

Henry Gibson

Henry Gibson was born March 13, 1786 in Fairfield County, South Carolina, and died Oct 16, 1880 in Louisville, Winston County, MS. He married Mary Gladden about 1809 in Fairfield County, South Carolina. Mary was born about 1788 in Fairfield County, South Carolina and was the daughter of Jesse Gladden and Eleanor (Nellie), whose last name is unknown.

Henry Gibson is first found in the 1820 census for Fairfield County, South Carolina. He is shown as being between 26 and 45 years old, and his wife is the same age range. He has 3 male and 2 female children - all less than 10 years old.

In the 1830 Census, Henry Gibson is shown as being between 40 and 50 years old, and his wife is between 30 and 40. He has 1 male child under 5 years old, 2 between 5 and 10, and 2 between 15 and 20; there are 3 female children (1 under 5 and 2 between 10 and 15). Apparently, one of the male children noted in the 1820 census has either died, or left home. Thus, it appears that Henry Gibson had a total of 9 children before 1830 (6 males and 3 females). It does not appear that he had any children after 1829, since his two youngest children (Henry and Mary) are the only ones found with him and Mary in the 1850 census for Fairfield County.

At the LDS site, (FamilySearch.org), there is a listing for Henry Gibson and Mary Gladden and seven children (Catherine, Tilman, Wade, Henry, Matilda, Arbella and Mary). This lists 1 too many females and is missing 3 males, based upon the 1820 and 1830 census information.

Henry has not been located in the 1840 census, but there appears to be a "Capt. H. Gibson" listed in Fairfield County. The "Capt H. Gibson" could be Henry Gibson, but this cannot be proven as yet. It is known that Henry was sometimes known as Captain Henry Gibson, and this is inscribed on his tombstone.

In the 1850 Census for Fairfield County, South Carolina, Henry Gibson is shown as being 63 years old, wife Mary is 56; his son Henry F. Gibson (age 21), a physician, and daughter Mary (age 20) are living with him. He lives next to a Pickett family.

In the 1860 census for Fairfield County, he is shown as being 73 years old. His wife Mary had died in April of 1860 (census was taken in August). His son Henry is still living next to him with his wife Margaret (Pickett) and the Pickett family is still next door.

Henry Gibson has not been found in the 1870 census.

Between the LDS site and numerous other search results, several individuals have been identified as possible children of HENRY GIBSON and MARY GLADDEN. An analysis for each, with respect to linkages to Henry Gibson follows.

- CATHERINE GIBSON; No information has been found for this individual, and it is believed that the LDS information is incorrect, since census information indicates that Henry Gibson had only three daughters, and the three listed below are known to be Henry's children. It is, however, possible that she died young and was not recorded in a census.
- WADE GIBSON might actually be a person by the name of Albert Wade Gibson, who was born in South Carolina on June 8, 1813. He married Isabella Cason on September 16, 1835, in Fairfield County, South Carolina. Isabella was the daughter of James Cannon Cason and Susannah N. Pickett, both of whom were born in Fairfield County, South Carolina. Isabella was born July 20, 1818, presumably in Fairfield County. In the 1840 census for Chester County, South Carolina, an A. W. Gibson is found living reasonably close to William A. Gibson. The census records both A. W. Gibson and his wife as being between 20 and 30 years old, and they have 2 daughters under five years old. This is consistent with the known birthdates and marriage date for Albert Wade and Isabella Cason Gibson. In the 1850, 1860 and 1870 censuses, Albert and Isabella are found in Harris and Calhoun County, Georgia. In the 1880 census, he and daughter Julia are

found in Texas. Albert Wade Gibson died in Camp County, Texas on December 12, 1883. No information has been found to conclusively link him to Henry and Mary Gibson, but based upon his age and birthplace, he could be their son. Another link which may be relevant, is the fact that a known child of Henry Gibson (Arabella Gibson Murrah) was living in Harris County, GA in 1850 as was Albert Wade Gibson.

- MATILDA M. GIBSON is most probably a daughter of Henry Gibson and Mary Gladden. She was born about 1818 in Fairfield County, South Carolina. She married William W. Wylie about 1838. Some of their children's names were Tilman L., Henry S., John S. and James W. Wylie. Matilda died about 1890 in Fairfield County, South Carolina. Numerous family trees indicate that Matilda was the daughter of Henry Gibson, and it is reasonable to conclude that she was.
- ARBELLA GIBSON, according to LDS information, was born about 1820, Fairfield Co., South Carolina, and died about 1890 in Fairfield County. Arbella is said to have married a George Murphy in about 1840, but no evidence of this has been found. It appears that the LDS information may be incorrect, and that the actual name is Arabella Gibson and that her husband was Thomas Murrah, who was a first cousin of Isabella Cason – wife of Albert Wade Gibson and daughter of James Cannon Cason. Arabella Gibson was born about 1816. She married Thomas Henry Murrah in Fairfield County about 1831. They moved to Harris County, GA before 1840, and remained there for the rest of their lives. Arabella is conclusively linked to Henry Gibson by the fact that Henry was living with her at the time of the 1880 census¹.
- DANIEL TILMAN GIBSON is probably a son of Henry Gibson and Mary Gladden. He was born about 1823, Fairfield County, South Carolina. He married Rachel R. Wylie about 1843. She might have been the sister of William W. Wylie, and in the 1860 census for Fairfield County, South Carolina, the Wylies and Gibsons lived next door to each other. Tilman died about 1890 in Fairfield County, South Carolina. Again, several family trees and references identify Tilman as a child of Henry Gibson. Daniel T. Gibson is listed as a witness to the will of Elizabeth Gladden, and Henry Gibson is one of the executors.
- HENRY FRANKLIN GIBSON is definitely a son of Henry Gibson and Mary Gladden. He was born about 1828 in Fairfield County, South Carolina, and is living with Henry and Mary at the time of the 1850 census. He died after 1880, presumably in Fairfield Co., South Carolina. Henry Franklin Gibson was a physician. He married Margaret C. Pickett and apparently had no children.
- MARY GIBSON is definitely a child of Henry Gibson and Mary Gladden. She was born July 29, 1829 in Fairfield County, South Carolina. She is living with Henry and Mary at the time of the 1850 census. Mary married James Darling Davis on October 16, 1850, and moved to Mississippi in 1857. She died September 15, 1920, in Winston County, MS. Her tombstone says that she was born in Fairfield District South Carolina. Henry Gibson was living with the Davis's at the time of his death, and is buried next to Mary in the Masonic Cemetery in Winston County, MS. The first son of James Davis and Mary Gibson was named Henry.
- WILLIAM A. GIBSON could be a son of Henry Gibson, but no conclusive linkage has been established. It is known from census data that he was born sometime between 1814 and 1817; probably in Fairfield County, South Carolina. He also apparently married in Fairfield County, South Carolina, since he married Idella Gladden, whose parents Middleton and Rebecca Gladden lived in Fairfield County for their entire lives. William can be loosely linked to James and Mary Gibson Davis, in that they arrived in Mississippi at the same time – 1857, and could have made the journey from South Carolina together. Based upon information in the 1820 and 1830 censuses for Fairfield County, only two individuals could be the father of William A. Gibson. These are Henry Gibson and John Gibson (see note below). Nothing is known about John Gibson, so he cannot be ruled out as the father of William A. Gibson. However, three of William and Idella's children named their first male child Henry, which is not likely to be coincidence. Given this, there is a reasonable probability that William is the son of Henry Gibson and Mary Gladden.
- CALVIN GIBSON could be a son of Henry Gibson. He was born about 1811 in Fairfield County, South Carolina and is found living with Henry Gibson at the time of the 1860 census. In the census, his occupation is listed as overseer, which might indicate that he has returned home to manage his father's farm (Henry was 73 years old at the time.). Calvin could also be the son who is missing from Henry's household in the 1830

census, but he is not found by name in the 1830 census. He is found in the 1840, 1850, 1870 and 1880 censuses. In the 1840 census, he is recorded as being 20 to 30 years old; in 1850, he is 40 years old and has sons named Thomas, Henry and Franklin. His wife's name is Elizabeth, and he has daughters named Mary and Eliza. There is another son whose name cannot be deciphered. More research on Calvin is needed.

- NICHOLAS G. GIBSON could also be a son of Henry Gibson. He is found living next door to what appears to be "Capt. H. Gibson" in the 1840 census for Fairfield County. Nicholas married Onslow Isabella Hussey in 1839 at the age of 16, and their first child, born in 1840 was named Henry. The will of Elizabeth Gladden (1842) lists N. G. Gibson and Daniel T. Gibson as witnesses, and Henry Gibson is one of the executors.

In summary, five individuals (3 females and 2 males) have definitely been identified as children of Henry Gibson and Mary Gladden. These are Matilda, Arabella, Mary, Tilman and Henry. Wade, William, Calvin and Nicholas can be linked to either Henry or known children of Henry, but not conclusively so.

Based upon the 1820 and 1830 censuses, 5 of Henry Gibson's children were born before 1820 (3 males and 2 females). The order of birth was 3 males followed by 2 females. Based upon this, and the names above, the order of birth for Henry Gibson's nine children was most likely to have been:

- i. Calvin Gibson, born about 1811.
 - ii. Albert Wade Gibson, born June 8, 1813.
 - iii. William A. Gibson, born about 1814.
 - iv. Arabella Gibson, born about 1816.
 - v. Matilda M. Gibson, born about 1818.
 - vi. Daniel Tilman Gibson, born about 1822.
 - vii. Nicholas G. Gibson, born about 1823.
 - viii. Henry Franklin Gibson, born about 1828.
 - ix. Mary M. Gibson, born July 29, 1829.
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1. Henry Gibson is recorded in the 1880 census as Gibson Murrah. He is living in the household of his daughter Arabella Murrah. Also in the household are Thomas Nicholas Murrah and his wife Lorena. It is rather easy to determine that either Thomas or Lorena Murrah was providing the information to the census-taker. First, Arabella's birthplace is recorded as Georgia, when in actuality it is South Carolina. Her age is given as 62, when she was actually 64 or 65. The person listed as Gibson Murrah is 94 years old (correct age for Henry Gibson); his occupation is Retired Farmer (correct for Henry Gibson); he and his parents are recorded as having been born in South Carolina (correct for Henry Gibson), and he is listed a grandfather (relationship to head of household). This person could not be the grandfather of Arabella Murrah if he is named Murrah; nor is he likely to have been her grandfather with only about a 30 year difference in age. He could be (and was) the grandfather of Thomas Murrah, but not the Murrah grandfather, because his Murrah grandfather's name was Morgan Murrah. Therefore, the person listed as Gibson Murrah in the 1880 census is, in fact, Henry Gibson.
 2. William A. Gibson's most likely birth year is 1814 or 1815. For a person to be the father of William A. Gibson, he would have to have a male child under 10 years of age in the 1820 census. The 1820 census for Fairfield County, South Carolina lists fifteen Gibson heads of household (all males). Of the 15 Gibsons listed, eight have male children under 10, and of the 8, three can be eliminated because the names of their children are known. The remaining 5 are Zachariah, Henry, John, Abraham Sr. and Archibald. In the 1830 census the father of William A. Gibson would have a male child between 15 and 20 years old. Only two individuals have such a child, and they are Henry Gibson (2) and John Gibson (1).

The Father of Henry Gibson

Henry Gibson was born March 13, 1786 in Fairfield County, South Carolina. For a person to be the father of Henry, Gibson, he would have had at least one male child under 16 years of age in the 1790 Census.

The 1790 census lists 10 Gibson heads of household in Fairfield County, South Carolina. These are, listed in order of their appearance in the census:

1. William Gibson, whose household is comprised of 3 males over 16, 1 male under 16 and 2 females.
2. Gervais Gibson, whose household is comprised of 2 males over 16, 2 males under 16 and 2 females.
3. Isaac Gibson, whose household is comprised of 2 males over 16, 5 males under 16 and 2 females
4. Jacob Gibson (Sr.) whose household is comprised of 1 male over 16, and 1 female.
5. Wilson Gibson, whose household is comprised of 1 male over 16, 2 males under 16 and 2 females.
6. Randle Gibson, whose household is comprised of 1 male over 16, 2 males under 16 and 2 females.
7. Joseph Gibson, whose household is comprised of 2 males over 16, 1 male under 16 and 2 females.
8. Abraham Gibson, whose household is comprised of 2 males over 16, 4 males under 16 and 4 females.
9. Jacob Gibson (Jr.), whose household is comprised of 3 males over 16, 2 males under 16 and 7 females.
10. Stephen Gibson, whose household is comprised of 2 males over 16, 1 male under 16 and 2 females.

The total number of individuals in the 10 households is 65.

All except Jacob Gibson, Sr. meet this criteria. Even so, Stephen Gibson, Gervais (Jarvis) Gibson, Randle Gibson, Jacob Gibson, Jr. and Wilson Gibson can be eliminated because either their children are known or that they do not appear in subsequent censuses.

In the 1800 census, the father of Henry Gibson would have at least one male child between 10 and 16 years old. Of those not previously eliminated, only Isaac Gibson has such a child. There is also a Robert Gibson in the 1800 census, but he is discounted because he did not appear in the 1790 census. Thus, it would appear that Isaac Gibson is the Father of Henry Gibson.

Abraham Gibson is the brother of Jacob Gibson Sr. They were born in Prince William County, VA – sons of Jacob Gibson and Jane (?). The elder Jacob apparently died in 1735. Several Gibson family trees indicate that the elder Jacob had sons named Jacob, Abraham and Isaac, but there is no clear indication that these three moved to South Carolina, and are the ones found in the 1790 census. Abraham, the brother of Jacob, is also known to have had a daughter, Ruth, who married Charles Coleman about 1787 in Fairfield County.

Isaac Gibson appears in every census through 1820 in Fairfield County. He could be the brother of Abraham and Jacob Gibson Sr. but one reference has been found to indicate that he might be the son of Abraham Gibson.