The earliest Davis' helped to drive the Indians out of this section.

Among the first members to come from Wilcox County was Alf Davis, who settled near Salem Church. He was the father of Dan Davis an extensive landowner in Worth and Turner Counties and Rev. Joe Davis, a beloved Worth County minister.

Soon to follow from Wilcox County was John T. Davis, a nephew of Alf Davis. He came to this County while still in early manhood and had been here only a short while when he married Miss Sarah Sikes, daughter of Eli Sikes. To this union were born three sons: Jackson (dead), J. Warren died Oct. 1860, and John T. The eldest and youngest of these sons were born in Worth County while the middle son (J. Warren) was born in Wilcox County; the family having moved back to Wilcox County for a short while.

The father, John T. Davis, enlisted late in 1861 in the Confederate Army under Daniel Henderson at Isabella. He never saw service on the firing line. He got as far as the camp in Griffin, Ga., where he succumbed to an attack of measles and pneumonia in April 1862. His body was brought back to Worth County for burial. He was the first person buried in Providence cemetery.

J. Warren Davis, the second son of John T. and Sarah Davis, became an extensive farmer and outstanding figure in the politics of the County. He is an ardent follower of the Democratic party, having served on the Democratic Executive Committee of the County for a number of years. He was elected Sheriff for two consecutive terms (1887-88) (1888-89) and later served as Deputy Sheriff under Hard Story. For a stretch of sixteen successive years he served as Bailiff of the Grand Jury.

While still early in years he united himself with the Progressive Primitive Baptist Church. He joined at Providence but later moved his membership to Ephesus. Throughout his life he has been a ready and staunch member of the Primitive faith.

He married Eveline Deariso, daughter of M. W. and Jane Deariso, in 1880. Their children are: Mrs. Belle Davis, Mrs. J. I. Brinson, Mrs. Henry Moree, Mrs. Dena Massey, of Montezuma, Mr. J. C. Davis, Mrs. Alfred Shiver, and Mrs. Florine Shiver (dead). There are also a large number of grandchildren and one great grandchild.
JOSEPH L. SUMNER

In 1861 Joseph L. Sumner, second child of Gordon and Rachel (Marchant) Sumner, enlisted with the “Yancy Independents,” Confederate army, under Capt. Wm. A. Harris and marched to Virginia to cast his lot with those who followed Lee. He served in the 14th Georgia Regiment for two years. He was wounded in the hand and leg and came home on furlough. When he regained his health he returned to the army and was placed in the 64th Georgia Regiment where he served the remaining two years as First Lieutenant.

He served four years and after receiving his honorable discharge returned to Worth, his native heath, with nothing but his self-reliance, business courage, thrift and perseverance.

His life was only a span of 68 years ending on July 15, 1908, but he accumulated much property in that time and at his death he was one of the wealthiest men of Worth County.

He was honored with many places of trust by Worth County. He was Tax Collector in 1875-76. He represented this county in the State Legislature in 1894-95.

By his business ability and activity he supported many industrial and commercial enterprises. He was a large land owner and stock raiser. He was a staunch Democrat and was a helpful factor in solving many of the economic problems that confronted the South, and especially his county, after the war.

At the time of his death he was a member of the Board of Trade of Poulan. The following is taken from resolutions passed by that Board:

“That in the death of Joseph L. Sumner we have sustained the loss of an able and esteemed member.

“That we bear testimony to the influential and important part he performed in public affairs, for the progress and development of Poulan, and of all Worth County and all Southwest Georgia.”

On November 5, 1865, he married Sarah Josephine Thornhill, the daughter of Newell Thornhill and wife, Mary (Underwood) Thornhill.

Their descendants make up a large part of the best citizens of Worth. They had six daughters and two sons. They are:

Vida Lee, married Lee L. Simmons; George F. Sumner, married Georgia Ford; Mary Elizabeth, married first J. L. Spring, second W. R. Glover; Sarah Lucy, married Henry W. Conoly;
HON. JOSEPH L. SUMNER
Tempy R., married first Thomas J. McLeod; second J. Albert Short; Emma Susan, married Norman George Houston; Talitha Estelle, married Josiah Jackson Mims; Dr. Gordon S. Sumner, married Mattie Lou Chapman.

Mrs. Sarah Josephine Sumner, wife of Joseph L. Sumner, gave her heart to the Lord when quite young and lived a consistent Christian life to the ripe old age of 86 years. She went to her reward in the Land of the Blessed on March 20th, 1931.

HENRY HOUSTON

Unfortunately it has been impossible to procure definite information concerning the ancestry of this sterling pioneer whose career proved him to be a man that counted for good in all his relations. The Houstons have given distinguished service to Georgia and the Carolinas.

Henry Houston’s brothers were Ed and George. When Henry’s father died he was eight years old, and as the custom was in those times, he was bound to his brother Ed until he was 21 years old. He was married in 1856 to Nancy Gillis. After five years as a free man, this country was plunged into the fratricidal strife of the War Between the States. As all other brave men of right age, he entered at the beginning and gave four years of service. He lived in the western part of the county so he enlisted in Dougherty under Capt. John P. Davis. After the war was over he returned to his home and began the work of rehabilitation. He lived only four years after the war, dying on Apr. 11, 1870, leaving his wife and four children, one born a few months after his death.

Their children:
Sara Ellen married Byrd Powell.

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George F. Sumner, oldest son of Joseph L. Sumner and wife, Josephine (Thornhill) Sumner, was born March 12th, 1869, in Worth County. He married Miss Georgia Ford, daughter of Hon. Gary Green Ford and wife, Elisabeth (Sikes) Ford, and were blessed with two children, Lizzie and Emma. Mrs. Sumner died in 1918.

Mr. Sumner is one of our largest and best farmers, with a large acreage both for cultivation and pasturage. He and family are Methodist, and he is a Royal Arch Mason.

Mr. Sumner is quick at repartee, has a jolly laugh for any place where a laugh seems to be indicated, and that “Soft answer that turneth away wrath.” He has contributed to the upbuilding of the County and town in all worth while things. He has the confidence and esteem of all who know him.
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GEO. F. SUMNER
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John Edward married first, Rosie Moree—second, Charlotte Ford.

Charlton J. married Mrs. Bee (Whiddon) Tanner.

Norman George married Emma Susan Sumner.

Mrs. Nancy Houston bravely faced the problems incidental to her husband’s absence during the war and after his death.

The story of Mrs. Nancy (Gillis) Houston, left with her four little children, is the story of thousands of other women of the Confederacy—the hands that rocked the cradle were the hands that provided sustenance for the little ones. None did this work more nobly than she. Her oldest son was 9 years old when her husband died. History tells too little of these Spartan women fighting and praying for their children against poverty brought on by war, the struggle to rear them to go forth and fight as bravely as their sires for the rebuilding of this fair Southland. Monuments should be built to these brave women. May the time never come when their posterity will no longer remember the brave, heroic sacrifices and great services performed by them. Her dust reposes peacefully near the scene of her heroic struggle in which she was more than victor.

NORMAN GEORGE HOUSTON

Norman George Houston, the youngest child of Henry and Nancy Houston, was born Nov. 11, 1870. He was reared on the farm and today is a progressive farmer. He and his wife own a large landed estate. His early experience has been invaluable to him in making agriculture a paying investment. He is a man of remarkable energy and has always had a thorough appreciation of the dignity of labor. While giving close attention to his private affairs, he, at the same time, served the county ten years as tax collector. He was elected first in 1898 and served until 1902. He did not offer for re-election and was out for two terms, then again went into office without opposition and served from 1906 to 1912. He was never defeated. When he went into office the Tax Collector went from precinct to precinct, over bad roads with buggy and horse, to meet the tax payers. Taxes were mostly paid in money, not checks as now, and the money was carried in the buggy in a sack. There was no office in the Court House and this money was carried to his residence. After two years of this dangerous proceeding he requested an office in the Court House. This request was
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HENRY HOUSTON
granted and he then notified the tax payers to meet him at his office to pay taxes. He thus broke up that dangerous custom. He was at one time president of the First National Bank. He is a man that shoulders responsibilities with firmness of purpose and cheerfulness and whether things go or do not go as he would have them, it never changes his optimistic and genial disposition. His hearty laugh has been an inspiration to many in times of depression. He has been a deacon in the Missionary Baptist Church for some fourteen years or more. He has lived a normal and sane life in all relations—one that has counted for good in all things.

N. G. Houston married Emma Susan Sumner, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph L. Sumner, of Worth County, September 27, 1899.

Their children are: Dallas Mae, married George I. Martin; Leon, married Sara Hilton; Joseph Lofton, married Evelyn Strangward; N. G., Jr., Emma Ruth, Mack Henry, Clarence Harrold.

Mrs. Emma Sumner Houston is a conscientious and efficient home-maker, giving of her energies, her heart, and consecrated Christian life to the welfare of her children and husband. But her work and ambition does not stop there. The church receives her services which she gives with love for its cause as does also every civic and patriotic club. She is an active member of the Woman’s Club, P.-T. A., and D. A. R. She is a member of the latter through descent from Joseph Sumner of Emanuel County, Georgia, who is a certified Georgia soldier.

Mr. and Mrs. Houston have given all their children who are old enough, college educations. Miss Ruth Houston is a student at the University of Georgia; N. G. is taking a veterinary course in Auburn, Alabama this year, 1934.

**SAMUEL STORY**

Samuel Story is given in White’s Statistics of Georgia as one of the first white settlers in this section of the state. He helped to drive the Indians out of Georgia. He lived near where Red Oak Church is in Worth County.

He married first Elizabeth Pate, the daughter of Rev. Richard Pate, a Revolutionary soldier. His second wife was Annie Brown. He had nine sons and two daughters. His sons were James Nathan Story, who married Mary Kearce, Richard
Story, who married ———— Willis, Frederick Story, who married Martha Watson, Alex Story, who married Narciss Watson, Jackson Story, who married Adline Royal, Warren L. Story, who married Henrietta Jerkins, Sam Wright Story, who married Martha Jane Royal, Lewellyn Story, who married first Ida Handley, second Emma McRae and Alfred Story, who married Pinkey Goff. His daughters were Jinsey Story, who married John D. Royal, and Alice Story, who married William Walton Hall.

Five of his sons and two sons-in-law served in the Confederate Army under Capt. James M. Rouse, 1st Lieut., Warren L. Lewellyn, 2nd Corp, Alfred, Sam Wright, and Jackson Story. Sons-in-law were William Walton Hall and John D. Royal.

ODUM CEMETERY

The Odum Cemetery is a few miles south of Warwick. It is kept up well and is still used by the family as a burying ground.

Some of the oldest inscriptions are as follows:

- Sam Story, born Jan. 11, 1795, died March 17, 1867.
- Elizabeth Story, wife of Sam Story, born Apr. 18, 1795, died Aug. 4, 1872.
- Jim L. Story, born Jan. 21, 1821, died March 28, 1885.
- Mary Story, wife of Jim Story, born Feb. 1, 1843, died 1904.
- Jane Story, wife of Sam S. Story, born May 13, 1863, died Dec. 29, 1906.

MICHAEL WASHINGTON DEARISO

Michael W. Deariso was born July, 1827, in Houston County, Georgia, near Old Traveler's Rest. His early years were spent on the farm.

In 1850 he joined the stage coach crew from Macon to Eufaula. He moved to Worth County about 1854.

His father and mother had come from South Carolina and settled in Houston County. From there they moved to Dooly County, near Worth. They had eight sons in the War Between the States at one time. Four of them were killed in battle. They also had three daughters to reach womanhood.

Michael W. Deariso had been in Worth County long enough to help cut the first road from Warwick to Isabella, but could not vote in the first election.
He was married in January of 1856 to Martha Jane Ross. They were the parents of twelve children, Larcenia (Mrs. J. F. Holamon of Rising Star, Texas), Eveline (Mrs. J. Warren Davis of Isabella), Susan (Mrs. Mark Tison of Florida), Robert L., and Jimmie L. Deariso, of Sylvester, William L., Celia (Mrs. J. T. Davis), Mattie (Mrs. W. B. Bothwell), John C. Deariso, of Jacksonville, Dr. Idus C. Deariso, dead, Lila (Mrs. W. E. Sams, of Sylvester), and Willie Belle (Mrs. R. N. Poston).

Michael W. Deariso joined Lee's army in August of 1862 and was with Lee at Appomattox Court House when he surrendered. He was the treasurer of Worth County in 1880.

He lived in the northern part of the county. He died in December, 1898. Mrs. Michael W. Deariso died in Sylvester.

**ROBERT LEE DEARISO**

Worth County has many native sons who by force of character have risen to places of honor in the business world. Robert Lee Deariso is one of these and is excelled by none. The places of trust he has held for many years attest this. He has been manager of the Farmer's Warehouse of Sylvester for thirty-two years. He has served on Sylvester Board of Education as secretary and treasurer continuously since 1907 to date. He was ordained a deacon at Old Mt. Horeb church in 1892 and is an active deacon of Sylvester Baptist church in this year 1934. He was made a Master Mason at Doles Lodge in 1898. He and his wife own large farming interests.

Tradition says that the Deariso ancestor came over with Lafayette in time of the Revolutionary War. After serving America through that war he settled in America, probably in South Carolina. Tradition further says that a suit he wore in this war is in a museum in Washington, D. C. The name has probably changed in spelling.

Robert Lee Deariso is the son of Michael Deariso, one of the early settlers of the northern part of the county. He was married Jan. 8, 1885, to Mary (called Mollie) Elizabeth Ford, daughter of Hon. Gary Green Ford and wife, Elizabeth (Sikes) Ford.

They are blessed with twelve children, seven sons and five daughters. Oscar L., Carl W., Robert Leonard, Fred, Ed-
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win, John F., G. Otis. The daughters are Vera, who died at sixteen, Lizzie Jay, Hazel, Bessie Mae, and Adelaide.

Besides rearing their children to be grown, they helped to rear his brother, W. I. Deariso's two sons, Billy and Milton; and one grandson, 10 years old, they have had all his life, R. Leonard III. His father, Robert Leonard, II, died in 1922.

His daughters were all educated in Sylvester Public schools and in Georgia State College for Women at Milledgeville, except Vera who died young. They are all teachers except Bessie Mae, (Mrs. Tom W. Keown) who is a graduate dietician. Lizzie Jay is teacher of History and Adelaide is teacher of second grade in McPhaul Institute of Sylvester. Hazel (Mrs. Freeman E. Groover) is a teacher in Atlanta schools.

His sons are all enterprising business men of Sylvester and Worth County.

HON. DANIEL HENDERSON

Honorable Daniel Henderson was one of the distinguished citizens of Worth County, who was chiefly instrumental in securing its organization. He represented this county in the Legislature during the years 1859-'60, 1861-'62, 1863-'64, and 1875-76. The first office he held in the county was Judge of the Inferior Court, a court of importance in that day, but which has long since been supplanted by other courts.

In March, 1862, he joined Company B of the 10th Georgia Battalion in which company he served as Captain of a Company of 130 Worth County soldiers, called the Worth County Rebels. His first service was guarding prisoners at Macon, Ga. He was ordered to Virginia and served in the Army of Virginia, from that time until sometime in 1863, when he resigned having been elected to serve Worth County in the Georgia Legislature in 1863-64. He did not return to the army as he was in the Legislature until the close of the war. His son, Manassah Henderson, was the captain of this company at the close of the war.

Daniel Henderson was the son of Daniel Henderson, Sr., and wife, Sallie McBride, who moved to this section from North Carolina. Daniel Henderson II, was born June 17, 1818, supposedly in Georgia. He was married to Fereby A. Whiddon, Nov. 18, 1841. There were born to them eleven children, eight boys and three girls, whose descendants are legion, many
of them among the best citizens of Worth. His wife, Fereby A. (Whiddon) Henderson, was the daughter of Lott Whiddon and wife, Juda (Dorminy) Whiddon. They were among the first settlers of this section.

Daniel Henderson, subject of this sketch, had two homes in what at one time was Worth County. His farm home was about four miles west of Sycamore, now a part of Turner County. Later he built his home at Isabella, Worth County, where he kept his family a part of the year in order that he might be able to send his children to school.

Their children were, Manasseh, married twice, first to Mary V. Young, second wife, Addie E. Hobbs.

Catherine A. Henderson, married twice to James A. Hobby, first; second, Wiley Whitley.

William Henderson married twice, first, Salandah D. Cox, second, to Berta Swann.


Margaret Henderson married first, George Whitley, second husband, Elijah J. Young.

Daniel J. Henderson married Rebecca Young.


Gary Green Henderson married twice, Martha Vickers first, and Bernadine Alice Kimball (McGarrah).

Robert Lee Henderson married Margaret Young.

Albert S. J. Henderson married Annie Mayo.

Daniel Henderson II, died Feb. 8, 1870, and Fereby A. Henderson died Feb. 6, 1902.

**HON. WILLIAM HENDERSON, OF OCILLA, GA.**

**Second Son of Hon. Daniel Henderson**

While Hon. William Henderson did not live in Worth for a long number of years, Worth claims him as one of her distinguished sons, for he was reared in this county, served in the War Between the States from this county, and was made Sheriff of Worth Dec. 22, 1870, and was Secretary for Major Bill Harris when he was speaker of the Senate in 1875-’76, from Worth County.

He enlisted from Worth County at the age of 17 years as a
private in Company F., 5th Regiment, Georgia Militia in 1864, under Capt. Dugle McLellan of Worth. They were first sent to Camp Stephen above Atlanta, then ordered to Alabama, then returned to Georgia to meet Sherman on his famous march through Georgia. His Company was in the battle of Atlanta. When they had to evacuate Atlanta they fell back to Lovejoy Station, and there they were put in Company F., 10th Regt. Georgia Militia. Here he was made 1st Sergt. His Company was in the attack at Griswoldville in Jones County, Ga., where he suffered a leg wound Nov. 22, 1864. He was sent home on furlough and was there at the close of the war.

He was paroled at Albany, Ga., May, 1865 by Federal Soldiers.

Hon. William Henderson has given distinguished service to Irwin County where he has lived for a number of years. He was Representative from that County in 1898-'99. In 1925 he filled the unexpired term of his brother, Hon. Jim A. J. Henderson, made vacant by death.

He was made Messenger of the Lower House of Georgia Legislature in 1927-1929 and made Messenger of the Senate for 1931-1932. Sept. 24, 1932 he was appointed State Pension Commissioner.

Since this was typed, Hon. William Henderson died at his home in Ocilla, Dec. 22, 1932.

HENRY WASHINGTON HANCOCK

Henry Washington Hancock was born August 14th, 1836. Died in 1915. He was one of the early settlers of the Southern portion of Worth County; his father, Henry Hancock, Sr., also located near him when that section was little more than a wilderness—in the vicinity of what was later, and is now, known as Minton District.

Crecy E. Hancock was born December 30, 1842; died in 1918. Henry Washington Hancock and Crecy Ellen Marchant married February 14, 1860. The following children were born of this union:

Isaac J. Hancock, born Nov. 16, 1861.
Mary Ellen Hancock, born July 13, 1864.
Sarah L. Hancock, born July 8, 1866.
Charley H. Hancock, born Feb. 3, 1868.
Theresa A. Hancock, born Sept. 29, 1869.
Ida S. Hancock, born March 22, 1872.
Dolphus Hancock, born May 11, 1875.
Esther Elizabeth Hancock, born Oct. 29, 1878.
John R. Hancock, born Dec. 4, 1881.
Sarah S. Hancock died Feb. 6, 1875.
John R. Hancock died Dec. 9, 1881.
Theresa A. Hancock died Oct. 30, 1898.
Henry W. Hancock was a Confederate soldier—Corporal, Co. H., 50th Regt., Ga. Volunteers Inf. Enlisted March 4, 1862. Roll for January-February, 1865, last on file, shows him absent on extra duty, detached as enrolling officer, Colquitt County, Ga., as 3rd Sergeant.

JAMES SHADRICK HANCOCK

James Shadrick (called Bud) Hancock, the son of James T. Hancock and wife, Judahan Truluck, is a native son of Worth, a grandson of George Truluck, one of the very earliest settlers of this section. He has farmed for many years on the old Hancock place. His native ability, his industry, and integrity have made him an honored and esteemed place among those who know him.

He married Georgia Ann Sumner, the daughter of Daniel S. Sumner and wife, Martha (Monk) Sumner, December 5, 1878. She died November 11, 1920. Their children are:

James D., Martha Ellen, Armesa, (called Jennie), Miles J., Lena Margaret, Lawrence, Leon, Robert, Kenyon.

HANCOCK PLACE

Home of James T. Hancock

One of the old land marks, a few miles south of Sylvester, is the James Shadrick Hancock place. The Hancocks have lived at this place for generations. It was settled by James T. Hancock. The shade trees show great age. There is the old family cemetery on the place with old and unusual tombstones. They are made of iron, with glass fastened over the inscriptions. That of James T. Hancock has this inscription:

“J. T. Hancock born February 27th, 1815, died Oct. 23, 1890. "Many a morning such as this I have seen."

“Mary Hancock born Nov. 9, 1821, died Dec. 12, 1891.”

Orrel K. Hancock born Dec. 24, 1859, died January 1st, 1891.
DURHAM HANCOCK

Durham Hancock, was born September 8, 1786, in North Carolina. He was married there. His wife's name is not known. He moved with his family to Tatnall County, and then to what is now Colquitt County, and lived there for many years. They were the parents of ten children. John, Jordan, James T. Burrell, Shadrick (called Shade), Lucinda, Patsy, Mary, and Peggy.

Durham Hancock died March 1, 1864. He is the ancestor of many of Worth's most substantial citizens.

THE CHAMPION FAMILIES OF WORTH

The grandfather of Rev. James Micajah and David Champion, two of Worth County’s earliest citizens, was William Champion. He came from England and settled in Halifax County, Va., about 1800. He married Mary Fort of Halifax County, Va. They reared a large family. Two of their sons came to Georgia when young men. One of them, Micajah Champion, the father of Rev. James Micajah and David Champion, settled near Savannah, Ga. He married Elizabeth Martin. To them were born ten children, six boys and four girls. Three of their sons were killed while serving in the Confederate army. He moved from Savannah to Laurens County, Ga., and from there he moved to Sumter County, Georgia, in December 1844, and lived there until 1850 or 1851, when he moved to what is now Worth County, near Red Oak church. He helped to constitute that church of which he and his family were devout members.

Both Rev. James Micajah and David Champion married in Twiggs County, Georgia. Rev. James Micajah was married to Mary Collins, December 25, 1853, at the home of Rebecca Collins by Rev. C. A. Tharpe. The witnesses were Missouri Champion, Thomas Epps, L. F. Champion, and James Cannon. Their children were Rebecca Elizabeth Champion, who married ————————————, Lucindy Frances, who married James M. Turner, of Doles, Ella Clifford, who married M. L. Champion, of Doles, Martha Jane, who married Frank Harris, Warwick, Ga., Mittie Emma and Ida Luvena married Sol Rouse, James Franklin Champion married Liddia Bedgood, of Arabi, Ga., Mary Esther Champion married W. H. B. Mc-
Kenzie, of Oakfield, Ga. Rev. James Micajah Champion was a pioneer Missionary Baptist preacher of great usefulness and influence in Worth County.

David Champion was born in Laurens County, Georgia, October 7th, 1834. He died in Albany, Ga., October 1st, 1915. He wooed and won the heart of Miss Mattie Perry of Twiggs County, Georgia. They were happily married on October 1st, 1868. They were blessed with seven children, viz: Mrs. B. S. Gleaton, Mrs. A. P. Fuquay, T. E. Champion, James Perry Champion, and Randolph Emerson Champion. His wife proved a helpmate indeed, and an ideal wife. David Champion joined the Missionary Baptist Church at the age of thirteen years, was made deacon when quite young, which office he held until old age.

When war was declared between the North and South, he enlisted as a volunteer in the Confederate Army in Company “G” 14th Georgia regiment at Isabella, Worth County, Ga., in June 1861. His company left home in June and he joined it in July at Huntersville, West Virginia. He was at the famous battle of Gettysburg. At this time he held the rank of Second Lieutenant. At Spottsylvania Court House he was wounded in his left arm which impaired the use of it for life.

He fought with distinction throughout the war and was within a few yards of General Lee when he surrendered at Appomattox. He was acting as captain of his company when they were mustered out of service. He was a member of Company “G,” 14th Georgia Regiment, Army of Northern Virginia, Thomas’ Brigade, A. P. Hill’s Division, Stonewall Jackson’s Corps from 1861 to 1865. He was engaged in twenty-two hard fought battles and a number of smaller engagements.

He was a master Mason in a Camp Lodge in the Army. He was a charter member of the Doles Lodge where he remained until his death. He was Tax Collector of this county one term. He represented this county in the Legislature one term. He declined to run for second term. In season and out he worked for the advancement and upbuilding of the public moral, social, and spiritual welfare of his county.

The descendants of these two men are among Worth’s most influential citizens.

MARCUS L. CHAMPION

Marcus L. Champion is another brother of the Champion family of Twiggs County, Georgia. He moved to Doles, in
Worth County, about 1878. He was reared near Griswoldville, the place made famous by the battle between Georgia Militia and Sherman's Army.

Marcus Champion joined the Missionary Baptist Church at Antioch, in Twiggs County, at the age of fifteen years. When he came to this county he at once joined Red Oak Church and was a useful and active member until his death April 22, 1928.

He first married Ella Champion, who died in 1882, leaving no issue. In 1883 he married Mattie F. Tharpe, who survives him. Their children are Herschel L. Champion, M. Claude Champion, Ben H. Champion, and Mrs. Mattie Maude Fulgham, all living. Their son, Elias A. Champion, died, leaving his widow and two daughters, Irene and Elizabeth.

**SAMUEL B. CASTLEBERRY**

These records are taken from the Bible of Samuel B. Castleberry who lived in Worth County, Georgia. This Bible was in possession of his second wife, Amanda Thornhill Castleberry of Sylvester, Ga.

**Parents of Samuel Castleberry**

Thomas Castleberry was born in the year of our Lord Jan. 29th, 1795.

Bashaba White Castleberry was born in the year of our Lord Jan. 23, 1807.

Samuel B. Castleberry was born Jan. 23, 1827.

Irena Turner Castleberry, first wife of Samuel B. Castleberry, was born June 28, 1820.

Louisa Amanda Thornhill Castleberry, second wife of Samuel B. Castleberry, was born Feb. 9, 1843, in Macon County, Ga.

**Births**

Children of Samuel B. and Irene (Turner) Castleberry

Thomas A. Castleberry was born May 21, 1848
Jesse M. Castleberry was born May 5, 1850
James A. Castleberry was born Mar. 16, 1852
Margaret L. Castleberry was born Mar. 21, 1855
Elizabeth Ann Castleberry was born Sept. 17, 1857
Samuel B. Castleberry, Jr. was born Mar. 27, 1859
Children of Samuel B. and Amanda Thornhill Castleberry,  
second wife.  
Mary Bashaba Castleberry was born Mar. 27, 1887

Children of Walter R. and Mary Bashaba Castleberry  
Bozeman.  
Sarah Gertrude Bozeman was born Dec. 8, 1912  
Walter Hugh Bozeman was born Sept. 1st, 1915  
Mary Louisa Bozeman was born Nov. 1st, 1919  
France Alexander Bozeman was born May 3, 1923

Marriages  
Samuel B. Castleberry and Irena Turner were married Apr.  
18, 1847.  
Samuel B. Castleberry and, second wife, Amanda Louisa  
Thornhill were married May 30, 1877.  
Mary Bashaba Castleberry and Walter R. Bozeman were  
made Jan. 7, 1906.  
Thomas Castleberry and Bashaba White were married 1826.

Deaths  
Thomas Castleberry, father of Samuel B. Castleberry, died  
Aug. 1846.  
Bashaba White Castleberry, mother of Samuel B. Castle-  
berry, died Dec. 25, 1830.  
Samuel B. Castleberry died Mar. 13, 1894.  
Irene Castleberry, first wife of Samuel B. Castleberry, died  
Nov. 13, 1876.  
Elizabeth Ann Castleberry died Oct. 29, 1858.  
Note—Since these records were copied from the Bible, Mrs.  
Amanda Thornhill Castleberry has died, her death having  
ocurred Nov. 22, 1930. This Bible is now in the possession  
of her daughter, Mrs. Walter Bozeman, Sylvester, Ga.

SIKES  
ELI AND CHARLOTTE (BURCH) SIKES  
The progenitors of the Sikes families of Worth County, Eli  
and Charlotte (Burch) Sikes, were native Georgians. They  
lived in the part of Worth that was originally Dooly County.  
Eli Sikes was an agriculturist and stock raiser throughout  
his active career, with the exception of the time he spent as a  
soldier in the Confederate Army, when he was a member of  
the Georgia State Militia.
In his later years he became a large land owner of Worth County, did much in the way of stock raising, and was known as one of the influential and wealthy men of his community at the time of his death, which occurred in 1896, when he was 77 years old.

Mrs. Charlotte (Burch) Sikes passed away in 1892, in Worth County, aged eighty-two years.

Their children were Sarah, Cynthia. John Wesley, who was killed while fighting in the Confederate Army at Gettysburg, Benjamin Franklin, Elizabeth, and W. L. Sikes, a noted physician of Sylvester, Ga.

WILLIAM J. HERRING

Wm. Jasper Herring and wife, Rebecca (Paul) Herring, were both natives of Macon County, Georgia. They moved to Albany, where he was a prosperous merchant for some years; later he moved to Isabella, where he continued to merchandise.

He enlisted as a private in the Confederate Army and was a gunner in the Jackson Light Artillery with Georgia Troops.

Wm. J. Herring had two sons, John L. Herring, the late editor of the Tifton Gazette, and Wm. Jasper Herring, Jr., who lived at Isabella, a farmer and mail carrier. They have several grandchildren in this County. Mike and Wood Herring live south of Sylvester.

Wm. Jasper Herring, Sr., died in 1914, at the age of 80 years. His wife, Rebecca (Paul) Herring, died in November, 1912, at the age of seventy-six.

THE MONK FAMILY

William Monk I, the progenitor of the Monk family in South Georgia, was born in South Carolina prior to 1775. He married Mary Parrish, born in South Carolina prior to 1778. Tradition says they moved to Bulloch County, Ga., and are buried there. They had eleven children. Their youngest son, William Monk II, was born in Bulloch County, Ga. May 18, 1809, died in Worth County, Sept. 24, 1855. At the time of his death the nearest Doctor was in Savannah. He married Alcy Dampier, born May 14th, 1807, died Jan. 24, 1886. They are both buried on their old home place five miles below Poulain.

William Monk II aided in the Creek Indian War in 1836 by
contributing money and his service. He belonged to Captain Sharpe's Company Florida Volunteers.

The land he drew or bought on which he built his home was first deeded to him by the state and it has never been owned by any other than his descendants. It is owned today by the widow and heirs of William Washington Monk. William Monk II died and left his wife and little children, the youngest, William W., was only two years old, on this place in a sparsely settled community.

Below we give some facts given by Mrs. Amanda Castleberry, a very old lady who died a few years ago, who knew Mrs. Monk personally:

Mrs. Alcy (Dampier) Monk was a woman of rare personality, she was independent to the point of sacrifice, she was self-reliant and responsible. She dowered her family with her industry and the bread of idleness was not eaten on her place. She took hold of the farm and stock-raising after her husband died and carried it on successfully. Wool and beef cattle were the chief sources of income in those days. She had an irresistible love for literature, and would set aside days for reading just as she would set apart days for doing any other task, and would invite her friends into the feast of a good dinner and a feast of mind. Books and newspapers were scarce in those days. She took an intense interest in religion. She was Primitive Baptist. She would take her children and a lunch and walk five miles to Old China Grove Church to services. Services in those days came once a month and lasted all day. She wanted her stock to rest on Sunday.

Alcy Dampier was the daughter of John Dampier and Alcy Hodges. Alcy Hodges was the daughter of Joshua Hodges and wife, Ann Raiford. Joshua Hodges was a Revolutionary soldier. He died in Bulloch County, Ga.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. William Monk II were:

Mary, married John C. (Jack) Sumner; Martha, married Daniel S. Sumner; John, died unmarried; Miles, married first Martha Hancock, second Susan Norman, third —— ——; Matilda, married Jordon Hancock; William Washington, married first Martha Hancock, second Mary Florence Williams.

**MRS. MARY FLORENCE (WILLIAMS) MONK**

Mrs. Mary (Williams) Monk has been justly called the greatest woman farmer in Georgia, and did more in the years
of her active life to advertise the farming possibilities and resources of Worth County than any ten men in it; possibly more than all the men in it.

Her husband, William Washington Monk, was one of the finest farmers in the county during his life-time. Her father was also a splendid farmer and she loved the life. After the death of her husband on June 5, 1909, Mrs. Mary (Williams) Monk took charge of the farm and carried it on with more than ordinary success.

When John G. McPhaul of Poulan began promoting county fairs at that place to advertise the agricultural possibilities of this section, she furnished an exhibit of her farm products, her needle work and paintings for three years. These won for her such valuable publicity that she was persuaded to enter fairs at many places in the State, the State Fairs at Macon and the Southeastern Fair held in Atlanta where seven states exhibited their products. She won many first prizes, the value of which was more than $3,000, and cash prizes amounting to $1,500.

Many of her exhibits were put on display in St. Louis, Chicago and Philadelphia Expositions. For thirty-five years she exhibited continuously year after year and most of her exhibits were raised on her own farm.

By her extensive advertising Georgia became known as an agricultural state all over the nation. She was in this way instrumental in attracting many good farmers to Worth and this section. She retired from farming several years ago and now lives at her home in Atlanta.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Washington Williams. On both sides, paternal and maternal, she is descended from Revolutionary soldiers, James Williams, who served under Elijah Clarke in Georgia in the Revolutionary War, and William Cone and son of North Carolina.

On his maternal side, William Washington Monk, husband of Mary (Williams) Monk, is a descendant of Joshua Hodges of North Carolina who was a Revolutionary soldier and is buried in Bulloch County, Ga.

William Washington Monk was born May 19th, 1852, in Worth County. He was married twice—first to Martha Hancock by whom he had four children: Jamima, married Eldon Smith, James W. Monk, married Pearl Dunn, John S. Monk, married Mattie Futch, Lotta, married Wm. Isaac Willis, William Washington was married the second time to Mary
Florence Williams. They were blessed with four children who lived to adult age:

Lillie L., married John A. Kitchens; Chesley Wade, married Ruth Ridley; Fred, married Elsie Banks; Violet C., married Dr. Frederick A. Harrison; Billy A., married Lula Albertson.

Mrs. Mary (Williams) Monk was never so busy with farming and fairs that she neglected her duty as a mother. She brought up four of her own and four step-children with great care in religious training and educational advantages. She is a deeply religious and patriotic woman.

FRED MONK

Fred Monk, second son of William Washington Monk and wife, Mary (Williams) Monk, surely inherited the love and talent for farming from his parents. He has been for years one of the leading truck farmers of Worth County. His vigorous energy, his progressive methods in agriculture and pronounced initiative in all matters pertaining to that enterprise enables him to make farming a paying business.

Fred Monk was married Jan. 20th, 1915, to Elsie Banks. Their children are: Mabel Frances, Mary Eloise, Elsie Gwendolyn, Virginia, died in infancy, and James Banks.

Mrs. Elsie (Banks) Monk takes an active part in every movement that is for the well-being of the community. She is a member of the P.-T. A. and Woman’s Club. She sponsors all her husband’s business activities and aids greatly in his success.

JOHN ALEXANDER KITCHENS

Born, May 27, 1867, in Alfordsville, Robinson County, N. C.; was the son of John Kitchens, born June 18, 1827, died Sept. 5th, 1880, and Mary Ann McClean Kitchens, born July 10, 1835, died June 5, 1914.

John A. Kitchens came to Worth County August 26, 1896, and settled at Poulan, Georgia. He helped organize Poulan Cotton Mills in 1897 and was manager of J. G. McPhaul mercantile business, successor of McGirt and McPhaul business. He organized the bank of Poulan, which served the town and community, for about 28 years. He was Mayor of Poulan in 1905. Organized Fair in Poulan in 1906. Moved to Sylvester in 1906. Was engaged in Real Estate business for 18 years. Was
Mayor of Sylvester in 1919, and revised the school law for that city, making it possible for all children in the county to secure high school education by paying small fee. While Mayor, he organized the Sylvester Chamber of Commerce with $10,000 capital. He was very helpful to the County Physician in promoting better health conditions; was very active in all Democratic elections; built the Fair grounds and held successful fairs in 1907, 1908, 1909. He also helped to entertain and support the soldiers of the Confederacy.

He was a member of Poulan Presbyterian church and later helped to organize the Presbyterian church in Sylvester. He was married to Lillie Lorine Monk, daughter of W. W. and Mary Florence Williams Monk, March 15, 1905. They have only one child, John Alexander Kitchens, born December 13, 1905. Mr. and Mrs. Kitchens stood for the highest and best in church and society. They are of Scotch, Irish descent.

Mrs. John A. Kitchens is a member of the Barnard Trail Chapter, D. A. R., of Sylvester, through descent from Wm. Cone. She is an ardent prohibitionist and was president of this chapter for several years of The Womans' Christian Temperance Union, organized by Mary Harris Armour in Sylvester. Mrs. Kitchens also organized the Local Temperance Legion of children in Sylvester. The programs she sponsored in the school on temperance had far reaching effect for good. She taught Sunday School all the years she lived in Sylvester. She is a genealogist of ability.

Mr. and Mrs. Kitchens are Presbyterians. They have been living in Atlanta for several years.

REV. EZEKIAL JAMES WILLIAMS

Rev. Ezekial James Williams, a pioneer Primitive Baptist Preacher, served many churches in Worth County although he never lived in this county. He was instrumental in the salvation of many souls, inspiring all those who came within his influence to live virtuous, lawful and Christian lives. His home was where Sparks is now located. Three of his sons, William Washington, Winfield Edwin and John J., moved to the eastern part of Worth where they reared large families, many of whom still live in the county.

The genealogist of this family, his great-great granddaughter, Mrs. Lillie Monk Kitchens, gives the following records:
James Williams, father of Ezekial James Williams, was born about 1757 in North Carolina. He was a Revolutionary soldier under Elijah Clarke and took part in the battle of Kettle Creek. About 1777 he married Elizabeth Callaway who was born in 1759 and died in 1815. He died in Bulloch County, Ga., in 1817. Henry Parrish was administrator of his estate. James Williams and his wife are buried in Bullock County.

Their son, Rev. Ezekial James Williams, Sr., was born Aug. 2nd, 1813, and died May 11, 1888. He married Flora McDermid who was born Oct. 14, 1814, and died Nov. 4, 1879. They are buried in Sparks, Ga.

Their children are:

William Washington, married Elizabeth Knight; James E., married Betsy Hutcheson; Griffin E., married Arnold Bliss; Winfield Edwin, married Catherine Gibbs; Rev. John J., married Amanda Wilks; Irvin A., married Ella Crosby; Peggy, married Mansfield Lewis; Elizabeth married Jacob Purvis; Nancy, married Daniel Willis; Eliza, married Benj. P. Lovett.

Only one child, Rev. John J. Williams, is living in 1934, of Ashburn, Ga.

Rev. Ezekial James Williams was a veteran of the Creek Indian War of 1836. When it was seen that the white citizens would have to drive the Creek Indians out of Georgia if they protected their families, he volunteered in Capt. Sharpe's Company which was called The Florida Volunteers and served until the Indians were gone from this territory.

WILLIAM WASHINGTON WILLIAMS

William W. Williams was the oldest child of Rev. and Mrs. Ezekial James Williams.

In 1880 he, with his wife and twelve children, moved from Cat Creek in Lowndes County to a point about one mile north of Ty Ty in Worth County. He used mules and ox-wagons and drove fifty or more head of cattle and thirty fine hogs. Three days and three over-night camps were required for the trip.

His daughter, Mrs. Mary Monk, gives the following: "I was seventeen years old when my father moved to Worth. I rode a horse and helped drive the cattle. We found our home, the old Jack Willis place, which my father had purchased a short time before. It was a log house 30'x20' with a shed room on
the back and a porch on the front. He began at once to add rooms for our comfort until he could build a nice home later. He was an excellent brick mason. He was a contractor and built many homes and churches, among them the Primitive Baptist Church, Corinth, at Ty Ty. He was an elder in the Primitive Baptist Church and was a fine singing school teacher. He would teach from two to six weeks in summer. This greatly helped the churches in their musical part of the service. He was a lover of good music and taught all his children music. My mother was a wonderful nurse and doctor and gave her services both far and near.”

Their home was one of the most hospitable, entertaining great crowds especially on the days of service at their church. In this way, as well as many others, they were missionaries. By entertaining people they were able to secure larger congregations to hear the gospel preached.

William Washington Williams was born Oct. 18, 1834, and died Oct. 18, 1902. He married Elizabeth Knight who was born Dec. 23, 1838, and died June 2nd, 1902.

Elizabeth Knight was descended from William Cone, a Revolutionary soldier, of the Pee Dee section of North Carolina. He was born about 1745 in North Carolina and died in 1815 near Ivanhoe, Bulloch County, Ga. He married in 1765 to Keziah Barber who was born about 1750 in North Carolina.

Their daughter, Sara Cone, was born Oct. 16, 1780, and died Nov. 28, 1852 near Milltown, Ga. She married William Anderson Knight who was born Feb. 16, 1778, and died Dec. 8, 1859.

Their son William C. Knight was born Oct. 8, 1805, and died Dec. 8, 1874. Their daughter, Elizabeth, married William W. Williams the subject of this sketch. They are buried in Sylvester Cemetery.

Their children are:

Oral, married Jerry Hancock; Billy, married Martha Willis; Mary, married William W. Monk; Amanda J., married Col. Terrell R. Perry; Lacey E., married Sallie Peters; Edwin J., married Della Hinson; Ezekial A., married Carrie Lewis; Flora A. and Rachel are twins. Flora A., married Dr. Pleas H. Askew, M. D.; Rachel married Dr. W. W. Harden, Dentist; Elizabeth, married Morgan Brown; Susan, married Edward Weeks; Owen B., married Roxianna Balkam; Charlie J., married Maude Sumner; Lula, never married.
His children who lived in this county for years are Mrs. William W. Monk who now lives in Atlanta and Owen B. Williams who died a few years ago. Those who live here now are Mrs. Amanda Perry of Sylvester and Edwin J. Williams who lives near Ty Ty. Many of his grandchildren who live in Worth are citizens of marked prominence and influence.

WINFIELD EDWIN WILLIAMS

W. E. Williams, late of Ty Ty, Ga., was born in Berrien County, Ga., where is now the town of Sparks, which grew up on his father's plantation immediately after the Georgia Southern & Florida R. R. was put through from Valdosta, Ga., to Macon, Ga.

His parents were Eld. Ezekiel James Williams a pioneer Primitive Baptist minister of South Georgia, and Flora McDermid Williams.

On Dec. 8, 1870, W. E. Williams was married to Katherine Gibbs of Worth County, Ga. (now Tift County). To this union were born six children, Ezekiel James, Elizabeth Alice (Mrs. Geo. D. Godard), Martha Ann (Mrs. F. B. Pickett), Flora Ellen (Mrs. A. E. Nelson), Franklin Edwin, and Thomas V. His wife died Dec. 1, 1927; his son Ezekiel James died March 7, 1929, followed by Mrs. A. E. Nelson May 13, 1929, and Franklin Edwin April 25, 1932.

After a residence of about five years in Berrien County, in 1875 or '76, the subject of this sketch moved with his wife and three children to Ty Ty, Ga., soon after the Brunswick & Western R. R. was built from Brunswick, Ga. to Albany, Ga. Here he gradually established mercantile, turpentine, grist mill, saw mill, and cotton gin business interests, besides running a small farm, his wife never tiring of rendering all the assistance possible in his undertakings, and both dedicating their lives early to the cause of their Master in the Primitive Baptist Church, and supporting with most earnest endeavor every move for the development and uplift of the community life commercially, educationally and religiously.

For years the public school term was limited to three months each year. Realizing that this meager term should be lengthened, W. E. Williams assumed full responsibility for a six months term and financed the building of a suitable school-
house on his own land and, hiring the teacher himself, but collecting tuition, of course. Finally the management of the school was taken over by the town authorities. As a mark of respect and appreciation for his pioneer services to education in the town, he was accorded the honor of breaking the dirt for the present handsome school building at Ty Ty.

In January, 1890, realizing again that his older children must have higher educational advantages at once, and also pressed by a general economic depression, he moved to the then new town of Cordele, Ga., but finding this school not sufficiently organized as yet, he moved his family to Barnesville, Ga., for the educational advantages of Gordon Institute, in September. After three years and four months’ residence in Barnesville, he moved back to Ty Ty for one year, then to Tifton, Ga., for one year, and again back to the old home at Ty Ty, where he resumed his farm and mercantile business for several years, and where he spent the remainder of his life. He died in 1932.

THEOPHOLUS WILLIAMS

Theopholus Williams and wife, Polly Williams, the parents of Jonathan Jackson Williams, were born, tradition says, in Virginia. They moved to North Carolina, then to Pulaski County, then Webster and from there to old Pindertown, Worth County, where they lived several years. They died at Pindertown.

Sons of Theopholus Williams:
Green Berry Williams, married Betsy Baker; Samuel Williams, married Exie Holiday; Alexander Williams, never married; Buryan Williams.

Daughters of Theopholus Williams:
Lavicie Williams, married William W. Tison; Mariny Williams, married Jenkins; Harriett Williams, married Gay; Jonathan Jackson Williams, the youngest son, married 1st, Holiday; 2nd, Mary Ford.

JONATHAN JACKSON WILLIAMS

Jonathan Jackson Williams was one of the first settlers of Pindertown, in the northwestern part of what is now Worth County. He was a most influential citizen throughout his life; was postmaster of Pindertown most of the time it was a post-office.
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He married first to Miss Ann Holiday, and they had one daughter, Miss Nina Cox, Superintendent of Schools of Turner County, is his granddaughter by this marriage. He was married the second time to Mary Ford, daughter of Gary Green Ford and Wife, Silvey E. (Tison) Ford.

He enlisted in the Confederate Army and was elected second Lieutenant, Co. B, 7th Regt., Ga. State Troops, Nov. 16, 1861. He was appointed 4th Corp., Co. F, 10th Regt. Ga. Militia, April, 1864, and was on detail Nov. 1, 1864, to the close of the war.

His home was a model of fine old southern hospitality, culture, and Christian refinement. He and his second wife had nine children, all of whom were gifted in music, possessing voices of unusual sweetness, Elzie a bass voice of fine volume; Ina had a beautiful soprano; Lizzie a fine alto; Preston a tenor of great sweetness. All of the children now living reside in or near Sylvester. Ora, the oldest daughter, married George W. Price. Ora died in 1934.

Mrs. Jackie (Williams) Gregory married Wm. H. Gregory. He is a splendid farmer living near Isabella. They have three children, Mamie, (Mrs. J. H. Dupriest of Shingler), Hewell of Atlanta, and Herman of Moultrie.

Parks Edward Williams, oldest son, is a Knight of the Grip and is a man of considerable means. He married Miss Pearl Parrish and they have three children, Parks, Mary Lou, and Pearl. Mrs. Williams was president of the P.-T. A. for several years and is a splendid leader in church work.

Elzie J. Williams died at St. Mary's, Ga., in 1920. He married Lizzie Mangham, daughter of J. O. Mangham, one of the pioneer teachers. She, with her four children, moved back to Sylvester after his death and was elected as teacher in McPhaul Institute where she is now engaged. (An article concerning Mrs. Williams and children will be found on another page.)

Ina, fourth daughter, married N. S. Blizzard. She was a most devout Christian and a lover of home and all things beautiful in life. She died in Sylvester Feb. 18, 1930.

Preston Ford Williams, youngest son and unmarried, of near Sylvester is a farmer and musician. He studied voice under a prominent teacher of Atlanta, and for several years has been widely known as a radio singer.
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Jonathan Williams moved from his home at Pindertown to Isabella where he died, and was buried at Old Mt. Horeb. After his death Mrs. Williams moved with her family to Sylvester and she and her son, W. Custer Williams, died in Sylvester.

Jonathan Jackson Williams was born Jan. 17, 1821; married second wife, Mary Ford, March 15th, 1866. He died Jan. 13th, 1896.

Mary (Ford) Williams, wife of J. Jackson Williams, was born Apr. 21st, 1849, and died Apr. 25th, 1920.

W. ALEX WILLIAMS

Mr. W. Alex Williams is one of the very few Confederate veterans living in Worth at this time—1934. On March 8, 1862, before he was sixteen years old, he enlisted at Isabella with the Worth Rebels under Dan Henderson. He served eight months and, because of illness and youth, received an honorable discharge. He returned to his home where he remained four months, re-enlisting in 1863 in a Cavalry company under Alex Lawson of Brooks County. This company was a part of Young’s Brigade in Wade Hampton’s Division of South Carolina. He surrendered with Joseph E. Johnston at Charlotte, N. C., April 26, 1865.

He returned to Worth and was married in 1867 to Nancy Tison, daughter of Mose Tison. He moved to the farm he now lives on and has lived there ever since. He says he wore out one house and is now living in his second one. He also says he “just toted” his things from his father’s home over to the place in which he now lives. This is a log house and is one of the land marks of the county. The depression does not bother this grand old soldier of many battles. He lives at home and has plenty. He is 89 years old and his mind is as clear as ever in life, it seems.

His parents were Green Berry Williams, born in Bulloch County, and wife, Betsy (Baker) Williams, of Lancaster District, S. C. They are buried near where Alex Williams lives. They lived in Randolph County, Ga., when Alex Williams was born July 12, 1845, but moved to Dooly, now Worth.

His children are: Lee Anna, married John Gay; Alice, Mattie, Mizetta, married Calvin Watson; Green B., married twice, first Eva Hearn, second Miss Dan Holly; R. Lafayette, married Rena Watson.
GEORGE WIMBLY PRICE

George Wimbly Price came to South Georgia when a young man and settled in Worth County, where, through hard work and good management, he amassed a comfortable fortune. For a number of years he was an extensive naval stores operator acquiring at the same time large farming interest in the western part of the county. He was President of the First National Bank of Sylvester for a number of years. Later leaving that institution he became president of the Farmers and Merchants Bank of Sylvester. He was a man of sound judgment and measured up to the highest standards of absolute integrity.

Perhaps Mr. Price’s greatest attribute was his kindly disposition and big heart. He was ever mindful of the needy, always contributing freely of his means to various calls of charity. He was, by right of heritage, of a philanthropic type. He had an aunt, Mrs. Eugenia Price Boag, who, after losing her only child, adopted and reared to adult age 13 children and gave them all the love and advantages of home and education.

George W. Price was a member of Wesley Chapel Methodist Church and of Worth Lodge, F. and A. M. He was a staunch Democrat.

In all walks of life he was loved and was looked upon as a friend by all who knew him from the colored tenants on his farms to the bank directors.

G. W. Price was the son of Clayton Price, a Confederate soldier, and wife, Martha (Cole) Price, of Little Rock, Arkansas. He was wounded in the war and died afterward from the effects of it. After the death of her husband, Martha (Cole) Price, together with her children, came to the home of her father, Lorenzo Dav Cole, who lived in Rome, Georgia. George W. Price, who was twelve years old at that time, grew to manhood in Rome. He was a direct descendant of the aristocratic families of Bealls from New York state and the Coles of Texas and North Carolina. He married three times, first to Texas O’Neal. By this marriage he had one daughter, Lula, who married Lovette Johnson. After her death he married Lena Rouse. She lived only a short time. He was married the third time to Ora Williams, the daughter of Jonathan Jackson Williams and wife, Mary (Ford) Williams. Their children are Thelma, married Roy M. Hillhouse, Miss Wilma Price
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and Ethel (Mrs. J. T. Harris). George W. Price was born March 12, 1860 at Little Rock, Arkansas. Died Jan. 15, 1931 at his home in Sylvester. Mrs. Ora (Williams) Price died June 2, 1934.

THOMAS SIMPSON

Thomas Simpson was born in 1799; married Laney Willey of Houston County.


R. B. HOBBY

R. B. Hobby was married to Catherine Culpepper December 26, 1875, by Rev. T. J. Adams. She was born February 23, 1854. Their children: Lillie, America, William N., Robert Lee. The last named has two children, Velma Lee, and Ralph Hobby.

He died November 22, 1920, and his son, Wm. N., died October 3, 1895. Medford died in 1896. Miss America Hobby, their daughter, has taught at Vickers School in Worth County for a long time, and is considered one of the best teachers in the county. His granddaughter, Miss Thelma Hobby, is one of Worth’s best teachers.

GREEN WHIDDON

Green Whiddon was married to Lucy A. Culpepper, youngest daughter of David C. Culpepper, on January 20, 1881. She being born August 11, 1860. Their children were Lula E. Whiddon, born November 17, 1881, William Elza, born Feb. 9, 1884, Anna Beulah, born Feb. 18, 1886, H. Eva, born March 19, 1888, and Green M., born August 18, 1895.

JOEL CULPEPPER

Joel Culpepper moved to Worth from Pulaski County, near Hawkinsville, having also lived in Wilkinson and Laurens Counties. He moved down the old “Thigpen Trail,”
sometimes called “Bleackshear road,” about 1800. He married Polly Butler, and their first child, a son, born in 1812, was James B. Culpepper, who married Gilann Collins. His other children were Ludy, who married John Mercer, Betsey, who first married Henry Collins, then Henry Collier, and her third husband was Henry Horn. Martha married Green Collier, Mickey married Tillman Kato, Susan married James Horn, David C. married Martha Ann Simpson, and Catherine married R. B. Hobby.

DAVID C. CULPEPPER

David C. Culpepper was born October 27, 1827, the youngest son of Joel and Polly Butler Culpepper. He moved with his parents to Dooly (now Worth) County in the forties, and married Martha Ann Simpson. Their children were: Joel J. Culpepper, who married Sallie Gay; Catherine, who married R. B. Hobby; Lucy A., who married Green Whiddon, and David F., who married Sarah Jeter. In 1854 he moved to Baker County, where he remained two years, then moved to Mitchell County and settled on Lo’s Creek. He joined the Confederate Army in Colquitt County in 1862, and was killed in the battle of Chancellorsville. After he left for the war his family moved back to Worth County.

Below is an excerpt from a speech of General McCashan published in the Moultrie Observer in which he tells of the death of David C. Culpepper.

A HERO’S DEATH

“General Peter McCashan, as brave a man as ever drew a sword, delivered the memorial address at Brunswick on the 26th of April. During his eloquent address he recited the following incident:

“At the battle of Salem Church, near Chancellorsville, May 3rd, 1863, when Major General McLawns with five thousand troops was detached to meet and check General Sedgewick, who, with twenty thousand men, had crossed the river at Fredericksburg, driving out the garrison and was coming up on Lee’s rear to co-operate with General Hooker in the Chancellorsville campaign, we met at Salem Church; forming a line of battle under heavy fire we sustained the full shock of Sedge-
wick’s line for over two hours of a square stand of infantry fighting until at last the enemy’s line broke and fled across the river into the darkness of the night. At the close of the terrible fight I found I had lost 187 men out of 324 of my regiment—nearly two-thirds of the command—over sixty per cent.

“As we were looking after the wounded and gathering up the dead, word came to me that one of the wounded, a private, a plain farmer named David Culpepper, of Colquitt County, wished to see me. I went back where he was lying on a litter. He was terribly wounded, a musket ball striking him (as he stood sideways to the enemy loading his gun) on the temple, traversed his face, tearing out both eyes, and he evidently had not long to live. Groping out blindly with his hands, he said, “Colonel, are you there? I replied, “Yes, David, I am sorry to see you in such a plight.” He said, “Colonel, I have always done my duty, haven’t I?” “Yes,” I said, “You have always and at all times done your duty as a good, faithful soldier.” “Oh, that’s all right, Colonel,” he said; “If you are spared to return home tell my people that old David Culpepper died doing his duty.”

“Aye, there are thousands of David Culpeppers, men who faced death without the tremor of a nerve. It is the memory of such men that is freshly embalmed on each memorial day. Marble shafts may not mark the humble mounds where these heroes sleep, but their memory is enshrined in the hearts of southern people.”

JOEL J. CULPEPPER

Joel J. Culpepper, son of David C. Culpepper and Martha A. (Simpson) Culpepper, was born in Dooly, later Worth County, June 13, 1851. He has lived most of his life more than 80 years in Worth County—near Doles—up until the death of his wife a few years ago. Since that time he has lived near Chula, in Tift County, with his daughter, Mrs. Tom Lewis.

Mr. Culpepper is a natural historian. He loves Worth County and has preserved its history since his earliest recollection. Many clippings of old newspapers and traditions of the pioneer settlers, treasured and preserved by him, have been of great help in the compilation of Worth’s history.

He is a man of great sentiment, and before it became necessary for him to discontinue house-keeping he had treasured and preserved the old loom and spinning wheel used by his
people during the Civil War, and refused to let them be destroyed. Recently he presented to the D. A. R. Chapter of Sylvester an old blaze which he had cut some years ago from the heart of a pine on the old Thigpen Trail, because, he said, this blaze led his grandfather into this country. It was through his

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inquiry of Judge Frank Park while in Congress that Judge Park found the facts pertaining to this old trail, resulting in a marker being placed on the highway near old Willingham by the Sylvester Chapter D. A. R.

He married Sallie Gay February 14, 1879. Their children are: Chesley, born July 20, 1881, married Annie Ferney; Beulah, married to Preston Houston; David C., married to Eula Verna; Lucy, married to Tom Lewis, four other children who died young.

DAVID F. CULPEPPER

David F. Culpepper, son of David C. Culpepper and Martha A. (Simpson) Culpepper, was born March 29, 1863. He married Sarah Jeter November 17, 1881. Their children were:
Ola, married to Will Rouse; Oras, married to Annie Louman; Murrie, married to John Aultman; Coralee, married to Bloomer Bass, and Lemmie, who died young.

MOREE FAMILY

Alfred Moree and his wife, Lany O’Neal, came from Twiggs County to Dooly, now Worth County about 1845.

Their sons were: Harrison Moree, married Lena Melton; A. J. Moree, married Mary Rouse; G. W. Moree, married Sara Marchant; Wm. Henry, married Georgia Hall.

Daughters were: Lizzie Moree, Eliza Moree, married Harrison Melton; Mary Moree, married Green Bateman; Martha Moree, married W. J. Gregory; Minda Moree, married first Whid Rouse, second Green Bateman; Ella Moree, married James I. Hall; Camilla Moree.

ERNEST COURTOY

Ernest Courtoy was born in London, England, March 15, 1826. He came to America from England on a sailship which took seven weeks to make the voyage, and landed in Charleston, S. C., in the fall of 1844.

He married Zilah Haman in 1847. From this union ten children were born, five boys and five girls as follows:

Sons
1. James Courtoy whose children are: David, Arthur, Willa Mae, Amy, Morrice.
2. David Courtoy whose children were: Rupert, Blanche, Edward.
5. Charles Courtoy whose children are: Vada, Edward, James, Lee, William, Ernest.

The Daughters
1. Louisa Courtoy who married Jack McDonald. Their children are: Frances, Jane, James, De Alvo, Addie Lee, Uvanda.
2. Elizabeth Courtoy who married Samuel Bowman. One child, Margaret.

Mr. Courtoy was one of the early educators of Worth County. He taught at Sardis, near Salem Church, in the Hancock Settlement, Sikes Still, Reynolds’ Settlement (Oakfield) and Little River.

He served four years during the Civil War, was never in active service but served as an assistant with the Medical Staff.

He was secretary of Worth Lodge, No. 194, F. and A. M. at McLellan’s Mill in 1880.

He became a naturalized citizen in October term of court in 1853. Took the oath of allegiance in Irwin, County.

He died March 5, 1893.

**JOHN DAWSON AULTMAN**

John Dawson Aultman was born about the year, 1775, in the Orangeburg District of South Carolina. His parents came to South Carolina from Virginia and were of English stock. In early manhood he was married; the maiden family name of his wife is unknown, however, her given name was “Caron.”

John Dawson Aultman married his wife, Caron, about the year 1796. They continued to live in South Carolina for many years after their marriage and a number of children were born to them. John Dawson was a farmer by occupation, but in those turbulent days a large part of his time was given to hunting, fighting and soldiering. He fought in many minor uprisings and conflicts in the vicinity of his home and he also fought in the War of 1812.

In 1821 Aultman, his wife and all of their children, left their home in South Carolina and migrated to Georgia, finally settling in the central part of the State in what is now Crawford County (Crawford County was created in 1824). He and his family were among the first white settlers in the community.
where they made their home in 1821. This home has never been owned by any other than an Aultman since.

The exact dates of the births of all the children born to John Dawson Aultman and Caron Aultman are unknown, but it is known that they had a large family of children, all born between the years 1797 and 1825, and that the majority of them were born in South Carolina. Among the children were William, Hiram, or Hile, Mittie, Polly, John, Russell, Solomon, Joshua and Emanuel.

Some of the children had reached maturity at the time of their removal to Georgia and these, together with the others as they attained maturity, married and settled within a radius of fifteen miles of their original Georgia home. They all became large land owners and practically all of them followed farming for their livelihood. They were substantial citizens and reared large families, however, they were content to pursue their regular occupations, and so far as is known only one of the sons of John Dawson Aultman ever held public office. Emanuel LaFayette Aultman, the youngest son, was for a number of years Tax Collector of Crawford County.

John Dawson Aultman died in Crawford County about the year, 1876, after attaining a ripe old age of 101 years. He is buried only a short distance from the old Aultman homestead in the Sixth District of Crawford County. He was one of the County’s pioneer settlers and he and his family contributed much toward the development of the section in which they made their home. His wife, Caron, died near the time of the death of her husband, at the age of 104 years. The descendants of this family are now scattered throughout the State of Georgia. Quite a few of the Aultmans still live in Crawford County and in the Counties adjoining Crawford.

**HIRAM AULTMAN**

Hiram (called Hile) Aultman, son of John Dawson and Caron Aultman, moved to what is now Worth County from Crawford County in 1840 with his family and settled in Western Worth. He was a farmer and reared his children to be agriculturists. The Aultman family are noted for their steady and faithful attention to business and belong to the class of farmers that raise an abundance of things that make good living at home through favorable and unfavorable conditions.
Hiram Aultman married first to Lydia Simmons and six children were born to them. Elizabeth, married Isaac Spring; Mary, married Levi Barfield; Cindy, married Jake Powell; William, married Ellen Bass; Moses, married Missouri Barfield; Lewis, married America O'Neal.

After the death of his first wife, Hiram Aultman married a second time, Claris Gillis, the daughter of John Gillis and wife, Mrs. Rosanna (Hamilton Calhoun) Gillis.

Their children are:
- Emanuel M., married first, Mary Turner; second, Mrs. Maude Moore Rogers;
- James Washington, married Orilla Spring;
- John A., married Sara Reynolds;
- Eliza, married Jasper Spring;
- Anna, married James Barfield.

Hiram Aultman enlisted in the Confederate Army in 1861 and is found on the Muster Roll of the 512th District of Georgia Militia of Worth County. He was killed in the battle of Ocean Pond near the border line of Florida and Georgia.

After his death his widow, Mrs. Claris (Gillis) Aultman married John Wingate and they had one son, William Daniel Wingate, a substantial farmer of Worth County today. John Wingate left home to go to Jacksonville, Fla. on business and has never been heard of since. The body of a man was found who had been drowned in a river and it was supposed to have been John Wingate.

EMANUEL M. AULTMAN

Emanuel (called Manny) M. Aultman, son of Hiram Aultman and wife Claris (Gillis) Aultman bought the old home place and lived there until his death a few years ago.

He married twice, Mary Turner, his first wife, was the mother of his children. He married Mrs. Maude (Moore) Rogers.

His children are: George, married first, Annie Shiver; second, Julia (Heath) Matthews; Emanuel (Mannie II), married EvaWhidden; Millie, married Rufus Bateman; Dave, married first, Gussie Wilder, second, Vera Rogers; Liza, married Till Moree.

JOHN A. AULTMAN

John A. Aultman married Sara Reynolds and they were blessed with nine children:
Anna Belle, married Oris Gill; William A., married Ola Davis; Jasper, married Mattie Moree; John, married Emma Shiver; Liza, married Ivan M. Shiver; Emanuel, married Thelma Ivey; Leonard, married a German lady in Germany after the World War; Ernest, married Dorothy Hallman; Thelma, married Lee Durin.

JAMES W. AULTMAN

James Washington Aultman, son of Hiram and Claris (Gillis) Aultman, is their only son living; married Orilla Spring. They were blessed with six daughters and two sons.

Daisy, married Johnnie James; Anna, married Ben Whitehead; Lawson, married Neppie James; Belle, married Will Aultman a distant cousin; Pearl, married Will Moree; Hattie, married Arthur Stevens; Estelle, married Sam James; James E., married Caroline Heathie.

Eliza Aultman married Jasper Spring. They have no children.

JAMES BARFIELD

Anna the youngest child of Hiram Aultman and wife Claris (Gillis) Aultman, married James Barfield. Their children are:

Clayton, married Annie McDonald; Jasper, married a Miss Kendal; Lula, married Will Barwick; Lavinxton, married Stella Spring; Dave, married Miss Barwick; Heywood, married Miss Kennedy; Lola, married Will Kemp; Anna Mae, married Bill Spring; Oris, married Belle Shiver; Otis, married Gladys Shiver.

MARTIN S. AULTMAN

Martin S. Aultman, is a descendant of John Dawson Aultman through his son, Solomon, and grandson, Wilkin Aultman, and wife, Susan (Johnson) Aultman, of Crawford County, Ga., the parents of Martin S. Aultman. Wilkin Aultman was born in Crawford County and died there at the age of 65 years. Susan Johnson was born in Alabama and moved to Georgia when about grown. She died in Crawford County at the age of 75 years.

Martin S. Aultman moved to Warwick, Worth County, in
1902. He is a progressive agriculturist, his alert mind, resolute will and native business ability has brought him success, and while winning a substantial place in the business world he has assisted in every movement for the development of the community and county, and the general welfare of both. For twenty years he served on the board of trustees of Warwick's High School. He was a member of the building committee of the beautiful and commodious brick school building of Warwick. In this year, 1934, he is mayor of that town. He served for ten or twelve years on the city council. He is a steward in the Methodist Church and is otherwise most useful in that religious body. He served on the Board of County Commissioners six years from 1924 to 1930.

Martin S. Aultman was born July 2nd, 1878. He married Beulah Schofill, the daughter of W. H. and Mary (Smith) Schofill, who was born in 1881. Their children are: Ina Mae, Marvis S. and Nellie Jewel.

Mrs. Aultman's father, W. H. Schofill, was born Sept. 16, 1853. He is now living in Crawford County at the ripe old age of 80 years. Her mother, Mary (Smith) Schofill, died at the age of 78 years.

GEORGE W. SPRING

George W. Spring, the first by that name to immigrate to Worth probably came from Emanuel County, as he married a Miss Marchant who was a sister of the wife of Gordon Sumner, Rachel Marchant. It is said that he moved to this county with the Sumners and Marchants. He was sheriff of Worth County from Feb., 1881, to Apr., 1882, when he resigned. They were the parents of five sons and two daughters: George, Jake, Jerry, John, William, Rachel who married Dan Gillis, and Feraby who died unmarried.

Jerry was the father of Jasper Spring, a prosperous farmer of Worth, Mrs. Seagrove and Ivan Spring.

JOHN GILLIS

John Gillis immigrated from Wilcox County to Worth, bringing his family, slaves and stock. He married a wealthy widow, Mrs. Rosanna Calhoun, who was a Hamilton before her first marriage. Her family, the Hamiltons, were among the
richest and most influential people of this section. They settled in what is now Crisp County.

Mrs. Gillis' children by her first husband were Washington, Stringer, Rosa, Jim, Ann (married a Mauldin) and Betsy. After the death of Mr. Calhoun she married John Gillis. Their children were Dan, who died in Sylvester, Norman, Nancy and Claris. Norman lost an arm while serving in the Confederate Army. He was a very popular school teacher and greatly admired by the people of this county. He was never married. Nancy, who was said to be one of the most beautiful women of Worth County, married Henry Houston. Claris, the youngest, married Hiram Aultman.

THE JETER FAMILY

The first of the Jeters to come to Worth was “Buck” Jeter. He came from England to this country and settled west of where the Jeter filling station is now, on the road to Cordele. He was a big slave owner, he had several sons, Joseph and Jerry.

Jerry Jeter was born February 19, 1841. He was killed in the Confederate Army May 22, 1864. He married Mary Elizabeth Britt November 13, 1859. She was born September 27, 1832. They had two children, Bill Jeter and Ella Jeter.

After the death of Jerry Jeter, his wife, Mary Elizabeth (Britt) Jeter, married Reverend J. S. Fillyaw May 10, 1866. He was born February 21, 1844 and died in March, 1926.

THE RIDLEY FAMILY

The Ridleys of Worth County are descended from an ancient and distinguished family of Southampton, England. A history of the family now in possession of the descendants of the late Dr. J. N. Ridley, of Warwick, Ga., gives the lineage of the family as far back as Bishop Nicholas Ridley, one of the martyrs of England, and thence back to the days of Cromwell, when Ridley Hall, the old manor estate of the family, was lost to the main line of descent by falling into possession of a female heir, Margaret Ridley, who married Richard Egerton. The manor continued in the Egerton family until it was burned in 1700.

The name Ridley has undergone several changes. Originally
it was spelled Ryedale. The ears of rye and sheaves of grain found on the coat of arms of the Normandy family is proof of this origin. The name meant rye field. The Scottish families spelled the name Riddell, Riddel and Riddle. Later the name was changed to Ridleigh, or Ridley.

Some look to their ancient coat of arms to prove their claim that the name was derived from a place in Cheshire owned by the ancestors of the family, where reeds grew. The shield in the coat of arms represented a field, and this had an ox passing through reeds. The name signified Reedfield. Another writer gives the name and its derivation thus: "To clear away or make clean." "leigh or ley" field meaning "clean land."

Three brothers, supposed to have been the sons of Christopher Ridley, of Batterson, England, Robert, Nathaniel, and William, came to America in 1635 on the ship "Dorset," Captain Flowers, Master, and settled in Southampton County, Virginia. Robert Ridley emmigrated to Georgia and settled in Wilkinson County. He married Nancy McKay, daughter of William and Rebecca McKay, who went from Virginia to Georgia at the same time. Seven children were born to this union: Jonathan, born in 1805; Milley, born in 1806; William, born in 1808; Sarah, born in 1810; Everett, born Feb. 8, 1813; David, born July 17, 1814, and Robert, born March 31, 1817.

ROBERT RIDLEY

The following records copied from the Ridley Book, are now in possession of Miss Alice Tipton, Sylvester, Ga.

Ridleys of Wilkinson County, Virginia Branch

Robert Ridley I, descended from an ancient family in Southampton County, Va., was born about 1780, and his parents having died when he was a small boy, he emmigrated to Georgia in company with other families from Virginia and settled in Wilkinson County. The old members of the family in Virginia were aware that some kinsmen emmigrated to Georgia, but not having returned to his native state, lost intercourse with him. His parents' names are not certainly known. He married Nancy, daughter of William and Rebecca McKay, who went from Virginia to Georgia at the same time, and had seven children.

NOTE:—Miss Alice Tipton, Sylvester, Ga., would like to know names of parents of this Robert Ridley.
SECOND GENERATION

Children of Robert Ridley I

Jonathan Ridley II, eldest son of Robert Ridley, born in Wilkinson County in 1805, married, moved to Florida. Died in 1863, leaving a widow and several children.

Milley Ridley, eldest daughter of Robert I, born in 1806.


Sarah Ridley, second daughter of Robert I, born 1810, was married.

Deacon Everett Ridley, third son of Robert I, born Feb. 8, 1813, was a great Christian; occupation farming; had issue of eight children. (See Ridley Book)

Deacon David Ridley, fourth son of Robert, born in Wilkinson County, July 17, 1814, married Aug. 10, 1837, to Dillie Stinson; moved to Worth County in 1852; was in comfortable circumstances; Civil War reduced him financially. His children were favored with educational advantages. His wife died Feb. 24, 1853. He married the second time to Elizabeth Piety Cox, of Worth County.

The Ridley residence stood near old Mount Horeb Church, and is beautifully located. He had issue of fourteen children.

Robert Ridley II, youngest son of Robert I, was born March 31, 1817, married Mary Jane Manning, emigrated to Alabama and settled near Shackelville, Butler County. Had issue of eight children. (See Ridley Book)

THIRD GENERATION

Children of Deacon David Ridley

Mary Jane Ridley, eldest daughter of David, born in Thomas County, July 2, 1838. Never married.

Zilphia Delaney Ridley, second daughter of David, was born in Thomas County, Feb. 5, 1840. Never married.

Martha Jane Ridley, third daughter of David, was born in Thomas County, October 30, 1842, married to William Spillers. Had four children.

Jonathan Ridley, eldest son of David, was born in Thomas County, May 4, 1844, enlisted in Company G of the “Yancy
Independents,” the first company to be organized in Worth County, in the spring of 1861, under command of Capt. W. A. Harris. Jonathan died of measles in Virginia in the autumn of 1862. This company became a part of 14th Ga. Reg.

Jesse Ashley, second son of David, born in Thomas County, Oct. 21, 1845, died Nov. 23, 1856.

Sarah Frances Ridley, fourth daughter of David, was born in Thomas County, Nov. 4, 1847, married Charles G. Tipton.

Dr. James Nicholas Ridley, third son of David, was born in Thomas County Nov. 10th, 1849. Dr. Ridley resided a Warwick.

John Shelby Ridley, eldest son of David by his second wife, was born in Worth County, Sept. 12, 1854, died Oct. 1, 1855.

Iverson L. Ridley, fifth son of David, was born in Worth County, Dec. 25, 1858.

Nancy Elizabeth Ridley, fifth daughter of David, was born in Worth County, March 2, 1861.

Jackson Mathias Ridley, sixth son of David, was born in Worth County, March 5, 1863.

Robert Lee Ridley, seventh son of David, was born in Worth County, July 11, 1965.

Theophilus David Ridley, eighth son of David, was born in Worth County, Feb. 17, 1867.

Amanda Beatrice Ridley, sixth daughter of David, was born in Worth County, May 6, 1870.

TIPTON FAMILY

The Tiptons belong to an old English family. Tradition is to the effect that four brothers left the port of Southampton for America. Three of them settled in Baltimore, and the fourth located in Boston.

The Worth County branch of the family is thought to be descended from one of the brothers in Baltimore, who moved from there to Virginia; settling in Southampton County. In the early colonial period, prior to the Revolutionary War, a branch of this Virginia family migrated to Georgia and settled in what is now known as Wilkinson County. The Tiptons were among the suffering patriots of Georgia at that period. From that day down, they have been contributing useful citizens to this State.

The Wilkinson County records show that there were four
members of the family residing in Wilkinson County in the early "forties". The following marriage records appear:


JOHN TIPTON, THE GRANDFATHER OF THE WORTH COUNTY BRANCH

John Tipton was born September —, 1819. He was one of the earliest settlers of Southwest Georgia. In the early "fifties" he left Wilkinson County, presumably to go to South Florida, where his brother, Charles Greenberry Tipton, had preceded him. While passing through Worth County, he became ill with pneumonia, and died after a few days, on July 27, 1856, at Vines Mill, near which place he was buried. His wife, being unable to pursue, alone, the journey further, with her five small children, settled in Worth County. The children were Thomas, Susan, Missouri, Charles Greenberry and Sarah. Mrs. John Tipton, formerly Julia Ann Napier, was descended from an old colonial family of Scottish stock. Her father and mother were Mr. and Mrs. John Napier, of Dooly County, Georgia. John Napier and his two brothers, Plummer and Mourning Napier, whose descendants live in Crisp County, were supposedly descended from the original Georgia settler, Rene Napier, the ancestor of Georgia's recently lamented Attorney General, Colonel George Napier.

("Kitty") Catherine Napier, wife of John Napier, was a woman of remarkable vitality, possessing the true spirit of a pioneer and patriot. She lived to be one hundred years of age.

The Tipton Sisters, Susan, Missouri and Sarah

Susan Tipton married Mr. William Seals, who died in Worth County. To them was born one son, William, Jr. A few years after Mr. Seals' death, Mrs. Seals married Mr. Reuben Jones. To them were born two children, George and Jim.

Missouri Tipton was twice married. First, to a Mr. Greene. To them was born one child, Jennie Belle Greene, who mar-
ried Mr. John Aultman. To Mr. and Mrs. Aultman were born four children, Nellie Bly, Ernest, Blonnie and Oris.

Mrs. Greene married secondly Mr. J. M. Watson. To them were born four sons, Earl M., Addie H., Edward, and Tom.

Sarah Tipton married Mr. T. D. Smith. They have one son, Elzie Smith. Mr. and Mrs. Smith reside in Tifton, Georgia, Tift County.

Mr. T. D. Smith is engaged in truck farming and the propagation of fine pecans. He owns one of the finest small pecan groves in South Georgia.

Mr. Elzie Smith operates a candy kitchen in Tifton, and has worked up an extensive business.

CHAS. GREENBERRY TIPTON

CHARLES G. TIPTON

Charles G. Tipton, although he did not serve as a soldier during the War Between the States, will, nevertheless, be remembered by this, and future generations, as an outstanding hero. When he was about sixteen years of age, and before the
outbreak of the war, he suffered an injury to his knee which disabled him for service and forced him to use crutches the remainder of his life. Thus handicapped, as well as being frail in body, he faced the trials of Reconstruction days with unusual courage—depending upon his own strength and divine guidance for the daily needs of his family and himself. By his industry and foresight he became an inspiration to all who knew him and was also able to avoid some of the hardships which followed the Civil War.

He was a member of the Baptist Church and was unwavering in his devotion to the cause of religion, it being said that he never missed a service.

**CHARLES GREENBERRY TIPTON AND FAMILY**

Charles Greenberry Tipton, second son of John Tipton, was born in Wilkinson County, Georgia, January 5, 1846. His early boyhood days were spent doing farm labor on a plantation in Worth County, near Vines' Mill which, at the time, was the most populous and prosperous section of Worth County.

When fourteen years of age, he happened to the misfortune of getting his right leg injured while rolling logs, which resulted in his becoming a cripple for life.

There were no schools near his home and his lameness prevented his walking the many miles to the only school within reach. Therefore, his educational advantages were limited. These handicaps, though discouraging, did not destroy his ambition to acquire an education and through the encouraging influence and tutorship of Miss Minnie Jones, a teacher in the common schools of the county, who made weekly visits to his home for the purpose of bringing him books and outlining a course of study for the week following, he succeeded in acquiring an English education which enabled him to become a teacher.

While teaching in Worth County near Vines' Mill and boarding at the home of David Ridley, he married Miss Sarah Frances Ridley, daughter of David Ridley, on December 28th, 1871. She was a girl of noble Christian character and unusual...
personal charm. This union was blessed with seven children: James Harrison, Alice Delaney, John Leonard, Della Frances, Walter Charles, Benjamin Wallace, and William Thomas (the latter dying in infancy).

In 1870 he was elected Clerk of the Superior Court, which office he held for fourteen years.

In 1884 he moved with his family from Isabella to Sumner where he engaged in farming and merchandising. He and his wife were held in high esteem by all who knew them for their piety, honesty and integrity, their strong convictions, remarkable energy and courage.

Early in life they became members of Mount Horeb Baptist Church, later carrying their membership to Isabella and then to Sumner. Their children also became members of the Baptist church early in life. In 1905 the family moved to Sylvester where they have since been active in all civic and religious movements in that city and community.

His useful and unselfish life came to an end on July 27, 1921, his good wife following him on August 17, 1925. Both reached a ripe old age and were laid to rest in the Sylvester cemetery.

“(Truly their children rise up to call them blessed)” James Harrison Tipton, eldest son of Charles G. and Sarah (Ridley) Tipton, (See Division of Lawyers).

Alice Delaney Tipton, eldest daughter of Charles G., and Sarah (Ridley) Tipton.

John L. Tipton, second son of Charles G., and Sarah (Ridley) Tipton.

Della Frances Tipton, second daughter of Charles G., and Sarah (Ridley) Tipton.

Walter Charles Tipton, third son of Charles G., and Sarah (Ridley) Tipton. (See Division of Worth County Physicians and Surgeons).

Benjamin Wallace Tipton, youngest son of Charles G., and Sarah (Ridley) Tipton. (See Division of Lawyers).

William Thomas Tipton (deceased).

JOHN LEONARD TIPTON

John Leonard Tipton, second son of Charles G. and Sarah (Ridley) Tipton, was born at Isabella, Georgia, on August 16, 1877. He attended the public schools of Isabella, Sumner and
Sylvester and taught in the rural schools of the county for two or three years. For about one year he was Associate Editor and Publisher, with his Cousin, R. L. Tipton, of the Worth County News—official organ of Worth County, and The Sylvester Chronicle. He sold his interest in the newspaper business to W. A. Allen, Editor of the Worth County Local, and was for a short time associated with Mr. Allen until he entered Georgia-Alabama Business College, Macon, Ga. in 1903, taking a double course in bookkeeping and shorthand.

After completing his commercial course he went to Florida as an accountant in connection with the Naval stores business in the employ of the late D. C. Stricklin, where he remained for about four years, returning to Sylvester in 1907 and continuing his work as bookkeeper and stenographer until 1917, when he was appointed Deputy Clerk of the Superior Court, serving in this capacity under J. W. Warren, Clerk for eight years. He was elected Clerk of the Superior Court in 1923 and continued in this office until 1928.

He has at all times identified himself prominently with everything pertaining to the religious civic and social welfare of his community, being a Mason, a member of the Odd Fellows, Elks, Woodmen of the World, Columbian Woodmen and a charter member of the Kiwanis Club of Sylvester, serving as its Secretary for several years.

He is a member of the First Baptist Church of Sylvester and served many years as its Clerk.

He married Miss Eula L. Cochran, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Cochran, of Sylvester, Ga., and to them was born one child, Myrtle (Mrs. J. L. Johnston). Mrs. Tipton is a woman full of good works, thrifty, industrious and looks well to the interest of her household. She is admired for her fidelity to her family and friends, and for her many Christian virtues.

DELLA FRANCES TIPTON

Della Frances Tipton, youngest daughter of Charles G., and Sarah (Ridley) Tipton, was born in Isabella, Georgia, December 1st, 1879. She received her education in the elementary and grammar schools of Isabella, Sumner and Sylvester. After graduating from the Sylvester High School, she attended a private business school in Savannah, Ga.

She has faithfully and efficiently filled positions in lawyers'
offices, railroad offices, and is now employed by Hofmayer Dry Goods Company, Albany, Ga., where she has been for the past fifteen years doing stenographic and clerical work in the various departments of this large establishment.

She is an active member of the First Baptist Church of Sylvester, and, during her several years residence in Albany, has been an active worker in the Business Woman’s Missionary Circle of the First Baptist Church, and is affiliated with Crepe Myrtle Chapter No. 163, Order of the Eastern Star, of Albany.

Her efficiency as a business woman, her fidelity to her family, her generous and unselfish contributions to their educational advancement and general welfare, her modesty, and many Christian virtues, give her an outstanding position of merit in her family and among her friends.

SAM RIDLEY TIPTON

Sam Ridley Tipton, second son of Col. and Mrs. J. H. Tipton, graduated from McPhaul Institute in 1924. He then entered Mercer University from which he received his A.B. Degree in 1928. He entered Duke University, Durham, North Carolina, under a fellowship as a student of science and assistant to the Professor of Zoology. He received his Ph.D. degree from this University in 1933.

In this year 1934 he is instructor of Physiology in Rochester Medical College, Rochester, N. Y.

JAMES HARRISON TIPTON, JR.

James Harrison Tipton, fourth son of Col. J. H. Tipton and wife, Rosalee (Mangham) Tipton graduated from McPhaul Institute in 1926; attended Georgia State College for men at Tifton, Ga., in 1927-1928. He graduated from Georgia School of Technology, Atlanta, Ga., in 1930. He held a position in 1932 with the Alumni Association of Georgia Tech. He holds the position of Assistant Treasurer of Georgia Tech in this year 1934.

THOMAS TIPTON AND FAMILY

Thomas Tipton, the eldest son of John Tipton, was born December 17, 1843, in Wilkinson County, Georgia. At the age of 16, he entered the service of his country as a private in the
Civil War, long before he would have been drafted into the army. He continued in the service for four years—until the close of the war—immediately after which, he settled in Worth County, where, by hard work, strict economy and good business judgment, he rose from the ranks of a poor country lad to quite a successful planter and merchant. In the year of 1822, he married Miss Leonora Joiner, a beautiful, young girl of seventeen; he, at that time being 21 years of age. To them were born ten children, as follows: Charles, Jennie, Robert, Nellie, Trellie, Lula, Octavia, Thomas, Jr., Wray, and Harry.

Charles, the eldest son of Thomas and Leonora, was a merchant in Sylvester. He married Miss Fannie McDowell, daughter of Judge J. J. McDowell. He died at Sylvester, November 6, 1895.

Jennie, eldest daughter, resides in Albany, Georgia, with her sister, Octavia, and devotes her time largely to books and flowers. She is a lover of the Garden Club and is especially gifted in the culture of roses.

Nellie, daughter, taught school in Worth County for several years. She married Mr. J. G. Dupree, a merchant. To them were born two children, Mildred, who is at present employed as stenographer in Atlanta. She graduated from McPhaul Institute in 1924, and later took a business course; Sterling, who is now a student at Auburn College, Auburn, Ala., is winning distinction as a football star. Mrs. Dupree is a faithful member of the Sylvester Methodist Church, and is active in civic affairs.

Trellie, twin sister of Nellie, also taught school in Worth County, and later married Mr. John Wooten, of Dougherty County, Georgia. To them was born one son, Julian D. Wooten, who is now, 1933, a young lawyer in Albany, Ga. Mrs. Wooten, being early bereft of her husband, devoted herself in a very creditable way to the education of her child, who graduated from Emory, Atlanta, and later from the State University Law School at Athens, Ga., with signal honors. She showed remarkable business ability in managing and increasing the estate left her by her late husband.

Robert, second son, is a lawyer in Ashburn, Turner County, Ga. He has held the position as Judge of the City Court of Ashburn for a number of years. He is a member of the Methodist Church and active in the political, civic, and religious affairs of his community. He married Miss Charlie Ault, of McRae,
Ga. They have two children, Beverly, deceased, and Gerald, who graduated from Ashburn High School in 1931.

Lula, fourth daughter, after teaching school for a short while, together with her sister, Octavia, took a business course in Macon, Ga., and was, at the time of her marriage to Mr. E. J. Cottle, of Ty Ty, Secretary to Mr. M. E. O'Neal, Solicitor General at Bainbridge, Ga. After resigning her position, and while a bride, she died May 28, 1910.

Octavia, youngest daughter, was married while quite young to E. T. Kitchen, Jr., of Albany, Ga. For a time she was secretary to the law firm of Pottle & Hofmayer, at Albany, Ga. She was admitted to practice law in 1931 and is a member of the Albany Bar. She, however, retains her position as secretary and is now with the law firm of Pottle, Farkas & Cobb. She is a member of the State Bar Association, the Methodist Church, and is, as was her mother, affiliated with the Order of Eastern Stars.

Thomas, Jr., third son, married Miss Montine Carter, of Meigs, Ga., and is engaged in farming and the insurance business. He was at one time Mayor of Meigs, and takes an active interest in civic and religious affairs of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Tipton have three children, Therean, a son, and two daughters, Celeste and Letrona.

Wray Tipton, after attending public school at Isabella, studied law in Macon, Georgia, where he has since made his home. He has achieved success in his chosen profession—the practice of law. He married Miss Lillian Anderson, of Macon.

Harry, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Tipton, after finishing school at Sylvester, became a traveling salesman, selling men's clothing—which he has since pursued and is still engaged in this line of endeavor. He married Mrs. Maude (Bower) Carter, and they reside at Meigs, Georgia. Harry is a Mason and a Shriner, he having, quite young in life, received his 32nd Degree as a Scottish Rite Mason.

GEORGE TRULUCK RECORDS

Bible 105 Years Old

The following records are an exact copy of those found in the Bible of George Truluck, one of the Pioneer settlers of this county. This Bible is in the possession of Mrs. Mary Jane Gwines who lives on the Gwines Homestead about six miles
South of Sylvester. The Gwines Home is one of the oldest settlements near here. It was bought by Mr. Gwines from the one who drew the land grant and has always been in possession of this family. The name first appears on the records spelled Gwynes. The family now spell it Gwines. These records are of the splendid pioneer settlers whose descendents now make a large part of Worth's most worthy and best citizens.

**Births**

George Truluck, son of John Truluck and Elizabeth, his wife, was born July 11th, 1804.
Sarah Elizabeth Truluck, daughter of George Truluck and Mary his wife, was born May 24th, 1828.
Virginia Judah Ann Ackey Truluck, daughter of George and Mary Truluck was born Jan. 23rd, 1830.
Rebecca Truluck, daughter of George and Mary Truluck, was born Jan. 6th, 1832.
Caroline Truluck, daughter of George and Mary Truluck was born Feb. 11th, 1834.
Martha Jane Haregrove, daughter of George and Mary Truluck was born Sept. 29th, 1836.
Mary Ann Lamkin, daughter of George and Mary Truluck was born Nov. 4th, 1838.
Elizerann Matilda, daughter of George and Mary Truluck, was born July 12th, 1841.
George Washington, son of George and Mary Truluck, was born Jan. 31st, 1844.
George Washington Suber, son of George Thomas Suber and his wife, Sarah Ann Elizabeth, was born Apr. 11th, 1849.
James Madison Gwynes, son of James L. Gwynes and Rebecca, his wife, was born June 25th, 1849.
Felin Glen Suber, son of George Thomas Suber and Sarah Ann Elizabeth, his wife, was born June 28th, 1850.
Mary Eugenie Suber, daughter of George Thomas Suber and Sarah Ann Elizabeth, his wife, was born Sept. 12th, 1852.
Sarah Elizabeth Emily Suber, daughter of George Thomas Suber and Sarah Ann Elizabeth, his wife, was born March 1st, 1854.
James Franklin Suber, son of George Thomas Suber and Sarah Ann Elizabeth his wife, was born Sept. 3rd, 1856.
Margaret Ann Hancock, daughter of James T. Hancock and Judahan, his wife, was born Feb. 2nd, 1851.

Elizer Elizabeth Hancock, daughter of James T. Hancock and Judahan, his wife, was born Feb. 2nd, 1855.

James Shadrack Hancock, son of James T. Hancock and Jadahan, his wife, was born Feb. 2nd, 1855.

Jeremiah Hancock, son of James T. Hancock and Judahan, his wife, was born Dec. 16th, 1860.

William Thomas Gwynes, son of James L. Gwynes and Rebeccah, his wife, was born May 14th, 1851.

Mary Jane Thornhill was born Oct. 8, 1856, wife of William Thomas Gwynes (or Gwynes).

Danniel Land, son of James R. Land and Martha Jane, his wife, was born Jan. 30th, 1855.

Mary Land, daughter of James R. Land, and Martha Jane, his wife, was born Nov. 28th, 1856.

George White and Sarah Ellen Land, children of James R. Land and second wife, Mrs. Rebecca Truluck Gwynes, his wife, was born Nov. 17th, 1858.

Joseph Peter Land, son of James R. Land and wife, Mrs. Rebecca Truluck Gwynes was born Feb. 3rd, 1861.

Jermiah Washington Griner, son of Samuel Griner and his wife, Maryan Lamkin Truluck, was born May 15th, 1865.

Matildan Virginia Griner, daughter of Samuel Griner and his wife, Maryan Lamkin, was born Oct. 21st, 1867.

Nancy Ellen Griner, daughter of Samuel Griner and his wife, Maryan Lamkin, born June 6th, 1870.

Hiram Thomas Griner, son of Samuel Griner and wife, Maryan Lamkin, was born Oct. 8th, 1872.

Mary Ann Rebecca Gwynes, daughter of Wm. T. and Mary Jane Gwynes, born Nov. 2nd, 1878.

Caty Eliza, daughter of Wm. T., and Mary Jane Gwynes, born Dec. 15th, 1880.

Wm. Elza, son of Wm. T., and Mary Jane Gwynes, was born Feb. 26th, 1882.

Cyrus Edwin, son of Wm. T. and Mary Jane Gwynes, born Aug. 27th, 1886.

Eula Francis daughter of Wm. T. and Mary Jane Gwynes, born Aug 27th, 1886.

Salena Alice, daughter of Wm. T. and Mary Jane Gwynes, born Feb. 29, 1888.
Leila Belle Gwines, daughter of Wm. T. and Mary Jane Gwines born May 15th, 1891.
George C. Gwines, son of Wm. T. and Mary Jane Gwines, born Sept. 21st, 1893.
Lula E. Gwines, daughter of Wm. T. and Mary Jane Gwines, born Apr. 15, 1895.
Josephus A., son of Wm. T. and Mary Jane Gwines born Aug. 15th, 1897.

Marriages

George Truluck and Mary his wife, were married July 26th, 1827.
James L. Gwynes and Rebecca Truluck were married May 21st, 1848.
George Thomas Suber and Sarahan Elizabeth Truluck were married May 31st, 1848.
James T. Hancock and Virginia Judahan Axey Truluck were married Apr. 11th, 1850.
James R. Land and Martha Jane Truluck were married Sept. 29th, 1853.
James R. Land and Mrs. Rebecca Truluck Gwynes were married Feb. 4th, 1858.
Samuel Griner and Mary Lamkin Truluck were married Oct. 21st, 1863.
William Thomas Gwynes and Mary Jane Thornhill were married Jan. 2nd, 1878.

Deaths

Caroline Truluck, daughter of George Truluck and his wife, Mary, dyed Sept. 3rd, 1835.
George Washington Suber, son of George T. Suber and Sarahan E., his wife, dyde May 13th, 1849.
James L. Gwynes, dyde Apr. 27th, 1853.
Martha Jane Land, dyde Sept. 6th, 1856.
Daniel Land dyde Nov. 1st, 1856.
Mary Land dyde Sept. 18th, 1858.
George Washington Truluck, dyde Feb. 28th, 1862.
James M. Gwynes died Aug. 9th, 1872.
Mary Eugenie Suber dyde Jan. 29th, 1854.
William Thomas Gwines, died 1927.
ROBERT ROYAL JENKINS

Robert Royal Jenkins, the father of Charles Jones Jenkins, moved to Worth County from Sumter County Georgia before the War Between the States. He volunteered in 1861 from the 1124 Militia District of Worth County for service in the Confederate Army. He was mustered in as Second Lieutenant under Capt. Thomas H. Kendal. He was elected and recalled to serve the county as sheriff, which office he held from 1862 to 1866. His commission from Georgia’s War Governor, Hon. Joseph E. Brown is given below. He represented the county in the Georgia Legislature in 1871-1872. Also below is given family records from the Bibles of Royal Jenkins, Robert Royal Jenkins and Charles Jones Jenkins.

STATE OF GEORGIA.

By his Excellency, Joseph E. Brown, Governor, and Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy of this State, and of the Militia Thereof:

To R. R. Jenkins, Esquire, GREETING:

By virtue of the power and authority in me vested by the Constitution and Laws of this State, and in pursuance of your election, I do hereby commission you, the said R. R. Jenkins, Sheriff of the county of Worth. You are therefore, hereby authorized and required to do and perform all and singular the duties incumbent on you as sheriff of the county aforesaid, according to law, and the trust reposed in you. This commission to continue in force for and during the term pointed out by the Constitution, and Laws of the State aforesaid, or until removed by conviction, on indictment in the Superior Court, for malpractice in office, or for any felonious or infamous crime, or by the Governor on the address of two-thirds of the Justices of the Inferior Court.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the Executive Department at the Capitol, in the city of Milledgeville, the 26th day of January, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two.

By the Governor, Joseph E. Brown.

I. B. Campbell, Secretary Executive Department.
FAMILY RECORDS COPIED FROM THE BIBLE OF ROYAL AND SARAH (DUNCAN) JENKINS

Births
Royal Jenkins, born, February 22, 1787.
Sarah Duncan, born November 17, 1790.
Naaman Jenkins, born October 23, 1813.
Pulchera Jenkins, born October 27, 1819.
Marion A. Jenkins, born July 2, 1820.
Clarisa Jenkins, born September 15, 1824.
Royal R. Jenkins, born August 23, 1827.
Russel F. Jenkins, born May 23, 1830.
All the above children were baptized in their infancy.
Sarah Demarius Jenkins, born May 13, 1832.
Mary Jane Jenkins, born October 3, 1845.
James Royal Jenkins, born April 3, 1847.
William Russell Jenkins, born July 25, 1848.

Marriages
Royal Jenkins and Sarah Duncan were married at her mother's house by A. Foster, Esqr. on the 27th of March, 1812.
Pulchera Jenkins, daughter of Royal Jenkins and Sarah, his wife, was married to E. G. Brown, October 27, 1836.
Clarissa Jenkins, daughter of Royal Jenkins and Sarah, his wife, was married to Robert Jasper Hogge, October 12, 1843.
Royal Roberts Jenkins, son of Royal Jenkins and Sarah, his wife, was married to Mary Ann Martha Daniel at her father's house, by John Underwood, Esqr. the 21st of January, 1847.

Deaths
James Royal Jenkins departed this life Sept. 7, 1847.
Russell F. Jenkins departed this life March 30, 1853.
F. M. Young departed this life April 1, 1853.
Sarah Jenkins and Olivia Thompson departed this life April 9, 1853.
James L. Brown departed this life April 15, 1853.
Alexander Daniel Jenkins departed this life April 27, 1853.
The above five were poisoned by a slave.
Sarah Sousannah Jenkins departed this life July 6, 1853.
Benjamin Roberts Jenkins departed this life July 22, 1853.
Royal Cyrus Jenkins departed this life October 9, 1866.
Mary Ann Martha Jenkins departed this life June 15, 1896.

**BIBLE RECORDS OF R. R. JENKINS FAMILY**

Children of Royal Roberts Jenkins:
William Cyrus Young Jenkins, born July 4, 1850.
Sarah Sousannah Jenkins, born June 18, 1848.
Royal Cyrus Jenkins, born October 27, 1849.
Alexander Daniel Jenkins, born March 27, 1851.
Benjamin Roberts Jenkins, born December 22, 1852.
Marion Jenkins, born —— 26, 1854.
Charles J. Jenkins, born —— 14, 1856.
James Lawrence Jenkins, born January 8, 1859.
Jefferson Davis Jenkins, born July 22, 1861.
Mary Ann Martha Daniel Jenkins, wife of R. R. Jenkins, born November 8, 1830.

**CHARLES JONES JENKINS**

Charles Jones Jenkins and wife, Laura Celestial (Bowls) Jenkins, lived on their plantation near Bridgeboro for many years and by successful management, diligence and thrift on the part of them both, for they were both equally capable in their respective work, they made a home noted for plenty with all the comforts that a prosperous farm can bring. They were both strong characters and were loyal in their support of every movement that was for the betterment of their country and their church. They reared their children in the sturdy discipline of the farm, directed their energies, taught them industry, which makes self-reliant citizens. Their children, with their families live in Worth County. Two sons were drafted for the World War, Cyrus Clinton and Paul. Cyrus is listed with the Gold Star boys. Paul returned.

Herbert W. Jenkins has been connected with the International Harvester Corporation for many years, a fine young business man of integrity, tenacity of purpose and business acumen. He and his family are residents of Sylvester.

Mrs. Berta Lee (Jenkins) Ford, wife of Dr. W. G. Ford, like her mother, is a fine business woman. She owns and operates the only business of its kind in the county, a large hatchery which she has operated for many years in Sylvester.
Paul, a progressive young farmer has built a new home and lives on his fathers old home place. Mrs. Jewel (Jenkins) Shanklin lives on her farm near Bridgeboro, which she looks after personally since the death of her husband.

Wallace lives near the old home place. He is an agriculturist of modern type and makes it a paying industry.

**BIBLE RECORDS OF CHARLES J. JENKINS FAMILY**

Charles J. Jenkins, son of Royal Roberts Jenkins, was born May 14, 1855, died Jan. 17, 1929; was married October 15, 1885, to Laura C. Bowles, (born Aug. 25, 1863, died April 22, 1929) at the home of W. S. Bowls, by Rev. W. E. Shepherd.

The children of this union were:

- Cyrus Clinton, born Nov. 18, 1890, died Nov. 12, 1918.
- Charlie Early, born Dec. 30, 1891, died Feb. 12, 1925.
- Wallace Bacon, born Feb. 8, 1901, married Feb. 10, 1928.
- Cyrus Clinton Jenkins, son of Charles J. Jenkins, enlisted as a soldier in the World War at Sylvester, Ga., on October 24, 1918. He died of influenza and pneumonia at Fort Screven, Savannah, Ga., November 12, 1918.

**DANIEL REYNOLDS**

Daniel Reynolds moved to Georgia from North Carolina at the age of 14 years. In after years he married Bethany Olso-brooks. They had six children: James, Roxie, Mary, Sofie, George, and William Jasper.

**WILLIAM JASPER REYNOLDS**

Wm. J. Reynolds married Mary Elizabeth Hudson and lived near Oakfield, Worth County for about 18 years. He then moved near Sylvester so that his children might have school advantages. He owned and operated a nice farm between Isabella and Sylvester and still kept and operated his farm in the 15th Dist. of the County. To them were born 8 children, six
lived to adult age. Jerome, Erastus, Dr. Claude, Pearle, Ormus, Grady.
Two of them, Grady and Dr. Claude Reynolds, were soldiers in the World War.
Mary Elizabeth Reynolds died July 8, 1923.

H. JEROME REYNOLDS

Jerome Reynolds, son of Wm. Jasper and Mary Elizabeth Reynolds married Theo Willis, daughter of Daniel Augustus Willis and wife Eugenia (Cox) Willis in 1906. Jerome Reynolds is a substantial farmer near Sylvester.
Mrs. Reynolds is descended from one of the oldest families of this section of the State. The Willis family, mother, daughter and child, massacred by the Indians near Dakota, were her father’s people.
The children of Mr. and Mrs. H. Jerome Reynolds are Gussie Mae, Delos, Hazle, Annie Pearl, Roy Yates, Daniel Arnold.
Gussie Mae, after graduation from McPhaul Institute, attended the A. & M. College at Tifton and taught three years in the county schools. She was married in 1930 to W. L. Taylor. They have one child, Nina Matilda.

ERASTUS REYNOLDS

Erastus Reynolds, second son of William Jasper Reynolds and wife, Mary Elizabeth Reynolds, is a prosperous farmer near Isabella. He married Loca Cox. They have four children, Nicholas, Versa Cola, Rhunelle and Doris. Nicholas and Versa Cola are graduates of McPhaul Institute. Versa Cola has been teaching in the county schools for three years.

DANIEL AUGUSTUS WILLIS

Daniel Augustus Willis the youngest son of Daniel and Vetsey Willis was born at Tempy in Worth County in 1889. He married Eugenia Cox of Sumner. She was the daughter of Thomas and Sarah Cox.
To them were born eight children, all living to be grown:
Thea, married Jerome Reynolds; Ella, married Brantly Johnston; Dan, Annie, Harvey, Bernice, Lynn, J. G.
The four youngest are living with their mother in Albany. Daniel Augustus Willis died in Oct. 1929. Two of their sons, Dan and J. G., were drafted in the World War.

WILLIAM WASHINGTON JOHNSON

William Washington Johnson was a native of North Carolina. He married Maria Hurst. He moved to Dooly County, near old Drayton first, later to Dougherty County, where he enlisted in the Confederate Army at Albany and served through the war.

About 1870 he moved with his family to the western part of Worth County. They were the parents of eleven children, ten of whom grew to adult age.

Their daughter, Sara Elizabeth, was first wife of T. J. Pinson and another daughter, Mary Frances, was his second wife. Their sons are: Jim A. Johnson and Henry R. Johnson, of Albany; J. W. Johnson, died Dec., 1932; R. M. Johnson. Elihu and Eli were twins—both of these lived in Worth County and Edwin M., of Sylvester, and Lovett Johnson, progressive farmers of western Worth and eastern Dougherty are their grandsons.

Eli Johnson who married "Maggie" Pinson, the parents of Joseph Luther Johnson, of Sylvester.

PINSON FAMILY

Jesse Pinson, father of the older Pinsons in this section, married Mary Thomas Winfield Johnson. They moved from near Cartersville, Ga., to Dougherty County, Ga.

He enlisted for the War Between the States in Albany, Dougherty County. He came home on a furlough in July, 1864.

When he left his family to go back to the Confederate Army, he told his wife on leaving to remember that God remembers the fatherless and widow and to carry her troubles to Him, to raise their children in the fear and admonition of the Lord. He was killed three days after leaving his family at Macon, Georgia, in a battle in July, 1864.

Mrs. Jesse Pinson was left with seven little children, Mildred, Margaret, ("Maggie"), Thomas Joseph, James, William, Johnson, John R., and Jesse Winfield. Her oldest son, Thomas J., was only nine years.
They moved to Worth County the year after the war closed and settled near Artesia. Thomas J. did the ploughing and she and the other children did the other farm work. They made one bale of cotton. T. J. Pinson became a man of large estate, but he often said that no accomplishment in after life filled him with the joy that the sale of that one bale of cotton gave him.

Mrs. Pinson did as her pious husband had advised. She often told her trying experiences in those days and how God aided her.

She reared a family of as fine men and women as ever went out to bless any country. Her daughters were devout Christian characters. Her sons were great in stature, character, and achievement.

Mrs. Mary T. W. (Johnson) Pinson married a second time to Stephen Brown. He lived a very short while after marriage, and died in July, 1870.

She lived in old age for a long time in Sylvester, with her daughter, Mrs. “Maggie” Johnson, and was lovingly called “Grandma Brown”. She was born on March 11, 1828. On this anniversary, she, with her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, would meet at the old home place in a family reunion. She would always have her pastor and often many friends to meet with them, and would have a Thanksgiving service for the blessings God had so lavishly poured out on them through the years. She died Sept. 6th, 1916, crowned with 88 years of a life well spent.

Her eldest daughter, Mildred, married Stafford Long. They lived in Worth County.

Margaret (“Maggie”) Elizabeth, married Eli Johnson, they lived in Dougherty and in Worth and in Sylvester most of the years of their lives. Their only child, Joseph Luther Johnson, and family live in Sylvester.

Thomas Joseph Pinson married two sisters, first Sara Elizabeth Johnson, second Mary Frances Johnson. He lived in Sylvester many years.

William Johnson Pinson married first, Sallie Gregory, second Ella Milner, third, Mrs. Holly Underwood Harris.

John R. Pinson married Mamie Miller.

Jesse Winfield Pinson married first, Ella Dixon, second, Fannie Buntin.

James died in youth.
Below we give records taken from the Bible of Thomas Winfield Johnson, the father of "Grandma Brown".

These old records were furnished by the late Mrs. "Maggie" (Pinson) Johnson.

**Records From the Bible of Thomas Winfield Johnson**

**Births**

Thomas Winfield Johnson was born May 2nd, 1799.
Margaret L. Bledsoe, wife of Thomas Winfield Johnson was born Jan. 2nd, 1805.

**Children**

Katharine E. Eberhart was born Feb. 8th, 1823.
Elvira Ann Smith was born Sept. 24th, 1825.
Mary Thomas Winfield was born March 11th, 1828.
William Ely Johnson (husband of Margaret Elizabeth Pinson Johnson) was born Jan. 5, 1858.
Margaret Elizabeth Pinson (daughter of Jesse Pinson and his wife Mary Thomas Winfield Johnson Pinson) was born July 21, 1855. Died 1931.
Joseph Luther Johnson (son of William Ely Johnson and wife Margaret Elizabeth Pinson Johnson) was born Nov. 20, 1878.

**Marriages**

Thomas Winfield Johnson and Margaret L. Bledsoe were married March, 1822.
Katharine E., married Eberhart.
Elvira Ann married Smith.
Mary Thomas Winfield married first Jessie Pinson.
Mrs. Mary Thomas W. Pinson married second time, Stephen Brown in 1867.
Margaret Elizabeth Pinson married Wm. Ely Johnson Nov. 4, 1877.
Joseph Luther Johnson and Orvilla Morse were married Aug. 3, 1903.
Mrs. Margaret L. Bledsoe Johnson married the second time to Farmer.

**Deaths**

Thomas Winfield Johnson died Dec. 13th, 1827, on Thursday.
Margaret L. (Bledsoe) Johnson Farmer, died April 25th, 1887.
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Jesse Pinson died in the Confederate War at Macon, Georgia, July, 1864.
Stephen Brown died July 1870.
William Ely Johnson died Oct. 25, 1887.

THOMAS JOSEPH PINSON

Thomas J. Pinson was born Dec. 22, 1856, eight miles from Cartersville, Bartow County, Ga. Moved when quite small to Dougherty and lived until 1865, when his mother, with her seven small children orphaned by the loss of their father's death in the Confederate Army, moved to Worth County, where he spent the most of his remaining years.

He was married when 21 years old to Miss Sara Elizabeth Johnson, who died seven years later, leaving him with four little children. Three grew to adult age, Gilbert M., Albert H., and Pearl, (Mrs. Fermer Hall). He married second, the sister of his first wife, Mary Frances Johnson, daughter of William Washington and wife Maria (Hurst) Johnson, of Worth County, who was his true helpmeet and companion through the rest of his life. She helped him rear his children with a real mother's devotion. She sponsored with her best energy and sympathetic interest all his undertakings. She survives him and is one of Sylvester's best citizens.

Tom J. Pinson began life with no capital except his indomitable energy and sterling integrity. He was wonderfully successful in business, amassed a large estate, a large land owner, was a stockholder in almost every business enterprise of the county. He established the First National Bank of Sylvester and was its president and largest depositor until his death.

He was never so absorbed in business as to neglect his duty to his God and to his fellowman. His life exemplified all the graces and virtues of the Christian religion. For thirty years he was a consistent member of the Methodist Church. He was a leader in all things pertaining to the welfare of the kingdom of God, both temporal and spiritual. He considered the Church's obligations as sacred. After paying a liberal share, if the claims were still unpaid, he always made up the deficit from his own purse.

In the truest sense he was a friend to humanity. He was generous and hospitable, not only to his friends, but to strang-
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THOS. J. PINSON
ers as well. No one, though a beggar, was ever turned from his door. He never failed to respond liberally to every call of humanity in the most unostentatious manner. He looked upon all men as his brothers, and helped many men to their feet financially. The Pinson Memorial Church is a monument to him.

In the Memorial Service held in honor of him at the Methodist Church, Judge Frank Park, who had known him for years, made the principal address. We quote him in part:

“This brave and tender man in every storm of life was a rock and oak, but in the sunshine he was vine and flower. With loyal heart, and with purest hand, he faithfully discharged all private and public trusts.

“He grew to manhood a stranger to deceit, and a lover of the truth. He formed no evil habits that he had to correct, and forged upon himself no chains that he had to break. His nature was as transparent as the light that shone about him, his heart was as open as the soft skies that bent above his hospitable home, and his temper as sweet and cherry as the limpid stream that makes music in its flow through the fields and the forest.

‘He was the humblest and tenderest knight that ever sat in ladies’ company; and he was the sternest and the goodliest knight that ever set lance in rest and faced his mortal foe’. No one could talk with him without realizing he was in the presence of one whose strength of character was adamantine in its rugged grandeur. In the battle of life his strength was as the strength of ten, because his heart was pure.”

GILBERT M. PINSON

Gilbert M. Pinson, son of Thomas P. Pinson and first wife, Sara (Johnson) Pinson, was one of the most outstanding young business men of Sylvester during his short life as a citizen here—a span of twenty years or more. He was a very dynamo of power and energy in the business world. He was reared on his father’s farm in the western part of the county. He took a business course in Columbus, Ga., afterward moving with his father to Sylvester where he later accepted a position with the Sylvester Banking company as cashier. A few years later his father, T. J. Pinson, as the main promoter, established the First National Bank of Sylvester. Gilbert Pinson was cashier of that institution until his father’s death, when he was made president, holding that position, with the exception of a
few years, until his death. He served on the Board of County Commissioners, was a member of City Council for several years and was one of the directors of the Sylvester Publishing Company for many years. He was connected with many enterprises of the city and with every movement of a public nature which promised the advancement of Sylvester. He, with his wife, owned a large landed estate and, although pressed with other business interests, gave it his supervision and made their farms a paying investment. He was a man who did what he thought was right with all his energy. He was a man quick of action and chaffed under slow moving processes. He inherited and lived up to a name that stood for integrity and civic virtue. He was candid in manner and held a high place in the confidence and good will of all who knew him.

The following excerpt is taken from Resolutions by the Bank Directors and stockholders at his death:

G. M. PINSON
“Whereas, in the dispensation of an All-Wise Providence it has seemed good to take from us our co-laborer and President of this the First National Bank, we desire to pay this tribute to his memory.

“G. M. Pinson, born in Worth County, Georgia, Dec. 24, 1878, and died on May 4, 1918, at his home in Sylvester surrounded by his family and friends. While he had all reasons to love this life, having made an honorable and successful effort for preferment, having everything in his home that redounds to happiness, yet when his time came to answer the last call he was ready, and if he could have made the choice as to the way he must go it would have been a short illness and quick relief just as it was. Whereas in the death of G. M. Pinson we have sustained a great loss in the wisdom of his council, the light of his example, and his many virtues as head of this institution.”

Gilbert M. Pinson and Miss Willie Belle Hall were married in 1900. She is the daughter of Jesse J. Hall and wife Jane Bostwick Hall.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Pinson are:

Agnes, married Wm. E. Handley, State Senator of Ohio. He is descended from a fine old Southern family. Dr. and Mrs. D. C. Handley are his parents.

T. J. Pinson married Willa Webb. They have two children, Willa Webb and Agnes Belle. He holds a responsible position in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Carroll is well connected in the business world in Cincinnati.

Mr. and Mrs. Pinson gave their children college advantages. Mrs. Agnes Pinson Handley is a graduate of Wesleyan College. Their sons went to Emory University.

Mrs. Willie Belle Pinson received her higher education at G. N. I. C. College at Milledgeville, Ga. She is vitally interested in everything that is for the good and promotion of the town and county, having given of her energy, time and means through all the years of her residence in Sylvester. She is an active member of the Women’s Club, the P.-T. A. and an earnest worker of the Methodist Church. She is loyal to the Democratic party. Her gracious hospitality in her home savors of the fine old traditions that marked the ante-bellum regime of the old South.
Albert H. Pinson, son of Thomas J. Pinson and wife, Sara (Johnson) Pinson, is a native of Worth County though most of the years of his boyhood were spent on his father's farm in Dougherty County. He attended the public schools of that county and received his college education at Emory University going there three years and then to business college in Columbus, Georgia. He moved back to Sylvester, Worth County, and with E. M. Johnson established the large Mercantile business of Pinson-Johnson Co. They handled a general supply store and in connection operated a large cotton warehouse for fifteen years. In the meantime he was also a large naval stores operator and farmer. One of the outstanding features of his farming was a large pecan industry. He bought one thousand acres of forest land which he cleared and planted in pecan trees. When the young trees began to bear fruit he sold the grove for $75,000. A short time later it was again sold for $100,000. This is an indication of what may be done with pecans in this section. The climate and soil seems especially suited to the growing of this nut. He also sponsored the erection of a large canning plant primarily for canning sweet potatoes. He operated this plant for several years.

During the years when he was most pressed with large business interests of his own, he took an active and prominent part in all affairs of the town and county as one of its most public spirited citizens. He was chairman of the board of trustees of Sylvester school for ten years, or more, and filled the place with great efficiency. He was chairman of the building committee of the Pinson Memorial Methodist Church to which he was one of its largest individual contributors. He was mayor of the town in 1912. He served as Chairman of the board of stewards of the Pinson Memorial Church for many years. He was president of the First National Bank at one time and was one of its directors for many years. When the depression, from which this country has suffered, caused that bank to fail he, as all other stockholders, was a large loser.

A. H. Pinson is a man that meets any situation with courage. His indomitable energy and positive convictions on all moral questions make for him a high place in the esteem of the people.

Albert H. Pinson was married Dec. 31, 1905, to Miss Minnie Hiers of Wayne County, Georgia. She is the daughter of George W. Hiers and Nancy (Westberry) Hiers near Jesup. She
is a niece of the Westberry brothers, J. S. and J. H. Westberry, of Sylvester. She has all the sterling qualities of the Westberry family.

Their children are: Vivian, a graduate of Wesleyan College and a teacher of English. Albert H., Jr., a graduate of McPhaul Institute; Martha, who is in the Woman's College at Milledgeville, Georgia, and little Mary Nell, in the second grade this year, 1934.

JOHN G. McPHAUL

John G. McPhaul, Poulan's founder, promoter and principal land owner, was by birth a North Carolinian but came from the Old North State to Wayne County, Georgia, in 1871—about the time he reached manhood—a comparatively poor boy. He perceived natural advantages of this section. He went to Poulan in 1877, laid out the city and never once wavered in devotion to her interest during his long life there. His name was linked with every enterprise that had for its object the city's betterment and welfare and even the beautiful shade trees which adorn the streets are monuments to his care and interest for they were planted at his instance and in great measure by his own hands.

J. G. McPhaul is of Scotch extraction and had the sturdy stick-to-itiveness of that hardy race. He was born June 9th, 1848.

Poulan Cotton Mills is a monument to the energy, grit and business ability of John G. McPhaul. He was president of these mills at his death.

Many years ago he inaugurated the Worth County Fairs which brought before the people the varied products of which the soil of Worth is suitable. The first county fairs were in Poulan. He was one of the organizers of the Poulan Bank and was its president, also president of the Farmer's Supply Company at the time of his death. He gave the land and was a large contributor to the tabernacle for the meeting place of the Sunday School Celebration, a great organization of Worth. He gave the land for the Presbyterian Church. All his benefactions to his community and county will never be known for he was as modest as he was generous.

He was twice married, his first marriage was to Miss Lora McGirt, Mar. 12th, 1882. She was also from North Carolina.
By this union there were five children, Jennie Belle, (Mrs. Myers of Athens), Lawrence J. McPhaul of Doerun, Henry Grady, Neal and Wm. Dan McPhaul of Poulan.

The death of his first wife occurred on Oct. 22, 1901. He afterward married Miss Brogan of Pennsylvania, and they have one daughter, Margaret McPhaul of Athens.

John G. McPhaul died Oct. 29th, 1917, and is buried in Poulan.

**WILLIAM H. McPHAUL**

The Founder of Sylvester

William H. McPhaul was the oldest member of the splendid family of McPhauls that came to Worth County from North Carolina. They came to Wayne County first in 1871 and operated a turpentine still. In 1877 he and his brother, John G. McPhaul, came to Worth County. John G. was the founder of Poulan and William H. McPhaul was the founder of Sylvester. He was engaged in the naval stores business when there was nothing here but a box car for a depot. The station was called Isabella Station.

In 1881 he married Miss Mamie Adams of Americus, building his home where the court house now stands. They were blessed with one child that lived only 15 months.

Wm. H. McPhaul deserves special recognition in this history not only as a founder of Sylvester, but as one of the representative citizens of Worth. His broad mindedness, his mature judgment, inflexible integrity, business sagacity and public spiritedness made for a character that was influential in all civic affairs of not only Sylvester, but of the whole county.

He was the principal mover in the incorporation of Sylvester and was its first mayor. He was one of the founders and largest depositors in the Sylvester Banking Company. He was the first president of that institution and remained so until his death in 1900.

In the twenty-three years he lived in Worth, he was of dynamic force in the business world and accumulated a large estate.

McPhaul Institute is a memorial to he and his good wife, Mrs. Mamie Adams McPhaul, she giving the land on which it stands and other large contributions from his estate that it be named in his memory. After his death she married Dr. T. C. Jefford.
W. H. McPhaul
GEORGE C. CONOLY

George C. Conoly was born in Robinson County, N. C., in 1861. He came to Worth County when seventeen years old with his uncles, William H. and John G. McPhaul. He worked for them in the turpentine business, which work he followed all his life. At that time Worth County was one vast virgin forest of pine trees, and was considered one of the finest fields of operation in the whole country. Turpentinining was a great business in the early history of Worth and attracted many fine people from the "Old North State," now known as pioneers in the turpentine and saw mill industry of the county.

Mr. Conoly hauled the first load of lumber used in building the first house in Sylvester. He made a trip back to North Carolina with his uncle, John G. McPhaul, and brought back with him his father, Wm. J. Conoly, and family. His mother, before her marriage, was Margaret Ann McPhaul. Their children were:

Millard F., George C., Henry W., McPhaul, Cephus L., Sallie C., Margaret Ann, and Polly.

All of the children married into prominent families of Worth County, except Polly, who is unmarried.

Mr. George C. Conoly married Mary M. Harris of Americus, Ga., in 1888, and reared five boys and one daughter. Their children are:

W. Hugh, married first to Etta Spears who died, later marrying Maude Beasley; Cleveland, married to Bessie Chatfield; Luther H., married to Mrs. Mae Pittman Sumner; Oren, married to Lucile Merritt; and Mary, married to Wm. C. Martin.

HENRY WILLIAM CONOLY

Henry William Conoly was born in Robinson County, N. C., April 18, 1866. He moved with his parents to Worth County when scarcely grown. Like most North Carolinians, he was interested in the turpentine business, but gave a good portion of his time to farming.

He married Sarah Lucy Sumner, daughter of Joseph L. Sumner and Josephine (Thornhill) Sumner, November 19, 1891. Their children are:

William L., married to Selnon Gosdwaski in Panama Canal Zone; Estelle, married to Laurel Hardin; Marie, married to
Mrs. Sallie Conoly Sumner, daughter of Wm. J. and Margaret A. (McPhaul) Conoly, was born in North Carolina February 14, 1857, and moved with her parents to Worth County, coming along with the Conolys and McPhauls on a visit to her brothers, Wm. H. and John G. McPhaul, and her sister, Mrs. Conoly, was Sarah Catherine McPhaul. Sallie and Catherine (called Kate) met and captivated the hearts of two gallant men of Worth, William J. Sumner and Josiah S. Westberry. They returned to North Carolina to make ready for the coming nuptials, and on March 8, 1883, there was a double wedding at the old home in Robinson County, N. C. Sallie Conoly married Wm. J. Sumner and Catherine McPhaul married Josiah S. Westberry.

Returning as brides these splendid women gave their lives to the welfare of Worth, and their good works and influence will long be remembered. William J. Sumner was a widower with one child when he married Sallie Conoly. Their children are:

- Roxie C., married to Josephus Willis.
- Lucious, married to May Pittman (died Dec. 9, 1917).
- Daniel J., married to Maggie Cannon.


Josiah S. Westberry was born in Appling County, Ga., Dec. 11, 1852. His parents were Milton and Mahala (Spell) Westberry. His parents moved to Wayne County near Jesup where he grew up, helping with the work on his father's farm. He had only ordinary advantages of education as the schools of that troublesome time were poor.

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He early evinced an aptitude for business and was engaged in the work of naval stores as early as 1868.

At the age of 21 years he became associated with Wm. H. and John G. McPhaul, then of Wayne County, in the naval stores business. He removed with them to Poulan, Worth County, in 1877. Subsequently, about 1881 he came to what is now Sylvester, as manager for Wm. H. McPhaul.

He married the sister of these McPhaul brothers, Miss Sarah Catherine (called Kate) McPhaul March 8, 1883. This couple assisted materially in the founding of the city of Sylvester. They, with Wm. H. McPhaul and his wife, Mamie (Adams) McPhaul, were the first white families of Sylvester, then known as Isabella Station.

In 1890 with Daniel McGirt as partner he began a mercantile business in Poulan. In 1891 he and his brother, J. Howell Westberry, began merchandising in Sylvester, the firm being known as J. S. Westberry and Brother. This firm built the first brick store house in Sylvester.

They continued in business until the organization of the Empire Mercantile Company in 1910. They sold out to this firm and he was made manager from 1910 to 1922 when he resigned. However, he continued to be an official of the Board of Directors until his death, Dec. 6th, 1927.

He was one of the founders of the Sylvester Banking Company and was president during the years 1900-1901.

He was Chairman of the Board of Education of the City of Sylvester for many years, during which time school bonds were issued and the present brick school building was erected.

He was a member of the Board of Commissioners of the County when the County seat was moved from Isabella to Sylvester and the Courthouse was erected. He was chairman of the Board from 1915 to the time of his resignation Apr. 16, 1918.

He was a member of Worth Lodge of Masons, was devoted to his family, loyal to his friends, and as a citizen he was public spirited, honorable, energetic, and efficient in business. He accepted heavy responsibilities with courage.

Too much cannot be said of the helpmeet of J. S. Westberry, Mrs. “Kate” Westberry. She was a devout Christian and an active member of the Presbyterian Church. She was known and loved by a wide host of friends. This couple was noted for hospitality—they kept an open house. They were blessed
with four children, Florine (Mrs. J. P. Myers of Doerun), Malcolm Hugh, Will H. and Kate Hazel (Mrs. L. P. Higgs), deceased.

This splendid couple is buried in Sylvester cemetery.

JOHN HOWELL WESTBERRY

John Howell Westberry is of Scotch Irish stock, which is noted for industry, straightforwardness of character and native talent. He has all these characteristics. He was born in Wayne County, Ga. Nov. 11, 1863.

He began his business career as a Clerk for Wm. H. McPhaul in Sylvester in 1883. In 1887 he married Minnie O. Coram, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Coram of Sylvester.

He and his brother, Josiah S. Westberry, established the first mercantile business in Sylvester under the firm name of J. S. Westberry & Brother. They organized and operated a private bank in 1897 and were among the founders of the Sylvester Banking Company in 1898.

J. Howell Westberry has been, with a few years excepted, the cashier of that bank continuously to date.

He is in his whole makeup a banker. He is the very embodiment of system in his management of business. While he is a master in detail, he is equal to the solution of the most comprehensive problems, is quick in discernment, quick to judge expedients and to further the interests of the banking business. He has been with this bank so long he practically has charge of its affairs. He is one of its directors. To him is largely due the credit of bringing this bank to be one of the foremost financial institutions in this section.

He is a splendid Christian gentleman and is devoted to his church and all its interests.

He has been twice married and has been especially blessed in each with wives of the highest Christian character and refinement.

To the union of J. H. and Minnie Coram Westberry five children were born:

Lovelace, (Mrs. C. B. Godwin), Gladys, (Mrs. J. H. Price) Meryl, Ida and J. H. Westberry, Jr., married Mary Jernigan. He has also partly reared his niece, Irita Westberry, daughter of T. M. Westberry.
SYLVESTER BANKING CO. INSERT, J. H. WESTBERRY
These two are Inseparable
HISTORY OF WORTH COUNTY, GEORGIA

After the death of his first wife he married Miss Mary Lou Polhill in 1904.
She is the daughter of Frederic Taylor Polhill and wife, Mary Jane (Cochran) Polhill and the granddaughter of John Goldwire Polhill and Wife, Harriet (Allen) Polhill, one of the most influential families of Middle Georgia.
Their home is noted for hospitality and Christian culture.

THE POLHILL FAMILY

The Polhills of Worth County have a very interesting family history. The progenitor of this family in America, Nathaniel Polhill, was a merchant of London who cast his lot with Oglethorpe's Colony of Georgia. Whether he came over in the Good Queen Anne or shortly after is not known, but he is named by Smith in his History of Georgia as an uncompromising Baptist and as connected with the beginning of religious movements in the colony. He is believed to be the first person in Georgia of the Baptist belief. He was a man of strong convictions—so strong that he requested that he be not interred at his death with the office and ceremony of the Church of England. It is not known exactly when he died, but it was prior to August, 1737, for on that date John Wesley had charges preferred against him for refusing to read the burial service over the body of Nathaniel Polhill. The Grand Jury returned on no bill because of the request of Nathaniel Polhill.

Copying from the Christian Index of some years ago we give the following: "Let us add another trait to him, Nathaniel Polhill whom we shall call our first Baptist in Georgia—the ability to transmit to those who declare his generation the religious characteristics of the progenitor of this family, for in every generation his descendants have seemed to partake of his faith, and his zeal, and his interpretation of the scriptures. For he has given preachers,deacons, consecrated women workers by the score to the Baptist Church. Many are the towns, communities and churches all over Georgia that have been blessed by his posterity."

The line of descent of the Worth County Polhills from him is as follows: He had one son who bore his name, Nathaniel Polhill, Jr. After the death of Nathaniel Polhill, Sr. his wife married Benjamin Stirk, a pious man connected with the Bethesda Orphanage at Savannah, and for this reason Nathaniel Polhill, Jr., was partly reared in this institution. He became a
Baptist minister but died early in life. He left a son, Thomas, born January 12, 1760. He was ordained to the Baptist ministry on December 9, 1805, by Reverend John Goldwire and Reverend Henry Holcombe.

This Reverend John Goldwire left his impress upon the Polhill family for in every generation there was one or more with the name of John Goldwire Polhill.

Reverend Thomas Polhill had several sons who were judges, lawyers, and preachers. His third son, Judge John Goldwire Polhill, Judge of Superior Court of the Ocmulgee Circuit, was the grandfather of the late Col. John Goldwire Polhill and sister, Mrs. John Howell Westberry of Sylvester. Judge J. G. Polhill was on the first Board of Trustees of Mercer University. His home was in Milledgeville. His son, Col. Frederick Taylor Polhill, an able lawyer and scholar of Monroe County, Georgia, the father of the Sylvester John Goldwire Polhill. Mary Jane Cochran Polhill was their mother. She was the daughter of Col. Allen Cochran, a wealthy land and slave owner of Monroe County.

Their parents, Col. Frederick T. Polhill and wife, were truly of the polished, cultured, noble people of the “Old South.”

The representatives of this noble family in Worth have exemplified from whence they are descended in a great way. They are, and have been, among Worth’s most prominent and useful citizens in church and civic affairs.

Reverend Henley Jelks, a Baptist minister of great usefulness in Georgia, lived at one time in Sylvester and married a Sylvester girl, Miss Flint Golden. He is also descended from this Nathaniel Polhill, the first Baptist to settle in Georgia.

D. A. McGIRT

D. A. McGirt was born Oct. 17, 1860. He came to Poulan about 1883, where he lived with his sister, Mrs. John G. McPhaul, the first wife of J. G. McPhaul. He, “Cap” McGirt as he was called, married Cornelia Belle Collins July 20, 1892, who was living in Sylvester at the time with her aunt, Mrs. Tom Lippitt. Four children were born to them, all boys. Daniel Lee, dead, Charles Augustus, now a Presbyterian minister in Virginia. Henry H., and Warren D.

“Cap” McGirt was a devout member of the Presbyterian Church of Poulan, and an elder at the time of his death on May 16th, 1927.
Mrs. D. A. McGirt survives him and lives in the home he built for her when they were first married.

DANIEL McGIRT

Daniel McGirt was born on a farm in Richmond County, N. C., March 27th, 1864. He came to Worth County about 1888 and entered the employ of his brother-in-law, John G. McPhaul, of Poulan. He lived at Sylvester one year and engaged in the turpentine business. Returning to Poulan he added a mercantile business to his other interests. This business firm of McGirt and McPhaul was almost entirely under the management of Daniel McGirt.

He married Miss Florrie Ousley on June 11th, 1896. They had one child, Dan McGirt, born in 1897. Dan lived in Worth about eight years and lived only a few years after his marriage. He died when his son was only six months old, on Nov. 25, 1897. His son was reared in Sylvester and graduated from Sylvester High School. He lives at Jackson, Mississippi. His wife later married Thomas Ketchings and lives in Sylvester.

JAMES McGIRT

Mr. James McGirt came to Poulan from Scotland County, North Carolina, in 1893. He operated a cotton gin and variety works for twelve years in Poulan. He moved to Sylvester in 1905 and went into the business of building buggies, wagons, screen doors and windows, building up a large business in variety works. He married Nellie Pollard. They had three children: John Britt McGirt, who married Miss Claire Malcolm—James L. McGirt, a Presbyterian minister at Carrollton who married Miss Louise Maunde of Dublin, and Frances McGirt who married W. K. Gardner. Mr. Gardner belongs to an old distinguished family of Worth County.

John Britt McGirt and wife have two bright little girls. Nell and Bettye. James McGirt died in 1930.

The McGirts belonged to the Presbyterian Church and were Democrats.

RANDOLPH COUNTY, GEORGIA, CONTRIBUTES MANY FAMILIES TO THE CITIZENRY OF WORTH

Edwards, Coram, Lee, Farris, Lyle, Kimble, Hasting, Grubbs, Mangham, Sessions, Jenkins, Gilmer, Lunsford, Cole-
THOMAS JEFFERSON EDWARDS

Thomas J. Edwards was the first of his family to move to Worth from Randolph County. Two brothers and four sisters followed a few years later. G. Washington and John Edwards, sisters, Mrs. Tom Coram, Mrs. Elbert Lee, Mrs. Farris, Mrs. (Hasting) Bass.

Thomas J. Edwards was born Oct. 16, 1849. He married Miss Jeanie Castellow, a member of a fine family of Quitman County, Nov. 6, 1873.

He was reared in the aristocracy of Springvale, a quiet village in Randolph. His father, Jeff Edwards, a prosperous farmer and merchant was one of the most progressive men of his day.

“Tom” Edwards moved with his family to the southern part of this county in 1885, where he lived three years. He later built a comfortable home within a few miles of New Bethel, where he lived for 44 years until he died, Feb. 9, 1932.

He and his wife were charter members of New Bethel church. He was the last of the charter members to die. This splendid couple did much to upbuild the county of their adoption. They are buried at Doerun, Ga.

He was a successful farmer and acquired a considerable estate.

They raised four splendid sons.

Dr. Cleveland A. Edwards, born May 27, 1875.
Mrs. T. J. Edwards died July 5, 1910.
Dr. C. A. Edwards died Nov. 7, 1918.

Grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Edwards

Ralph and Doris, children of Dr. C. A. Edwards.
Cobb, Kenyon, Jr., Ruby, Jean, children of Kenyon E. Edwards.
Elsie Eugenia, Margaret, Alline, and J. P. Jr., children of J. P. Edwards.
WILLOUGHBY HILL MANGHAM

Willoughby Hill Mangham was the pioneer immigrant of the large number of citizens who came from Randolph County to Worth in the latter part of the nineteenth century.

He moved to Worth in the winter of 1877 and settled in the southern part of the county near Union Baptist Church. Having been identified with Sunday School work before coming to this section, he organized a Baptist Sunday School at Union Church in the spring of 1878. This was the first Sunday School organized in the county south of the railroad. He was superintendent of this Sunday School until 1892, when he moved with his family to Waresboro, Ware County, Georgia. As a Sunday School worker, he was closely connected with the Worth County Sunday School Association and the annual “Celebration.”

In connection with his farm he operated a sawmill, a grist mill, and a gin. He built the first steam gin in Worth County. The gins in the county before that time were operated by horse or water power. He reduced the rate for ginning from the 13th to the 16th toll.

Aside from his work as a farmer and mill operator, he was also a contractor. It was he who erected the first school building in Sylvester. It stood on the lot where the home of Dr. T. C. Jefford now stands. When this home was to be built the school building was moved across the street just north of the Methodist parsonage and it was turned into a residence for which purpose it is still used.

For a number of years Mr. Mangham was the postmaster at Minton, the post office being located in his house. When he became postmaster the mail was carried once a week from Albany to Moultrie. Later the schedule was twice a week. The carrier at first made the trips on horseback, then began using a sulky, which was a kind of two-wheeled buggy.

Mr. and Mrs. Mangham exerted a strong influence for good in their church and community. The pastors of the church generally lived some distance away, and preaching services were held once a month on Saturday and Sunday. Their home was always open to the minister at these times.

He was deeply interested in educational affairs of the county, having been for several years a member of the Worth County Board of Education.
Through his influence his aunt, Miss Carrie Hill, came to this section to teach, and for a number of years she taught the only school within a radius of five or six miles.

Willoughby Hill Mangham was the grandson of William Castillo Hill and Mary (Dykes) Hill, who settled in the part of Randolph which is now Quitman County, in 1832. He was the son of John Grier Mangham and Eliza (Hill) Mangham. He was born April 5, 1838, in Randolph County, Georgia. He received what education the private schools of the county afforded.

When the War Between the States began, he enlisted as a private with the “Quitman Grays.” He served in Co. I of the 11th Georgia Regiment. Practically all of his service was given in Virginia. A number of letters which he wrote his father and mother from the army are now in the possession of his daughter, Miss Mary Mangham, of Sylvester, Ga. He was wounded and taken prisoner at the battle of Gettysburg. He was taken to Fort Delaware where he remained until the close of the war. Here he endured many hardships and much suffering as did other prisoners during that terrible struggle.

W. H. Mangham was married in 1866 to Mrs. Amanda Roper Hillhouse, the mother of C. W. Hillhouse and J. H. Hillhouse. To this union were born nine children. His sons were F. M., W. T., J. R., W. J., and W. H. The daughters were Ethel, Emmie, Mary, and Rosalie.

In 1892 he moved with his family to Waresboro, Ga., where he died January 2, 1893.

MRS. AMANDA (HILLHOUSE) MANGHAM

Mrs. W. H. Mangham was born in Randolph County July 22, 1844. She was the daughter of Lewis Griffin Roper and Emily (McLendon) Roper. She was descended from Richard Roper, who was born near Greenville, Virginia, about 1700, where he grew up and married. He was of an old English family. He later moved to North Carolina where he was married a second time to a Miss Lewis. Mrs. Mangham’s grandfather, Thomas Roper, who married Hannah Hunter, of North Carolina, was a son of this marriage. This Thomas Roper was also the grandfather of Daniel C. Roper, the present U. S. Secretary of the Department of Commerce. Thomas Roper’s home was at Mountain Creek, N. C.

Among Mrs. Mangham’s maternal Revolutionary ancestors
were Jacob McLendon, Sr., William Douglass, and Sterling Jenkins, all of Wilkes County, Georgia. Jacob McLendon came of Scotch descent from the McLendon clan.

After the death of her husband, Mrs. Mangham returned to Worth County, locating in Sylvester, where she lived until her death June 6, 1927.

MRS. AMANDA (HILLHOUSE) MANGHAM

She was twice married, her first marriage being to Richard Hillhouse. To this union were born two sons, C. W. Hillhouse, deceased, and J. H. Hillhouse, who lives in Sylvester.

Mrs. Mangham was noted for her habits of industry, thrift and perseverance. She was a faithful and consistent member of the Baptist Church. Her home in Sylvester was just across the street from the church, and until her death she rarely ever missed attending a service. Her life was one of service to her family, friends and the community.

EXCERPTS FROM LETTERS WRITTEN HOME BY W. H. MANGHAM,
WHILE HE WAS IN THE CONFEDERATE ARMY

Manassas Junction,
August 22, 1861.

You told me to tell you about the battle of Bull Run. I passed
Manassas on Tuesday and went on to Strasburg; then marched from there to Winchester and back to Piedmont by Friday dinner. We marched 68 miles in two days and one night.

On Thursday night about two o'clock, we waded the Shenandoah River—about 15,000 of us—and it is said that 10,000 Yankees crossed three miles below us the same night. Our regiment did not get here until the morning after the battle.

I went over the field and I never saw the like of dead men in my life. They were lying for miles around. They fought seven miles up and down Bull Run Creek. They got our boys awhile in the morning, but did not know it. Two or three regiments (of Bartow's Brigade) went double quick out to field about six miles and they cut them up bad enough. They had buried all our men when I got out there. They said our boys would charge bayonets on them and run and yell as they ran. I tell you they fought like tigers. They said the Georgia boys did not know when they were whipped. There were some people North who said that we had men on the reserve that we ran in fresh, but it was not so. They had three to our one on the field. They fought ten hours.

NOTE:—The 11th Georgia Regiment, to which W. H. Mangham belonged, was a part of Bartow's Brigade, but for some reason it was not in the battle of Bull Run.

Camp Near Centerville, Va.
Dec. 1, 1861.

We are looking for a fight here now, but we do not know whether the enemy will approach or not. The cavalry pickets say they are advancing with very heavy forces and they have brought in several prisoners lately. They say that they will either have to fight or go some where before long as the Potomac is getting so boggy now that they cannot bring their artillery.

I do not think it will be any use for them to come here (to Centerville) now because we have got it so well fortified. They work us all the time on breast works and guard duty together.

We were at one time in five miles of Washington City. I could see it very plainly, but we had to get away from there. One night about seven o'clock orders came from Gen. Johnson but we had two companies stationed out on post and they could not find them until our regiment was behind all the rest,
next to the Yankees. We were drawn up in line of battle for three hours, and the wind blew so cold I came near freezing. We retreated from there; that is from Falls Church back to Ball’s Cross Roads and there we stood in line of battle for three days and nights, looking for the Yankees to come every minute. This made seven days we were in line of battle at one time. We were expecting about 100,000 of the enemy or more, and but three regiments with ours; but they took care not to come. I could hear their drums when I was on post away off across a swamp three hundred yards from any other person. I stood there all night and it was so dark I could see nothing at all. When a stick would crack it seemed that I could hear it a half mile.

It is very cold here at Centerville now. We have already had as much snow as we ever have in Georgia. I wish they would come on and do something now soon and let us go into winter quarters. The 2nd Georgia Brigade is in front of the battle and our regiment is in front of the whole Brigade; but we are just the boys that can face them if they come.

October 21, 1862.

I have had chills ever since August until about three weeks ago. I was left on the road and I got in at a private house. I was never treated better in my life. I marched several days when I was hardly able to creep. We would march all day and then till mid-night. One night I went to Lieut. Bledsoe and he, being a doctor, examined me. He gave me a pass and told me to get out into the woods where the rear guards would not find me and then get to a private house and stay until I got well. As it happened the gentleman at the house was a doctor and he gave me medicine as long as I stayed there.

Camp Near Fredericksburg, Va.
Sept. 14, 1862

I was afraid that you would be suffering for salt. It sells here for $3.00 or $4.00 per quart. Some one offered $5.00 for a sack the other day, so I heard them say. I have known them to give $2.00 per pint for it.

This letter copied in full
In Prison at Fort Delaware,
Sept. 14, 1864.

My dear Father:
I take my pen in hand to inform you that I am well and I
hope these few lines may find you the same. You must write as soon as you can. I have written the third time now. Mr. Ham is here and he is well. Tell Mrs. Ham that he has written.

Well I hope that I live to see you all again if it is God’s will. I have been here a prisoner over fourteen months now. I hope the authorities will get us away from here before winter. I can’t write more than ten lines.

Your only and most obedient son,

W. H. Mangham,
c/o J. W. Hain.

CHARLES WESLEY HILLHOUSE

For forty years Charles Wesley Hillhouse was one of the county’s leading business men. He came to Sylvester in 1891 just as the town started to grow.

He was a skilled mechanic and followed the business of building contractor here for many years. Many of the older houses, both business and homes, were constructed under his supervision. From this he built up and owned one of the largest hardware businesses in this section. In 1910 he helped organize the Empire Mercantile business but sold out to this company and became a large stockholder. On January 1st, 1913, his sons, Grover and Floyd, went into the hardware business under the name of Hillhouse Hardware Company, which they operated until their deaths, and this business has been owned and operated since by his son, Roy M. Hillhouse.

C. W. Hillhouse was always one of the chief promoters of every enterprise that was for the upbuilding of Sylvester and welfare of Worth County. He was one of the organizers of the Empire Mercantile Company, and of the G. A. S. and C. Railway, of which he was a director. He helped to organize the Sylvester Banking Company, of which he was one of the largest stockholders. He was a director of its affairs since it was founded more than thirty years ago, and at the time of his death was Vice-President of that institution.

He represented the county in the State Legislature for two terms, 1922-1928. He served the city as mayor for several years, and was one of the city fathers for a number of years.

He was a charter member in the organization of the Baptist Church of Sylvester, having united with the Baptist Church at the age of 12 years. He built the first two Baptist Church houses of worship, and was chairman of the building committee.
of the present magnificent edifice.

Charles W. Hillhouse was appointed by the government to investigate Rural Credits in Agriculture in Europe in the years 1913-1914. With a delegation he visited many countries in Europe. He came home with a burning desire to see the youth of our county trained in the public schools in agriculture, and was largely instrumental in putting in agriculture and Home Economics Courses in McPhaul Institute.

He was a world traveler and visited every state in the United States, Panama Canal, Cuba, Canada and in 1922 he made a tour around the world and visited most of the great countries on that trip, which lasted six months.

He was born at Cuthbert, Randolph County, Dec. 8, 1861. His parents were Richard and Amanda (Roper) Hillhouse. His father was an architect. He died while Charles was about two years old.

C. W. Hillhouse came to Worth at the age of 16 years with his step-father, Willoughby H. Mangham, and mother and their family. Charles W. had one own brother, John H. Hillhouse, five half-brothers, Flavy, Willie, Joe, Jack, and Wash Mangham, and four half-sisters, Ethlyn, Emmie, Mary, and Rosalie Mangham.

On March 30, 1882, he was married to Mary Ellen Hancock, a member of a distinguished pioneer family of Worth, the daughter of Henry W. and Creacy (Marchant) Hancock of Minton.

To this union six children were born, Eudora (Mrs. Will Stewart), Byron, who was killed in a gin accident just as he reached manhood, Grover, who was killed in the Aviation Service in the World War, Floyd, an enterprising young business man, died at the age of 29 years, Irene, (Mrs. Gilbert W. Sumner), and Roy M., one of the leading business men of Sylvester, proprietor of Hillhouse Hardware Company, farmer, and one of the directors of Sylvester Banking Company.

C. W. Hillhouse died while still an active business man on June 14, 1930.

JOHN HENRY HILLHOUSE

John Henry Hillhouse is of Scotch-Irish and English descent, his paternal Revolutionary ancestor being John Hillhouse of South Carolina. His maternal ancestor was Jacob
HISTORY OF WORTH COUNTY, GEORGIA

McLendon, Sr., of Wilkes County, Ga. He was born in Cuthbert, Randolph County, Ga., Sept. 14th, 1864.

His parents were Richard Henry Hillhouse and Georgia Amanda (Roper) Hillhouse.

His father was an architect and contractor.

Education: Common schools at Shellman, Georgia, and Minton, Worth County, Georgia. Learned telegraphy at Poulan, Ga.

He was married Nov. 4th, 1886 to Orrie L. Castellow, daughter of William H. and Lucy Castellow, of Eufaula.

Six children, Charles H., Lucy M., Grace Kate, Frank B., John C., and William W.

After the death of his first wife he was married June 6th, 1932, to Mrs. Ida Mae Burns, of Charlotte, N. C.

He assisted in building, organizing and operating the Gulf Line Railway (now the G. A. S. & C. Railway) and later was made Treasurer, Traffic Manager, and Vice-President of this road.

He is a Democrat, Baptist, Knights of Pythias, and Odd Fellow.

ROPER FAMILY

Four of the children of Lewis Griffin Roper and Emily (McClendon) Roper moved from Randolph County, Georgia to Worth County in the latter part of the nineteenth century. They were: Mrs. Lamitha Roper Grubbs, Mrs. Amanda Roper (Hillhouse) Mangham, Messrs. Andrew Jackson Roper and George Washington Roper, twin brothers.

After the death of Lewis Griffin Roper, Mrs. Emily Roper married Peter Willet and had one daughter by this marriage, Emma Willet, who married Z. W. Mathews. Mr. and Mrs. Mathews also moved to Worth County.

Lewis Griffin Roper was born in North Carolina, the son of Thomas Roper whose father was Richard Roper. This Richard Roper was born near Greenville, Va., and later moved to North Carolina. Lewis Griffin Roper's mother was Hannah Hunter, the daughter of James Hunter of North Carolina.

Emily McClendon (or McLendon) Roper was the great-granddaughter of Jacob McClendon, Sr., a Revolutionary soldier of Wilkes County, Ga., who served under Elijah Clark. The McClendon family came from Scotland to North Carolina prior to the Revolution.

Mrs. Emily Roper was also descended from William Doug-
liss (or Douglas) and Sterling Jenkins, both Revolutionary soldiers in Wilkes County, Georgia.

LEWIS GRIFFIN ROPER

These records are from the Bible of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Griffin Roper. This Bible is now in the possession of their son, Mr. A. J. Roper, Sylvester, Ga.

Note:—Lewis Griffin Roper came to Georgia from Mountain Creek, North Carolina. He was the son of Thomas Roper and his wife, Hannah Hunter Roper, of Rockingham County, N. C. Thomas Roper was born in 1777. Lewis Griffin Roper was the grandson of Richard Roper and his second wife, Mrs. Lewis Roper of Northampton County, N. C. Richard Roper was born near Greenville, Va. about 1700.

Deaths
Lewis Griffin Roper was born Nov. 6, 1812.
Emily McLendon Roper was born Aug. 22, 1819.

Children
John T. Roper (son of Lewis Griffin Roper by his first marriage) was born Aug. 10, 1836.

Children of Second Marriage
Amos Wesley Roper was born Oct. 21, 1838.
Lewis Simeon Roper was born Feb. 24, 1840.
Martha Caroline Roper was born Oct. 1, 1841.
Lamitha Jane Roper was born Apr. 30, 1843.
Georgia Amanda Roper was born July 22, 1844.
William Taylor Roper was born May 12, 1846.
George Washington Roper was born Sept. 12, 1847.
Andrew Jackson Roper and above written being twins and born of the same date.
Emma Louisa Willet (daughter of Mrs. Emily McLendon Roper Willet) was born Dec. 5, 1856.

Grand Children of Lewis Griffin Roper
Charles Wesley Hillhouse was born Dec. 1st, 1861.
John Henry Hillhouse was born Sept. 14, 1864.
Ethelyn V. Mangham was born June 12, 1867.
Ella B. Roper was born Sept. 26, 1867.
John D. Grubbs was born Oct. 18, 1867.
Emily R. Mariah was born May 22, 1869.
Lewis M. W. Roper was born June 15, 1870.
Amos A. S. Roper was born Jan. 21, 1876.
Marriages

Lewis Griffin Roper and Emily McLendon were married Sept. 7, 1837.
Pete Willet and Mrs. Emily McLendon Roper were married June 7, 1855.
Georgia Amanda Roper and Richard Henry Hillhouse, were married July 26, 1861.
Mrs. Georgia Amanda Roper Hillhouse and Willoughby Hill Mangham were married Sept. 2, 1866.
George Washington Roper and Ellen Page were married Dec. 26, 1866.
Lamitha Roper and James Monroe Grubbs were married Dec. 27, 1866.
Andrew Jackson Roper and Mattie E. Calloway, were married Jan. 4, 1874.
Emma Williott and Z. W. Mathews, were married Dec. 24, 1874.
Note:—Lewis Griffin Roper was married first to a Miss McMichael of Ft. Gaines.

Deaths

Lewis Griffin Roper died May 21, 1847.
Martha Caroline Roper died July 20, 1852.
Peter Willet Roper died June 6, 1863.
Lewis Simeon Roper died Feb. 5, 1863.
John T. Roper died Dec. 22, 1863.
Richard Henry Hillhouse died Feb. 21, 1864.
Amos Wesley Roper died Aug. 12, 1864.
Mrs. Emily McLendon Roper Willet died Sept. 27, 1882.
Mrs. Lemitha Roper Grubbs died Dec. 30, 1915.
George Washington Roper died Jan. 21, 1925.
James Monroe Grubbs died June 20, 1925.
Mrs. Georgia Amanda Hillhouse Mangham died June 6, 1927.
Mrs. E. Mattie, first wife of A. J. Roper died July 19, 1907.

ANDREW JACKSON ROPER

Andrew Jackson Roper was born in Randolph County, Sept. 12, 1847.
He enlisted in the army in the War Between the States at the age of fourteen. He joined the Randolph Rangers under Capt. Ed. Ball and went off with this company on March 4, 1862. He saw service in Virginia in the second battle of Manassas or Bull Run, Telfair Gaps, and Orange Court House.
He was taken sick at Battletown, so he did not go to Maryland, but was sent to Richmond to the hospital from where he was discharged and sent home on account of being under age. This was in the spring of 1863.

He was called back into the service in March of 1864. This time he enlisted in the 3rd Ga. Regiment and served four months as a guard at Andersonville, Ga. Later he went to South Carolina, taking part in several battles there. He was disabled for service on account of sickness and was sent home on a furlough. He was mustered out at Macon in May, 1865.

Mr. A. J. Roper was married first to Mattie E. Calloway on Jan. 14, 1874.

In December, 1879, they moved to Worth County. He bought land from Mr. Tom Warren of Hawkinsville, Ga. Land at that time was selling at from $2.00 to $2.50 per acre. He first settled and built a home not very far from the site of Mt. Pisgah Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Roper were members of Union Baptist Church in the Minton settlement.

At that time there were very few conveniences in that part of the county. He says that he carried corn to Tucker’s water mill in Colquitt County to be ground.

Mr. Roper cleared land and built seven or eight homesteads within a radius of six miles from where he now lives at the village of Gorday, four miles from Sylvester, Ga.

His first wife was a descendant of William Castillo Hill in Stewart County, where she was born. She died July 19, 1907.

Mr. Roper was married a second time to Bessie Tate of Worth County on Sept. 3, 1911. She died in August of 1932.

He is one of the few surviving members of Camp Bill Harris, the Worth County organization of Confederate Veterans.

He never had any children, but he and his first wife took his niece, Bernice Davidson, to raise.

Mr. Roper helped to organize the Baptist Church at Gordy of which he is a useful member.

He is in his eighty-fifth year and is, and ever has been, a positive force for good in his community and his church.

**MR. AND MRS. GEORGE WASHINGTON ROPER**

There has never lived in Sylvester at any time, probably, a more beloved couple nor a couple with a wider circle of