

HUSBAND Charles MARTIN

Born c. 1807 Place Fairfield County, S.C.

Chr. _____ Place _____

Mar _____ Place _____

Died _____ Place _____

Bur. _____ Place _____

Husband's Mother _____

Husband

Wife

Ward Examiners 1. _____
 2. _____

Stake or Mission

HUSBAND'S FATHER _____ MOTHER _____

HUSBAND'S OTHER WIVES _____

WIFE Martha (~~H.~~ or Sarah) ROBINSON

Born c. 1815 Place Fairfield County, S.C.

Chr. _____ Place _____

Died 22 Dec 1868 Place Fairfield County, S.C.

Bur. _____ Place _____

WIFE'S FATHER John P. ROBINSON MOTHER Sarah

WIFE'S OTHER HUSBANDS _____

SEX M F	CHILDREN List each child (whether living or dead) in order of birth. Given Names SURNAME	WHEN BORN			WHERE BORN			DATE OF FIRST MARRIAGE	WHEN DIED		
		DAY	MONTH	YEAR	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE OR COUNTRY	TO WHOM	DAY	MONTH	YEAR
1 F	Sarah J. MARTIN			c. 1842							
2 F	Mary J. MARTIN			c. 1844							
3 M	John MARTIN			c. 1846							
4 M	William MARTIN			c. 1848							
5 F	Harriet E. MARTIN			c. 1850 17 Jun 1852						5 Oct 1890	
6 F	C. E. M. MARTIN			c. 1851							
7 M	Robert E. M. MARTIN <i>or C</i>			c. 1855			Drew Co. Ark.	8 Feb 1888 Vena Brown			
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11											

SOURCES OF INFORMATION
 1850-1860 Census, Fairfield County, S.C.
 John P. Robinson Estate, Probate Records, Fairfield Co., S.C. # 29-342
 Guardianship letters for Robert Martin (guardian Daniel B. Harrison), Fairfield Co., S.C. # 29-344 # 29-346
 Free-Wilson Families, by Helen B. Wilson.

OTHER MARRIAGES
 5. to Charles Edward WILSON, 17 Feb 1876.

Int from Ann Rec, Lincoln Co Ark

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April 14, 1989

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Daddy

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Love,
Danielle

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January 27, 1987

Dear Helen:

I enjoyed so much talking with you. And look forward to the information you promised. My father admittedly knew very little about his Harrison forebears, but always told me a melodramatic story about Charles Edwin Harrison, at age 4, being sent in a covered wagon to live with his mother's brother, Mr. D. C. Martin, in Pine Bluff, Ark. Daddy's story was that Charlie lived with this uncle for 10 years, working in his livery stable, then ran away to Texas at age 14.

The facts I have uncovered do not support this tale. The 1880 Census of Fairfield Co., SC shows young 9-year old Charles Harrison with his mother, Hattie, and step-father, Charles Wilson. I presume the girls, Mattie A. and Margaret are Wilson's children and are misleadingly enumerated here. I expect your information will clear this up.

Going backward in the census records, I could not find Daniel Harrison (b. c. 1839) in the 1870 Fairfield Co. SC census with his wife Hattie and whatever other children they may have had prior to Charles Edwin Harrison. I searched that county about three times looking for them. Nor could I find them as single persons in their parents' households.

Please notice in the 1850 Fairfield Co. census that Daniel had an older brother Thomas. I believe he is the Thomas Harrison in the 1880 Census that has a nephew named John C. Wilson. This lead's me to a hope that there was a family connection between the Wilsons and Harrisons before the widow Hattie Martin Harrison married Charles Wilson.

Daddy mentioned once that either this Uncle Tom Harrison or his son, Buck, (or both) migrated to Texas also. Have you any intuition on this?

Grandpa Charlie Harrison's biographical sketch in the Terrell Tribune states that he came to Texas in 1893 from Hunt Co., SC. I accept that with more weight than Daddy's tale.

Mattie Thomasson's letter to my daddy, Jan. 24, 1962, makes reference to a visit the Harrisons made to SC when Mattie, Margaret Wilson, and my daddy were teenagers. I don't know the exact year, but Daddy was born in 1908, so it must have been in the vicinity of 1923. Please keep these pictures and circulate them among those of your husband's relations who might have met this family during that visit. I am sending Linda Shull recent pictures of me and my children. Now you two get together and share what you have and don't wait for the next funeral to do so.

I am returning the original letters Mattie wrote to Linda. I know how I treasure things that my daddy wrote and she mentioned she frequently finds things her mother wrote. Mattie had a good descriptive style and I regret not having made contact with you all soon enough to have corresponded with her.

Background on me: I am a receptionist for a law firm. I do genealogy research 45 min. at a time on my lunch hour. I have four children from my first marriage:

Michael David Rice, b. 23 Nov. 1962
Patrick William Rice, b. 17 Oct. 1964
Rebecca Ann Rice, b. 10 Dec. 1965
Charles Jess Rice, b. 30 Aug. 1976

Mike is a senior at La. Tech University majoring in electrical engineering. He is a member of the Mormon faith and just finished a 2-year mission in the Spanish section of NYC.

Pat is married to his high-school sweetheart from Scottown, Ohio, Kim Swann. They live on Beale AFB, Marysville, Calif. Pat's four year term of duty will be up Jul. 1988.

Becky is a junior at Brigham Young Univ. in Provo, Utah.

Charlie is the only one left at home. He is in Webelos Scouts, played football this past fall, makes good grades in all subjects but Conduct. He has a certain stubborn streak and quick temper that keep getting him in hot water.

Thanks for your help. Surely some day I will get back to SC for a visit and look forward to meeting you then.

*Sincerely,
Danielle*

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February 9, 1987

Dear Helen,

Thanks so much for the new information. The Robinson family is so indelibly a part of the picture. As soon as I complete census research on the Martins, I shall begin on the Robinsons.

I had earlier realized David + Eliza (Litt?) were the parents of Charles Edward Martin because they lived next door in 1880. Looking them up in 1870 reveals the Julia Smart of John Robinson's probate papers as well as a woman + child named Robinson.

In the 1880 census where Thomas Harrison has a nephew named John C. Wilson, I theorize that Martha L. may be a sister of Eliza M. Robinson or perhaps a Harrison sister of his married a Wilson. When do we begin to keep marriage records in Fairfield County?

Note that in 1860 Daniel Harrison was no longer farming, but working as a wagon maker.

Helen, have you ever researched the Andrea Files on the Martins + Robinsons? Mr. Leonardo Andrea was a genealogist who died sometime in the late 1950s or early 1960s. His files are maintained by his daughter, Connie Andrea, at Columbia, SC 29205.

the sells copies of these files at reasonable rates. You have to request them by surname. If you pursue this, I'll gladly share the expense. I already have the Andrea files on the Harrisons of Fairfield County and cannot make any connection yet.

How in the world did Fitz Hugh McMaster miss the 1860 J.C. Martin plantation worth \$253,000?

Oh, note that M.D. Martin's ¹⁸⁶⁰ widow, has an unusual listing. I've never seen anything like the Robt. E. M. at first I assumed the enumerator must have intended the age to be I for infant, but later it occurred to me this could be a T for twin.

I believe this Robert is the man who migrated to Ark. first. I mentioned this to my mother and she says "oh yes, I have Uncle Rob's Bible." Well, I start having a fit as you can imagine. She goes & gets it. The only thing written in it is:

"Pine Bluff Ark
Robert Remember thy creator in the Days of thy youth and Honor thy Father and thy Mother is the Request of your uncle.

R. C. Martin
this Dec 20 / 1915 "

If this is the same man, he would have been 65 years old when he gave this Bible to my father, Robert Daniel Harrison, age 7. Mama swears this is the uncle that young Charles Edwin Harrison lived with for a while when he was young.

Today I checked the Ark. 1880 & 1900 Soundex for a Robert (or RC or REM) Martin born in SC. No such listing. Just about all the Root Martins claimed they were born in Ark. I'll have to learn his wife's name from another source to pin him down. Or find out who his children were.

Within the next month or so, Buddy and I are going to Drew County, Ark. on a weekday when the courthouse is available. I should be able to find some trace & we'll examine old cemeteries around Monticello also.

Coincidentally, Buddy's great uncle, C. Turner Neal, donated a museum of natural history to the Univ. of Ark. at Monticello. We've been there several times. Never dreamed I had any roots here!

Sincerely,
C.E.

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February 23, 1987

Dear Helen,

You are blessing me with bountiful information which I am attempting to properly assimilate and mentally digest. I'm a little slow sometimes, so be patient.

Buddy just brought to my attention that you mean for James Robinson, Julia Smart and William B. Robinson to be included in the series as heirs of John Robinson. I did not see that at first. Am I to assume that Martha Robinson, sister of Eliza M. Robinson, married a Martin and is now deceased in this probate?

Next, on the page copied from your book, it appears David H. Wilson is an heir of James P. Robinson on his own, not through his marriage to Eliza Robinson, besides, she is descended from John P. Robinson. I thought for a week or so the clerks were getting their James and Johns mixed up. But I'm the one who's mixed up.

I don't have any idea who Martha or Mary Harrison married. I have searched the 1870 census twice for a trace of my Harrisons. Right now I can't recall if I found Tom Harrison & family in 1870 or not. If I did, I don't have it with my census records in the ring binder where I keep them now. I'm sure neither the elder nor the younger Daniel shows up. Don't know where Daniel and Harriet Martin Harrison were living in 1870.

When I finish researching the Robinsons and put together several family group sheets on them and the Martins and Wilsons, I will then go through 1870 Census real slow and see what makes sense to me then. The 1870 has no index--at least I've never seen a one of them indexed--it is the stepchild of the censuses. We only just last year had an index published of the La. 1860 Census. It looks like with the advent of home computers that more of these index books would be forthcoming.

Enclosed are more census research sheets. I have begun the rudiments of several family group sheets based on the wonderful cemetery information and the census information thus far. When I get them firmed up more, I will type them up neatly and send them also.

How is your little grandson doing? Sorry to hear he needed surgery. It is really tough when one of our children is ill.

Thanks so much for the help.

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March 9, 1987

Dear Helen:

You probably have no idea of the value of the research you are doing for me. Thank you so very much for your excellent help.

Saturday I got to visit the library for an uninterrupted three hours and finished the research of Fairfield Co's 1870 Census, which I had come close to abandoning. I had gone through it two or three times before in years past without finding my Harrisons. But, persistence paid off, plus your excellent help. I previously had thought my great-grandmother's name was Mattie Martin, learning her name was Harriet, "Hattie" for sure, was a big help. I finally found my people in Township 12 and listed as Harris instead of Harrison. My mother and father had told me this story about Charles Edwin Harrison being the youngest of some 6 children, who, at age 4, was sent west in a covered wagon with his uncle, D.C. Martin, after his father's death. Story went that his older brothers and sisters all died of yellow fever and he was the only Harrison child left to his mother who then remarried a Wilson. No wonder I failed to recognize Danniel Harris, age 30 and Harriet Harris, age 17 as the couple I was looking for. Now that I know more about the family at large, I recognized them despite the enumerator's error.

Funny how one's cumulative knowledge produces fruit. Now I would dearly like to learn the relationship of this couple to other nearby families: Family #3, the James A. Robinsons?? Family #4, Elizabeth is probably an aunt of my Daniel Harrison. Robert Martin is, of course, Harriet's younger brother, who went to Pine Bluff eventually, whose Bible I have now. Family #7, who is Rosanna Levining? Maybe Martha S. Harrison's mother. I know from the 1880 census with family relationships stated that Calvin John Wilson is Thomas Harrison's nephew, but through his wife or through one of his sisters' marriages I don't know. Family #8, in 1860 Julia Cameron is living with John and Sally Robinson (p. 265, #1151). This must be a sister-in-law and her child with her in 1870. Back to Family #3, in 1860 they have a Mary Hamilton with them, so I think Elizabeth was a Hamilton (p. 277, #1342).

A word on the 1870 Census, I was in such a hurry I didn't write down page numbers, I only identify the entries by Township No. and Family No. Helen, is Twp. 12 the area encompassing Dumpers Creek?

My present information on early Harrisons in Fairfield is good. The Andrea files contain some 15 different probate records and gift deeds and such on:

Benjamin Harrison, Will signed 1828, Probated 1830
Benjamin Harrison, Will signed 1835
Benjamin Harrison, Will signed 1837, Probated 1837
Burr Harrison (1699-1790), Will Probated 1791
Burr Harrison (1734-1790), Will Probated 1791 (father & son)
Burr Harrison (1738-1822), Will signed 1773
Cuthbert Harrison (unclear whether he immigrated to the colonies or not, clear his son Burr Harrison did)
Cuthbert Harrison, division of estate 1 Feb 1771
David Harrison, Will signed 1836
Burr Harrison (1738-1822) the man you sent me info.

on

John Harrison, estate administered 21 Jan 1796
John Harrison, Will signed 1815, Probated 1817
Jonathan Harrison, Will signed 1851, Probated 1851
Joshua Harrison, Will signed 1803, Probated 1805
This man is my best bet. He's the only one with a child named Daniel. His three witnesses were Hamiltons. cy enclosed

Mordecai Harrison, estate administered 1898
Reuben Harrison, Will signed 1835, Probated 1835
Thomas Harrison (1665-1746) Bible records only
Thomas Harrison, Will signed 1773, Probated 1774
William Harrison, (1746-1748 time of death)
William Henry Harrison, Will signed 1836, Probated 1836

Willoughby Harrison, Will signed 1826.

Leonardo Andrea, in his notes, cautions continuously about 5-10% error in records copied by the WPA. Two years ago in Dallas, Texas at their library I researched Fairfield Co. Cemetary Records of theirs and copied down all the Martins and Harrisons there. Of some 8 listings in the Martin-McDowell Burying Ground, which they referred to as the Martin-Aiken Cemetary, there were 4 glaring errors in their copy work. Thank you very much for your accurate information on these cemeteries!

While I worked on the census microfilm, Buddy looked in the card catalog for other references on Fairfield Co. He found Fitz Hugh McMasters' good History on the county. Therein, pages 125-142, is an excellent account (I recond) of the county's contribution to the Confederate Army. I already had Daniel Harrison's service record from the National Archives. I had written the Univ. of SC for information on his particular company and regiment. They responded nobody had ever bothered to write up anything on this subject. But with Mr. McMasters' good help, I now know that he fought in the following battles:

Bull Run (1st Manassas) 21 Jul 1861
Gaines' Mill 27 Jun 1862 - wounded here
Sharpsburg (Antietam) 17 Sep 1862
Bull Run (2nd Manassas) 29-30 Aug 1862
Gettysburg 1-3 Jul 1863
Wilderness 5-6 May 1864
Spotsylvania 9-20 May 1864

Daniel Harrison was captured at the Battle of Spotsylvania Courthouse and interred in the Federal Prison at Ft. Delaware, built in a river bottom, a cold miserable place. He was released after the surrender. He signed his oath of allegiance with a mark. I do not believe he was illiterate, just either stubborn or infirm. Family legend (which I don't put much stock in anymore) has it that he died of wounds from the War. Certainly the debilitation of wounds plus a year's imprisonment would contribute to his untimely death in the early 30s of his life.

Helen, I'm putting together family group sheets, trying to digest all this material as I go. I'll send them on in tidied up manner in a week or so.

Buddy and I went to Campti, Louisiana, on Saturday to visit a family connection of his. I thought the oil crunch had Caddo Parish in a bind, but it is affluent compared to the state of Red River and Natchitoches Parishes. I saw some POVERTY down there. It makes me so sad. I can remember country homes when I was a girl. They were always well kept, you could tell immediately if black or white lived there. White people kept their homes in good repair, clean, pretty shrubs and flowers in the yards. Nowadays you can't tell who lives in the messes you see. People just don't seem to be taking care of their property anymore. Buddy says I'm half right in my observation. He says a working man used to be able to get a Negro to do some work around his place, but nowadays a Negro won't do such work anymore. I guess that's part of the situation. I do know people who take excellent care of sizeable properties all by themselves, though, with no hired help. Thank goodness Buddy is able to get help from time to time around here.

I must go fold the clean laundry my excellent Kenmore twins have been doing for me while I wrote this letter.

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July 7, 1988

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Dear Helen:

After a long period of concentration on other family lines, I am about to switch gears and get on the SC Harrisons again. Buddy and I plan a trip east beginning July 9. We will attend a couple of Neal Family reunions July 9 and 10 and on Sunday night will arrive in Atlanta. We'll work in the Ga. archives Monday, go to Warrenton, Ga. on Tuesday.

Tuesday night or Wednesday morning we will arrive in Columbia and hope to be able to drop by, see you, have a cup of coffee and get better acquainted. We plan to play it all by ear from this point. We'll probably go on into NC to Raleigh also. Must be home on Sunday, though, so we can't stray too far for too long.

It so happened on Good Friday that the Ark. courthouses were open and our law office was closed, so I went to Drew County to see what I could find. I could find no evidence of Charles Wilson having ever owned land in Drew Co. He must have leased while there. I did find a Robert Martin owning a bit of land in the SE corner of the county. Then I found the Robert Martin/Venna Brown marriage certificate which stated they were both residents of the township in the NW section of the county. So, I wonder, are these two different Robert Martins?

We visited two of the oldest cemeteries around Monticello and did not find Harriet Martin Harrison Wilson's grave. It is possible the grave was not kept up through the years and is now unmarked. Those stones look like they'll last for eternity when first put up, but the years take their toll, even upon stone.

So the sum total of my trip was conflicting, inconclusive evidence and one tick.

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