

Col. Jesse Havis family- continued.

5. Minor W. Havis. When Minor died 4 of his sons were soldiers in the Confederate forces. One son (second family, William C. Havis died in battle in Virginia.) Minor's home is listed on the National Historic Tour.
6. Jesse D. Havis Jr. married Sophia Winn, daughter of Minor Winn and Mary Evans. Mary Evans was a sister to David R. and Joseph Evans. Her attorney brother, David, suggested, that she divorce Minor Winn (son of John Winn). She did. Jesse D. and his family moved to Alabama, living 7 houses from his brother, Minor at Oak Bowery, Chambers Co. in 1840. I believe, that Mary Willingham Havis was living in Jesse Jr.'s home, because the Census listed a woman over 70. Later, he moved to Perry County, Ga. Sophia died and he married a Martha Evelin Blount. His son, Dr. Minor W. Havis was a prominent Presbyterian layman in Houston, Ga.
7. Obed B. Havis moved to Alabama with his brother, Minor and his bride. Obed remained in Shelby Co. Ala. His wife was Ellen ?. Two sons and 3 daughters.
8. Jonathan Havis married Mary Ann Jackson. Jesse was very fond of this son's children. Jonathan settled in Shelby Co. Alabama. After his wife died, he married Mitty Ann Beecher.
9. James C. Havis, b. 1810. He was only 17, when his father died. Jesse willed him some land on Dutchman's Creek. James married a girl in Barnwell Co. Her name was Elizabeth ?. I suppose they had no money; so he sold the land, which his father had willed to him. He sold it to Osmund Woodward. James joined the Palmetto Reg. and went to Mexico as a soldier in that war. He died in Vera Cruz of diarrhea in 1847. All he possessed was a shirt, belt and shoes. His sister, Elizabeth Evans, his brother, Jesse D. and all the relatives, that they could add, filed suit to reclaim the land, that his father willed to him. It seems, that they were not successful. His poor wife received nothing. Some people, named Peyton, who knew her well, brought her to Texas with them. She did their servant work, until she was too frail to work. She died at their home in Grimes Co. Texas. And the members of James Havis' family could not even tell the cause of his death. Some of this research reveals sad things. Col. Jesse was fond of this young son, but for some reason, he detested his son-in-laws. I feel, that he erred in making Jesse Jr. the administrator of his estate. He was not really honest.

So, we know, that Jesse Havis had 9 children. I figure, that he married somewhere in the Camden-Fairfield District. Yes, he and John Buchanan were greatly responsible for the First Methodist Church in Winnsboro. Jesse was 16 in the Revolution. I wish, that we knew about his appearance. Was he tall and slender, blonde or brunette? I am inclined to think, that he was short and stocky. Perhaps, I compare him to my own father, James Minor Havis, who was short and heavy, when I first saw him. My father was 51 years old, when I was born in 1918. My mother was 23. I was an only child. I lost Daddy, Oct. 6, 1938 three days before his 71st birthday. He is buried in Greenville, Texas. He was the youngest child of James Judge Havis and my grandmother, Mary Ellen Oslin. My father was born Oct. 9, 1867 in Oak Bowery, Alabama. He served at two different times in the U.S. Army. First, he enlisted in San Augustine, Fla. for a term of 3 years. For some reason, he received an honorable discharge in one year. This was in 1889. I figure, that my grandfather was ill at that time and my father went home. I am inclined to believe, that my grandfather Havis died in Ocala, Fla. We have an old photo of him, made in Ocala. He was elderly in the picture. He had a bachelor son, Henry C. Havis, who resided in Ocala. Researching in Florida is difficult. They have very little before 1900, concerning deaths.

These letters are "brain boggling" to write. You search your mind for things, that you wish to tell someone. Then you wonder, if you have already written it in an earlier paragraph. Most of what I am telling you comes from my memory. I can quote birth, death and wedding dates like a computer. Various people ask, "Evelyn, how do you remember all these things?" I have gone through all of it so often, that I guess it is programmed in my head.

I know, that Aunt Elizabeth Havis Evans had a large family. Do you have a copy of David Read Evans' will? It names several nieces and nephews. Among them would be the children of Joesph Evans, his brother and Mary Evans Winn, his sister.

My other ancestors are the Hilliards, Judges and Dukes of N. Carolina. I had wondered, how my great grandmother, a young girl from Halifax Co. N. Carolina married my great grandfather, the son of Col. Jesse Havis. It is clear now. Martha Judge lost her parents in 1813 and 1816. Her brother, Rev. Hilliard Judge was a neighbor just north of Col. Jesse Havis. He took his sister Martha and little brother, Jonathan Judge to live in his home. Hilliard had married Isabella Means, the daughter of John Means. Rev. Hilliard Judge was chaplain of the S. Carolina legislature. He died in his early thirties and is buried in the old Methodist Cemetery in winnsboro, near his 11 year old son, John Means Judge. After his death, Isabella married old Dr. William Bratton, whose first wife was Christina, the daughter of General Richard Winn.

Your husband is correct, we are addicted to Genealogy, but there are worse things. I am also addicted to flowers. At this time of year, I find myself in plant stores buying all kinds of plants. I have a bedroom, filled with African violets. I manage to do needlepoint, Crewel and crochet, and constantly answer mail. And I collect plates.

Please keep this information in your family. We hope to contain all of it in a book. We need to find that first ancestor. Wonder if he came in through Barbados or the West Indies? I can find nothing on these places in our library. First the people took a loyalty oath to the Crown. Later to their new country. Surely, these records are somewhere. Please write to me. Sometimes I mail information to people and they do not reply. It is nice to find someone, who descends from one of the family daughters. This is the first one. Anything, that you can add, will be very helpful. It is nice to work together.

My older daughter is Carol, Mrs. Donald R. Christian.

Her children- Heather Elise, 19 will soon be junior in college. Flute & Piano.  
Christopher Martin, 17, high school junior, trombonist, stage & concert  
Jonathan Todd, almost 15, next fall freshman, trumpet and art.  
Mary Rebecca, deceased, would be 9  
Hilliard Judge, age 7, first grade.

Younger daughter is Henriette, Mrs. J.C. Wright Jr.

Her children- Kerry Evan born on Minor W. Havis' birthday (3rd. gr. grandfather)  
(Kerry will be 15 Oct. 24, 1980. He plays football).  
Amanda Leanne, age 8, second grade.

*May 4*  
I intended to mail this earlier, but We take Jonathan to his art lesson on Saturday morning and it is over at noon. It is Sunday midnight and my head is nodding; so I will close for now.

Love- Your long lost kin.

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Fort Worth, Texas,  
May 3, 1980.

Dear Sarah:

After our conversation by phone, I decided to re-write my letter. My research began in 1969. I was bored with this big house; staying alone all day. Our daughters were married and had families. After all, I knew so little about my paternal family. All I had, were my father's military records, which revealed his birthdate and place of birth, Oak Bowery, Alabama. October 9, 1867. I wrote to Ruth Warren in Mobile, Ala. She published a Sunday column on ancestry in the Mobile Press Register. My letter was printed in her column. The following week, I received a packet of information about my father's family. My grandfather, James Judge Havis was a Captain in the 14th Alabama Infantry Regiment. C.S.A. I have a copy of a letter, hand written by him to Gov. A.B. Moore, committing his troops into the service of the Confederacy. The original letter is contained in the National Archives. Grandfather was at the Surrender in Appomattox, April 9, 1865. Sixteen months later, he built a large mill on the Chattahoochee River between Alabama and Georgia. Today, the mill is in use by West Point Pepperell and is called the Riverdale Mill at Riverview, Ala. His name and M.E. Echols are on the cornerstone. The year- 1866.

Long ago, I ordered copies of the wills of John Havis and son, Jesse. John died in 1807. His wife was Susannah ?. At the same time, that John Havis lived in the Camden-Fairfield District, James Havis, age 39 years old in 1775, resided in Prince Georges Co. Maryland. His wife was Catherine. By 1790, he was deceased and had 11 children. We find no trace of them. James served under Gen. Henry Bouquet in the French and Indian Wars. Catherine applied for a widow's pension. No luck. There was also a Joseph Havis, age 30 in 1760, served under Gen. Whiting, New York, same war. Joseph deserted. No further data. Now, all three of these Havis men could have been brothers. All were in the same age bracket. I believe, that John and James were brothers. John was born about 1732 or 34.

He is listed as a Patriot in the D.A.R. A young woman in Louisiana entered the society in son, Thomas Havis' name. Thomas was born in 1782. She gave his father's age as ca. 1762. Impossible, son, Jesse was born in 1764. I wrote to D.A.R. headquarter concerning the error. They refused to correct it, until I can furnish proof of John Havis' age. They accepted her papers. I have been voted into D.A.R. twice. And each time, I refuse. It hurts me, that they will tolerate dishonesty. Sharon Havis, Odessa, Texas entered D.A.R. in the name of Col. Jesse Havis. He was her 4th great grandfather. It was Sharon's father, who cemented the Jesse Havis Marker in the plot with David Evans. He said, that it was leaning against a wall in the A.R.P. Cemetery with wild blackberry vines growing around it. He could not understand, why no one had located the grave and placed the marker back where it belonged; so he planted it permanently to preserve it. This man is very proud of his connection to John and Jesse Havis. He wishes to preserve their heritage. He has traveled to many places at the least hint of information about this family. All of the information is here at my home.

The children, who descend from John Havis Jr. and Thomas Havis have been very warm and cooperative. Some have lived in the same area, were acquainted, but never knew of their kinship, until I got them together. Many have furnished old family photos, which I had copied and returned the originals to them. I keep in touch with them. My postage and phone bills are quite costly, but it has been worth every cent, that I have spent. My husband is very helpful. He loves my Havis people. They treat him, like their own. In fact, they are warm, wonderful people. We have had Havis men in every armed conflict from 1760, through Vietnam. None that I know about were drafted. They have always fought for this country.

Since you do not know much about the old Havis family, I will try to tell you about them. First of all, they came here as "Free Men" never under bondage. I am told, that only the people with money could book passage on the ships. The others were often kidnapped in taverns to work on the ships. So, I wager, that our first Havis, who came over, was financially secure. I wrote to the Chancery Office in London, several years ago, concerning the name "Havis". They told me, that the name did not belong to the British Colonies. They suggested, that it was Continental.

Oddly enough, all the Havis people, whom I have met, entertain the idea, that we have ancestry in France. Call it an old wives tale, whatever. None of us had lived in the same area, or had any early communication, yet, all of us knew about our French connection.

This much, we do know. Jacques Havis was Receiver General of Finance in the Generalité D'Orleans Provence. This was during the reign of Louis XV. In fact, Jacques (James) was Godfather at the baptism of little Jacques Louis of the Royal House of Aleaume. January 14, 1740. Now, this Havis would have had to be a Catholic at that time to be Godfather of that child. Trouble was brewing in France. Perhaps Jacques decided to find new roots in America. James and our old John may have been his sons. Probably, they were born in Europe.

I have searched many ships' logs and have never found the Havis name. I know, that John Havis owned land before the grants were given for military service in the Revolution. He and son, Jesse owned approximately 3,000 acres of land. I understood, that their places adjoined. For that reason, I decided, that old John, who died in 1807 must be buried out there somewhere. At one time, that lane was called the Peay's Ferry Road wasn't it? (When they lived there.)

John and Susannah Havis had 3 living daughters: Elizabeth, who married James Austen, Mary, who married John Yarborough and Lydia, who married a Knighton. It is possible, that some other daughters were deceased, because John mentioned granddaughters, Charlotte O'Neal, Mary and Elizabeth Martin, in his will.

John's sons were: Jesse D. Havis b. 1764 d. Sept. 7, 1827 Winnsboro, S. Carolina.  
wife, Mary Willingham, daughter of John and Mary Willingham.

John B. Havis b. ca. 1775 d. 1843 Baton Rouge, La.  
wives: 1. Catherine Pickett (mother of his 8 children)  
2. Mary Simpson. Leon Co. Fla. 1834  
3. Patience Pickett Cassity (sister of first wife. m. 1838  
died, Baton Rouge, La. 1846

Thomas R. Havis b. July 31, 1782 d. Sept. 21, 1841 wife Sarah,  
m. Dec. 28, 1807 in N. Carolina. Migrated to  
Meadville, Franklin Co. Miss. shortly after  
marriage.

The children of Jesse Havis and Mary Willingham were:

1. Elizabeth, who married Joseph Evans
2. Martha, who married John Graham
3. Jane, who had a son named John Pagan McKinney (mentioned in Jesse's will)  
Jane died before her father died. Married a Jephtha Pickett in Ga. in 1826.  
Had a son, Jesse Havis Pickett. Not much is said about him.
4. Clarissa, who was promised a slave girl by Jesse, if she failed to marry.  
( She went to Alabama with her brothers and married a widower, Robert Stewart.  
Had one son. I have a copy of her marriage license.)
5. Minor W. Havis b. Oct. 24, 1794 m. Martha Judge Dec. 31, 1818. (These were my great grandparents) They moved to Shelby Co. Ala. where Minor was the first coroner in 1819. They had 3 children. Martha became ill and for some reason died back in Winnsboro at the home of Jesse Havis, Dec. 5, 1828. This does not make much sense. Jesse died the previous year. Minor remarried in 1833. Had 4 more children. He died Sept. 1, 1861, Loachapoka, Ala.

Landrum's - "History of Spartanburg"  
gives history of this Smith family.  
M.B.

William Smith Bible  
Spartanburg County, S.C.

WILLIAM SMITH

The son of MERCY PENQUITE and RALPH SMITH was a Captain during the Revolution on the American side...He was later a South Carolina Circuit Judge and also a member of the U.S. Congress from S.C....This Bible is owned by the Winsmith Family of Spartanburg County, S.C. except for a page sent to the Pension Bureau in Washington...I have photostats of all the pages. Data marked with \* is added from sources noted including some from Landrum's History of Spartanburg County, S.C.

WILLIAM SMITH...\*Born in Bucks Co, Pa. 20 Sept. 1751 died 22 June 1837...Landrum  
His wife No marriage date in Bible...Andrea

MOURNING BEARDEN born 15 June 1763...No death date\*\*

Daughter of JOHN & LETTICE BEARDEN...\*Lettice sister of Gen. Richard Winn...Landrum

AARON SMITH...Son born 12 Jan. 1781...No further data on him...Andrea

\* LETTICE SMITH...Daughter born 6 June 1783...\*Married WILLIAM JENKINS of Chester County, S.C. and removed to Alabama...Landrum → Talladega Co., Ala.

ISAAC SMITH...Son born 31 Oct. 1784 \*Married MARY BARRY from my Barry Ms. Andrea

EBER SMITH...Son born 13 March 1787

\*Married MARY MOORE from my Moore-Barry ms. second to ELIZABETH ASHFORD

RALPH SMITH...Son born 15 May 1790 \*Married SUSAN TURNER...Landrum

\* MASSEY P. SMITH...Daughter born 28 April 1792

Wife of THOMAS A. DABS of Fairfield County, S.C. in father's estate file 1837.

WILLIAM SMITH...Son born 6 May 1794 \*Married an ASHFORD and removed to Fairfield County, S.C...Landrum

SARAH SMITH...Daughter born 24 Jan. 1796 \*In 1837 in Estate of her father she was listed as Sarah Smith and evidently not married...Andrea

MARY SMITH...Daughter born 28 June 1798 \*In Estate of her father in 1837 she was listed as the wife of JOEL BREWTON of Spartanburg County, S.C.

JANE CHAPMAN SMITH...Daughter born 15 Sept. 1800 \*In Estate of her father in 1837 she was listed as wife of WILLIAM BOCAN of Union County, S.C...Andrea

JOHN WIN SMITH...Son born 13 Jan. 1802 died 29 Nov. 1898

\*He married CATHERINE FABER and legally changed his surname to WINSMITH...Landrum.  
\*His family still reside in his old house and own this Bible...Andrea

ELIHU PENQUITE SMITH...Son born 9 March 1804 died 23 April 1878

\*Married CHRISTINA FABER...Landrum

ELIPHAS TWINING SMITH...Son born 12 April 1806 \*Married ELIZABETH EARLE and removed to Alabama and after death of first wife married a lady in Jacksonville, Ala...Landrum

Two other entries in Bible

AARON MOORE, son of EBER & POLLY SMITH born 27 Aug. 1813

GEORGE ASHFORD, son of EBER & ELIZABETH SMITH born 15 May 1819

\*\*I know the location of this Smith Family Graveyard...Mourning Bearden Smith has a tombstone and I can obtain death date...Andrea