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FOR PARENTS OF MARGARET BELL OWENS

Elisha Owens b 1773 S.C. d bef. 1864 Oktibbeha Co., Miss.  
(son of James 1748-cl808 and Eleanor (Bryesan)Owens)  
mar. 1802 near Winnsborough  
Margaret Bell b 1776 S.C. d 2-24-1864 Oktibbeha Co., Miss.

Children of Elisha and Margaret

1. Elizabeth b 1804 near Winnsboro d 10-2-1837 Fairfield Co., S.C.  
mar. <sup>1813</sup> Fairfield Co., S.C. George Leitner b 1802 Winnsboro d 1869 Allendale, S.C.  
ch. Cornelia Elizabeth 1833-1925 m John Grandison Williams 1832-1898  
James  
Martha A.  
Elizabeth <sup>Margaret</sup> left 6 ch. "one a baby" and her husband mar. soon afterwards  
and had more children
2. James T. Owens b 1806 S.C. d 1872 near Crawford, Miss.  
mar. c 1832 S.C. Isabella Milling (dau. of Capt. Hugh & Eliz. (Burney) Milling  
b 1806 S.C. d aft. 1885  
Ch. Isabella b 1833 S.C. d after 1899 Miss. mar. Dr. D. F. Owen  
John H. b 1835 S.C. d 1920 Miss. mar -- wife soon died, did not remar.  
Margaret A. b 1838 S.C.  
Eunice b 1840 S.C.  
Elisha M. (Lish) b 1842 Miss. mar. Ada --  
Sarah b 1844 Miss.  
Edwin Thomas b 1849 Miss. d aft 1911 Miss. m 1871 Harriet Harrington  
Laura
3. Henry mar. S.C. Elizabeth ---  
ch Frances  
baby by 1840
4. William Bell Owens b 10-6-1808 Fairfield Dist. near Winnsboro  
d 1-21-1872 Yalobusha Co. (now Grenada Co.) Miss.  
mar. 1836 near Winnsboro Elizabeth Cathrine Nason, dau. of Richard &  
Margret (Milling) Nason  
b 5-20-1814 S.C. d 11-14-1891 Miss.  
ch. David Thomas b 1836 Fairfield Dist. S.C. d 1915 Miss. mar Anna Eunice  
Sullivan  
Margret Milling b 1838 S.C. d 1921 Miss. unmar.  
Martha Ann Elizabeth b 1840 Oktibbeha Co., Miss. d 1894 Miss.  
mar. Joseph Williams  
James Firman (Furman?) b 1842 Yalobusha Co., Miss. d 1860 unmar  
Richard Nason Owens b 1844 Yalobusha Co., Miss. d 1902 mar Mrs. Lida  
Lake Howard  
William Oberlin b 1845 Miss. d 1864 unmar.  
Elisha Judson b 1848 Miss. d 1929 unmar.  
Joanna Nason b 1850 d 1930 unmar.  
Leah Hugh Ella b 1853 d 1892 mar Joseph S. Duggins  
John Hughes b 1855 d 1926 m Kate Donley Koone
5. Middleton Elisha b 1818 S.C. d after 1885 unmar.
6. Margret Jane Bell b 1826 S.C. mar. before 10-10-1854 Calvin Cushman  
ch Ora  
Henry

Elisha and his family moved from Fairfield Dist. S.C. to Oktibbeha Co., Miss around 1840. His son William then moved to Yalabusha Co.

The Owens (always spelled with an "s" on the end by our family) were Baptist but I never heard anything about Margret B. Owens' denomination.

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These are some things an aunt told me that she had remembered her aunts telling about the Bell family.

William Bell and his wife came to America from Scotland about the beginning of the Rev. War and lived near Winnsborough. Had 5 ch. 2 girls and 3 boys. Margret was one of the girls, one boy was Thomas.

Wm. Bell was active in Rev. (interesting story about his slave helping him escape from the British who were searching the house)

Another time the Tories raided the house, William was not at home and the Tories were so enraged they cut off the head of his youngest son and threw it in his mother's lap. Margret was about 5 years old at the time. Margaret Owens (dau. of Wm. Bell & Elizabeth (Nason) Owens said she remembered hearing her grandmother tell about the Tories cutting off the head of her little brother.

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I don't know whether someone of the older members of the family had been told William was the name of Margret's father or whether it may have been assumed from the fact that her son was named William Bell Owens. ~~However,~~ I had always heard he was William. I did find a note among family papers which said "Margret Bell Owens' father was Thomas Bell", but also found the above in with the same papers in the same handwriting.

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Quite a few Bell families from Fairfield Co. moved to Oktibbeha Co., Miss. in the 1840's. Someone from Starkville (Oktibbeha Co.) once wrote me that she had always heard the Cushmans (Margaret Jane Bell Owens mar Calvin Cushman) were kin to the Bells there but I could get no further information. However, the Cushmans were from the North and had come as missionaries so any kinship could only be on Margret's side.

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Dear Mrs. Sanborn,

Several years ago when I was writing about Millings of S.C., we had some correspondence and you told me you did searching. It seems that ever since then my time has been taken up so I could never gather my information to send you.

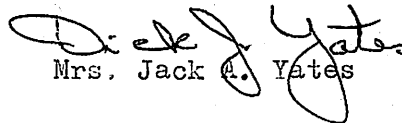
I am attaching the information I have which may possibly be of help in identifying the parents of Margaret Bell Owens, for there were so many Bells in that area. Of course, most of what I have is names of her children. Probably much of the information will be of no help but I'll include all "bits and pieces" I have on the Bells.

Please do whatever checking you can for the amount of the check I've enclosed.

You may be interested to know that since I last wrote you I've had correspondence with Dr. Robert Milling of Columbia, which is quite nice, for I am overjoyed at finding Milling descendants.

After reviewing my information I can only hope that you, having worked with genealogy, will be able to locate Margret's father's name and some information on him. I know that there were worlds of William Bells in Fairfield Co. and possibly you can find some record to definitely place Marg ret.

Sincerely yours,

  
Mrs. Jack A. Yates