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I want to thank you for all the information you sent about the Vaughn family. I would like to gather all information I can on the Vaughns in MS. And Al. Joseph Madison Vaughn Sr. was Pinkney, John Pulliam and Benjamin father. He came to Alabama, Wilcox Co. About 1816 from Kentucky, Caldwell Co. He was married to Susannah Pulliam(Anna) French May, 13 1800 in Kentucky, Livingston Co., they had 3 sons John Pulliam born Feb. 29, 1804 Eddyville, Lyon, Kentucky, Pinkney born abt. 1806, Benjamin born abt. 1808 Caldwell Co., Kentucky. Susannah ? died 1808. Joseph remarried on Dec., 30, 1812 to Sarah Elizabeth (Betsy) Lamb, Reaves a widow with 2 children. James Leon and Peggy Reaves. They were married Caldwell, Co., Kentucky. They had the following children Larkin, William Martin, Joseph Madison Jr. Elizabeth, Sarah (Sally), Polly, Catherine Kate. Joseph and Sarah are said to be buried in the old Reeves Cemetery in Caldwell Co., Al. I have not proven that as yet. Pinkney and his wife Telitha are said to be buried at Hookston, MS. Close to his former land, no markers on graves. If there is any way to prove that this is where they are buried I would like to know. Pinkney died in 1869 Are there birth and death records for the 1800s? If so I would like to purchase them. John Alexander Vaughn moved his family to Texas some time after he married Ida Izenbletter. She had one son named Frederick William Izenbletter, her and John had 4 children Pinkney, Mosby McCrea, Lilia Mae and Inez. I don't know if they were born in MS., or TX. John died July, 07, 1893 and is buried at Wood, TX., Woods Cemetery, Panola Co., TX. Ida died March, 10, 1933 buried Chapel Hill Cemetery, San Augustine Co., TX
When the book Mary Ellen White is writing about the Brown family is finished I would like to purchase a copy. So please let me know when I can do this.
Let me know if you have more information about the Vaughns.

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THE VAUGHN FAMILY

JOSEPH MADISON VAUGHN Sr.

Born: Kentucky?

Married: (1) **Susannah "Anna" Pulliam French** on May 13, 1800 in Livingston Co., Ky. and they had three sons (John P., Pinkney, Benjamin) before Anna died in Caldwell Co. Kentucky about 1808.

Married: (2) **Sarah Elizabeth "Betsy" Lamb Reaves**, a widow with 2 children (James and Peggy Reaves), of Caldwell Co. on Dec. 30, 1812. Around 1816 Joseph and Betsy Vaughn removed to Wilcox Co., Alabama. They added seven more Vaughn children to the family.

Died: Unknown.

Children of Joseph M. (Sr.) and Anna Vaughn:

1. **JOHN PULLIAM VAUGHN** Feb. 29, 1804 in Eddyville, Lyon Co., Ky.
Lived in Alabama until after the Civil War when he and his wife **Rebecca** came to Lauderdale Co., Miss. At age 66, John P. Vaughn, whose birthplace was Kentucky, and wife Rebecca, aged 50, were in that county's 1870 census. They lived in or near Meridian with their four n-aged daughters and Alexander Vaughn, age 32, believed to have been their son.

Children of John P. and Rebecca Vaughn from 1870 census:

- A. Emma Vaughn 1851A1
- B. Martha Vaughn 1853A1
- C. Cornelia Vaughn 1855A1
- D. Ella L. Vaughn 1857A1

Alexnder Vaughn born 1823 in Alabama.

2. **PINCKNEY VAUGHN** 1806Ky-1869Ms; m. **Telitha** [Story Next Page]
3. **BENJAMIN VAUGHN** ca1808-in Caldwell Co., Ky.

Step-children of Joseph M. Vaughn, Sr.:

JAMES LEON REEVES
PEGGY REEVES

Children of Joseph M. (Sr.) and Betsy Vaughn:

- 4. **LARKIN VAUGHN**
- 5. **WILLIAM MARTIN VAUGHN**
- 6. **JOSEPH MADISON VAUGHN, Jr.** Thought to have been buried in old Reeves Cem. in Caldwell Co., Ky.
- 7. **ELIZABETH VAUGHN**
- 8. **SARAH "Sally" VAUGHN** Thought to be buried in Reeves Cem., Caldwell Co., Ky.
- 9. **POLLY VAUGHN**
- 10. **CATHERINE "Kate" VAUGHN**

PINCKNEY VAUGHN OF LAUDERDALE CO., MISS.

Born: In Kentucky about 1806-1808 (1850 census says 1808.)

Died: 1869 in Lauderdale Co., Ms; buried in unmarked grave in Beason Cem. in Hookton near Suqualena.

Married: **Telitha** _____ (b. 1815 in Mississippi)

Son of Joseph M. (Sr.) and Susannah Vaughn, Pinckney was a young child when his mother died, He came to Wilcox Co., Ala. with his father and step-mother in 1816 when he was around ten. He married his wife Telitha, (In Miss. or Ala.?), and they made their first home in Alabama. In 1835 they migrated to Lauderdale County, Mississippi, about about the time that new county was organized. Records show that they brought with them one male and two female slaves, and 3 slave children.

The 1840 Lauderdale Co. census records the couple with Pinckney being in his 30's and Telitha in her 20's. Living with them were seven other unnamed young persons, though it seems unlikely that the two oldest (a male in his 20's and a girl 15-20) were too old to have been their offspring. This census does not show in which part of the county the Vaughns lived, but their near neighbors were R. Wetherford, Nath'l Kittrell, and Jas. S. Ratcliff, all members of Hickory Grove Bapt. Ch. which was/is located the west side of today's Naval Air Base in Northeastern Lauderdale Co.)

In the 1850 Laud. Co. census, Pinckney's occupation was recorded as "Farmer", although it did not give the value of his land, if he owned any. It did reveal Pinckney and Telitha living in or near Marion (the county seat) with nine children. The three oldest were born in Alabama but the next six were born in Mississippi. Their Vaughns' tenth and last child was born in 1852 after this census was taken.

Pinckney Vaughn was apparently educated. He was not wealthy but was, as they say, 'in comfortable circumstance'. The Miss. State Agricultural Census, taken to show the state's production of agriculture for the year ending June 1, 1850, showed that Pinckney owned (or controlled) 100 improved acres and 292 unimproved acres of land that year, nearly 400 acres altogether, worth \$1200. He owned 5 horses, 4 milch cows, 2 teams of oxen, and 16 other cattle, 29 sheep and 100 swine. That year he had produced 700 bushels of "Indian Corn", 16 400-pound bales of cotton and 50 lbs. wool. He had also grown 100 bushels of peas or beans and 400 bushels of sweet 'taters. We don't know how many slaves he had by then, but their number must have multiplied.

On May 14, 1857, a Robert Brown of the Suqualena area sold Pinckney Vaughn his fertile land on Okatibbee Creek in Northwestern Lauderdale County for \$800. [E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 21, and the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 28, all in Tp. 7, Rg. 15E; Recorded Deed Bk. 'H', pg. 599.] "Sookalena", a settlement whose Indian name meant 'Poor Hog', was about two miles west of Vaughn's new plantation.

Pinckney Vaughn was educated and wanted his children to have an opportunity to learn. As public schools were few or non-existent, patron schools were being established. With no schools at all near by, Vaughn opened one of his own.

To quote from page 34 of Fairley and Dawson's Paths to the Past, a history of Lauderdale Co. published by the county's Dept. of Archives and History (1988), we read:

...[Patron schools] were created when families would band together to provide supplies, a building, and funds for a teacher...A log cabin, or perhaps a church, would be transformed into a classroom...the schools were typically sparsely furnished, with rough seats being made from split logs...students had to chop wood for heat and haul drinking water from nearby streams. ...misbehaving students were soundly thrashed for the slightest infractions...

The Pinckney Vaughn school, two miles east of the settlement of Suquelena, was among the first of the patron schools to be established. It was built, owned, and operated by Pinckney Vaughn, an early settler. He paid a teacher out of his own pocket and invited the children of neighbors to attend while his own children and grand-children were educated in the large, frame school building, which also served as a church. The school...continued to operate up to and during the Civil War, closing after the death of Vaughn in the 1870's. [He died in 1869.]

The 1860 census found the Vaughns living on their plantation on the Okatibbee in the county's "Beat 4, 'Sookalena'. (Suqualena's post office had been established in 1851.) The Vaughns had increased their land which was valued at \$26,000, and their slaves were worth \$18,600. Their six younger children were still at home in 1860, but their older children had married and moved out. Their son John Alexander Vaughn, 23, was as yet unmarried and had taken over as Overseer of the plantation.

We don't know how this family fared during the Civil War, but the school remained open. The Yankees came through Suqualena in 1864 on their way to raid and burn Meridian, and Vaughn's home was in their path. One wonders if their home was spared.

Shortly after the war, a man named Alexander Hooks opened a store just down the road from the Pinckney Vaughn School. The community where the school was located came to be called "Hookston". [Hooks' store, now extinct, was located near Vaughn's school at the crossroads where today's Hwy. 494 branches off Hwy. 19.]

When Pinckney Vaughn died in 1869, he was buried, we are told, beside his school. That soon after the war, times were very hard and people were still grubbing for food and no stone was ordered for his grave. When the Vaughn plantation was sold to benefit the heirs, James M. Beason, a Meth. preacher, bought the land above the Okatibbee Creek bottomland where the Vaughns had so richly prospered. Rev. Beason used the school for a church, but later moved to Meridian where he founded a Methodist girls boarding school which eventually became Beason's College. The cemetery that was beside the school/church is still known as 'Beason Cemetery', though the old building has been gone a hundred years.

The 1870 census, taken just after Pinckney died, listed the widow Telitha Vaughn, age 55, as Head of Household. Her son Thomas P. Vaughn, now 25, lived with her, as did her youngest son Little Berry, 20, and her 'baby' Miss Eliza who, at 17, had become a young lady.

Also in the home was Sarah F. Vaughn who was 37. It is not clear if Sarah was the wife of Thomas P.'s wife, or if she was perhaps another relative. Behind Sarah's name were listed

a set of twins, Eula G. and Charles B. Vaughn, three months old. There were also five adult Negroes named who lived on the place and worked for the family.

In the house listed next were [Rev.] James M. Beason, 25, and his wife, Fannie, the same age. They had no children.

Mrs. Telitha died sometime in the 1870's. She was buried next to her husband Pinckney in an unmarked grave in Beason Cemetery. Pinckney and Telitha Vaughn's children are listed on the following page.

CHILDREN OF PINCKNEY AND TELITHA VAUGHN

1. **MARITHA VAUGHN** 1832A1-
2. **(Son, name illegible) VAUGHN** 1833A1- (left home in 1850's)
3. **FRANKLIN C. VAUGHN** 1835A1- ; m. Alvira Brown , dau. of Wm. and Martha Hambrick Brown, on Nov. 25, 1857. Alvira, born 1842 in Lauderdale Co., grew up on her father's plantation on the Chunky River near Chunkeyville in SW corner of the county. She was eleven when her father died and 16 when she married. The 1860 census shows Frank and Alvira living near her mother near the Brown's plantation, with one little boy. Their farm was valued at \$250 (inherited from her father??), with personal property (a slave?) valued at \$1000.

It is not proved, but it is likely that Frank, in his 30's, left home to fight in the Civil War; their second child was not born until the war had ended.

Frank's family was listed with four children in the 1870 census, but they apparently left the county before the 1880 census.

Children of Franklin and Alvira Brown Vaughn:

- A. **William P. Vaughn** 1859Ms-
 - B. **Scocua?? (illegible) (fe) Vaughn** 1865Ms-
 - C. **Emeline Vaughn** 1867Ms-
 - D. **Joseph P. Vaughn** 1870Ms-
4. **JOHN ALEXANDER VAUGHN** 1837Ms-1893Tex; m. (1) **Martha G. Brown** (b.3/4/1839) on Jan. 14, 1857. Martha, a sister of Alvira, was also a daughter of the (late) William and Martha Hambrick Brown. They lived on their farm near Martha's widowed mother (SW corner of Laud. Co.) in Chunkeyville/Meehan area. In 1860 they had land worth \$1350, personal prop. worth \$430. in when the Civil War came. They had ten children when Martha died on Aug. 13, 1880. She was buried at Goodwater Bapt. Church below Meehan. Many Browns buried there, but hers is the only Vaughn. Written on her stone is "Martha G. Brown Vaughn, wife of John A."

John A., faced with so many children to raise, soon married again. On May 3, 1881, he married (2) Mrs. Ida Izenbletter, a widow with a young son. They were married in Lauderdale Co. by Rev. Thomas Y. Armstrong, M.G. After they married they moved to Texas.

John Alexander Vaughn died at Wood, Texas on July 7, 1893 and was buried in Wood Cemetery in Panola Co., but Mrs. Ida Vaughn died years later on March 10, 1933, and was buried in Chapel Hill Cemetery in San Augustine Co., Texas.

Children of John A. and Martha Brown Vaughn, all b. in Laud. Co., Ms.;

- A. **Virginia F. Vaughn** 1859Ms- [twin]
- B. **Martha J. Vaughn** 1859Ms- [twin]
- C. Green B. Vaughn 1866Ms-
- D. Anetta Vaughn 1868Ms-
- E. William L. Vaughn 1870Ms-
- F. Nolen E. Vaughn 1872Ms-
- G. Edda B. Vaughn 1874Ms-
- H. Oliver P. Vaughn 1876Ms-
- I. John C. Vaughn 1878Ms-
- J. Amara D. Vaughn 1880Ms-

John A. Brown's step-son:

- K. Frederick William Izenbletter 187__

Children of John A. and Ida Izenbletter Vaughn:

- L. Pinkney Vaughn 188__ -
- M. Mosby McCrea Vaughn
- N. Lilia Mae
- O. Inez Vaughn

Children of Pinckney and Telitha Vaughan, Con't.:

5. **NANCY J. VAUGHN** 1838Ms- ; Was gone from home by 1860.
6. **SUSANNAH VAUGHN** 1842Ms-
7. **THOMAS P. VAUGHN** 1845Ms-
8. **WILLIAM M. VAUGHN** 1847Ms-
9. **LITTLE BERRY VAUGHN** 1850Ms- ; m. (1) Emmaline Brown, dau. of Wm. and Martha Hambrick Brown, on Nov. 2, 1870. When Emmaline died Little Berry married her younger sister, Francis "Fanny" M. Brown, on July 24, 1881.
10. **ELIZA T. VAUGHN** 1852Ms- ; m. R. W. Maxey in Lauderdale Co.