ranewater of the Same company Private Lantern of Co. J they was on their way to Monterey about twenty five miles from here the Mexicans was fourteen in number but five was taken at then and one has been taken since the others was hung he will be hung

I havent nothing that will be of intrust to you as to moving I am fearful we will haye to Lie here till the war is over all I want is to Lead those brave boys of our company in to one battle and I think we wold gave a good account of our selves

R. N. Calhoun sez he will write to you today I shall write to you in four or five days againe If I live write to me as often as you can Your affectionate
Excuse Mistakes Brother

To Ja^s M. Trussell

A.J. Trussell "

At the bottom of the letter, James Madison Trussell has written: "My Dear brother died just ten years and a few days after he sent me his letter. he died in my house in Lauderdale County Mississippi 9th Feb 1858 of chronic Diarhea caught in Nicaragua Central America. I write this now 23 October 1886 when in two months and six days more I will be 78 years old."

She had children but the diary does not give their names or tell whether the family moved to Mississippi or remained in Alabama.

5. James Harrison Trussell. (Writer of the diary). Born in Franklin (Now Coffee County) Tennessee, December 26, 1808, not very far from Winchester, Tennessee. Married May 8, 1834 to Susan S. Parks. See page 7 for descendants.

6. Nancy Trussell married (?) Hicks. Lived to be over 74 years of age, widow for over 30 years. Had 6 boys and 2 daughters. They lived in South Texas.

7. Susan Trussell married (?) Ussary. Died in East Mississippi. A widow for more than 30 years.

8. William Carroll Trussell. Does not give name of his wife. States they had several daughters and three sons lived in East Mississippi. (Diary mentions a son Van died in the War).

9. Andrew Jackson Trussell, born about March 15, 1822. He volunteered as a private in War with Mexico. Became a Lieutenant and served through the War. Served as Texas Ranger. Diary does not mention any wife or children.

10. Elizabeth was a small child when her mother died. She lived with her brother John Trussell. She married Wash Eads. They went to Louisiana. When he died she returned to live with her brother John. She married again but diary does not give name of her second husband. States she raised five or six children. One

of her sons was a Baptist preacher.

The writer of the diary further states these facts:

"In the fall of 1815 my father moved to the head of Cahaba River in St. Clair County, Alabama. There I saw my first Indian which scared me very badly. In the spring he sold his improvements and moved to Tuscaloosa, eight miles below the falls of the Black Warrior River. My father had heard of the Spanish town of Mobile, Alabama. So he made a bateau of two cypress logs dug out and doveled together. He sent my brother John, Martin Adams, and Jonathan Coon to Mobile. This was the first boat that had ever been carried from Tuscaloosa to Mobile by white men. They brought back one barrel of flour at \$20.00 per barrel, some rice at a high price, and the first sweet potatoes I ever saw, with directions from an old negro how to plant and cultivate them.

In 1817 my father made a good crop of corn and a small crop of cotton, the first I ever saw growing.

In January 1819 my father with his family forded the Warrior River and settled near the Tombigbee River on a large creek called Trussell Creek named for him.

I joined my oldest brother in running a pole boat from Gainsville on the Tombigbee (as it was then called) up the Oknuchbee (now called Okrubee). We carried corn, meat, groceries and dry goods for the new settlers in that part of Choctaw land.

In the summer of 1833 when the river was too low for boating I taught school in Nonchee County near my first wife's father. When school closed I ran the boat again until about April 1. I quit, and on May 8, 1834 I married Susannah Slaughter Parks.

We sold our ferry boat and went to Kemper County, Mississippi. I was elected representative from Kemper County for two years but I resigned in 1838. I moved to Lauderdale County on November 18, 1838 where I farmed for 28 years.

I prospered in my business. I became the owner of about twelve thousand acres of land, twenty-three negro slaves. I had plenty mules, plows, cows, oxen, sheep, goats, and hogs.

I had a good gin house and two gin stands, with a thresher and fan. About thirty bales of cotton ready to gin when the Yankees came, burned the cotton, the gin, robbed my house and then burned it, February 19, 1864.

My oldest son fell at Vicksburg during the Civil War.

My father, James Trussell (born May 11, 1770) lived with me in Lauderdale County for twenty-three years before his death. He died October 18, 1860, age 90 years, five months and seven days."

End of data taken from the diary of James M. Trussell.

James Madison Trussell born December 26, 1808 in Franklin County near Winchester, Tennessee. Died in Llano County, Texas, November 14, 1887. Married in Mississippi May 8, 1834 to Susan S. Parks, born January 16, 1819, died February 16, 1859 in Mississippi.

He moved to Texas in 1877. He was for many years an active deacon in Mt. Gilead Baptist Church. They had nine children, namely:

1. John F. H. Trussell born January 1836, died June 27, 1863. Civil War Veteran. Killed at Vicksburg, Mississippi. He married Tencie Spinks. After his death Tencie married Rufus King brother of Martin Daniel King. Children: Spinks, Rogers, Effie and Louis King. Louis King was a concert musician. They lived in Meridian, Mississippi.

II. Charity E. Trussell born December 24, 1837. Married a Mr. (?) Snowden. Lived at Decatur, Mississippi. Some of descendants live in or near Decatur. Have no further data on this line.

III. Olivia Trussell born December 3, 1843, died March 21, 1899 (meningitis) in Quanah, Texas. She married first _____ Kennedy. Had a daughter, Emma Kennedy, who married her first cousin Willie Altman. Olivia after Kennedy's death married William Henry Reynolds (widower with two sons, William and Ben Reynolds). They had following children: (1) Stacy, (2) Lee, (3) Ada, (4) Paris, (5) Lester.

I quote from a letter from Mrs. Stella Chapman, "One son, Lee Reynolds, lived in San Antonio was a tax assessor. Another son, Paris, was editor years ago of the Want Ad department of the San Antonio Express. The Reynolds children lived at Marfa and northern Texas cities."

In an obituary written by John F. Elder, he stated she had eleven children, nine of whom survive her.

IV. Victoria Trussell born January 20, 1840 died September 19, 1900 in Meridian, Mississippi. Married William Allen July 13, 1856. William Allen and Victoria Trussell Allen had three children:

1. Charity married James Daniel. See Daniel and Allen families for descendants.

2. Mary O. Allen married Robert Elby Todd. See Allen family and Robert Elby Todd family for descendants.

3. Victoria Cornelia Allen, born February 1, 1867 died May 12, 1887 (typhoid pneumonia).

V. Nancy Jane Trussell born March 2, 1846. Died 1927 in Houston, Texas. Married Martin Daniel King born October 16, 1834 in Alabama (see King family).

VI. Susan Algina Trussell, born December 7, 1948. Died young.

VII. Amanda N. Trussell, born June 3, 1851. Married William Altman. Children: 1. William Jr. 2. Victoria (Vicky) 3. Lora 4. Etta 5. Ethel. Lora married a Mr. Alderman lives in New Mexico. A widow for many years.

VIII. James Madison Trussell born December 7, 1854. Married Janie Jones of Burnett County. Children as given by Mrs. Stella Chapman:

1. Jimmie no data
2. Lillian no data
3. Lera no data
4. Stephen Aubrey
5. Viola married _____ Jones
6. Bessie never married
7. Margaret married Michael Dunn of Grand Prairie, Texas

Stephen Aubrey Trussell, born March 6, 1892. Married July 9, 1916 to Mattie Lawrence, born July 28, 1896. They give their children as follows:

A. Mary Louise born August 7, 1917. Married November 4, 1934 to Gueary Burnett Evans born December 26, 1912.

Children:

- a. Gueary Aubrey Evans born December 22, 1935
- b. James Thomas Evans born September 18, 1938
- c. Betty Joyce Evans born October 14, 1940

B. Alvin Aubrey Trussell born October 13, 1918 not married.

C. James Howard Trussell born February 27, 1928 married November 4, 1944 to Malba Virginia Fitzgerald born January 5, 1922.

Two children:

- a. Allen Richard Trussell born September 25, 1946

- D. Wanda Oleta Trussell born July 16, 1927. Married December 29, 1946 to Carlton Lee Carr born April 6, 1921. No children.
- E. Kenneth Lawrence Trussell born March 12, 1925. Married August 20, 1949 to Shirley May Malloy born 29, 19__.
- F. Donald Ray Trussell born February 11, 1928. Married August 22, 1952 to Jonnis Bill Gilbert born January 30, 1932. Two children:
- a. John Stephen Trussell born August 13, 1954
 - b. Donna Elise Trussell born October 23, 1956
- G. Stephen Robert Trussell born July 2, 1934. Married June 15, 1956 to Joyce Evelyn Watson. No children.
- H. Mary Washington Trussell born August, 1857, died May 1955 in Meridian, Mississippi, lacking less than three months being 98 years old. Married Spencer Banston Gilbert October 30, 1876. There were eight children. See Gilbert family for descendants.
- Note: Mrs. Chapman states that James M. Trussell (1808-1887) after his first wife's death married William Altman's mother. Had one son, Joseph E. Johnston Trussell born July 19, 1861 died September 15, 1864.

KING FAMILY

- Martin Daniel King was born in Fayette County, Alabama, October 16, 1834. Died in Llano County, Texas, April 27, 1883. Married September 3, 1863 in Lauderdale County, Mississippi to Nancy Jane Trussell, born March 2, 1846 in Lauderdale County, died in Houston, Texas May 21, 1927, at age of 81 years, 2 months, 19 days.
- Martin Daniel King was a Civil War Veteran. He and captian Brown were the first volunteers from Lauderdale County, Mississippi.
- He was a deacon for many years in the Baptist Church in a little village called Kingsland, named for his wife Nancy Trussell King. They had seven children, namely:
- I. Susan Elizabeth King, born December 1, 1864 in Lauderdale County, Mississippi. Married Charley Monroe King of Hondo, Texas about 1883. Children:
 1. Aubrey King, deceased
 2. Charles Herbert King, deceased
 3. Howard Monroe King, living at 223 Rebecca Street, Houston, Texas (1959). Owns a 3-acre home in Houston.
 4. ~~Mrs.~~ Stella King, deceased (tuberculosis). Lived in San Antonio, was Mrs. Don Park.
- Susan Elizabeth King married again about 1895 to P. B. Houser from Virginia. Children:
1. Elba Houser, married Elliot Anderson. One child, Elliot Jr. of New York City. Elba Houser Anderson died 1942 in New York City.
 2. Henry Arlas Houser lives at 5938 Van Fleet Drive in Houston. Has been business manager for A. F. of L. for years in this district. Owns lovely home.
- Susan King Houser married a third time, to Jim Fowler, ranchman in Burnet County and uncle of Leta Fowler (who was Frank King's wife).
- II. James David King born May 13, 1867 in Mississippi. Married Sallie Isabel Chalk, daughter of John Chalk, Meridian, Mississippi. They had three children:
 1. John Chalk King. Killed at seven years of age. Heavy iron gate fell on him while he was walking through the court house grounds in Meridian, Mississippi.
 2. Elsie King died at age of 24 years.
 3. Edith King now Mrs. Dorace Dodd, Supervisor of nurses at the Caroway Hospital, Birmingham, Alabama. Married first to Mr. _____ Gleason. Had one son, Dave King Gleason. He is a photographer in New Orleans, Louisiana. Edith's mother, Sarah Isabel King, in her eighties, now living with her. (1959).
 - III. Martin Daniel King, Jr., born November 17, 1869 in Lauderdale County, Mississippi. Married Lora Hoover born February 16, 1871 in Burnet County, Mississippi. Married January 30, 1889. Four children: (1) Orna, (2) Martin Daniel King III, (3) Iva, (4) George Hoover King.
 1. Orna King born November 18, 1889 in Burnet County, Texas, near Kingsland. Married John Leslie Harwell, October 6, 1919; living in Henly, Texas (Hays County). Mrs. Stella Chapman states that they live on a 600 acre ranch.

A. Norman L. Harwell born August 18, 1922 in San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas. Married Joyce Haby December 1, 1945.

B. Lora King Harwell born August 9, 1926 in San Antonio, Texas. Married Ralph T. Straus, August 26, 1946. Lives at 630 Shadywood Lane, San Antonio 12, Texas

2. Martin Daniel King II (son of Martin Daniel and Lora Hoover King) born December 23, 1893 in Burnet County. Married Lillian Bolen. Lives in Los Angeles, California. No children.

3. Iva King born August 12, 1891 in Burnet County, married Elvie Hudler November 13, 1920. Children:

A. Edsel Hudler born February 3, 1923 married July 5, 1946 to Jeanette Toothacher.

B. Janice Hudler born November 15, 1927 married February 16, 1946 to Kenneth Trimble.

4. George Hoover King born March 14, 1897, Burnet County, Texas. Married Alice Gray Bram October 2, 1928. Living in Burbank, California. Children:

A. George Hoover King Jr., born May 20, 1930. Married Sylvia K. Payne July 16, 1955.

B. Patricia A. King born March 17, 1932. Married LeLand Groshoug April 22, 1949.

IV. William Franklin King (son of Martin Daniel King 1834-1883) born in Texas, August 27, 1872. Married Leta Fowler (deceased). He is still living (1959) in Austin, Texas. Children--a daughter, Minnie Bell King Married _____ Oland. She is a widow now living in San Antonio. A dress designer, makes bridal gowns which sell for \$500.00 for the Altman Store in New York City.

She also makes the embroidered costumes for the annual Fiesta in San Antonio. She employs twenty seamstresses. Reference for this data: Mrs. Stella King Chapman.

V. Rufus Oscar King born in Texas November 15, 1874. Died 1896 in Llano County at Kingsland, a town named for Nancy Trussell King.

VI. Stanley Parks King born March 8, 1880 in Texas. Died December 3, 1957. Married in 1900 to Rebecca Halford. They had five children, namely:

1. Elouise
2. Christine
3. John
4. Margarite
5. Stanley Parks Jr.

VII. Stella King, born March 12, 1882 in Llano County, Texas. Married first December 23, 1901 to Dr. A. T. Williamson (deceased). Married June 7, 1947 to John Delano Chapman died February 5, 1955. A widow now living in Houston, Texas. No children.

Notes on the King family given by Mrs. Stella Chapman (daughter of Martin Daniel and Nancy Trussell King).

"My father, Martin Daniel (wife Nancy Jane Trussell) was a deacon for many years in the Baptist Church in a little village called Kingsland, in Llano County, named for my mother. My father, my grandfather, James M. Trussell, my brother Rufus Oscar King and several other relatives are buried there.

I was born in Llano County, just across the Colorado River from the Buchanan Dam. My brother Martin Daniel King (wife Lora Hoover) owned the land where the dam is in Burnet County. Now famous for fishing and recreation.

After the death of my brother and wife their children sold all the land.

My brother's ranch, where he lived, had every modern convenience of a city. It is called "Boys' Ranch." It is now used by the orphan boys and is supervised by the Baptists of Texas.

ALLEN FAMILY

William Allen (Captain in Civil War) served in 13th Regiment Mississippi Volunteers).

Born August 3, 1827. Married Sarah McLesore, had two daughters:

1. Martha Allen, born September 6, 1852; died August 8, 1866.

2. Sarah Allen, born February 23, 1855. Married (?) Green. Lived in Meridian, Mississippi.

After death of William Allen's first wife he married Victoria R. Trussell, daughter of James M. and Susan S. Parks Trussell.

Victoria Trussell, born January 20, 1840. Married July 13, 1856, died September 19, 1900 at Meridian, Mississippi.

They had three children:

1. Susan Charity Allen, born May 15, 1857. Married Martin Barry Daniel December 21, 1876. See Daniel Family for descendants.

2. Mary Clivia Allen, born June 9, 1859; died June 26, 1923, at Ellisville, Mississippi. Married Robert Elby Todd, January 8, 1880.

Robert Elby Todd, born January 2, 1852 in Forsyth, Georgia. Died August 18, 1920 in Ellisville, Mississippi. (See Robert Elby Todd family for descendants.)

3. Victoria Cornelia Allen, born February 1, 1867; died May 12, 1887 (typhoid pneumonia).

Widow Victoria Trussell Allen married William McAlister, born February 22, 1847. They had one child-Willie Lee McAlister, born June 13, 1873; died November 7, 1875 (diphtheria).

William McAlister's mother born February 12, 1824; died January 15, 1892.

DANIEL FAMILY

James Barry Daniel and Susan Charity Allen had seven children.

I. William Allen Daniel, married Maude McMullin. They had seven children: Ida Mae, James Rae, Thomas, Mona, Ruth, and Billie Jean.

II. Ida Ophelia Daniel born February 17, 1880. Married Jabez Clifton Harrison September 10, 1910. Living in Portland, Oregon.

Children:

1. Ruth Harrison born November 21, 1911. Married Rex Phillips March, 1935. Children: (a) Caroline Elizabeth Phillips born February 20, 1939, (b) Jane Ellen Phillips born November 14, 1941, (c) Steven Harrison Phillips (born June 13, 1946).

2. James Daniel Harrison born September 27, 1913.

3. Virginia Harrison born September 27, 1913. Married Hiram Phillips Small. Children: Susan Virginia and Shirley Phyllis.

4. Florence Elizabeth Harrison, born September 2, 1915. Married Ralph Oscar Boden September 1936. Children: (a) Gail Elizabeth Boden born March 14, 1938, (b) Mary Harrison Boden born March 14, 1945, (c) Ralph Oscar Boden, Jr., born January 20, 1951.

5. Paul Landen Harrison, born May 20, 1919. Married Mary Elizabeth Ferguson in 1943. Children: (a) Ronald Paul Harrison born February, 1944, (b) Philip Douglas Harrison born October, 1946, (c) Melissa Diane Harrison born December 29, 1948.

III. Elizabeth (Betty) Victoria Daniel (widow). Married Lee Kenneth McMullin, brother of Maude, who married William Allen Daniel, at Hickory, Mississippi. They had five children:

1. Mary Elizabeth married O. N. Scofield, lives in Huntsville, Alabama. One child, Hal Scofield, married Dorothy Brash.

2. Leon McMullin, Mobile, Alabama
3. Miriam L. Married John L. Sutton, College Park, Georgia.
4. William Harold McMullin married Edwina Glascock of Tomisuba, Mississippi. Living in Mobile, Alabama.
5. Catherin Inez married Larry Davis, Columbia, Georgia. They had four children; Betty, Cathy, Larry Jr., and Jean.
- IV. Mary Inez Daniel, not married, living in Phoenix, Arizona.
- V. John Eugene Daniel married Jewel Bunyard, Meridian, Mississippi. No children.
- VI. Thomas Martin Daniel married Lessie Burwell, Meridian, Mississippi. No children.
- VII. Ethel (Essie) Mae Daniel (widow) born November 1, 1896. Married Ernest Darroh Hunter. Living in Macon, Mississippi. Had two children:
 1. Ernest Darroh Hunter, Jr. born April 25, 1923 at Macon, Mississippi. Married Mary Elizabeth McVey. Living in Birmingham, Alabama. Have two children: (a) Martha Elizabeth Hunter born December 11, 1948, (b) James McVey Hunter born August 1, 1951.
 2. Ann Daniel Hunter (not married)

ROBERT ELBY TODD FAMILY

Robert Elby Todd (third son of George W. Todd born March 20, 1825 and first wife Mary Elizabeth Phinazee born January 19, 1832) was born January 2, 1852 in Forsyth, Georgia, died August 18, 1920 in Ellisville, Mississippi. Married Mary Allen (daughter of William Allen and Victoria Trussell Allen). Mary Allen born Juen 9, 1859 died June 26, 1923 in Ellisville, Mississippi. Had four sons:

I. Hiram Phinazee Todd born December 8, 1880 Decatur, Mississippi. Married December 27, 1905 Kosciusko, Mississippi, to Leah Smith, born January 9, 1885, died September 19, 1958, now living at Hattiesburg, Mississippi. Children- two sons:

1. Hiram Phinazee Todd, Jr. born July 6, 1914 at Natchez, Mississippi. Married Eleanor Clizbe Allen in Birmingham, Michigan March 7, 1942. Had two children: (a) Harry Edwin Todd, born September 16, 1946; (b) McLinda Todd born October 18, 1948. Both born at 679 Harmon St., Birmingham, Michigan.

2. Edwin Hammond Todd born in Jackson, Mississippi December 21, 1951, married August 11, 1942 to Joyce Harris of New York, divorced May 1951. His second wife, a widow, Mrs. Margaret _____. She had a son, John, by first husband.

Edwin and Margaret Todd have three children, Philip, Richard, and Annie. Living in North Terrytown, New York.

II. Grover Cleveland Todd born November 30, 1884 in Decatur, Mississippi, married June 6, 1911 at Pascagoula, Mississippi to Annie Margetta Taylor (daughter of Marion Jones and Martha Harrison Taylor) born January 10, 1886 at Little Rock, Mississippi. Had three children:

1. Margaret Todd born July 27, 1912 at Collins, Mississippi. Married April 4, 1941 to Charles W. Wilson of Atlanta, Georgia. Marriage recorded in Washington, D. C. Had one child, Kenneth Malcolm Wilson born January 10, 1942 at Newport News, Virginia. Charles W. Wilson World War II veteran, Navy. Margaret and Charles separated. She and Kenny are living with her parents in Weslaco, Texas.

2. Robert Taylor Todd born December 30, 1913 at Collins, Mississippi. World War II veteran, Sgt., 68th Sqdn, 44th Bomb. Group, 8th Air Force. Serial No. 6254770. Now living in Houston, Texas. Married Mrs. Renee Hamilton November 21, 1951 in Port Lavaca, Calhoun County, Texas. No children.

TRUSSELL FAMILY

A diary, written by James Madison Trussell, Jr., born in Franklin County, Tennessee, December 26, 1808, died in Llano County, Texas, November 14, 1887, begins as follows:

"Thinking it might be interesting to my children and posterity, I here commence a diary of my life and reminiscence of events, and a family record."

The following facts are taken from this diary:

The father of James Madison Trussell, James Trussell, was born in Frederick County, Virginia, the 11th day of May 1770 and was brought up in Chester District (now County), South Carolina. He was baptized into the Baptist Church the 3rd day of July, 1803. He was a deacon of that church in good standing for many years.

His wife was Elizabeth (Betsy) Lyles. She was born in Chester County, South Carolina, January 1, 1781. She died in Green County, Alabama, September 30, 1830.

She was of Irish parentage. Her mother's maiden name was Cockrel (diary does not give her first name.) There was quite a large connection of the Lyles, Cockrels, Prices, and others in times of the Revolutionary War. Diary states so far as the writer knows they all fought for their country.

There were some prominent men among Elizabeth Lyles' people, such as Major Autenson, Martin, and Colonel William Lyles and his brothers. They all served in the War of 1776. (Was William Lyles father of Elizabeth? Diary does not say so.)

James Trussell (born 1770; died October 18, 1860) had two uncles, William and Matthew, who settled in South Carolina and raised families. His uncle, John, went with the Virginia Blues under Washington in 1755 to the Indian War. He never returned and never was heard of again.

Although the diary gives the names of three of James Trussell's (1770-1860) uncles, John, William, and Matthew it fails to give the name of his father.

(Query—was his name James and did he serve in Revolutionary War?)

His mother's maiden name was Asher of Virginia birth. Her first name was not given. Some descendants think her name was Susan.

According to the diary, James Trussell (1770-1860) and wife Elizabeth Lyles Trussell (1781-1830) had ten children, as follows:

1. John, born in South Carolina, birth date not given. Died December 30, 1852 at about 54 years of age. Soon after the War of 1812, he was elected captain of the militia, when a military office was a great honor. He served six years.

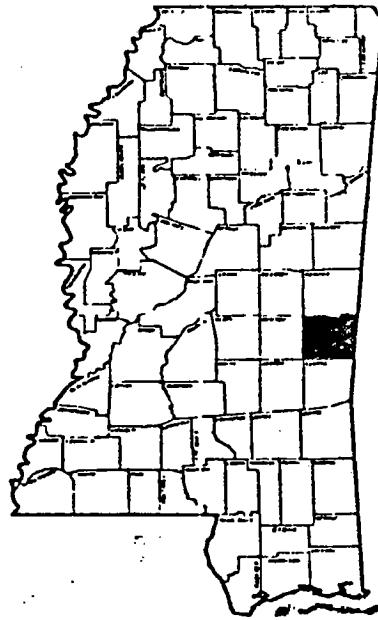
2. Mourning Trussell, born in South Carolina, born in South Carolina married in Green County, Alabama to Martin Johnson. They had six children (names not given.) She died September 30, 1837.

3. Joseph Trussell, born in South Carolina, no birth date given, but diary states he was about 34 years old at his death, February 6, 1835. He married a widow, Mrs. Cutbirth Price, whose maiden name was Straight. He and his wife were murdered by a negro slave, whom he had owned for a short time. After he murdered them, the negro set fire to their house and their baby and little negro girl were burned to death in the house.

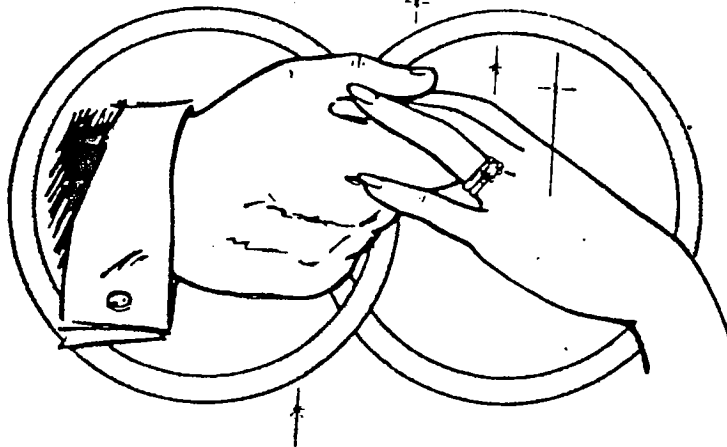
4. Matthew Trussell. Born in Kentucky, March 6, 1806, died in Green County, Alabama, where he mostly was raised. Married Mary Saunders April 6, 1839. Mary Saunders was a niece of William Bissell of Green County, and Phil Gulley, long time sherriff of Kemper County, Mississippi. With a view to moving to Mississippi, he bought a tract of land with a saw and grist mill and some cattle in Lauderdale County, Mississippi. On his return trip to his home in Green County, Alabama, he was taken ill and died April 16, ___.

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TOOCE, CHARITY E
TOOCE, ELIZABETH
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TOOCE, J E
TOOCE, J G
TOOCE, J W
TOOCE, JACK
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TOOCE, JOHN
TOOCE, LOIVIA
TOOCE, MARGARET
TOOCE, MATHEW
TOOCE, N J
TOOCE, NANCY
TOOCE, SARAH
TOOCE, SARAH ANN
TOOCE, SAVANAH
TOOCE, WILLIS
TOOCE, WILLIS
TUCKER, LEVILL E, S F
TUCKER, A M MISS
TUCKER, ALICE
TUCKER, ANDREW
TUCKER, ANDREW
TUCKER, C T J
TUCKER, EMMIE
TUCKER, J MISS
TUCKER, ELLA
TUCKER, EMILY C
TUCKER, F A MISS
TUCKER, GEORGE
TUCKER, HATTIE
TUCKER, HENRY
TUCKER, ISAAC
TUCKER, J D
TUCKER, J L

DENTON, FRANCES
YATES, J M
SMITH, A I MISS
PARKER, JOHN
PARKER, JOHN
BEASON, MAGGIE
MASON, SARAH A
MASON, J D
SELLARS, G A
HUGHES, M C MISS
WILLIKAMSON, S A MISS
HOLLAND, ELIZABETH
GIFFROY, L P E
CREEL, AMANDA
BLACKWELL, CHARLES
WOODSON, J
WEATHERFORD, FRANCES S
WRIGHT, T W
VINSON, J W
TISDALE, J H
BARKER, SAPHRONIA
NASH, S E MISS
BEDDINGFIELD, W T
HERRING, H E
ODEN, A C MISS
FEWELL, NELLIE
HEARD, W F
COLLIER, W F
THOMPSON, D W
PICKARD, M E MISS
THOMAS, ANNIE
COATS, SUSAN E
COATS, ALMEDA
JOLLY, MARY
DANIEL, THOMPSON M
JONES, WILLIAM
PEARCE, W H
SNOWDEN, AVA
SNOWDEN, NANNIE
SNOWDEN, THANIE
THAMES, ELIZA
THAMES, ELIZA
JOHNSON, ELIZABETH
KENNEDY, J F
LEWIS, ANDERSON
DICKINSON, MARTHA (MRS)
KING, M D
MURPHY, J H
SETTLES, JOHN D
DANIELS, THOMAS
WARREN, ASA
WEEKLEY, JULIA
WEEKLY, JULIA
PICKARD, S A MISS
DUNKLEY, T J
SKINNER, C R
ANDERSON, EMMA
ANDERSON, EMMA
TUCKER, NANCY C
MURPHY, WILLIAM
SMITH, E A
LUMMUS, W A
BOSWELL, ELIJAH
WALKER, R L
MOORE, LEONA
GOREE, ELEY
PEACOCK, JENNIE
MURPHY, M A
MAYATT, SUSIN
JACKSON, LELIA

September 11, 1976

Dear Rod,

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My wife this week came across a letter my mother wrote to us in July, 1976, containing information which may be of interest to you. She wrote: "I am enclosing a list Mrs. Annie Pool Bishop gave me to send to you. Papa (i.e., J.G.) Trussell and Mrs. Bishop were first cousins. His mother, your Great Grandmother was a Pool, Lucinda Pool Trussell." The list reads as follows:

Aunt Lucinda Trussell's brothers and sisters

- Ike Pool
- John Daniel Jr.
- Jim Pool
- Bill Pool
- Susan Pool May
- Julia Pool Snowden
- Sally Pool
- Elizabeth Pool

Lucinda Pool Trussell b ?

Grandparents--John Daniel Pool, Sr., married Edwards (don't know given name)

Greatgrandfather Jacob Edwards married Adaline Nancy (Nancy?) Rasberry

Robert Edwards G G G G Grandparent
 G G G M Jacob Edwards married Effie Spears in 1746
 G G G G G Thomas Edwards married Isabella Downing
 March 14, 1714

My mother remarked that she couldn't follow all the above, and neither can I. Perhaps you can. Mrs. Bishop, the informant, is now deceased.

Your Cousin,

Bill

William D. Trussell
 1146 N.W. 39th St.
 Topeka, Kansas 66618

I have a new address

P.S. I have a friend here in Topeka whose name is Calvin Dudley Bush, and whose address is Rt. 6, Topeka. Do you suppose he fits in as a cousin somewhere?

August 17, 1976

Dear Rcd,

I have some information for you, some that confirms what you already have, but some that may be new to you. Much of the information was given to me by my mother, but some of the recent dates are from tombstones. My mother's name is Lenore Fortson Trussell.

Joseph Gail Fortson, Feb. 12, 1834 to Apr. 6, 1907, was my mother's paternal grandfather, i.e., the father of Ben R. Fortson. JGF's wife, Sarah Ann Eliza Radford F. came from somewhere in the Northeast. No information about JGF's mother or father. Warren Fortson, Rt. 1, Box 344, Elm Grove, La. has a copy of a picture of JGF and sons. — Son of ?

~~Susan Christian Fortson~~ Susan Christian Fortson, 1859-1931 was the daughter of JGF. JGF's daughters: Mrs. Evie Clay (New Orleans?); Mrs. Vesta Simmons (divorced and remarried, don't know to whom), Meridian, Mississippi; Mrs. Rena Williamson, Collinsville, Mississippi. JGF's son: Sam Clay, deceased; lived in Hattiesburg; descendants live in H'Burg and Laurel.

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SHE WAS A
POWELL DAUGHTER

My maternal grandfather Benjamin R. Fortson (middle initial only, no middle name), born Feb 12, 1874 (not positive about birth year; however, it is correct or quite close), Lauderdale County Mississippi, out from Litchfield; died August 19, ~~1923~~ 1962. O.P.C.

My maternal grandmother Nettie Rilla Ethridge F., born Jan. 31, 1874, Kemper County Mississippi, out from DeKalb; died, Sept., 1967. 1976

My father William David Trussell, born December 27, 1899, Lauderdale County, Mississippi, in a community called Trusselltown, out from Baley; died August 14, 1962.

My ~~maternal~~ paternal grandfather Joseph Green Trussell, born March 11, 1877, Lauderdale County, Mississippi, in a community called "Siculinum" or something like that, out from Meridian; died, Sept. 30, 1964.

W.D. Trussell
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My paternal grandmother Nannie (?) Snowden T., born Jan. 19, 1882, Shucktown, Lauderdale County, Mississippi; died, June 24, 1969.

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JGT's parents: J.D. Trussell, b. July 12, 1854, d. Dec. 26, 1922; Lucy E. Trussell, b. Oct. 10, 1851, d. May 27, 1936.

Hope the above is helpful. Also, I appreciated the information about the Thomas ~~Fortson~~ Fortson book. I think I will get a copy for my mother for Christmas.

Your cousin,

Bill
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P.S. I have an 18, almost 19, year old son wandering around in California, whose name is:

Clarke Fortson Trussell

(Clarke is my wife's maiden name.)

Come see me