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Hello Wayne,

Hope all is well with you.

I am so busy it seems I get where I do not know what I have done even though I think I document well.

Point is I cannot remember if I ever got you what you had asked for:

Gibson documentation, Old Brick Church book (only have library copy), 1876 Color Map (only have library copy, need more copies made).

If I remember correctly, I sent you the PDF version of Old Brick Church and the JPEG version of the 1876 Color Map. I hope I emailed you the Gibson information.

Please forgive my absence in my memory and let me know where I stand with your request?

Thanks,

Eddie

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MINOR GIBSON

There is limited documentation regarding MINOR GIBSON in the probate records of Fairfield County and elsewhere:

On 29 March 1811, a MINOR GIBSON of Fairfield District was given permission by the State of Georgia to travel through the Creek Nation of Indians. (Passports of Southeastern Pioneers, 1779-1823)

On 20 December 1827, MINOR bought 100 acres of land from his uncle ABEL for \$425. It was part of the land originally granted to JUDITH GIBSON. (Fairfield Book II, page 36)

On 17 January 1829, MINOR sold 100 acres of land to JOHN A. MARTIN for \$733.59. From the description it is the same acreage he had recently purchased from ABEL. (Fairfield Book II, page 32)

MINOR is mentioned in his father STEPHEN's Will dated 17 October 1831. His name is second in the listing and the presumption is he was the second born of the proven children. (Will Book 14, page 160)

On 11 January 1832, a receipt for satisfaction of mortgage in full, was given by MINOR to JOHN MARTIN. (Book KK, page 249)

On 14 March 1833, MINOR released his part of his father's estate to his brother STEPHEN, JUNR. (Book LL, page 42)

On 14 March 1833, he sold 100 acres to JOHN THOMPSON for \$1500. It was described as part of the 250 acres originally granted to JACOB GIBSON and had been passed down to DAVID to STEPHEN, SENR. and thence to MINOR. (Book LL, page 40)

The Southern Times and State Gazette issue of 4 September 1835, reported that on 27 August 1835, a MINOR GIBSON, Esquire was married to Miss_____ADKINS, all of Fairfield District. In the Scott Cemetery in Fairfield District, there is a marker which reads: SARAH GIBSON, died 3/6/1836, Age 16, noted to be the wife of MINOR GIBSON.

On 13 May 1841, MINOR GIBSON wrote his Last Will and Testament. He named his wife, JEMIMA JANE, and two daughters: SARAH ANN ELIZABETH and MARY ANN FRANCIS. That this is the son of STEPHEN GIBSON, SENR. is proved by his mention of "my brother STEPHEN GIBSON", whom he named as executor along with EDWARD ANDREWS. (Will Book 19, page 32-34) (Fairfield Book R, page 32-34) (Apt. 73, File 39, Frames 169, 170, 175 and 193 - SCA)/

MINOR GIBSON died a short time thereafter, proved by a petition, dated 7 December 1841, filed by his executors to terminate the interest of MINOR's widow, JEMIMA JANE, in the estate as she had married ELISHA SCOTT and no longer met the Will's provisions. (Apt. 73, File 39, Frames 169, 170, 175 and 193 - SCA)

When MINOR'S personal estate was sold, the following buyers were recorded: ELISHA SCOTT, STEPHEN GIBSON, ARTHUR MC GRAW, SAMUEL MUNDLE, ROBERT HAWTHORNE, HENRY GIBSON, EDWARD ANDREWS, ROBERT MC DILL, JOSEPH WILLINGHAM, GEORGE SCOTT and SAMPSON (Apt 73, File 39, Frames 169, 170, 175 and 193 - SCA) MINOR had at the least, two wives. His Will, noted above, certainly supports his marriage to JEMIMA JANE (her surname currently unknown) by May 1841, the date of the Will. His daughters were also born by this date. The Southern Times' mention of a MINOR GIBSON marriage on 27 August 1835 to Miss ADKINS, with the cemetery marker on SARAH GIBSON dated 6 March 1836 suggests these refer to the same woman. Noted that although the newspaper account said they were both of Fairfield County, we could locate no census notations for an Adkins, and we have the thought it may have been a misprint for Aiken, a name found plentifully in Fairfield, and one found in estate papers for Minor.

"Fairfield County Marriages Implied in Probate Records" lists an ELIZABETH LIGHTNER as having married ______GIBSON. citing (Apt. 57, File 875, Frame 265 - SCA).

This last reference is an administration of the Will of John Lightner which shows a HUMPHREY GIBSON as executor and includes payments to "the heirs of ELIZABETH GIBSON, deceased". The Will of John Lightner was written 19 September 1794 and recorded 30 December 1802. It mentions "my daughters ELIZABETH LIGHTNER, CATY LIGHTNER AND MARY LIGHTNER", and later "daughter BARBARY LIGHTNER". The particular distribution mentioning Elizabeth is dated 1 January 1837. Our reading of this is that Elizabeth is not yet married in 1794 (and perhaps not even by 1802, when the Will was recorded) and by 1837 was wed, had children, and was deceased.

At the sale of JOHN LIGHTNER's estate, HUMPHREY GIBSON and NATHANIEL MANN were buyers. NATHANIEL MANN was also one of the appraisers. (Record M, Volume 14, p. 170)

MINOR'S CHILDREN - WHO ARE THEY AND WHO IS THEIR MOTHER?

The following papers deal with the question of the GIBSON who married ELIZABETH LIGHTNER and a HUMPHREY GIBSON, purported son of MINOR GIBSON and ELIZABETH:

A study was made by a LEONARDO ANDREA on GIBSON, a duplicate of the original typed copy is in the LADSON GENEALOGICAL LIBRARY in Vidalia, Georgia. Microfilm of ANDREA's papers on these GIBSONs and others are also maintained by the Latter Day Saints. They contain a rough lineage sheet for NANCY LEONORAH GIBSON.

In the GIBSON file in the Genealogy Room, Fairfield County Museum, are these papers:

(1) An "Applicant's Working Sheet, National Society DAR" stating NANCY LEONORAH GIBSON was the daughter of HUMPHREY GIBSON, who was born on December 9, 1809 and whose wife was BETTY (ELIZABETH) MANN, born April 24, 1813 in Fairfield Co., SC, died in Fairfield Co., SC on July 16, 1854. Their marriage date was given as April 10 (or 4), 1834. It states that HUMPHREY was the son of MINOR GIBSON (no birthdate), in Fairfield Co., SC, died at (no place) on (no date). It lists MINOR's wife as ELIZABETH LEITNER, born on (no date) in Fairfield Co., SC. Other entries refer to STEPHEN GIBSON, SENR., his wife MARTHA POPE, her father BARNABY POPE (g.v.) and his wife ELIZABETH NORMAN.

(2) A rough Family Group Sheet stating MINOR GIBSON was married to ELIZABETH LEITNER, daughter of GEORGE LIGHTNER (1728-1813) and CATHERINE SWYGERT. It lists children MARY ANN FRANCES and HUMPHREY (born 9 Dec 1809 - died Jan 1889). Referenced were:

(a) Apt. 73, File 39, noted above as the Will and administration of MINOR GIBSON, which named two daughters and did not name HUMPHREY or any other sons.

(b) Apt. 107, File 547 which supports only that HUMPHREY GIBSON married ELIZABETH MANN, the daughter of NATHANIEL MANN; and

(c) Apt. 57, Frame 592, Frames 102 - 103, which is in error. The reference for the implied marriage of ELIZABETH LIGHTNER to a GIBSON is Apt. 57, File 875, Frame 265, which is also noted above as supporting that marriage. The reference is erroneous. File 592, Frames 102 - 103 is part of Apt. 113, which refers to the implied marriage of a GIBSON to NANCY HAMILTON.

(3) A rough Family Group Sheet on HUMPHREY GIBSON as a son of MINOR GIBSON and ELIZABETH LEITNER, married to ELIZABETH MANN, daughter NANCY LENDRAH (sic), born 14 Nov 1840 (?) in Fairfield, died 30 April 1916, married 17 May 1860 to ROBERT HENRY DANIEL JENNINGS. The citation is Apt. 107, File 547, Frames 234, 238 and 242.

Where, then, resides any documentation that HUMPHREY GIBSON was the son of MINOR GIBSON? None of the cited references show such a relationship. In fact, the "implied marriage" lists only that ELIZABETH LIGHTNER (LEITNER?) married a "GIBSON", no given name, and certainly the administration of JOHN LIGHTNER'S Will supports that. And on that point comes the question of support that ELIZABETH was the daughter of GEORGE LIGHTNER when JOHN LIGHTNER'S Will is the one that mentions a daughter ELIZABETH. Our contact with another researcher working the line of HUMPHREY indicated they had no documentation proving the MINOR-HUMPHREY relationship.

MINOR GIBSON wrote his Will and named his two daughters, but no son, although at the time of MINOR's passing, HUMPHREY GIBSON was still living. And in the sale of MINOR's personal estate, no HUMPHREY GIBSON was among the buyers. In fact HUMPHREY is not listed as a buyer in any of the estates of JACOB's or STEPHEN's children. The only time the name of HUMPHREY GIBSON crosses the path of MINOR GIBSON in documents is when HUMPHREY is recorded as the administrator of JOHN LIGHTNER's estate - if we accept that there is any provenance supporting the marriage of MINOR to ELIZABETH LIGHTNER.

What other mentions are in the records on a HUMPHREY GIBSON? There was a HUMPHREY GIBSON in Fairfield District Census of 1800. In fact, he sold some land to JACOB GIBSON SENR. A HUMPHREY shows up later in 1840 and 1860. But there is no indication they were connected to the Reverend JACOB's line. The name HUMPHREY GIBSON does appear in a chart found in the Fairfield Museum which lists him as the son of ISAAC GIBSON, and married to ISABELLA MC CULLEY?, with a son named HUMPHREY.

STEPHEN GIBSON, SENR. married MARTHA POPE in 1784. Their son JOHN ALLEN was born in 1798, STEPHEN, JUNR. in 1800, and HENRY in 1805, the year MARTHA POPE died. it would seem that most, if not all, of the the other children were born between 1785 and 1798. MINOR, shown second (and he may be third) in both recountings was probably born around 1790 (unhappily, STEPHEN'S Will does not necessarily list the sons in birth order). The Fairfield chart (see above) shows HUMPHREY as born in 1809 (another chart says 1819), the second child listed, with no mention of the second daughter SARAH ANN.

Once again, turning to the census reports beginning 1830, the first time MINOR appears:

CENSUS OF 1830. Shown is one male, 20 but not yet 30 (born 1800-1810) One male 30 but not yet 40 (born 1790-1800) No females

The older male is most likely MINOR, and if we are correct in his being born circa 1790, he is close to forty years of age. Given that, the younger male is more likely twenty. But who is he? A son, or someone just living with him, like a brother. The later census reports of 1850 and 1860, where names are given, show quite a number of relatives, and boarders in the groups.

CENSUS OF 1840. Shown is one male, 40 but not yet 50 (born 1790-1800) Two females under the age of five (born 1835-1840) One female 20 but not yet 30 (born 1810-1820)

The male surely is MINOR. The two females under the age of five must be the daughters he names in his Will: MARY ANN FRANCES and SARAH ANN FRANCES. The other female must be his wife, and in 1840, that has to be JEMIMA JANE.

WHO IS MINOR'S WIFE? The names and dates suggest this progression:

If MINOR did marry an ELIZABETH LIGHTNER (LEITNER), she must have been the first wife She is dead by 1837, but when she died is still unknown so she could be the mother of Mary Ann (and Sarah Ann). The administration of JOHN LIGHTNER's estate shows an accounting dated 1 January 1837 with payment to "the Heirs of Elizabeth Gibson, deceased" (Apt. 57, File 875, Frame 265). So she could be the mother of MARY ANN and SARAH ANN (mathematically).

A MINOR GIBSON married a Miss ______ ADKINS in August 1835. A SARAH GIBSON, (wife of MINOR GIBSON - per the Cemetery Books) died in March 1836. Could the dates be wrong and a SARAH ADKINS be the girls' mother? Estate papers show only spaces for the ages of his daughters, Sarah and Mary, but the entries, being separate for each of them, suggests that Sarah is the oldest. As noted previously, we could locate no Adkins family in Fairfield.

Otherwise the only other reasonable explanation is that MINOR married JEMIMA JANE shortly after SARAH's death in 1836. We don't know how old the girls are. BUT! The language in MINOR's Will states his executors are to to educate his said children ---- and my said wife JEMIMA JANE is to participate in the above provisions of my Will for my familys support so long as she may remain unmarried --- and at her death or marriage, all my property ---- shall be given to my two children --- when they reach their 21st year. This seems to indicate JEMIMA is a step-mother to the children.

Two more points to consider, they being some information, real and presumed, about MARY ANN FRANCES GIBSON. First, the administration of MINOR GIBSON's estate shows a distribution (the lion's share actually) to JOHN and MARY BOYD, supporting their implied marriage by 1859. The estate papers clearly show that Sarah has died shortly after Minor, where there is an entry for 11 January 1844 to wit: "Paid Adna Johnson funeral (illegible) of one of the children - \$4.25", and another - "Paid Charles Watt - making coffin - \$3.00". Another entry shows Elisha Scott being paid \$60 for boarding Mary A. F. Gibson in 1862 and 1863. (Apt. 73, File 39, Frames 169 and 193)

Next is the Census of 1860. There we find the family of a JOHN BOYD, age 27. He has a wife, MARY, age 20 (it looks like that age, the handwriting of census takers is often problematic, even in this day and age). And whether the age is correct is another question. Reviews of succeeding censi often produce puzzling anomalies on names and ages. An age of twenty just fits into the boundary of the ages shown in MINOR's census report of 1840. If correct it points to JEMIMA JANE as the girl's mother. However, JOHN and MARY have a daughter eight months old, whose name is SARAH. SARAH is the mystery wife in Scott Cemetery. And SARAH is (or was) MARY's sister. Name repeats cannot be taken as irrefutable proofs of family, but they certainly are cause for consideration.

HUMPHREY, SON OF MINOR?

Noted above was the 1830 census for MINOR GIBSON which showed a male, aged 20 to 30 years (born 1800 - 1810), which can be implied as being HUMPHREY. However, in the Fairfield Museum files, there is an unattributed chart which supposedly traces the lineage of ISAAC GIBSON (see the "Mystery Gibson Chart"). It shows a HUMPHREY GIBSON, son of ISAAC and PRISCILLA GIBSON, born ca 1780, died ca 1810, who married an ISABELLA McCULLEY? (born 1763, died 20 August 1820, buried in Mt. Olivet Cemetery). A child named HUMPHREY GIBSON shows as born to them in 1810, dying after 1860.

The census for 1800 reflects this data, indicating a HUMPHREY GIBSON being born between 1774 and 1784, but with the younger male in the household having been born between 1790 and 1800.

The 1840 census shows a HUMPHREY GIBSON family, the oldest male aged 30-40 or born between 1800 and 1810.

The 1850 census shows this family as: HUMPHREY, age 40; ELIZABETH, age 37, and other members of the family, including a daughter LENDRAH, age 9.

The 1860 census shows the eldest female to be one named M. JANE, age 38, indicating ELIZABETH has died after 1850. This is supported by the Will of NATHANIEL MANN, written in April 1856, which cites "children of a deceased daughter and minors" and the later administration which makes distributions to "the children of HUMPHREY GIBSON". (Apt. 107, File 547, Frames 234, 235, 242 - SCA)

An interesting entry regarding Humphrey is the petition by Elizabeth Gibson against Abigail Lightner on 8 February, 1834, re a Summons for Partition on a tract of land containing 73 and 1/4 acres on Crooked Run, waters of Cedar Creek. Humphrey Gibson then purchased the land at the sheriff's sale for the sum of \$2.25 per acre. (Book LL, Page 147).

Certainly, there are enough records which support the marriage of Humphrey Gibson to Elizabeth Mann, as well as an involvement of some type with the Lightners (or Leitners), enough to support the marriage of Elizabeth Lightner to a Gibson, but not any to definitely state this was Minor Gibson.

The most reasonable conclusions, given no definitive provenance supporting MINOR GIBSON as the father of HUMPHREY GIBSON, is that the "mystery" chart offers the more likely lineage for HUMPHREY as being the son of HUMPHREY, SR, the son of ISAAC.

| ON JEMIMA JANE GIBSON AND ELISHA SCOTT | | | | |
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On 7 September 1841, the executors of Minor Gibson's estate petitioned the court to now terminate Jemima Jane Gibson's interest in his estate due to her having intermarried with Elisha Scott, a condition in the Will so providing that she could not continue to benefit from the estate should she remarry.

It was successfully countered on the provisions of Minor's Will wherein, should his daughters, Sarah and Mary, die before they reached the age of 21 years, the estate would go to Jemima Jane. Though one daughter, Sarah, had died, the Will was operable as long as Mary still lived. She also countered the provision re her dower rights in the estate. Eventually the executors, maintaining a difficulty in administering the estate under those conditions, petitioned the court to sell the real property of the estate, viz., "ninety seven acres, formerly belonging to the late Minor Gibson, of Fairfield District, situate on the road leading from Bell's Mill to Columbia, bounded by lands of Robert Quigley, Samuel Mundle, Arthur McGraw and George Scott." On 2 February 1845, the land was bid off by Elisha Scott at \$549.12.

A previous tract of land had already been sold by the executors, and the court awarded a portion of the returns to Jemima Jane under her dower rights. (Equity Court, Fairfield Bill 7 - 1845 - SCA)

The tract of land bought by Elisha Scott was described in Minor Gibson's Will as his plantation and place of present residence, that place where Jemima and his children were expected to live.

Given the description that it was sited on the road from Bell's Mill to Columbia, this puts it on the present Jackson's Creek Road and its intersection with Scott's Crossing. This would explain why, at this location, the Fairfield Cemetery Books identify this intersection as the location of Scott's Cemetery, and why Sarah Gibson, wife of Minor Gibson, would be buried there - it was Minor's "home place". Undoubtedly, Minor and his daughter Sarah Ann Francis also rest there, in unmarked graves.

THE CENSUS, RE THE SCOTTS AND MARY ANN FRANCES (GIBSON) BOYD

The 1850 census for Fairfield County, SC, page 216, shows:

| Elisha Scott | 27 25 | Planter, born Newberry |
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| Jemima | 20 | |
| Mary | 9 | |
| John | 5 | |
| Franklin | 3 | |
| Nancy | 1 | |

Mary is Mary Ann Francis, Minor's daughter, others children by Elisha Scott.

The 1860 Census for Fairfield County, SC, page 235, shows:

| Elisha Scott | 40 |
|--------------|----|
| Jemima | 38 |
| Jemima | 7 |
| Wm. E. | 5 |
| Daniel | 2 |

By 1860, Mary Ann Frances has wed John Boyd (proved by the administration of Minor's estate). The census for that year shows:

| John Boyd | 27 | | | |
|-----------|----|--------|----|-----------|
| Mary | 20 | (hard | to | decipher) |
| Sarah | 8 | months | | |

Jemima is 25 in 1850, thus born circa 1825. Mary was born circa 1840 (census of the Scott Family would indicate circa 1841).

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF MINOR GIBSON

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN: I, Minor Gibson of Fairfield District, State of South Carolina, Planter, being somewhat advanced in years, and labouring under a severe bodily illness which threatens me with removal from this world, but of sound and disposing mind and memory, make and constitute this my last will and testament, in form following. In the first place, I will and request my executors hereinafter to be named to sell so much of my property as shall be sufficient to pay all my just debts the property to be sold shall include my small tract or parcel of land, situate and lying in the district of Fairfield aforesaid and containing sixty-nine acres which joins lands of Robert Hawthorn, Lewis Hagood, Arthur McGraw, &c. and such other portions and parts of my personal property, except my negroes as my executors shall judge not necessary to be kept on my plantation for the cultivation of my farm, also I will that my gin head, the running gear of my gin, and my screw be sold.

Secondly. It is my will and I herein so direct that my plantation, which is the place of my present residence remain unsold and that my negroes be kept upon it to cultivate it in corn, cotton, wheat, &c. and the proceeds of the farm shall be applied to the support of my wife Jemima Jane Gibson, annually, and of my two children Sarah Ann Elizabeth and Mary Ann Frances, and my executors are requested also to educate my said children at their discretion out of the avails of my said farm as above stated, my said wife (*****) Jemima Jane is to participate in the above provisions of my will for my familys support so long as she may remain unmarried or in her state of widowhood, and at her death or marriage, all my property of every description shall be given to my two children above named, when they shall reach their 21st twenty first year. Said property with its profits and increase, shall be rightfully theirs to be delivered to them, when they shall arrive at the above specified period in life. On this only condition, VIZ. should the produce of my farm be more than sufficient for the support and education of my family as above specified and directed, the surplus shall be given to my wife, for her exclusive use and appropriation while she may remain unmarried. And further it is my will, and I so direct, that should either of my above named children die, before it becomes of age, its property shall be the property of my surviving child, and shall not go into the hands of any other person, and in case both my said children should die, before they become of age, then the property herein bequeathed to them, shall be given to my said wife Jemima Jane to be hers &c. forever.

And Lastly, I do hereby constitute and appoint my trusty friend Edward Andrews and my brother Stephen Gibson, the whole and sole executors of this my last Will and testament, and I do hereby declare this to be my last will and testament, revoking and setting aside all former ones. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused my seal to be affixed this thirteenth day of May in the Year of our Lord one thousand and eight hundred and forty one.

MINOR GIBSON (L.S.

Signed, sealed, published and declared to be the last will of said Minor Gibson in the presence of us

JOHN MC KINSTRY LEWIS HAYGOOD ROBERT HAWTHORN

FAIRFIELD COUNTY WILL BOOK 19, PAGE 32-34 and in APT. 73, FILE 39, SC ARCHIVES

NOTE: In the above will the insert- (******) preceeding the words "Jemima Jane" is the word "Sarah", thence crossed out.