

THE  
ROBERT COLEMAN  
FAMILY

From Virginia to Texas

1652-1965

By J. P. COLEMAN

With the Assistance of Many Others

Those will not look forward to  
their posterity who never look  
backward to their ancestors.

**EDMUND BURKE**

Happy he who with bright regard  
looks back upon his father's fa-  
thers, who with joy Recounts their  
deeds of grace.

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JAMES PLEMON COLEMAN  
FIFTY-FIRST GOVERNOR OF MISSISSIPPI



**MRS. MARGARET JANET COLEMAN**  
PHOTO TAKEN THE YEAR OF HER MARRIAGE IN WASHINGTON,  
D. C.

## **JAMES P. COLEMAN**

Born near Ackerman, Mississippi, January 9, 1914.

Graduated Ackerman High School, 1931.

Attended the University of Mississippi, 1932-1935.

Graduated in law, LLB, The George Washington University, 1939.

Doctor of Laws Degree, The George Washington University, 1960.

Elected District Attorney of the Fifth Circuit Court District, 1939, and re-elected 1943.

Elected Circuit Judge of the same District, 1946.

Appointed to the Mississippi Supreme Court, September 1, 1950.

Appointed Attorney General, October, 1950. Elected without opposition to a full four year term, 1951.

Elected Governor of Mississippi, 1955. Chairman of the Southern Governor's Conference, 1959.

Elected to the Mississippi Legislature for the term, 1960-1964.

Only man in the history of Mississippi to serve in all three branches State Government by election of the people.

Since 1960 has practiced law in Ackerman, Mississippi, with an office in Jackson.

On May 2, 1937, at the Metropolitan Baptist Church in Washington, D. C. was married to Miss Margaret Janet Dennis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Josiah H. Dennis of Williamsport, Indiana.

One son, Thomas Allen Coleman, named for his grandfather, was born May 14, 1941. He is now a second lieutenant in the U. S. Army, stationed in Korea. He received his B. A. degree from the University of Mississippi in 1962 and LL.B. degree in 1964.

Member of the Fentress Baptist Church.

Democrat. Delegate to the National Conventions, 1940 and 1956, Chairman of the Mississippi Delegation at the latter. Presidential elector for Roosevelt and Truman, 1944. Democratic National Committeeman for Mississippi, 1952.

On June 22, 1965, nominated by President Johnson to be a Judge he United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit and confirmed by the Senate, July 26, 1965. Took the Oath of Office August 16, 1965.

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## CHRONOLOGY

The first Coleman of the line described in this book was Robert, who settled on the South side of the Appomattox, where it joins, the James, 1652.

His descendant, Robert Coleman, settled in Halifax County, North Carolina, 1756.

His son, Robert, moved to what is now the Feasterville Community, Fairfield County, 1775.

Thereafter, the family spread to Alabama, Mississippi, and Texas. This book is an attempt to tell the story of the family from 1652 to 1965, and is arranged in yearly sequence.

## THE FEASTER FAMILY

After their removal to South Carolina, the Colemans became so extensively connected with the Feaster Family that this Book might more appropriately have been named the Coleman-Feaster History. The Feasters appear throughout, and the extensive Feaster Genealogy written by Mrs. Jennie I. Coleman will be found in Chapter 22.

THE GREAT ADVENTURE  
A FOREWORD by J. P. COLEMAN

The quotations appearing in the frontispiece would indicate that interest in one's forebears is, and should be, a most normal human trait. Over the years, as I grew older, it became my greatest hobby.

Like most Southerners of my generation, I grew up on a small farm. Prior to the Civil War my family had been comparatively wealthy. Great grandfather Daniel Coleman owned 1763 acres of land, over a hundred slaves, and lived in a sixteen room house. The Civil War put an end to that way of life.

When a boy and a young man, I did all the hard labor which was so common prior to farm mechanization. Although hard labor was constant and opportunities were few, it was really a good life.

In many ways I shall always look back on it with much pleasure. In a day when family ties and family connections were especially prized, I was blessed with a regular multitude of kinfolks. And I still am. With great satisfaction, I point out that regard for family is still strong in our section of this great Country.

In the nineteen twenties and thirties we had no radios or television sets. There were not many automobiles and no real roads. Outside the never ending task of wresting a living from the soil (using only man, mule, and the muscle of both) the great activities were visiting among friends and relatives, the church, the country school, and red hot politics. In our community we had prayer meeting on Saturday night. Of course, there were simple parties such as would be expected in communities. There was no dancing except the square dance, some given at someone's home, but this was generally frowned upon. Except for funerals, serious illness, or some other unusual event, the family worked together from Monday morning until Saturday noon, and many times if necessary we worked on Saturday afternoon. One was very close to his immediate family, his relatives, and his neighbors. They were indispensable.

I was particularly close to my Grandfather Coleman and my Grandfather Worrell. On visits to their homes, or upon their visits to ours, we often would talk far into the night about old times, about members of the family in other days. The seeds of future interest were firmly planted,

but most regrettably I wrote nothing down and could not understand all what I heard.

For example, I knew only the given name of great great grandfather Allen Coleman, of Fairfield and Chester Counties, South Carolina. I had learned of him by accident when I found his will stored away in "wardrobe" of my great Aunt Missie Bruce, the former Laura Eugenia Coleman. I was her special friend, too, and always wrote her letters her when she was very old and wished to write to her many children .

It was not until May, 1949, when thirty-five years of age and then serving as a Circuit Judge, that the doors of my family history began to open in definite form. I do not remember the day of the month, but I had been to Washington for an interview with President Truman on a matter in which I was then interested. I took the Seaboard train back to Birmingham, but got off in Chester, South Carolina, at about two o'clock in the morning. Two days later, on a Saturday afternoon, Pegram, the newspaper editor in Chester, took me to the family bun ground of Allen Coleman, east of Blackstock on the Great Falls road. Mrs. Hattie Hardin, a great lady and the Probate Judge of Chester County, had put me in touch with Mr. Pegram as being one who knew more about family burying grounds than anyone else in Chester County which turned out to be a fact. To my keen regret, Mr. Pegram died soon afterward, and I have often thought that had I not met him when I did those doors might have remained closed forever. I would have been denied one of the great adventures of my life, a fifteen journey into the history of the Coleman family.

Another result of the visit to Chester was that I learned of the Coleman-Feaster-Mobley Reunion held on the fourth Sunday in July every year, at Feasterville, in Fairfield County. From Fairfield, Allen Coleman had moved just over the line into Chester in 1817, when he was forty-four years of age. In July, 1950, I went to the reunion, and course, have been back many times since.

It was at this reunion that I met Donald Clayton, of Birmingham, the Genealogist of the Coleman - Feaster - Mobely family association; Mrs. Etta Rosson, then of Shelton, who has spent many years reducing Coleman family history to written form; Misses Julia and Mary Faucette of Feasterville, who have furnished such a great wealth of source material for this history which you are about to read; Frank Coleman of Dallas who has contributed so much in general family research, as well as details of the family history in Texas, and many others who will be mention in the course of the Book.

Thanks to what they knew, and the inspiration

they furnished it was soon resolved to write a history of the Coleman family. It was resolved that this history would be more than a genealogy. I would do my best, from every available source, to reconstruct the lives, times, personalities. The result has been a delightful excursion that I regret to see coming to a close. Particularly in the company of Frank Coleman, of Dallas, I have made field trips and courthouse visits in Texas, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, and Virginia. It has been my pleasure to meet strangers who became warm personal friends. I have learned history that could never have been found in a textbook. I now feel as if I had personally known and lived with every one of my Coleman ancestors and their kindred.

Of course, when this began, I was chiefly interested in my own direct line. The subject was so interesting, and the assistance from so many people was so enthusiastic, that it has been impossible to resist the temptation of "digging up" all our related lines. I must, however, give this word of warning and apology. Since we go back to 1652, the field is so broad and so long, it cannot be pretended that I have been able to locate or mention every Coleman who ought to be listed in this Book. It would be a marvel if I had been able to avoid errors. Continuing research has actually proven many mistakes which first were accepted as facts. Many completed chapters have had to be rewritten several times in the light of additional discoveries. We have tried to omit everything which was not capable of documentary proof. Tradition often proves to be mistaken. I am amazed, however, at the frequency with which I have been able to verify tradition by written proof, much of it hidden for scores of years. So, if the reader should find me guilty of omissions and errors it is hoped he will understand the enormity of the undertaking and that his forgiveness will be equally generous.

You will find that I am not the sole author of this Book. A good many chapters have been written by others. To me, the most valuable part of it was written long ago by Cousin Jennie I. Coleman, who had no idea that her effort would one day be published, Donald Clayton has not written any particular chapter as such, but the vast fruits of his long and extensive research will appear in every chapter, and he certainly receives credit accordingly.

Now that, so far as able, I have collected the history of the Coleman family all the way back to Wales, and reduced it to written form, I leave it to my son, Thomas Allen Coleman, recent law school graduate, to see what he can someday learn and write about the family in Wales.

I want to say a word of special thanks to every person who has in any way assisted in the compilation of this Book. Obviously, it is impossible for me to name them all. In addition to those already mentioned, I could not possibly omit Miss Margaret Coleman, of Winnsboro, and my lawyer kinfolk, George Coleman, of the same Town.

Moreover, special mention is due the following professional researchers who cheerfully accepted my employment and did massive research which eventually came to be used in this Book: Mrs. Leon Anderson, Halifax, North Carolina, Mr. Malcolm C. W. Tomlinson, of Washington, D.C., Mrs. Joyce H. Lindsay, of Richmond, Virginia, Mrs. Inez Waldenmaier, of Washington, D.C., and Mrs. Mary J. Rogers, of Raleigh, North Carolina.

Special credit must go to Circuit Judge S. Bernard Coleman of Fredericksburg, Virginia, an authority on the descendants of Robert Coleman of Gloucester County, Virginia. You will find frequent mention of Judge Coleman in this Book.

Neither must I forget the warm welcome which was received from public officials in Hallettsville, Texas, Eutaw, Alabama, Louisville, Georgia, Winnsboro, South Carolina, Tarboro, North Carolina, Raleigh, North Carolina, Halifax, North Carolina, and all over South Side Virginia. To visit these places, to live in them for a time which was only too brief, and to know these people, have been great enrichments in a busy Life.

In grateful mention I must also include the Library of Congress, National Archives, the Virginia State Library, and the Departments of Archives and History in Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina, and North Carolina.

I must as a matter of record in this Book, express my special gratitude to my faithful secretary, Miss Nellie M. Commander, of Ackerman Mississippi. For this entire fifteen years, she has typed and retyped pages and chapters appearing in this Book. In this respect she has almost been a co-author. In like manner special thanks are due my wife, Mrs. Margaret J. Coleman because she never complained of the many absences from home or the money spent in the prosecution of this work.

J. P. Coleman  
Ackerman, Mississippi

**BIOGRAPHICAL DATA OF THOSE  
WHO MADE THIS BOOK POSSIBLE**

**COLEMAN FAMILY DIARIES**

One of the tremendously interesting and beneficial by-products of writing this book has been the discovery of so many Coleman family diaries in the possession of various members of the family. I keenly regret that the limitations of space prevent us from reproducing them in this work. They are a most interesting picture of human personalities and the times which they lived.

If my time holds out and funds become available, I propose at some future time to print these diaries in book form. My grateful thanks are extended to Frank Coleman, Misses Julia and Mary Faucette, and Misses Kathleen and Mary Bess Coleman for allowing us to copy the following original diaries:

1. The diary of William Ragsdale Coleman's trip to Texas in 1851.
2. The diary of David Andrew Coleman, 1852-1859.
3. The diary of Andrew J. McConnell, Jr., Civil War Diary.
4. J. A. F. Coleman's Doings, 1848.
5. The Civil War Diary of First Lieutenant John Albert Feaster Coleman.

**MR. DONALD BREVARD CLAYTON, SR.**  
Birmingham, Alabama

Born Columbia, South Carolina, August 8, 1890, the son of Albert W. and Mary Victoria Feaster Clayton. Educated in Fairfield County schools and B.S. in Electrical Engineering, Clemson College. Married Mary Wynette Mathews of Sylacauga, Alabama, June 3, 1916. One son, Donald Brevard Clayton, Jr., born Hendersonville, North Carolina, April, 1917. Employed in his profession in Birmingham, Atlanta, and Ashville until 1918, when he began an electrical contracting business as Mill and Mine Construction Company. One of the organizers of Electric Contractors, Inc., Pascagoula, Mississippi, in May, 1939, and did all of the electrical work of the Ingalls Shipbuilding Corporation until 1948. Since 1948 engaged in general electrical construction work in Alabama and Mississippi. Former Member of the National Guard. Member of the Independent Presbyterian Church of Birmingham. Republican. Genealogist of the Coleman-Feaster-Moberly Family Association, of Feasterville, South Carolina. On August 1, 1965, Mr. Clayton moved to 211 Barclay Lane, Lexington, Virginia, where he now lives.





MR. DONALD BREVARD CLAYTON, JR.

#### FRANK R. COLEMAN

Born in Hallettsville, Lavaca County, Texas, May 30, 1895. Son of Thomas Blewett Coleman and Martha Jane Simpson Coleman. Grandson of William Ragsdale Coleman and Sarah Newport Head Coleman. Great grandson of Wiley Roe Coleman and Sarah Ragsdale Coleman.

Graduated from Hallettsville High School. B.S. in electrical engineering, Texas A & M College, 1916.

Served two years and two months in World War I as First Lieutenant, Supply Officer and Paymaster, 343 Machine Gun Battalion, 90th Division. Served in the Army of Occupation in Germany in the Fourth Army Corps.

Married Mallie Ada Little, January 20, 1920, Dallas, Texas. Two children, Ritha Marie, now Mrs. Frank W. Butler, and Ralph Marion, who married Margaret Jeanine Springer.

Employed by the City of Dallas in City Building Inspector's Office for twenty-six years prior to retirement.

Baptist, deacon of Cliff Temple Baptist Church. Active in Church and Boy Scout work. Past president of the Coleman-Feaster-Mobley Family Association of Feasterville, South Carolina.

#### MISS JULIA ELIZABETH FAUCETTE

Born Feasterville Fairfield County, South Carolina, October 9, 1888, the daughter of Charles Washington Faucette, Jr. and Mary Feaster Coleman Faucette. Educated at Feasterville Academy and Furman University. At the age of twenty began her teaching career, which continued for thirty-seven years in the public schools of South Carolina. She retired in 1957, and has since continued to live at Clanmore, the ancestral home of the Faucette family, in Feasterville. Her sister, Miss Mary, lives with her.

Miss Julia is a member of the Salem Presbyterian Church, the DAR the UDC, and the University of South Carolina Society. She is also a member of the Eastern Star and is a charter member and director of Fairfield County Historical Society. Has maintained an active, life along interested in the preservation of family records, of which she and her sister have the most valuable collection of originals to be found in the Coleman family, and which they have generously put at the disposal of all interested in the production of this book.

MISS NELLIE M. COMMANDER

Born near Ackerman, Mississippi, April 22, 1920, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Mitchell Commander. Graduate of Ackerman High School, 1939. Since 1941 Secretary to J. P. Coleman of Ackerman Mississippi, during the times he served as District Attorney, Circuit Judge, Attorney General, and Governor.

MRS. ETTA COLEMAN ALLEN ROSSON (MRS. B. H., JR.)

Born at Columbia, South Carolina, September 8, 1894, the daughter of Howard Leitner Allen and Sarah Isabelle Coleman.

Educated at Feasterville Academy and Draughon's Business College. One of the leaders in the organization of the Coleman-Feaster-Mobley Association, of Feasterville, South Carolina. One daughter, Mrs. Henrietta Rosson Morton, wife of Reverend Theodore R. Morton, Jr., Methodist Minister.

Member of the DAR. for forty years, in which she has served as Chapter Regent, State Genealogist, and State Treasurer. Has compiled many volumes of genealogical records which are in the National and South Carolina DAR. Libraries. Resided in Germany for fifteen months, with extensive travel in Italy, Switzerland, Austria, Holland, Belgium, France, England and Luxemburg.



MR. FRANK R. COLEMAN



MRS. ETTA ROSSON, who, like Mrs. Jennie I. Coleman, has done so much hard work and valuable writing about the history of the Coleman family.

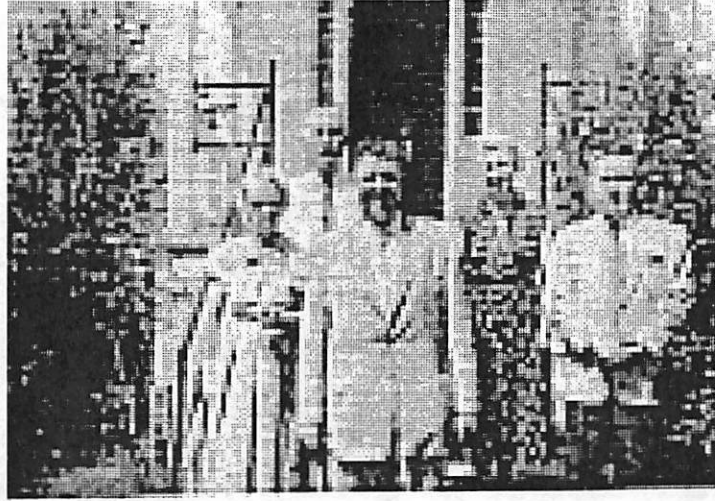


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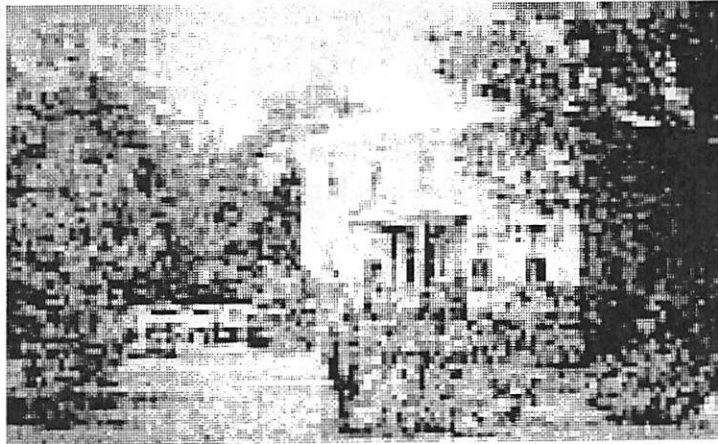


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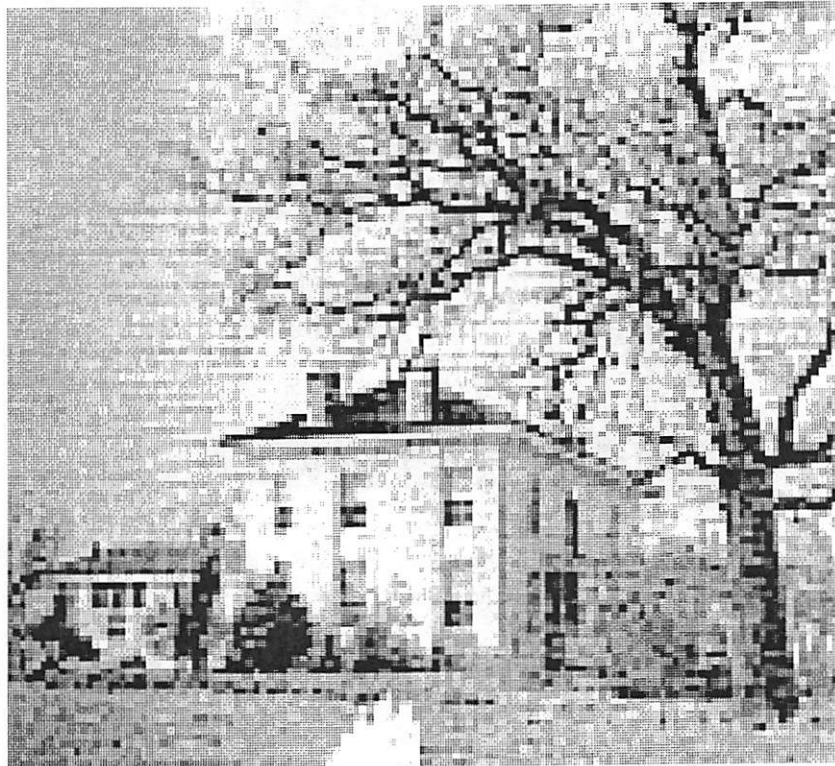
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Boarding House of 1956.

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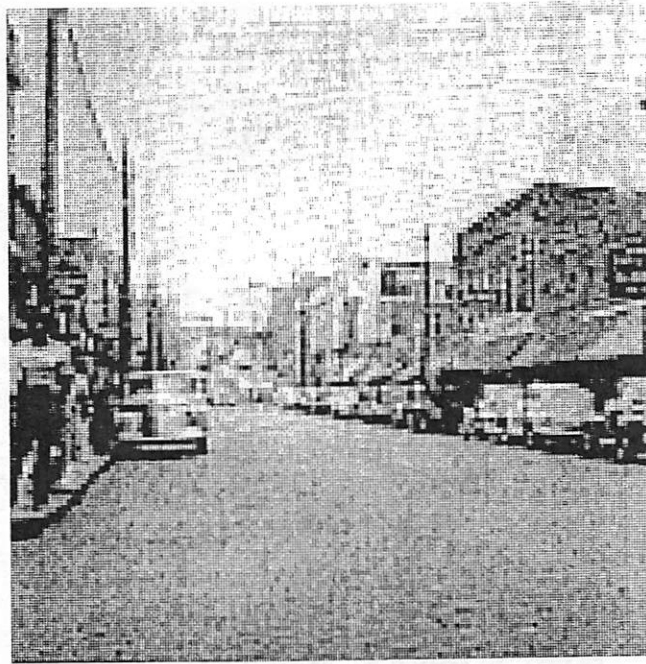




CLANMORE, the Faucette Family home, built about 1845. Many of the original Coleman family records and relics are kept here.



MISS MARGARET COLEMAN, J. P. COLEMAN, MRS. ETTA COLEMAN  
ALLEN ROSSON and BO FEASTER, standing on the Boarding House steps,  
1950.



Principal Business Street in Chester, S. C., looking up toward the Confederate Monument.

COLEMANS IN AMERICA PRIOR TO THE  
SETTLEMENTS AT JAMESTOWN AND PLYMOUTH

By J. P. Coleman

After receiving from Queen Elizabeth a patent for colonization in the new world, Sir Walter Raleigh, in April, 1584, sent out Philip Amader and Arthur Barlowe to discover a suitable location for a colony. On April 9, 1585, a colony of about 108 men sailed in seven small vessels from Plymouth. The colony was established at the northern end of Roanoke Island on August 17th, and about a week later the Commander of the expedition, Sir Richard Grenville returned to England. In June 1586, threatened with famine and the hostilities of the Indians, this entire colony returned to England on vessels of Sir Francis Drake's fleet. Only a few days after their departure, Sir Richard Grenville arrived with supplies and more colonists. Only fifteen of these remained when Grenville sailed away.

A second colony sent out by Sir Walter Raleigh, composed of 121 persons under John White arrived at Roanoke Island July 22, 1587. Not one the fifteen persons left by Grenville in 1586 were found alive. The sailors refused to transport the second colony to the shores of Chesapeake Bay as Raleigh had directed, so they were forced to remain at Roanoke Island.

John White's granddaughter, Virginia Dare, was born only twenty days after the second colony arrived at Roanoke, and she was thus first English child born in America. In this group of 121 persons were Thomas Colman and his wife, whose given name was not listed. See Page 211 of Dr. Francis L. Hawks' History of North Carolina, Volume 1, published 1857.

John White returned to England for supplies and did not get back to Roanoke Island for three years, arriving there August 15, 1590.

After various delays, at 10 o'clock in the morning of August 17th, the ships were anchored about two miles off-shore. One group safely made it to shore. White reported that there was a great gale of wind blowing from the northeast. Captain Spicer, in another boat, steered by Ralph Skinner, was very nearly overturned, and then White gave the following description: "The men kept the boat, some in it and some hanging on it, but next sea set the boat on ground, where it beat so, that some of

them were forced to let go their hold, hoping to wade ashore, but the sea still beat them down, so that they could neither stand nor swim, and the boat twice or thrice was turned keel upward, whereon Captain Spicer and Skinner hung until they sank and were seen no more. But four that could swim, kept themselves in deeper water and were saved by Captain Cook's means, who, so soon as he saw their upsetting, stripped himself and four others that could swim very well, and with all haste possible rode unto them and saved four. They were eleven in all, and seven of the chiefest were drowned, whose names were: Edward Spicer, Ralph Skinner, Edward Kelly, Thomas Bevis, Hance, the surgeon, Edward Kilborne, Robert Coleman."

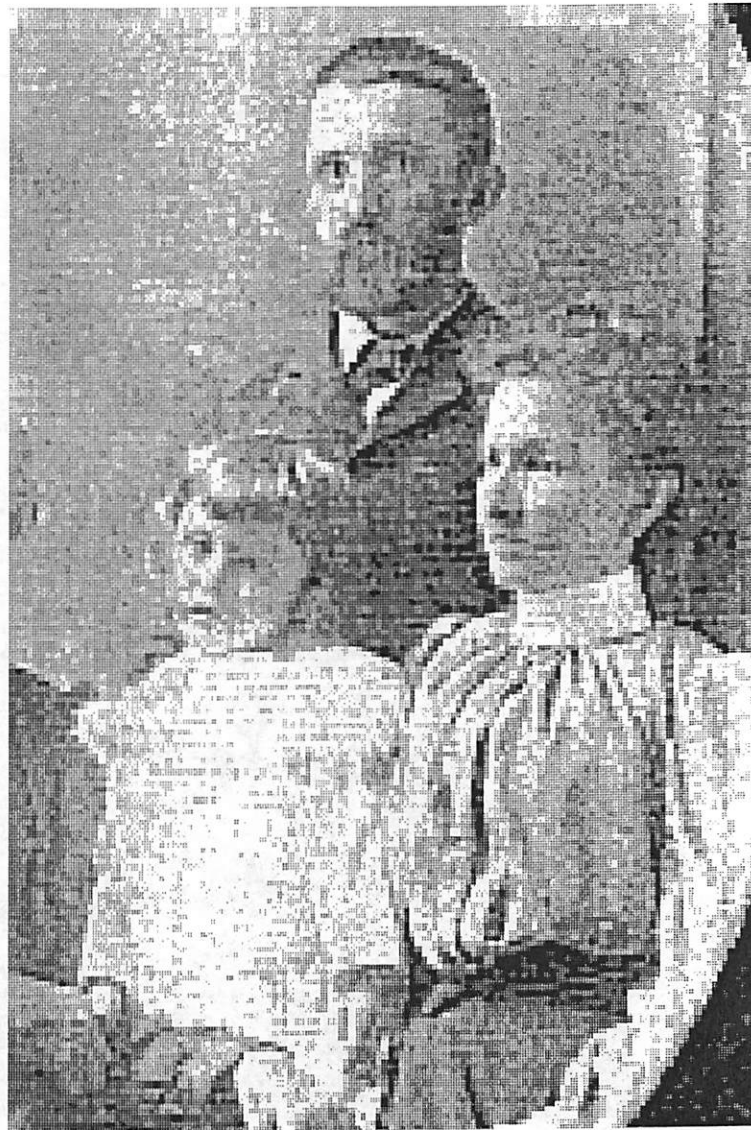
This account is to be found at Page 224 of Dr. Hawks' book and shows us that Thomas Coleman and his wife first arrived on the eastern shores of North Carolina July 22, 1587, and Robert Coleman was drowned while attempting to reach them August 17, 1590.

This was nearly twenty years before the first permanent settlement at Jamestown, and thirty years before the arrival of the Pilgrims at Plymouth.

As is well known, the 121 colonists were never found. They had completely disappeared, leaving no clue except the word CROATOAN carved on a tree.

One could well imagine that possibly Robert Coleman was of some close kin to Thomas, and was willing to brave the great likelihood of drowning out of a frantic desire to learn something of what had happened to the colonists.

White reached England, after the fruitless search at Roanoke, on October 24, 1590.



EDWARD WILSON COLEMAN and his wife, MRS. JENNIE I. COLEMAN, with their son, JOHN ALBERT FEASTER COLEMAN, who died at the age of twenty-one.



MRS. JENNIE I. COLEMAN, who made the first great contributions to Coleman Family History.



Top Row, left to right: Mrs. Mary Coleman Faucette, Henry David Coleman, and John Albert Feaster Coleman.

Bottom Row, left to right: Samuel Stevenson Coleman, Julia Stevenson Coleman, and Mrs. Jennie I. Coleman.



## CHAPTER 2

### MRS. JENNIE I. COLEMAN'S INTRODUCTION TO THE HISTORY OF THE ROBERT COLEMAN FAMILY

It is difficult indeed to know how best to arrange and present the history of a family which first came to Virginia as early as 1652. Of all the wealth of material re-discovered by the efforts of many, covering a period of over three hundred years, by far the best was the Diary of Mrs. Jennie I. Coleman. She was truly devoted to a study of family history. By far, she has left the most valuable contribution in original form.

To Misses Julia and Mary Faucette, Mrs. Coleman was "Aunt Jennie," for she was a sister of their mother. To the remainder of us, she is "Cousin Jennie." The terms are used interchangeably in this book.

Mrs. Etta Rosson, by permission of the owners of the original manuscript, made the typewritten copy of the original manuscript. Cousins Julia and Mary Faucette have made an incomparable contribution by the preservation of this Diary. Cousin Etta Rosson has done likewise by copying it for us.

Immediately following will appear Mrs. Coleman's writings as to general history of the Coleman family. For those interested in the details of their family lines, we shall include the entire Diary at a later point, referring extensively to the Colemans, Feasters, Moberleys, Colvins, Stevensons, and Yongues.

#### FROM THE DIARY OF MRS. JENNIE I. COLEMAN

Feasterville, S. C.  
Dec. 3d, 1905

Here in the home of my grandfather, Henry A. Coleman, my father John A. F. Coleman, now my home, and which in time will be the home of my son and only child, John Albert Feaster Coleman, I begin writing some of the history of our family as I know it, with the hope that it will of interest and a great pleasure to my boy and others of the family when I am gone. Young people do not feel much interest in family history, and old people do not often take the trouble to write down what they know. Consequently, so much is lost to me that I now long to know. While my

grandparents were living here in this old home, I could have learned so much, but with the usual thoughtlessness of youth, I didn't know what I was losing. I did take an interest in family history then, and have treasured up in my mind many things I heard them and other old people tell. But much of it lacks something that I very much want to know. They never recorded anything. My father, not a great deal. I have wanted to write what I know a long time, but kept putting it off. Again, I hope this may be of interest to you, John, and others who care for such history, and I want you to keep on with the record.

I will begin first with the Colemans.

They came from Wales to Virginia. I do not know how long ago. They moved into North Carolina, Halifax County, from which they came to this neighborhood in 1775. There was a large family of them, but I know of only three brothers, Robert, William, and Charles. They soon acquired large tracts of land. Robert, I imagine, was the eldest, and he bought up land that had been granted by King George in 1772 to William Mazyck, also to Joseph Verree, and John Winn, on the headwaters of Beaver Creek. He settled on uncleared land in a quarter of a mile of this home, and lived and died within a mile of the first settlement. He must have had money to have so soon acquired the large area around him. He must have been a man of strong character, and industrious, thrifty habits. His descendants generally have these characteristics, preferring a plain style of living, abhorring show of any kind.

He was a Major in the British Army [we have found no documentary proof of this], and I do not know whether he changed before the close of the Revolution. His sons were Whigs. We have a coat of his, in good state of preservation, homespun woven, and made over a hundred years ago.

Robert Coleman was born about 1745, and his wife, Elizabeth Roe, was born in 1747. They had several children when they came to this State, David Roe Coleman the eldest. As I said, there was a large family of the Colemans, and also the Roes. All settled near here. They found the Wagners, Beams and Mobleys already settled on Beaver Creek. And there was intermarriage with these families, which makes me a descendant of them all. The Wagners came from Holland, the Beams from Germany, the Mobleys from England. They were all settled near together on Beaver Creek, several miles below where Robert Coleman settled. They had been here for some time, and had endured the hard life of first settlers, such as Indian foes to dread and conquer. Hans Wagoner had eight daughters, no sons, so a fort, called Fort Wagoner, was built of

hewn whiteoak logs, 12 inches square, a stone wall and deep ditch around it, and the Wagoners lived in the fort because there were no sons to protect this family, and when in danger of Indians, the neighbors gathered in his home for safety and protection for all. There are signs of the ditch around this yet. Must have been made in early part of the 18th century. I have been told that the Mobelys settled there about 1735. Later on, the Hamptons came and tried to run these first settlers off. The Mobleys lived on Poplar Ridge, the Beams, Hickory Flat. The Wagoners just above them on Reedy Branch, in Fort Wagoner. The Hamptons ran the Mobleys off their land. The Beams and Wagoners would not run, and got a grant from King George. Hans Wagoner and wife, Elizabeth Johnson (from Scotland), are buried near where they lived. Sam Mobley married their daughter, Mary, and continued to live on Polar Ridge (where they are buried). All these old settlements are obliterated and the graves unmarked. (The above was told me by Cousin Trez Feaster). The Mayos also lived neighbors to the Beams, and they intermarried I do not know their nationality.

Robert Coleman married Elizabeth Roe. Their children:

David Roe, 1st son, born in Halifax County, North Carolina, May 19, 1765.

John Roe, 2nd son, born in Halifax County, North Carolina, April 2, 1768.

Robert Roe, 3rd son, born in Halifax County, North Carolina, February 1, 1769.

Wiley Roe, 4th son, born in Halifax County, North Carolina, October 27, 1771.

Allen Roe, 5th son, born in Halifax County, North Carolina, November 7, 1773.

Griffen Roe, 6th son, born in Fairfield County, South Carolina, May 20, 1775.

William Roe, 7th son, born in Fairfield County, South Carolina, March 6, 1776.

Sarah Roe, 1st daughter, born in Fairfield County, South Carolina, November 8, 1778.

Elizabeth Roe, 2nd daughter, born in Fairfield County, South Carolina, September 8, 1780

Solomon Roe, 8th son, born in Fairfield County, South Carolina, October 29, 1783.

Francis Roe, 9th son, born in Fairfield County, South Carolina, July 12, 1786.

Zerebale Roe, 10th son, born in Fairfield County, South Carolina, November 28, 1789.

Henry Jonathan Roe, 11th son, born in Fairfield County, South Carolina, June 22, 1793.

Ancil Roe, 12th son, born in Fairfield County, South Carolina, April 22, 1796.

Of this large family, three died infants. John, Griffen, William, Francis, and the two sisters went West, first to Greene County, Alabama. I know nothing at all about their descendants, except that they went on to Mississippi and Texas. David, Robert, Wiley, Allen, Solomon and Henry Jonathan lived and died near by, all marrying and rearing rather large families.

Robert Coleman and his wife, Elizabeth, are buried very near where they lived, at what is known as the "Coleman" graveyard. Their small children were the first to be buried there (lie at the foot of parents graves). The first house they built, as near as I can locate it, was on the near the Rocky knoll, above Bonny's Fork Branch. I've heard my grandfather say that when they reached the place to camp (on getting to where they settled) a large chip was cut from a hickory tree, and bread was baked on it for their supper. The fields then cleared have been cultivated most of the time since, and yield fairly good crops. They built another home half mile south of the graveyard; all trace of that is gone. I know living persons, tho, who have been in the last house - Cousins Elitia Coleman Jeffares and Julia Feaster Coleman say they have been in it. I think some parts of it were used in building a home for Cousin David Roe Feaster.

Nine years ago we put up a small monument to mark the graves of these two pioneer ancestors, Robert Coleman and Elizabeth Roe. 'Twas paid for by small contributions from many of their descendants to the 7th generation, and from 14 states. I am exceedingly glad that tis done, for I think they deserve to be so remembered. Only one (David Roe) of their grown sons buried with them, the others who died in this state are buried in family burying grounds near their homes, except Henry Jonathan, who is buried in the Feaster Cemetery by his wife, Polly Feaster.

As I said, I've heard of only two brothers of Robert Coleman, and can trace back to them all very well. There was a large family of them, tho', and I see in an old list of Mobley names that several Coleman men and

women married Mobleys. I feel sure these were brothers and sisters of Robert Coleman. His brother, Charles, married Polly Mobley. William married Nancy Butler. I will later on tell of their descendants. Francis married Margaret Mobley.

#### OBITUARY OF MRS. JENNIE I. COLEMAN (1938)

Mrs. E. W. Coleman

Chester, July 9. Funeral services were conducted at the Feasterville Universalist Church Thursday afternoon for Mrs. Jennie I. Coleman 81, widow of E. W. Coleman, and oldest daughter of the late John A. F. and Julia Stevenson Coleman, who died at the home of her sister, Mrs. Mary Coleman Faucette in Feasterville community late Wednesday. The services were conducted by the pastor. Interment followed in the Coleman burying ground. Six nephews were active pallbearers. Survivors include a step-son, Roe Coleman, Jr. and a granddaughter, Lola Marsh Coleman, both of Winnsboro; one sister, Mrs. Mary Faucette; one brother H. D. Coleman, both of the Shelton community and a number of nephews and nieces. Her husband, E. W. Coleman died in 1917. She was born in the old Coleman homestead. She was a member the Feasterville Universalist Church.

THE ROBERT COLEMAN FAMILY IN VIRGINIA  
1652-1756)

by J. P. Coleman

I. THE FIRST GENERATION IN AMERICA  
(Virginia Origins, 1652-1756, and Robert Coleman of 1652)

On November 5, 1652, Lt. Col. Walter Chiles, of James City County, Virginia, in which Jamestown and Williamsburg were located, conveyed to Robert Coalman a tract of 813 acres on the south side of the Appomattox River, in Charles City County, now Prince George.<sup>2</sup>

Cromwell ruled England, and 1652 was the year in which the Parliamentary fleet put an end to the first Virginia gubernatorial tenure of Sir William Berkeley.

On September 29, 1668, Robert Coleman, Sr. received a patent to part of this same land. The grant recited that the land was on the South and of the Appomattox and on the West end of Coleman's house swamp and further stated that 207 acres of the tract had formerly been granted to Mr. Walter Chiles and by him sold to said Robert Coleman, Sr. Further recited that 2 acres had been granted to Henry Leadbeater and by him sold to Coleman.<sup>3</sup> Previously, on April 29, 1668, Henry Leadbeater had been granted 224 acres on the South side of the Appomattox, adjoining land of Robert Coleman, "where he now lives."

From the evidence which will appear the writer is entirely convince that this Robert Coalman of 1652, who spelled it Coleman by 1668, is first ancestor in America of all that line of Colemans hereafter to be described in this book.

On May 20, 1663, Robert Coleman, Sr., by deed of gift, conveyed to his son, Robert Colman, Jr. "part of my land on the South side of the Appomattox River, I know not the quantity of it."<sup>4</sup>

This deed recited that "Robert Colman, Senr" was a resident of "Apamatick" in Charles City County. It was further recited that the "bredth" of the land lay upon the river (Appomattox) between the lands of Robert Burgesse and two marked oaks "which stand at the West end of my now dwelling house." Robert Coleman, Senior, signed this deed the mark "RC." This was the same mark used by so many

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<sup>2</sup> Chas. City County Court Orders, 1655-1658, p. 18

<sup>3</sup> 6 VLP (Virginia Land Patents at the State Library, Richmond), 189.

<sup>4</sup> Charles City Co., 1661-1664, p. 500.

other Robert Colemans in later years, including that Robert Coleman who died, one hundred and sixty three years afterwards, in Fairfield County, South Carolina (1795-6).

These lands were in the same neighborhood as that of Robert Bolling, who came to Virginia in 1660 at the age of fourteen and later (1675) married Jane, the granddaughter of Pocahontas.<sup>5</sup> Lt. Col. John Epes married Jane, the granddaughter of Pocahontas. Lt. Col. John Epes (Epps) was also an adjoining landowner.<sup>6</sup>

On February 15, 1677, Lt. Col. Daniel Clarke swore in open court that he did hear Robert Coleman declare John Barker to be his attorney, whereupon Barker confessed judgment against Robert Coleman, Sr. in favor of Capt. John Rudds for 470 pounds of tobacco.<sup>7</sup> The same day, a suit brought by Lewis Watkins against Robert Coleman, Sr. was dismissed.<sup>8</sup>

On June 24, 1678, the same Lewis Watkins was awarded 193 pounds of tobacco against Robert Coleman, Sr.

The same day, a suit by Robert Coleman, Sr. against William Vaughan was dismissed.

April 20, 1680, a patent to William Vaughan recited that the land on the South side of the Appomattox River adjoined the land of Robert Coleman and others.

Another patent, dated July 10, 1680, makes the same reference.<sup>9</sup>

Robert Coleman, Sr. died in 1688. In December of that year, it was ordered that if the witnesses to Robert Coleman's will do not appear at the next court and prove the said will they shall be fined as the law directs.<sup>10</sup> The witnesses complied and the will was proven in August, 1689. Because of loss or destruction of records, the will cannot now be found.

In September, 1689, it was "ordered that the estate of Robert Coleman in the hands of Robert Tucker be inventoried and appraised." This establishes a close connection between the Colemans and the Tuckers, which will appear to be *of more significance* at a later point in this narrative.

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<sup>5</sup> Slaughter, History of Bristol Parish.

<sup>6</sup> 6 VLP, 62.

<sup>7</sup> Chas. City Co., 1677-79, p. 279.

<sup>8</sup> Ibid., 305.

<sup>9</sup> 7 VLP, 45.

<sup>10</sup> Chas. City Co, 1688, pp. 181, 225.

## II. SECOND GENERATION IN AMERICA

### The Sons of Robert Coleman, Sr.

1. Robert Coleman, Jr.
2. John Coleman
3. Warner Coleman

We have already seen that on May 20, 1663, Robert Coleman, Sr. had given part of his lands South of the Appomattox to his son, Robert Coleman, Jr.

On October 20, 1665, Robert Coleman, junior, was granted 450 acres in Charles City County, South of the Appomattox River, beginning at the headline of Robert Coleman, Sr.<sup>11</sup>

On April 20, 1670, James Thweatte obtained a patent to 600 acres of land in Charles City, Virginia, on the Appomattox River adjacent to land of Robert Coleman, Jr., and on Baylis Creek.<sup>12</sup> On March 15, 1672, Thweatte was granted 550 acres adjacent to his other land and *extending to the Black Water*.<sup>13</sup>

Bailey's Creek flows into the south side of the James River, about a mile below the point where the Appomattox flows into the James. The City of Hopewell, formerly City Point, is at the junction of the Appomattox with the James. The location of these original Coleman lands in America is thus absolutely certain. It was just outside the city limits of Hopewell and about eight miles Northeast of Petersburg, Virginia. This was originally in Charles City County, but since 1702 it has been in Prince George County. Petersburg was not founded until 1733.

In December, 1688, John Coleman, "the orphan of Robert Coleman, chose *his brother*, Robert Coleman to be his guardian."<sup>14</sup> This further confirms the death date of Robert Coleman, Sr. as occurring in 1688.

Robert Coleman, Jr. is not listed in the Prince George County Quit Rent Rolls of 1704, although John Coleman, Francis Coleman, George Coleman, and William Coleman, Jr. are so listed. Yet, an entry in Prince George County Deeds for October 4, 1721 (Page 493) described

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<sup>11</sup> 5 VLP, 435.

<sup>12</sup> 6 VLP, 286.

<sup>13</sup> Ibid., 447.

<sup>14</sup> Chas. City CO, 1687-95, p. 180.



the lands of John Mayes as bounded on one side by the lands of Robert Coleman.

On November 10, 1717, Robert Coleman, Jr., on his own motion, was acquitted from paying the county levy for the future.<sup>15</sup> Presumably this would be because of age or infirmity.

By entries at Pages 5, 6, and 11 in the Bristol Parish Vestry and Register Book, we see that on September 17, 1721, William Tucker stated that Robert Coleman "lys at his house in a very weak, helpless condition & has been so these six months past which proves very changeable & troublesome to the S'd Tucker, tis ordrd that Wm. Tucker take care of the fores'd Robert Coleman & find him such necessities as is convenient and at the laying of the next Levie, the S'd Tucker to bring his account to the Vestry & what is thought just to be allowed from the P'rsh."

Significantly, it was further ordered that the Church Wardens inquire how the aforesaid Robert Coleman "gave his estate to Robert Tucker, Sr., and upon what terms." Surely, this was the same Robert Tucker mentioned thirty-two years previously, back in September, 1689, when Robert Tucker was Administrator for the Estate of Robert Coleman senior.

Unfortunately, the Bristol Parish Register contains no further report from the Church Wardens, so the reason for giving the estate to Robert Tucker is left clouded in mystery. We do find, however, at Pages 7 and 11 of the Register, that William Tucker was paid 400 pounds of tobacco for keeping Robert Coleman three months, and on another occasion (for which no date is shown) Joseph Tucker was allowed 1400 pounds of tobacco "on account of Robert Coleman."

Thereafter, the Register mentions no further allowance for the benefit of Robert Coleman. No doubt he died, relieving the Parish of any further necessity of supporting him.

At least, we make out that prior to 1704 Robert Coleman (the Junior of 1663) had given his estate to Robert Tucker, Sr. In such of the Prince George records as escaped destruction in the Civil War, we can find no deeds of conveyance or will from Robert Coleman, Jr. Most of the Prince George County Records were destroyed in the Civil War. If these records were yet available we very likely would be able to find a documentary answer.

Sufficient records have survived, however, to give us dependable knowledge of what really happened. We have already noted that

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<sup>15</sup> Prince George County Order Book, 1714-20, p. 143.

Robert Tucker (Sr.) was the Administrator of the estate of Robert Coleman Sr., in 1688. In 1680, Robert Tucker patented land on the North side of Blackwater River in what is now Prince George County.<sup>16</sup> The headwaters of Blackwater are situated only a few miles southeast of Petersburg, and about eight or ten miles South of the James. In 1694 (page 555 of the Deed Books), Robert Coleman (Jr.), Robert Tucker, and Elizabeth Tucker, his wife, deeded fifty acres of land to Francis Hobson and the deed recited that David Sanborn sold said fifty acres to Robert Tucker in 1676. If the land had been sold to Tucker, as recited, it is difficult to see why it should have been necessary for Robert Coleman (Jr.) to join in the conveyance.

In the 1704 Quit Rent Rolls, Elizabeth Tucker was listed for 212 acres. Quite evidently, the elder Robert Tucker was then dead, otherwise, under the laws then prevailing, Elizabeth could not have owned the land in her own right. However, there was a Robert Tucker listed in Prince George County for 400 acres. This Robert Tucker died in Surry County in 1722. His son, Robert Tucker, died in 1750, leaving his property to his wife, Martha, and sons Daniel, Joseph, Robert, and daughter, Sara Clay.<sup>17</sup> These given names, Daniel, Joseph, and Robert have frequently been used throughout the whole history of the entire Coleman family. Moreover, on May 6, 1727, Robert Tucker and William Coleman appraised the estate of John Tucker, deceased. This was the William Coleman who later died in Amelia County.

On October 9, 1716 (Deeds, Page 125) Francis Coleman, Sr. and Francis Coleman, Jr. of Bristol Parish and the County of Prince George, sold to Robert Bolling all that tract and parcel of land whereon John Tucker now liveth, on the South side of the Appomattox, containing 100 acres, more or less. Francis Coleman, Sr. signed by the familiar mark "FC."

On May 14, 1717 (Deeds, 160) Robert Tucker of Bristol Parish sold 200 acres to David Crawley, described as bounded westerly on the Appomattox, southerly on the lands of Major Robert Bolling, northerly on the lands of John Coleman, and easterly on the lands of Major Robert Munford. On July 8, 1717 (Deeds, 178) Francis Coleman, Sr. and Francis Coleman, Jr. conveyed *identically the same land* to the same David Crawley.

Obviously, the Colemans and the Tuckers were claiming and making deeds to the same land, all in the immediate area of the lands formerly

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<sup>16</sup> 11 VLP, 258.

<sup>17</sup> Boddy, Historical Southern Families.

belonging to Robert Coleman, Jr. Therefore, it is likewise obvious that Francis Coleman, Sr. was a son of Robert Coleman, Jr., was claiming the land, and his conveyances were considered necessary to make the title good. I suppose that Francis, Jr. signed as some kind of insurance against further claims on his part.

John Coleman is positively identified by documentary evidence as the son of Robert Coleman, Sr., and as the brother of Robert Coleman, Jr. On May 8, 1725, John Coleman and his wife, Mary, of Prince George County, conveyed 208 acres of land to Robert Munford (Deeds, 834).

The land was on the South side of the River Appomattox, in the Parish of Bristol, "now or late in the tenure and occupation of the said John Coleman," bounded on the lower side by Robert Munford, thence up the river to a place called the Ridge Bottom, etc. The deed further recited that twelve acres of this land was conveyed to John Coleman by Robert Tucker on March 3, 1701, and "the residue thereof is a part of a tract of land granted to Robert Coleman now deceased, *father to the said John Coleman*, by patent dated the 29 day of September, 1668."

This deed again clearly shows, of course, the Tucker connection. Moreover, it proves beyond all reasonable doubt that this John Coleman was the son of Robert Coleman, the settler of 1652, and was the same man who selected his brother, Robert Coleman, Jr., as his guardian in 1688.

Of great significance, as we shall see later on, the deed was witnessed by Charles Roberts, John Mayes, and Isham Eppes. On August 10, 1725, Mary Coleman came into Court at Merchants Hope and relinquished dower.

On October 9, 1716, Francis Coleman, Sr. and Francis Coleman, Jr., of Bristol Parish, Prince George County conveyed to John Coleman a tract of land "whereon he now liveth," bounded on one side by the land of Robert Munford and extending to the Appomattox River. Drury Bolling was a witness. Francis Coleman, Sr. used the mark "FC." (Deeds, 126).

Now, we must note (Deeds, 753) that on December 8, 1715, Robert Bolling surveyed 313 acres on the South side of the Appomattox River at the *Horse Pen Branch* for Captain John Coleman. This land was not patented to John Coleman until July 9, 1724.<sup>18</sup>

The surveyor's entry thus shows that John Coleman was known by the

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<sup>18</sup> 12 VLP, 64.

name of *Captain* as early as the year 1715, when he would have been anywhere between 41 and 48 years of age.

On June 7, 1714 (Deeds, Page 16 ), John Coleman sold to Robert Munford ten acres of land in the Parish of Bristol, Prince George County, the dividing line between Coleman and Munford, and on the river, up the river to a point in the John Coleman old field, by the new road leading the "Chappell," thus down the road to the point of beginning. John Coleman signed his own name. Charles Roberts and Joseph Tucker were witnesses. The deed was acknowledged at Merchants Hope, where court was then held for Prince George County.

On May 13, 1725 (Deeds, Page 798), William Coleman sold to John Coleman 185 acres on the East side of the great branch of Whipponock Creek. After 1753, this land was in Dinwiddie County. Robert Bolling, John Poythress, and *Drury* Bolling were witnesses. William Coleman signed by the mark "W," and acknowledged the deed in open court at Merchants Hope.

In September, 1689, Francis Tucker was appointed the Administrator the Estate of Warner Coleman, deceased.<sup>19</sup> Francis Coleman and Jarvis Dix made his bond in the amount of 50,000 pounds of tobacco and the goods and chattels were directed forthwith to be delivered to Francis Tucker. It must be noted that at the same time Robert Tucker had charge of the estate of Robert Coleman, Sr.

There must have been some confusion about the selection of an Administrator, for Robert Coleman, the previous December, had been ordered to receive letters of administration on Warner Coleman's estate.<sup>20</sup> The conflict certainly raised the very clear presumption that Robert Coleman, Jr. had a close interest in the affairs of Warner Coleman, Francis Coleman was also interested, else he would not have come surety to the extent of 50,000 pounds of tobacco.

The Bristol Parish Registry shows that William *Coalman* and his wife, Elizabeth, had a son, born March 20, 1732, who was baptized on August 26, 1733, and given the name of Warner. Thus the Christian name was carried on, and the family connection was further identified.

We might advert here to the fact that in June, 1690, as shown at Page 290 of the Order Book, the Honorable William Byrd exhibited an account of the estate of John Coleman, deceased. This could have been the John Coleman who, on March 18, 1662, bought the 813 acres on South side of the Appomattox adjacent to M. Tounstell. It is further

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<sup>19</sup> Chas City CO, 1688, p. 242.

<sup>20</sup> Ibid., 1687-95, p. 180.

noted that Robert Alston, in August, 1690, filed a claim against the estate of John Coleman for 4 shillings, or 400 pounds of tobacco, owed him for playing on the bagpipes at Coleman's wedding. Evidently, Coleman had married again in his very old age, but died before he could pay the cost of his new status.

We now pause to make some calculations as to time. If Robert Coleman, Jr. was twenty-one years of age in 1663 (when his father made him the deed of gift) he would have been born in 1642. Thus, he would have been 79 years of age in 1721. Moreover, Robert Coleman Sr. would have been born at least as early as 1622, if not earlier. If Robert Coleman, Sr. was eighty years of age at death, he would have been born in 1608.

In 1652, and occasionally as late as 1731, the surname was spelled "Coalman." The tradition written into the family records of the Robert Coleman family of Halifax County, North Carolina (later in Fairfield County, S. C.) was that the family came from Wales. Without any research to substantiate it, maybe they were originally coal miners or coal handlers in Wales, thus the spelling of the name. Well established Virginia colonial history recites that much of the early immigration Virginia came out of England and the nearby counties in Wales through the Port of Bristol. In early days, the Appomattox River was also called the Bristol River. This was the origin of the name of Bristol Parish.

### III. THIRD AND FOURTH GENERATIONS (Francis Coleman, Sr. and Francis Coleman, Jr.)

We have already seen that Francis Coleman was a surety in 1688, which established his birth as occurring before 1667. He appeared as the owner of 150 acres of land in Prince George County on the 1704 Quit Rent Rolls.

In Prince George County Deeds, 1713-1728, and in Prince George Court Orders and Returns of Executions, 1714-1720, we find the following records:

On October 9, 1716, Francis Coleman, Sr. and Francis Coleman Jr., of Bristol Parish, Prince George County, conveyed to Robert Bolling a tract of 100 acres on the South side of Appomattox River (Deeds, 125).

On the same date, these men conveyed to John Coleman a tract of land "where on he now lives," bounded on one side by the land of Robert Munford and extending to the Appomattox River, (Deeds, 126).

Both Francis, Sr. and Francis, Jr., acknowledged these deeds (Order Book 84). This fixes the birth of Francis Coleman, Jr., at not later than 1695.

On March 28, 1712, Robert Bolling, surveyor, surveyed 338 acres of land for Francis Coleman on the South side of Butterwood Swamp. This land is now in Dinwiddie County, which was organized in 1753. Butterwood Creek runs from West to East at about the center of Dinwiddie. Butterwood and White Oak flow together to form Stony Creek. The general area would be about seven or eight miles West of Dinwiddie Courthouse. Francis Coleman, Sr. did not receive the patent to this land until July 15, 1717.<sup>21</sup>

On July 13, 1719, Francis Coleman, Sr., conveyed to William Parsons 150 acres "whereon the said Francis Coleman late did live at a place called Baylys, adjoining Francis Hobson and on Baylys swamp." Edward Goodrich, Attorney for Honor Coleman, wife of Francis Coleman, appeared and relinquished dower. The power of attorney was dated April 14, 1719.

Obviously, having received his patent to lands surveyed seven years previously, Francis Coleman, Sr., moved from Baylys, on the Appomattox, South to Butterwood Creek, in what is now Dinwiddie County.

On August 7, 1719, Francis Coleman, Jr., and Mary, his wife, conveyed 150 acres to Adam Sims. (Deeds, 359). The land adjoined John Ledbetter, on Warrick Swamp. Robert Munford was a witness.

On November 10, 1721 (Deeds, 500 ), Francis Coleman, Sr. conveyed by deed of gift to his son, Francis Coleman, Jr., 100 acres of land on the South side of Butterwood Run, on Horse Pen Branch, land where Francis Coleman, Jr. now liveth. Note the name "Horse Pen Branch."

*When Robert Coleman of Halifax County, North Carolina, purchased land on New Horse Pen from William Roberts, Francis Coleman witnessed the deed.*

On the same date (Deeds, 499), Francis Coleman Sr. conveyed by deed of gift to his son John Coleman 133 acres on the South side of Butterwood Run, adjoining Francis Coleman Jr.

On March 27, 1721 (Deeds, 759) 350 acres on the upper side of Butterwood Swamp were surveyed for Francis Coleman, Sr. He did not

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<sup>21</sup> 10 VLP, 338.

receive the patent until July 9, 1724 (Vol. 12, P. 70). This was the same day William Coleman received patent to 154 acres on West side of Namozine.

Francis Coleman, Sr. must have been quite a wolf hunter. On November 13, 1716, he was paid for one wolf. On December 10, 1717, was paid for "wolves killed." On December 4, 1718, he was paid for killing five wolves. On November 11, 1719, he was paid for one wolf. (Order Book 93, 155, 220, 297).

On November 11, 1718, and again on April 14, 1719, Francis Coleman was appointed Overseer of the Butterwood Road. (Order Book 214, 249).

We learn from Bristol Parish Register that Francis (Jr.) and Mary Coleman had a daughter, Amy, born in 1718, and a son, William, born 1733. This would be "just right" for the William Coleman of Fairfield County, South Carolina, who was upwards of ninety in 1824. Families being of the size they were in those days, it would appear that the couple did not go childless for fifteen years and that there were children who did not happen to have their names entered on the Parish Register.

Further documentary progress on a complete history of Francis Coleman, Sr. and Francis Coleman, Jr. is halted at this point by destruction of Prince George and Dinwiddie County Records. We do find, however, from Page 383 of the Prince George Minute Book, that on February 12, 1739, a deed for land from Francis Coleman, Sr. to Matthew Ligon was proved in court by the oaths of Joseph Lewis, John Coleman, and Henry Thweatte, witnesses thereto, "and on motion of the said Matthew Ligon it is ordered that said deed be recorded." Court held at Fitzgerald.

On August 27, 1739, an action in debt brought by Francis Coleman against Thomas Twitty (Thweatte) and Mary, his wife, Admx. of Henry Wyatt, deceased, was dismissed for failure to prosecute, Minutes 355.

Now, let us note that Robert Coleman, of Halifax County, North Carolina, later to be included in this work, bought land on "*New Horse Pen Run*" in Halifax County. He bought it of William Roberts. You will have noted the presence of the Roberts neighbors of the Colemans in Virginia. Moreover, the deed from William Roberts to Robert Coleman of Halifax, was witnessed by Francis Coleman.

Susanna, daughter of Robert Coleman of Halifax County, North Carolina, married Christopher Pritchett. On March 31, 1712 (Deeds 750), Robert Bolling surveyed 147 acres of land on the South side of

Butterwood Creek for Joseph Pritchett. On March 20, 1720, 199 acres on the South side of Butterwood were surveyed for the same Joseph Pritchett. Previously, December 17, 1719, 136 acres had been surveyed the North side of Butterwood (Deeds, 756). An examination of the survey book of Dinwiddie County at the Virginia State Library showed numerous Pritchetts residing in Dinwiddie County, 1750-1760.

It will further be noted, when we reach that point, that when Robert Coleman of Halifax County, North Carolina, obtained his patent from Granville on November 9, 1756, the land was described as adjoining *Drewry M. Coleman's* land. We have noted the many times that *Drury* Bolling was a witness to deeds for the Colemans, and *Drury* Stith was also prominent resident of Bristol Parish.

#### WILLIAM COLEMAN OF PRINCE GEORGE AND AMELIA

On May 19, 1712, Prince George Deeds, 751, Robert Bolling surveyed 100 acres on the West side of Namozine Creek, below the path, for William Coleman. This creek was then in Prince George, but since 1753 has been the boundary between Dinwiddie and Amelia.

On December 6, 1715 (Deeds, 753), 154 acres were surveyed for William Coleman, Sr. on the West side of Namozine.

On May 21, 1712, 185 acres were surveyed for William Coleman on East side of the great branch of Whiponock Creek, now in northern Dinwiddie County but near the Amelia line.

On February 9, 1720 (Deeds, 757), 297 acres were surveyed for William Coleman, Sr. on the upper side of Winticomack Creek. This is in present Amelia County, in the extreme eastern portion thereof, in the neck which extends between Chesterfield County on the North and Dinwiddie County on the South.

On November 21, 1723 (Deeds, 764), 235 acres were surveyed on the lower side of the Sweatt House Branch of Deep Creek for William Coleman, minor. This is possibly five miles West of Winticomack.

On November 9, 1719, William Coleman, Sr., of Prince George County, conveyed to Robert Munford 118 acres bounded on one side "by land which formerly belonged to Francis Coleman." (Deeds 367) He signed by mark "W," and *Drury* Bolling was a witness.

On May 13, 1725, William Coleman, of Prince George County, conveyed a tract of land to John Coleman (Deeds, 798). This was on Whiponock Creek, in present Dinwiddie, already referred to in connect with John Coleman.



Thus, this William Coleman is seen to have been a neighbor and adjoining land owner to Francis Coleman and John Coleman. He was not their brother, evidently, because he was listed on the 1704 Quit Rent Rolls as William Coleman, Jr. His father must have been the William Coleman who came to Charles City County in 1656 (Order Book, p. 50), which was the same date Nicholas Coleman came to the County (p. 51) and the year following the arrival of Thomas Coleman (p. 39).

The author has found many printed references, from many sources, of family traditions that Thomas Coleman, William Coleman, and Nicholas Coleman came to Virginia "together" and were brothers. It is understood that Nicholas Coleman later migrated to Pennsylvania. It is altogether reasonable to suppose that they came to join Robert Coleman, Sr., who was there by 1652, and equally reasonable to suppose that all four were brothers. Thus, William Coleman would have been a first cousin of Robert, Jr. and John Coleman.

As will be seen in the Appendix, he was granted land in Prince George County, amounting to 635 acres in patents dated September 28, 1730. In January 2, 1737, he was granted 202 acres in Amelia County on the upper side of the great branch of Winticomack Creek. Amelia County had been formed of Prince George in 1734.

William Coleman made his will there on June 2, 1743, Amelia Will Book 1, Page 37.

As will be seen from the material appearing in the Appendix, he had sons named Daniel, whose wife was named Elizabeth; Robert, whose wife was named Ann; Joseph, whose wife was named Elizabeth; William, whose wife was named Frances, Godphrey; and Peter. He also had a daughter named Frances, who married a Tucker.

All of these children lived and died in Amelia County, except Robert. This Robert moved to Lunenburg County, Virginia, in 1754. From there he moved to Union County, South Carolina (across the Broad River from Fairfield County) in 1768.

In 1775, Robert Coleman of Halifax County, North Carolina, moved to Fairfield. The tradition is still alive in the Fairfield Coleman family that there was a "well recognized connection" between the Colemans of Fairfield and the Colemans of Union. This connection is borne out by the preceding facts, as Robert Coleman, the first settler in Union, definitely was the son of William of Amelia, and he, in turn, was a cousin to Francis Coleman, Jr.

The foregoing evidence indicates the following:

First Generation: Robert Coleman, Sr., 1652-1688.

Second Generation: Robert Coleman, Jr., died 1721.

Captain John Coleman.

Warner Coleman, died 1689.

William Coleman (cousin)

Died in Amelia, 1745.

Third Generation: Frances Coleman, still alive 1739.

Fourth Generation: Francis Coleman, Jr., still alive 1761.

John Coleman, who received deed, 1721.

Fifth Generation: Robert Coleman, who settled in Halifax  
County, North Carolina, 1756.

#### ROBERT COLEMAN OF OTHER LINES

We can be certain that the Robert Coleman, Sr. (who acquired the land from Lt. Col. Walter Chiles, in 1652) was not the same man as the well known Robert Coleman of Gloucester County, who is generally known as Robert Coleman of "Mobjack Bay" (sometimes called "Mockjack Bay"). Robert Coleman of Mobjack Bay was the ancestor of the Essex County (Virginia) Colemans and of the numerous descendants so (carefully studied and described by Judge S. Bernard Coleman, of Fredericksburg, Virginia, in his most excellent manuscript at the Virginia State Library, of which he gave J. P. Coleman a copy in 1957.

Robert of Mobjack Bay first appears in the Virginia Patent Records on March 18, 1662, when he was granted 110 acres in "Gloster" County, on a branch of Burt's Creek adjoining "his own land." He had a son named Robert, later known as Captain Robert Coleman, who became Sheriff of Essex, at Tappahannock. This Robert, the son of Robert of Mobjack was born in 1656.<sup>22</sup> Therefore, the future sheriff was only seven years old when the Appomattox River Robert Coleman, Jr., received the deed of gift from Robert Coleman, Sr.

It might further be pointed out that neither of the patents dated March 18, 1662, and March 1, 1672, to Robert Coleman in Gloucester County (who most certainly was Robert Coleman of Mobjack Bay) referred to the grantee by the descriptive Senior or Junior. Robert of Mobjack Bay did have a son by the name of John. This is well established by the writings of Judge S. Bernard Coleman, supported by the records cited by

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<sup>22</sup> Essex County, Va., Deed and Will Book 13, p. 76

him, including entries in the Abbingdon Parish Register. However, this John had wives named Margaret and Ann, while the wife of John Coleman of Prince George County, as we have seen, was named Mary.

An examination of the Appendix to this book will show that in addition to Robert Coleman of Charles City County and Robert Coleman of Mobjack Bay, there was another Robert Coleman, who, on April 20, 1664, was granted 500 acres of land in Nansemond County.

There was yet another Robert Coleman who, on September 29, 1667, was granted 634 acres of land in Isle of Wight County.

These men were listed in their respective counties in the Quit Rent Rolls of 1704.

The Appendix carries a copy of the Will of Robert of Isle of Wight who left no descendants by the name of Coleman.

Robert Coleman of Nansemond is documentarily well established as the father of William Coleman, who died in Edgecombe County, North Carolina, in 1752, and he was also the father of Robert Coleman, who died in the same County, 1761.

The Robert Coleman, later to be described herein, patented land in Edgecombe County in 1756. He was in that part of Edgecombe which later became Halifax County, whereas the descendants of Robert Coleman of Nansemond lived in an entirely different section of the original Edgecombe, which then covered not only its present area but parts of other present-day counties, Wilson, for example.

Over a period of approximately thirteen years the writer has thoroughly studied every record he could find in Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina on all Coleman family lines. He is convinced that all four of the Robert Colemans heretofore mentioned were most like connected. The documentary proof necessary to prove this beyond a reasonable doubt can no longer be unearthed, if indeed it ever existed. Yet, an exhaustive study of the surrounding circumstances and families shows that, except as to Robert of Isle of Wight who left no descendants by the name of Coleman, all three of the others had descendants through many generations of the same given name, repeated over and over from generation to generation, such as Robert, John, Francis, William, Thomas, Stephen, Charles, and many others which could be cited. It is for this reason that in the Appendix the writer has included much material on other Coleman family lines not direct

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lineage. As stated, this material has been "rediscovered," with the aid and assistance of many people, from "hiding places" going back for over three hundred years. Courthouse fires, the ravages of the Civil War, and the natural attrition of time have destroyed many original documentary sources; yet, that which can yet be found is of the most interesting value.

#### THE OLDEST KNOWN COLEMAN HOUSE IN AMERICA

This house, known as Burnt Quarter, is about five miles Southwest of the village of Dinwiddie, Dinwiddie County, Virginia. I, J. P. Coleman visited it the first time on April 2, 1963, and again on February 2, 1964.

The house was built about 1737 by Robert Coleman. It is present owned and occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Peterson Goodwin Gilliam, who showed me every hospitality on each of my visits.

Due to the destruction of courthouse records in Dinwiddie County prior to 1833, we are unable to give a full and complete history of its owners.

We are unable to say whether the Robert Coleman who built this House was the son of Captain John Coleman or Francis Coleman, Sr., although it seems quite certain from all available records that he was the son of one or the other of them.

While Tarleton was on his way to Charlottesville, in his effort to capture Governor Thomas Jefferson and the Virginia Legislature, he visited this Coleman home. The family was storing grain for the Continental Army, and Tarleton burned the grain quarter. Thus the name "Burnt Quarter."

Later, at the close of the Civil War, the home was in the line of fire at the Battle of Five Forks.

Letitia Coleman, widow of Robert Coleman, willed the property to her daughter, Mary, who married Colonel Joseph Goodwyn. Mary Elizabeth Coleman Goodwyn, the 20th child of this couple, inherited the property from her mother. She was born at Burnt Quarter on the 25 day of December, 1812, and died there on June 16, 1884. She married John William Gilliam, the only son of Samuel and Susan Gilliam, on April 24, 1832. The property has been in the Gilliam family ever since.



BURNT QUARTER, home of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. G. Gilliam, Dinwiddie, Virginia, the oldest known Coleman house in America.

THE ROBERT COLEMAN FAMILY IN NORTH  
CAROLINA, 1756-1775

By J. P. Coleman

Robert Coleman, the elder, of Halifax County, North Carolina and later of Fairfield County, South Carolina, who died late 1795.

In this chapter we shall write of Robert Coleman, who died in late 1795. He is undoubtedly the common ancestor of all the Coleman family described in this book. Documentary evidence conclusively shows that Robert Coleman was the father of that Robert Coleman who married Elizabeth Roe.

Mrs. Jennie I. Coleman, in a chapter which appears later, wrote that the Colemans first came to Virginia, thence to North Carolina.

At the time this chapter is written (July 31, 1961 ) our earliest specific documentary record of Robert Coleman, the elder, is found at Page 174, Land Deed Book 8, Records of Halifax County, North Carolina (1756) . On November 9, 1756, the Right Honorable John Earl Granville, Viscount Carteret and Baron Carteret, of Hawnes, in the county of Bedford granted to Robert Coleman "of Edgecombe County, Province of North Carolina," 157 acres of land in Edgecombe Parish, said county. It was described as adjoining Drewry M. Coleman's land, on Rocky Swamp. For some reason, this grant was not proved for record until the September Court, 1762.

The land in question had been granted to Earl Granville by George II, September 17, 1744.

For geographical identification, it may be mentioned that Rocky Swamp runs from North to South and enters Big Fishing Creek about three miles West of the present city of Enfield, Halifax County, North Carolina. This is about sixteen miles southwest of the town of Halifax. The County is situated in Northeastern North Carolina, lacks only about six miles touching the Virginia State line, is approximately 90 miles South Richmond, and is bounded on the Northeast by the Roanoke River, which the Indian name was "Moratuck."

On March 13, 1761, Book 7, Page 255, Robert Coleman bought of William Roberts 100 acres in Halifax County on the West side of Rocky

Swamp, beginning at the mouth of New Horsepin Run. Francis Coleman was a subscribing witness and signed by mark.

Halifax County had been formed of Edgecombe three years previously, in 1758. In the meantime, the Courthouse was moved from Enfield to Halifax.

We next find the will of Thomas Mathis, Halifax County Wills, dated October 15, 1764, admitted to probate in April, 1765. It must be noted here that Mathis was one way of spelling Matthews. The testator mentioned his wife but did not state her given name. He named his daughters, Frances Coleman, Sarah Hill and Millie Mathis. He also named sons, Charles, James, Isaac, Thomas and Benjamin. From a deed later to be described, we know that Frances Coleman, daughter of Thomas Mathis, at least from 1764 to 1774 was the wife of Robert Coleman, the elder.

On February 21, 1770, Book 1 1, Page 18, Robert Coleman conveyed to Thomas Coleman the same land, on the West side of Rocky Swamp acquired of William Roberts in 1761. We know from a deed made by Robert Coleman in Fairfield County, South Carolina, March 31, 1795, that Thomas was his son.

On April 11, 1771, Book 11, Page 323, by deed of gift, Robert Coleman conveyed to Christopher Pritchett 100 acres" of the land which Coleman now holds on the South side of the main road." Robert signs by mark "R." Thomas Coleman was a witness to this deed. By the Last Will and Testament of Robert Coleman we know that Susanna, wife Christopher Pritchett, was Robert's daughter.

The 1782 Tax List, District 12, Halifax County, at the North Carolina Department of Archives and History, shows that Christopher Pritchett John Pritchett, Elijah Humphries, Jeremiah Mathis, Richard Mathis, James Mathis, Samuel Mathis, David Mathis, and Susannah Mathis were all neighbors and residents of that Tax District. Also in that District were Thomas Williams, John Williams, James Williams, and John Thomas. David Roe Coleman referred to the Thomas's as his cousins but I have never learned how this came in.

In Tax District Number 12, Halifax County, 1782, were found Isaac Mathis, Mary Mathis, Sara Mathis, and Thomas Mathis.

On January 25, 1774, Land Deed Book 13, Page 32, Robert Coleman and Frances Coleman, his wife, conveyed to Elijah Humphries 357 acres in Halifax County on the East side of Rocky Swamp. Frances Coleman signed by mark, as did her husband. She used an "x" he used "RC."

The Court Clerk certified that Frances Coleman, being privately examined, acknowledged the relinquishment of her right of dower. Robert personally appeared before the May Court, 1774, to acknowledge the conveyance. The land was described in the face of the deed as being that land which Robert Coleman acquired by patent dated November 1756, and other deeds or grants of record, on Rocky Swamp, adjoins Humphries, the purchaser.

After the May Court, 1774, Robert Coleman never again appears in the records of Halifax County. Mrs. Jennie I. Coleman, writing 1906, did not have these North Carolina records. Yet she then stated that Robert Coleman, the husband of Elizabeth Roe, came from Halifax County, North Carolina, to Fairfield County, South Carolina, in 1775. Since Robert Coleman, the elder, acknowledged the deed to Humphries in May, 1774, his last recorded transaction in Halifax, the family tradition known to Mrs. Jennie I. Coleman is documentarily proven have been correct.

Thus, we know that Robert Coleman, the elder, was a resident of what is now Halifax County, North Carolina, from 1756 to 1775. This goes back twenty years prior to the Declaration of Independence.

Again, the family tradition, as related by Mrs. Jennie I. Coleman, was that this branch of the Coleman family came from Wales to Virginia thence to North Carolina.

We know that Robert Coleman's father-in-law, Thomas Mathis, whose Will has already been mentioned, was in Edgecombe County, North Carolina, as early as February 14, 1746. On this date, Land Deed Book 3, Page 55, Thomas Mathis "of Edgecombe County" conveyed to his brother, Isaac, of Brunswick County, Virginia, 320 acres at Turkey Ford, Conoway Creek. Brunswick County, Virginia, adjoins Halifax County, North Carolina.

Thomas Coleman, son of Robert the elder, was a subscribing witness to a deed in the Halifax records from Barzilla Hewett to Anderson Nunnally, June 14, 1766. This proves that Thomas was born no later than 1745. Thus, his father, Robert, was most certainly born as early 1725, even if there were no children older than Thomas. Computed another way, if Robert the elder were eighty years of age at his death in 1795 then he would have been born as early as 1715. He had many children and we do not know their dates of birth.

From Thomas' age we know that Robert was married not later than 1744. Thomas Mathis does not appear in Edgecombe County until 1746. Except for the possibility that Robert had a wife before Frances, then



Robert met and married her before either the Colemans or the Mathises came to Halifax County.

The best evidence we have at this date of where Thomas Mathis came from is an entry in the Albemarle Parish Register of Surrey County Virginia, showing that James Matthews, son of Thomas Matthews and wife, Eliza Matthews, was born August 4, 1739. The godparents were James Matthews and Frances Matthews. The name Matthews is used interchangeably with Mathis a number of times in the Halifax records. Thomas Mathis' will of 1764 names a son, James.

Moreover, Deed Book 1, Page 520, Brunswick County, Virginia Records (1741) described one James Mathis as being from Albemarle Parish, Surrey County, Virginia.

An extensive search of the records of Lunenburg, Mecklenberg, and Brunswick Counties, Virginia (which are perfect back to 1720) fails to reveal the presence of Thomas Mathis or Robert Coleman, the elder in any of these counties prior to removal to North Carolina. Thomas Mathis did have numerous relatives in Brunswick County, who will be described, for genealogical interest, in the Appendix.

The only other documentary record of Robert Coleman, the elder, in Halifax County, is an entry on the Crown Docket, Item 16, January Court, 1767, styled *The King vs. Robert Coleman* indictment. This entry does not name the charge, but does give Benjamin Taylor as the prosecuting witness, and carries the notation "not a true bill," reflecting that the grand jury declined to indict Robert, whatever the charge.

On December 7, 1779, Book 14, Page 325, Halifax Records, Thomas Coleman and his wife, Sarah, sold the 100 acres "whereon the said Thomas Coleman now lives," being the same land that Robert had deeded him in 1770, to his brother-in-law, Christopher Pritchett. The deed recites that the land had been acquired from Robert Coleman, Senior. This, of course, shows that by 1779 there was a Robert, Junior, in the family. The appellation "Junior" could refer only to the Robert who married Elizabeth Roe. This deed further indicates that Thomas, in 1779, was moving away. It was not until November 29, 1790 that William Con, by mark, conveyed to Thomas Coleman of Fairfield County, 250 acres of land on the waters of Beaver Creek. Thereafter, on March 31, 1795, Thomas Coleman was a witness to the Will of Robert Coleman, the elder.

On March 31, 1795, Fairfield Land Deed Book K, Page 302, Robert Coleman conveyed to "his son," Thomas Coleman, a Negro boy named Moses.

On the same day, Robert made his last will and testament, with Thomas as a witness, above mentioned. Among the appraisers of the estate was David Roe Coleman, son of Robert and Elizabeth Roe Coleman, as was his brother, Wiley.

On March 25, 1795, Land Deed Book K, at Pages 124, 126, 128, and 130, Robert Coleman, who signed by the mark "R," conveyed property to his sons-in-law, William Chapman, Isaiah Mobley, and William Mobley, as well as to his son, Stephen Coleman. Thus, Isaiah Mobley, was a brother-in-law of Thomas Coleman. As we shall see in another chapter they moved together to Warren County, Kentucky (Bowling Green) in 1807.

The warrant for the appraisal of the estate of Robert Coleman, the elder, is dated January 20, 1796, which shows that Robert Coleman had died previous to that date, either in late 1795 or early in January 1796.

His will refers to Susanna Coleman, his well beloved wife. This shows that the Frances Coleman, the wife of 1764-1774, had died after signing the deed of the latter date, but we do not know when nor where.

The deed of record at Page 80 of Land Deed Book I, Fairfield Records, dated April 26, 1792, from Robert Coleman, Sr. and wife Susanna, for 200 acres on the south side of Little River, recites that the land in question was granted June 23, 1774, unto William Jones, "and whereas said Robert Coleman has since the decease of William Jones married his widow, Susanna."

Deed Book B, Page 77, December 1, 1779, William Jones and his wife conveyed 100 acres to William Phillips on Phillips Branch of Little River, granted July 15, 1768. This shows that William Jones died after 1779. Thus, Robert, the elder, married Susanna after that date.

On May 16, 1744, Book 5, Page 264, William Jones (senior) sold to Francis Jones of Northampton County, land on Rocky Swamp. James Mathis, Jr. was a witness. This is the same neighborhood in which Robert Coleman obtained his patent in 1756. This shows that the Joneses and Colemans had known each other long before they appeared in Fairfield, and also shows the close connection with the Mathises.

This William Jones made a conveyance to William Jones, Jr. on May 18, 1748, and he, no doubt, was the husband of Susanna who later became the wife of Robert Coleman.

We next encounter the recitations of the deeds from Stephen Coleman (son of Robert the elder) to Robert Coleman (the husband of Elizabeth Roe) dated December 7, 1808, which clinches the matter.

Land Deed Book Y, Page 158, Fairfield County, Stephen Coleman conveyed to Robert Coleman 17 acres of land "being a part of a tract of land containing 100 acres granted to a person by the name of Wadey and then conveyed to Albert Beam, and by Beam conveyed to Robert Coleman, *the father of said Robert Coleman*, and by him devised by his will and testament to said Stephen, situated on Reedy Branch of Beaver Creek, situated near the old Post Office."

Robert Fitz Coleman was one of the subscribing witnesses and made affidavit before D. R. Coleman, Justice of the Peace, that he was personally present and saw the within named Stephen Coleman sign, seal, and deliver the within deed to Robert Coleman, Sr., and that he together with Wiley F. Coleman witnessed the execution of the deed. Robert Coleman, the husband of Elizabeth Roe, was then a senior because he had a son named Robert, born February 1, 1769.

Land Deed Book Y, Page 293, January 10, 1811. Deed of Francis Coleman and Elizabeth Coleman, children of Robert Coleman who married Elizabeth Roe, to Robert F. Coleman. The instrument conveys 17½ acres, being a part of a tract of 100 acres "conveyed to Albert Beam, and by him to Robert Coleman, Sr., and by him devised to Stephen Coleman, and by Stephen conveyed to Robert Coleman, father of Francis and Elizabeth, who devised this and other land in his last will and testament to Francis and Elizabeth."

The Fairfield Census of 1800 enumerated Susannah Coleman, widow, the head of a family.

Deed Book 1, Page 79, Abraham Jones and wife, Mary, executed a deed reciting that Abraham Jones was the oldest son and heir at law of William Jones. This Abraham Jones was thus the son or stepson of Susannah Jones, who married Robert Coleman, the elder. He was personally close enough to Robert Coleman, who died in 1809, that he was one of the witnesses of his will.

"Amelia County, Virginia - Deed Book 3. P. 318 -

Abraham Jones Sr. of Amelia County conveys to Abraham Jones, Jr. by deed of gift a tract of 421 acres on the west side of Sweathouse Creek said land being part of a larger tract granted Abraham Jones by patent 28 Jan. 1733."

"Deed Book 4, P. 150 - Abraham Jones Jr. of Edgecombe County, North Carolina conveys to Abraham Jones Sr. of Amelia County, Virginia - for the sum of 300 pounds - a tract of 421 acres on the west

side of Sweathouse Creek said land being part of a larger tract granted Abraham Jones, Sr. 28 Jan. 1733. Recorded 25 Sept. 1751."

Apt. 2, File #51, Fairfield County, recorded in Book 2, Pages 117 and 118, February 15, 1796.

### WILL OF ROBERT COLEMAN

IN THE NAME of God Amen, I Robert Coleman of the State of South Carolina and County of Fairfield Farmer being Very Weak of Body but in perfect mind and memory thanks be given unto God Calling unto mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last will and testament That is to principally and first of all I give and recommend my Sole into the hands of Almighty God that gave it and My Christian burial at the discretion of my Executors nothing Doubting but at the general resurrection, I shall receive the Same again by the mighty power of God and as touching Such worldly Estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in life I give, devise and dispose of the same in the following manner form:

First, I give and bequeath to Susannah Coleman my well beloved wife one Sorrel mare, Seven head of Cattle to be taken out of the Stock I had by my wife in marriage, fifteen head of hogs, two feather beds and furniture, one large Chest, third of all my geese, one Iron pot, One Small leather trunk, one duch oven to Her and her heirs forever.

Item, I lend to my well beloved wife Susannah Coleman the Third part of one hundred acres of land during of her life.

Item, I give and bequeath to my well beloved Children, Thomas Coleman, Sarah Chapman, Mary Parker, Cloey Mobley, Fanney Mobley, Nancy Mobley, Susanah Prichet or the lawful heirs of her body one shilling Sterling each to be paid out of my Estate if demanded.

Item, I give and bequeath to my three well beloved children Stephen Coleman, Morening Coleman, Tabitha Coleman, all my personal Estate except what I have given away which is above mentioned.

Item, I give and bequeath to my well beloved Son, Stephen Coleman, hundred acres of land whereon I now live.

Lastly, I make, constitute and appoint William Chapman and Isaiah Mobley my lawful Executors of this my last will and testament, and I do hereby utterly disallow and revoke, disanul all and every orher form of testaments, wills, legaces, bequeaths and Exers. by me in any ways before named, willed and bequeathed, ratifying and confirming this and

no other to be my last will and testament in witness whereof I have here unto Set my band and Seal, this 31 day of March, 1795.

Signed, Sealed, published and declared in presence of us.

his  
Robert R. Coleman  
mark

Seal

Anderson Thomas  
Thomas Coleman

Proved 20 January 1796

D. Evans

Recorded in Book 2, Pages 117 & 118

February 15, 1796

Apt. 2 File 51

Robert Coleman signed by the mark "R." His estate was appraised by D. Coleman (this was David Roe Coleman, born 1765, died 1855), Wiley Coleman (his brother), and William Mobley. The warrant of appraisement is dated January 20, 1796, which shows that Robert Coleman had died previous to that date. The warrant spells William Mobley's name "Moberly" but he signs Mobley. Thomas Means was also named as an appraiser, as was Isiah Moberley. The oath, however was signed only by D. Coleman, Wiley Coleman and William Mobley, William Chapman and Isiah Moberley being the Executors.

The Estate consisted of the following:

- One horse
- One colt
- One mare
- One bed and bedstead
- 50 bushels of corn
- 12 heads of hogs
- 3 head of cattle
- 1 spinning wheale
- 1 grindstone
- 4 head of geese
- 1 pewter dish and four plates and two tin pans
- 2 cowhides
- 1 meal tob

1 axe  
1 axe  
1 broadaxe  
Two sides of leather  
One drawing knife and iron wedge and two reap hooks  
1 Loom  
1 half bushel  
1 sithe blade  
1 sledge and clevis and Srivin  
1 half set of wagon boxes  
1 wheate sive  
1 shovel plow  
4 chair fraims  
1 pair saddle walletts  
350 pounds of bacon and 100 pound of cotton  
1 saddle  
1 barsheare plow and table

#### WILL OF THOMAS MATHIS

Halifax County Wills proved April Court, 1765, as follows:  
October Ye Fifteenth, 1764, this being my last will and testament in the name of God Amen.

I Thos. Mathis being in perfect sence and memory and knowing it to be appointed once for all men to die I give my soul to God who gave it me and my body to the earth to be buried to the discretion of executors and my worldly estate as followeth:

Item. To my daughter Frances Coleman I give ten shillings besides what she was possessed with before. Item. To my son Charles Mathis I give five shillings besides what he already has had of me. Item. To my daughter Sarah Hill I give ten shillings besides what she has had of me. To my son James Mathis I give my Negro fellow Will. Item. To daughter Milly I give ten shillings besides what she already has. Item. To my son Isaac Mathis I give 160 more or less acres of land lying over the creek being part of the Coles Survey and the remainder tract of the land I give to my son Thomas Mathis. Item. And my home plantation I give to my son, Benjamin Mathis, being 150 acres, more or less. To my loving wife I give three Negroes Cook, Rachel and Hannah during her life if after her death the Negro feller Cook shall

return to my son Isaac and Rachel to my son Thomas likewise and Hannah to my son Benjamin. Likewise, also to my son Isaac, I give Dinah and Daniel after my wife's decease. Also to my son Benjamin I give Nell and David after my wife's decease. Item. To my son, Isaac, I give my mill observed Thomas and Benjamin I give equal part with my son Isaac til they come of age. Item. To my son Thomas, I give my Negro Peter as soon as he comes of age, and Kate to my son Benjamin as soon as he comes of age, and to my son James, I give one bed and furniture and to my son Isaac I give my still and him I leave to pay all my worldly debts. Item. To my son, Isaac, I give one bed and furniture and to my son Thomas another bed and furniture and to my son Benjamin another bed and furniture after my wife's decease I leave everything that is not already given I give to my three youngest sons, Thomas, Isaac and Benjamin to be equally divided among them. My son Charles and my son Isaac I leave my executors.

Thomas (his mark) Mathis

Test: William Pullen, Isaac Mathis, Thomas Mathis.  
North Carolina, Halifax County, April Court, 1765.

The above will was exhibited in open court and duly proved by the oath of Thos. Mathis a witness thereto, who on his oath did say that he saw the testator, Thos. Mathis, seal, publish and deliver the same to be his last will and testament and that at the same time he saw William Pullen and Isaac Mathis the other two subscribing witnesses sign the same as witnesses thereto whereupon Isaac Mathis one of the executors therein named came in Court and was duly qualified by taking of the oath by law directed wherefore return shall be recorded.

Test: Joseph Montfort, Clerk of the Court.

## WILLIAM COLEMAN OF FAIRFIELD COUNTY, S. C.

By J. P. Coleman

Mrs. Jennie I. Coleman, in her diary, stated that this William Coleman was a brother of Robert Coleman who died in 1809 and of Charles Coleman who died in 1788. It seems likely that she may have been mistaken as to this. It appears more probable that he was a brother to Robert who died in late 1795, and therefore the uncle of the other two. We know from the Bristol Parish Register that Francis Coleman, Jr. had named a son William who was born in 1733, and at page 545 of Mills Statistics of South Carolina, published in 1826, it is stated that William Coleman of Fairfield County was then upwards of ninety years of age.

This William Coleman first appears of documentary record in Fairfield County in 1771 as he had a tract of land surveyed for him on November 27 of that year. He received the patent on July 12, 1772 to 100 acres on a branch of Beaver Creek, bounded on all sides by vacant land.

In a land survey map (found in official South Carolina records) 250 acres of land of Robert Coleman on Bonney's Fork of Beaver Creek, surveyed November 5, 1784, was shown to be located south of land belonging to William Coleman.

On January 7, 1811, William Coleman conveyed to "my son, Solomon pan" 145 acres originally granted to William Mazyck, and conveyed Robert Coleman and by Robert Coleman to William Coleman on the headbranches of Beaver Creek. D. R. Coleman and Robert F. Coleman witnesses. Land Deed Book Y, Page 546.

Solomon Coleman was born in 1787, and died about 1863.

On the 12 day of December, 1815, William Coleman in the presence Nancy Coleman and D. R. Coleman, for love and affection to his daughter, Elizabeth Butler, wife of John Butler, conveyed to her and her and to her eldest and only son, Martin, 56 acres of land, being part of a tract originally granted to William Mazyck. Land Deed Book Z, Page 436

On the 16 day of May 1816, William Coleman conveyed to William Coleman, Jr., 150 acres of land. Land Deed Book Z, Page 469.

On the 11 day of September 1817, William Coleman, in the presence of D. R. Coleman and John Coleman, conveyed to his son, David Coleman, 150 acres of land. Land Deed Book Z, Page 442.

On the 13 day of February, 1818, William Coleman in consideration of the



sum of \$500.00 conveyed to Abner Coleman that plantation or tract of land whereon "I now live," being part of three tracts of land, one which was granted to me the said William Coleman for 100 acres in the year 1772 on Beaver Creek. John Feaster, D. R. Coleman and Wiley Coleman were witnesses. Land Deed Book Z, Page 433.

It will be noted that William Coleman had a son named Abner, a Christian name prominently used for many generations in the family of Robert Coleman who patented land in Union County in 1768. This Robert Coleman of Union County is positively known to be the son of William Coleman of Prince George and Amelia.

On the 15 day of May, 1818, William Coleman (in the presence of David Coleman and D. R. Coleman) conveyed to his son, John Coleman 103 acres, previously granted to William Coleman on September 7, 1789. Land Deed Book Z, Page 441.

This son was known as Major John Coleman. He was born in 1780 died in 1862.

#### Children of William Coleman

Solomon, 1787-1863  
Elizabeth Coleman Butler  
William Coleman, Jr.  
David Coleman  
Abner Coleman  
(Major) John Coleman

## THOMAS COLEMAN

By J. P. Coleman (Written January 4, 1964)

In the chapter on Robert Coleman, who died late 1795, we have seen that February 21, 1770, he conveyed to Thomas Coleman lands in Halifax County, North Carolina, on the west side of Rocky Swamp, acquired from William Roberts in 1761.

On December 7, 1779, Thomas Coleman and Sarah Coleman, his wife, sold the said lands to his brother-in-law, Christopher Pritchett. Eleven years later, November 29, 1790, in Fairfield County, South Carolina, Thomas Coleman bought 250 acres, on the waters of Beaver Creek, from William Con. On March 31, 1795, Robert Coleman conveyed to "his son" Thomas Coleman, a Negro boy named Moses.

In the study of Coleman family history, we had, for many years, been quite curious as to what eventually became of Thomas Coleman. In 1963 we employed a professional researcher to compile a list of all Colemans appearing in the early census records of Kentucky. When she reported the presence of a Drewry Coleman in the Warren County Census of 1820, our interest was doubly aroused because Robert Coleman, the elder, patented lands in Halifax County, North Carolina, in 1796, *adjoining Drewry Coleman*.

At the 1820 Census, in Warren County, the Drewry Coleman family consisted of one male age 26 to 45, two males under 10, a female age 26 to 45, and a female under 10. The age of the children would indicate that Drewry Coleman and his wife were born between 1785 and 1790.

This clue led us to Bowling Green. We went there on August 30, 1963, where we found an abundance of Coleman family records at the Courthouse.

According to the Revolutionary War Record of Clement Moberley, at National Archives, he was born in 1746 in Bedford County, Virginia. He moved to South Carolina, then to Madison County, Kentucky, shortly after the Revolutionary War. He then moved to Warren County, Kentucky, and from there to Crawford County, Arkansas, in 1831.

According to his Revolutionary War Record, Isaiah Moberley was in South Carolina in 1754 or 1755, moved to Warren County, Kentucky, in 1807, thence to Crawford County, Arkansas, in 1830. Isaiah Moberley married Nancy Coleman, sister of Thomas.

Here we were able to pick up the post 1795 thread on Thomas Coleman.

On January 12, 1807, Land Deed Book Q, Page 326, Fairfield County Deeds, Thomas Coleman sold to Wiley Coleman (son of Robert who died in 1809) the same 250 acres of land which he had purchased from William Con in 1790. D. R. Coleman, likewise a son of the aforementioned Robert, and Isaiah Moberley were witnesses to the deed.

Then, in Warren County, Kentucky, on November 16, 1808, Book 4 page 100, Landon Key and Katy Key sold to Thomas Coleman, "of Warren County," 200 acres on Bay's Fork.

On December 12, 1811, Frederick Barnes and Elinor Barnes, Book 5, Page 519, sold to Thomas Coleman 50 acres originally patented to Abner Chapman.

On July 16, 1814 (Book 6, Page 376) Thomas Coleman sold to Isaiah Moberley 400 acres on McFaddin's Fork of Gasper River. This is in western Warren County, near the Logan County line.

At Page 377 of Book B of Warren County Wills is found the will of Thomas Coleman. It was dated February 23, 1816, but not proven until October, 1821, which indicates the year of his death. Since we have already shown that he was born not later than 1745, he was at least near eighty years of age at his death. His will names his wife, Polly; sons William, John, Thomas and Benjamin; also a daughter, Betsy Fraker.

From that excellent Coleman historian, Mrs. Etta Rosson, I first learned that Charity Coleman, daughter of Thomas Coleman, married Stephen Crosby. He was born November 10, 1782 and died March 20, 1856. She was born January 22, 1772 and died July 29, 1855. They were married in 1801. On July 25, 1964, I visited the Crosby family cemetery in the Cool Branch Neighborhood of Fairfield County. The directions to this Cemetery are as follows: Driving south on South Carolina Highway 215, immediately south of the Chester - Fairfield line, turn right, or west on a rural road. Go 8/10 of a mile and the Cemetery is to the left, on top of a beautiful knoll. It cannot be seen from the road. It contains many expensive monuments, many Crosby graves, but is in poor repair. One of the graves is that of Coleman Crosby, son of Stephen and Charity. Of course Charity Coleman Crosby did not move to Kentucky.

As to the children of Thomas Coleman we found the following from the Bowling Green Records.

On December 8, 1814; Book 6, Page 424, Thomas Coleman sold to John W. Coleman the 50 acres adjoining Abner Chapman.

Thomas Coleman, son of the Thomas who died in 1821 died some time prior to 1825.

In that year, John W. Coleman, a brother to and executor of the latter Thomas (Book 12, Page 220) conveyed to Larkin P. Coleman all of the right of the said Thomas Coleman in and to the estate of Thomas Coleman, Sr. in 55 acres of land.

On January 14, 1825, Book 12, Page 306, John W. Coleman, executor of Thomas Coleman, deceased, conveyed to Thales Morrison 48 acres of land belonging to the late deceased, and David Chapman was a witness..

On October 14, 1826 (Book 12, Page 250) John W. Coleman, executor, sold to James Weatherspoon 115 acres of the lands of Thomas Coleman, deceased.

On the same date (Book 12, Page 264) James Weatherspoon sold land to Daniel Coleman, adjoining land formerly belonging to Thomas Coleman, deceased."

On December 14, 1826, Book 12, Page 264, Daniel Coleman sold to yet another Thomas Coleman 115 acres.

The thread continues. On June 4, 1834, Daniel Coleman sold to Larkin P. Coleman, land formerly belonging to Thomas Coleman, deceased, adjoining land "where Larkin P. Coleman now lives," Book 15 Page 389.

On October 28, 1842 (Book 19, Page 130) John Coleman, of Allen County (adjoining Warren), sold to Daniel Coleman, of Warren County, 107 acres on Drake's Creek, where Daniel now lives, once owned by Thomas Coleman, now deceased.

John W. Coleman, the son of Thomas who died in 1821, died intestate. On August 28, 1848, his heirs conveyed lands belonging to him. The deed was signed by Margaret Doyel, Edward F. Coleman, Susan S. Coleman, Mitchell H. Coleman, John W. Coleman and James W. Coleman.

Reverting to Drewry Coleman, on November 30, 1818 (Land Deed Book 9, Page 12), Drewry Coleman bought 250 acres on the East fork of Gasper River from Thomas Proctor.

In Land Deed Book 16½, Page 217, March 14, 1839, the heirs of Drewry Coleman sold to William Covington the 250 acres "in the barrens," on which Drewry Coleman lived at his death, subject to dower rights of the widow. The deed was signed by Emily Coleman Dillon, William S. Coleman, Joseph Coleman, Robert Coleman, Elizabeth Coleman, Nancy Coleman, and Susan Coleman.

We still do not know the exact relationship of this Drewry Coleman to

the 1756 Drewry Coleman of Halifax County, North Carolina. Yet, he lived in the same community in Kentucky with Thomas Coleman, the Moberleys, and the Chapmans. His children bore the given names so common to all the other Colemans. Since the Kentucky Drewry Coleman was born about 1785, it is reasonable to assume that he was the son, grandson, or nephew of Thomas Coleman.

The will of Larkin P. Coleman appears at Page 361 of Will Book C, Warren County, Kentucky, dated June 19, 1858. His widow was named Jane. He had sons named James P. and Thomas. The daughters were named Melcena Dempsey and Mary M. Weatherspoon.

From the old Survey Records and Marriage Records of Warren County we found the following:

Survey Book A, Page 296, July 29, 1800, 200 acres surveyed for William Chapman, three miles north of the Barren River. From Land Deed Book K, Page 124, Fairfield County, we know that William Chapman was the son-in-law of Robert Coleman who died in 1795. His wife, Sarah, was a sister of Thomas Coleman.

At Page 130 of the same book we find a survey of 200 acres for George Chapman on the north side of Barren River, and Thomas Chapman was one of the surveyors.

Over thirty Chapmans appear on the marriage records for the first few years following 1800.

We now revert to the Moberleys.

On May 10, 1799 (Deed Book 1, Page 108) the Trustees for the town Bowling Green sold to Clement Moberley lot 17 in said town, one - half acre in size. On June 1, 1807 (Deed Book C, Page 3) Clement Moberley sold this lot to Samuel Campbell.

On August 19, 1799, Survey Book A, Page 231, 200 acres were surveyed for Clement Moberley on McFaddin's Fork, adjoining Elisha Moberley and John Moberley. John Moberley and Charles Moberley were chainbearers. Previously, Page 165, 200 acres had been surveyed for John Moberley on a branch of Gasper River, in which Clement was a chainbearer.

I was advised in Bowling Green that all of these 200 acre tracts were for Revolutionary soldiers and that the land between the Green River and the Barren River was originally set aside for land grants to Revolutionary Soldiers.

On February 9, 1810, Book 4, Page 230, Isaiah Moberley sold 200 acres on Gasper River to Anthony Turney, evidently the same land which had been surveyed for Isaiah Moberley back in 1799 while he was still a

resident of Fairfield County, South Carolina. In this deed Isaiah Moberley referred to himself as a resident of Bedford County, Tennessee.

On October 17, 1828, Book 13, Page 183, Clement Moberley sold to Benjamin Hampton 17½ acres on McFaddin's Ford of Gasper River. Burwill Cox, who had married Rebecca Moberley on March 14, 1820, was a witness to the deed.

On the same date, David A. Moberley and David R. Moberley sold acres to Benjamin Hampton at the same location.

In Marriage Register A, Warren County, Kentucky we find the following marriages:

Page 262. October 27, 1818, Vashti Moberley to Daniel Turney.

We here remember that Robert Coleman who died in 1795, Charles Coleman who died in 1788, and Francis Coleman, who died in Alabama 1824, all had daughters named Vashti.

Page 166. Edward Moberley to Sarah Simons, May 29, 1824.

Page 134. Sicily Moberley to William Johnson, October 9, 1826.

Page 163. James Moberley to Betsy Cox, December 3, 1800.

Page 197. Nancy Moberley to Harvey O'Neal, June 15, 1804.

Page 261. Polly Moberley to William Taylor, August 15, 1809.

Page 35. Sallie Moberley to Elmon Covington, October 12, 1802.

It is evident from the foregoing that there was an extensive colony of Colemans, Moberleys and Chapmans on the Gasper River in Warren County, Kentucky; that Thomas Coleman moved from Fairfield County, South Carolina, with Isaiah Moberley, to Warren County, Kentucky, in 1807.

The writer is unable to understand why many of them later left Warren County. It is as beautiful a country, particularly from an agricultural standpoint, as one could ever see. Possibly it became too thickly settled suit them.

CHARLES P. COLEMAN, SON OF  
THOMAS COLEMAN

Born, Halifax County, North Carolina, October 4, 1762. Died, Greene County, Alabama, December 27, 1850.

Revolutionary soldier. According to the records in the National Archives, he enlisted in Lincoln County, North Carolina, June, 1780. Discharged April, 1782. Was in the battles of Cowan's Ford, Guilford Court House and Eutaw Springs.

He moved to Georgia in 1789, to Kentucky in 1806, to Mississippi territory in 1812, and to Alabama in 1818.

He was married to Fanny Mobley in Greene County on March 8, 1829, at the age of 67. Fanny was then 45 years of age, so his children, John R. Coleman and Mrs. Judith Person, wife of David Person, must have been by a previous marriage.

Larken Mobley, his brother in law, was the Executor of his Estate, No. 635, Greene County. He left one hundred dollars to each of his children, remainder for life to his widow, then to his nephew, Ryan C. Mobley, for his kindness to him in his old age. Mrs. Persons lived in Kemper County, Mississippi.

Purchasers of the personal effects were Giles C. Coleman and Thomas Colvin.

The Mississippi Territorial Census of 1816 listed Charles P. Coleman as a resident of Claiborne County.

**FAIRFIELD COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA**

Fairfield County is situated in the "Up Country" or Piedmont section, north central part of South Carolina. It is directly north of Columbia, the capitol of the State. It has an area of 706 square miles. Winnsboro, twenty-five miles North of Columbia, is the county seat.

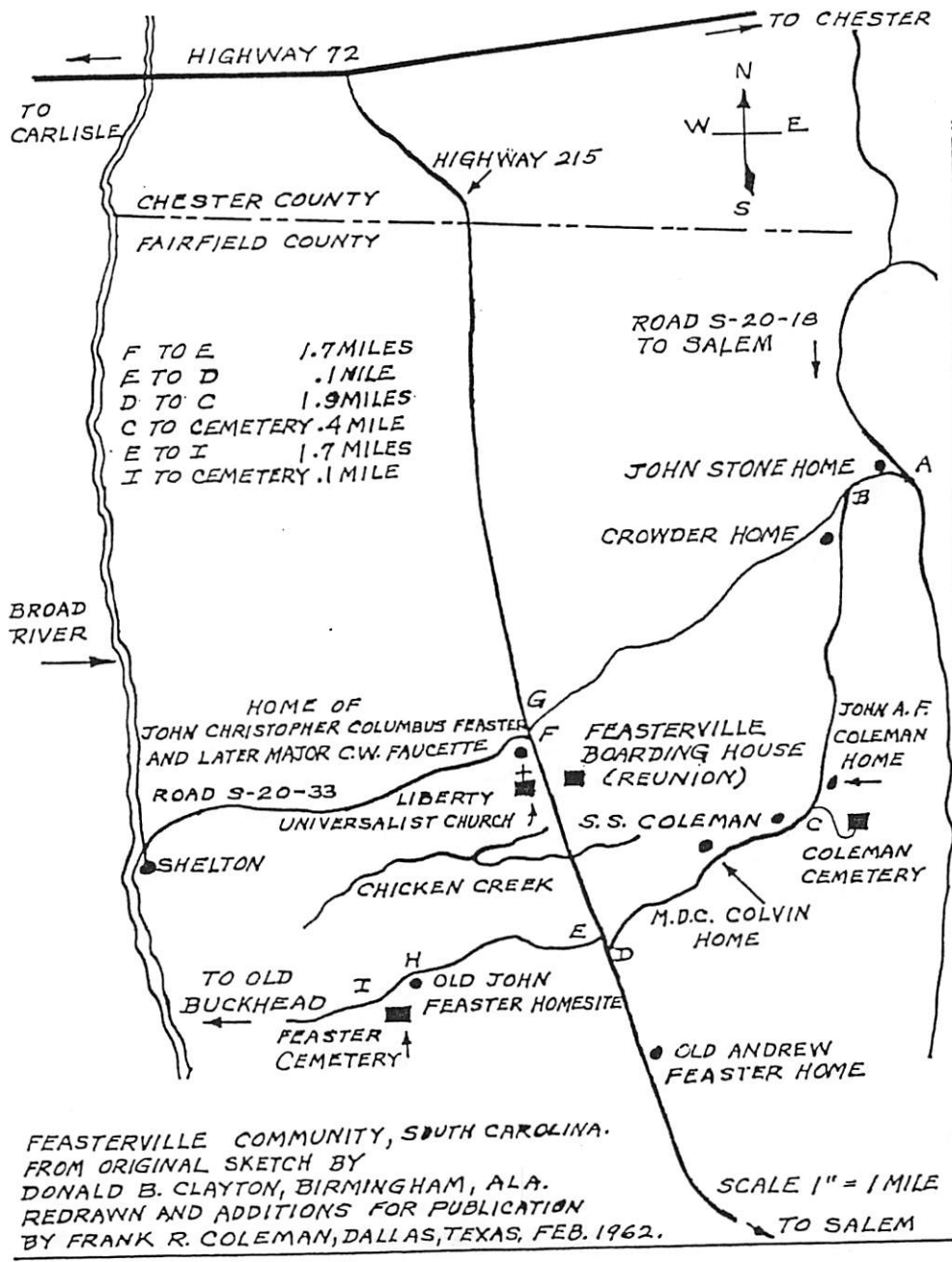
This was originally Cherokee territory and was ceded by that tribe in Glen's Treaty of 1755.

The Catawba - Wateree River is its eastern boundary; the Broad River its western boundary. At Blair's, in the western part of the county, the elevation is 295 feet above sea level; at Ridgeway the elevation is 625 feet.

Charleston had been settled in 1670, and it appears from best available records that a few people began to settle in what later became Fairfield County about 1750.

The Feasterville Community, as it is now known, is in the western section of the county, on Beaver Creek, a few miles from where it enters the Broad.







and it further proves that Isaiah Coleman died with no heirs, and the land was thus sold in conformity with the directions of the Will.

By the terms of his Will, we know that Charles Coleman was granted land on Beaver Creek, in Fairfield County, on October 15, 1784.

At Page 279 of Land Deed Book C of Chester County, South Carolina, we find the deed dated July 1, 1786, in which Solomon Peters sold Charles Coleman 400 acres of land on a branch of Sandy River previously granted to Peters in May, 1774. John Coleman was a witness to this deed.

As to Amelia Gwin, also mentioned in the Will, we know that one John Gwin was granted land in Fairfield County as early as December 11, 1766. He later got 100 acres on Sandy River in 1784, as well as 416 acres on Beaver Creek in 1787, the year before Charles Coleman died. However, the exact relationship, whatever it may have been, between Charles Coleman and Amelia Gwin, at this day remains a mystery, as will later be explained. It is very likely that she married Chas. Coleman after he made the will.

#### WILL OF CHARLES COLEMAN

"In the Name of God Amen

I Charles Coleman of Fairfield County in the State of South Carolina being at this present of sound and Perfect mind and Memory Praised be Almyty God and I well Considering the Uncertainty of this mortal life I do therefore make and ordain this my present last will and Testament in Manner and form Following, that is to say first and Principally I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God, hoping through the Merrits death and Passion of my Saviour Jesus Christ to full Pardon and forgiveness of all my Sins and to inherit Everlasting life; and my body I committ to the Earth to be decently buried at the diseression of my Executor Named or Otherwise as Providence shall order it,

and as touching the disposal of all such Temporal Estate as hath pleased God to bestow upon me I give and dispose of as Followerth first I will that all my debts be paid and Funeral Charges be discharged.

Item I lend unto Amelia Gwin one hundred acres of land lying in the County aforesaid on a branch of Beaver Creek Granted by his excellency Benjamin Guerard the fifteenth day of Oct. 1784 During her

Natural life and after her decease I Give unto her son Jesse Gwin & his heirs &c.

Item I give and Bequeath Unto Amelia Gwin one Feather Bed, bed Stead and Furniture one Cotton wheale and Cards one linnen Wheal, one Large Chest, one iron pot & Skillet one half dozzen Pewter Plates and one half of my Cotton and all my flax one Large Black Sow & Seven Pigs, Seven Hundred Wt. of killible Pork, ten Barrels of Corn, her choice of two of my Cows and one heifer she called own. I also Give unto her my little Sorrel Mare I also will that My Manner (manor) plantation Rented or Leased out for four years after my Decease and the money that may arise thereof be Appropriated to the Support of Amelia Gwin and her Children at the Discretion of my Executor.

Item I give & Bequeath Unto my Son Isaiah Moberly alias Coleman two Hundred Acres of Land known by the name of Welches Fork of Sandy River to him and his heirs but if he should die without issue that it is my will and Desire that his Legacy be Equally Divided Between his three Sisters Sarrah Coleman, Nancy Coleman and Vashtie Coleman or any of them that may be Surviving. I also give unto Isaiah Moberly one Sorrel Colt known by the Name of Black and all black.

Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Nancy Coleman one feather bed, Bed Stead & furniture, one Linnen Wheale and one Cotton Wheale and one Covered trunk and my Loom.

Lastly it is my will and desire that after my Decease that all the Rest of my Stock and horses Cattle and hogs not before mentioned be collected; Together with my Smith's tools one Shot Gun two Rifle Guns one Feather Bed Stead and furniture and the Rest of my house hold Goods and Chattels not before Named with all my Plantation Tools and utensils thereunto belonging of every kind Whatever also Ninety two Acres of Land Adjoining my Manner plantation and Danl. Malone may be Sold to the best Advantage as my Executor may think proper, and the debts due my Estate may be Collected as soon as Possible and added to the money that may arise from my Sale and my Executor to make use of the Money to the best Advantage for the support of my four Children Isaiah Moberly, Nancy Colman, Sarah & Vashtie Coleman, and soon Either of sd Children arrives of Lawful age or either of my Dauters Should marry that their be an Equal Division made among them of the money in the hands of my Executor, but if Either of the aforesaid Four children should die before they Arive to the age of Maturity then it is my desire that their Legacy or Legacys be Divided among them Surviving

Now I do hereby Constitute and Ordayne FRANCIS COLEMAN my full & Sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament hereby making Void all former wills &c. heretofore made and have hereunto Set my hand & Seale this 31st day of December Anno. Dom: 1787.

Signed Seald and Delivered  
in the presence of  
H. W. Carson  
Daniel Malone  
Robert Colman.

Chas. Coleman (seal)  
Proved 12th May 1788  
D. Evans C. C.  
Recorded at Page 13 of Will Book 1  
Fairfield County  
South Carolina"

Document on file in the office of the Probate Judge, Fairfield County, South Carolina, in file #1, Package #41. (copied May 23, 1958).  
"State of So. Carolina, Fairfield County

Know All Men by these presents that we, Francis Coleman, Robert Colman and William Chapman, all of the said county and state are held and firmly bound jointly and severally unto Richard Winn, Robert Winn and John Buchanan, three of the sureties of the said county in the full and just sum of Five Hundred Pounds Sterling to be paid to the said John Winn, Richard Winn and John Buchanan, or their successors in office, for the time being, or their certain attorney or assigns for which payment to be well and truly made we bind ourselves and each of us by himself and every of our heirs, executors and administrators firmly by these presents sealed with our seal, dated this twenty-sixth day of may in the year of our Lord, One Thousand, Seven Hundred and Eighty Eight and in the twelfth year of American Independence.

Whereas (obliterated), the goods and chattels, rights and credits of Charles Coleman, late of the County of Fairfield, deceased, were lately granted to Francis Coleman, now the condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bound, Francis Coleman, shall well and truly administer all and singular the goods and chattels, rights and credits of the said Charles Coleman, deceased, pay his debts and funeral expenses and make Distribution of all that shall remain and likewise in all things abide by the will of the said deceased and letters testamentary then the above obligation to be void otherwise to be and remain in full force and virtue.

Fr Colman  
Robert Colman  
William Chapman

Sealed and delivered in the presence of John Winn."

In Package #41 of File #1, Office of the Probate Judge, Fairfield County, South Carolina, is found the inventory of the Estate of Charles Coleman, deceased, as "sold by Francis Coleman."

"June 1, 1788.

One set of Blacksmith tools

One set of gun tools

One rifle gun

One Beehive

One Beehive

One Beehive

One feather bed

One rifle gun

One grindstone

One sifter

One dutch oven

One iron pot

One Bare Shear plow

One Ditto

One cutting knife

One steel trap

One Black horse

One Bay horse

One dish and six plates

One dictionary

One Sorrel mare and filley

One Sorrel horse

One cow and calf and heifer

One cow and calf

One cow and calf

Seven head of young cattle

One white gelding

One shotgun

One rifle barrel

30 head of hogs

One cow and calf

One saddle

The estate was appraised by Robert Colman, John Guin and William Chapman."

From the contents of the Will it may be seen that the deceased had a special in-

terest in Amelia Gwin (which might also have properly been spelled Guin), as he made special provision for her. The longtime, highly experienced, and well versed Genealogist of the Coleman-Feaster-Moberly Family Association, Mr. Donald B. Clayton, of Birmingham, Alabama, has given intensive study to the exact identity of Amelia Gwin, but he has been unable to solve the mystery with documentary evidence. The Will itself specifically identifies Jesse Gwin as Amelia's son.

On October 13, 1810 (Fairfield Deed Book 2, Page 298), Jesse Coleman conveyed to Thomas Means land granted to Charles Coleman in 1784 and devised in his Will to "Milly" \_\_\_\_\_, now Milly Lemly. So, the son referred to as Jesse Gwin in 1787 had come to be called Jesse Coleman by 1810. The Last Will and Testament of this Jesse Coleman, dated July 27, 1839 is to be found at Page 226 of Book A of the Wills of Marengo County, Alabama. In this instrument he names his wife Elizabeth, and sons, Nathaniel, Isaiah, and William, as well as daughters Sarah and Vashti. Charles Coleman had a son, Isaiah, as his Will shows as well as daughters who were named Sarah and Vashti.

In the History of Bolivar County, Mississippi, compiled by Mrs. Florence Warfield Sillers (1948) Page 439, is found the biography of Moses W. Coleman. It is there stated that he was the seventh of eleven children born to Franklin J. and Lucinda Adams Coleman, and stating that Franklin's parents were Jesse and Elizabeth Jordan Coleman, "South Carolinians, who moved to Alabama where they spent their last days." In this work by Mrs. Sillers there follows this significant statement, "The Coleman's were of English and Welch ancestry." Of course, this ties in with the statement in Mrs. Jennie I. Coleman's Little Back Book that the Coleman's came from Wales.

I am very much intrigued by the fact that the Bolivar County History, above referred to, states that Jesse Coleman's wife was a Jordon. This more nearly ties in with the big family of Jordans who went with the Nansemond Coleman's to Edgecombe County, North Carolina. Both the Jordons and the Colemans of Nansemond were very prominent in Edgecombe County History from about 1745 to 1800. There were plenty of Charles, Roberts and Moseses in this family as will be seen in the appendix.

I draw the rather inescapable conclusion from many items such as this that the Robert Coleman who owned land South of the Appomattox in 1652, the Robert of Isle of Wight, and the Robert Coleman of Nansemond were very closely related to each other, and that this was recognized and

kept alive by similar family names for over a hundred years. The same line of reasoning, of which I could quote multitude examples indicates that they were also related to Robert Coleman Mobjack Bay, Gloucester County, the ancestor of so many Virginia Colemans described by Honorable S. Bernard Coleman in his excellent work to be found at the Virginia State Library.



**FRANCIS COLEMAN**

by J. P. Coleman

Born, Virginia, August 16, 1744.

Died, Washington County, Alabama, August 13, 1823. Age 79.

On March 13, 1761, Robert Coleman, who died late 1795, bought 100 acres of land from William Roberts on the west side of Rocky Swamp, Halifax County, North Carolina. This we have seen in a previous chapter. Francis Coleman was a subscribing witness to the deed, but he signed by mark. Since the Francis Coleman to be discussed in this chapter wrote a beautiful hand and signed his own name to documents still in existence, and since he was only seventeen years old in 1761 and thus not of legal age to be a lawful witness to the execution of documents, the Francis Coleman who witnessed the deed of 1761 was most likely the father of Robert Coleman.

However, for reasons immediately to appear, it seems absolutely clear that the Francis Coleman now about to be discussed was a son of the Robert Coleman who died in Fairfield County, South Carolina, in 1795 and a brother of Charles Coleman, who died in 1788, as well as a brother Robert Coleman who died in 1809, in addition to being a brother or half brother to all the other children of the first named Robert.

Francis Coleman purchased land in Fairfield County, South Carolina from William Martin on January 23, 1772. On February 11, 1773, he was granted 150 acres on Sandy Fork of Beaver Creek, on which all the other Fairfield Colemans later lived. The patent, signed by Lord Montague, described the land as being bounded on the Northeast lands already owned by Francis Coleman, on the South By land of Clement Moberley, and on all other sides by vacant land.

As shown by the Fairfield county land records, on March 25, 1788, Francis Coleman purchased other land which had been granted to William Moberley (Mobley) on March 4, 1760. Robert Coleman was a witness to this deed.

As we have already seen in the chapter on Charles Coleman, who died in 1788, Francis Coleman was the Executor of the last will and testament of Charles Coleman. Moreover, Robert Coleman who died 1809 was a subscribing witness to that will, which was dated December 31, 1787.

On February 5, 1791, Land Deed Book N, Page 15, Fairfield Records, Francis Coleman sold to John Coleman 200 acres of land originally granted to Charles Coleman, reciting that he did so as "lawful attorney for Charles Coleman." Strictly speaking, he should have described himself as the Executor of the last will and testament of Charles Coleman. Robert Coleman, Sr. and Robert Coleman, Jr. were witnesses to this instrument of 1791. Nearly ten years later, February 5, 1800, David Coleman, son of Robert Coleman who died in 1809, made oath that he saw Francis Coleman sign this deed and that he also saw Robert Coleman, Sr. and Robert Coleman, Jr. subscribe their names a witnesses.

On March 16, 1801, Francis Coleman, Sr., of Jefferson County, Georgia, for five hundred pounds sterling, sold to Hartwell Macon 410 acres of land in Fairfield County, on Sandy Fork of Beaver Creek originally obtained by Francis on January 23, 1771 and February 11, 1773, bounded by the lands of Liles and Hampton. Robert Coleman, Sr. was one of the subscribing witnesses, so evidently Francis had returned to Fairfield to consummate this transaction.

On April 23, 1803, Francis Coleman and Margaret, his wife, of the State of Georgia and County of Jefferson, conveyed to Henry I. Macon 266 acres of land described as being part of the tracts sold by John Martin to Francis Coleman on January 23, 1772, and granted to Francis Coleman on February 11, 1773, by Governor Charles G. Montague. It was further recited in 1803, that the land adjoined Ephriam Lyles, Hampton, and Thomas Means (Land Deed Book O, Page 191, Fairfield County Records).

Of course, this quite positively shows that the Francis Coleman in Jefferson County, Georgia, in 1803, was the same Francis Coleman who patented land in Fairfield County adjoining the Moberleys in 1773, and who purchased land from one John Martin in the first month of 1772. It also proves that his was the same Francis Coleman who acted as Executor for the Estate of Charles Coleman in Fairfield County in 1788.

Francis Coleman received the following land grants in the State of Georgia:

- 1790, 250 acres of land in Burke County;
- 1795, 400 acres in Burke County;
- 1795, 153 acres in Warren County;
- 1797, 75 acres in Warren County.

Mr. G. Duffield Smith, 3520 Drexel Drive, Dallas, Texas, a descendant of Francis Coleman through his daughter, Frances Womack, unearthed a record of Francis Coleman in Wilkes County, Georgia, in 1790 when Peter Spencer collected tuition for teaching Isaac, Frank and John Coleman.

In the 1805 Land Lotteries in the State of Georgia, Francis Coleman had two draws.

The records of Jefferson County, Georgia, were destroyed in Sherman's March to the Sea. The writer has found an old jury list in the courthouse at Louisville, Georgia, which shows that Francis Coleman was number 19 for jury duty in Jefferson County, Georgia, July 4, 1799. Isaac, John and William were noted for jury duty on November 13, 1798.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF GEORGIA

Louisville

August 14, 1799

Sir:

At the request of Mr. Francis Coleman the bearer hereof I address you to present to inform you of his wish to remove his property to the Don or Tombigby River, through the Creek Nation.

I have informed him that this liberty can only be granted by you, who know the feelings and sentiment of the Indians on such occasion.

I will therefore only further add that Mr. Coleman's seems to be peculiar case - he sometimes since sold out his land here, and purchased land in exchange on that River. He is a citizen of repute, and I believe, if indulged, would give no trouble to the United States or offense to the Indians.

I am, Sir, with respect, your obt. servt.

James Jackson

Addressed to Colonel Benjamin Hawkins, Superintendent of Indian Affairs North of Ohio.

This letter is of record at Page 396 of the Minutes of the Executive Department of the State of Georgia for the period 2 /6 /1799-11 /7 /1799.

Land Deed Book A, Washington County, Alabama, Pages 3 - 8. 1799. Joel Walker for \$3,000 cash sold to Francis Coleman a plantation of 500

acres of land in West Florida on a point immediately above the Black Rock on the River Tombeckby about 112 miles above the Town of Mobile, bounded by the river on the north, east, south and southwest granted to Charles Walker by the Province of West Florida, January 27, 1777.

*American State Papers* - Public Lands - Volume 1, Page 683. Francis Coleman's case. Land claims in the Mississippi Territory, case No. 116, and on the Tombigbee River. Recites that Francis Coleman was of Jefferson County, Georgia. Application made by William Coleman as Attorney in fact for Francis Coleman. States that the land is about 112 miles above Mobile.

This proves, of course, that Francis Coleman of Jefferson County, Georgia, formerly of Fairfield County, South Carolina, was the same man who moved to Washington County, Alabama.

On November 19, 1799, William Coleman and John Coleman, sons of Francis, were granted passports to go through the Creek Nation to the Tombigbee and return.

Francis Coleman's daughter, Frances, married John Womack. On April 12, 1802, Jesse Womack and John Womack were granted passports to the Creek Nation in the western country.

On April 23, 1804, Francis Coleman, Jr., son of Francis Coleman Sr., was granted a passport to remove to the western country.

Benjamin Coleman given a passport to the Tombigby Country, April 30, 1803.

December 30, 1807, on the recommendation of Isaac Coleman, of Jefferson County, passport ordered prepared for William Coleman to pass through the Creek Nation.

On Tuesday, May 12, 1812, a passport was ordered to the Mississippi territory (which included present day Alabama) for Messrs. Francis Coleman, Isaac Coleman, and David Rowe, of the County of Jefferson. The passport included 11 Negroes, the property of Francis Coleman.

Mississippi Territorial Census of 1816 listed the following:

Washington County	Francis Coleman
	Jesse Coleman
Clarke County	Jesse Coleman
	William Coleman

Francis Coleman was a soldier in the American Revolution. This fact has been too clearly handed down in the family from generation to generation to be denied now. In the DAR Lineage books it is stated that

he served as a Private in General Elijah Clark's Georgia troops. Although Francis was a resident of South Carolina at that time, General Clark did much fighting in South Carolina, so Francis would have had every opportunity to have joined General Clark's forces. There is no record of his Revolutionary service in National Archives in Washington but he died before Revolutionary pensions were common except for the indigent, so the writer has concluded that this is not significant.

The writer has encountered writings to the effect that this Francis Coleman was the son of Francis Coleman of Caroline County, Virginia; the burgess, who was the son of Samuel Coleman, of the Mobjack Bay Coleman line. Since Francis of Caroline was not grown and married until long after 1744 it is obvious for this reason alone that he was not the father of Francis Coleman of Washington County, Alabama. The family connections of Francis of Caroline are elaborately covered in the writings of Judge S. Bernard Coleman.

#### FRANCIS COLEMAN FAMILY RECORDS

Francis Coleman,	b. August 16, 1744, Virginia. d. August 13, 1823, Washington County, Alabama.
Margaret Coleman, His Wife,	b. December 29, 1750. d. April 17, 1804.

#### CHILDREN

Isaac Coleman,	b. September 25, 1768. d. 1841. Had a daughter named Vashti, and a son Hamilton J. F. His widow, Nancy, died at Cahaba, April 28, 1856.
William Coleman,	b. May 13, 1770. Married, Nancy (Dean) Lawrence d. 1847. Lived in Perry County, Alabama. Had ten children.
Francis Coleman,	b. June 8, 1772. Married Mary Womack. d. September 10, 1835, Butler County, Alabama

Margaret Coleman, b. January 6, 1774.  
 Married Robert Tillman, Jefferson County  
 Georgia, May 5, 1793.  
 Nine children.

John Coleman, b. January 3, 1776,  
 Benjamin Coleman, h. April 29, 1778.  
 d. December 24, 1816.

Frances Coleman, b. February 14, 1781.  
 Married John Womack (son of Jesse Womack  
 Revolutionary soldier. He was born December 25,  
 1776).  
 Eleven children.

Abner Coleman, b. January 17, 1783.  
 d. April 10, 1787.

Elias Coleman, b. December 9, 1784.  
 d. October 9, 1786.

Vashti Coleman, b. December 9, 1786.  
 Married (1) John Williamson (2) Matthew Shaw.

Robert Coleman, b. March 9, 1789.  
 d. October 1, 1789.

Daniel Coleman, b. September 5, 1792.  
 Married Sarah Hawkins.  
 Three children.

It will be noted that Francis Coleman had a daughter named Vashti as did Charles Coleman who died 1788. He had sons named William, Francis, John, and Robert, as did Robert Coleman who died 1809. He had a son named Abner, as did William Coleman of Fairfield.

Children of John Williamson and Vashti Coleman were Charles Fox, Carolyn, and Daniel Mobley. Daniel Mobley Williamson was born April 10, 1816, near old St. Stephens, Choctaw County, Alabama, and died at old home place, Millry, on April 30, 1899. He married three times and had twenty-three children. His second wife was Telitha Worsham. Octavia Chaney Williamson was a child of this marriage.

OCTAVIA CHANEY WILLIAMSON, daughter of D. M. W. and his wife, Telitha Worsham, was born January 24, 1853, at the old home

place in Choctaw County, and died May 21, 1926, at Laurel, Mississippi. She married (1) John Glenn Whitsett, born October 22, 1851, died April 14, 1874. They had one child, Mary Olivia.

MARY OLIVIA WHITSETT, daughter of John Glenn Whitsett and his wife, Octavia Chaney Williamson, was born June 16, 1873, in Cherokee County, Texas. At this writing, July 24, 1959, she is living at Laurel, Mississippi. On June 14, 1888, she married James Dumont Duvall, who died December 28, 1928. Of this union were nine children. The fifth child was Howard Gibson.

HOWARD GIBSON DUVALL, was born February 1, 1903, at Lumberton, Mississippi, and is now living at Oxford, Mississippi. On March 10, 1927, he married Clara Mae Wilson, daughter of Samuel Dee Wilson and Clara Alice Barnes. They had two children: Samuel Dee Wilson and Howard G., Jr.

SAMUEL DEE WILSON DUVALL, son of Howard Gibson Duval and his wife, Clara Mae Wilson, was born May 31, 1928, at Tupelo Mississippi. On December 5, 1948, he married Faye Lewis, daughter of Walter W. Lewis and his wife, Belle Carrington. At this writing he is living at 735 Beach Boulevard, Pascagoula, Mississippi.

DETAILS ON THE SETTLEMENT OF THE ESTATE  
OF FRANCIS COLEMAN,  
WILLIAM C. COLEMAN, EXECUTOR

(Furnished by Wilson Duval, of Pascagoula, Mississippi)

Margaret Tillman received the household goods.

Daniel W. Coleman, of Butler County, received his portion.

A. W. Coleman of Butler County, received his portion.

Jasper W. Coleman of Butler County, received his portion.

Evidently these were the children of Benjamin Coleman.

Vashti Williamson received her share on November 29, 1823.

Lucy W. Whiting, Martha Evans, of Dallas County, Alabama.

Francis Coleman, Jr., acknowledged his share on November 29, 1823.

Isaac Coleman received his share June 25, 1824.

May 13, 1843, Washington County, Vashti Shaw, formerly Vashti Williamson, acknowledged receipt of her share of Negroes left her by Francis Coleman.

Margaret B. Hawkins, formerly Margaret B. Coleman, sister of William H. Coleman, acknowledged receipt of six slaves, two mules, and yoke of oxen. Margaret B. was wife of James G. Hawkins.

John Womack acknowledged his legacy, May 17, 1843.

William H. Coleman filed his receipt May 17, 1843.

ALABAMA CENSUS OF 1830

Clarke County

William Coleman, born between 1760-1770.

Abner Coleman, born between 1800-1810.

Marengo County

Isaiah Coleman, born between 1810-1815.

Dallas County

Isaac Coleman, born between 1760-1770.

Isaiah Coleman, born between 1770-1780.

William Coleman, born between 1790-1800.

Robert Coleman, born between 1790-800.

Allen Coleman, born between 1800-1810.

Land Deed Book N, Page 258, Greene County, Alabama, shows that William Coleman, son of Francis, was granted 640 acres of land in Greene County on September 24, 1835, pursuant to the Act of Congress March 3, 1811, for the Relief of William Coleman and others. His wife was named Nancy, and the records recited that he was of Dallas County, Alabama.

On a farm now belonging to John Henry Mosely, on the North side of the Farm to Market Road from Millry to St. Stephens, Washington County, Alabama, about one mile East of the Bigbee (Community, are to found the graves of Dr. William Harris Coleman, born September 20, 1820, died October 28, 1883; his wife, Caroline V., born May 30, 1837, and died September 17, 1888. He is said to have been married twice and had six children: Maggie, Lena, Frank, Jim, Dan, and Felix. I do not know which of the Colemans was his father.

I have been much assisted in my researches on Francis Coleman by Donald B. Clayton, of Birmingham, who has done so much of the spade work which has gone into this book, and without whose work this book really would not have been possible.

I have also been greatly assisted by Mr. G. Duffield Smith, of 3520 Drexel Drive, Dallas, Texas, as well as by Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Duval, Pascagoula, Mississippi.



From Mr. Smith I received the following information as to Frances Coleman, who married John Womack.

John Womack died at Womack Hill, Choctaw County, Alabama. Thereafter, his widow, Frances Coleman, went to Texas and lived with her daughter and son-in-law, Aurelia Womack Baker and Isaac Baker at Plantersville, Grimes County, Texas, where all are buried,

Jesse Womack, son of John Womack and Frances Coleman, was a citizen of the Republic of Texas.

His daughter, Eugenia Womack, married James Ledbetter Smith, who was the father of Jesse Philip Smith, who was the father of Mr. G. Duffield Smith.

There is considerable evidence to the effect that Margaret Coleman, wife of Francis, was the daughter of James Daniel of Amelia County, later Prince Edward when it was formed of Amelia. His will was probated April 19, 1763, in which he mentions his daughter, Margaret wife of Francis Coleman. I believe this to be correct because on Jan. 10, 1762, James Matthews, Sr. and Ann, his wife, in Halifax County, North Carolina sold to William Daniel 142 acres of land. Francis Jones and James Matthis were witnesses to the deed. James Daniel had a son named William.

**ROBERT COLEMAN, WHO MARRIED ELIZABETH ROE, AND WHO  
DIED IN FAIRFIELD COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, 1809**

by J. P. COLEMAN

As will be seen from the writings of Mrs. Jennie I. Coleman, appearing in other pages of this work, Robert Coleman is thought to have been born about the year 1745. He married Elizabeth Roe. At this writing July, 1961, it is not known whether they were married in Virginia or North Carolina. Since Robert the elder is known to have been in Halifax County, North Carolina, by 1756, when presumably Robert would have been only eleven years old, the marriage must have taken place in North Carolina, unless Robert Jr. crossed the nearby boundary into Virginia for his wife.

This couple had fourteen children.

They are as follows:

**BIBLE RECORD**

Robert Coleman and Elizabeth Roe, his wife:

Robert Coleman born about 1745

Elizabeth Roe born Feb. 20, 1749

**CHILDREN**

David Roe Coleman, 1st son, born May 19, 1765

John Roe Coleman, 2nd son, born April 2, 1768

Robert Roe Coleman, 3rd son, born February 1, 1769

Wiley Roe Coleman, 4th son, born October 27, 1771

Allen Coleman, 5th son, born November 7, 1773.

Griffin Coleman, 6th son, born May 20, 1775.

William Coleman, 7th son, born March 6, 1776.

Sarah Coleman, 1st dtr., born November 8, 1778.

Elizabeth Coleman, 2nd dtr., born September 8, 1780.

Solomon Roe Coleman, 8th son, born October 29, 1783.

Francis Roe Coleman, 9th son, born July 12, 1786.

Zerevable Coleman, 10th son, born November 28, 1789.

Henry Jonathan Coleman, 11th son, born June 22, 1793.  
Ancil Roe Coleman, 12th son, born April 22, 1796.

FAMILY RECORD OF THE ROES  
(in same Bible )

"The Roes came to South Carolina from Halifax County, North Carolina."  
David Roe was born October 18, 1747.  
Elizabeth Roe (mother of David Roe Coleman) was born February 20, 1749.  
John Roe, was born February 6, 1751.  
William Roe, born April 20, 1754.  
Andrew Roe, born April 26, 1756.  
Solomon Roe, born August 6, 1759.  
Francis Roe, born December 18, 1761  
Mary Roe, born February 25, 1763.  
Pattey Roe, born December 14, 1764.  
Benjamin Roe, born November 10, 1766.  
Salley Roe, born June 13, 1769.  
Joseph Roe, born May 17, 1770.  
Nancy Roe 5th daughter \      Twins, born October 3, 1772  
Hancil Roe, 9th son      /

This Bible is in permanent possession of Misses Julia and Mary Faucette, R. F. D., Blairs, South Carolina,

The following notes were among papers of David Roe Coleman, and are now also in possession of the Misses Faucette:

1. "John Roe died in 1780, in Chester County, S. C. on Sandy River of the smallpox." (signed) David Roe Coleman.
2. "My cousin, David Giles Thomas, of the State of Alabama, left for home this morning. He is the son of Athanacious Thomas, and his wife, Sarah Crosby, late of South Carolina. April 27, 1854, David Giles Thomas (is) the son of Athanacious and his wife, Sarah Crosby. *My cousin Mary, the daughter of John Roe, of Halifax, North Carolina, Roneoak, June the 2nd day 1854.*

Mrs. Jennie I. Coleman stated that Robert Coleman was a Major the British Army prior to the Revolution. This seems to be incorrect, as shown by the following documents:

Your Reference.....  
P.R.O. Reference. 11583/1146 CDR.

PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE,  
CHANCERY LANE, W.C.2.

*All letters to addressed to*  
The Deputy Keeper of the Records

*Telephone: Holborn 0741, 0742.*

2 September 1950.

Dear Sir:

Robert Coleman

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 16. I have to inform you that the name of Robert Coleman does appear in the printed Army Lists of commissioned officers the period 1702-1761. It would not be possible to search War Office Records preserved by this Department unless some indication of a Regiment in which Coleman served can be given.

Yours faithfully,

J. E. Fagg

(J.E. Fagg)  
for Secretary

Mr. J. P. Coleman  
Judge of the Circuit Court,  
5th District of Mississippi,  
Ackerman,  
Mississippi,  
U.S.A.

RW.

In 1897, W. C. Ford wrote two books. One was entitled "British Officers Serving in America 1754-1774." The other had the same title for the years 1774-1783.

There is no Coleman listed in either of these books as being British officers in America for the period 1754-1783.

#### FAIRFIELD RECORDS ON ROBERT COLEMAN, JR.

Land Deed Book K, Page 386. July 9, 1795, Bolling Wright sold Robert Coleman, Jr., 100 acres on a branch of Broad River, called Beaver Creek, being part of land granted to Andrew Feaster on December 12, 1787. D. Coleman was a witness.

Land Deed Book K, Page 222. January 11, 1796. Ephriam Liles sold Robert Coleman a Negro named Pleasant, twenty years of age. D. Coleman is a witness.

Land Deed Book N, Page 13. James Sims and Daniel Rogers of Chester County, on the 11th of December, 1797, sold Robert Coleman, of Fairfield County, 180 acres of land on the middle fork of Beaver Creek, bounded by Wade Hampton and others. David Coleman, witness to the conveyance,

Land Deed Book N, Page 14. January 29, 1799. Wade Hampton, for \$200.00, sold John Coleman 100 acres situated on the branch of Beaver Creek at Broad River. D. Coleman and Andrew Feaster were witnesses.

Land Deed Book N, Page 346. On the 14 of March, 1801, Robert Coleman, Sr., and wife, Betty Coleman, with D. Coleman, Robert Coleman and Isaac Coleman for witnesses, for \$60.00, sold Rubin Manning 54 acres of land on the headwaters of Beaver Creek, waters of the Broad River.

Land Deed Book P, Page 236. January 18, 1805, Robert Coleman sold to David Coleman 229 acres of land on Bonney's Fork of Beaver Creek granted to William Mazyck on the 13 day of October, 1772, by his Excellency Charles Montague, Governor and then conveyed by William and Isaac Mazyck to the said Robert Coleman, Sr. Situated on the road from Liles' Ferry to Chester Courthouse.

Land Deed Book U, Page 93. 7 September, 1807, Robert Coleman sold to David Coleman 229 acres of land on Bonney's Fork of Beaver Creek, being part of a 450 acre tract granted Robert Coleman, Sr. the 6 day of February, 1786.

(Will Book 5, Page 495, Fairfield County)  
WILL OF ROBERT COLEMAN

South Carolina  
Fairfield District

In The Name of God Amen,

I Robert Coleman, Sr. of the State and district aforesaid, being of sound mind and Memory though weak of Body, Do make and ordain this my Last will and Testament in Manner and form following, that is to Say, I Give to my Sons David, John, Robert, Wiley, Alen, Griffith, and Solomon Coleman One Cow and Calf each, the prime of my Stock of Cattle - I Give to my Son Francis and Daughter Elizabeth Coleman the Tract of Land whereon I now live to be Equally divided between them Shear and Shear alike, to them and their heirs forever I Give to then all the rest and residue of my Stock of Cattle Hogs Sheep & C for the purpose of paying my debts and Legacies, Together with what debts may be owing to me, also all my House hold furnitue Plantation tools & C for the Same purpose I Give to my Son Henry Jonathan Coleman My Negro woman Rachel to him and his heirs forever, also three Hundred dollars to be paid to him by my Executors when he shall come to the age of Twenty one years, the said three Hundred dollars to be Raised by debts owing to me, if there shall be So much owing, but if not so much, the balance not raised thereby, to be raised out of my Stock, House hold Furniture Plantation Tools & C Given above to Francis & Elizabeth I give to my daughter Sarah Mobley, also one Feather bed and furniture to be paid to be paid to her by Francis and Elizabeth my Son and Daughter - it is my will and desire that the whole of my property above mentioned given to Francis and Elizabeth Coleman; together with the whole of debts owing to me, be the Fund out of which all my debts be paid, together with the Ballance which the debts owing to me shall fall short in raising the Three Hundred Dollars as above Given to Henry Jonathan - it is my will and desire, that my Son Henry Jonathan, shall Learn the Hatery Business with one of his Brothers Wiley or Griffith - (In Testimony whereof I have here unto Set my hand the Thirtieth day of Sept. 1809- It is my will that my Sons Wiley and Francis, Shall Execute this my will.

Robert Coleman

the presence of  
Abraham Jones  
Wm. Franklin  
Allen Coleman

On the 14 day of November, 1809, this will was admitted for probate before John Buchanan, ordinary, and Wiley Coleman, and Francis Coleman were named Executors. This shows that Robert Coleman evidently died in the year 1809. His wife Elizabeth must have proceed him in death. At least, she is not mentioned in the Will.

The signature of Robert Coleman on his Will dated September 30, 1809, with Abraham Jones, William Franklin, and Allen Coleman subscribing witnesses, is very clearly the same handwriting as that of the Robert Coleman who was a subscribing witness to the last will of Charles Coleman, dated December 31, 1787, and is the same signature as that appearing on the bond of the estate of Charles Coleman dated May 26, 1788.

I, J. P. Coleman, have examined the original signature in all three instances in the office at the Probate Judge at Winnsboro and there can be no doubt of these being the signature of the same man.

On the back of the will of Robert Coleman, dated September 30, 1809 is the following notation:

In the Court of Ordinary for the District of Fairfield on the 14th day of November, in the year of our lord, One Thousand, Eight Hundred and Nine, personally appeared William Franklin, who deposeseth on oath that he did see the within named Robert Coleman subscribe his name to the within as his last will and testament That the said Robert Coleman, deceased, was then of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding to the best of the knowledge and belief of this deponent. That Abraham Jones and Allen Coleman together with this deponent did at the request and in the presence of the said testator and in the presence of each other subscribe their names as witnesses thereto.

Lt. Anthony Allaire of Ferguson's Corp. (Included in the Appendix "King's Mountain and its Heroes") wrote in a diary in August, 1780:

"Tuesday, 15th. got in motion at seven o'clock in the morning, marched two Miles to Lyles Ford [3½ miles South of Shelton and about a mile North of Blairs] forded Broad River and proceeded seven Miles to a Mr. Coleman's in the Moberly Settlement; halted during the heat of the day. Got in motion at seven o'clock in the evening; marched two miles to the Camp of the New York Volunteers, where we got intelligence that Gen. Gates lay within three miles of Camden with an Army of 7,000 Men."

"Wed. 16th. Got in motion at seven o'clock in the morning and Marched two Miles to Mobley's Meeting House for convenience of Ground.

"Thursday 17th. Got in Motion at nine o'clock in the morning and marched six miles to Rebel Col. Winn's plantation. Winn is at James Island, a Prisoner."

THE FAMILY OF ELIZABETH ROE,  
WIFE OF ROBERT COLEMAN,  
WHO DIED IN 1809

The names and dates of birth of Elizabeth Roe's brothers and sisters appear at a preceding page.

She was the daughter of John Roe and his wife, Sarah. John Roe first appears in Halifax County, August 14, 1749. On this date, Book 3, Page 368, William Reeves sold 200 acres of land to John Roe. There were no identifying streams or water courses mentioned in the deed.

At this same period, there was another John Roe in nearby Lunenburg County, Virginia. On May 18, 1751, Lunenburg Deed Book 5, Page 4, John Roe and his wife, Frances sold James Tatum 100 acres which John Roe had received by patent dated July 12, 1750.

On February 19, 1754, John Roe and Sarah Roe sold to Sherwood Grimsley 200 acres of land "where Grimsley now liveth." Book 4, Page 553. Robert Williams and Charles Daniel were witnesses.

On the same date, John Moorland and Dorothy, his wife, sold John Roe (spelled Rowe) 300 acres on the West side of Little Creek, South side of Roanoke River. Book 4, Page 555.

On October 7, 1776, Book 13, Page 512, John Roe sold this same land to George Morris. No wife signed the deed, and since it would have been necessary to the legal conveyance of a homeplace, it must be presumed at Sarah Roe was dead by this date.

Our next record of John Roe is that found in his Will, April 20, 1778 :reciting that he then lived in Camden District, South Carolina, but formerly of Craven County, of which Fairfield was later formed

This establishes, of course, that although John Roe sold out in Halifax, North Carolina, more than two years after the date of the Coleman sale, he very promptly joined them in Fairfield County. At some later date, he moved to Pendleton District, now Anderson County, South Carolina, as shown by the following Will made twenty-four years before his death.



"LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF John Row, of Record at page 32 of Will Book A of Anderson County Records, Anderson, South Carolina, formerly Pendleton District.

Copied by J. P. Coleman and Frank Coleman on July 29, 1961.

South Carolina  
Camden

District

IN THE Name of God, Amen, the twentieth day of April, One Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy and Eight. That I John Row late of the County of Craven in the Province aforesaid, gentleman, being in health and perfect mind and memory, calling to mind that it is appointed for all men to die, I therefore make and ordain my last will and testament as follows:

I first recommend my soul into the Hands of God who gave it me, secondly, my body to be buried in a decent manner at the discretion of my executors and also all my just and lawful debts to be paid out of my estate and the remainder to be divided as follows, to-wit:

Item: I give and bequeath to son, John Row, one Negro girl name Sue.

Item: I give to son, William Row, one Negro boy named Sam to him and his heirs.

Item: I lend to son, Andrew Roe, one Negro girl named Phyllis, I him and his heirs.

Item: I lend to son, Solomon Row, one Negro girl named Karis him and his heirs.

I lend to my son, Benjamin Row, 1 Negro girl named Lucy to him and his heirs.

Item: I lend to my son, Joseph Row, one Negro named James to him and his heirs.

Item: I lend to my son Hansile Row, one Negro woman named Hannah and the first child she brings to be given if it lives to my daughter Mary, and the next child if she lives to bring any more to any daughter Martha.

Item: I lend to my daughter, Nancy, one Negro woman named Rachel to her (and her) heirs and the first child she brings if it lives to be give to my daughter, Sarah, and if she brings any more children to be given one to my daughter Frances and my house furniture to be equally divided between my daughters at my decease.

This being my Last Will and Testament whereof I have to set my hand and affixed my seal the day and date above written.

Witnesses Present: John Row, Andrew Row, Joseph Attoway.

his  
John x Row  
mark

Proved by the oath of Andrew Row "the only witness to be obtained," February 5, 1802.

John's son Andrew, was in what later became Anderson County earlier than February 9, 1796. On that date, Book C, Page 155, Andrew sold Isaac West 200 acres on Twenty-three Mile Creek. Andrew was still alive on March 29, 1806, for on that date he sold land in the same locality to Richard Robinson, Book H, Page 307.

John's son, Solomon Roe, was in the area as early as 1788, as we shall see hereafter.

John's son, Benjamin, went along with the others, as shown by a deed in which he sold 69 acres of land to Abraham Duke, Book K, Page 108.

Hancil Roe, the ninth son and fourteenth child of John Roe, was in the same area as early as June 25, 1792. Book B, Page 21. On that date, called "Anselm" Roe, he purchased 150 acres from William Jackson on Twelve Mile Creek. His name regularly appears thereafter in the old Pendleton District Records (now at Anderson, South Carolina) through the year 1827.

His wife's name was Mary, and she was the daughter of Thomas Watson. Deed Book L, Page 227.

On November 7, 1809, Abraham Duke, Hugh Tatum, John Roe, and Nancy Roe recite themselves to be the heirs of Solomon Roe, deceased, that date, they sold land on Rock House Fork, Eighteen Mile Creek, Seneca River.

The deed recited that Solomon had acquired this land in 1788.

THE CHILDREN OF ROBERT AND ELIZABETH ROE COLEMAN  
DAVID ROE COLEMAN

In this chapter we shall write of the thirteen children born to this couple. After telling of them we shall list the names of their children. The reader then may follow descendants in the most excellent genealogy prepared by Mrs. Etta Rosson which appears in subsequent pages.

*First Child*

**DAVID ROE COLEMAN**, eldest child of Robert Coleman and Elizabeth Roe. Born May 19, 1765. Died March 25, 1855.

The following account is from the diary of Mrs. Jennie I. Coleman, which J. P. Coleman says describes one of the outstanding members of the entire Coleman family.

by Mrs. Jennie I. Coleman

His first child, David Roe, was my great grandfather. He married Edith Beam, September 13, 1787. She died in 1825. I have never learned much about her. My grandfather, Henry, used to speak of her with much affection. I've heard of one of her children being very cross as a baby. She would card, sew, or do other necessary work, with it on her lap, and when it slept, would do her cooking, even if not the regular time, to get a meal. She couldn't leave it, if awake (must have been one of the first babies, or very spoilt.) David Roe Coleman was one of the most honored men in this county. Well informed, tho' not educated, a good surveyor, of upright habits, he was a man of influence. His health was remarkably good, his daily living being very simple; his supper for years was cornbread and milk. Had good sound teeth as long as he lived. Could shoot squirrels from the top of tall trees, and rode over his farm almost daily on a pony, accompanied by several small dogs. The last of these was kept by Grandfather Henry as long as it lived (after David Roe's death), name "Lion." His negro slaves were devoted to him and led a happy, well fed and well clothed life, under their kind old

marster." There are a few of them still alive, fifty years after his death, and they speak of him with the greatest love and reverence, and eyes dim with tears. Mary, who is now 76, and was bought by my father at his sale, looks back on the days spent as a slave of "Marster" as the best time of her life. Her mother, "Greecy," was bought by him and raised from a girl. Her children were above ordinary, as he was, doing more and better work than many other slaves. Then "Coleman" Negroes have always had the reputation of being superior workers, as well as more acknowledged by those who work them. I have heard of some who have gone to other states and their superiority was always noted. I am proud to record here that I believe this was because of the way they had been reared, trained and treated by their owners, who worked themselves, and learned (sic) the slaves to do good work, and by their example of honest dealing, exerted an influence that is still manifest in these ex-slaves, and their descendants. "Eb," another daughter of Greecy, and house girl, died a few years ago. She told me many little happenings in the old life at "Marsters," how good he was to them all, how happy and well fed they were. With eyes filled with tears, she told how she was standing at the back of his chair as he sat at the supper table (some of his grandsons being present) when he was stricken with death (March 25, 1855). The end was peaceful, as his life had been. I tell these things, John, so that you, who were born thirty-five years after slaves were set free, may judge something of the character of this old ancestor, a slave holder, and of his treatment of them. You can never know, as I do, of the true feelings existing between good masters and mistresses and their slaves. They were often treated as friends, and many of them proved themselves worthy of all confidence, faithful even unto death. Many of the Coleman slaves are buried adjoining the family graveyard.

Grandfather David Roe Coleman accumulated considerable property, in shape of land and negroes. He was a splendid surveyor, and did much of that work. His eight children all lived, except one, to be grown, marry and raise families. He divided his property as they married, equally among them, giving each the same. In an old diary of his I read where he did this to prevent any trouble after his death; each should have his or her rightful share while he lived. As he was never in a court of law, he desired them never to resort to it. I am proud to say that neither sons, grandsons, nor greatgrandsons have, as far as I know.

His house stood about the middle of what we call the Daddy Field. (His children and grandchildren all called him Daddy), not far from

the "Long Leaf Pine" that he planted, bringing the small sprout from somewhere between Columbia and Charleston. 'Tis the first one I ever saw, and is a great curiosity in this up-country. Good many young ones grow around it now, and a few are scattered over the near fields. The old one must be at least seventy years old. His house was a plain structure, of the style of all the houses around in those days. I remember how it looked. One large room, the main body, was of hewn logs, a splendid chimney, with large fireplace, at one end, and the entrance door at the other, shed rooms on each side, and a "loft" above. This house was removed (which I regret) in 1867, and rebuilt for a home for his nephew, Henry J. Coleman. 'Twas not long after the Civil War, the people were stripped of nearly everything, no sawing of lumber, so it was considered a great help to this young man, who had been a soldier four years, to get a home by moving this old house a few miles, and rebuild on his land. It is still standing in tolerably good shape, lived in by negro renters.

"Daddy" David had the mysterious gift or power to cure diseases (called faith cure, I guess). Sick people came to him from long distances to be cured of tumors, wens, cancers, etc. He gave this "power" to his son-in-law, Jacob Feaster, who practiced the same as long as he lived. He gave it to his son John, who cured many people of divers complaints. I know of no one practicing this now.

I can imagine some of the loneliness of this old man, who lived thirty years after the mother of his children was gone. Several of his sons and one daughter went to Alabama and made homes in what was then the "great unknown west." They had to go on horse back and wagons - no trains then, and letters were few. Once in a while they would return for short visits to the old father. I see short accounts of these visits in his diary. Then they would leave him, and I think of the sad partings. He spent much time in reading, as he grew old, and copying sermons. Was a Universalist in faith, and practice, and attended the meetings at the some old church we belong to. From what I gather from his few records, his faith was pure and simple as a child's. His grandchildren loved to stay with him, and he studied Greek with his grandson, David A., after he was eighty years old.

Wells for drinking water were very rare or unknown then, all the first homes were built near good springs. The "Daddy" Spring is fine and is still giving freely of its good water, over a hundred years since he settled near it. A splendid corn and wheat mill was built near it in 1867, owned by several Colemans, run by the spring water, was a success or years. Gradually, it ran down, after change of owners. No sight of it left.

DAVID ROE COLEMAN FAMILY BIBLE

(Copied at the home of Julia and Mary Faucette by J. P. Coleman, July 26, 1954.)

Entries in the handwriting of David Roe Coleman (1765-1855)

D. R. Coleman was born in Halifax County, N.C., May 19, 1765. Married Edith Beam, September 13, 1787, Fairfield District, South Carolina.

R. F. Coleman, the first son of DRC and Edith, his wife, was born the 26th of August, 1789, and died the 7th of September, 1842.

Wiley F. Coleman, 2nd son was born March 10, 1792.

D. H. Coleman, 3rd son was born 17 December, 1794.

H. A. Coleman, 5 September, 1797.

Wilson H. Coleman was born the 25th of March, 1800.

Isabella Coleman was born 13th September, 1803, first daughter.

Elizabeth, 2nd daughter, born 6th of April, 1807.

Sally (or Sarah), 3rd daughter, was born the 10th of April, 1810.

Edith, the mother of the above named children died on April 28, 1825, in the 60th year of her age.

Her third daughter, Sarah, died about the year 1815.

Robert F. Coleman, married Susanor Feaster, who died January 15, 1829, by whom he had 7 children, 3 daughters.

Drusilla, who married William Coleman.

1st son Wm., died young.

2nd son D. R. C.

Wiley F. Coleman died the 4th of March, 1835, leaving a widow and 7 children. 1 daughter Sophiah, born July 19th, 1817, married lately to Abner Fant.

Elizabeth, 2nd daughter, born January 21, 1819.

1st son Wilson was born the 27th December, 1821.

3rd daughter Mary was born 16th December, 1824.

2nd son David was born September 1, 1827.

4th daughter Martha was born 4th August, 1830.

5th daughter Isabella was born December, 1833.

On the 5 of October, 1848, I had 57 grand children. Nine of whom are dead.

Also had 33 great grandchildren. 3 of whom are dead. I am at this time 83 years old.

D. R. Coleman, Sr.

The following written in the David Roe Coleman Bible by John Albert Feaster Coleman:

"The record of Robert Coleman above so far as I know is that he was of Welch descent, he moved from Virginia to North Carolina, was one of a large family, had a brother William, the father of Solomon Coleman, and Charles another brother was the father of Nancy and Sallie Coleman. The former married Robert (her cousin) son of Robert above & Sallie his son Allen."

From the Diary of David R. Coleman, in his handwriting, read at this time and place:

"August 7, 1853. Clear morn, cloudy, thunder Evening."

This was the day of the birth of Jacob Feaster Coleman, grandfather of J. P. Coleman.

Also copied from the diary of David R. Coleman.

"The preceding accounts as stated against my children is done by me for the purpose of keeping them as near on an equality as possible with respect to the gifts I make to them while I am living that when I am dead they may be enabled thereby to make an equal distribution amongst themselves of all the property I may be legally possessed at

my death, shear and shear alike - all mine to be equal by theres each one to choose a disinterested friend and they to make the division as above stated without applying to the law as nothing that I have acquired of this worlds goods was ever obtained at law. Neither had I ever a law suit. I therefore hope that my children will imitate there father in that particular.

D. R. Coleman

Wrote the 24th of June, 1825."

David Roe Coleman was sixty years of age when he wrote the above, but lived another thirty years.

Land Deed Book DD, Page 58, Fairfield County, December 14, 1805. David Coleman agrees that 800 acres shall be Robert Coleman's part of

land purchased from Mary Veree on October 30, 1800. Allen Coleman and Solomon Coleman were witnesses.

COPY OF LETTER WRITTEN BY David Roe Coleman, Sr.  
To His Son, Wilson Henry Coleman, Of  
Green Co., Alabama

South Carolina  
Fairfield District  
June 27, 1835.

Dear Son:

I take the present favorable opportunity to write you a line in way of remembrance, as I have not had a letter from you for a great while, and inform you that your father is still living and in good health (Blessed be God for His mercies). Hoping that you and your family are all well. I believe I have not wrote you since the Death of your brother, Wiley. His widow and children are well and I think are likely to do well. They are very industrious, and your namesake, Wilson, is much so. Wiley had but a very short sickness from Thursday until Tuesday. He was doing very well. I think it was the excessive cold was the cause of his death. I am certain I have never experienced so cold a winter. Our wheat crops were greatly injured and a great many entirely ruined. All the fig trees and chany trees are killed, the fig trees will spring up again, but the Chany will not.

Our prospects for corn and cotton is very good at this time, the seasons have been very good.

As for your brothers and their families are all well, except Chaney, Henry's wife. She has had a long spell of sickness that has seemed to threaten insanity. Isabella and her family are well. We expect to see Isaac and Betty in July. They were all well when we last heard from them. I am in the 61st year of my age. I am as nearly as strong as I ever was, but not so active. I take a great deal of exercise, tho I work but little. I go into no excesses except reading. I think one third of the day is spent by me in reading. I live much alone and think that few men desires peace more than I do, and none love it better. To love God with all my powers and my neighbors as myself is my aim and end. I rejoice that I have lived a life of Temperance (in almost everything). I have a good pare of spectacles and an excellent little Rifle gun, and I think I can kill more squirrles than any man in the neighborhood. This serves as an



amusement for me in my vacant hours from reading. Peace be with you, my dear son.

D. R. Coleman

I add no more.

Wilson H. Coleman. Sent by Mr. William Hansell.

Deed Book 4, Pages 326-28, Fairfield County, March 10, 1817. Deed from Ferdinand Beam and others to Robert F. Coleman, recites the descendants of Albert Beam, father of Mrs. David Roe Coleman, as follows:

Children of Albert Beam

1. John Beam
2. Jesse Beam
3. Albert Beam
4. William Beam
5. Edith Coleman
4. Mary Coleman
5. Sarah Coleman
6. Dorcas Beam
7. Elijah Beam, deceased
  1. Ferdinand Beam
  2. Edith Beam
  3. Nancy Beam, wife of David Coleman



Henry Alexander Coleman and Mrs. Chaney Feaster Coleman

*Second Child*

JOHN ROE COLEMAN, born, April 2, 1768, Halifax County, N. C.  
Died, September 4, 1835, Greene County, Ala.

John Coleman married Mary Beam, daughter of Albert Beam and sister of Edith Beam, who married David Roe Coleman. The children of David Roe Coleman and John Roe Coleman were double first cousins .

By file No. 316 of the Probate Court of Greene County, Alabama, find that John Coleman died possessed of an estate valued at \$15,000 including 14 slaves and \$1025 in cash.

On June 19, 1837, Wm. R. Dennis was paid by the Administrator the sum of twenty dollars for paling in two graves, evidently that of John and his wife. She preceded him in death as she is not mentioned in the estate papers.

The children of John Roe Coleman and his wife, Mary Beam were:

1. Robert Coleman, later of Choctaw County, Mississippi, for whom a later chapter herein appears.
2. Salley, wife of Grayfield Gosa.
3. Elizabeth, wife of William Coleman, who later went to Anderson County, Texas.
4. David Coleman, of the State of Georgia.
5. Mary, wife of Charner Colvin.
6. Dorcas, wife of Henry McElroy.
7. John G. Coleman, who was the Administrator of Estate, later of Yalobusha County, Mississippi.
8. Giles C. Coleman, later of Yalobusha County, Mississippi,
9. Nancy, wife of Laton Upchurch.
10. Elijah L. Coleman.

(File No. 639. Greene County, Alabama)

ESTATE OF WILLIAM COLEMAN, WHO MARRIED  
ELIZABETH COLEMAN, WHO WAS DAUGHTER  
OF JOHN ROE COLEMAN

John G. Coleman, his brother-in-law, Administrator.

Died 1841, leaving as his heirs, his widow, Elizabeth Coleman. Went to Anderson County, Texas.

Mary A. Coleman, who married Marshall Wrenn.  
Isabella C. Coleman.  
Elizabeth M. Coleman.  
Nancy A. Coleman.  
William F. Coleman. Went to Anderson County, Texas.  
Robert M. Coleman. The last four were minors.

Among the purchasers at the sale of the estate were Giles Coleman, Joseph Coleman, and John G. Coleman.

Estate was finally settled on October 29, 1845.

October 29, 1842, the Administrator sold the lands of William Coleman, deceased, to J. G. Coleman and Elizabeth Coleman. The notes were signed by John G. Coleman, Sr., John G. Coleman, Elizabeth Coleman, John G. Coleman, Jr., and D. H. Coleman (son of David Roe Coleman).

On October 18, 1854, John G. Coleman, and Isabella, his wife, sold land where he had formerly lived. Book S, Page 675.

October 8, 1851, Giles C. Coleman and Susannah Coleman deeded 160 acres about six miles north of Eutaw to Isaac Mobley. Book R, Page 441.

February 21, 1854, Elizabeth Coleman of Anderson County, Texas, sold her ½ interest in lands in Greene County, Alabama, and W. F. Coleman was a witness to the deed.

April 28, 1854, J. G. Coleman and Isabella, his wife, of Chambers County, Alabama, sold land in Greene county. Book X, Page 180.

At page 325 of Book I, we found that on September 15, 1838, John G. Coleman and Elijah L. Coleman sold all their right in certain lands to William De Graffenried.

Land Deed Book Y, Page 295. January 2, 1817, John R. Coleman and Mary his wife, to Robert Fitz Coleman all their right, title or claim that have to the real estate of Albert Beam, reciting that Mary is a daughter of Albert Beam.

Land Deed Book DD, Page 128. Fairfield County. On the 13 day of December, 1821, John R. Coleman and Mary Coleman, his wife, conveyed their home place to William Curry.

The last will and testament of Henry McElroy dated October 31, was probated on December 17, 1853, Sumter County, Alabama.

The 1850 Census of this family listed eleven children, Sarah, Mary J., Nancy R., Emiline, Dorcas L., Louisiana, Martin V., George W., Alabama, Asenith, and Laura.

### *Third Child*

ROBERT ROE COLEMAN, Born, Halifax County, N. C., Feb. 1, 1769.  
Died, Fairfield County, S. C., August 12, 1844.

Robert Roe Coleman married his first cousin, Nancy Coleman, daughter of Charles Coleman. His brother, Allen, married Nancy's sister Sarah, so the children of this couple were double first cousins.

On the road to the Beam House, near Feasterville, a road to the right takes one to the site of the Sallie D. (Jonathan D.) Coleman house. This is where Robert Coleman lived. There is an old family graveyard, with many graves, only one marked. The stone bears the inscription Robert H. Coleman. October 1, 1832. June 24, 1862. He was a son Hiram H. Coleman and grandson of Robert R. Coleman.

Robert H. Coleman died at Augusta, Georgia, of pneumonia, the Second year of the Civil War.

His wife was Julia Ann Feaster, daughter of Andrew Feaster and Mary Norris. It was customary when there were several of the same given name in a family for the women to be called by her name and that of her husband, making a double name. So, Julia Ann was called "Julia Bob." She, with two sons, moved to Florida with her brothers. She lived at LaGrange, Florida, near Titusville, in Brevard County. Her home was a center of culture and refinement. She had the only piano in that part of a wild country. She taught the first Sunday school on Indian River, and weddings were frequently held at her house. On her frequent visits to Feasterville she told of the Indians about her home, of the wild animals such as panthers.

Robert Roe Coleman and Nancy Coleman had Four children:

1. Hiram H., born April 30, 1803, died April 9, 1837. Married Elizabeth Beam.
2. Wylie (Screw), married Sallie Rainey.
3. Jonathan David, married Sallie McLane.
4. Polly, who died young.

All information on Robert Roe Coleman furnished by Mrs. Etta Rosson.



Bob Coleman, Sr. (Robert. W.), descendant of Robert Roe Coleman and Nancy Coleman. Bob lives at Chester, S. C. and is one of the best loved of all the Coleman Clan.

*Fourth Child*

WYLIE ROE COLEMAN, born, Halifax County, N. C., October 27, 1771.  
Died, Fairfield County, S. C., October 16, 1824.

Married, first, in 1799, Sarah Ragsdale.

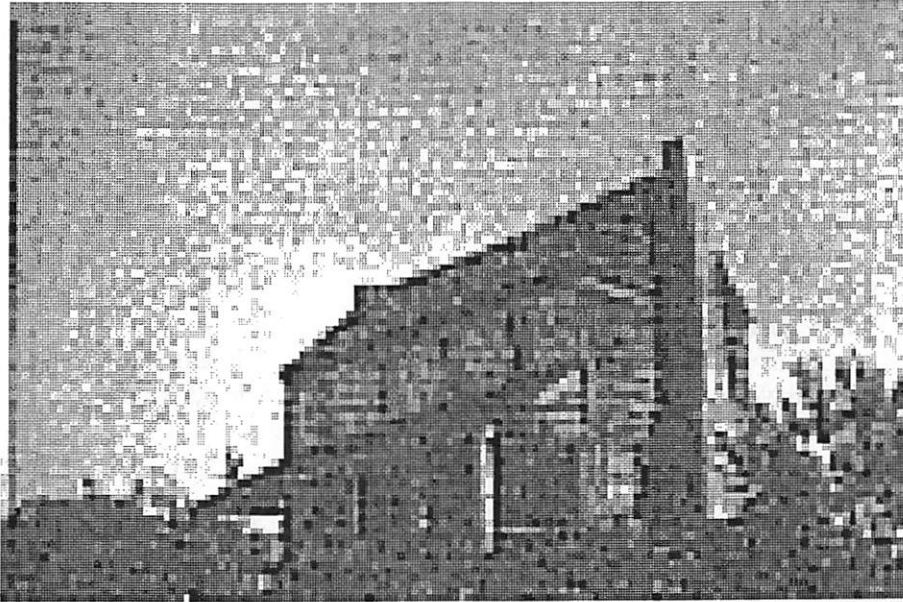
She was born October 15, 1781, and died August 3, 1820. She had eleven children:

1. William Ragsdale, born October 4, 1800, to whom a chapter this book is devoted.
2. Nancy Ann Coleman, born December 6, 1801.
3. Joseph Ragsdale, born June 2, 1803.
4. Sophia, who married her first cousin, Williams Charles Coleman born January 16, 1805
5. Griffin Coleman, born September 25, 1807, on whom we have later chapter.
6. Elizabeth A. and
7. Robert F., twins, born April 4, 1810.
8. Rebecca, who married John W. Robinson, born December 20, 1812.
9. Wylie W. W., born April 19, 1815.
10. Henry J. P. W., born February .5, 1818.
11. Sarah, born December 23, 1819.

After the death of Sarah, in 1820, Wylie Coleman married Mary Semone, by whom he had one son, Elihu, who was born January 8, 1824 the year of his father's death.

WILEY ROE COLEMAN AND SARAH RAGSDALE COLEMAN  
BIBLE RECORDS  
BIRTHS

Wiley Coleman, Father, October 27, 1771.  
Sarah Ragsdale Coleman, Mother, October 15, 1781.  
William R. Coleman, October 4, 1800.  
Nancy Ann Coleman, December 6, 1801.  
Joseph R. Coleman, June 2, 1803.  
Sophia Coleman, January 16, 1805.



Home of Wylie Coleman, still standing, but in a great state of disrepair Wylie and Sarah are buried immediately behind this house.

Griffin R. Coleman, September 27, 1807.  
Elizabeth A. Coleman, April 4, 1810. \  
Robert F. Coleman, April 4, 1810. / Twins  
Rebecca Coleman, December 20, 1812.  
Wiley W. W. Coleman, April 19, 1815.  
Henry J. F. W. Coleman, February 5, 1818.  
Sarah Coleman, December 25, 1819.  
Eli Coleman, January 8, 1824.

#### MARRIAGES

Wiley Coleman to Sarah Ragsdale, in the year 1799.  
Nancy A. Coleman to Richard Nolen, January 22, 1822.  
Joseph R. Coleman to Juliana Banks, February 5, 1824.  
Elizabeth A. Coleman to John Williams, October 12, 1826.  
Sophia Coleman to William Coleman, January 9, 1827.  
William R. Coleman to Sarah Head, January 26, 1830.  
Griffin R. Coleman to Susannah Cockrell, February 9, 1830.  
Robert F. Coleman to Margaret Smith, in the year 1832.  
Rebecca Coleman to John W. Robinson, February, 1835.



Sarah Coleman to Wiley U. Gilmer, December 8, 1833.  
 Wiley W. W. Coleman to Mary Coleman, February, 1836.  
 Eli Coleman to Elenor Beasley, in the year 1844.  
 H. J. F. W. Coleman to Alcy Cockrell, November 28, 1848.

DEATHS

Wiley Coleman, October 16, 1824.  
 Sarah Coleman, August 3, 1820.  
 John Williams, August 6, 1836.  
 Elizabeth A. Williams, May 8, 1837.  
 Nancy Ann Nolen, July 6, 1847.  
 Eli Coleman, April, 1849. | In different  
 Richard Nolen, October, 1851. |> handwriting  
 Sophia Coleman, January 22, 1857. | from  
 Joseph R. Coleman, June 16, 1859. | H. J. F. W. Coleman  
 Juliana Banks Coleman, December 21, 1871. |  
 Alice Coleman, November 11, 1863. /

NOTE (by Mrs. J. W. Starnes): H. J. F. W. death is in my Bible as January 20, 1891.

The above COPY of Bible Record made in 1844 is now in the possession of Mrs. J. W. Starnes, Ridgeway, South Carolina, a descendant of Wilie Coleman. 1949.

The State of South Carolina  
 District of Fairfield

Articles of agreement made and concluded this first day of January in year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty four Between Wiley Coleman of the one part and Mary Seymone of the other. Whereas a marriage is shortly to be had and solemnized between to said Wiley Coleman and the said Mary Seymone, it is therefore covenanted and agreed by and between the said parties to these presents in manner and form following, that is to say -

The said Wiley Coleman doth for himself, his heirs, executors, and administrators covenant and agree to and with the said Mary in case the said intended marriage shall he had and solemnized as aforesaid that she the said Mary shall be entitled to in her own right absolutely in fee simple to a child's part or such proportion or share of the Estate both real & personal of the said Wiley at his death or so much thereof as shall be fully equal to the proportion or share of

any one of the children of the said Wiley in case the said Mary shall survive him and the said Wiley shall die intestate and if the said Wiley shall leave a last will and testament it is further covenanted and agree it he shall thereby make a proportion for the said Mary equal in value and amount to what she would be entitled to receive of his said estate should he depart this life intestate and it is also covenanted and agreed between the parties aforesaid that the said Mary shall be entitled on the death of her said intended husband in case she shall survive him to have, receive and take in her own right absolutely all such property and effects in addition to the above provision as she shall bring with her in marriage or shall make or earn by her own individual skill and industry. And the said Mary on condition of the promises doth for herself, her heirs, executors and administrators covenant and agree to and with the said Wiley Coleman in case the said marriage shall take effect and she shall survive him to receive and accept the above proportion as in every respect complete and sufficient and in lieu of her distributive share of the estate of the said Wiley Coleman real and personal and also in lieu of dower or any or all other demands which she might legally have or claim of in or to the said estate. And it is further covenanted and between the parties aforesaid that the said Mary in case she shall survive the said Wiley Coleman shall upon the reasonable request of heirs or executors or administrators of the said Wiley Coleman, make and execute any other instrument or instruments of writing as shall be advised by counsel learned in the law, to release his estate both real and personal from the claim of the said Mary over and beyond the provision or provisions secured to her by virtue of these presents in witness whereof we the said parties have hereunto set our hands and affixed our Seals this the first day January in the year of our lord :aforesaid.

In presence of  
Simson Pannel  
B. D. Carter  
William Thomas

Wiley Coleman  
Mary Seymone  
Mark

So. Carolina  
Fairfield District )

Personally appeared William Thomas before me and made oath that he was present and saw the above named Wiley Coleman & Mary Seymone sign, seal and acknowledge the above. Signatures to both their hands and seals that he together with Simeon Pannel & Benjamin D.

Carter in the of each other witnessed the due execution thereof. Sworn to before men the first day of January 1824.

William Thomas

D. R. Coleman JQ  
Recorded May 12, 1824

Land Deed Book Y, Page 541. August 17, 1812, Wiley Coleman conveyed his home place to John Weir, includes land granted to William Coleman and by him and wife Elizabeth conveyed to Robert Coleman on the 12 day of May, 1788 on Beaver Creek.

File 43, Package 664, Fairfield County. William Ragsdale Coleman, at the age of 25 was the Administrator of his father's estate. The widow, Mary, in writing, waived her right to be Administratrix.

On March 22, 1825, the personal property of Wylie Coleman was sold by W. R. Coleman and Henry J. Coleman and brought the sum of \$6,262.30. Purchasers at the sale included W. R. Coleman, Henry J. Coleman, Joseph Coleman, H. A. Coleman, Robert Coleman, Wiley Coleman, Solomon Coleman, Robert R. Coleman, Sophia Coleman, Mary Coleman, D. R. Coleman and John Robinson.

The sale required three days to complete. It included nine slaves.

Allen Coleman, born November 7, 1773. Died June 21, 1848, age 75.

Allen Coleman was married to his first cousin, Sarah Coleman. She was the daughter of Charles Coleman. Thus Colemans like the writer of this chapter are descendants of Colemans "both ways." The date of the marriage is unknown, but their son, Williams Charles, was born September 13, 1801.

On January 11, 1803, Allen was a witness to a deed made by I'sh Coleman to William Ragsdale, conveying 50 acres of land on the south side of Sandy River (Book J, Page 245).

On December 14, 1808 (Book X, Page 272, Fairfield County), Robert Coleman, Jr. conveyed to Allen Coleman 225 acres on Storm Branch, water of Beaver Creek.

On the thirtieth day of September, 1809, Allen Coleman was one of the witnesses to his father's will.

On November 9, 1816 (Book 5, Page 255, Chester County) George Washington McDaniel conveyed to Allen Coleman, for a consideration of \$1,150.00, 250 acres on the waters of Little Rocky Creek, Chester County. The deed recites that Allen Coleman is a resident of Fairfield County. This no doubt marks the date that Allen moved from the Beaver Creek area to Rocky Creek. The new location was partly in each of the two counties of Chester and Fairfield. His wife, Sarah, died May 27, 1839. Her tombstone states her age to have been 64, so she must have been born in 1775.

A survey of these lands made March 6, 1767, and of record in the Surveyor General's office in Columbia shows the property in that year to have been entirely surrounded by vacant land. The land was originally laid out to John McDonald and a note on the plat shows the South Fork of Rocky Creek to have been six feet broad and five inches deep, "but goes dry in summer."

On October 18, 1828, (Book NN, Pages 97 and 98 Fairfield) Allen Coleman, for \$484.50 conveyed to Henry Tynes 254 acres "on the branches of Beaver Creek," reciting that the land adjoined Henry A. Coleman, Robert R. Coleman, Solomon R. Coleman, and Solomon Beam. The deed further recited that the land originally had been granted to Joseph Veree in 1774, by his widow conveyed to David R. Coleman, and by him conveyed to Allen Coleman and Robert R. Coleman.

Sarah Coleman did not acknowledge the deed until July 28, 1833, and signed by mark. A copy of this deed was made available to me by Miss Eva Colvin, 908 Pickens Street, Columbia, South Carolina, on March 3, 1951.

The South Carolina census for Chester county, 1830, lists A. Coleman. The family consisted of one male and one female born between 1770 and 1780, as well as one male born between 1800 and 1810. This must have referred to Isaiah Daniel Coleman, then 19, who was actually born in 1811.

To reach the original Allen Coleman home, go north 1/10 mile from the Fayette home. Turn right on the road to Chester. 4/10 mile on the right is the home site.

**LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF ALLEN COLEMAN**  
(Page 70 of Book A-I of the Records of Wills of Chester County,  
South Carolina)

The State Or South Carolina, Chester District.

In the name of God Amen, I Allen Coleman of the District and State aforesaid being of sound mind and memory and mindful of the uncertainty of life have made and published this my last will and testament.

1st. It is my will and desire that my body be decently buried.

Secondly. It is my will and desire that all my property both real and personal after my lawful debts are paid be disposed of in the following manner, viz.

First, I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Gladden four negroes which she now has in her possession, namely, Delse and three children and Mary also two negro boys named Joe and Jackson.

Secondly, I give and bequeath to my son William Charles Coleman two negro boys named Dave and Abram which are now in his possession also a negro boy named Bob.

Thirdly, I give and bequeath to my daughter Rebecca Gladden seven negroes which she has now in her possession, viz. Charlotte and her four children and Sue and Ellen, also two negroes named Charles and Lucinda.

Fourthly, I give and bequeath to my son Isaiah Daniel Coleman seven negroes which he has not in his possession namely Sam, Augustus, Wilson, Fanny, Frank, Levi, and Mary, also Jenny and any increase which she may have after this time.

Fifthly, I give and bequeath to my grandson, Ansellem Roe Gladden one mulatto boy named Sam.

Sixthly, I give and bequeath to my grand daughter Sarah Coleman Gladden one negro girl named Inda.

Seventhly, I give and bequeath to my grand daughter Sarah Coleman one negro girl named Esther.

Eightly, I give and bequeath to my daughter, Elizabeth Gladden, one old negro woman named Esther.

Ninthly, It is my will and desire that all the residue of my property both real and personal, be sold and applied to the payment of my debt and should there not be sufficient to pay my debts then it is my will and desire that all my children contribute an equal proportion for that purpose but should there be an overplus after the payment of my debts then in that case it is my will and desire that such overplus be equal divided between my children or their lawful representatives.

Tenthly, It is my will and desire that all the above named negroes which are now in my possession and which I have willed to my children remain on the plantation whereon I now reside until said plantation is sold and for said negroes to be under the care of my son in law James Gladden.

In the last place, I do hereby appoint my son-in-law James Gladden and my son Isaiah D. Coleman, Executors of this my last will and testament. Signed, sealed, and published this Eleventh day of February in the year our Lord One Thousand, Eight Hundred and Forty Four.

Allen Coleman (L.S.)

Signed, Sealed and Published in the presence of S. D. Barron, John Howze, and Joseph R. Coleman.

On January 31, 1848 in the Court of Ordinary for Chester District this will was admitted to probate and James Gladden and Isaiah D. Coleman named Executors and qualified.

#### THE ALLEN COLEMAN BURYING GROUND

The Allen Coleman burying ground is 3.3 miles East of Blackstock on Great Falls Road. This road is paved, and the cemetery is probably three hundred yards south of the road in thick woods.

The cemetery contains the following monuments:

"In Memory of Allen J. (R) Coleman, who departed this life July 21, 1848, in the 75th year of his age. He was a kind neighbor, a humane master, and an honest man. Peace to his remains."

Grave is in Southwest corner of the rock walled burying ground.

"Sacred to Memory of Agnes Coleman" (First wife of Isaiah Daniel).

Next grave North:

"In memory of Sarah Coleman, wife of Allen J. Coleman, who died May 27, 1839, in the 64th year of her age.

A referred wife, mother, and mistress.

God takes the too good on earth to stay

And leaves the bad, too bad to take away."

Next grave North:

Under this stone are carefully laid aside the mortal remains of two infants (twins) the children of I. D. and Agnes Coleman who were born and died September 10, 1839.

"Suffer little children to come unto me for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

This cemetery is located on the farm of Robert W. Douglas, as of 1950, Route 1, Blackstock. It is completely enclosed by a stone wall.

#### CHILDREN OF ALLEN COLEMAN AND SARAH COLEMAN

1. William Charles Coleman, who married his first cousin, Sophia Coleman.
2. Rebecca Coleman, who married John Gladden.
3. Elizabeth Roe Coleman, twin, who married James Gladden, twin brother of John.
4. Isaiah Daniel Coleman, who married Agnes Ferguson, and after her death, Harriet Davis.

Williams Charles Coleman and Isaiah Daniel Coleman have chapters devoted to them in the Mississippi section of this book.

John Gladden and Rebecca Coleman, had children named (1) Sallie, who married John Feaster Coleman, son of Henry Jonathan Coleman and Mary Feaster; (2) Rebecca, who married a Latham; (3) Jesse, who married his cousin, Sallie Coleman, they being buried at the Jefferes Cemetery, Feasterville; (4) Anselm Roe Gladden.



Elizabeth and Isobel Gladden, the twin daughters of Allen Coleman



*Sixth Child*

GRIFFIN COLEMAN, born May 20, 1775.

(by J. P. Coleman)

Much time has been spent in an effort to discover written evidence concerning this sixth child of Robert Coleman and Elizabeth Roe.

By the entry in the David Roe Coleman Bible, we are certain of the date of his birth.

The Fairfield Census of 1800 lists Grief (sic) Coleman as living in a household of his own, adjacent to the other Colemans, but omits any information as to the number in his household. He was twenty-five years that year. The only mention of him in Mrs. Jennie I. Coleman's Book shows that he "went West." He does not appear in any of the census Reports of 1810 for South Carolina, Georgia, or the Mississippi Territory, of which Alabama was later formed.

In his father's will of 1808 the desire was expressed that the younger brother, Henry Jonathan, should learn the hatter's trade from Wiley or "Griffith," so Griffin must have yet been in South Carolina in 1808, at the age of 33.

Griffin Thompson, of Ackerman, Mississippi, a lifelong resident of Choctaw County, and who is still alive on November 1, 1962, was born December 11, 1877. He has frequently told the writer that when he was born, his great grandmother, Elizabeth Coleman, the wife of Griffin of Old Concord, was present. She insisted that the baby be named Griffin, since, she said, there had always been a Griffin in the family "all the way back."

Mrs. Jennie I. Coleman in her writings said that Griffin Coleman "went West," but in all our searches we have been unable to find any trace of him.

*Seventh, Eighth, and Ninth Children*

WILLIAM ROE COLEMAN, born Fairfield County, South Carolinian, on March 6, 1776. We very much regret that we have been unable to learn anything of this seventh child other than Mrs. Jennie I. Coleman statement that he went west.

SARAH COLEMAN, born November 8, 1778, married Reuben Mobley, and moved to Alabama.

ELIZABETH COLEMAN, born September 8, 1780. Also moved to Alabama.

*Tenth Child*

SOLOMON ROE COLEMAN, born October 29, 1783, Fairfield County, S. C. Died Greene County, Alabama.

He married Mourning Coleman, daughter of Stephen Coleman.

By file No. 636 in the Probate Records of Greene County, Alabama we find that his widow, Mourning, survived him.

They had the following children:

1. Tabitha, who married Anderson Conoway.
2. Nancy, who married Wiley Mobley.
3. Elmira, who married James Thompson.
4. Elizabeth, who married Colvin Jones.
5. Robert Coleman.
6. Martha, who married Robert Free, and left children, David, Nancy, Mourning, Susanna, and Solomon Monroe.
7. Mary, who married John Horten, and left children, Alonzo C., William C., Elizabeth, Jane Hollis, and Leonidas.

His home was on the line of Greene and Pickens Counties, Alabama and he owned six slaves at his death.

### *Eleventh Child*

FRANCIS ROE COLEMAN, born, Fairfield County, S. C., July 1786. Died, Greene County, Ala., January, 1839.

He married Margaret Mobley, daughter of Benjamin Mobley.

On September 10, 1814, he deeded to Henry Jonathan Coleman, his younger brother, "the place on which I now live, containing 520 acre more or less, on Fork of Little River. Deed Book Z, Page 333. On the same date he deeded to another brother, Wiley Coleman, stating that they had been joint purchasers of the land in 1810. Book Z, Page 334.

File No. 324, Probate Court of Greene County, Alabama, shows that Margaret Coleman relinquished her right as Administratrix in favor of her son, Joseph.

According to these files, Francis Roe Coleman, left the following children:

1. Griffin B. Coleman, later of old Concord, Choctaw County, Mississippi, to whom a later chapter is devoted.
2. Mary, who married Elijah Edge.
3. Joseph Coleman.
4. Ansel R. Coleman, a minor.
5. Margaret Jane Coleman, who married William B. Hill.
6. William R. Coleman, who in 1853, was living in Kemper County, Mississippi.
7. Jonathan F. Coleman.

He owned six slaves and personal property worth \$4,796.08. He also owned 520 acres of land in Sections 28, 32, and 33 of Township 23, Range 2 East, which is about 6 miles north of Eutaw, between the present day Cresswell road on the south and the Yellow Jacket Road on the North. This land was sold to David H. Coleman, son of David Roe Coleman, for \$3,457.21.

### *Twelfth Child*

ZEREBABLE COLEMAN, born November 28, 1789. Died young and buried at the feet of his parents in the Coleman Cemetery, Feasterville, South Carolina.

*Thirteenth Child*

HENRY JONATHAN COLEMAN, born, June 22, 1793. Died February 3, 1861.

On December 31, 1818, he married Mary Feaster, daughter of John Feaster and Drucilla Moberley. The ceremony was performed by his brother, David Roe Coleman.

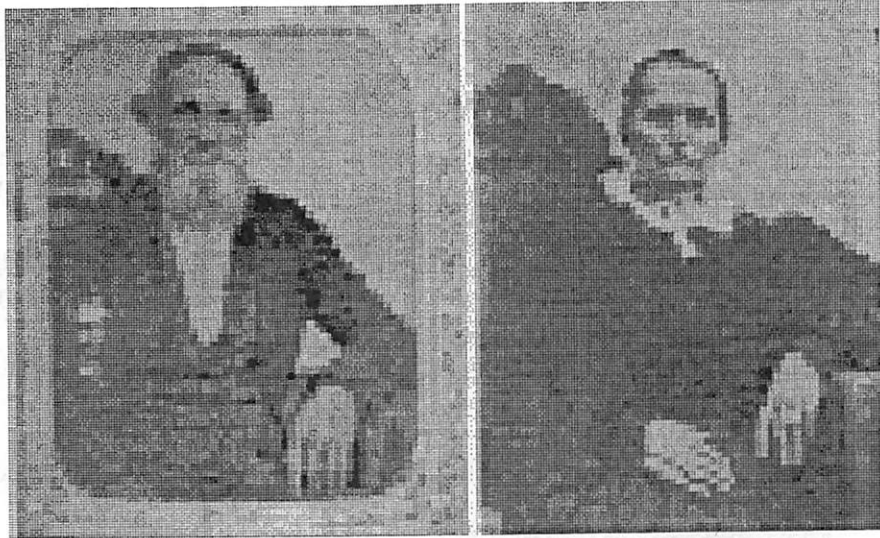
He was a soldier in the War of 1812. He enlisted at Winn's Bridge, South Carolina, and served from October 6, 1814 to February 28, 1815, in Captain William Nevitt's Company of South Carolina militia.

He acquired nearly 2,000 acres of land, was a hatter by trade as well as excellent farmer.

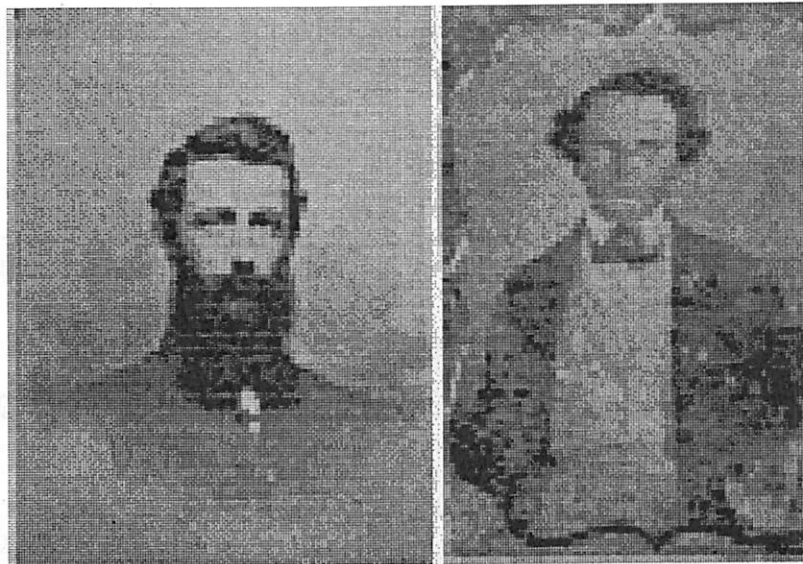
His wife was born January 10, 1798, and died November 18, 1873.

They had sixteen children. Six served in the Confederate Army and only two survived.

1. John Feaster, born October 3, 1819, died February 15, 1856.
2. Elizabeth Drucilla, born March 18, 1821, died December 9, 1891.
3. Dr. Robert William, born October 3, 1822, died May 27, 1873.
4. Jacob Feaster, born January 30, 1824, died May 20, 1864, pneumonia at Wilmington, North Carolina, in the Confederate Army.
5. Chaney Caroline, born January 4, 1826, died an infant.
6. David Roe, born June 8, 1828, died May 9, 1897.
7. Henry Jonathan, Jr., (1) born January 3, 1830. Died an infant.
8. Henry Jonathan, Jr., (2) born May 13, 1831, Died May 3, 1874.
9. Francis Wiley, born May 23, 1833. Died an infant.
10. Dr. William Calhoun Preston, born June 28, 1834. Died January 31, 1863, of wounds received in the Confederate Service.
11. Allen Griffin, born October 24, 1835, Died July 7, 1864, in the Confederate Service at Petersburg, Virginia.
12. Dr. Benjamin Franklin, born October 20, 1837. Died October 28, 1863, in the Confederate Service at Bruceton, Virginia.
13. Richard Henry Lee, born January 15, 1839. Died an infant.
14. Hiram Lee, born January 18, 1840. Died an infant.
15. George Washington, born September 4, 1844. Died February 4, 1931. Confederate soldier.
16. Sarah Caroline, born April 9, 1847. Died September 19, 1890.



HENRY JONATHAN COLEMAN and his wife MARY FEASTER



WILLIAM CALHOUN PRESTON COLEMAN, 1834-1863. Wounded at Second Manassas from which he died. (Photos provided by Miss Kathleen Coleman)      DAVID ANDREW COLEMAN, diarist of note 1823-1865.

THE ROBERT COLEMAN FAMILY

IN MISSISSIPPI

1835 to the Present

Chapters arranged in the order  
of their arrival in Mississippi

## WILLIAMS CHARLES COLEMAN

by J. P. Coleman

Williams Charles Coleman was the son of Allen Coleman, and was the first of the Colemans in Mississippi. He was born Sept. 13, 1801 and died February 4, 1877.

The lands in Winston County, Mississippi, to which the Colemans first moved from South Carolina, were opened to white settlement by the Choctaw Indian Treaty of 1830, at Dancing Rabbit. The territory here relinquished was divided into seventeen counties by the Act of December 23, 1833. Choctaw and Winston were two of the seventeen. Mississippi had become a State only sixteen years previously, December 10, 1817, although there had been settlements at Biloxi and Natchez for over a hundred years.

Winston County, situated a little east of the geographical center of the State, lay to the South of Choctaw County, named for the Indian tribe. At the close of the Confederate War, during Reconstruction, the County of Choctaw was greatly reduced in size by the formation of Montgomery and Webster Counties on its West and North sides. Three townships; 108 square miles, were taken from north-western Winston and attached to Choctaw. This explains why the lands first owned by Williams Charles Coleman and William Ragsdale Coleman, later owned by Isaiah Daniel Coleman, were in Winston County when settled but are now altogether in Choctaw County.

The public records in Winston County are all intact. Those of Choctaw County were burned at least three times previous to 1881. The Winston County records are a veritable storehouse of ante-bellum history; Choctaw records for the same period are wholly non-existent.

Louisville was originally laid out as the county seat of Winston County and remains so until this day. When William Ragsdale Coleman completed the purchase of the plantation from Williams Charles Coleman, on January 23, 1839, part of which (the homesite) was in Winston and the remainder in Choctaw, he had to record his deed in both counties. He no doubt saddled up and rode to Greensboro to record the deed for Choctaw County purposes. Greensboro was situated north of the Big Black River in what is now Webster County. It was about two miles north of the present post office located on U. S. Highway 82 known

as Tomnolen. Greensboro, noted for its bloody and turbulent history, remained the county seat of Choctaw until after the Confederate War, when the courthouse was burned by unknown arsonists. Nothing remains of Greensboro today but two ancient cemeteries. The county seat of Choctaw County was then successively moved from Greensboro to LaGrange to Chester, and finally to Ackerman. Ackerman was not laid out as a town until 1884 (when the present Illinois Central Railroad came through). This was after Williams Charles, William Ragsdale and Sophia, were all dead, but it was five years before Isaiah Daniel, son of Allen, passed on. Chester was named for Chester, South Carolina and until 1959 was in existence as a post office in central Choctaw County about six miles Northwest of Ackerman.

*Williams Charles Coleman* was the son of Allen Coleman and his wife Sarah Coleman. In all the family records he is listed as William Charles, but his name in Winston County land deeds and on his tombstone is listed as Williams Charles, hence we shall use that spelling in this history. He was born in Fairfield County, South Carolina on Beaver Creek and near the Broad River, on September 13, 1801. On January 9, 1827, he married his first cousin, Sophia Coleman, daughter of Wiley and Sarah Ragsdale Coleman. She was born January 16, 1805.

According to the land deed records, Williams Charles Coleman was the first of the Colemans to come to Mississippi. On July 23, 1835, he purchased land from Baley C. Waters and Andrew C. Waters, in Winston County (now Choctaw). The deed is of record at Page 60 of Book A of the Winston County land deed records. Only 59 pages of recorded deeds had been registered when Williams Charles bought this land. This was the East  $\frac{1}{2}$  Southwest  $\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 1, Township 16, Range 10, owned since 1934 by J. P. Coleman. This was first the homesite of William Ragsdale (Buck) Coleman, and then of Isaiah Daniel Coleman. It is two miles South of the present village of Fentress in present day Choctaw County.

The large plantation which was accumulated was located both north and south of Yockanookany River and was situated in both Winston and Choctaw counties. Since the time of the post Confederate War boundary shift, it has all been in Choctaw. The original boundary between the two counties in this territory was the boundary between Townships 16 and 17, which bi-sected the Coleman Plantation.

As stated, Williams Charles Coleman sold this property to William Ragsdale Coleman sometime before 1839 (Sophia executed a deed as to dower in that year, Deed Book D, Page 288). Evidently, William



Ragsdale lived on it as early as 1837 for both he and his wife were charter members in that year of Concord Baptist Church, about four miles from the property.

Williams Charles Coleman then settled about seven miles northeast of Louisville, the homesite being located in Section 23, Township 15, Range 13, which would be approximately eleven miles south and seventeen miles east of his first home. The writer first visited the old Williams Charles Coleman homesite on July 22, 1951. It is an exact replica of the Wiley Coleman home in South Carolina, of which there is a kodak picture in this volume. In 1951, the writer noticed that the hewn logs across the front of the house, which was not then occupied, measured 46 feet in length, and only one log in the entire house was decayed. As of that time, Mr. Tommie Reed, the present owner of the property, was beginning the restoration of the house, leaving the log frame work and pegged rafters intact. The writer visited the property again on July 11, 1960, at which time the restoration had been completed, the house painted white on the outside, a carport added to one end of the house and the Reed family is occupying it as a home.

The land, on the very upper reaches of Pearl River, surrounding the home is nearly level and closely resembles that first entered and then sold to William Ragsdale. Apparently the old Colemans were good judges of land.

In a cemetery on the highest knoll in the neighborhood, in sight of the house, and about one-fourth of a mile north of the old Louisville and Macon road (about 7 miles northeast of Louisville) are found the graves of Williams Charles Coleman and his wife, Sophia, and that of their son Mortimer Allen (Mott) Coleman and his wife, Ann. These are the only marked graves in the cemetery (except that of William D. Welsh) and the inscriptions are as follows:

- (1) Williams Charles Coleman, born September 13, 1801, died February 4, 1877, aged 75 years, 4 months, and 21 days.  
"Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright  
For the end of that man is peace."
- (2) Sophia, wife of Williams Charles Coleman, born January 16, 1805, died January 23, 1857.
- (3) M. A. Coleman, November 8, 1830 - April 6, 1917. Gravestone carried same epitaph as that of his father.
- (4) Ann J., wife of M. A. Coleman, born November 1833, d. August 25, 1912. Aged 78 years, 8 mos., 21 days.

(5) William D. Welsh, b. January 9, 1828, d. September 25, 1859.  
Member Webster Lodge 205, F. & A.M.

From this it will be noted that Sophia was only 51 when she died. She died three years before her brother, William Ragsdale Coleman, moved to Texas and three years after her first cousin (and brother-in-law), Isaiah Daniel moved to Mississippi. It is reasonable to presume that these men were present when she was the first to be laid away, in sight of her home, in the little cemetery. It also reminds us that, in South Carolina, Williams Charles father, Allen, in 1839, buried his wife, Sallie in sight of house "so he could sit at the window and see her grave."

No doubt Sophia's brother, Griffin Roe, who had moved near Liberty Church in 1844, only a few miles away, and her sister, Mrs. John W. Robinson, who lived on the adjoining plantation to W. R. (moved there 1855), were also at the burial.

This reminds us that Williams Charles was the first to come to Mississippi; that William Ragsdale, his first cousin and brother-in-law followed almost immediately; that Griffin Roe (of Liberty) arrived in 1844; that Rebecca (Mrs. John W. Robinson) came in 1855; and Isaiah Daniel, brother of Williams Charles and first cousin to the others, arrived 1854. Four of these were children of Wylie Coleman and two were is of Allen. We shall present them in this book in the order in which they came to Mississippi.

We are further reminded from the inscriptions on the gravestones that Williams Charles lived a widower for twenty years after his wife died.

M. A. Coleman (Mortimer Allen, also known as Mott) was their son. His story is told from the gravestones and from his obituary in the Winston County Journal, issue of April 13, 1917, which follows.

M. A. Coleman's wife was Ann Bostick, of South Carolina, and they had no children. They had a foster daughter, who married J. D. Doss, and who passed away at Louisville in 1951. She was the mother of Dan W. Doss, business man, of Louisville, also deceased.

Mrs. Jennie I. Coleman in the diary of her trip to Mississippi and Alabama in 1919 (accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Mary Faucette, by the courtesy of whose family the diary was made available) said that:

"Mott Coleman's sister Emily married a Welsh."

(This no doubt accounts for the Welsh grave. Since William D. Welsh, buried in the family burying ground, is two years older than Mott, he probably is the brother-in-law.)

She also said, "Her daughter (meaning Emily's daughter) Sallie married John Hull."

M. A. Coleman was quite well to do for his day and time. The writer notice that his grave appeared to be about one-third excavated when visited on July 22, 1951. One of the neighbors said that the rumor got in the community that "Mott's money was buried with him" and that immediately thereafter unknown vandals attempted to excavate the grave in the night time.

OBITUARY OF M. A. COLEMAN  
(Winston County Journal, issue of April 13, 1917)

"A GOOD MAN IS GONE  
Captain M. A. Coleman died Friday Night.

After a lingering illness of months, Captain M. A. Coleman died at the home of his son-in-law, Honorable J. D. Doss on East Main Street (Louisville) last Friday night, April 6, 1917 and his remains were laid to rest in Liberty Universalist Cemetery (error) the following day in the presence of a large congregation of friends, Rev. J. H. White conducting services. Mr. Coleman passed his 86th year last November, which placed him among our oldest citizens. There was perhaps no man in the county better known than Mr. Coleman. He had been a citizen of the county for many years, had served his county in the state legislature, and as sheriff and tax collector. He for many years one of our largest agriculturists, owning large numbers acres east of town where he resided until recently and where he was a benefactor to many people. He was of a jovial nature and big hearted, always ready to help his friends when in need, having many kindly acts to his credit. He was a lover of the fox chase in his earlier days and was known throughout county as a famous fox hunter, keeping a large pack of dogs for his and his friends pleasure for many years.

Mr. Coleman lived to a ripe old age, always active in all that pertained to the welfare of his country, and in his death one of our county's best and most patriotic citizens has passed to his reward. Peace to his ashes."

Note: The newspaper report is in error in stating that Mr. Coleman buried at Liberty. He was buried in the family cemetery already described.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I must acknowledge my gratitude to Honorable R. W. Boydston of the Louisville Bar, and to Mr. E. B. Clark, Deputy Chancery Clerk, of

Louisville, Mississippi, for information which located the Coleman graves. Also, I thank Mr. W. H. Hight, Editor of the Winston County Journal, for making available the obituary of M. A. Coleman from the 1917 files of his paper.



Charles Washington Faucette and his wife, Mrs. Mary Feaster Coleman Faucette, sister of Mrs. Jennie I. Coleman.

Mr. Boydston guided me to the Coleman graves on July 22, 1951, and offered to do so in 1960. It worked out, however, that Mr. R. B. Yarbrough, of Louisville, accompanied me in 1960. While at the scene were given much valuable information by Mr. Connie Mack Lloyd who lives nearby, and who is a brother of Mrs. Tommie Reed.

**DIRECTIONS TO REACH THE OLD HOME OF WILLIAMS CHARLES COLEMAN**, approximately 7 miles Northeast of Louisville Mississippi. Revisited on July 11, 1960.

From Louisville

Go East on the Macon Road (State Highway 14) 1.8 miles.

Turn left on Bond Road, go Northeast 2.6 miles.

Turn left and go 2.8 miles.

Turn left and go .2 miles to Tommie Reed house, which is the old Williams Charles Coleman home, restored.

The graves Williams Charles Coleman and Mortimer A. Coleman and wives are in sight of this house on top of hill. This is beautiful, rolling, red soiled country. Very productive.

#### CHILDREN OF WILLIAMS AND SOPHIA COLEMAN

Mortimer A. (Mott), died 1917.

Wiley Allen, drowned in mill pond.

Dan G., died in Civil War.

Mrs. Emeline Welch.

Mrs. Sallie E. Higgins.

As already stated, William B. Welch and Mrs. Emeline Welch had four children. The sons were Alexander W. and Robert. The daughters were Elizabeth and Sallie. Sallie married John N. Hull.

The writer is very sorry that he at this time knows nothing about Mrs. Sallie Higgins.

#### NOTES

Winston County Personal Assessment Roll, 1847. On file in Mississippi State Department of Archives and History.

WILLIAMS C. COLEMAN, assessed for 17 slaves under 60 years of 60 head of cattle, and 1 clock valued at twenty dollars.

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Land Deed Book Q, Page 24, Winston County. February, 1859, Williams Charles Coleman, conveyed "In consideration of the love and affection I have for my daughter, Emeline Welch, 560 acres of land."

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United States Census, Winston County, 1860. Wm. C. Coleman, age 58 born in South Carolina.

Personal property valued at \$30,000; Real Estate valued at \$10,000.

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Winston County Personal Assessment Roll, 1863. W. C. COLEMAN

assessed for 32 slaves under 60 years of age, 1 pleasure carriage valued at \$150; 1 watch valued at \$174; 1 clock valued at \$18.

M. A. COLEMAN (Mott) assessed for 6 slaves under 60 years of age; 1 pleasure carriage valued at \$70; 1 watch valued at \$30.

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Drawer 70, Case 216, Supreme Court of Mississippi. In re: Estate of Williams C. Coleman. Shows Wms. C. Coleman to be the father of Emmeline Welsh, wife of William B. Welsh, who died September 2, 1859. Shows her children to be: Alexander William, Sallie, Robert Edward, and Elizabeth.

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Mortimer A. Coleman served as Sheriff of Winston County during Reconstruction years. Was a member of the Mississippi Legislature at the 1880 session from Winston County.

In the Mississippi State Department of Archives and History is a handwritten manuscript of William T. Lewis' History of Winston County written in 1876. In this manuscript we find the following, p. 17:

"Wm. C. Coleman had a son by the name of Wiley Allen, who was a noctambulist. One night while at Sam Welch's Mill, it is supposed, he commenced wandering about in his sleep and stepping out of the mill house into the pond and was drowned."

It will be noted that this young man was named for both his grandfathers, Wiley and Allen Coleman. It might be further noted that Williams Charles Coleman was the son of first cousins and married his first cousin.

Williams Charles also had a son named Daniel. The Winston County Census of 1850 lists him in the Williams Coleman family group as eleven years old. In 1860 the Census listed him as D. G., age 21, and residing with Mott Coleman. He enlisted in the Barksdale Greys, later Company G., 20th Mississippi, June, 1861, along with his brother, Mortimer A. (Mott). He died at Vicksburg, September 10, 1863. Continuing from Lewis' History, at Page 60:

"Williams C. Coleman once lost a very fine young horse after making diligent search and careful inquiry of every person he saw until his efforts proved fruitless he then offered a reward of

fifty dollars to any person who would bring him the horse or put him on his track so he could get him. Jack Bass struck a bee line in the direction of Mobile and after the elapse of a few days he brought Coleman's horse to him and received the reward."

At Page 122 of the Lewis Manuscript is listed the contributors to the Winston Guards, organized at Louisville on May 13, 1861. Among the contributors were, I. D. Coleman, \$25, Wiley W. Coleman, \$20, Williams C. Coleman, \$15, Griffin Roe Coleman, \$10, and W. A. Coleman is listed as contributing \$50 to his son, T. Fisk Coleman. T. Fisk Coleman was killed at Gettysburg. The Winston Guards fought at Antietam, Gettysburg, and Fredericksburg.

Page 136 of the Manuscript begins the history of the Barksdale Greys. This was the third company from Winston County to enter the Confederate War. It was named in honor of William Barksdale of Columbus, Mississippi. This company was organized at Webster in the eastern part of Winston County, in June 1861. They volunteered for three years or the duration of the war. They were mustered into the Confederate service as Company G, 20th Mississippi Regiment. John S. Reed was captain.

The following are listed:

No. 32, Dan G. Coleman, died Vicksburg, September 10, 1863.

No. 33, Mort A. Coleman, discharged Bowling Green, Kentucky, June 10, 1862. (Son of Williams C. Coleman).

No. 35, William J. Cooper, died Island No. 10, near Fort Pillow, July 1, 1862.

No. 36, Wm. Coleman (served for the duration) son of Isaiah Daniel Coleman.

No. 37, W. W. (Burry) Coleman, son of Griffin Coleman.

No. 38, Moses W. Coleman (brother of Burry), discharged Grenada, Mississippi, July 4, 1862.

No. 39, Adam M. Cooper.

No. 40, John L. Cooper, died Franklin, Tennessee.

There were 135 in this company as originally constituted.

From Iuka the Barksdale Greys went to Lynchburg, Virginia, where received orders to join General Floyd's command in West Virginia, at Big Sewell Mountain. From there they marched to Cotton Hill, W. Virginia. Thence they marched and counter-marched through West Virginia until January, 1862, when they left Virginia for Bowling Green,

Kentucky. In February, they were ordered to Fort Donalson, Tennessee, where on the 14th of that month they were engaged in the hard fought battle at that place, which resulted in the capture of nearly the entire confederate forces. The Barksdale Greys, commanded by Lt. W. R. Nelson was the second company that opened fire on the Federals at Fort Donalson. The weather was cold and the ground covered with snow during that memorable battle; notwithstanding, at the surrender of the Confederate forces, John C. Doss, Charles Lenon, Lt. E. J. Kizar, William J. Scruggs, and Mike A. Lynch, after stacking arms, made good their escape from capture and wended their way up a Bayou until they procured an old dugout from a citizen and crossed over the murky water; but not without a mishap, for Doss, Lenon, and Scruggs while crossing over capsized the dugout and received a copious ducking. They made their way through the snow and over the frozen ground about on hundred miles to Franklin, where they boarded the train and soon arrived safely at home, bringing tidings of the sad disaster and surrender of Fort Donalson.

Capt. Reid (here spelled Reid in the Manuscript) next rendezvoused the remnant of the Company at Corinth, at which place they were detailed to guard the commissary stores. In a few weeks the booming cannon was heard at Shiloh which gave unmistakable evidence that a battle was furiously raging there. The Barksdale Grays applied to the Capt. for permission to go to Shiloh, and upon permission being positively refused, M. A. Lynch, C. C. Ivy, Henry Spear, Thos. Futree, Walter Coleman, and Pink Martin secretly through the night, cooked some rations and left their post before daylight the next morning and hied away to the battle field, which was reached about the time the battle ended.

In the fall of 1862, the members of the Barksdale Grays who had been confined in prison at Camp Douglas (William Charles Coleman, son Isaiah Daniel was in this number) were exchanged and again rendezvoused at Holly Springs, Mississippi. The Company marched and countermarched through western Mississippi for some time, camping a while at Clinton. While at the latter place Seabe McElvany went into the country and during a conversation with a young lady she asked him, "Are you fond of novels?" Seabe replied, "I don't know, I never eat any; but I am extremely fond of onions (onions) and Lieut. Nelson sent me out here to try and get a mess of them."

The company was ordered from Clinton to Jackson to be mounted as cavalry, and if possible to capture Col. Grierson, who was then making a



raid through the State. On the 16th of May, 1863, the company engaged in the battle of Baker's Creek. When it was discovered that the Confederate Army could not cope with the Federal Army, whose numerical strength so greatly exceeded their own, and that they would be compelled to fall back; the Barksdale Grays and three other companies of the regiment were ordered to hold the Federal Army at bay until Confederates could retreat. They took their stand on Champion Hill and successfully held at bay, for several hours, the whole Federal Army until the desired retreat was made. And when the three companies were ordered to retreat they done (sic) so under such a galling and terrific fire from the Federal Army that it seemed almost impossible for a single soldier to have escaped sudden death. After they had retreated a short distance Lieut. W. J. Scruggs discovered that he had left his pistol and fearlessly ran back in view of the Federal Army, amidst a shower of lead and found his pistol. While hunting for his pistol he discovered Theodore Lawrence snugly ensconced in a hole in the ground, praying to God for protection.

After many advances and retreats in western Mississippi, the company finally made an unsuccessful stand at Jackson, Mississippi, retreating from there to Demopolis, Alabama, and thence to Tennessee. They fought and sustained a heavy loss in Hood's memorable slaughter pen at Franklin, Tennessee in 1864, where Lieut. Col. Rover commander of the regiment; Lieut. E. J. Kizar, commander of the company, Lieut. William J. Scruggs and others fell in the fruitless attempt to storm the Enemy's impregnable breastworks. When the strill bugle notes of Lieut. Col. Rover was heard above the din of battle "To Storm the Fort" the company rushed forward with impetuosity to obey his orders. Seaborn McElvany was the first man to mount the breastworks and plant upon it the Confederate flag, which, like the dauntless Jasper of the revolution, or the fearless Hyacinths of the French revolution of 1848, came near costing him his life; for he fell, desperately, but not mortally, wounded upon the enemy's breastworks. When Seaborn McElvany mounted the Federal Breastworks, Lieut. Col. Rover, the bravest of the brave, stood by his side, where he fell with his face to the foe and his body pierced by a dozen minnie balls. Lieut. Kizar, who was killed in the battle at Franklin, Tenn., was a college graduate -- an accomplished gentleman -- a good officer and as brave a man as ever unsheathed a sword. Winston county mourns the loss of such men. Lieut. W. J. Scruggs, who was killed in the same battle, was man of excellent morals and fine mental attainments. The effect of his lofty and noble bearing was indelibly

impressed upon the hearts his comrades. By whom this loss will ever deplored, and his memory cherished as a lost jewel from the casket of life.

A short time before the surrender the companies had been reorganized and new officers elected, when Lieut. W. R. Nelson was elected captain the Barksdale Grays. During the war he acted in the capacity of private, corporal, lieutenant, captain and physician of the company.

The Barksdale Grays did their duty fearlessly throughout the war. Their bones were left to mingle with the dust on the battlefields of Fort Donalson, Baker's Creek, Atlanta, Franklin, Nashville, and many other battle fields of minor importance.

The remains of some of the Barksdale Grays repose in each of the following States: Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Alabama, and Mississippi.

The following are the names of the Eleven officers and privates of the company who were present at the Surrender on the 26th of May, 1865, at Greensboro, North Carolina: Capt. W. R. Nelson, Sgt. Eph Richardson, Sgt. James A. White, Sgt. Adam M. Cooper, Corp. Thomas Harper, Corp. James Finkley, Jack Bigham, Wm. Coleman (son of Isaiah Daniel), Sam Bateman, Fred Richardson, and Wiley Wingo.

All of the foregoing is copied from the Lewis Manuscript, ending on page 145 thereof. Then follows a list of contributors to the Company when it was organized, including G. B. Cooper, \$50; Wms. C. Coleman, \$25; Wiley W. Coleman, \$20; Grif R. Coleman, \$10; Nimrod Triplett, \$5;

Note by J. P. Coleman, March 13, 1956. Wm. Coleman was my great uncle. I have the cherished recollections of his many visits to our home when I was a small boy. I have listened to him by the hour telling his stories of his military ventures.

He was 12 years old when his father moved to Winston County, Mississippi. I wonder if he visited his old home and his relatives in Fairfield County, S. Car. either when he was retreating before Sherman (the route lay through Winnsboro and Blackstock) or when he started his long trip homeward from Greensboro after the surrender. It is now too late for me ever to find out.

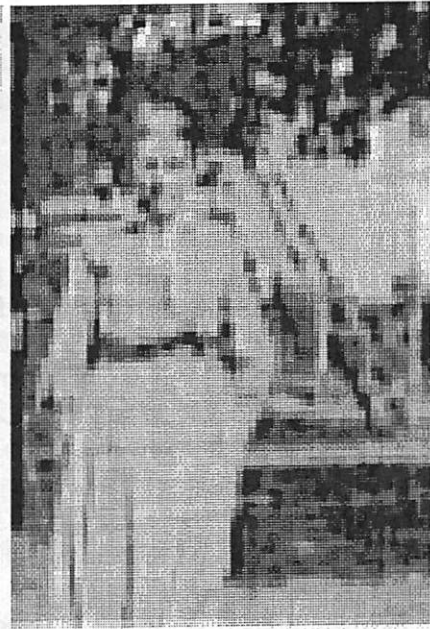
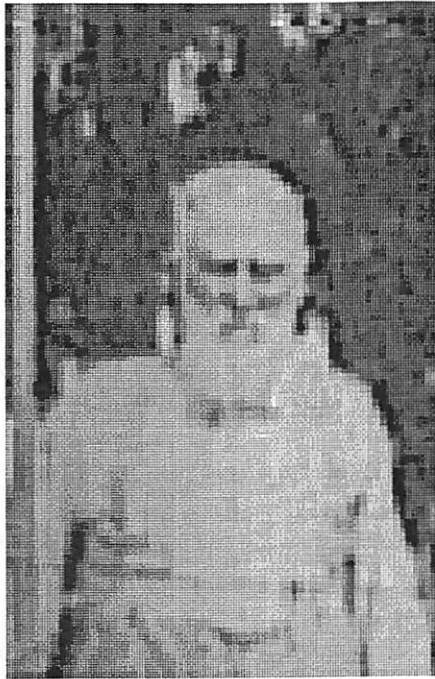
On Page 148 of the Manuscript is found a list of women who contributed to the purchase of a flag for the company when it was organized. In the list are Sarah Cooper, Mary Metts, S. R. Coleman (sister of William Charles) and Mary Coleman.



WILLIAM RAGSDALE COLEMAN



MRS. SARAH NEWPORT HEAD COLEMAN



THOMAS BLEWETT COLEMAN  
Photo taken at Granberry, Texas,  
1915.

His wife, MRS. MARTHA JANE  
SIMPSON COLEMAN. Photo  
taken at same time.

William Ragsdale Coleman was the eldest child of Wylie Coleman and Sarah Ragsdale. Born, Fairfield County, South Carolina, October 4, 1800. Died, near Hallettsville, Lavaca County, Texas, October 29, 1881. Resided in Winston (later Choctaw) County, Mississippi, from 1835 to 1860.

By FRANK R. COLEMAN <sup>23</sup>

An excellent sub-title for the life of William Ragsdale Coleman might be "The Life Story of One of the Many Colemans with Restless feet."

He first saw the light of day in the first year of the Nineteenth Century in Fairfield County, South Carolina. At the age of thirty-five, he move to Winston (later Choctaw) County, Mississippi. At the age of sixty, he moved to Lavaca County, Texas, where he lived another twenty-one years. By modern highway, it is 1281 miles from Fairfield to Lavaca, being 624 miles from Fairfield to Choctaw, and 657 miles from Choctaw to Lavaca.

When Sarah Ragsdale Coleman died on August 3, 1820, William Ragsdale Coleman was nearly twenty years of age. His brothers and sisters were Nancy Ann, age 18; Joseph Ragsdale, age 17; Sophia, age 15; Griffin Roe, age 13; Elizabeth A. and Robert F., twins, age 10; Rebecca, age 7; Wylie W., age 5; Henry Jonathan Francis Wyatt, age 2; and Sarah, age 8 months.

The mother was only thirty-nine years of age when she died, leaving eleven children, of whom seven were under fifteen years of age.

On January 22, 1822, Nancy Ann, then age twenty, married Richard Nolem, and left home.

Wylie Roe Coleman, the father of this large family, recognized the need for a second wife. To protect the interests of his children in his estate, he entered into an ante-nuptial written contract with Mary Seymone that in the event she survived him, after the contemplated marriage, she would claim only a child's share in his estate. Because it is an interesting document, of a kind no longer used, this contract has been copied in full in the chapter on Wylie Coleman. Elihu Coleman, the only

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<sup>23</sup> Frank R. Coleman of Dallas, Texas is the son of Thomas Blewett Coleman and grandson of William Ragsdale Coleman.

child of this marriage, was only nine months of age at the time Wylie died on October 16, 1824. The graves of Wylie and Sarah are located about 50 feet from his old home, about nine miles West of Woodward, Fairfield County, but near the Chester County line.

Joseph Ragsdale Coleman married Julianna Banks in February, 1824, leaving the nineteen year old Sophia as the oldest daughter and William Ragsdale Coleman as the oldest son at home. The next of the children to marry was Elizabeth A., the twin, who married John Williams, in October, 1826. Then, on January 9, 1827, Sophia married her first cousin, Williams Charles Coleman, the son of Allen Roe Coleman and Sarah Coleman, themselves first cousins.

By the time the year 1830 rolled around, William Ragsdale Coleman approaching his thirtieth birthday, was ready to set up a home of his own. On January 26, 1830, he married Miss Sarah Newport Head, a native of South Carolina, the daughter of William Head, Sr. and Susannah Gibson Harrison Head. Susannah was the daughter of Captain Burr Harrison and his wife, Elizabeth Dargon. Captain Harrison was a Revolutionary soldier and served under Lafayette at Yorktown. Captain Burr Harrison was the son of Thomas Harrison, grandson of Thomas Harrison, Sr., great grandson of Burr Harrison, and great, great grandson of Cuthbert Harrison of Virginia.

Thus the descendants of William Ragsdale Coleman and his wife, Sarah Newport Head, were distant relatives of the illustrious Harrison family of Virginia, which produced two American Presidents, namely, William Henry Harrison, and his grandson, Benjamin Harrison. Sarah Newport Head was related to President Tyler.

The Head family lived in Chester County, on the waters of Little Sandy River. The parents of William Head, Sr., were Richard Head and Sarah Newport. William Head, Sr. and wife, Susannah, moved to old Winston County, Mississippi, now Choctaw, where they lived about three miles East of the William R. Coleman home. The location is now about three miles South of Ackerman and immediately East of Highway 15. Their graves, marked, are now in the Tombigbee National Forest, Choctaw Unit, and are situated across the highway from the Howard McDowell residence. William Head died July 1, 1837. His wife died July 2, 1844.

#### THE BLEWETT FAMILY

Thomas Blewett received a land grant, consisting of 2000 acres, situated on the Pee Dee River in South Carolina, from King George II.

He made extensive improvements, including a large mill, on the land. He had a son named Thomas Garton Blewett, born 4 July, 1789, at Blewett's Falls, South Carolina.

Thomas Garton Blewett moved to Chester, Chester County, South Carolina where he married Regina de Graffenried (born at Chester, South Carolina, May 8, 1799 ), who was a descendant of the Landgrave, and daughter of Tscharner and Eliza Allen de Graffenried.

The slaves of Thomas Garton Blewett constructed a two story spacious brick mansion in the town of Chester, in Chester County, South Carolina.

The family moved to Columbus, Mississippi, in 1833, where the same slaves built another two story brick residence. He named one plantation Pee Dee," another "Chester," and a third "York." The cultivated areas included 1600 acres in cotton, 1000 acres in corn, and some 300 acres in oats, wheat, potatoes and peanuts.

It is evident that William R. Coleman had great admiration for Thomas Garton Blewett, eleven years his senior. He named his third child, born in South Carolina, Thomas Blewett Coleman, and his fifth child, born in Mississippi, Regina Blewett Coleman.

Griffin Roe Coleman, another brother, had reached the age of twenty two years. He chose a wife and married Susannah Cockrell, February 9, 1830.

Apparently, Wiley Roe Coleman left no will. The record shows that William R. Coleman and Henry Jonathan Coleman were Administrator the estate. (Henry Jonathan Coleman, the youngest son of Robert Coleman who married Elizabeth Roe, to reach maturity, was a brother Wiley Roe Coleman and an uncle of William R. Coleman).

In making preparations to move from South Carolina, W. R. Coleman sold 279 acres in Fairfield County to John and William Bryce (sons of William Bryce). This land was a part of the landed estate of Wiley Roe Coleman. William R. Coleman had acquired Griffin R. Coleman's share of 95 acres, also Elizabeth's share of 94 acres and Rebecca's share of 94 acres. This conveyance is dated May 17, 1834, and was witnessed by Henry J. Coleman and William W. Head.

Henry J. Coleman appeared before David R. Coleman, Justice of the Quorum, and made affidavit that he saw William R. Coleman sign, seal and deliver the deed of conveyance.

In February, 1829, he had sold 50 acres in Chester County, situated at the head of Little River, to Jonathan Thomas and wife. In 1832, he sold 40 acres in Fairfield County for the sum of \$1250.00



to Hugh Murdoch, said land known as the saw-mill tract, and was a part of the estate of Wiley Roe Coleman, his father.

By this time, his brother, Robert F. (twin) had married Margaret Smith in 1832, and his sister, Sarah (at the age of 14), had married Wiley U. Gilmar, December 8, 1833.

His brother, Wiley W. W. Coleman, at nineteen, was nearing the age of maturity, and another brother, Henry Jonathan Francis Wyatt Coleman, sixteen years old, both nearly old enough to care for themselves, but the twelfth child of Wiley Coleman, Sr. (the child by his second wife), Eli, was only ten years of age.

To complete the record of the children of Wiley Roe Coleman, during succeeding years, Rebecca Coleman married John W. Robinson, in February, 1835. Wiley W. W. Coleman married Mary Coleman, in February, 1836. Eli Coleman married Elenor Beasley, in the year 1844. Henry Jonathan Francis Wyatt Coleman married Alcy Cockrell, an old maid, November 28, 1848.

Since his obligations to his father's family had been taken care of, William R. Coleman was free to move and to satisfy his urge to settle on virgin and fertile soil of a new State.

Three children, born in South Carolina, were members of his household:

1. William Head Coleman, born December 13, 1830.
2. Sarah Susan Coleman, born April 3, 1832.
3. Thomas Blewett Coleman, born October 12, 1833.

William R. Coleman named his third child as "Thomas G. B. Coleman " in his diary of 1851, thus establishing the fact this son was named for Thomas Garton Blewett, of South Carolina and Mississippi.

William R. Coleman was responding to the same urge that a number of his relatives had shared. Five of his uncles, namely, John Roe Coleman, Griffin Roe Coleman, William Roe Coleman, Solomon Roe Coleman, Francis Roe Coleman, all sons of Robert Coleman who married Elizabeth Roe, had moved to Greene County, Alabama, along with two of his aunts, namely, Sarah Coleman and Elizabeth Coleman. This makes a total of seven persons in one family that had restless feet, and all moved to Greene County, Alabama.

Five of the children of Robert Coleman, who married Elizabeth Roe, namely, David Roe Coleman (Daddy Dave), Robert Roe Coleman, Wiley Roe Coleman, Allen Roe Coleman, and Henry Jonathan Coleman,

remained in South Carolina and reared families. The remaining children of Robert Coleman and Elizabeth Roe died young.

The Colemans in South Carolina used many nicknames. Here are nine:

1. David Roe Coleman, Senior, "Daddy" and "Daddy Dave."
2. Albert, son of David Henry Coleman, "Ob."
3. David Roe Feaster, "G. W. Punksins."
4. Trezevant D. Feaster, "Trez."
5. Wiley Coleman, "Screw." He was the son of Robert Roe Coleman and Nancy Coleman.
6. David Andrew Coleman, "The Squire."
7. Jacob Feaster, "Squire Feaster."
8. Henry Jonathan Coleman, Senior, "The Steamer."
9. William Ragsdale Coleman, "Buck."

After the trip from South Carolina to Mississippi, the following children were born:

4. Eliza Jane Macon Coleman, January 30, 1835.
5. Regina Blewett Coleman, December 17, 1836.
6. Louisa Harriet Coleman, September 10, 1838.
7. Henry Jonathan Coleman, March 25, 1840.
8. Anna Rebecca Coleman, November 26, 1841.
9. Mary Anner Harrison Coleman, June 23, 1843.
10. James Burr Head Coleman, January 13, 1845.
11. Marcia Maranda Coleman, May 3, 1848.

The family lived on a plantation comprised of about 1760 acres of land, and included the plantation which Williams Charles Coleman sold to William R. Coleman in 1839. Slaves were used to help cultivate land, and the sons of William R. Coleman worked in the field.

The two story house faced west and included a two story porch, or balcony, from which William R. Coleman could watch the overseers and workers in the fields.

There was a row of negro slave cabins located across the road from residence. The doors of the slave quarters opened toward the main house where their master lived. There was a spring nearby which furnished water for all.

Thomas Blewett Coleman told his children that he would play, as a boy, with the little negro slave boys on the farm. He spent most of his childhood and young manhood on the Mississippi farm, and learned to be an excellent marksman with a gun and learned how to be a successful farmer.

On one occasion, William R. Coleman had left the older son, "Bill" (William Head Coleman), and the younger son, "Tom" (Thomas Blewett Coleman), in the charge of a negro overseer, a slave, and gave the boys specific instructions to work all day in the field, while he would away from home. Upon his return at the close of the day, he asked for a report from the overseer, as to how much work the boys had done. The slave replied: "Marse William, dem two boys dun nothing but fit and fit all day long." (Fight all day long).

For fear that he would become a bad example before his young children, Thomas Blewett Coleman would not talk about the following incident until his children became older. When a barefoot boy on the farm, he had disobeyed his father, while working in the field. William R. approached him to take hold of him, in order to administer the necessary punishment. Tom started running as fast as he could. Climbing over fences and running across the cotton field, with William R. close behind, in hot pursuit. When the chase ended, a double dose of punishment was administered.

The farm provided cattle for beef and hogs for meat needed to supply both the whites and the negroes. Wild game, which included deer, squirrels, and wild turkeys, became a supplementary source of meat. Tom would clear a strip, about 150 feet long, in the woods, draw a line on ground, bait the line with shelled corn and wait for the wild turkeys to find and eat the corn. From his hiding place behind the piles of brush, would shoot down the line of turkey heads as the corn was picked up.

The young men wore long trousers, with straps at the bottoms buckled under the shoes, to keep the trouser legs down, just like the pants shown the posters of "Uncle Sam," the well known caricature representing United States of America.

Some of the slaves were assigned work in the fields, others were to help with the housework and the care of the white children. Before Tom was old enough to be depended upon to wash behind his ears, one of the negro women slaves would bathe him. When the ordeal was over, the slave would ask: "Now, how do you feel, better or wusser (worse) ?" To this question, Tom would always reply: "Wusser (worse)."

William R. Coleman's old home and plantation was sold to his first cousin, Isaiah Daniel Coleman.

William Ragsdale Coleman had become restless again. Although he had become prosperous, he was interested in acquiring new land in the State of Texas. In 1851, William R., in the company of his son, Thomas Blewett Coleman, who had reached the age of eighteen, and a cousin named George Davis, made a trip to Texas and he recorded in a

Diary, the route, the mileage and various comments on the soil, crops, the kinds of trees, and general conditions he found along this way. After traveling for fifteen days on horseback, they crossed the eastern boundary of Texas, averaging twenty-six miles per day.

The travelers reached Nacogdoches, one of the three oldest settlements in Texas, and two other towns made famous in the early history of the State, namely, Washington-on-the-Brazos, and Independence. The Texas Declaration of Independence was signed at Washington-on-the-Brazos and for a time served as the Capitol of Texas.

Concerning the land on the Brazos, he made the following comment in his Diary: "Rich land -- through a beautiful high prairie country. A very healthy looking country. Land selling from \$1.00 to \$10.00 per acre.

Note: It is of interest to record the fact that my mother, Martha Jane (Simpson) Coleman, was born during the year 1851 in Macon County, Alabama. Her parents were David Butler Simpson and Arabella Butler Callaway.

"Fine cedar groves and plenty of pin oak and evergreens. Generally the richest country and the prettiest prairie country I have ever seen. Thickly settled with rich farmers. Plenty of cattle, horses, sheep and hogs to be seen for miles. Some droves of sheep appear to be one thousand head." He was favorably impressed that this area would be good location for him.

The travelers proceeded to Bastrop on the Colorado River, then to Austin, the State Capitol. His comment about Austin was as follows: "A very healthy place. Three female academies, with fine churches." He had seven young daughters and he was noting places where schools would available for them in case the move to Texas was made. After looking at the rich level land on the east bank of the Colorado River near Bastrop, he made favorable comment on the land in the Diary.

At Austin, they turned north to Georgetown, and there turned east, starting the return trip to Mississippi. They passed the falls of the Brazos River below present Waco, and visited the towns of Fairfield and Palestine and went to visit Frank Coleman, living thirteen miles north of Palestine.

The travelers passed through the towns of Rusk, Henderson, Elysian Fields and on to a town located on the line between Texas and Louisiana, known as Licksillet, now called Latex, thence to Shreveport, Louisiana and then back to Winston County, Mississippi. His impressions concerning the land on the Brazos were so favorable

that his first decision was to settle there, but in 1860, when he moved to Texas, he bought land in Lavaca County. He had passed through Round Rock, in Fayette County, while on the inspection trip, and Fayette County lies to the north of Lavaca County, and is an adjoining County.

Although the war clouds were gathering, prior to the Civil War, William R. had made plans to move to Texas in 1860, when he was sixty years of age, an age at which most people would hesitate to make a move of this kind. On December 15, 1859, he entered into a written agreement with Isaiah Daniel Coleman, his first cousin, to whom he had sold the farm, that he would vacate the premises by October 1, 1860. He sold his large walnut dining table having a seating capacity of twelve persons, and other furniture, but moved some of his furniture and equipment, horses, slaves, etc., to Lavaca County.

On July 13, 1860, William R. Coleman paid cash \$4,446.00 for 446 acres of land located six miles northwest of Hallettsville, and on the east bank of the Lavaca River. He purchased this land from A. W. Searcy and wife, Mary Louisa Searcy.

On September 18, 1869, he purchased 377 additional acres, adjoining first tract, from Thomas J. Ponton. He paid \$100.00 cash, signed notes to pay \$850.00 in gold on December 25, 1869 (Christmas Day), and \$619.00 due twelve months from date of deed, a total of \$1,569.00. The total acreage was 823 acres.

A letter written by Eliza Jane Macon Coleman (who was an unmarried daughter and a school teacher) is addressed to Thomas B. Coleman, her brother, at Hallettsville, Lavaca County. The letter bears the date of January 19, 1861, written and mailed at Lexington, Mississippi. In the letter she expressed hope that he had recovered from his "little fit of homesickness."

Homesickness for Mississippi became a serious matter, and a family conference was held to decide what should be done.

Texas was a very young State, having been admitted to the United States in 1845, following a short period of existence as the Republic of Texas. Life in the new State required the endurance of hardships. The State lacked schools and cultural advantages. Life in Texas was so different from the life the children had become accustomed to on the plantation where most of the work was done by slaves, and where life was comfortable and easy in the midst of relatives and friends.

Lavaca County is located in the south part of Central Texas, in the Texas Coastal Plain Area. The Lavaca River, from which the County

derived its name, flows across the central part of the County in a southeasterly direction. The Navidad River flows across the eastern part of the County. Both rivers empty into Lavaca Bay, an arm of Matagorda Bay.

Gonzales, the main town in DeWitt's Colony, is located about twenty-eight miles to the west of the Hallett settlement, and San Antonio de Bexar is about ninety-five miles to the west. Goliad, or Presidio la Bahia is situated about sixty-two miles to the southwest.

All of the four sons of William R. Coleman volunteered for service in the Confederate Army. Thomas Blewett Coleman was among the first recruits to drill on the streets of Hallettsville.

1. William Head Coleman served in the famous Walker's Texas Division, C.S.A., was wounded and disabled early in the war. Later, he served two terms as Sheriff of Lavaca County.

2. Thomas Blewitt Coleman enlisted in Co. "A" 8th Texas Infantry and served four years, mainly in Louisiana and Arkansas under General Edmund Kirby-Smith.

3. Henry Jonathan Coleman was killed on the second day of the Battle of Elkhorn Tavern in the northwest corner of Arkansas. March 8, 1862, was the 100th anniversary of his death. The Yankees called the battle the "Battle of Pea Ridge." A comrade by the name of Newt Anderson was by the side of Henry Jonathan Coleman when he was shot down.

4. James Burr Head Coleman served in Co. "D" 2nd Texas Cavalry Pyron's Regiment. After the war, he moved to Coleman, Texas, where he was President of the First National Bank in January 1896.

Also rendering service in the Confederate Army, was William Ford who married Sarah Susan Coleman, daughter of William Ragsdale Coleman. William Ford received a wound in the arm during the war and died later from the effects of the wound.

Thomas Blewett Coleman hastened home at the close of hostilities to help make a living for the family, which suffered privations and hardships, along with other Southern families, following the fall of the Confederacy, during the years of the Reconstruction Period.

Rural churches in the State of Texas have been noted for having consecrated pastors and congregations great in the spirit of consecration, dedication and Christian fellowship, although often limited as to numbers. The rural church known as "North Grove Baptist Church" was a

church of this kind. Although the life of the church covered a short span of ten years, its activities comprised an important chapter in the life of William R. Coleman and his family.

He came to Texas with letters for himself and family, as well as for two slaves, from the Concord Baptist Church located in Winston County, Mississippi, of which he had been one of the founders in 1837.

Thomas Blewett Coleman served as Church Clerk of the North Grove Baptist Church for most of the time, and the minutes were kept in his handwriting. The Articles of Faith, Church Covenant and Rules of Decorum are in my mother's handwriting.

The minutes of the first meeting reveal a list of the fourteen charter members. On Page 3 appears the following entry:

"On Saturday, the 29th of May, 1875, the following Brethren and Sisters presented themselves with letters of Recommendation for the purpose of being organized into a regular Missionary Baptist Church:

J. P. and Margaret Garrison

W. R. Coleman

S. N. Coleman

M. M. Andrews

E. J. Coleman

S. S. Ford

T. B. Coleman

W. W. and Lavina Page

T. M. Tyler

S. L. Tyler

T. F. and T. L. Tyler

"On motion, Elder B. F. Carr was called to the chair as Moderator and A. S. Bunting, Clerk. After prayer by Elder P. Harris, the Church Constitution and the Articles of Faith were read, and adopted. The right hand of Christian and Church fellowship was then exchanged, after which, the Church was declaimed (proclaimed) duly organized.

"The Church then proceeded to elect three Deacons, Brethren William R. Coleman, John F. Garrison and W. W. Page.

B. F. Carr, Moderator,

A. S. Bunting, Clerk."

William Ragsdale Coleman, his wife, Sarah Newport (Head) Coleman

his three daughters, Miss Eliza Jane Macon Coleman, Mrs. Sarah Susan (Coleman) Ford, Mrs. Marcia Maranda (Coleman) Andrews, with his son, Thomas Blewett Coleman, all presented themselves for membership on letters from the Hallettsville Baptist Church, to become charter members.

Martha Jane (Simpson) Coleman, wife of Thomas Blewett Coleman was accepted as a member, at the time of the second meeting of the Church, and on a letter from the Hallettsville Baptist Church.

On later dates, the following relatives were received:

Miss Florence N. Andrews, granddaughter of W. R. Coleman.

Miss Anna B. Ford, granddaughter of W. R. Coleman.

Miss Lula Ford, granddaughter of W. R. Coleman.

Miss Anna Sue McLelland, relative of the wife of W. R. Coleman.

Mrs. Mary Anner Harrison (Coleman) Simpson, who was a daughter of W. R. Coleman and wife of W. B. Simpson.

William B. Simpson, son-in-law of W. R. Coleman and brother of Martha Jane (Simpson) Coleman.

The minutes do not give a definite location for the first lot and house of worship, but on the 27th day of October, 1879, William R. Coleman signed a deed donating three acres of land, a part of the William Ponton League, and situated about five miles northwest from Hallettsville, for the establishment of a Baptist Church, with space for a cemetery, and providing that the Church building, when constructed, was to be available for use as a school.

Use was made of the Church building as a school. The two oldest children of Thomas Blewett Coleman, who were David William Coleman and Ernest Head Coleman, attended school there, the school term lasting for three months during the year.

In February, 1877, W. R. Coleman asked to be relieved of the duty as Deacon, and T. B. Coleman was elected Church Clerk.

In July, 1877, Brother H. V. Cole was licensed to preach, and Thomas Blewett was ordained as a Deacon.

The name of T. B. Coleman appears on many Committees appointed by the Church, and on the lists of delegates to the meetings of the Association, as well as to State Conventions.

In the record for 1878, little "Davie" W. Coleman (David William Coleman), oldest child of Thomas Blewett Coleman, and at the age Seven years, is listed as having made a contribution to Missions. "Davie"



has set a record for longevity for the Coleman family in Texas, having passed his 90th birthday before he departed this life on December 24, 1961.

On September 5, 1885, a resolution was adopted and the church organization was dissolved at North Grove Baptist Church.

William Ragsdale Coleman, the chief sponsor for the Church, had parted this life on October 29, 1881, and his widow with several members of his family had moved to Coleman, Texas.

For the Spring Term of Court 1863 William R. Coleman was summoned to serve as a Grand Juror.

He was summoned again to serve on the Grand Jury March 13, 1865, and when he did not answer the summons, a One Hundred Dollar fine was levied against him for defaulting. Apparently, he had a valid excuse, for on March 16, 1865, at his request, the fine was set aside. (Vol. "C," 43).

Page 263, Vol. "D," Minutes of District Court at Hallettsville, dated December 2, 1868. Presiding Judge, Wesley Ogden; Sam C. Lackey, District Attorney; W. H. Coleman, Sheriff; T. A. Hester, Clerk. William R. Coleman summoned as a Petit Juror -- defaulted -- was fined Thirty Dollars. Minutes for November 7, 1868, show "It is ordered by the Court that the fine of Thirty Dollars entered at this term of the Court against William R. Coleman be set aside."

The name T. B. Coleman appears several times as having served on the Grand Jury and on the Petit Jury.

#### DOCUMENTARY NOTES ON WILLIAM R. COLEMAN

On December 30, 1835, William R. Coleman was in Winston County, Mississippi, and witnessed a deed from Abram Miller to Samuel T. Potts.

On July 1, 1837, he was one of the five founders of Concord Baptist Church, then in Winston, but now in Choctaw County.

1843. Inscription on the Tombstone in Old Concord Church Cemetery "Sacred to the Memory of Anna Rebecca, daughter of William R. and Sarah N. Coleman. She departed this life November 4, 1843, aged 1 year, 11 months, and 8 days." (Nov. 26, 1841 -- Nov. 4, 1843).

Winston County Personal Tax Assessment Roll, 1847.

"Wm. R. Coleman  
1 pleasure carriage, \$150  
1 clock, \$5  
30 head of cattle  
1 piano, \$ 1,000  
20 slaves under 60 years of age

AUGUST 27, 1850  
Family No. 17. Winston County, Mississippi.  
U. S. Census of 1850.

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William R. Coleman, 49, b. S. Car.  
Sarah, 41, S. C.  
William, 19, S. C.  
Thomas, 11, S. C. (this age for Thomas appears to be error)  
Eliza, 15, b. Miss.  
Regina, 12  
Louisa, 10  
Henry, 9  
Mary, 7  
James, 5  
Marcia, 2

Also residing with the family were James Williams teacher age 21, born in Alabama, Catherine Williams, 17, b. Ala., Jane Hudson, 40, born Virginia."

4th Sunday in August, 1853. Protracted Meeting, Concord Baptist Church.  
"Received for baptism, and baptized on the 1st Sunday in September, Eliza J. Coleman, Francis Coleman (son of Griffin Coleman), Thos. B. Coleman. P. 121 of the Minute Book.

U. S. Census of 1860. Winston County. Enumeration of June 1860.  
WM. R. COLEMAN, born in South Carolina, value of personal estate, \$34,000, value of real estate, \$10,800.  
S. N. Coleman.  
Wm. H. Coleman, personal property valued at \$3,300.

Thomas B., 24, personal property, \$2,300.  
E. J., female, age 23, school teacher.  
L. H., 20, music teacher.

There are other names after L. H. too dim to read.

Louisville, Miss.  
May 2, 1860

Rec'd of Edward Foster Twelve Hundred and Fifty Six dollars for a steam mill I have this day sold him for sixteen hundred dollars leaving bal due me of Three Hundred and for forty four dollars. And should I fail to furnish said mill I am to pay him 10% interest on the amt. paid me until I refund it. The said mill to be 18 Horse Power.

W. R. Coleman

(Evidently, William Ragsdale was here selling his steam mill in contemplation of his forthcoming move to Texas).

Saturday before the second Sunday in September, 18 60. Page 167 of the Concord Church Minutes.

"Granted letters of dismission to Bro. W. R. Coleman, T. B. Coleman, and Sisters S. N. Coleman, E. J. Coleman, Susan Ford, Louisa Coleman, and servants Sam & Abram."

May 15, 1882, Lavaca County, Texas, Last Will and Testament of William R. Coleman proved. Will dated April 3, 1879. Mrs. S. N. Coleman Executrix. Owned 575 acres of land, about six miles North of Hallettsville, valued at \$6,900, January 12, 1885, Will proven for Mrs. Sarah N. Coleman, dated the \_\_\_\_, day of October, 1882. Named daughter Mary A. Simpson wife of W. B. Simpson; daughter, Marcia M. Andrews; son, James B. Coleman; granddaughter, Florence Andrews; son, W. H. Coleman; daughter Regina B. Lemman, wife of Dr. D. S. Lemman; Louisa H. Wilkins, wife of Dr. B. B. Wilkins. Thos. B. Coleman, Executor.

The Estate settlement shows that the land was sold and bequests were paid.

Original Invitation in the possession of J. P. Coleman by the courtesy of Mrs. Robert Stainback, 631 North President, Jackson, Mississippi:

"Mr. Andrew Hemphill

The pleasure of your company is respectfully solicited at W. R

Coleman's to attend a Quilting Party on Friday the 23rd of Dec. 1853.  
W. H. Coleman

#### WILLIAM R. COLEMAN FAMILY RECORD

Copied from William R. Coleman Family Bible by Frank R. Coleman on July 13, 1954, through the courtesy of Mrs. Mary Coleman Johnson and through the kindness of Mrs. Hampton Cottar, 135 Roberts Cut Off Road, Fort Worth, Texas.

The Bible is large, old-fashioned, with heavy covers, large print and made by the New York Bible Society.

One of the pages near the front cover has the following words in old English lettering:

#### WILLIAM R. COLEMAN'S BOOK

The handwriting for the first part of the family record is old style showing the use of a pen with a very fine point. The handwriting appears to be feminine; it does not have bold masculine strokes. The letters are small but formed with accuracy, beauty, skill and uniformity that made it a wonderful document to read. Then in later years, others added entries with marked contrasts in the handwriting.

WILLIAM RAGSDALE COLEMAN, Son of Wiley Snr. and Sarah

Coleman, Born in South Carolina on the Fourth day of October AD 1800.

SARAH N. COLEMAN, daughter of William Snr. and Susan Head, Born in South Carolina on the Twenty-first day of June AD 1809.

#### BIRTHS

WILLIAM HEAD COLEMAN, Son of William R. and Sarah N. Coleman,

Born in South Carolina on the Thirteenth day December AD 1830.

SARAH SUSAN COLEMAN, daughter of William R. and Sarah N.

Coleman, Born in South Carolina on the Third day of April 1832.

THOMAS BLEWIT COLEMAN, Son of William R. and Sarah N. Coleman,

Born in South Carolina on the Twelfth day of October AD 1833.

ELIZA JANE MACON COLEMAN, Daughter of William R. and

SARAH N. COLEMAN, Born in Mississippi on the Thirtieth day of January AD 1835.

REGINA BLEWITT COLEMAN, Daughter of William R. and Sarah N. Coleman, Born in Mississippi on the Seventeenth day of December AD 1836.

LOUISA HARRIETT COLEMAN, Daughter of William R. and Sarah N. Coleman, Born in Mississippi on the Tenth day of September AD 1838.

HENRY JONATHAN COLEMAN, Son of William R. and Sarah N. Coleman, Born in Mississippi on the Twenty-fifth day of March AD 1840.

ANNA REBECCA COLEMAN, Daughter of William R. and Sarah N. Coleman, Born in Mississippi on the Twenty-sixth day of November AD 1841.

MARY ANNER HARRISON COLEMAN, Daughter of William R. and Sarah N. Coleman, Born in Mississippi on the Twenty-third day of June AD 1843.

JAMES BURR HEAD COLEMAN, Son of William R. and Sarah N. Coleman, Born in Mississippi, on the Thirteenth day of January AD 1845.  
(In different handwriting. )

MARCIA MIRANDA COLEMAN, Daughter of W. R. Coleman and S. N. Coleman, was born on the 3rd of May, 1848.

FLORENCE NEWPORT ANDREWS, Daughter of P. A. & M. M. Andrews, was born on the Sixth of March, 1868.

SUSAN FRANCES HEAD, Daughter of William W. and Mary A. Head, Born in Mississippi on the Thirteenth day of November AD 1837.

A. MELVINA WILLIAMS, Daughter of John Jr. and Elizabeth Ann Williams, Born in South Carolina on the Twenty-second day of January AD 1829.

NANCY CATHERINE WILLIAMS, Daughter of John Jr. and Elizabeth Ann Williams, Born in Alabama on the Twelfth day of April AD 1833.

#### FAMILY RECORD

#### MARRIAGES

WILLIAM RAGSDALE COLEMAN and Sarah Newport Head , Married  
Twenty-sixth day of January AD 1830.

PEMBROKE ANDREWS and MARCIA MIRANDA COLEMAN, Married  
Eighteenth day of April AD 1867.

(In the following entries several persons contributed information as shown by several styles of handwriting ).

ROBERT C. THORNTON and HARRIETT C. HEAD, Married Eighteenth day of  
January AD 1842.

#### DEATHS

PEARL COLEMAN BISCO, Daughter of Wm. Head Coleman, Died August  
13, 1935. Son, Jack Coleman Bisco whose father was Michael Joseph  
Bisco.

MATTIE SIMPSON COLEMAN, Wife of Tom Coleman, died August 19,  
1935.

WILLIAM HEAD, Snr., Departed this life on the 1st day of July, 1837.

SUSAN GIBSON HEAD, Departed this life on the 2nd November 1844.

BURR HARRISON HEAD, Son of William, Senr. and Susan G. Head,  
Departed this life on the 25th day of January 1845.

WILLIAM WOODWARD HEAD, Son of William Senr. and Susan G. Head,  
Departed this life on 13th March 1847.

(The following notation in the handwriting of Thomas Blewit Coleman.)

ELIZA JANE MACON COLEMAN, Daughter of Wm. R. and Sarah N.  
Coleman, Departed this life on the Twentieth day June, 1880.

WILLIAM RAGSDALE COLEMAN, Departed this life on the Twenty-ninth  
day of October, 1881.

SARAH NEWPORT COLEMAN, Departed this life on the Twenty-first of  
November, 1884.

WILLIAM HEAD COLEMAN, Died December 15, 1890.

JAMES BURR HEAD COLEMAN, Died June 12, 1905.

LULA H. COOMBS, who was Louisa Harriett Coleman Coombs, died  
September 21, 1917.

#### JAMES BURR HEAD COLEMAN'S FAMILY RECORD MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE

THIS CERTIFIES that the Rite of Holy Matrimony was cele-  
brated between James Burr Head Coleman of Coleman, Texas,

and Mary Eliza Livingston, of Coleman, Texas, on May 1st, 1878 at Coleman, Texas.

by Rev. B. I. McLelland

witness

/ C. C. Fountain

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\ Kate S. Price

James Burr Head Coleman was son of William Ragsdale Coleman and Sarah Newport Head.

### BIRTHS

James Burr Head Coleman born in Mississippi, January 18th, 1845.  
Mary Eliza Coleman Born June 8th, 1860, in Gonzales, Texas.  
Marcia Gertrude Coleman Born March 21st 1879, in Coleman, Texas.  
Florence Estella Coleman Born October 30th 1881, in Coleman Texas.  
Casey Livingston Coleman, Born June 10th, 1883. Born in Coleman Texas.  
Charles Pelham Coleman, Born December 6th 1887. Born in Coleman Texas.  
Mary Finney Coleman, Born May 12th, 1890. Born in Coleman Texas.  
Thomas Clarence Coleman (twin), Born July 24th, 1893. Born in Coleman, Texas.  
Maggie Claire Coleman (twin), Born July 24th, 1893. Born in Coleman, Texas.  
James Sidney Coleman, Born January 11th, 1896. Born in Coleman, Texas.

### MARRIAGES

C. L. Coleman, of Mineral Wells, Texas and Nell Evans, of Wagoner, Indian Territory (no heirs) on December 27th, 1906, at Waggoner, Indian Territory.  
Maggie Claire Coleman, Mineral Wells, Texas, and Marion L. Long, Ft. Worth, Texas, on February 7, 1912.  
Mary Finney Coleman, Mineral Wells, Texas, and George F. Miller, on October 9, 1912.

Charles Pelham Coleman, Mineral Wells, Texas, and Addie Harris, Yukon,  
Oklahoma, July 3, 1919.

C. L. Coleman married Ora Dunn (Davis). (No heirs).

Charles Pelham Coleman married Melanie Johanna Meckel, March 7, 1931, San  
Antonio, Texas.

#### DEATHS

Marcia Gertrude Coleman, Died October 14th, 1880.

Florence Estella Coleman, Died May 28, 1883.

James Sidney Coleman, Died January 13th, 1896.

James Burr Head Coleman, Died June 12th, 1905.

Mrs. M. E. Price, Died June 19th, 1909, mother of Mary Eliza Livingston.

James Archibald Livingston, Died 1909.

Mary Finney Livingston, Died 1910.

Maggie Claire (Margaret) Coleman, Died March 7, 1942.

Mary Eliza (Livingston) Coleman, Wife of James B. Head Coleman, Died  
February 2, 1943.

Addie Harris Coleman, Died December 6th, 1939.

Casey Livingston Coleman, Died March 4, 1931.

Mary Finney Coleman (Miller) married Joseph (Alex) Johnson, January 24, 1930.

(Copied by Frank R. Coleman, on July 13, 1954. Bible in the possession of Mrs.  
Hampton Cottar, 135 Roberts Cut Off Road, Ft. Worth Texas.)

Dear Mrs. Arnold:

I deferred writing from day to day waiting for Thomas and his family to be es-  
tablished in their home. I promised you I would take up my pen, to give you a de-  
scription of their establishment and their prosperity.

In the first place I have the pleasure to rite that we all enjoyed uninter-  
rupted health, altho we had a tiresome time in coming as we must expect,  
traveling fifteen hundred miles and more but travelers can form an idea of the  
difficulties we had to encounter passing over mountains, rivers and bridges and  
I must say the most beautiful scenery I ever beheld. After we left Virginia we  
had a rough country to pass through East Tennessee, and very little better in  
Middle Tennessee. Indeed the whole state, at feast on the Public road, were a set  
of uncouth and disobliging people, in Knoxville they looked a little more civi-  
lized. The traveling through Alabama was very little better. They called their





Mrs. Ethel Hawley, great granddaughter of William Ragasdale Coleman, and her husband, W. E. Hawley, at the McDowell Farm, Choctaw County, Mississippi, June 7, 1949.

Taverns, Stands and their accomodations intolerable. Passing through the country that the Choctaw Indians sold to the government, where I most dreaded, we had the best accommodations.

Our bills were very high and our fare intolerable and I would advise all

that immigrate here to come in their cars or by Steamboats, unless the company is sufficiently large to buy their own provision and have a tent. We had to pay from sixteen to twenty dollars every morning and we were traveling seven weeks. Never laid by but one day, Betsy wanted some cloths washed for her children. We had to travel every Sabboath day very rainy day our bills were so enormously high. Without partiality permit me to inform you, we had not gone six miles in the State of Mississippi before we discovered a visible change for the better. The houses are neatly built, have a light, neat and airy appearance. We had good accommodation.

The first night we got to Columbus, 16 miles from the line dividing Mississippi from Alabama. There we were more comfortably fixed than we had been since we left Virginia and our bills were lower. We passed through some beautiful and flurshing villages and some of the most splendid plantations that you could conceive. Figure to yourself a field so extensive and the corn so high that it looked like a map of sapplings or stake drove so thick in the ground, with four or five ears of corn on them. The whole field covered with pumpkins, the largest I have ever seen. Cotton fields as far as your eyes can view, resembling a great river frozen over and covered with drifted snow. The potatoes, not patches but fields of them, and yams that they have here in abundance. You :know I promised you Mrs. Arnold, I would describe every thing exactly as it is, and I do assure you I have never in my life seen such cows and you may buy one at any time with a young calf for \$12.00. One was offered Thomas yesterday morning for that price. I've never eaten better bacon and I never saw larger hogs. There is not a day scarcely the huntsmen don't bring in deer, sometimes two. I thought I never tasted such excellent meat, but I am almost tired of seeing it. Some days they bring in wild turkeys by the horseload, shoot them not a half mile from the College. Partridges, rabbits, squirrels, in short, let me assure you that we can procure every article you have in the market at Washington and much cheaper.

We arrived on the 11th of November, in Jackson, the Capital Mississippi, a very flourishing city. The State house is a very handsome building very much like the Capital to Washington. On a smaller scale steamboats passing to and fro on Pearl River. Jackson is built on table land with the river running below it. I think it empties in the Mississippi River. The Trustees of the Centenary College have purchased this beautiful place called the Brandon Springs, in Rankin County, 18 miles from Jackson. The Medicinal spring is handsomely inclosed

with a dome, and on top a cupelo with a gilt ball and a large leaf, a walk from the spring to a pavilion elegantly enclosed with seats all around, and all kind of trees, enclosed with a latticed all painted white from thence the walk continues to a botanical garden. You pass through the garden to a centree building that is now called the Domitory. It has 42 rooms, two of them very large, then on both sides are 24 cottages painted white. Some with three and some with four rooms, little porch in front with lattice work. After passing the Dormitory there are five very large houses, the President's house have five rooms down stairs and four above. It is a large two story house with Galleries all around, handsome white pillars, a carriage house, stable, meat house, good kitchen, pantry, etc. In short, they have every comfort.

Betsy and their children are delighted. Every room in the house is handsomely papered. Thomas gets twent-five hundred dollars per year house, fire wood and expence of Doctor free. The Doctor has six rooms to his house, built in Cottage style, no upstairs and interior very handsome. The Multifiora and honeysuckles making the porch perfectly green. He has for his Salary two thousand dollars, house and firewood free from expence. I have a cottage with two P (defaced) rooms and board with Thomas. I insisted on this arrangement. They have so much company is not always agreeable to me besides if I had gone to live or have a room in Thomas' house it might wound James feelings. I did not like to cause him mortification. Betsy and the girls are very affectionate to me.

There are from 55 to 60 houses all very handsome, neatly painted. The College is in a very flourishing state. It is thought superior to any in the South. All the Servants that came from Washington are well and much pleased. Sprig says he would not go back if he could. Jenny declairs she would not, she is hired to Thomas. If you should see Ben inform him his children are well. Henry and Nora live with the Stward. In the College Maria is unrse to Betsy's boy. Van Buren and Geroginna lives with Son Thomas and drives his carriage. James has a man by the name of Emanuel driving his carriage and cultivates his garden.

I believe I have told you all the news. I should like to see you all very much but if I have my health next summer I would prefer staying here. We have excellent water. There are four wells and I think there are five or six cisterns. I am sure there are more than a dozen springs in the circumference of less than a Mile. I have seen very little frost, not one particle of snow, indeed I can scarcely realize that it is the 12th of January.

I wish you, dear Mrs. Arnold to give my love to Mrs. Simpson and all their family. Give my love to Miss Lucy, say to them I had my reason for not visiting them if they knew all they would not blame me, but I can assure them I feel much attached to them. Now you must read this letter to them and write me all the news. The Miss Thorntons send their love and bid me tell they never will forget your kindness. I thank you for your goodness in staying with me. I never put my wrapper on I don't think you. If we don't meet on earth, I hope we may meet in heaven where parting may be no more; farewell, God forever bless you is my prayer.

s/ Jane C. Thornton

January 12, 1842.

W. R. COLEMAN'S DIARY OF HIS TRIP TO TEXAS IN YEAR 1851

(October 9, 1851 to December 19, 1851 )

October 9, 1851, started to Texas. William Ragsdale Coleman, George Davis and Thomas B. Coleman (a son of William Ragsdale Coleman). From William Ragsdale Coleman's to Kosciusko, 30 miles Attala County, Mississippi. Then to Thomas Town, 16 miles, Leake County. The crops this far are sorry. Cotton something over one-half a crop. Health tolerably good. Land generally very poor and dry, except about 10 miles North of Thomas Town, which is good.

3rd Day. Then to Sharon, 24 miles. Land level, but rather poor and much worn. Thickly settled with a goodly number of Meeting Houses Badly watered.

Sunday, October 12, to Canton, Madison County, 7 miles. Land good and level. Crops very poor.

Then to Jackson, 26 miles, Hinds County. Land good and generally level. Crops very sorry. Cotton not a half a crop and corn sorry.

October 13th. 10 miles southwest of Jackson Land good and thickly settled and wealthy people. Then 6 miles, very poor and very broken.

Then to Gallatin (which no longer exists), Copiah County, 24 miles making from Jackson to Gallatin, 40 miles. Poor, broken long leaf pine country. Gallatin is a poor place, secluded in a long leaf pine country, the dark corner of Mississippi.

Then on the Natchez Road to Rodney, Jefferson County. A good appearance of health. Thursday, October 16th, arrived in Rodney, 54 miles from Gallatin. Rich land. Cotton good, Corn very poor.

Thursday, October 16th, 1851, at 12 o'clock arrived in Water Proof Louisiana, Tensas Parish. Fine land, cotton making one and one-half bales to the acre. Thickly settled and finely improved.

Friday, October 17th, to Tensas River, 14 miles. Land good, cotton one and one-half bales to the acre. Corn not more than one to five bushels to the acre. Certainly a sickly country, but finely improved a thickly settled with wealthy citizens. Land perfectly level.

Saturday October 18th. From Tensas River to Harrisonburg, Catahoula Parish, 20 miles. Land rich, sickly, and wet. Many overflows. Many deaths. Then to camp at night 17 miles through a very broken poor, pine country. Road very bad. Still Catahoula Parish.

Sunday, October 19, 1851. Thence through a very poor pine country then through a large portion of level postoak country. Exceedingly poor. A portion of which very rocky in places. Thickly settled, with the worst looking citizens that I ever saw. Many old settlements made many years ago either died out or quit. Mostly French or Creoles. The water exceedingly bad and scarce and very sickly. I have not seen a healthy citizen for the last 60 miles.

To Little River, where steamboats run in the winter, but now ford it. Then to Gabriel Barron's, 10 miles, Rapides Parish, then to camp night, 23 miles (this is near where Alexandria now is). Still very poor country, some prairie and some long leaf pine. Creeks and branches dry. Hogs very sorry. Still thinly settled, sickly, hardly a person remaining out of every six settlements. The people gone. Farms badly mistreated. The state of society wretchedly bad. I have seen but two Meeting Houses for the last hundred miles.

October 21, 1851. Then to Red River, 15 miles, the high land is tolerably good. A mixture of oak and pine. Cotton and corn sorry. Thinly settled and with poor people, many French and Mexicans. Red River is a fine stream but very low at this time, not boatable. It overflows its banks immensely. The bottoms are immensely rich all stiff red loam. Many places for miles it is sanded over with red sand five or six feet in depth, thrown out in overflows, not many wet marshes. Many ash, pecans, and cotton trees of enormous size.

Then to Natchitoches, 10 miles. This place is a large and beautiful town, situated on the former banks of the Red River, but the river has

made a new channel 10 miles distance. Steamboats still run the old channel in times of extreme high waters. There are many French and Mexicans here.

October 22nd. To Fort Jesop, Sabine Parish, 25 miles.

October 23rd. Then to the town of Many, 7 miles, then to Sabine Town, 18 miles. Steamboats run here. People appeared healthy.

October 24th. From Sabine Town, Sabine County, Texas, to Milam the county seat, 9 miles. Then to Thompson Allen's.

(15 days after they left home, the travelers have reached Texas.) following is the mileage schedule entered in the back of this diary:

To Kosciusko 30, to Thomas Town 16; to Sharon 24; to Canton 7; to Jackson 26; to Gallatin 40; to Rodney 54; to Water Proof 12; to Tensas River 14; to Harrisonburg 20; to Little River 41; to Gabriel Barron's 10; To Red River 38; To Natchitoches 10; To Fort Jesop 25; to Many 7; To Sabine River 18; Total distance to Texas 392 miles. Average mileage per day on horseback 26.

October 25, 1851. To San Augustine, a considerable Town. The county site of Augustine County, 18 miles. The land from the Sabine River is very rich. High class country. Fine running creeks. Some good springs. Up to camp tonight 9 miles. This is a very healthy and old settlement, and very thickly settled. It appears that there may have been settlements made one hundred years ago. The land is very red and exceedingly rich. The people appear very healthy. This part of the country is very thinly timbered. Generally large hickory and blackjack and a mixture of walnut, ash, mulberry, buckeye, blackhaw, and many other rich growths that we do not know. Not a particle range but the best upland country of the same distance that I have ever seen. There is great deal of rock in some places. Some limestone rock. Up to Melrose Town, 16 miles, Nacogdoches County.

October 26, 1851. Now to Nacogdoches Town, 10 miles, a considerable Town, a great distance from trade. They haul from a distance of eighty to one hundred miles. Some parts of the country about Nacogdoches is exceedingly sandy.

October 27, 1851. Monday. From Nacogdoches today's travel up to feed time 13 miles. Very sandy country tolerably level well watered, healthy, and thinly settled. The range improving but not good, then Dunlap, a little town, 2 miles, situated on the San Antonio Road in Nacogdoches County, a sorry place. Then to Ashmore's in Cherokee County, 12 miles, a level and beautiful country. Land good and well

watered, situated on or near the Angelina River, Texas, just cleaned out for steamboats, great place for fish.

October 28, 1851. Then to John Conner's, 1 mile. Fine land. Healthy country. Stayed at Conner's two days.

Thursday, 30 October. From J. Conner's southwest to Austin James, by Mrs. Leach's, 8 miles, where we took dinner in a valley between two Mountains. Rich land, with walnut, pecan, ash, mulberry. Red land. Then to the San Antonio Road at Tany's Fort, 8 miles, finely watered and some extra good plains.

October 31st. Then to the Neches River, 6 miles, land good and level and fine. This river is small, not navigable. Wide swamp and great overflow. Then to Crocket, 27 miles. Exceedingly poor, generally badly watered, thinly settled, Houston County. From the Neches River the country is very level and sandy with some prairie or barrens. Very thinly timbered except on the creek. Crops very poor, but little cotton planted.

Saturday November 1, 1851. From Crocket to Camp Ground, on the Cincinnati Road, 10 miles. The driest of any place since we left home. Then to camp at night 12 miles. A great many salamanders.

Sunday, November 2nd. From camp to the Trinity River at Cincinnati, Walker County, 11 miles. Sickly. Then to Stubblefield's down Trinity River, 8 miles.

Monday, November 3, 1851. Stayed all day with Stubblefield. Tuesday went to look at Mr. Haskell's land. Rode 10 miles to get to it through a very poor country, badly timbered and badly watered, then back 10 miles. Stayed two days more on the 5th and 6th. Davis is sick.

Friday, November 7th. Started from Stubblefield's then to Huntsville, county seat of Walker County, 10 miles. Then to Anderson Town, 35 miles. Large prairie country with some cedar grove, near Anderson. Not a drop of running water. Anderson Town is a new town just built up a considerable town with two meeting houses and the Baptist were sitting in conference when I passed through. The creeks and branches generally rock bottomed. This evening the land is exceedingly rocky. The timbered portion is good.

Then to Brazos River at Washington Town. Rich land. The Brazos is a small stream. Washington is situated on the western bank of the Brazos, on a high bluff.

Then west to Independence, in Washington County, 12 miles, through beautiful high prairie country. A very healthy looking country. Land

selling from \$1.00 to \$10.00 per acre. Fine cedar groves and plenty of pin oak and evergreens. Independence is a small town situated on the prairie. Generally the richest country and the prettiest prairie country I have ever seen. Thickly settled with rich farmers. Health good and good well water and some springs. People well fixed. Plenty of cattle stock, horses, sheep and hogs to be seen for miles. Some droves of sheep appear to be one thousand head. Some mesquite. Still Washington County.

November 10, 1851. Then to Roundtop, small country town in Washington County, through rich prairie. More beautiful country than ever. 30 miles from Independence to Roundtop.

November 11th. Then to Bastrop, on the Colorado River, in Bastrop County, 40 miles. Through a portion of Lafayette County. Bastrop is situated on the West side of the Colorado River in a rich valley. Beautiful buildings, many stores, and a beautiful stream. People look healthy.

Thursday, November 13, 1851. From the eastern banks of the Colorado River through the Colorado valley. Some black prairie soil but generally a black sandy soil. Exceedingly rich and as level as a floor. Cannot be surpassed for fertility and beauty. Fine crops of corn. We then crossed over the Colorado. The stream is a beautiful one without any swamp. It has a gravelly and rocky bottom.

Thence Northwest up the Colorado Valley to Austin. The land in the valley on the river selling from \$5.00 to \$8.00 an acre unimproved, but improved at \$10.00 to \$30.00 per acre. 10 or 15 miles off of the river good land can be had for \$1.00 and \$2.00 per acre.

Austin, the capitol of the State, situated on the banks the Colorado River, in Travis County, a large and beautiful place. A very health place. Three female academies, with fine churches.

November 14th. From Austin north to camp at night, 9 miles, through a rich country, all prairie. Not a sprig of any kind of timber.

November 15th. Then north to Georgetown in Williamson County, 16 miles. It is 7 miles to Walnut. A prairie country, some sandy, but generally black and some chocolate color. Much limerock. Thence all the way to Georgeville. Very rocky of lime and thousands of flintrocks. Land exceedingly rich. Georgeville is a small place, only three years old and is somewhat a promising place situated in a large prairie. Timber generally scarce here. Rails hauled three miles. A beautiful high elevated country very rocky. Bell County and Nolinville is immediately North of Georgetown and a large number of the Rangers are stationed forty miles north of Georgetown.



Thence from Georgeville, Texas, east to camp at night through prairie country, very rich and land very high. Crossed Saint San Gabriel River, which is a very beautiful river 75 yards wide and a perfect rock bottom.

November 16th. From camp to camp again 22 miles. Crossed many nice running creeks with some timber. Abounds with deer, wolves, and splendid range. Crossed Little River this evening and camp. Little River is one of the branches of the Brazos running northeast. It is large enough for small steamboats. Thinly settled, passed only three or four houses today. We are on a small trailway running from Georgetown northwest to the fall of the Brazos River.

November 17, 1851. From camp in Williamson County 28 miles, entirely a prairie country generally level. Some portions of this land good but generally poor. Passed no settlers today. On Elm Creek considerable swamp, low and wet, for 6 miles. Very brushy. Still a trail. Sorry portion of Texas. Deer and bear and wolves aplenty. This is a disagreeable, inconvenient, and sickly portion of country.

November 18, 1851. From camp to the falls of the Brazos River in Falls County, 3 miles through timbered and sandy land. The Brazos is about 100 yards of channel and seems good for navigation to the falls. There is considerable falls and boats cannot go above them. Then East 18 miles to camp at night. The Brazos bottom is about 6 miles wide, of red stiff land, with a very uneven surface. Overflows some. The growth generally large hackberry cottonwood. Then through a prairie country. Bad water and thinly timbered up to camp on the Blue Ridge which amounts today to 21 miles. The Blue Ridge is a beautiful rich sandy ridge 7 or 8 miles across.

November 19th. Today's travel from camp on the Blue Ridge to Springfield in Limestone County, 20 miles, through a beautiful black sandy prairie country. Level and rich, with many creeks, all bushy and some timber on them. Springfield is a new place. West of the Town 100 yards spring sufficient to turn a saw mill. There is much cedar about this place. Then to camp at night 6 miles.

November 20, 1851. From camp in Limestone County north of east on the road that leads from the falls of the Brazos to Fairfield, the County seat of Freestone County, 20 miles. This is a beautiful sandy prairie country up to Fairfield. Fairfield has had its rise since the first of July, 1851, and is quite promising with three good stores. From there to camp, 9 miles. The country from the Blue Ridge to this place is very desirable.

November 21, 1851. From camp to Parker's Bluff on Trinity River, 5 miles above Magnolia. This is a very sandy country, rather broken, well

watered, but rather poor and very thinly timbered. The Trinity is small here but steamboats come up here. The Trinity overflows its banks for 5 or 6 miles and has a very sickly appearance.

From Trinity to Palestine, Texas, 10 miles, the County seat of Anderson County. Two last miles up to Palestine, high, red land. Palestine is a considerable place with good churches, female academy, and Masonic lodge with 14 stars. Then north to Frank Coleman's 12 miles, beautiful sandy country, good water, rather broken in places, Land generally good. tolerable good timber in places, then 8 miles northeast to the Neches River, the Mosley neighborhood. There is a small town rearing up here. A very popular neighborhood and good female schools.

November 26th. Then back south to Palestine, 23 miles, then east to camp 12 miles, thickly settled. Land from \$3.00 to \$ 10.00 per acre here is but little cotton planted in this part of the country and but little from the Colorado River on the upper road to this place. Corn from 75 \$1.00 per bushel. From camp east of Palestine to Rusk, Cherokee County, 20 miles, then to Mud Creek, 3 miles. Then to New Salem, in the County of Rusk, a considerable town, situated in a red land country surrounded by hills and mountains.

November 28, 1851. From New Salem to camp at night 13 miles.

November 29, 1851. From camp to Henderson, 13 miles, situated in a beautiful sandy country. A considerable town. Said to be the healthiest town in Texas. Then to camp at night 11 miles.

November 30, 1851. From camp to the Grand Bluff on the Sabine River. This town is a very small place. 20 miles from camp, this portion of country is generally poor, lies level, and heavily timbered, with fine water. Generally thickly settled with bad looking people. Then from Sabine River to camp at night 10 miles, Panola County. Steamboats run this river two or three months in the year. Seldom any cotton planted.

December 1, 1851. From camp to Elysian Fields, 5 miles, thence to Vernon, or Licksillet, at the line of Texas and Louisiana, the line runs through the Town. Then to camp at night, Desoto Parish, Louisiana, 15 miles, through good land, lies well, only full of mounds, not a drop of running water. Large plantations and thickly settled. Rich planters from the appearance of buildings, etc..

December 2, 1851. From camp to Shreveport, 6 miles, thickly settled by wealthy planters, fine buildings. Shreveport is a very considerable town, large and fine buildings, situated on the west bank of Red River at the mouth of Caddo Lake. Then to Bayou Cross, 4 miles in the swamp.

Then to Bayou Red Chute. Then on the high land up to camp, 4 miles.

December 3, 1851. From camp 16 miles through a tolerable level, low, wet country, thickly settled, some good places, but not healthy.

Then to Minden, Louisiana, a beautiful and large town. Fine houses and pleasant place. Healthy situation. Then to camp at night, 5 miles.

December 4, 1851. From camp to camp, 26 miles, still in Claiborne Parish, hilly country. Thickly settled.

December 5, 1851. To camp in Jackson Parish, 25 miles, about thirty or thirty-five miles south of the Arkansas line. The state of society had been wretchedly bad for the last 50 miles.

December 6, 1851. From camp to Trenton on the Ouachita River, 20 miles, through a poor country. Trenton is a pretty little town situated on the west bank of the river. Then to Monroe on the east bank of the river. The Ouachita is a considerable stream and fine steamboat navigation. Monroe is a considerable town, the county seat of Ouachita Parish.

December 7, 1851. From camp in Ouachita Parish to camp through part of Bastrop Parish to camp in Morehouse Parish 19 miles. Today's travel has been all swamp, first Ouachita swamp then Mississippi swamp. This morning traveled up a lake about 6 miles, thickly settled. Large plantations. Exceedingly rich and level. Fine buildings. Wealthy citizens. Roads very bad.

December 8, 1851. From camp to camp across a bayou and across Death River, 17 miles, still Morehouse Parish. The road today has been exceedingly bad. Many deaths lately with pneumonia.

December 9, 1851. From camp in Morehouse Parish to camp in Carroll Parish, 16 miles. Bad road, across lakes and flat lands generally. Overflows to a great extent. Very miry and a good deal of water on the ground. Some cane-breaks. Have seen only four settlers in the last thirty miles. Camped last night where we could not hear anything but owls and wolves and the bellowing of alligators.

December 10th, 1851. To Bayou Mason, 5 miles. Then to Tensas River at Featherstone, 7 miles, then to camp, 6 miles, making in all 18 miles today.

December 10th. This day's travel has been through wet overflows across lakes and bayous. It commenced raining last night. Today still raining. Have not seen any appearance of the sun. Tonight we are in the muddy swamp far distant from any house and we do not know whether we are on the right road or not. The swamp is so exceedingly

bad we are much disheartened. Many miles of swamp to go before we reach Vicksburg. No settlers.

December 11, 1851. From camp to Richmond, Madison Parish. A considerable town, situated on the banks of Roundway Bayou. One of the finest hotels I have ever seen. Then across the swinging bridge 75 yards long, then east 15 miles, thickly settled, fine farms, rich planters. Land making from one to three bales per acre. Ducks and geese by thousands.

December 12, 1851. From camp to Vicksburg, 15 miles. From Vicksburg, Warren County, Mississippi, 8 miles. Vicksburg is situated on the eastern bank of the Mississippi River. A very considerable town exceedingly broken, much washed land.

Saturday, December 13, 1851. From camp to Smith's Ferry on the Big Black River on the Canton Road, 18 miles. Plantations badly watered Big Black here has not any swamp. Steamboats run far above Smith's Ferry. Then to Brownsville, 10 miles.

December 14, 1851. From camp to Livingston, 14 miles. Rail timber is very scarce. Livingston is a little dry town. One good meeting house. Madison County. From dinner to camp, 11 miles. Still Madison County, thickly settled, with rich planters. The land much worn out. We are tonight within two miles of Canton.

December 15, 1851. To Canton, then to Sharon, then to camp.

December 16th. Then to Thomastown, then to Kosciusko.

December 19, 1851. Then to W. R. Coleman's, 30 miles.

We note from the diary that some of the expenses incurred on this trip were as follows: Toll Gate, 50 cents; Heat, 15 cents; Ferry, 40 cents; Whiskey, \$1.00; 3 pounds of sugar, 30 cents; one tin cup, 9 cents; Fodder, 75 cents.

This journey took W. R. Coleman through 11 counties in Mississippi, 15 parishes in Louisiana, and 20 counties in Texas.

Total mileage covered on this trip, 1506.

In the same little book which contained the Diary of the Trip to Texas are found additional notations as follows:

The following entries were found in the W. R. Coleman diary of the trip to Texas:

February 3, 1842, left with James \_\_\_\_\_ to pay Mr. Horne in Gainesville, \$90.00. Paid. Signed. George Gentry, Cherokee County Georgia.

May 19, 1843, rec'd of Isaac Coleman \$15 S. C. money.

May 30, 1843, paid to Isaac Coleman in consideration of the \_\_\_\_\_ \$15.00 as follows: 1 load of corn supposed to be 28 or 30 bushels, 5 bushels of meal, 5 bushels of peas, corn and meal at 37½, peas at 75.

June 25, 1843. Left with Mr. James Y. \_\_\_\_\_ \$20.00 to be changed and \$8.00 to be sent to Robert Coleman.

W. R. Coleman received of W. H. Head \$250.00 to be paid in Marion, Alabama.

Entry shows that on July 24, 1851, W. R. Coleman made a trip Marion, Alabama. He recites the distance to Louisville 15 miles, then 30 miles to Ward's in Noxubee County, then shows 43 miles to undecipherable point. He paid 25¢ for a watermelon, 45¢ for three glasses of cream, and \$2.75 for staying overnight. He paid \$1.50 for crossing Warrior River, 50¢ for crossing the Tombigbee, and paid \$1.00 for a handkerchief. He was to have visited Eutaw, Greensboro, and Clinton.

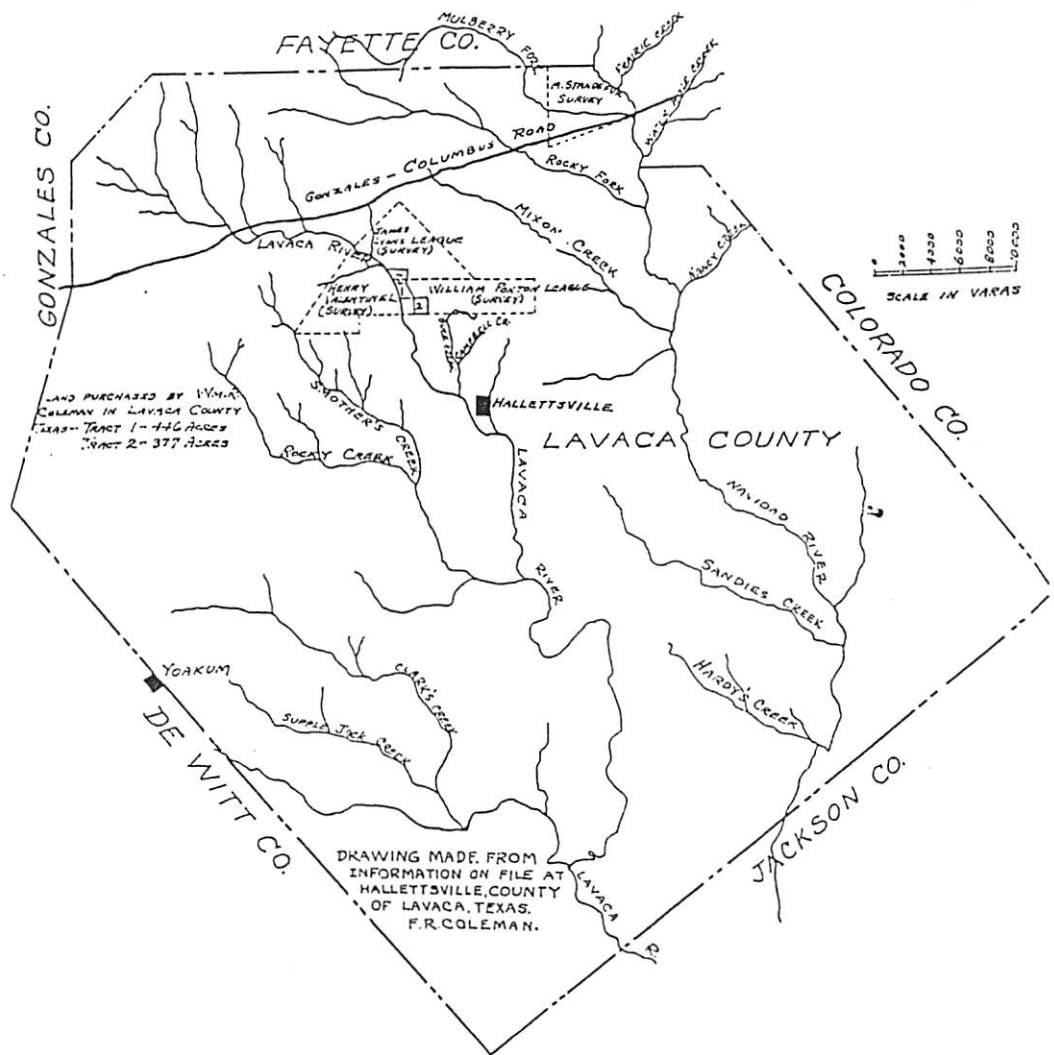
He shows the addresses of James M. Coleman, Macon County, Alabama. Alfred Coleman and Matthew Coleman and Stephen Coleman, Marshall, Texas, Harrison County. Notes he started home from Marion, Alabama, on Thursday, July 31, 1851.



WILLIAM RAGSDALE COLEMAN'S DIARY

ON OCT. 9, 1851, MY GRANDFATHER, WILLIAM RAGSDALE COLEMAN, WITH MY FATHER THOMAS BLEWETT COLEMAN, AND GEORGE DAVIS A COUSIN, STARTED TO TEXAS FROM THE FARM IN MISSISSIPPI. HE KEPT A DIARY ON THE TRIP. THIS JOURNEY, MADE TO FIND GOOD FARM LAND IN TEXAS, BROUGHT THE TRAVELLERS INTO TEXAS ONLY 15 YEARS AFTER TEXAS BECAME A REPUBLIC. ON DEC. 19, 1851 HE REACHED HOME AFTER TRAVELING 1506 MILES. IT IS PROBABLE THAT THE TRIP WAS MADE ON HORSEBACK. IN 1860 GRAND FATHER MOVED HIS FAMILY TO TEXAS, AND SETTLED ON A FARM ABOUT 3 MILES NORTHWEST OF HALLETTSVILLE. AS YOU READ THE DIARY, THE PROGRESS OF THE TRAVELLERS CAN BE TRACED ON THE MAP.

PREPARED BY FRANK R. COLEMAN - AUGUST 25, 1956.



ROBERT COLEMAN OF MT. MORIAH, SON OF  
JOHN ROE COLEMAN

by J. P. Coleman

Born, 1795 (census report). Died between 1870 and 1873. First arrived Mississippi, 1835. Have not been able to locate his grave, but he must have been buried at Mt. Moriah, near his home, as so many of his descendants are buried there.

His wife was named Jincy.

Mr. Charles F. Prewitt stated that Robert Coleman had a prior wife, name unknown, by whom he had the following children, but we have been unable to verify:

WILLIAM COLEMAN (Deaf Bill). Born, 1821. Still alive at the 1880 Census. Buried at Mt. Moriah, no marker, but buried by the side his wife, Sarah Coleman, who was born July 20, 1825, died July 22, 1882.

ROBERT AND ISAIAH, who went to Texas. By the census, Robert born in 1828 in Alabama. Isaiah married Kate Gaston, widow of Lee Moss.

*Children of the Second Wife*

JONATHAN COLEMAN (Johnnie) b. April 27, 1832, d. January 19, 1879. Married his second cousin, Sarah Jane Coleman, the daughter of Giles C. Coleman, b. April 24, 1843, d. November 4, 1923. Both are buried at Mt. Moriah, 4 miles northwest of Weir, on the French Camp Road.

HENRY COLEMAN, b. March 9, 1836, d. October 21, 1906. Married Priscilla Weir, sister of James and John Weir, who was born September 6, 1839, d. January 14, 1917. Both buried at Weir. Last wills and testaments of record at Pages 24 and 61 of Will Book 1, Choctaw County.

THOMAS J. COLEMAN, died in the Mississippi Delta.

MARY ANN COLEMAN Blaylock.

MRS. T. J. BLACK, known as Polly.

HIRAM F. COLEMAN, married his second cousin, Elizabeth, daughter of Griffin Coleman of Old Concord.



*Second Generation*

HENRY COLEMAN, died without issue.

*Children of Jonathan Coleman and Sarah Jane Coleman*

- (a) WREN COLEMAN, born October 2, 1866, died March 30, 1934. Married (1). Donie Jameson, 1907. (2). Cora Ligon Milam, May 15, 1917. No children. Buried Magnolia Cemetery, Meridian, Mississippi.
- (b) CLARENCE COLEMAN, born January 17, 1870, died April 10, 1931. Buried at Weir.
- (c) JOHN G. (JACK) COLEMAN, born August 12, 1871, died May 23, 1929, buried at Weir. Never married.
- (d) MRS. LILLIE B. COLEMAN Wade, born October 1, 1877, died November 30, 1939.
- (e) FRANK COLVIN COLEMAN, born July 24, 1873, died October 4, 1899.

*Children of William C. (Deaf Bill) Coleman*

WILLIAM D. COLEMAN, 1863 - 1884.

SARAH, Mrs. Mack McKinley, 1842 - 1872.

Mrs. Lillie Coleman Wade was married to Lige Wade. Their children were: Joe Wade, presently of Weir, Mississippi; Sarah Dorothy married Louis Hermann, of New Orleans; and John Coleman Wade, deceased.

The following is taken from Page 49 of "A History of Ward County, Texas":

"Grandfalls (named after "the grand falls of the Pecos River by the first surveyors of land in Ward County), in 1898 proudly possessed a school to serve the forty-odd settlers living in the vicinity. Professor E. C. Wade, a quiet, dignified and well-educated young man, was its teacher. By 1903 the growing school needed an additional teacher, and it was sought to have Mrs. Wade join her husband at the school. She was cultured, refined and exceptionally well qualified in all respects; however, she had two small children of pre-school age whom she could not leave unattended at home. Finally, in November, 1903, the Wades considered themselves fortunate to have rented their two back rooms to a middle aged couple, the M. K. (Jake) Kimberlains. Mrs. Kimberlain

looked after the Wade children while Mrs. Wade taught, and Professor Wade got Jake a job as school janitor to supplement his income from his wife's operation of a home laundry. It seemed a happy arrangement all around."

"But Jake, crippled in his left arm, and perhaps in his mind also, opposed Professor Wade's persistent demands that the Kimberlain boy, Eddy, age 11, be required to attend school. Eddy did finally attend, but realizing his father's attitude, he did so only haphazardly, causing confusion at school and resulting in little learning for himself, Jake blaming professor Wade for the boy's display of backwardness. Arguments occurred between Jake and Professor Wade, and Jake made remarks about the Professor around the community which reflected against the Professor's good name. On February 29, 1904, during an argument in which Wade demanded apologies because of accusations made against him, Jake shot the unarmed Professor in the stomach with a pistol and killed him. Kimberlain was convicted and served 25 years in prison. (4)"

(Contributed by Mrs. Deolece Miller Parmlee).

Professor Wade's body was returned home and buried in Bear Creek Cemetery.

This Robert Coleman first appears in Mississippi on August 8, 1835. On this date (Book A, Page 262, of the Winston County Land Deeds) Andrew Walters conveyed to Robert Coleman "of Sumter County, Alabama," the Northeast Quarter of Section 6, Township 16, Range 10, then in Winston County, now in Choctaw, and located about two miles Northwest of the present Town of Weir. The language of the conveyance indicates that Robert Coleman had lived in Sumter County, Alabama, before coming to Mississippi, and Griffin Coleman of Old Concord was a subscribing witness to the conveyance. This further shows that while Williams Charles Coleman received his first conveyance from Andrew C. Walters on July 3, 1835, Robert must have accompanied him since both Williams Charles and Robert purchased of Andrew Walters. Griffin Coleman received his first deed August 27, 1836, from Alfred Gilkey, Book B, Page 54.

In the land deed records of Sumter County, Alabama, Book C, Page 221, we find that on February 7, 1837, Robert Coleman and wife, Jency, conveyed 111 acres of land, being the Northwest  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Fractional Section 4, Township 20, Range 2 West of Sumter County. The deed was

acknowledged in Winston County, Mississippi. The property is local three miles northeast of Sumterville, Sumter County, Alabama, and since there is no deed of record to Robert Coleman it is apparent that he entered this land from the government when first opened to settlement about 1820.

We also find that on February 27, 1839, Isaiah Coleman, son of Robert, gave a deed of trust on lands in Section 28, Township 20, Range 2 West (Book C, Page 111). This land was three miles south of the lands owned by Robert Coleman.

As late as April 18, 1848, Isaiah Coleman was conveying land Sumter County, (Book K, Page 385).

September 30, 1861, Book Q, Page 633, Winston County, "Robert Coleman of the Co. of Choctaw "sold to" Henry Coleman, son of the before named Robert Coleman, of the County of Winston," the West ½ Northwest ¼, Section 6, Township 16, Range 10.

Book Q, Page 635, September 30, 1861, "Know all persons by the presents that I, Henry Coleman, having a mind to volunteer in the Army of the Confederate States of America and knowing that life on occasions is uncertain but especially so when engaged in the war and exposed to the vicissitudes of a soldier's life" conveyed to his beloved wife the same land. She was his first wife, Emily, born Dec. 22, 1833, died July 4, 1861. Buried at Bear Creek.

Our next record of him appears in Land Deed Book U, Page 55, when, on June 22, 1867, Robert Coleman and wife, Jincy, conveyed the West 80 acres of the tract he acquired in 1835 to his son, T. J. Coleman.

As of this date, I have not located the grave of Robert Coleman, but we do know that he was dead by the year 1873, because on October 1873, the heirs of Robert Coleman conveyed to Jonathan Coleman the east 80 acres of this same Quarter Section. The heirs executing this instrument were William Coleman (known as "Deaf" Bill), Mary Ann Blaylock, T. J. Black and Henry Coleman. From this evidence and from an interview on August 26, 1951, with Mr. Charles Feemster Prewitt, who was born in 1872 and reared in the same community, William Coleman, Thomas J. Coleman, Jonathan Coleman, and Henry Coleman were all brothers, and sons of Robert Coleman. A sister, Polly, married Tom Black, which accounts for that signature on the deed. Thomas Coleman went to the Mississippi Delta, and we have no further information at this time. According to his tombstone in the Mt. Moriah cemetery, about four miles northwest of Weir (French Camp road) Jonathan Coleman was born April 27, 1832, and died January 19, 1879.

educated woman for her time and was a school teacher when she married Jonathan Coleman. She was widowed at the age of 36, saved all the extensive land that Jonathan Coleman owned, reared her family, and was so economical that she was still saving money at the time of her death. Mr. Prewitt tells many interesting anecdote about Jonathan Coleman. He knew him as "Johnny."

It seems that Johnny was well known as a practical joker. There was a young woman living in the community, who, unfortunately, was not attractive and was not sought after by the men. Johnny Coleman told her that a certain gentleman in the community was in love with her and desired to marry her, but was too timid to ask for her hand in marriage. Of course, the gentleman had entertained no such thoughts, and was much amazed by what followed. One day as the gentleman was riding through the woods, the lady stopped him and told him that Mr. John Coleman had told her of his desire to marry her and that she was ready to accept him. The man was highly shocked and told her that he had not entertained any such intentions. Of course "bad trouble" ensued with Johnny over the incident, but fortunately no one was hurt.

For a long time he was supervisor in Attala County, resided just over the line out of Choctaw, the boundary running through his front yard. He got into a feud with his brother, Henry, over denying a public road which Henry was interested, and they carried guns for each other for a long time, but violence never occurred. However, when Johnny lay on his death bed in 1879, Henry was apprised of the fact while passing there and declined to see his brother, which indicates the overly stern stuff out of which some of these old-time Colemans were made.

Carrying some of Johnny Colemans practical jokes further, he was a great friend of Dudley Prewitt (father of Charles Feemster Prewitt a brother of Andrew Jackson Prewitt, who married Sarah Coleman daughter of Isaiah Daniel). Dudley Prewitt would "bait" wild turkeys and would conceal himself in a blind to await their arrival. Johnny Coleman found the blind and saw the bait, concealed himself in the blind, killed an enormous gobbler, threw it over his shoulder and went by and invited Dudley Prewitt to a log-rolling the next day and promised him plenty of turkey if he would attend. Of course, when Dudley went to the blind he saw the feathers on the ground from the gobbler that Johnny had shot and he knew then what had happened.

Cluffie Ming was a tenant on the Jonathan Coleman plantation, then operated by his widow, Mrs. Sarah Jane Coleman. He asked her for an order for five dollars worth of medicine for his sick children. Mrs. Coleman told him that he did not need five dollars worth of medicine. She made out a list of salts and cathartic pills which came to seventy-five cents, and Cluffie said that by the time "she got through with him" he decided that he did not need any medicine at all.

One day, Cluffie was discussing the Colemans with Mr. Prewitt, and Mr. Prewitt was talking about what splendid people and fine neighbors they were when Cluffie said "I admit they are fine people, but they sure are hell on their croppers."

Johnny Coleman and Mrs. Sarah Jane Coleman had five children he oldest was Wren, Born October 2, 1866, died at Noxapater, Mississippi, March 30, 1934, and buried in Magnolia Cemetery a Meridian.

Mr. Richard A. Moss, of Ackerman, now 79 years of age, tells me that Jonathan Coleman was a very precise kind of a man, that he enjoyed a drink, and was not very talkative, except when drinking. When drinking, he liked to expound on "scientific subjects."

Mr. Prewitt appears to have been especially fond of Wren Coleman. He described him as being "true as steel." Mr. Forrest Woods, of Noxapater, Mississippi, worked for Mr. Coleman for many years in his mercantile establishment in Noxapater and says that he was one of the finest men he ever knew.

In early life Wren Coleman went to Texas and remained there for about two years, but came back to the old home farm. He had a college education, at which college I have not been able to ascertain. According to Mr. Prewitt he was a prodigious worker and would not stop at anything in the way of work. On one occasion Mr. Prewitt saw Wren Coleman "in a trot," and remarked to a negro present that Mr. Coleman appeared to be in a hurry. The negro replied "he is just pokin' now; if you try to follow him in the field, he will kill you."

Wren Coleman married, first, Miss Donie Jameson, of Kosciusko, June, 1907. She died soon after the marriage and he was married the second time to Cora Ligon Milam on June 15, 1917. She survives and at this time resides at 714 Sixth Avenue, Laurel, Mississippi. He had no children.

The remaining children of Jonathan Coleman were Clarence, who died in 1931, and John G. (Jack) who died in 1929. Mr. Prewitt's description of Jack Coleman was that "he would stand hitched" meaning that he

was steadfast and could be depended upon. He was farming in Arkansas Delta at the time of his death. Neither he nor Clarence were ever married. A fourth son of Jonathan Coleman was Frank Colvin Coleman buried in Mt. Moriah cemetery, born July 24, 1873, and died October 4, 1899. The name "Colvin" is a direct reference to South Carolina and the Coleman connection with the Colvin family. The only daughter of Jonathan Coleman, Lily, married a school teacher, Lige Wade. She was born October 1, 1877 and died November 30, 1939. Lige Wade was a school teacher of brilliance, but was killed in Texas in an altercation with a northern man who occupied the same house with him. He is buried in Bear Creek cemetery in Attala County.

"Deaf" Bill Coleman, brother of Jonathan and son of Robert live on the headwaters of McCurtains Creek. He had a son by the name of Will Coleman, who, according to Mr. (Charles F.) Prewitt, was "as proud as a peacock" and always went extremely well dressed. Mr. Richard A. Moss gives this same description of him. He studied to be a doctor and married Cherry George, daughter of Dr. George. He took her to the old home of his father (his mother was dead) but the new wife did not like place and left her husband. She was a very beautiful woman and when she left him, Will Coleman abandoned all pretense to personal pride, dressed in any manner, and took to strong drink. He began to contract to furnish cross ties for the new railroads then being built through Choctaw County (1884). He became ill of pneumonia and died while away from home working on one of these contracts. Dudley Prewitt sent his son, Philip, after the body. He hauled it home nailed up in a box and he was buried in Mt. Moriah Cemetery without the box ever being opened. Thus ended a career that opened with bright promise and wrecked because of a beautiful woman.

"Deaf" Bill's wife was named Sarah. She was born July 20, 1825, and died July 22, 1882. She is buried in Mt. Moriah Cemetery and her grave is marked. Her husband, buried beside her, has no marker.

After her death, "Deaf" Bill decided that he would marry again. He was a man who was well fixed, with plenty of horses, mules, cattle, sheep and everything that made for comfort in those days. He went to French Camp and borrowed \$800 from Frank Holloway, a prominent lawyer of that place. He bought himself a new buggy, a very efficient ear trumpet and set about finding a new wife. He was soon seized with a sudden illness of the "flux," of which he died, and all of his possessions went to Holloway in satisfaction of the indebtedness.

His other child, Sarah, married Michael McKinley, formerly of Co. A

23 Miss. Infantry, Confederate States Army. She died September 16, 1872, age 30 years, 4 months, and 16 days. She was the mother of E. Y. McKinley, a prominent citizen of the Panhandle section of Choctaw County.

#### DEATH OF HENRY COLEMAN

Mr. Henry Coleman, who lived some two miles from Weir, passed from the walks of men on Sunday night, October 21, aged about 70 years. One of the landmarks of Choctaw has passed away in the death of Henry Coleman. He was a member of a family well known not only in Choctaw but in this section of the State. Mr. Henry Coleman was a remarkable man in many respects. He was a man of strong convictions and had the courage of them. He stood for truth, right and justice. He was a man who had great contempt for a mean act. He lived above reproach at all times. The disease that sapped away his life was cancer and for quite awhile before his death he was well aware that death would soon approach him, but when the end came he was ready to go. His remains were buried at Mt. Moriah Church. "Peace to the ashes of them, noble, true men."  
-- Choctaw Plaindealer

#### MR. JACK G. COLEMAN DEAD

It is with sincere regret that the Plaindealer chronicles the death of that splendid citizen, Jack G. Coleman, which sad event occurred very suddenly at his home at Marked Tree, Arkansas, on Thursday of last week. He was 58 years of age and a native citizen of Choctaw County, where he was widely known and prominently connected. He had been engaged in farming in Arkansas several years and had large planting interests there. The remains arrived at Weir last Saturday and interment took place at the family cemetery. Services being conducted by Rev. Wallace of Noxapater, assisted by Rev. W. L. Duncan, Presiding Elder of the Columbus District. He is survived by one sister, Mrs. Lillie Wade and two brothers, Clarence and Wren, besides a large list of other relatives and friends.

Jack G. Coleman was a genial, clever, wholesouled fellow, a good citizen and a man who loved his friends. Truly, another of our good friends has gone to his reward. We deeply sympathize with the loved ones. -- Choctaw Plaindealer

Personal Roll, Choctaw County, 1863. Robert Coleman, 4 slaves under 60 years of age.

#### *Choctaw County Census of 1840.*

Robert Coleman (of Mt. Moriah) enumerated next to John Prewitt.

3 males under 5  
1 5-10  
1 10-15  
1 15-20  
1 40-50  
1 female 15-20  
1 30-40

*Choctaw County Census of 1850.*

Family No. 523.

Robert Coleman, 54, Farmer, b. S. C. (Deafe). Born about 1796.

Jincy, 47

Robert, 22, farmer, b. Alabama.

Louisa, 21

Jonathan, 19

Hiram, 16

Henry

Thomas, 10

Mary Ann, 9

*Choctaw County Census of 1860.*

Robert Coleman, age 60, farmer, born in S. C.

wife, Jency, age 60, born in S. C.

Eliza, age 35, spinster, born in Alabama.

Thomas, age 23, farmer, born in Mississippi.

William Coleman, age 39, farmer, born in S. C.

wife, Sarah, age 34, born in Alabama.

Sarah E., age 17, born in Mississippi.

Hiram Coleman, age 30, born in Alabama,

wife, Elizabeth, born in Alabama.

Mary J., age 5, born in Mississippi.

Robert W., age 3, born in Mississippi.

Sarah C., age 1, born in Mississippi.

*Choctaw County Census of 1870. Township 17, Range 9.*

R. B. Coleman, 75 b. S. C.

Wife, Jincy, 67, b. S. C.

Sallie, 10, b. Miss.



T. J. Coleman, 30 b. S. C.  
Delila C., 22, b. S. C.  
Mary A., 4, b. Mississippi  
Robert W., 2, b. Mississippi

W. M. Coleman, age 39, born in S. C.,  
wife, Sara, born in Alabama.  
Elizabeth 28, and William G., both born in Mississippi.

*Mt. Moriah Colemans, U. S. Census 1870*

Jonathan Coleman, B. 1831, Alabama  
Sarah, B. 1844, Alabama  
Wren, 3  
Clarence, 7/12  
Isaiah, 3

Henry Coleman, B. 1836, Alabama  
Priscilla, B. 1839, Mississippi  
Richard, 6

*Choctaw County Census of 1880.*

Henry Coleman, 44 ( 1836 ), born in Alabama. Father and Mother in S.C.  
Priscilla, wife, 43, born in Mississippi. Parents in S. C.

Beat 1. T. J. Coleman, white male, 23. Born in S. C. Mother born in  
Alabama.

E. J. Coleman, white female, 23, born in Mississippi. Parents in  
Tennessee.

William Coleman, white male, 59, born in S. C., and so were his parents.

S., white female, 54, born in Alabama.  
W. D. Coleman, son 17, born in Mississippi.

Henry Coleman, son of Robert of Mt. Moriah, was a soldier in the New Pros-  
pect Grays, organized at New Prospect, Mississippi, August 26 1861.

Among others, this group fought at Chickamauga, Franklin, Kennesaw Mountain, Murphresboro, Spring Hill, Shiloh, and Peachtree Creek.

Joseph W. Robinson, son of John W. and Catherine Coleman Robinson, grandson of Wiley Coleman, fought in this outfit, lost an arm Peachtree Creek, and later became a well beloved doctor of medicine at LaGrange and French Camp in Choctaw County, Mississippi.

This organization was in eighteen general battles.

Winston County furnished 1490 soldiers to the Confederate Army, and 465 of them were killed in battle.

#### ISAAC COLEMAN

*Choctaw County, Mississippi, Census of 1850*

Isaac Coleman, b. 1812, S. C., farmer.

Judith Coleman, b. 1815, S. C.

Penelope, b. 1834, S. C.

Cornelius, b. 1836, S. C.

Augustus, b. 1838, S. C.

Nancy, b. 1841, S. C.

Louella, b. 1846, Miss.

Adella, b. 1846, Miss. Twins.

John, 10 months, Miss.

Mrs. Etta Rosson states that Isaac Coleman was the son of Solomon Coleman, who, in turn, was the son of William Coleman, of Fairfield. He married Judith McShane, daughter of Hundley McShane and Alice Feaster, who was the daughter of Andrew and Margaret Feaster. Mrs. Rosson further states that Isaac Coleman and wife died in Union County, S. C., so they must have moved back to South Carolina.

Isaac Coleman first acquired land in Winston County from Joseph P. Crosley on Dec. 13, 1843. Land Deed Book H, Page 147.

In the Personal Assessment Roll of 1847 he was assessed with 1 Pleasure Carriage, 1 clock, and thirteen slaves under sixty years of age.

At Page 204 of Land Deed Book M., Winston County, Mississippi is recorded the deed of July 17, 1852, by which Isaac Coleman and Judy his wife, sold to Walter Ford

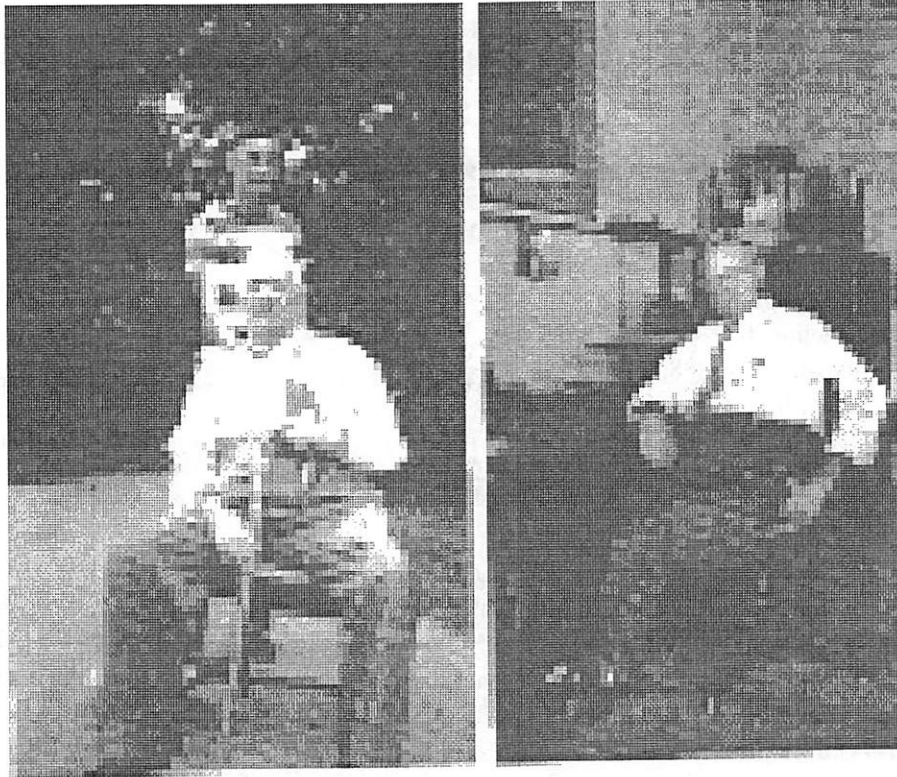
N ½, S. 6, T. 16, R. 11

E ½ NE ¼, S. 1, T. 16, Range 10

SE ¼ and E ½ of NE ¼, 35-17-10

W ½, SW ¼, 36-17-10, 760 acres.

This was probably when they went back to S. C. Walter Ford later sold this land to John W. Robinson, who married Catherine Coleman. It belonged to the widow Robinson, then to Dr. Joe and Hon. Lafayette Robinson, and now much of it belongs to J. P. Coleman.



WILLIAM ALEXANDER COLEMAN  
(Uncle Will)

Weir, Mississippi

July 3, 1861

Feb. 3, 1956

CHARLES CAMERON COLEMAN (at age 70) (right)

Cameron, Texas

April 7, 1866

Jan. 19, 1953

**GRIFFIN B. COLEMAN OF OLD CONCORD**

by J. P. COLEMAN

Son of Francis Roe Coleman, born July 12, 1786, and Grandson of Robert Coleman, who died 1809.

For the purpose of distinguishing him from Griffin Coleman, born 1775, and Griffin Ragsdale Coleman of Winston County, we have signed to this man the title, "Griffin Coleman of Old Concord."

He was born March 3, 1804 and died April 18, 1853. He is buried in the Old Concord cemetery, not used since about 1876, located about seven miles Southwest of Ackerman, Mississippi, in the Northeast  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 31, Township 16, Range 11, near the home (1961) of Izene Blanton. His grave is marked. He was the ancestor of an unusually large number of descendants, as this chapter will reveal.

He was married to Elizabeth Ross, born 1800, who was buried in the same cemetery in 1878, but her grave has no marker.

Elizabeth Ross, the wife of Griffin Coleman of Old Concord, was the daughter of William Ross and his wife, Elizabeth. She had at least six brothers and sisters: Sarah D., who married Richard Blackwood; Mary, who married Samuel Chestnut; Caroline H., who married William Wylie; Susannah, the oldest, who married a Jessup; Jane, who married David Weir; and a brother, Francis M. Ross.

Her mother, of the same given name, was the daughter of William Morrow, who died in Chester County, South Carolina, 1825.

She had the following aunts and uncles: Jane Morrow, who married James Robinson; Mary Morrow, who married Alexander Parkinson; Margaret Morrow; and an uncle, Samuel Mills Morrow.

This was discovered by Mrs. James W. Crowder, 157 York Street, Chester, S. C., in Equity Roll Number 272, Chester County, S. C., which was filed on March 22, 1822.

CHILDREN OF GRIFFIN COLEMAN AND  
ELIZABETH ROSS

1. Hugh Wilson, born 1828. The ancestor of a large number of descendants.
2. Isabella, 1829-1888, married Robert Blackwood.

3. William Alexander Coleman, 1832-1876.
4. Elizabeth, b. 1835, married her second cousin, Hiram F. Coleman, son of Robert of Mt. Moriah. No further information.
5. Francis, known as Frank, 1836-1899.
6. Mary, known as Mollie, b. 1842, never married.

Our first documentary proof of Griffin Coleman of Old Concord is found in the Alabama federal land records. He was 27 years old in the year 1830 and during the ensuing five years he bought 300 acres of United States Government lands in Wilcox County, Alabama.

On January 16, 1836, Deed Book D, Page 323, Wilcox County, Griffin Coleman and wife, Elizabeth Coleman, sold to William T. Matthews the West  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the Northeast  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 15, Township 12, Range 6, on the Alabama River. The writer visited the locality in late August, 1955.

On May 4, 1839, Deed Book F, Page 379, Wilcox County, Griffin Coleman conveyed to William Gaston the Southwest  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the Southwest  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 30, Township 15, Range 7, Wilcox County. By then, however, he was in Winston County, Mississippi, as the deed was acknowledged there.

Previously, on August 27, 1836, Land Deed Book B, Page 54, Griffin Coleman had recorded his first conveyance in Winston County, to 16 acres, the West  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the Southwest  $\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 13 and the West  $\frac{1}{2}$  of ten Northwest  $\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 24, Township 16, Range 10. This was about three miles south of the William Ragsdale (Buck) Coleman location. The house site was where William Bryan Hutchinson lives in 1961.

From the Minutes of the Old Concord Church, Page 25, we find that Isabella Coleman and Wilson Coleman, children of Griffin of Old Concord, joined the Church on Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1842.

On February 9, 1844, Griffin B. Coleman was in Greene County, Alabama, and sold to Ryan C. Mobley (nephew of Charles P. Coleman forty acres, a part of the Estate of Francis R. Coleman, deceased. Land Deed Book N, Page 806.

On Saturday before the second Sunday in August, 1847, Page 72 of the Concord Minutes, "Bro. G. [Griffin] Coleman made his statement concerning an affair on the Master's ground on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in July, 1847, and made acknowledgments to the Church for language made use of by him during the fray, which was satisfactory."

On Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1847, a letter of mission was granted to Wilson Coleman, Page 74 of the Minutes.

On Saturday before the second Sunday, November, 1847, letter of dismissal was granted to Bro. Griffin Coleman and wife.

Evidently, feelings engendered by the incident which took place the previous July prompted Griffin to withdraw from the Old Concord Church, but he withdrew in good standing.

The Mt. Moriah Church, located between French Camp and the present town of Weir, was founded April 17, 1847. According to its Minutes, on Saturday before the third Sunday in November, 1847, "Brethren H. W. [Wilson] Coleman, Griffin Coleman and wife presented letters from Concord Church, Winston County (now Choctaw County) and were received."

Saturday before the 3 Sunday in February, 1848, G. Coleman appointed to the building committee.

H. W. Coleman became a deacon on Sat. before the 3 Sunday in May, 1848.

Friday before the 3 Sun. in August 1848 Griffin Coleman was on the committee to inquire into charges growing out of the fight between Bro. Blake and Davis.

Same date H. W. Coleman was elected a delegate to the Association.

Sat. before the 3 Sunday in Oct. 1850, prayer was offered by Brother G. Coleman.

Sat. before the 3 Sunday in Nov. 1850, "Resolved that this church in all cases take truth for testimony let it come from what source (sic) it may." This was in derogation of the rule in the law courts that the testimony of a slave could not be received.

Sat. before the 3 Sunday in October, 1851, Bro. G. B. Nations reported that he had been accused of fornication. Hugh W. Coleman and Griffin Coleman were on the Committee appointed "to investigate matter." The next month Bro. Nations was acquitted.

Sat. before the 3 Sunday in March 1852 Bro. Griffin Coleman was elected as a deacon. Sat. before the 3 Sunday in April he was ordained. Bro. John Micou preached the sermon.

Sat. before the 3 Sunday in Sept. 1852 G. Coleman and H. W. Coleman elected delegates to the Association.

May 14, 1853, Mt. Moriah Church voted to elect a deacon to succeed "our worthy Brother Coleman who departed this life a few days back and left his seat vacant in the church."

WINSTON COUNTY PERSONAL ASSESSMENT ROLL  
OF 1847

Griffin Coleman  
1 clock, 10  
14 head of cattle  
4 slaves under 60

WINSTON COUNTY CENSUS OF 1850

Griffin Coleman, 45, b. S. C.  
Elizabeth, 50, b. S. C.  
Elizabeth, 15, b. Alabama.  
Francis, 14, b. Alabama.  
Mary (Molly), 8, b. Mississippi.

DESCENDANTS OF GRIFFIN COLEMAN OF  
OLD CONCORD

1. Hugh Wilson Coleman. Born 1828, died before 1860. His youngest child was born in 1856. After his death, the widow married Abner Howard.

Martha J. Coleman, the wife of Wilson Coleman, was born August 11, 1831, and died May 10, 1924, age 93. She is buried in the Weir cemetery as are the other descendants of Wilson Coleman unless otherwise expressly stated. She was the daughter of William Love and his wife Lydia.

The children of HUGH WILSON COLEMAN and MARTHA J. COLEMAN were:

1. Lydia G., born December 1, 1849, died July 2, 1932. Married F. J. Simpson. The family moved to Stephenville, Texas, southwest of Fort Worth. While his wife was on a visit to Mississippi, Mr. Simpson was dragged to death by a run-away mule. She is buried at Weir. Their children were Lela, Nannie, Ida, and Hugh, all dead except Hugh, who now lives in Missouri.
2. Florence Irene, born October 30, 1853, died May 30, 1927. She was known as Sallie. Married late in life to Bill Hutchinson.
3. Frank G. born November 30, 1853, died March 18, 1925. Married Mattie Buntin, born November 21, 1856, died May 28, 1942.

Frank G. Coleman came within a few votes on at least two different occasions of being elected Sheriff of Choctaw County.

4. Nannie L., born June 16, 1856, died April 27, 1941. Married William J. Smith, born December 6, 1849, died September 6, 1923.

2. Isabella Coleman, born March 23, 1829, and died August 1888. Married Robert Blackwood, who was born September 4, 1816, died December 17, 1886. Buried New Concord.

The 1860 Census of Winston County states that Robert Blackwood was born in North Carolina, his wife in Alabama. He owned real estate valued at \$3,500, personal property, \$800.

Children:

1. Nettie Blackwood, married Bill Roberts, Sheriff of Choctaw County.
2. John Henry (Dock) Blackwood.
3. Marcene Elizabeth Thompson, born January 8, 1851, died May, 1940. Mother of William Griffin Thompson, born December 11, 1877.
4. William Alexander (Dutch) Blackwood, grandfather of James Blackwood, Doyle Blackwood, and Roy Blackwood, famous Blackwood Brothers Singers, whose father was Emmett Blackwood, and whose great grandfather was Isaiah Daniel Coleman.
5. Richard (Dick) Blackwood, went to Texas.
6. Bob Blackwood, went to Texas.
7. George Terrell Blackwood, died in Elaine, Arkansas.
8. Rebecca (Becky) Married E. N. (Lige) Catledge.
9. Mary, married Olen Porter.
10. Ross (E. R.) Blackwood, died in Memphis, resident of Arkansas.
11. Sallie, married a Crow in Louisiana.
12. Tom L. Blackwood, died a few years ago in Texas.
13. Ada, married a Pomeroy.
14. E. W. (Buddy) Blackwood, lives in California.

CHILDREN OF EDWARD THOMPSON, A  
CONFEDERATE VETERAN, AND  
ELIZABETH MARCENE BLACKWOOD THOMPSON

1. Joe Thompson
2. William Griffin Thompson



3. Eddie Thompson, died at age 2
4. Haley Bell, died unmarried
5. Betty, married Lee Sides
6. Jim Thompson, died in Jackson
7. Eula, married Jess Fulcher, dead

(The writer regrets very much that he does not have available the genealogical data complete on the above extensive family, but this data should give a good "start" to those interested.)

3. WILLIAM ALEXANDER COLEMAN, born 1832, died 1876, at the age of 44. He married Julia Ann Black, born 1843, daughter of J. B. Black and Nancy Poole. Her son, Mr. W. A. Coleman, who lived to 95, told me that his mother was born in Georgia, but the 1860 census states that she was born in Mississippi. She died December 31, 1873, age forty years. She and her husband are buried in Beulah Cemetery near Weir, Mississippi. Their graves are immediately north of William Alexander Coleman, born 1861.

Their children:

1. William Alexander Coleman, known as Will, born July 3, 1861, died February 3, 1956. Age 95.
2. Charles Energy Coleman, born at West Station, where his father was teaching school, April 7, 1866, died at Cameron, Texas, January 19, 1953, age 87.
3. Alma, born 1869. Married John M. Wade, who was born November 2, 1849, and died February 2, 1897. He is buried in Bear Creek Cemetery, Attala County. She thereafter married Charlie Gladney.

William Alexander Coleman, born 1832, was a school teacher was very delicate all his life, suffered from "bronchitis." His sons however, were very stalwart men, who lived to a great age. The writer's grandfather, Jacob Feaster Coleman, 1853-1934, went to school to his cousin, William Alexander Coleman, at Beulah, near Weir, although that town was not then in existence. I have heard Grandfather Coleman say that one of the worst thrashings he ever received in his life was at the hands of schoolmaster William Alexander Coleman for some infraction of his rules at Beulah.

Our first documentary record of him is found in the Mt. Moriah Church Minutes, Page 158, Saturday before the second Sunday in July, 1859, when he was reported present at the church conference.

Next, we have the Winston County personal assessment rolls of 1863, at which time he was assessed with one pleasure carriage, valued \$100.

He was a Confederate Soldier. His son, Mr. William Alexander Coleman, 1861-1956, told the writer he remembered the bright moonlight night when his father got home from the War, although he was only 5 years old at the time.

William Alexander Coleman, born July 3, 1861, and died February 3, 1956, was one of the writer's favorite and most loyal friends. We spent lots of time together during which he furnished much of the background information contained in this chapter. Indeed, without his assistance it could never have been put together at all for it had been lost in the threads of much time. He was a man of strong convictions, experienced no hesitancy in taking the side to which he believed he should adhere, yet was personally of gentle character, possessed of much good humor, and a favorite to his last days of all who knew him. He spent his life on his farm within sight of Beulah, his native heath, and at Weir, only two miles away. During his latter years he made his home with his daughter, Mrs. Winfield M. Black, but maintained the closest ties and frequent association with his large family of children, who kept up the keenest interest in him. He enjoyed the loyalty and devotion of a large family to the end of his days.

On December 12, 1886, he was married to Emma Catherine Steele, born March 27, 1865, died June 27, 1930.

**DEATH OF MRS. W. A. COLEMAN**  
(The Choctaw Plaindealer - July 3, 1930)

The Plaindealer regrets to chronicle the death of Mrs. Will A. Coleman, which sad event occurred at her home south of Weir in Beat 4, in the Beulah Church community, on last Friday evening, June 27th, at 7:45, after a long illness. Mrs. Coleman was about 65 years of age, a lifelong member of the Baptist Church and an elegant Christian character in every relation of life, and held in high esteem by all who came in the circle of her acquaintance. She is survived by her husband and six children as follows: Messrs. S. P. Coleman, McComb City; C. E. Coleman, Grenada; W. E. Coleman, Whitney; C. S. Coleman, Greenwood; John M. Coleman, Indianola; Henry Coleman, Drew; Mrs. W. M. Black, Weir, and Mrs. Harvey E. Morris, Ackerman.

Funeral services were held at Beulah Church cemetery on last Saturday morning at 11:00 o'clock, services being in charge of Rev. D. L. Hill, pastor

of the Baptist Church of this place, who paid a beautiful tribute to her Christian character and life. Her six stalwart and devoted sons acted as pallbearers when the last sad rites were performed and her remains placed at rest to await the resurrection.

We join the many friends of the loved ones and friends in extending deepest sympathy in their great bereavement. Truly, a splendid character has passed to her reward.

#### CHILDREN OF WILLIAM ALEXANDER COLEMAN

(b. July 3, 1861 )

1. Sam P. Coleman, b. December 13, 1888. Married on June 30, 1919, to Rubye Maynor (b. March 12, 1890). No children.
2. C. Eugene Coleman, b. March 12, 1890. Married on June 6, 1917 to Allie Bell Sloan. Children, Mary L. (Married Sam J. Simmons) b. October 4, 1918; Kathryn E., b. July 13, 1922.
3. William E. Coleman, b. July 29, 1892. Married on October 22, 1922, Ethel Trainor. Son, William Marion Coleman, born September 22, 1926.
4. Myrtle Coleman, b. November 7, 1894. Married May 25, 1920, Winfield M. Black. No children.
5. Pansy Coleman, b. July 1, 1897, Married November 17, 1920, Harvey Morris. No children.
6. Clyde Steele Coleman, b. November 20, 1899. Married on December 11, 1926, Mamie Clare Evans. Son, Clyde Steele Coleman, Jr., b. January 19, 1935.
7. John M. Coleman, b. January 9, 1903, Married on July 29, 1937 to Mayvis Prewitt, great grand-daughter of the Settler John Prewitt. She was born March 20, 1908.
8. Henry Carlisle Coleman, b. December 18, 1906. On May 10, 1943, married to Beulah Singletary. No children.

Charles Energy Coleman, was born April 7, 1866, at West Station, Holmes County, Mississippi, where his father was teaching school. He died Cameron, Texas, January 19, 1953, age 87. He moved to Texas in 1894 and came back in 1896 to marry Susan Catherine Turnipseed, Nov. 3, 1869 - Jan. 10, 1961. Their children were Mike Coleman, d. Aug. 6, 1959, and a daughter, Ruth Coleman, who married John William Rosson on June 30, 1925, and still lives in Cameron, Texas.

Charles Energy Coleman was an active, vigorous man, as his photograph taken at the age of 70, will show. For many years he was a sales

representative for a coffee company throughout a large territory in Texas, and later followed other pursuits of like kind.

Mrs. Alma Coleman Wade, daughter of William Alexander Coleman who died in 1876, was the mother of a daughter, Julia Wade, who married Brack Miller, and was living when last heard from at 88 Virginia Street, Amarillo, Texas. Mrs. Miller was the mother of Mrs. Deolece Miller Parmelee, who was living at Monahans, Texas, in 1962. Both these ladies have shown keen interest in family history and have furnished much valuable information. Mrs. Alma Coleman Wade was born Feb. 24, 1869 and died January 17, 1953. She is buried at Bear Creek Church, Attala County.

4. FRANCIS (FRANK) COLEMAN. Born in Alabama, 1836. He served in Company I, 15th Mississippi Infantry, Confederate States Army. On Jan. 2, 1889, he was killed in a personal battle, in which several others were killed, including one of his own sons. There had been a feud with some neighbors. The killing took place in the Southeast  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the Northeast  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 1, Township 16, Range 10, Choctaw (formerly Winston) County. This land was owned after 1945 by J. P. Coleman. Francis married Elizabeth Prewitt, the daughter of John Prewitt and his wife, Mary A. Prewitt, original settlers near the old Natchez Trace in the French Camp area, Choctaw County.

He evidently was a very strong willed man, like most of the Colemans. Our first documentary reference to him is in the Mt. Moriah Church minutes, Page 125, wherein it is reported that on Saturday before the second Sunday in May, 1854, a "Committee was appointed to talk to and admonish Bro. F. [Francis] Coleman" in relation to certain reports." He was then eighteen years of age. His father had been dead for a year. Then, Page 127, on Saturday before the second Sunday in June, 1854, the case of Bro. Frank Coleman was then taken up. On motion of Bro. Brown he was excluded for general misconduct." This might not have amounted to more than dancing, as the churches were very stern on such matters in those days.

We next find him in the Winston County Census of 1860. He then owned real estate of the value of \$1200 and personal property worth \$200. His wife is stated to have been born in Mississippi. His mother age 60, had real estate worth \$1200.

She was living with Francis, as was the daughter, Mary, known Molly.

He thereafter served in the Confederate Army, as above stated. At the 1880 census he had a son, John J., born 1859. He was killed in the feud of 1889 along with his father. The writer's great Aunt, Mrs. Laura Eugenia Coleman Bruce, 1866 - 1934, lived in sight of the death ground and heard the firing. She said that John J. was an unusually gentle, we mannered man, who could cook and baked excellent cakes.

Frank Coleman had a daughter named Margaret, of whom we now know nothing, except that she was born in the year 1870.

Another daughter, named Ida, was born in 1868. She married Jesse Naugle and had no children.

Another daughter, Emma, married Charles Boggan, son of Dr. Boggan, a near neighbor on the north side of the Yockanookany. They moved to McKinney, Texas, and from there went to Okemah, Oklahoma. In recent years, the writer met Mr. Aubrey Lee, then of Redmond, Utah, a grandson of Charles and Emma Boggan. He had brother, Jack Lee, then living in Livermore Falls, Maine. Griffin Coleman, of Old Concord, was a first cousin of Robert Coleman, of Mt. Moriah.

On Wednesday evening, the 2nd day of January [1889], between sundown and dark near Fentress in Choctaw county one of the most terrible and bloody tragedies occurred that ever happened in that county. For sometime Mr. Francis Coleman and his son James have been on bad terms with William and Charles DeLay over a dispute about some land between the Colemans and the DeLays and their three sisters, the two families living on' about two hundred yards apart. On the evening mentioned the four men engaged in a deadly conflict, in which Francis Coleman and Charles DeLay were killed and James Coleman and William DeLay were badly wounded and Mrs. Pearson a sister to the DeLays was severely injured. Four double barreled shot guns loaded with buckshot and a pistol were used in the conflict, and two of the shot guns were battered and torn to pieces in the fight the jury of Inquest found that Charles Boggan, a son-in-law of Francis Coleman, was an accessory to the killing of Charles DeLay. This is a terrible state of affairs and it seems that peacemakers might have prevented such tragedy by taking the proper steps in time.- "The Winston Signal," January 12, 1889

#### PREWITT APPENDIX

John Prewitt, the father of Frank Coleman's wife, was born in South Carolina, March 29, 1794, and died February 6, 1873. His wife Elizabeth Gowan Prewitt, was born in Virginia, March 20, 1800, and

died April 26, 1847. He married again after the death of his first wife, but we do not know her family name.

The graves of John Prewitt and Elizabeth Gowan Prewitt may be found on the north bank of the old Louisville and Winona public road now abandoned, West of the J. Phillip Prewitt place. There are several graves. The only other marked grave is that of their daughter, Missouri Ann Prewitt, born December 27, 1834, died September 16, 1852.

Among the children of his first marriage were Dudley Prewitt, Major Russell G. Prewitt, Andrew Jackson Prewitt and Dr. R. K. Prewitt, all Confederate Veterans, as well as Elizabeth, who married Francis Coleman. The son, Andrew Jackson Prewitt, married Sarah (Sallie) Coleman, daughter of Isaiah Daniel Coleman and his first wife, Agnes Ferguson.

#### CHOCTAW COUNTY CENSUS OF 1860

John Prewitt, age 66, farmer, born in South Carolina,  
Wife, Mary A. Prewitt, 40, born in Virginia.

Sons: Jackson A. Prewitt, age 20.  
Rufus K. Prewitt, age 16.  
John H. Prewitt, age 10.  
All born in Mississippi.

Dudley Prewitt, age 30, born in Alabama.

#### WINSTON COUNTY NOTES

Probate Court Records, Winston County, Book 1, Page 2. October 4, 1837.

Ordered that a jury by view be appointed to lay out a great road leading as follows, to-wit, leaving the Choctaw road at the Chickasaw Trace two miles above the house of N. Woodward to the County line of Choctaw in Section No. 4 in Township No. 16 Range 10, to intersect a road leading to Greensborough in Choctaw County, and that the following named persons be appointed said jury, James Peeler, Alfred Gilkey, Jesse Shomaker, John Weir, Abram Miller, John Shomaker, Tigual Pugh, David Cotton, Overton Cotton, Stephen Miller, R. D. Brown and Larking T. Turner, and that they meet at the time and place appointed by Sheriff, etc.

This is the road which later became the Louisville and Winona Road. It is still in its original location through the farm of J. P. Coleman. It ran immediately in front of the William Ragsdale Coleman house, later owned by Daniel Coleman.

November 25, 1837 (Page 6).

W. C. Coleman took his seat as a Member of the Board of Police for Winston County.

Wednesday, 14 February, 1838. It is further ordered that S. T. Potts be appointed overseer on the Coleman Road from where the Tchula Road leaves the same to the county line and that he have the following named hands, to-wit, S. T. Potts and hands, R. D. Brown and hands, W. R. Coleman and hand William Head and hands, Elijah Brown.

Page 16. James May appointed Captain of the Patrol in Beat 4. Griffin Coleman and William R. Coleman, Members of the Company.

Page 26. February, 1839. Williams C. Coleman noted as living on the Macon Road between Louisville and Murphy Creek.

January 6, 1840.

Williams C. Coleman still a Member of the Police Court and Burr H. Head elected President of the Court. ( age 44).

Page 85. Services of W. C. Coleman and Burr H. Head on the Board of Police expired. Burr H. Head appointed Overseer of the Poor.

February 15, 1842. William R. Coleman Overseer of the Coleman road from his place to the Choctaw County line. James McLelland Sheriff in 1842.

May, 1844. The Board of Police places a bounty of four dollars for each wolf killed.

February 15, 1845, Isaac Coleman appointed Overseer of the Coleman Road from W. R. Coleman's to the county line.

Page 29. June Term, 1838. Burr H. Head, Administrator, Estate of William Head, deceased.

wife, Sallie Mayfield. George was the son of Peter Cooper, who settled in Georgia.

This couple had four sons and three daughters. I am sorry that I do not know the names of all of them. Among them was John Walter Cooper, who was born November 26, 1857, at Louisville. On November 10, 1881, he married Miss Sarah Jane McGee. She was born December 26, 1861. Mr. Cooper died January 3, 1903, at Yakima, Washington. Mrs. Cooper died July 6, 1952 at Tacoma, Washington. They were the parents of a daughter, Sallie, born at Louisville on September 5, 1896. She married Harry Tell Metzler in Tacoma, Washington, on April 9, 1924. In 1955, Mrs. Metzler was living at 716 South 53 Street, Tacoma.

## II

### CHILDREN OF MOSE COLEMAN AND MRS. SARAH COOPER COLEMAN

1. Polly. Born December 13, 1872. Died June 1, 1945. She was the second wife of Pace Lipscomb. He was born August 17, 1871, died September 7, 1931. He first married Regina Coleman, daughter of Walter (Burr) Coleman. Children of Mrs. Polly Lipscomb were: Cooper Lipscomb Anderson and Wade Randolph Lipscomb, both deceased, and Mrs. Polly Lipscomb Lantz, of Pubelo, Colorado, and Edward Pace Libscomb, of Maryland. Mr. and Mrs. Lipscomb are buried at Mashulaville.

2. George Bell Cooper Coleman. Born April 22, 1869, died January 1955. Married, October 28, 1923, Manassa Roe (Tommie) Coleman, daughter of Jacob Feaster Coleman.

3. Sallie Coleman, born August 28, 1876, died February 28, 1923.

4. Griffin Roe Coleman, born April 2, 1878, married Florence Richardson, and still alive as this is written. Children: Eugene, Kate, and Evon.

## III

SARAH COLEMAN. First married Marion Triplett. Had two sons Albert and Walter. He died in Macon, during the Civil War while trying to make his way home. Second marriage to Jack Cannon. Three children, Sallie, who married Jake Murphy, Dell, and Henry, who had nine children. Albert Triplett had two sons, Marion and Nimrod.

## IV

WALTER W. COLEMAN (BURRA). Married Dollie Metts, December 22, 1867.



1. Regina, born July 3, 1870, died July 15, 1898. Married Pace Lipscomb, his first wife. Her children were Walter Jasper Lipscomb of Schlater, Miss. and Albert Floyd Lipscomb of Macon, Miss.

2. Mrs. Minnie Coleman Johnson, born October 18, 1872, married Davis Y. Johnson, January 20, 1892. Died September 19, 1930.

3. Lola Coleman Caldwell, born October 31, 1876, married \_\_\_\_\_ Caldwell. Died October 31, 1933.

4. Ossie Coleman Bouchillon, born June 16, 1879. Married J. Bouchillon, November 24, 1904. Died March 7, 1919. Roy Bouchillon is a son of this marriage.

5. Mary Bell Coleman McCool, born June 1, 1886. Married Charles McCool, November 24, 1904. Died January 21, 1921. Buried at Murphy Creek. Children: Waldine, Carrie May, Dollie, who married Attorney Hoy Hathorn, Walter, and Annie B.

6. Amanda Coleman Jones, born August 15, 1889. Married Wayne Jones, August 19, 1916. Died October 15, 1965. Buried at Murphy Creek. Children: Mrs. Dorothy Myer, Mrs. Mary Lucy Canizaro Walter, Regina McKay, Lee Meets Jones, and Mrs. Suzanna McKay.

## V

### Jacob Feaster Coleman and his wife, Charlotte Phagan

1. Susie, who married Jake Livingston. Sons, Hubert and Halbert

2. Robert E. Coleman, born March 31, 1873, died August 27, 1939. Married Pearl Moore, who died 1964. Daughter, Mrs. Erma Thorne, of Meridian, Mississippi, has been much interested in family history. Son, Billy Coleman, Lucedale, Mississippi.

3. Kirk Coleman, born October 10, 1874, died February 28, 1945. Married Alma Croft. They are buried at Betheden.

4. Roxie, married Lewis Suber. Children: Inez, Robert, Lawrence, Clayton, Harold, Madge, and Maude.

5. Manassa Roe (Tommie), born November 27, 1879. Died May 1955. Married G. B. Cooper Coleman.

6. Elbert Feaster Coleman (Ell). Born, 1881. Died May 3, 1963. Buried at New Hope Methodist Church. Married (1) Velma Ruth Deason, died 1920, (2) Lyda B. Sullivan McNeel. Children: Percy D., Dallas, Texas, (2) Leonard V., died 1941, (3) Bertrand, Carthage Mississippi, (4) Lester Clayton, deceased, (5) Mrs. Lottie Wall Dean,

Waco, Texas, (6) Elbert Feaster, Jr., Dallas, Texas, (7) Mrs. Electa Eaves, (8) Daniel Carl, the latter two of Lewisville, Texas.

7. George Alma Coleman (Sugar Baby).

## VI

EMILY FAIRFIELD COLEMAN, born April 27, 1849. Married George W. Metz, November 12, 1868. She died in 1936. He was born 1844, died 1915. Parents of twelve children. The youngest twins. Ollie Edgar Belmont, George, Elbert, Albert Walton, Mary May, Nancy Pearl, Daisy Jack, Ahmolean, Ahvallene.

In August, 1919, Mrs. Jennie I. Coleman and Mrs. Mary Coleman Faucette, of Feasterville, South Carolina, visited their Winston County kin. Here are some of the notes kept by Mrs. Coleman on this trip:

"Moses was 12 years old when they came to Mississippi in wagons and carryalls for the women and children. Several families came together. Four weeks on the way. After the surrender he came back by Rock Hill and by home of relatives in Fairfield, riding a fine U. S. horse he had captured. Name Gunboat. Got home in fourteen days, swimming all the rivers, till he reached Tuscaloosa. Was a great hunter. Has killed 6 wild turkeys at one shot. His father (Griffin R.) killed 9 at one shot. His father used to hunt bears in Mississippi Valley (delta)." "James Bouchillon ancestors from Abbeville, South Carolina, French descent, Married Rebecca Straight. Son Kirk Bouchillon married Osceola (Ossie) Coleman. Daughter Ann Bouchillon married Henry Fulcher. Son, Lucien, played the violin for us."

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Liberty Universalist Church & Graveyard, 6.9 Miles Northeast of Louisville, Mississippi, on the Old Coleman Road. Turn Right (Opposite Little Residence) Go .3 Miles To "White Church" as it is known there.

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1. Moses Coleman 3/18/1832 - 7/25/1923.
2. Sallie Cooper Coleman (wife) 1/26/1837 - 3/12/1919
3. Sallie Coleman (Dtr.) 8/28/1876 - 2/28/1923.
4. Velma, wife of Elbert Coleman, 12 /23/1877 - 1/18/1919.
5. Lester, Son of E. F. & V. R. Coleman, 4/18/1917 - 5/31/1918.
6. Robert E. Coleman, 3 /31/1873 - 8/27/1939

7. Chester D. Coleman, Officers Training Camp, /27/1892- 2/20/1938.
8. Jacob Feaster Coleman, 3/17/1845 - 7/6/1920.
9. Charlotte Pagan (wife), 1 /31/1847 - 9/18/1910.
10. Clayton, son of J. F. & C. P., 4/3/1888 - 10/5/1895.
11. Hattie, Dtr. of J. F. & C. P., 1/11/1872 - 3/15/1896.
12. George B. Pagan, 7/28 /1816 - 7/25/1901.
13. Mrs. Susan Coleman, 1810 -7/30/1894.
14. G. R. Coleman, died 5/20/1877, aged 70 years, 4 months, 16 days.  
(Griffin R).
15. Regina Susan, Dtr. of G. R. & S., died 8/20/1857, aged 28 years, 12 days.
16. W. R. Coleman, died 10/2 /1884, age 4 years, 4 months.
17. Minnie Coleman Johnson, wife of Davis Yancy Johnson,  
10/18/1872-9/19/1930.
18. Dollie Metz Coleman, wife of W. W. Coleman, 9/7/1846-3/8/1931.
19. W. W. Coleman, Co. G 20th Miss. Reg. Lorings Division,  
1/2/1842-3/21/1933.
20. Ossie Coleman Bouchillon, 6/16/1879 - 3/7/1919.

In the Metz Plot are the graves of George Y. Metz (1844-1915) and Emily Fairfield Coleman Metz (1849-1936), with a list of the children.

On September 15, 1949, returning from Jackson, Mississippi, we (Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Clayton, Sr., and son Don) came by Louisville, Mississippi, had lunch, and went out Northeast on he Louisville-Starkville Road, to Old Webster, there turned South, stopped at Betheden Lutheran Church, then continued to Coleman Road and returned Louisville, after stopping at Liberty Church. The following buried at Betheden:

1. Robert E. Lee, son of W. T. & S. F. Coleman, 2/23/1902-8/5 /1921.
2. Thomas P. Coleman, Co. 1-150th Inf., b. 11/30/1894 - 10/22/1918,  
in England.
3. Willie L., son of W. T. & S. F. Coleman, 3/14/1890 - 9/7/1906.
4. Wm. Thomas Coleman, 4/26/1855 - 7/25/1923.
5. Sarah Francis Coleman, wife of W. T., 6/11/1866 -11/21/1928.

6. Alma Croft, wife of A. K. Coleman, 6/17/1879 - 12/14/193  
7. A. K. Coleman, 10/10/1874 - 2/28/1945.

**DEATH OF W. W. COLEMAN**  
*One of Our County's Oldest and Most Esteemed  
Citizens Passes*  
(Winston County Journal)

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After a lingering illness of several months, death claimed one of our county's oldest and best known citizens, Mr. W. W. Coleman, last Tuesday March 21st, 1933, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Kirk Bouchillon, in Bond community. Funeral services were held at Universalist Church, of which he was a charter member, on Wednesday, in the presence of a large concourse of friends and relatives. Rev. J. C. Watson, of the Presbyterian Church, Louisville, had charge of the services, assisted by Rev. J. L. Ward of Columbus, and Rev. Blum Wallace, of Shreveport. Mr. Coleman was 91 years of age last January, and had resided all of his life in the community in which he died, and held the high esteem and friendship of all with whom he came in contact because of his upright and honorable principles. Firm in convictions he could always be located upon any question at issue, and stood for the right. He served loyally and bravely through the Confederate War, and was loyal to the cause until death, taking an interest in the Reunions so long as he was able to attend.

Bura Coleman, as he was familiarly known to his comrades and friends, shed light and gladness by his presence, and in his passing they have lost a true and tried friend.

Immediate relatives surviving, are: Mrs. Lola Caldwell, of Macon, Mrs. Wayne Jones and Mrs. Kirk Bouchillon, daughters, and one sister, Mrs. George Metts, all of this County.

Beginning at Page 180 of Lewis' History of Winston County is found history of Company D. of Perrin's Regiment of Cavalry of which Robert O. Perrin, of Scooba, was Colonel and Henry L. Muldrow, of Starkville, was Lt. Colonel. Moses W. Coleman, son of Griffin Roe Coleman, was 2nd Sgt., and had a horse shot under him in the charge at Kingston, Georgia, in 1864. According to Pages 185 and 186, this organization fought in the Army Tennessee and was at Marietta, Kennesaw, Good Hope Church, Peachtree Creek, and opposed Sherman all the way to Savannah. After surrender, they were in Jeff Davis' train and passed through Unionville (Union) and to Washington, Georgia, where they surrendered on May 9, 1865.

Thus we see that a Winston County Coleman was one of those who guarded the President of the Confederacy in his unsuccessful flight South after Appomattox.

Jacob Feaster Coleman enlisted in the Confederate Army in June, 1863. He served in the twentieth Mississippi Regiment.

W. W. Coleman enlisted in 1861, Co. G., Twentieth Mississippi, and was in prison at Camp Douglas at the time of the surrender.

LETTER FROM MRS. COOPER COLEMAN TO MRS. JENNIE I. COLEMAN, OF  
FEASTERVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA

Louisville, Miss, March 23,

1924.

Dear Cousin Jennie:

I am really ashamed to write you, as I have just neglected to write so long. Your letter to Uncle Mose on the 18th of March, his birthday, had he been living. He died last July the 26th, after being confined to his bed for 3 weeks. His advanced age, and his daughter Sallie's death, he lost all interest in life. He died at his daughter, Polly's at Mashulaville, but was brought back to his own home and buried beside his loved ones that had gone before.

I deeply sympathize with you in the passing away of your dear son. We all have the same great bereavement of being parted a while from our loved ones. Some times I think if it was not for my great faith in Universalism, I would not care to live, but I know there is a good kind loving Father's hand in all our trials and troubles in this life, and believe some time we will understand.

All the kinfolks you asked about are still living and doing fine. Uncle Berry still has rheumatism and cannot get about much, but is as fat as pig and often speaks of his trip to South Carolina. (He went back to South Carolina in 1920). Oh, how I do wish you would visit us again. Well, there has been one great change in my life since you were here. I have only added "Mrs." to my name. Cooper and I married the 28th of last October, and we are living here at Uncle Moses old home place. Chester and George are living at Papa's old home, only the two left now. Chester, you know, has T. B. but is doing just fine. Weighs 196 lbs. Fat and healthy, but must be very careful for several years yet.

Uncle Jack Cannon lives with his daughter. Brother Ebert's wife died four years ago, and he married again last April, a widow with three children. Brother Robert has moved to adjoining county (Attala) to live

with Pearl's parents that were left by themselves. They are too old and feeble to live alone.

Griffin and Florence have 3 healthy little children, a boy and 2 girls still living at the same place. I stopped to go to Sunday School at Old Liberty, but it began raining, so I cannot go.

(Signed) Tommie Coleman

WILEY W. COLEMAN

b. April 18, 1815

d. March 20, 1875

Buried at Mashulaville, Mississippi

Son of Wiley Coleman of South Carolina. Brother of William Ragsdale Coleman, Mrs. Sophia Coleman, Mrs. Catherine Coleman Robinson, and Griffin Ragsdale Coleman.

He married Mary (Polly), daughter of Solomon Coleman and Betty Elam.

Moved to Winston County, Mississippi, 1844. Land Deed Book H, Page 382.

In the Winston County Census of 1850, his wife is listed as Mary, age 32, son Theophilus, 12, and daughter, Emma, age 2.

In the 1860 Census, the value of his real property is given at \$20,000, personal property at \$50,000. The same children as in 1850, with the addition of William, age 6, born in Mississippi.

In the 1863 Personal Assessment Roll of Winston County he was assessed with 40 slaves, 900 dollars loaned out at interest, two pleasure carriages, 1 watch, 1 clock, 1 piano, and 35 head of cattle.

Book M, Page 34. John Hardaway "of the Choctaw Nation, West of the State of Arkansas" sold to Wilie W. Coleman undivided one-half  $\frac{1}{2}$  Southeast  $\frac{1}{4}$  Section 2, Township 14, Range 14. 19 November, 1851.

Land Deed Book M. Page 540. William C. Coleman and Sophia Coleman, 19 March, 1853. Sold to W. W. Coleman North  $\frac{1}{2}$  Southwest  $\frac{1}{4}$  East  $\frac{1}{2}$  Northwest  $\frac{1}{4}$  and Southeast  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 32, Township 15, Range 14.

William T. Coleman, son of Wylie W. Coleman and Mary Coleman was known as Barley. He married Dody Shaw. They had two sons, buried at Mashulaville. One was named Robert whose grave is not marked, and Edward, whose grave is marked. Wylie had a daughter, Mary (Molly) who married Arthur Jernigan.

I am grateful to Mr. E. Q. Richards, of Macon, Mississippi, for this information.

U. S. CENSUS OF 1860  
Winston County Mississippi

W. W. Coleman, 45,  
Value of real property, \$20,000; Personalty, \$50,000  
born in S. C.

Mary, 43, b. S. C.  
T. F., 21, b. S. C. (Theophilus)  
Emma, 11, b. Miss.  
Wm., 6, b. Miss.

UNCLE ED COLEMAN OF NOXAPATER, MISSISSIPPI

One of my favorite friends was Mr. Ed Coleman, of Noxapater, Mississippi. For many years he was Constable of District 5, Winston County, and always served as special deputy at the Circuit Courts when I was Judge and District Attorney. He was a favorite of all who knew him.

He was the son of William H. Coleman who enlisted in Pickens County, Alabama, on March 18, 1862, in the 19th Alabama, Joe Wheeler's command. He was born July 20, 1829, and died January 23, 1908. He is buried in the Northeast corner of the Methodist Cemetery at Noxapater.

William H. Coleman was the son of Henry Coleman, a Baptist Minister, born in South Carolina.

Uncle Ed did not know the family history sufficiently to know whether we were kinfolks. He was so much like all the other Colemans I always claimed kin with him.

Reverend Wayne Coleman, presently Pastor of the First Baptist Church, Oxford, Mississippi, is an authority on this line of Colemans. He is a grandson of Uncle Ed Coleman.

I did not want to leave Uncle Ed out of this Coleman Book.

JAMES COLEMAN

I have not been able to identify this Coleman. In the Winston County census of 1850 he is listed as 45 years of age. He was born in South Carolina. His wife, Cynthia, was 38, and born in North Carolina.

The children were Harrison, 17; Elizabeth, 15; Mary, 12; George, 11; Nancy, 9; and Sarah, 5, all born in South Carolina except Sarah, who was born in Mississippi.

LETTER FROM MRS. CHARLES C. WICKER

Louisville, Mississippi  
September 14, 1956

Gov. J. P. Coleman  
Ackerman, Miss.

Dear Mr. Coleman:

I am sure you will be surprised to get a letter or request not asking for a job - maybe tho this is more than that - What I want so badly is to get connected on our Coleman family line back to Revolution so I can get into the DAR's. Had thought I might get my Triplett line but it seems it will take more time and MUCH more money than I can get to get that done. You may not remember me but I work here in Mr. Shelby Woodward's office and have been in here 10½ years - my Paternal G-Grandfather was Griffin R. Coleman. His sons were Mose - Jake & Walter and I don't know the daughters except my Grandmother was Sallie or Sarah Coleman she married first my Grandfather F. M. Triplett and had two sons Moses Walter, and Albert G. Triplett. My Grandfather died during the Civil War, in Macon. He was very ill and they were trying to get him home, but he never made it. He never did see my Dad as he was born 6 months before G-Dad died and after he had gone to the War. If you do have the line run and would let me use it, could I come to Ackerman some week-end, or of course it would be lots easier on me not having a way to come if you would let Bro. Thrailkill have the material and bring it to me. He is the father of my daughter-in-law. Anyway it will suit you I would manage to get up there if you have time to let me know if you have this data compiled and will let me copy it. Thanking you for any consideration in this matter, I am

Sincerely yours,  
S / Mrs.. Charles C. Wicker

Mrs. Charles C. Wicker  
208 Thelma St.  
Louisville, Mississippi



Louisville Miss R #4  
April 11 -1915

Mrs. Jennie I. Coleman  
Shelton, South Carolina

Dear Jennie

Mott sent me your letter, so I thought I would write to you too. I am Griffin Coleman's oldest son. My father came to Mississippi in 44. I was born in S. C. I was 12 years old when he came to Miss. I stayed at Uncle Henry Coleman two years & went to school at Feasterville to L. F. W Andrews. My father had three brothers Buck, Wiley & Wyatt. I don't know how many sisters my father had. My mother was Mose Cockrell's daughter. She was a Granddaughter of Andie Feaster's. Mott Coleman & me are first cousins. His mother was my father's sister, Sofie. Buck Coleman married a Head & moved to Texas in 60. Wiley married Pollie Coleman he died here. Wyatt married my mother's sister & died in S.C. I have two brothers, Walter & Jake, four sisters Amanda, Sallie, Emiley & Susie. I will not tell you any thing about Mott for he is going to write you a long letter soon. I went to school with your father, he came to see me in Miss. in 53. I was with him when he killed the first deer he ever killed Ask me any question & if I can ans. it I will gladly do so.

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Aunt Dump still have all her children with her.

Uncle Jack Cannon lives with his daughter, very feeble now. I don't guess you are raising any chickens and having a garden. I have 23 baby chicks and have my garden planted, but we are still having winter here had a 12 in snow Mar 13th, only snow we had this Winter.

Cooper and I are in the creamery business milking 6 cows now. Will have 15 to milk later this spring. I like it fine. Clara & George are selling cream too they have about 20 cows in all. Lots of farmers are selling cream since the Bollweevil gets all the cotton in this county mighty little cotton planted here now. Chickens eggs and cream are the mostly crop.

How is Cousin Mary give her my love & respects. You spoke of Sister Robie her health is not very good she has 8 children living and has two grown girls and three grown boys. Inez her oldest daughter taught school this Winter. Brother Elbert's wife died 4 years ago and he married again last April, a widow with three children.

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I must close now and feed my chickens and pick up the eggs. I get between 30 and 40 eggs a day, also go to my turkey nest. I have turkeys too. A housekeeper is kept busy most of the time. Please forgive me and write to me sometimes tell Cousin Mary to write. I guess she is busy with Grand babies. With much love and deep sympathy to you in your great bereavement.

Your loving Cousin  
Tommie Coleman

## ISAIAH DANIEL COLEMAN

by J. P. COLEMAN

(He was the son of Allen Coleman and his wife, Sarah. He was the grandson of Robert Coleman, died 1809.) Born on Storm Branch of Beaver Creek, waters of the Broad River, Fairfield County, S. C. December 20, 1811. Died at his home about two miles south of Fentress, Choctaw County, Mississippi, April 8, 1889. Buried, Concord Cemetery, 6 miles Southwest of Ackernian, Mississippi.

Isaiah Daniel Coleman was a brother of Williams Charles Coleman, Elizabeth Coleman Gladden, and Rebecca Coleman Gladden. These sisters were twins. The first available public record of his life shows that on November 26, 1833 (Book Z, Page 382, Chester County, S. C.) he purchased 84 acres of land on the South Fork of Rocky Creek from Robert Brown. In the same year, when he was twenty-two years of age, he also bought land from John Gladden. His first wife was Agnes Ferguson. Their first children were born and died September 10, 1839, when he was twenty-eight. Agnes died November 1, 1847. He married again on September 2, 1852. In the meantime, his mother died May 27, 1839 and his father died June 21, 1848.

On August 2, 1853, for \$4,287.25, he conveyed to Alexander B. Douglas 408½ acres of land on which he then lived. Part of this was land on which his father lived and died.

This was about two years before the railroad came to Blackstock.

(On February 22, 1865, General Jefferson C. Davis, commanding the 14th Corps, U. S. Army, had his headquarters "at the Douglas house, near Blackstock." Page 157, McMaster's History of Fairfield County).

## MISSISSIPPI

Isaiah Daniel Coleman first settled in Mississippi at a place on the Betheden Road about six miles northeast of Louisville, Winston County. On February 6, 1854, (Land Deed Book N, Page 64) for a consideration

of \$3,000 "to us in hand paid by Isaiah Daniel Coleman, of Chester District and State of South Carolina" Reese Perkins and Mary Perkins sold to "the said Isaiah D. Coleman" the West ½ of Section 15 and all of Section 16 (960) acres of Township 15, Range 13, Winston County, As is was near the lands of Williams Charles Coleman, his brother, it would appear that possibly Williams selected the land and made the transaction for Daniel in advance of the removal to Mississippi.

In 1856, according to the personal assessment roll of Winston County (now on file at Archives and History in Jackson), I. D. Coleman owned 52 slaves under 60 years of age.

Apparently, he made five crops on this plantation, northeast of Louisville. Then, on December 15, 1859, for \$6,758 cash, he purchased the 1,763 acre plantation of William Ragsdale (Buck) Coleman, but he was not to obtain possession until October 1, 1860. Presumably, he made the 1860 crop at his original location, and moved to the new place just in time to see the secession of Mississippi, which occurred January 9, 1861.

The U. S. Census of 1860 for Winston County, shows that on August 13 of that year B. S. Covington, enumerator, listed the following:

I. D. COLEMAN, age 49  
Real Estate, \$5,000  
Personal property, \$90,000  
Born in South Carolina  
H. R. (Harriet) age 32  
Sara, age 18, female  
W. C., age 16, male  
M. S. (Molly), age 15, female  
J. F. (Jacob Feaster), age 7  
H. J. (Henry Jonathan), age 1

All born in South Carolina, except Henry Jonathan, whose birthplace is listed as Mississippi.

(The writer, in his early boyhood, listened to several warm arguments between his grandfather, Jacob Feaster Coleman and William Charles Coleman, the older half-brother, as to Feaster's birthplace Grandfather Feaster contended that his mother told him he was born in South Carolina. Uncle Bill said that Feaster definitely "was born after the family arrived in Mississippi." The 1860 Census report, as well as the date of the deed from Isaiah D. Coleman to Alexander B. Douglas, proves that Feaster was right, but he died without ever having this proof

made available to him. His official death certificate lists him as having been born in Mississippi.)

On November 11, 1861, with the War Between the States in full swing Isaiah Daniel Coleman (Book S, Page 33) for \$5,000, sold to E. G. Eiland the same land he purchased from the Perkinses.

On August 3, 1861, William Charles Coleman, the seventeen year old son of Isaiah D. Coleman and his first wife, Agnes, enlisted at Webster about ten miles northeast of Louisville) in Reed's Company of the 20th Mississippi Infantry, CSA. He was in the battles of Fort Donelson, Franklin, and Nashville. He was captured, of course, at Donelson and paroled in 1862. He was with Joseph E. Johnston's Army when paroled at Greensboro, N. Car., April 26, 1865. His negro servant, Joseph Coleman, drew a pension until his death in Winston County, Mississippi.

The next public record we have of Daniel Coleman is found in the :personal assessment roll for 1863. He was assessed with one pleasure carriage, 1 watch, 1 clock, 80 head of cattle, and 76 slaves under 60 year of age.

We are told that Daniel never gave up his belief that the Confederacy would win, and continued to buy slaves at Columbus right up to the end of the War. Of course, when the war was over he was left with nothing but his land, his home, his water mill on Yockanookany Creek, his gin and his brick kiln, with no labor with which to operate them. It seems, however, that he continued to farm extensively for a number of years, with his former slaves as share croppers. Later in life he himself plowed on land formerly cultivated by his slaves. The War, and all its tragic loses, would appear to have come at an extremely unhappy time for him. He was fifty-four years of age when it was over, and lived for twenty-four years afterward.

On May 29, 1866 (Book S, Page 385), Daniel Coleman borrowed \$800 from Wiley W. Coleman, due January 1, 1867. To secure the payment of this debt he gave a deed of trust on all his land, 13 mules, 40 head of cattle, 70 hogs, 2 wagons, 1 carriage, 1 gin, 1 thrasher, 500 bushels of corn, 6000 lbs. fodder, 4000 lbs. of bacon, 24 sheep, and 25 plows. Hard times! This Wiley W. Coleman was Daniel's first cousin (son of Wylie Coleman and Sarah Ragsdale).

In March, before his death in April, 1889, the sixteen room, two story home, erected by William Ragsdale Coleman, in which Daniel had lived for twenty four years, burned to the ground. He was living in the house at the time, with his youngest son, Henry Jonathan Coleman, and his

daughter-in-law, Estelle Bruce Coleman. He had become quite inactive but continued to read a great deal. He would chew tobacco and use papers for a cuspidor. Johnnie Coleman had been plowing that day in the "flat" in front (West) of the house. At noon time, when he came in from plowing, he gathered up all the soiled newspapers and threw them in a fireplace on the ground floor. The chimney soot became ignited, but it was not thought that the flames had spread. Johnnie went on back his plowing, but about two o'clock his wife noticed that the roof was on fire. There were no ladders long enough to reach to the second story roof. The March wind was high. The old home and nearly all its furnishings were totally destroyed. Daniel had to be forcibly detained from entering the flames. In less than a month he was dead.

Here, in some respects, was a man with an interesting personal history. In some ways it could be said that he was a strange man. He belonged to no church, although his second wife is known to have been a devout Baptist. He would not allow his photograph to be taken, saying that he did not wish to leave any graven image behind him for others to look upon. His wife, however, had her photograph taken, of which several copies are still in existence. He seems to have been a very frugal man. I have heard it said that while riding horseback down the road would dismount and pick up loose ears of corn lost by others in roadway. He was a small man in physical size, which seems to have been characteristic of the Colemans of that generation. He is reputed to have been a hard taskmaster with his slaves, which was not commendable.

Many years after the end of the War, he was plowing one day when Mr. J. P. Blackwood, then a young man, who had been burning a newground, came across the field. He was black with soot and, pretending he was a Negro, he began a sassy conversation with the old man. He laughed all his life about the energetic manner in which Daniel chased him out of the field.

If rain "set in" while he was plowing he would wrap a blanket around his shoulders and plow on until it became too muddy to plow.

I am indebted to Hon. Clarence E. Morgan, former District Attorney, of Kosciusko, for the following story.

Under the Slave Code of 1857, a slave could not leave his master's plantation without a written pass in his possession. Violations were punishable by thirty-nine lashes. One morning Daniel caught the negro butler of Col. Potts, a neighbor, in the Coleman "quarters" without a pass. He tied a rope on the luckless negro and marched him back to

Col. Potts' residence, where he demanded of the Colonel that the Negro be given the prescribed thirty-nine lashes. The butler was a favorite of the Colonel's and he did not want to punish him, so he used diplomatic means to avoid it. He first invited "Mr. Coleman" in to breakfast but he said he had already had breakfast. Then the Colonel suggested other refreshment of a more potent type, to which "Old Daniel" assented. They tied the offender to a convenient tree and proceeded to the refreshments, at the close of which both men agreed that under all the circumstances three licks would be sufficient punishment. And it is not known whether that three were ever in fact administered.

Here was a man who for many years knew prosperity and plenty. He knew misfortune, too. His first wife died when she was only 32. His second wife died when she was forty-seven, and after a long illness, which seems to have been what was then known as "dropsy." He knew adversity, after the war, including the loss of his home.

On the afternoon of April 8, 1889, he was at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Bruce. He was attempting to eat an orange, and strangled to death. This ended his earthly career.

I think he must have been loyal to his father, because he did not leave South Carolina until six years after Allen Coleman's death. Daniel was made one of the Executors of Allen's will. His brother, Williams Charles, had been in Winston County, Mississippi, for nineteen years when Daniel came. He was eleven years younger than his first cousin, William Ragsdale Coleman, and outlived him eight years. William Ragsdale had been resting for that long in North Grove Cemetery, Hallettsville, Texas, when the house of his construction went up in flames and Daniel, a few weeks later, went to his long home at Concord Cemetery. He was buried by his second wife. His first, and their twins, lie five hundred miles away in the rock walled burying ground, east of Blackstock.

He was born in the eleventh year of the Nineteenth Century, while James Madison was serving as the fourth President. He was twenty-one years of age when Jackson was elected to his second term. He was still living in South Carolina at the death of John C. Calhoun. He was well established in Mississippi on the date of Dredd Scott Decision, March 6, 1857, and was there at the time of John Brown's raid of October 16, 1859, the very day of the birth of his tenth child, Henry Jonathan. He died one month after the inauguration of Benjamin Harrison as the 23rd President. His lifetime covered the entire Nineteenth Century except for



its first eleven years and its last eleven years. He lived during the administration of 19 Presidents. He lived through the Civil War and Reconstruction. Yet he seems never to have been an aspirant for public office. Of his political beliefs and affiliations we are left not a line of evidence.

Mr. Richard A. Moss, of Ackerman, Mississippi, who was born 1872 and still alive and active in 1962, told the writer that he could remember Daniel Coleman well. That he was a tall, raw-boned man. He wore a big black hat and always rode a big gray horse. He would ride at such speed that the wind would blow the wide brim of his hat against the crown. Daniel Coleman always flatly refused to allow a photograph to be made, so these memories of Mr. R. A. Moss are all we have in the way of a personal description.

#### TABLE OF DESCENDANTS

ISAIAH DANIEL COLEMAN, Son of Allen Coleman and Sarah Coleman

- I. **MARRIED**, first, **AGNES FERGUSON**, Who was born in 1815, died November 1, 1847, age 32, and is buried in the Allen Coleman burying ground, 3.3 miles East of Blackstock, S. Carolina.

*Children of this marriage:*

- 1 & 2. Twin children, who were born and died September 10, 1839. Buried beside their mother.
3. Sarah Allen, born June 21, 1842, died March 10, 1921. Married Andrew Jackson Prewitt, September 23, 1863. Buried beside her husband, Mt. Moriah Cemetery near French Camp, Choctaw County.
4. William Charles, 20 Miss., C.S.A., born December 6, 1843, died November 23, 1927. Buried, Concord Cemetery.
5. Mollie S., born June 3, 1845, died March 13, 1925. Married J. J. Woodward. Buried beside her husband, Bethsalem, ten miles south of Ackerman, Mississippi.

(Her birth-date appears on the tombstone as June 3, 1843. This was an obvious conflict with birth date of William Charles. The Winston Census of 1860 listed her as 15 years of age. So we use the year 1845.)

II. MARRIED, second, on September 2, 1852, HARRIET DAVIS.

*Children of this marriage:*

1. Jacob Feaster Coleman, born Sunday, August 7, 1853, Chester County, S. C. (border of Fairfield, 3.3 miles east of Blackstock). Died, Ackerman, Mississippi, July 19, 1934. Buried, Enon Cemetery, Ackerman, Mississippi.  
(Tombstone erroneously states birth year as 1854).
2. Allen Jones Coleman, born October 21, 1854, died June 2, 1855.
3. Daniel Isaiah Coleman, born July 7, 1856, died January 27, 1857.
4. Isaiah Davis Coleman, born December 26, 1857, died August 29, 1859.  
(These three children must have been buried near where I. D. Coleman first lived in Winston County. Graves so far unlocated.)
5. Henry Jonathan (who later changed his name to John Henry), born October 16, 1859, died February 19, 1934. Buried, South Union Cemetery, west of Ackerman, Mississippi.
6. Laura Eugenia, born September 22, 1864, died April 2, 1939. Married Rufus Bruce, July 14, 1886. He died January 11, 1904. She is buried in Concord Cemetery.

Thus it is seen that Daniel Coleman was the father of eleven children, five by the first wife, six by the second, and only six of them lived to maturity.

TABLE 1 - I. D. COLEMAN

Children of Sarah Allen Coleman Prewitt and Andrew Jackson Prewitt

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1. Georgia Virginia Prewitt, born December 1, 1864, married R. S. (Rob) Weeks, had Eight children.
  2. Daniel Russell Prewitt, named for his grandfather Isaiah Daniel Coleman, born April 11, 1866, died of pneumonia 1882.
  3. Lena Roberta Prewitt, born February 10, 1868, married A. B. Reed. Had one son, John, recently living in Houston, Texas.
  4. Mary Hattie Prewitt, born April 21, 1870, married T. B. Davis. Had one daughter, Hattie, presently living in Bartow, Florida.
  5. John Henry Prewitt, born December 23, 1871, married first Tede Montgomery and had five children, Herbert, Thelma, Mary, Andy

and Hilary. Married second, Roberta Boone, and had three children, Robert, Sarah, and Homer. John Henry Prewitt died the 11 day of July, 1945, and is buried in the cemetery at the Fentress Baptist Church, of which he was a long time Deacon and leader.

6. Andrew Jackson Prewitt, Sr., born December 2, 1873. Married Maude Hunt. Had two children, Reverend Thomas Oren Prewitt, now of Jackson, Mississippi, and Andy Maude, who died at about the age of fourteen.
7. Carrie Savala Prewitt, born September 23, 1875, married William Emmett Blackwood. Had four children. Three sons, Roy, Doyle, and James, of the famous Blackwood Brothers Quartet, and a daughter, Lena, who married Edward L. Cain.
8. Rufus Dudley Prewitt, born March 31, 1877, married Mary Carter had two sons, Latimer and Jack Russell. Rufus Dudley Prewitt was once Tax Assessor of Choctaw County, Mississippi, as was his father before him.
9. Blumer Francis Prewitt, born December 31, 1878, married first Susan Moss, and had two children, Etmae and James. After the death of his first wife, married again and is presently living in Atlanta, Georgia.
10. Sarah Elizabeth Prewitt, born February J2, 1881. Married Amzi Robinson. Died recently in Houston, Texas.
11. Charles Dickson Prewitt, born February 20, 1883, married Kate Carter, sister to the wife of Rufus Dudley Prewitt. Presently lives in Greenwood, Mississippi.

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The birth dates of the "Blackwood Brothers" are as follows:

Roy Blackwood, born December 24, 1900.

Doyle Blackwood, born August 22, 1911.

James Blackwood, born August 4, 1919.

Their sister, Lena, was born December 31, 1903.

#### TABLE 2 - I. D. COLEMAN

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##### CHILDREN OF WILLIAM CHARLES COLEMAN

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William Charles Coleman's first two wives were McCamersons, twin sisters, and are buried in Beulah Cemetery, near Weir, Mississippi. His last wife

was Louisa Walker, whom he married on November 20, 1900.

We do not know too much about the children of William Charles Coleman, or their children. They all left Choctaw County many years ago and went to the territory around Marked Tree, Poinsett County, Arkansas.

This is all the information we have concerning the children of William C. Coleman:

1. Ella, married Walter Barrentine, and killed by a train at McCrory, Arkansas, is 1947.
2. Ney Coleman, never married. Died in McCrory, Arkansas.
3. Lela. Married Sid Smith, and then Bob Simmons. Died in McCrory.
4. Maggie. Married George Catledge. Died in 1911 in Texas.
5. Plumer. Died in Arkansas, a suicide.
6. Mattie Sue, died single in the 1890's. Buried at Beulah.
7. Sarah, known as Sadie. Married William Ernet Newton. Has lived at Robinsonville, Tunica County, Mississippi, for many years. Her children are Paul Ralph Newton and Frank Murray Newton, the latter a resident of Robinsonville.

Choctaw Census of 1880 reflects the following:

W. C. Coleman, age 36, born in South Carolina, as were both parents.  
Wife, Sarah, age 33, born in Mississippi, but parents born in South Carolina.

E. Y., daughter, age 9.

W. N., son, age 7.

M. L. and W. M., twin daughters, age 1.

Mary McCameron Coleman, first wife of William Charles Coleman died July 3, 1868, age 22 years, 3 months, and ten days.

#### TABLE 3 - I. E. COLEMAN

CHILDREN OF MOLLIE S. COLEMAN WOODWARD AND J. J. WOODWARD

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1. Ida, born January 11, 1866. (She married John Henry Bowie, who was born October 8, 1862, and died April 14, 1931.)

2. Amanda E., born February 8, 1867, died March 3, 1903. Age 36.
3. George L., born January 19, 1869, died June 2, 1894. Age 25.
4. Infant son, born and died March 19, 1875.
5. Infant son, born and died April 3, 1876.
6. Lottie, who married a Starnes, her tombstone states that she was born December 20, 1875, which is an error, if No. 4 is correct. She died January 28, 1922, age 47.
7. Minnie L., born July 25, 1878, died August 13, 1898. Age 20.
8. Dick, born June 16, 1884, died September 5, 1886.
9. James Harley, born February 25, 1885, died August 24, 1911. Age 26. He married a Jeffers.
10. Monny, born August 19, 1891, died February 1, 1892.
11. Mott, We do not have the date of his birth and death. He was dentist.

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J. J. Woodward, husband of Mollie S. Coleman, was born March 27, 1840, and died December 27, 1915. Graves of all the above, except Mott Woodward, are in Bethsalem Cemetery, Choctaw-Winston boundary.

#### TABLE 4 - I. D. COLEMAN

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##### CHILDREN OF JACOB FEASTER COLEMAN

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Jacob Feaster Coleman married Eliza Jane Bruce, daughter of Berry Bruce, on April 2, 1876. She was born February 17, 1859, so was 17 years of age at the time of the marriage. She died November 8, 1932, and both are buried at Enon.

1. Harriet Elizabeth Coleman, born October 12, 1877, died October 31, 1933. (unmarried). Buried at Enon.
2. Alma May Coleman, born August 7, 1880 died December 7, 1883.
3. Samuel Finis Coleman, born March 22, 1883, died August 30, 1955. Buried at Hickory, Mississippi.
4. Lether Bell Coleman, born January 19, 1886 died September 10, 1886.
5. Un-named son, born April 13, 1887, died May 10, 1887
6. Thomas Allen Coleman, born July 29, 1888
7. Arlondo Coleman, born November 22, 1891.
8. Mary Daisy Coleman, born March 2, 1898, died June 27, 1899

9. Hilda Coleman, born November 15, 1902. Married Lee T. McDowell.

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TABLE 5 - I. D. COLEMAN

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John Henry Coleman, who married Estelle Bruce, daughter of Thompson Bruce, and niece of Mrs. Eliza Jane Bruce Coleman, died childless.

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TABLE 6 - I. D. COLEMAN

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CHILDREN OF LAURA EUGENIA COLEMAN BRUCE

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1. Samuel F. Bruce, born October 11, 1887
  2. Henry Bruce, born February 24, 1890.
  3. Arthur Bruce, born August 24, 1891.
  4. Harriet Cornelia Bruce, born March 5, 1893.
  5. Russ D. Bruce.
  6. Claudia Bruce (deceased).
  7. Willie D. Bruce, born November 1, 1903.
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Rufus Bruce is buried in Lebanon Cemetery. He was the son of Baylis Bruce (brother of Berry Bruce) who is buried in South Union Cemetery. Baylis Bruce was born December 10, 1828, died April 9, 1896.

Children of Thomas Allen Coleman, who married Jennie Essie Worrell November 3, 1912.

1. James Plemon Coleman, born January 9, 1914.
2. Thomas Boyce Coleman, born October 15, 1915.
3. Mary Ellen Coleman, born June 18, 1917, died June 6, 1965.
4. Alvin Reed Coleman, born July 17, 1919, died August 19, 1921.
5. William DeWitt Coleman, born July 22, 1921.
6. Anna Ruth Coleman, born July 16, 1924.

Children of Arlando Berry Coleman, who married Ruth Sanders, October 28, 1923.

1. James H. Coleman, born August 28, 1924.
2. William Floyd Coleman, born November 29, 1925.

3. Alvin Berry Coleman, born May 18, 1917.
4. Robert Lee Coleman, born January 17, 1919.
5. Kenneth Melvin Coleman, born February 11, 1935.

On February 11, 1911, Hilda Coleman, youngest child of Jacob Feaster Coleman and Elizu Jane Bruce Coleman was married to Lee T. McDowell. He was born February 10, 1894. There were eight children:

- James Terrell, born Dec. 3, 1923.
- Lora Kathryn, born Oct. 21, 1925.
- Mary Jane, born Nov. 28, 1927.
- Della Louise, born Dec. 24, 1929.
- Elsie Marie, born Oct. 25, 1932.
- Marjorie Lucille, born July 30, 1935.
- Donna, born May 6, 1940.
- Myron Lee, born May 20, 1945.

DEED EXECUTED BY ISAIAH D. COLEMAN TO  
ALEXANDER B. DOUGLAS, AUGUST 2, 1853

Isaiah D. Coleman     \  
                          to            }  
Alexander B. Douglas /            DEED

The State of South Carolina

Know all Men by these presents that I, Isaiah D. Coleman of Chester District in the State aforesaid, in consideration of the sum of four thousand two hundred and eighty-nine 25/100 Dollars to me paid by or secured to be paid by Alexander B. Douglas of Fairfield District in the State aforesaid have granted, bargained, sold and Released and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell and Release unto the said Alexander B Douglas all that plantation or tract of land (whereon I now live) containing four hundred and eight and one half acres; situate, lying and being a part in Chester District and a part in Fairfield District, on the Southern Branch of Little Rocky Creek, waters of Catawba River, In the state afore said Bounded on the East by William Johnston's land; on the North East by Lands belonging to Hugh Davaugh's, on the North West by John Johnston's land, on the West by lands belonging to James Hutchinson; on the South by William Wilson's Land and on the South East by lands belonging to John Mobely; and hath such shape form and marks, as

is fully Represented by a plat here unto attached, the grave yard or burying ground is reserved and not included, One half acre being taken out of the amount of Land contained in the tract.

Together with all and singular the Rights, members and hereditaments and appurtenances to the said premises belonging or in anywise incident or appertaining. To have and to hold all and singular the premises before mentioned unto the said Alexander B. Douglas, his heirs and assigns forever, and I do hereby bind myself, my heirs, Executors and Administrators to Warrant and forever defend, all and singular the premises within mentioned and Released unto the said Alexander B. Douglas, his heirs and assigns against myself and my heirs and all other persons lawfully claiming or to claim the same or any part thereof. Witness my hand and seal this second day of August in the year of our Lord one Thousand Eight Hundred and fifty three and in the seventy eight year of the sovereignty and Independence of the United States America.

Isaiah D. Coleman (L. S.)

Signed, Sealed and delivered in the presence of  
Jno. P. Lathan  
William Douglas  
The word Land was inserted before signed.

State of South Carolina \  
Chester District /

Personally appeared before me William Douglas and made oath that he saw the within named Isaiah D. Coleman sign, seal and as his act and deed deliver the within written Deed, and that he with Jno. P. Lathan in the presence of each other witnessed the execution thereof.

William Douglas

Sworn Before me, this second day of  
August, 1853

Jno. P. Lathan  
Magistrate

State of South Carolina \  
Chester District /

I, Jno. P. Lathan one of the magistrates for said District do hereby certify unto all whom it may concern Harriett F. Coleman, the wife of the



within named Isaiah D. Coleman, did this day appear before me and upon being privately and separately examined by me, did declare that she does fully, voluntarily and without compulsion, dread or fear, of any person or persons whomsoever, Renounce, Release, and forever Relinquish unto the within named Alexander B. Douglas his heirs and assign All her interest and Estate and also her Right and Claim of Dover, of, in, or to all and singular the premises within mentioned and Released.

Harriett R. Coleman

Given under my hand and seal this  
Second day of August Anno Domini  
1853  
Jno. P. Lathan  
Magistrate

Recorded December 5th, 1853  
Delivered to Wm. Douglas, Jany 10, 1854

Recorded in Book 11, page 15, 16, 17 in the Office of the Clerk of Court, Chester County, South Carolina.

DEED FROM WM. R. COLEMAN TO  
ISAIAH D. COLEMAN

Land Deed Book R, Page 39, Winston County, Mississippi  
THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
WINSTON COUNTY

THIS DEED OF CONVEYANCE, Made and entered into this the Fifteenth day of December A.D. 1859, between William R Coleman, party of the first part and Isaiah D. Coleman, party of the second part, for and in consideration of the sum of Six Thousand Seven Hundred & Fifty Eight Dollars to him in hand paid by Isaiah D. Coleman party of the second part, at and before the ensembling and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, and the part of the second part forever released and discharged from the same, by these presents, have bargained and sold, and do hereby grant, alien and convey unto the said Isaiah D. Coleman party of the second part, and to his heirs and assigns forever, all the following described tract or parcel of land, to-wit:

The  $W\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $NE\frac{1}{4}$  -  $W\frac{1}{2}$   $NW\frac{1}{4}$  &  $SW\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 35 &  $S\frac{1}{2}$  Sec. 34 &  $E\frac{1}{2}$

SE¼ Sec. 33, all in Town. 17 Range 10 East in the County of Choctaw and State aforesaid, and the S½ and NW & W½ NE¼ Sec. 1, and the SE¼ & NE¼ & E½ NW¼ Sec. 2 & W½ NE¼ Sec. 11, all in Town. No. 16 Range No. 10 East situate, lying and being in the County of Winston and State aforesaid and in the Columbus Land District, containing seventeen hundred & sixty three acres, more or less, together with all and singular the tenements, appurtenances and hereditaments thereunto belonging, and the said Isaiah D. Coleman, party of the second part, his heirs or alienees under him, and the part of the first part do covenant with the said party of the second part that he will warrant and forever defend the title of the same to him, his heirs, executors, administrators or assigns of, in and to the above described premises, free from and against the right, title, interest, claim and demand, of all and every other person claiming, or lawfully to claim the same by through or under him or in any other manner whatever.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, The party of the first part have hereunto set his hand and seal, the day and year first above written.

s/ William R. Coleman

**THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
WINSTON COUNTY**

Personally appeared before E. D. Hyde, Clerk of the Probate Court of said county, William R. Coleman, who acknowledged that he signed, sealed and delivered the foregoing Deed on the day of its date, for the uses and purposes therein expressed, as his own act and deed.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Louisville, Miss, this 15th day of December A.D. 1859.

s/ E. D. Hyde, Clerk

**THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, WINSTON COUNTY**

I, E. D. Hyde, Clerk of the Probate Court, in and for said county hereby certify that the within and foregoing Deed was received in my office, for record this fifteenth day of December A.D. 1859 and the same was duly recorded in Book, Letter R at page 39 the fifteenth day of December A.D. 1859.

s/ E. D. Hyde, Clerk

Following is photostatic copy of the original agreement by which William R. Coleman was to retain possession of the plantation until

October 1, 1860. This contains the only known signature of Isaiah D. Coleman now in existence.

This instrument remained among the William R. Coleman papers until presented in 1950 to J. P. Coleman by Frank R. Coleman, Dallas, Texas grandson of William R. Coleman.



The above photostat reads as follows:

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
WINSTON COUNTY

This is to certify that I have this day purchased of William R. Coleman of said County a tract of land on which he now resides specified in a deed executed by him to me this day and that the

said Wm. R. Coleman is to remain in the peaceable possession and enjoyment of the said tract of land with the tenements and appurtenances thereunto belonging free of rent until the 1st day of October, A.D. 1860, at the expiration of which time he is to deliver the same to me. Given under my hand and seal this 15th day of December, 1859.

Isaiah D. Coleman, Seal

Following is the obituary of Andrew Jackson Prewitt, son-in-law of I. D. Coleman:

A. J. PREWITT, SR., was born August 5, 1839, in Choctaw County, Mississippi, and died April 25, 1900, being at the time of his death 60 years, 8 months and 20 days old. He enlisted in the Army in April 1861 in Co. I, Choctaw Guards, and belonged to the 15th Mississippi Regt. He was elected orderly Sgt. and afterwards promoted to 2nd Lt. He served in the Infantry three years and on account of rheumatism raised a company of cavalry in 1864 and served his company as Captain until the close of the war. Mr. Prewitt was married to Miss S. A. Coleman, daughter of I. D. Coleman, September 23, 1863, and to them were born eleven children, six boys and 5 girls, all of whom are now living except the oldest son, and all married except one, the youngest boy. Mr. Prewitt served one term as Tax Assessor and as reelected to a second term. On July 20, 1870, Mr. Prewitt united with the Baptist Church at Mt. Moriah and to the day of his death lived a consistent, Christian life. Mr., Prewitt was a man of noblest impulses. He was esteemed and beloved by all.

THE GENEALOGY OF HARRIET DAVIS, SECOND  
WIFE OF ISALAH DANIEL COLEMAN

Harriet Davis was born December 8, 1826.

She was the daughter of Jacob Davis. We are not certain as to the name of her mother.

On a trip to Washington, D. C., in November, 1953, I at last found the 1850 Fairfield County Census for Jacob Davis, as follows:

Jacob Davis, 57 (1793) Planter, born Fairfield  
Wyatt, 33  
Harriet, 23  
Nancy, 20

Therefore, Jacob Davis' wife was dead before 1850.

I was informed, however, by Mrs. Eliza R. Wylie, of Richburg S. C. in a letter dated October 3, 1950, that Harriet Davis' mother was a

Hinds. This must be true, since James Darling Davis, brother of Harriet, named one of his sons Henry Hinds. This son, Dr. Henry Hinds Davis, wrote the published obituary of Mrs. Harriet Coleman. Also, in the papers of Jacob Feaster Coleman, oldest son of Harriet, along with a clipping of the obituary, was found the following penciled memorandum:

"Mch 27th 1876

Sacred to the memory of Jacob Davis, who was born Mch 22nd 1793,  
and died Nov. 27th 1854. Aged 61 yrs, 8 mo & 5 days.

H. H. Davis"

Harriet had brothers named Thomas, Lloyd, Wyatt, Wylie, and James Darling. She also had four sisters. They were Nancy, who married William Caldwell, of Chester, South Carolina; Lucy Asenath, who married James B. Coleman; and Mary, who married a Grant and moved to Mississippi. Asenath Davis Coleman was born December 5, 1815, and died December 21, 1890. James B. Coleman, her husband, to whom she was married in 1840, died in 1872.

From the Estate Settlement of Thomas Davis, deceased, Box 45, File 693, Fairfield County, we are fairly certain that Jacob Davis was the son of Thomas Davis, who died about 1825. In the first place, Jacob was the Administrator of the Estate. Furthermore, Strother and Polly Tidwell are two of the heirs named. The only other marked grave in the cemetery where Jacob Davis lies buried is that of Charles Tidwell.

Heirs of Thomas Davis named in 1825 were Timothy Davis, Thomas Davis, Jacob Davis, John Davis, Nancy Ivey, apparently the wife William Ivey, Polly Tidwell, apparently the wife of Strother Tidwell, and David Davis.

Evidently, Thomas Davis' wife was named Elizabeth. Her Estate Settlement, Box 45, File 702, Fairfield County, shows Thomas Davis, Administrator, in 1832. It also lists the same identical heirs, except that Nancy Ivey is mentioned as deceased.

I am indebted to Mrs. Etta Rosson of Shelton, South Carolina, for these court records.

On a personal inspection of the Fairfield Land Deed Records, I found that between the years of 1843 and 1853, Jacob Davis, in various deeds, was the purchaser of lands on Dutchman's Creek and Cedar Creek, slightly north and east of Ridgeway, totaling 3092 acres.

An amazing consideration is that I could not find in these records where Jacob Davis ever disposed of these lands. The Probate records do

not show that Jacob Davis' estate was administered upon in Fairfield County, or, if so, the papers are lost. When Sherman came through Winnsboro in 1865 he did not burn the courthouse.

Jacob Davis was born, as above stated, March 22, 1793, and died November 27, 1854, just before or about the time the daughter, Harriet, moved to Mississippi. We know that Isaiah D. Coleman made a crop in Winston County in the year 1855.

For the information of those who in the future may be interested in visiting the grave of Jacob Davis, I am indebted to Miss Margaret Coleman, of Winnsboro, S. C., for the following:

At the intersection of U. S. Highway 21 and State Highway 34, in Ridgeway, take State Highway 34 for a distance of 4.8 miles East; turn left and take dirt road; at the first fork keep right (this is the Dutchman's Creek Road). At 1.5 miles of dirt road there is an abandoned road to the left which is now little more than a path. The cemetery is about ¼ mile from the road, in the tallest group of oaks, and very hard to see for the underbrush. Jacob Davis' grave is well marked, one of the only two in the cemetery that can be identified. This area is rattlesnake infested.

Miss Margaret Coleman located this grave in 1952. I visited it in July 1953.

On September 2, 1852, at the age of twenty-three years, Harriet Davis was married to Isaiah Daniel Coleman, then a widower age 41. He then had three children, the oldest of whom was ten years of age. She eighteen years younger than her husband. Eleven months and five days after the marriage she gave birth to her first son, Jacob Feaster Coleman, who was always known by his middle name "Feaster." There would appear to be little doubt that he was named for his grandfather, Jacob Davis, and for the Feaster family in Fairfield County, into which Henry Jonathan Coleman, uncle of Isaiah Daniel, had married.

James Darling Davis, married Mary Gipson. He was born in Fairfield District, S. C., on August 27, 1821, and died at Louisville, Mississippi, January 18, 1901. He is buried there in the Masonic Cemetery.

According to his great granddaughter, Mrs. Hazie Rodgers Furr, of Pontotoc, Mississippi, (daughter of the late Judge and Mrs. Henry H. Rodgers), he moved to Winston County, Mississippi, in 1857, about two years after his sister had arrived in Winston.

JAMES DARLING DAVIS was married to Mary Gipson on October 1850. They had the following children:

1. Dr. Henry Hinds Davis, born in Ridgeway, S. C., December 18, 1851, died at Louisville, Mississippi, September 24, 1925.
2. Kitty M. Davis, born in Ridgeway, S. C., December 25, 1853.
3. Alice M. Davis, born in Ridgeway, S. C., March 24, 1856, died at Louisville, Mississippi.
4. Edward F. Davis, born in Louisville, Mississippi, Winston County March 22, 1858.
5. Harriet Ella Davis, born in Louisville, Mississippi, Winston County, May 19, 1860, died Birmingham, Alabama.
6. George W. Davis, born in Louisville, Mississippi, Winston County, October 31, 1862, died Louisville, Mississippi.
7. James W. Davis, born at Louisville, Mississippi, Winston County, July 25, 1865.
8. Jacob F. Davis, born in Louisville, Mississippi, Winston County, March 16, 1870.

Dr. HENRY HINDS DAVIS and Miss Lelia Louisa Blumenberg were married December 28, 1881, in Attala County, Mississippi. They had the following children:

1. Frederick D. Davis, born in McCool, Mississippi, Attala County, November 7, 1882, who is now living at Box 52, Rt. 1, Jackson, Mississippi.
2. Henry S. Davis, born in McCool, Mississippi, Attala County, March 14, 1884, died Louisville, Mississippi, September 7, 1931.
3. Leita Louise Davis, born in McCool, Mississippi, Attala County, January 23, 1886, died Louisville, Mississippi, August 12 1951.
4. Clair Gibson Davis, born McCool, Mississippi, Attala County, October 1, 1887, died McCool, Mississippi, Attala County, September 2, 1888.
5. Hiram Hanna Davis, born in McCool, Mississippi, Attala County, March 1, 1890, died Louisville, Mississippi, Winston County, May 6 1918.
6. James Dwight Davis, born in McCool, Mississippi, Attala County, August 6, 1893.
7. Richard Blumenberg Davis, born in McCool, Mississippi, Attala County, December 14, 1895, died May 8, 1947, at Houston, Texas.

This information was taken from Dr. Henry Hinds Davis Family Bible, which is now in possession of the family of his son, James Dwight Davis.

Obituary of Mrs. Harriet Davis Coleman, written by her nephew Dr. H. H. Davis:

#### OBITUARY

Died - At the residence of her husband, I. D. Coleman, in Choctaw County, Miss., on Friday, March 25th, 1876, Mrs. Harriet R. Coleman, aged 49 years, 3 months, and 17 days, after a lingering illness of 4 or 5 months.

Mrs. Harriet R. Coleman was a sister of James D. Davis, and was born in Fairfield District, S. C., removed to this State in 1855, since which time she has resided continuously in Winston and Choctaw counties, up to the time of her death.

It is said that "Death seeks a shining mark," and if this be so, the insatiate Archer has, in this instance, fully demonstrated the truth of the aphorism, for Mrs. Coleman combined within herself, all that tends to make up the true Christian, the affectionate, confiding and loving wife and mother, doting sister and truest of friends; unswerving in any of the duties of life, and with a heart and hand always open to the necessities of suffering humanity. She was a strict member of the Baptist church, and like the "breathing of an expiring Saint" she calmly yielded up the ghost, and passed over the Silent River amid the weepings of her numerous relatives and regrets of hosts of friends, Peace to her ashes.

"None knew her but to love her  
None named her but to praise."

H.H.D.

#### OBITUARY OF MRS. ASENATH COLEMAN (Furnished by Mrs. Etta Rosson)

The community, relatives, and the Baptist Church at Ridgeway, S. C, have just been greatly bereaved in the loss by death of Sister Asenath Coleman, who "passed over the river" Dec. 21st, 1890, at the age of seventy-five years and sixteen days. She had been long connected intimately, widely and effectively with the religious and social life of this community. She was converted at a tender age, and soon after joined the Baptist Church, to which she gave warm cheerful, sympathetic and consecrated service in health and under severe affliction. She gladly carried out her husband's wishes in giving the lot for the present Baptist Church. She leaves three brothers, Mr. Wylie Davis and Mr. Lloyd Davis, of Ridgeway, S. C., and Mr. Jas, Davis, of Mississippi, and two sisters, Mrs. Caldwell of Chester, S. C., and Mrs. Grant, of Mississippi. In 1840 she was married to Mr. Jas B. Coleman, who preceded her to the



better world 18 years. As the fruits of this union there lives an honor number of children and grandchildren, including four sons and three daughters. Three sons and one daughter live here; one daughter, Mrs. Essie Durham, her husband and two sons, live in Greenville, S. C.; one son is a professor in the State Institute for Deaf and Dumb, and one daughter lives Florida.

Death is a gain to her. May her Christian character descend as a mantle on her stricken and sorrowing children. May our loss be not only gain to her but a blessing in disguise to us. May this dispensation of God's Providence lead to such increased devotion on the part of the little church that her place may soon be filled by other laborers, is the prayer of her pastor.

W. R. Briscoe  
Ridgeway, S. C.  
Dec. 23, 1890

The following letters in the original were kept during her lifetime by Mrs. Laura Eugenia Coleman Bruce and then left to her daughter, Mrs. Willie Dee Bruce Cooper, who made them available for this publication.

Mrs. Bruce was the daughter of Isaiah Daniel Coleman and Harriet Davis, their youngest child.

Dear Brother & Sister

20th Nov. 1855

I now Rais my pen in answer of yours which came to hand yesterday stating all well and a fine crop which I wold like to look at very well this leaves us all tolerable well. hoping it may reach you all enjoying the Saim greate blessing thanking God for all his blessings; we have maid a very good crop of corn our cotten was like yours it did not get up before June to a stand it rained heare about the time it rained there but there was Several rains not fare of and they did well in the crop way. I did not plant a ful crop intended to get some timber for the rail Roade which I did and am working at clearing the land and getting the timber \$1625 Dollars was the I contractid for and it wil push me to get it done this yeare but I find it a better way to make money than making cotton on our pore land I have just bought 347 acres of land about 6 or 7 miles below me it crosses the Rail Roaid I got it low and the man that worked it this yeare tels me he maid a waggon loade of corn to the acre & 800 poundls of cotten on an average and think that does pretty well for old pore land it was sold for a devison among heirs.

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I now inclose the other half of the hundred dollar bil and Send it to you I have not got any more collectid yet Brother Wiat has not maid any collection yet as I no of he as the promise of 1200 next month if he gets any

worth deviding he will doe So I Suppose; our country is unusual helthy Some few caises this summer past and most of them dide but all well now T. B. Walker has had a Short Spel but is better the rest of the conexion well so fare as I no; corn woth 50 cts cash, foder 75 cts on twelve months credit beef 5 cts bacon 13 to 16 cts cash if I had cept yours til now I could have done beter with it but two lait now; wheate is worth \$1.50 heare and Scarse at that I sold out two soon for 1.25 per bushel flower worth \$10 per barel and we have no hope of pork coming heare and if it was to come it wold be so high we would have no money to buy it we think 6 or 8 dollars pr hundred grose. I close by Sining my Self

to Isaiah D. Coleman  
and wife & family

Yours Truly  
J. B. Coleman

This letter was written by James B. Coleman, whose wife was a sister of Mrs. Harriet Davis Coleman.

Steep Creek February 14th 1856

Dear Sister I received your letter on the 10 Instant whitch game mutch peasure to hear from you but very sorry to of your misfortun but I hope your loss is its gain. Dear Sist I truly simpathise with you for the loss of your son but we are taught in holy writ thy will be done o God - Dear Sister be reconciled to the will of Providence - Your babe Is gone to th relms of bliss where there will be no more pain nor Death - there to enjoy the Smiles of its heavenly Father and await the finaly faithful - on the banks of everlasting Deliverence - where the wicked cease from troubling and where the weary are at rest. Dear Sister you requested me to excuse you for not writing sooner. I must excuse you Dear Sister but doo not neglect me so long again. We are all in fine health and prospects fair the cottor crop was light last year but plenty

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of corn and some to sell. Mr. Grant made 38 bales of cotton last year. a falling off of Ten bales - Jessie E. Gill was married on 28th of January to a gentleman in Montgomery by the name of Smith. They seem to enjoy the honey moon with a greateal of pleasure. Salie E. Gill is teaching in Montgomery and board with her sister all of our relatives are well at this time and send there best respects to you and your husband. the railroad will be in operation here this fall Propperty is very high negroes from 1000 to 1400 dollars and land 15 to 20 dollars per acre - mules from 100 to 175 dollars. Corn 75 cts per bushel, bacon from 11.12 cts cofy 13 ct; shugar 10 cts molasses 60 cts by the barel. We have a fine school in a hall mile of us and all of children is going thats large enough Josephine will remain in Hayneville this year Dear Sister I would like to write more but I am not well posted up of this time Our negroes send there love to you and

your negroes we have only had two little negroes born since you was here I must close  
write soon Dear Sister Farewell

Mary E. Grant

NOTES ON ISAIAH DANIEL COLEMAN AND HIS  
OLD HOME

(As told to J. P. Coleman by Mrs. Estelle Coleman,  
Christmas, 1950)

Mrs. Estelle Bruce Coleman was the daughter of Thompson Bruce, and married Henry Jonathan Coleman, son of Isaiah Daniel Coleman, in 1887. She died February 21, 1953.

The Isaiah Daniel Coleman house burned in March, 1889. The house was constructed of logs, weatherboarded with plank, and contained 16 rooms. It was situated on the east side of the old Louisville and Winona Road (which is still used as a public road), and on the identical spot where the J. P. Coleman tractor shed now stands. This is approximately 600 feet north of the Southeast corner of the Southeast  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the Southwest  $\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 1, Township 16, Range 10, Choctaw County, Mississippi. The house faced west and a hall ran through it from front to back on the first floor. There were two chimneys at each end of the house, providing fireplaces on both the first and second floors.

"I (Mrs. Estelle Coleman) moved to this house in 1887, when I married Henry Jonathan Coleman, and I lived there until the house burned in March 1889.

"Isaiah Daniel Coleman was then getting quite feeble. He would chew tobacco and would spit on newspapers. My husband was doing spring plowing in the 'flat,' on the west side of the road, in front of the house. I was doing the family wash. When my husband came in for dinner he gathered up a bunch of the newspapers that his father had been using and threw them in the fire which was burning in a fireplace on the first floor. He returned to plowing and it was not until about 2 o'clock that it was discovered that the roof was on fire. There were no ladders sufficiently long to reach the roof, and no men present except Henry Jonathan Coleman and Isaiah Daniel Coleman. Henry Jonathan Coleman was then 30 years of age.

"We were not able to get much out of the house. Henry Jonathan Coleman did take an elegant mirror out and, in the excitement, accidentally broke it.

"After the fire, which was seen for miles around, Henry Jonathan Coleman and I moved into a cabin on the west side of the road, and Isaiah Daniel Coleman moved in the home with his daughter, Mrs. Laura Eugenia Bruce, about a half mile north, on the old Louisville and Winona Road. "He died there April 8, 1889, about a month after the fire. He was never especially sick, but was weak from old age. He was eating an orange and somehow became strangled on it and died before help could arrive. Henry Jonathan Coleman, Rufus Bruce, and others were about three-quarters of a mile away at a log rolling on the John W. Robinson property (then owned by Lafayette Robinson). Isaiah Daniel Coleman was dead before they could be notified and reach home.

"I was told that Isaiah Daniel Coleman was never affiliated with any church. It was also said that he was extremely bad to use profane language in his younger days, but he had quit that when I moved into the home and I never did hear him use such language. He would sit around the house and spend most of his time reading. He always refused to allow his picture to be made. He said he would not leave an image of his on earth for people to look at after he was gone.

"For over sixty years there has been a tradition that he attempted to enter the house when it burned, and desired to be burned up with it. This is not true. My husband had to lead him away from the house several times to keep him from getting in it and being burned. This was due, I think, to the fact that he was very old, could not see well, was very much excited by the occurrence, and was not altogether aware of the danger.

"The house could not have been much over 50 years old when it was destroyed by fire.

"Either William Charles Coleman or William Ragsdale Coleman built this house. William Ragsdale had lived in it until 1860."

Mrs. Carrie Prewitt Blackwood, daughter of Sarah Allen Coleman Prewitt, died May, 1963, age 88. A number of years ago she told her granddaughter, Mrs. Madeline Cain Wood, who now lives in Ackerman, Mississippi, about the Isaiah Daniel Coleman house. Cousin Carrie was fourteen years of age when this house burned. She added details not remembered by Mrs. Estelle Bruce Coleman, previously related.

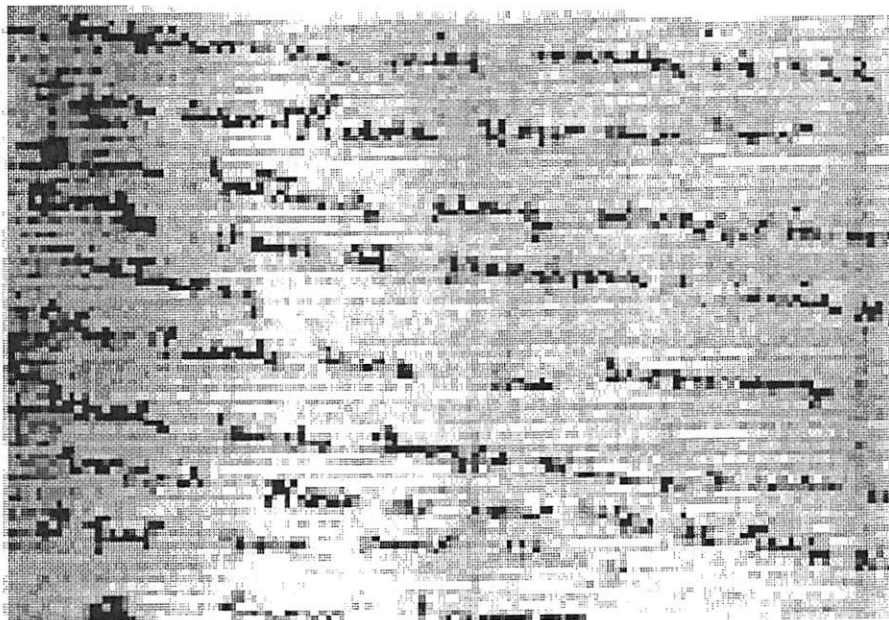
According to her recollections, a grove of oak trees stood between the house and the public road, which was the old Winona and Louisville road. The house contained a basement. The front porch, extending all

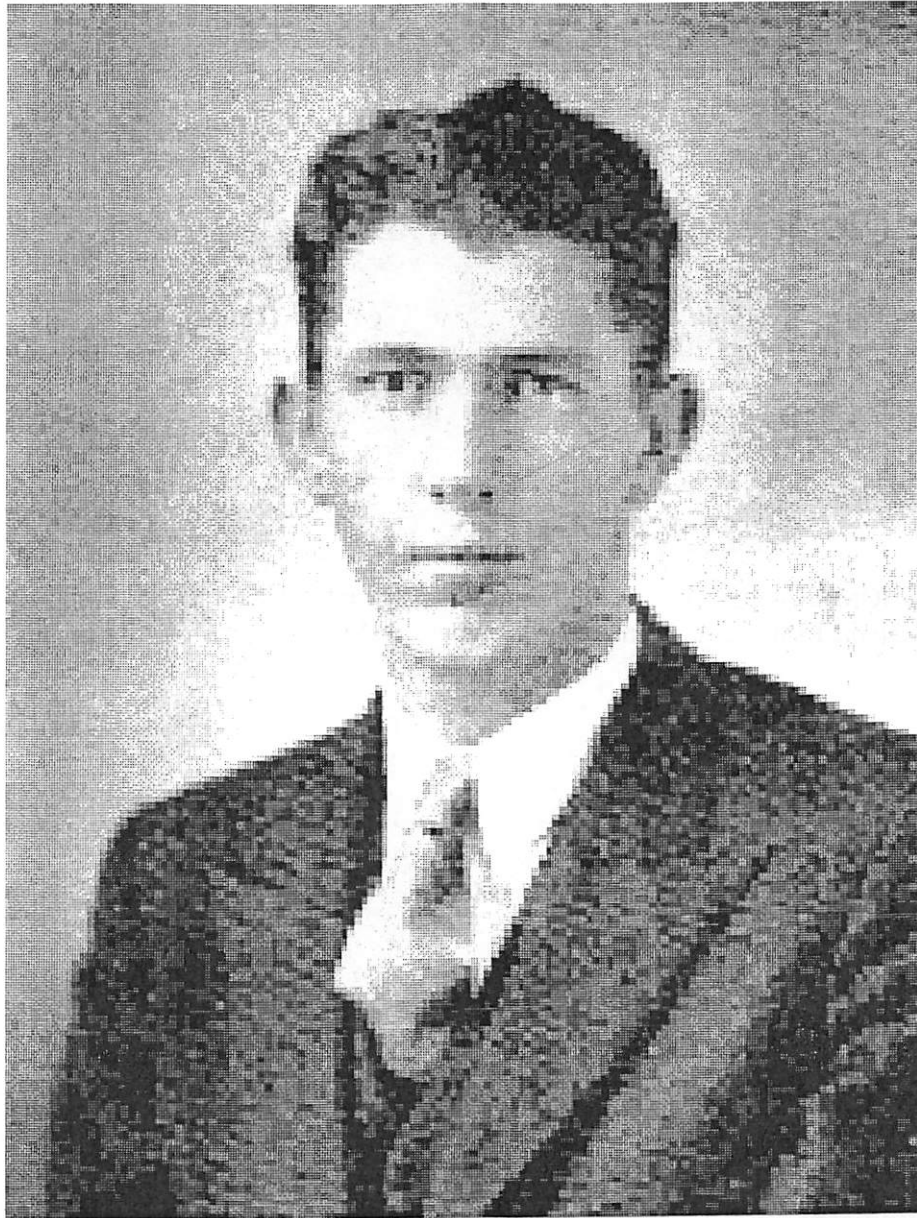
the way across the front of the house, had a stairway leading to the second floor porch.

Note: Henry Jonathan Coleman always insisted that his name was John Henry and used the initials "J. H."

In December, 1950, Mrs. Estelle Coleman sold to J. P. Coleman her spinning wheel which John Bruce brought to Mississippi when he moved here from Georgia. This spinning wheel was later owned by his daughter, Mrs. Rachel Hood. About 1900 Mrs. Hood sold the spinning wheel to Mrs. Estelle Coleman for \$2.00. Mrs. Coleman and her half-brother, Floris B. Bruce (Sheriff of Choctaw County, 1944-1948) carried the spinning wheel home with them.

Following is the oldest known letter written by J. P. Coleman. He wrote it to his Aunt, Mrs. Hilda Coleman McDowell, when he was eight years of age. Mrs. McDowell kept it for forty years and showed it to J. P. Coleman in 1962, from which he had this copy made:

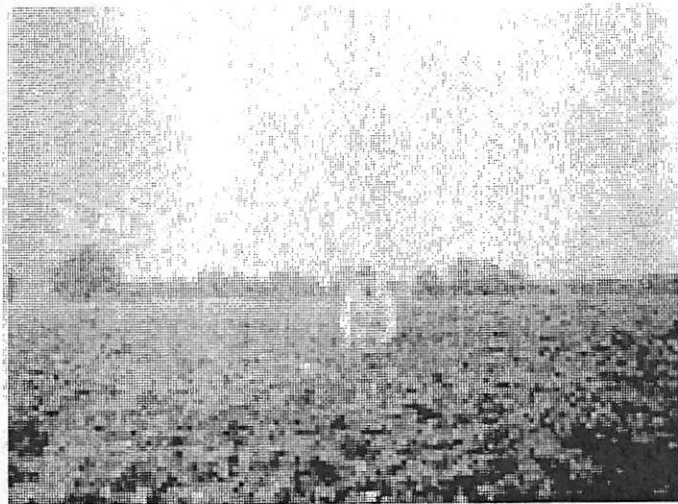




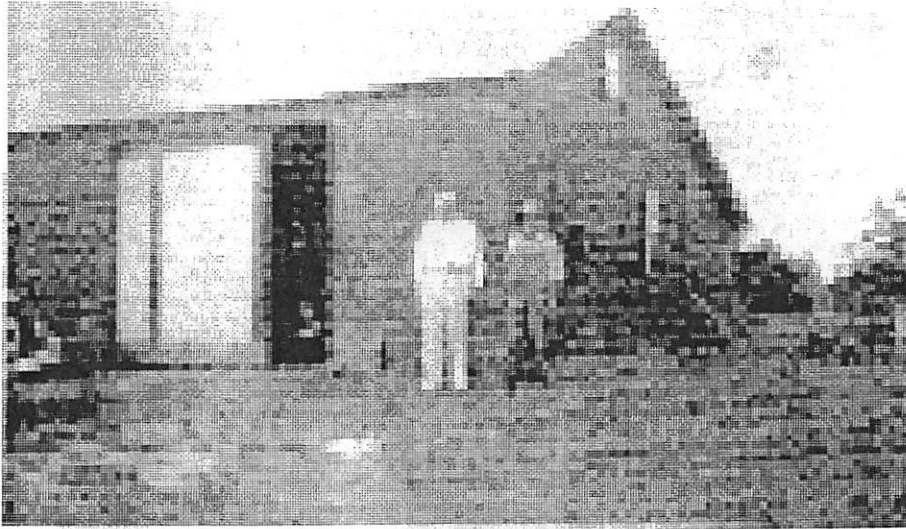
J. P. COLEMAN, when a student at the University of Mississippi, 1933.



THOMAS ALLEN COLEMAN, age 13, wearing the coat of Robert Coleman, who died 1809, at the entrance to Clanmore, 1954.



J. P. COLEMAN standing in cotton growing, 1950, on the Buck Coleman - Daniel Coleman land. This ground has been in cultivation for 115 years.



This farm implement shed stands on the exact spot of the William Ragsdale Coleman (later Isaiah Daniel Coleman) home in Choctaw County, Miss. It was built by J. P. Coleman in 1947. Picture shows J. P. Coleman and the best farmer who ever lived on his land, Mr. Walter L. Kemp. Photo taken in 1950 by Frank R. Coleman.



JACOB FEASTER COLEMAN His wife, MRS. ELIZA JANE  
(Aug. 7, 1853 - July 19, 1934), BRUCE COLEMAN  
when a young man.





THOMAS ALLEN COLEMAN, born July 29, 1888. He was twenty years of age when this picture was made.



Children of JACOB F. and ELIZA J. COLEMAN, Thomas Allen, Samuel F., Harriet E., and Arlando Berry. This picture was taken about 1900.



Mrs. Mary Ellen Coleman Blaine, the third child and eldest daughter of Thomas Allen Coleman and Mrs. Jennie Essie Warrell Coleman. She was born June 18, 1917 and died June 6, 1965, the victim of cancer. She was of outstanding personal character, true to every trust, even unto death. She was married to Hester Blaine, July 12, 1937. Mr. Blaine, a splendid husband and father, survives.

## THE COLEMANS OF CLAY COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

by J. P. Coleman

David Henry Coleman, the third child of David Roe Coleman (1765-1855) and his wife, Edith Beam, was born in Fairfield County, S. C. on December 17, 1794. He died in Chickasaw (now Clay) County, Mississippi, March 17, 1866. He married Sarah Franllin.

He moved to Greene County, Alabama, and from there to Montpelier, Chickasaw County, Mississippi. Montpelier is twenty-five miles Southeast of Houston and 23 miles Northwest of West Point.

His brother Wilson Henry Coleman, born March 25, 1800, moved to Greene County with him. There, on 26 day of August, 1828, Wilson H. Coleman married Mary Johnston. Since Wilson Henry died in Greene County on October 26, 1846, I shall tell of his family first and then I shall write of David Henry.

His daughter, Elizabeth, born June 7, 1829, married a Spencer.

His daughter, Martha, born November 4, 1830, married John W. Gosa, who died of measles in the siege of Atlanta. His grave is marked in the cemetery at Atlanta.

The other children were Wiley Johnson Coleman, born September 9, 1832; Edith, born October 26, 1834, died single October 19, 1906; Mary Isabella, born January 6, 1836, died single June 29, 1907; Nancy Johnson, born September 19, 1839, died October 8, 1866; Laura Louella, who married a Ragsdale, was born June 8, 1846, less than six months before the death of her father.

The estate of Wilson H. Coleman was held together until the year 1891. The widow, Mary, died January 31, 1891. In that year, according to the Greene County records, a deed dividing the estate was signed by the following who recited themselves to be the sole and only heirs of Wilson H. Coleman: Wiley J. Coleman, Edith Coleman, Mary I. Coleman, Laura L. Ragsdale, Jinnie C. Spencer, Addie Spencer, and Annie S. Harper.

The Estate File, No. 634, Greene County, shows that David H. Coleman was the Administrator of his brother's estate.

The heirs listed were: Mary Coleman, widow, Elizabeth Coleman, Martha Coleman, Wiley J. Coleman, Edith Coleman, Mary I. Coleman, Nancy J. Coleman, and Laura L. Coleman.

Mr. Herbert Gosa, long time County Engineer, Greene County, still

living as this is written, was a descendant of Wilson H. Coleman. I examined the Wilson H. Coleman Bible in his home on January 19, 1952.

The Estate file contains a receipt, dated April 1, 1859, signed by Mary Coleman, acknowledging that she had received payment from the Estate of David R. Coleman, in South Carolina, for her minor children.

The children of David Henry Coleman and Sarah Franklin were:

1. Cecelia, (Sicily) born September 1, 1820. Married a Bains and had two sons, Oscar and James (in 1840). They moved to Bethany, Texas.
2. Sarah, born April 11, 1822. On January 18, 1842, she married Ashley Davis. Moved to Beaver Valley, Texas.
3. Nancy, born April 20, 1824. Married an Oldham and moved to Beaver Valley. Also married to Bradford Buhl Davis.
4. Albert, born March 31, 1826. The above four children were born in South Carolina.
5. John Franklin, born April 10, 1828.
6. Edith, born November 14, 1830.
7. David Roe, born December 31, 1832.
8. Wiley Fitz, born May 22, 1835.

From the foregoing it will be seen that David Henry Coleman moved to Greene County between 1826 and 1828.

In 1832 and 1833 David H. Coleman and Wilson H. Coleman were granted a total of 640 acres of land in Sections 28, 29 and 32 of Township 23, Range 2 East, Greene County. This was the same area in which Francis Coleman lived. I learn in a letter from Mrs. Imogene Springer in 1964 that this was known as the Springfield Community. She stated that David H. Coleman moved to Montpelier, Mississippi, about 1856.

From the Diary of Mrs. Jennie I. Coleman:

"REACHED MONTPELIER, August 28, 1919, in Clay county,

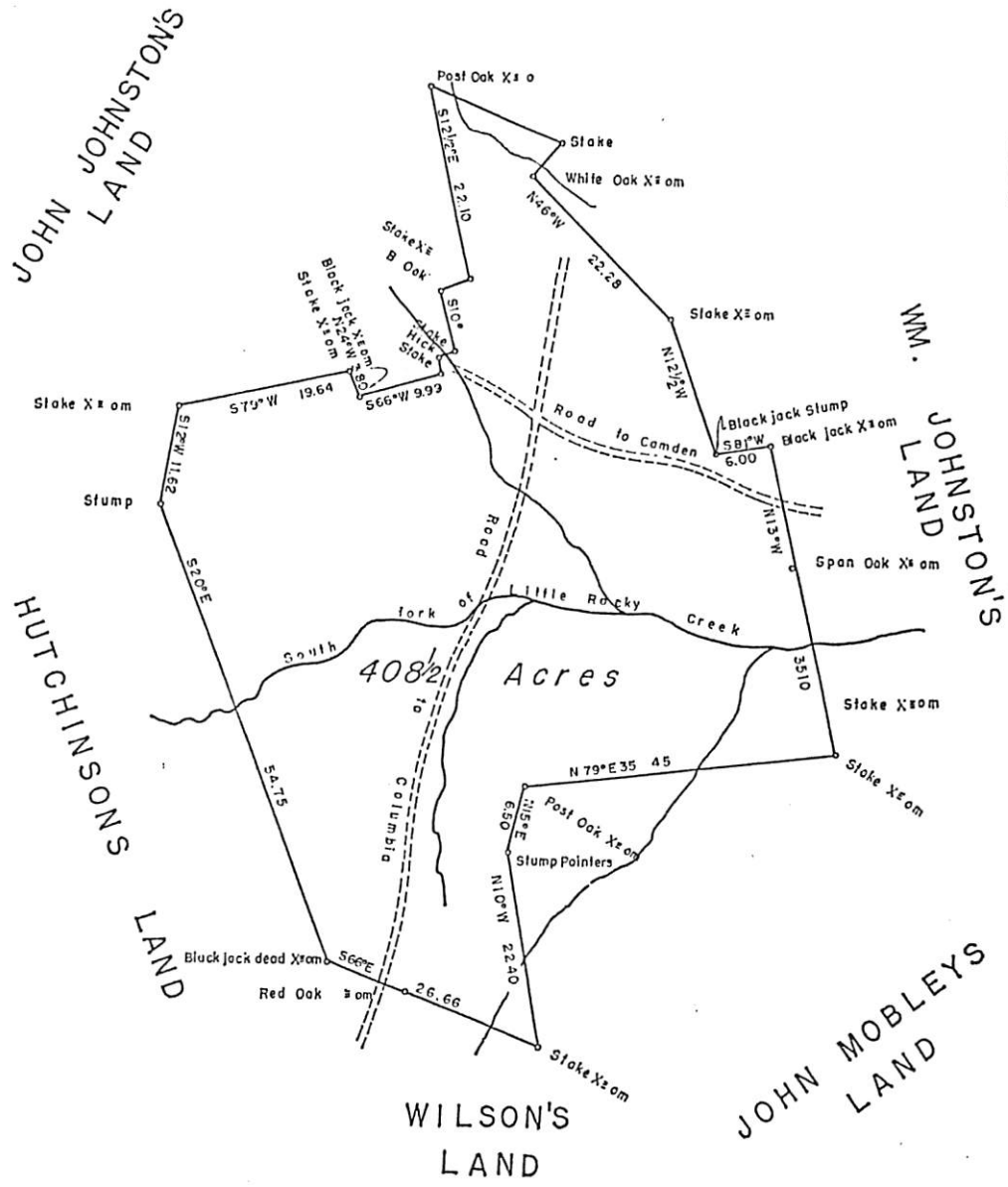
Mississippi, we find the descendants of David Henry Coleman, who first emigrated to Greene County, Ala., then to Mississippi, in the 1850's.

This is as fine country as I've ever seen, level, and very productive, beautiful woods.

"Wiley Fitz Coleman, youngest son of David H. Coleman born May 23, 1835, married Amanda Hall in 1856. He died in 1859, wife in 1880. Their children: James Willis Coleman, born January 11, 1857, md  
(1st) Sallie Bell McGee (2d) Florence

Laid down by a scale  
of 20 Chains per Inch

HUGH DARAUGHS LANDS



South Carolina  
 At the request of I. D. Coleman I have resurveyed  
 and admeasured a certain tract of land, lying in Chester  
 & Fairfield districts on the Southern fork of Little Rocky  
 Creek waters of Catawba River; and I find it to contain  
 four hundred & eight & one half Acres which is fully  
 represented by the above Plat  
 Surveyed July 25<sup>th</sup> 1853

John Knox  
 Dep. Surveyor

P.S. One half Acre is not included in the above Plat,  
 in calculating as it is reserved for a burial Ground  
 J. K.

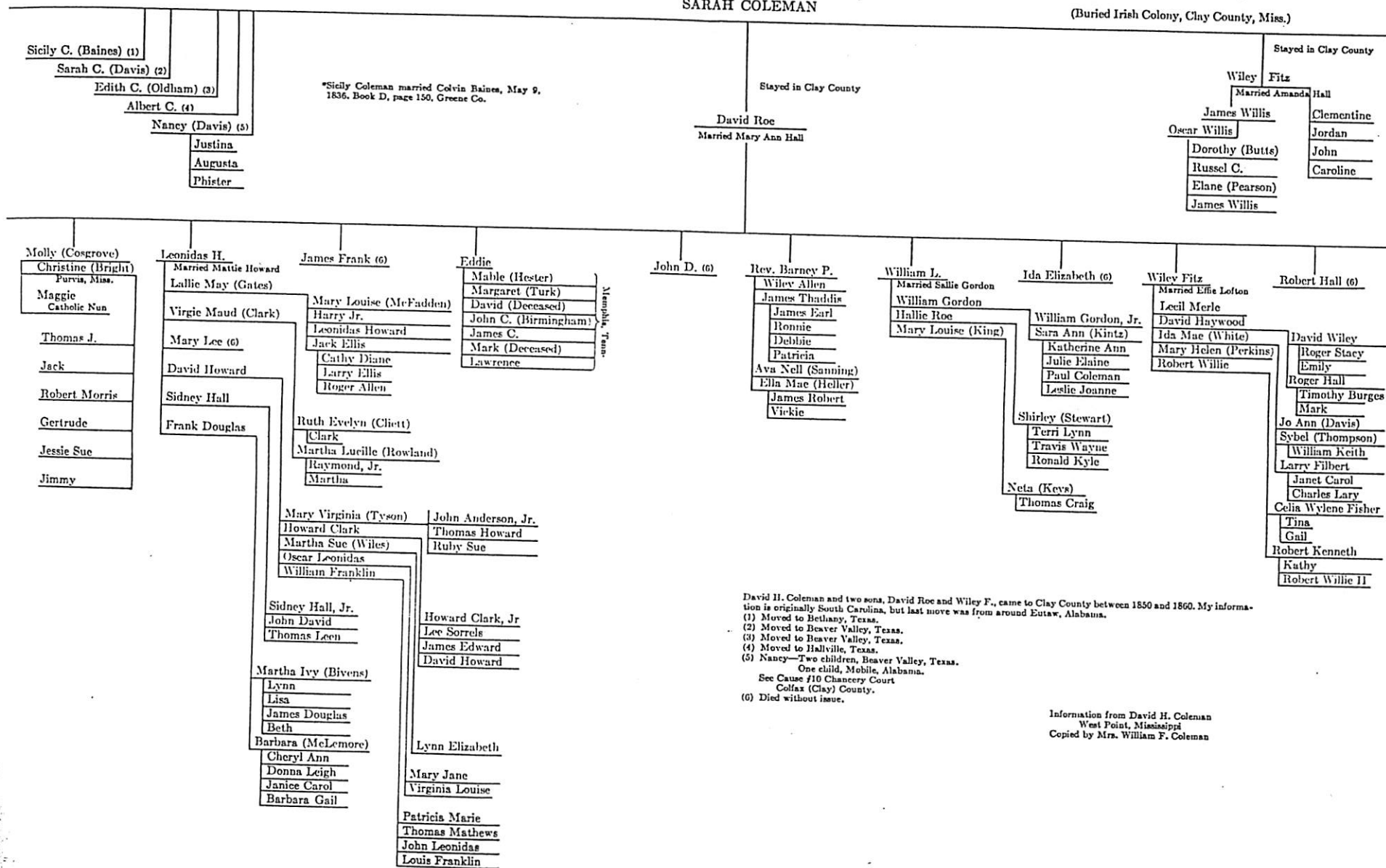
This drawing is a reproduction and enlargement  
 to scale of 10 chains per Inch of an original tracing  
 furnished by Mr. J. P. Coleman.

W. E. Johnson, Civil Eng., Jackson, Miss. 3-24-54

DAVID H. COLEMAN  
and wife  
SARAH COLEMAN

(David Henry Coleman)

(Buried Irish Colony, Clay County, Miss.)



Branton. Their son, Oscar Willis Coleman, born October, 1888, married Alice Marshal. Their children, Dorothy, Russell and Elaine. Live in Montpelier, near his father, where we spent the night. They have a store of general merchandise and large farm. David Jordan Coleman, born August 1, 1866, now living in Oklahoma, married and had children, including one set of twins."

Among my best friends have been Howard Coleman, West Point, for many years Chancery Clerk of Clay County, and Robert W. Coleman, of Okolona, outstanding farmer and business man.

William F. Coleman, Attorney, of Jackson, Mississippi, has kindly furnished us with a family tree for the David H. Coleman Family. The information was furnished by Howard Coleman and copied by Mrs. William F. Coleman, a great service indeed.

The family tree follows on page 256.

Letter from B. P. Coleman, Mantee, Mississippi, dated January 20, 1913:

"Mrs. Jennie Coleman, Shelton, S. C.

Dear Cousin: You may be surprised to hear from another Coleman, but I am writing you for several reasons. First, my mother asked me. Second, I love that deep interest you have in our family record. I am a son of David Roe Coleman, the one you wrote to several years ago. With a sad heart I tell you, good cousin, that Father is dead. Yes, poor old soul is gone. He died the 21st of last July. He was nearly 80 years old and he was a good man. One that was loved by everybody, and who loved his home. He was so good and kind to his family. His religious belief was the Universalist. I feel like I know he was a true Christian. I live 10 miles west of the old home. I was down there yesterday. Mother is in bad health. She got your letters, and had me read them over to her. Made me feel good and sad, too, when I read where you wrote that long list of Coleman names. On one sheet you wrote these words, "your grandfather." On one you wrote "this is your great grandfather." It went deep into my heart. Yet, there was in it a joy that I can't express. I feel like you deserve a bright place in the heart of every Coleman by name, as you have family record so far back, and I brought it home with me, and told my wife and son how proud I was of it. We have but one, a boy, born Nov. 27, 1901. His name is Wylie Allen. He saw the Wylie name on your list of names, and said it started in the beginning of Colemans, and was last given to him. I was born April the 2nd, 1874. My wife was born Aug. 15, 1874. My wife was Lila Pate. The Pates came from the Carolinas. I could get you up all the ages of Colemans



here, if Father did not send them. There is quite a crowd of us. There is some in Winston County that we don't know yet. I think we are kin. I would love to see you and your family. Now, last, but not least, I will tell you my occupation. I am a farmer, and a missionary Baptist preacher. Yes, I love the work of a poor preacher. It is a great work. Not an easy one, but a sweet work. I have not been in the ministry but two years Will you pray for me? I will close. Write to us soon. I will answer all letters. With best love to you and yours, I am, your cousin,

Barney Coleman

P. S. I did not write much on the ministry question. Will write on that next time, provided you answer. Direct your letters when writing me to - B. P. Coleman, Mantee, Miss. RFD #3.

**OBITUARY OF DAVID ROE COLEMAN**  
(Dec. 31, 1832 - July 21, 1912)

Died, in his home in Montpelier, July 21, about 10: 15 p.m., D. R. Coleman, at the advanced age of 79 years, 6 months, 21 days. He had been a patient sufferer for five years with tuberculosis of the bone, which was first evidenced by a small sore on his breast. It gradually increased in size and virulence until it resulted in his death.

Mr. Coleman was born in Greene County, Ala., Dec. 31, 1832. He married July 23, 1856, and had he lived two days longer, he would have been married 56 years. Ten children were born of this marriage, five of whom are still living. He was father, grandfather, and great grandfather.

He moved to Mississippi first in 1850, spent one year, and went back to Alabama, and again returned to this State in 1860, remaining here the rest of his life, occupying the present family homestead. He served the Confederacy for three years and was a faithful soldier.

His last days were passed resignedly, peacefully and quietly, although suffering intense pain, borne with great fortitude. He is remembered by his devoted family as a loving husband and father. He is survived by his wife and five sons, who have the sympathy and condolence of all their friends and neighbors.

**COLEMAN-HALL REUNION HELD**

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*Family Get-Together at Montpelier Honors Bessie Hall Williamson*

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A Coleman-Hall family reunion was held yesterday at the home of W. F. Coleman, Montpelier, honoring Mrs. Bettie Hall Williamson, of Dallas,

Texas. This is Mrs. Williamson's first visit back to this county since leaving Montpelier in 1866 with her father, J. P. Hall. They drove from this county to Gainesville, Texas in a four horse wagon. Coming back in this modern day Mrs. Williamson said she wondered now how they ever got there. After settling in Gainsville Mrs. Hall's father was elected judge and served in that capacity fourteen years.

The Colemans and Halls moved to this county over one hundred years ago from Euta, Alabama and settled in the western part of the county, and the marriage of two Coleman brothers, David Roe Coleman and Wiley F. Coleman to two Hall sisters, Mary Ann Hall and Amanda Hall, is the beginning of the large connection of the Coleman family in the western part of the county. In the Hall family there were seventeen children, only one now living, Uncle Lonnie Hall as he is known to his friends, 91 years old, now living in Dallas, Texas. None of the first Colemans are living, and J. W. (Willis) Coleman is the oldest member of the Coleman family.

Those attending the reunion were: Tom Hall, Mrs. Mary Hall and Spurgeon Hall, of Tupelo; Mrs. Bettie Hall Williamson, Dallas, Texas; J. W. Coleman and wife, James Willis Coleman, Robert Coleman and family, Haywood Coleman and family, H. R. Coleman and family, Mrs. W. L. Coleman, Mary Louise Coleman, Gilbert White and family, Mrs. Mary Jane Clark, J. W. Clark and family, W. F. Coleman and family, A. R. Dixon and family, J. C. King, Mrs. Emma Dexter, Hugh Stevens, W. T. Cliett, Stewart Vail, Miss Lillian Saul, Miss Mildred Mosely, all of Montpelier, Miss.; Rev. B. P. Coleman, Mantee, Miss. Sidney H. Coleman and family, State College Miss.; Frank D. Coleman and family and D. H. Coleman and family and Mrs. Mattie H. Coleman of West Point, Miss.; H. P. Gates and family of Siloam.

Mrs. Williamson is remaining at Montpelier for a few days, renewing acquaintances, after which she will go to Tupelo and visit with Tom Hall before returning to Texas.

Montpelier Miss Mar 4, 1908

Dear Cousin,

We reced your very interesting yesterday and was very glad to hear from you as it has been a long time since we have heard from any of our kin folks out there. I think my wife told you all that I could tell you about the old folks mentioned. Williams Coleman Grief & Robert lived in Winston Co., Miss. & I think they are dead but some of their children are living there now: Moses Coleman I think is Grief son and Mot is William's son & your father went to see them when he was in Ala. I am D. R. or Coleman: Son of D. R. Coleman the old set of Colemans you ask about are all dead. I cannot recollect a Tom Coleman he must be some of our Winston Co. kin.

Griffin & Williams Coleman did live in Winston Co. Miss. I think they are dead: Frank died in Ala: John G. Coleman went to Texas and I think died. He married our cousin Isabella McGlin. She was Aunt Betty's daughter, my father's sister. I have told you all I can think of at present. I will be glad to hear from again. Your cousin,  
D. R. Coleman

Montpelier Miss March the 4 -1908

Mrs. Jennie Coleman

Dear Cousin

Your letter was received yesterday and was a pleasant surprise to us as we did not know we had such a cousin. I will have to introduce my self. I am David R. Coleman's wife. He is 75 years old the last day of last Dec. 1907. I was 68 the 13 of last Feb. so you see we are quite and old couple. We have been married 51 years last July. We were both born and raised in Green Co. Ala. We moved to Miss in 1860. His father David F. Coleman had moved here two three years before that and he died here in Clay Co in March 1866. His mother died in April 1872 and Dave is the only one left of his Fathers family the rest are all dead. They all moved to Texas except his youngest Brother Wiley and he died in 1869. Wiley's oldest son Willis is living here he is postmaster at Montpela. We have had 10 children 8 boys and 2 girls. 5 of our children are dead. Those living are all boys or rather men now but still my boys and they all live in sight of us except one he lives about 8 miles from us the youngest our baby lives in the house with us he and his wife has three children 2 little girls and one boy. He is named Wiley and he is 30 years old. You said you married Uncle Wilson Coleman's great grandson then Wiley Colemans is his grandfather. I wonder if Edith and Mary Wileys sisters are still living. Dave says that John Griffin and Franklin Coleman he recons they must all of them went to Winston Co as they have never lived in Ala. since he can remember and there is a good many Colemans lives in Winston Co near Louisville but we do not know any thing about them. Dave saw a man not long ago that lived down there he was telling him about the Colemans that lived there. One of them was named Mose and one named Bob and one Mot. Oh I guess there is lots of them there the old ones that you asked about are dead of course long years ago. There was a Sallie Coleman that married a Mr. Grey Gosa that lived and died

in Ala but their children are all dead one of their daughters died 4 or 5 years ago she lived near us she was Mrs. Nancy Watkins and her mother was Sallie Coleman Gosa and she died years and years ago I recon before I was borne one of her sones married one of Uncle Wilson Colemans daughters. There was an old aunt Betsey Colennan that lived in Ala as long ago as I can rememer but whether she is the one you wanted learn about I can't say she died there and her children all went to Texas. Dave had an Aunt Betty Noland sister of his father who came through Ala on their way to Texas they stayed a few day at their house he says he was nearly grown when they came by there I am sorry we can't tell you any more about them but we dont know much more about thenn than you do if any. And you ask about a Tom Coleman we don't know of any one by that name. Was your husband born in Ala if so cousins Ed you can tell us something about Wiley Edith & Mary if they are still liveing or not we have not heard from Ala in a long time. Dave says he cant write as it has been so long since he has wrote a letter but he is a splendid scribe and writes a nice hand. But he has not wrote a letter in years. Well as I am not well and Dave say he will try to write some I will quit for this time write to us again soon your truly.

Mary A. Coleman

Montpelier, Miss.  
March 7, 1920

Dear Cousin Jennie:

We received your most welcome letter some time ago. We are always glad to hear from you. I think of you and Cousin Mary often. And the plesant day you spent with us. I would be very glad to you come back, to see us this summer. We heard from Uncle Ed's family two or three times last week.

They are all well. They mist the flue this year. Their address is (2046 Vinton Ave. Memphis Tennessee). I wrote to Margaret about your letters comming back. But haven't heard from her since we wrote. Uncle Ed says he is coming home this summer. I sure would like to see all of them. John sent us three of his pictures. He sure is good looking now. And is quite a gentleman.

Gordon Coleman (Uncle Will's son) is going to stay home instead of going to the Delta as he first planned. Wiley Allen is coming home when school is out He is going to school in Beuna Vista Miss. He is so cute and good looking.

Howard Coleman (Aunt Mattie's son) is coming home when his school is out. He is such a fine boy. He is just 23 years old and has been teach ever since he was 19. He went to College one year. And would have finished, But his dear father was called home to his Father two years ago the 22nd of May. When Uncle Lonny died of Howard came home to car for his mother as he was the eldest.

Haywood and Robert are writing to John and James.

Give my love to all the relative. I would like to meet every one personal.

Love and best wishes,

Merle Coleman to all

Montpelier, Miss., Mar. 7, 1920

Dear Cousin Jenny

We received your letter a Week ago and was glad to hear from you. Hope you are feeling better by now and hope Cousin Mary and her husband are very much improved by now. We are all doing fairly well, I am never so well myself I have something like Catassh of the bowels and it is always worse at this season of the year. I am up all the time and do my house work outside of what Merle and Ida May does. I have the washing done and Merle irons. I have had about fifty chicks hatched but have lost a good many of them and the weather is so cold, it is as cold now as it has been this Winter. it has been cold for two week now. I planted Irish potatoes, onions and mustark but is too cold for anything to do any good. All the children go to school except Mary Helen, and she plays and talks all the time. Wiley's sister's daughter (Mrs. Bright) and three children came to see us in Jan. and staid three weeks, the oldest was five years old and the baby was one. They live in Purvis Miss. Yes we stopped at Mrs. Mattie Coleman's daughter's house on our way to West Point (she is a Mrs. Gates). Barney and wife are well and Wiley Alen is well now going to school at Beuna Vista Miss. and looks well. Mr. Will is not well, he has severe cough. He and Gordon, his son, stay at the store. Mr. Will and Wiley and a Mr. Hill bought Oscar out, and Oscar is going to Yazoo City to put in a Chrera Cola Plant. Oscar and his wife have a new son named James Willis, for his grandpa Willis. Mr. Coleman is still in Jackson. I have not seen Cousin Florence in a long time. I guess she is kept busy with everything to look after and him gone. We had a letter from Mary Alice yesterday she seems to be allright

now, and they are all at work now. Mr. Ed works at the Chicago Coal and Lumber Co. and John works in a shoe store, Margaret at Gerber's Mable at Van-Veel's, and David at Weiss a grocery store, James and Lawrence go to school and nobody at home except Mary Alice and Mark. Their address is 2046 Vinton Ave., Memphis, Tenn.

Wiley has just come in he has a catch in his back and side he is bothered with that a lot of the time. The children are all playing. Frank (Mattie's boy) and Mary Louise are here and they are playing in yard. It is mighty cold for them to be out. I went to Cousin Will Lofton's burial last Saturday, came back to my Other's and staid till Sunday afternoon it was the first night Mary Helen had ever spent away from home, and she is most three years old. Well I have just finished a letter to Cousin Justina Spencer the old lady you saw at Mr. Davis. Her home is in Wellington Texas. Just her and her husband live together. Well I will close. Write to when inclined.

Effie

THE YALOBUSHA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI,  
COLEMANS

by J. P. COLEMAN

We have seen in Chapter 12 that John G. Coleman and Giles C Coleman were, respectively, the seventh and eighth children of John Rowe Coleman and his wife, Mary Beam. John Rowe Coleman was the second child of Robert Coleman and Elizabeth Rowe.

John Greene Coleman was born in 1805 and died in 1876. His wife, Mary Elizabeth (Coleman) was born in 1825, and died in 1899.

John Greene Coleman was the Administrator of the estate of his deceased father, as well as his brother-in-law, William Coleman. Sometime shortly before 1850, he moved to Yalobusha County, Mississippi, for the 1850 Census lists him, his wife, and three children, Abner E., 4, Jesse R., 3, and William, 1. The 1860 Census added two children, Nancy Ann, 10, and Jeanette, only ten months old.

According to the Greene County records, John G. Coleman and Elizabeth Coleman were married on November 3, 1841, when she was sixteen years of age, and he was thirty-six.

At the 1870 Census, William D., then twenty-one, and Nancy Ann then eighteen, were living with the John G. Coleman family. Professor Edward P. Coleman tells me that it is his understanding that William Coleman moved to Shawnee, Oklahoma.

Jesse Rowe Coleman, the second son of John G. and Mary Elizabeth served as a Representative in the Mississippi Legislature from 1908 to 1912, The following is his official biography as the same appeared in the Official and Statistical Register of the State of Mississippi for 1908:

JESSE ROWE COLEMAN, of Water Valley, was born September 15, 1847, at Eutaw, Greene County, Alabama, the son of John Greene Coleman and wife, Mary Elizabeth (Coleman) Coleman. His grandparents came from Wales to South Carolina, and thence to Alabama. Mr. Coleman attended the county schools of Yalobusha County, served in the ranks of the Confederate Army when a mere lad, and had no opportunity for a college education. His occupation has always been that of a tiller of the soil, and his life has been quite devoid of incident. He is a Jeffersonian Democrat, a Universalist and member of the Masonic Order and of the Farmers' Union. He was elected to the House of

Representatives November 5, 1907. He married November 1, 1876, Emma Laura Stevens, daughter of Silas P. Stevens and wife, Rhoda (Morgan) Stevens, of Columbus, Georgia. Mr. and Mrs. Coleman have two children: J. G. Coleman, of Water Valley, and Mrs. Eula Lee (Coleman) Gordon, of Tuscumbia, Alabama.

The really significant thing about this biography, written from information furnished by Mr. Coleman, is that he recites the family as coming from Wales. Also, his middle name was Rowe.

Dr. Edward P. Coleman, on a visit to my home on April 6, 1965, said that Mr. Jesse Rowe Coleman was a "true Universalist." That he kept a good horse, and would ride all over the county visiting his acquaintances, discussing religion and arguing the political issues of the day. He ran for office many times, but was elected only once. He was a man of such firm convictions and of such freedom in stating them that he did not stand on the popular side of the political issues of the day.

Jesse Rowe Coleman and Mrs. Emma Laura Coleman had two children as noted in the official biography. John G. was born in 1878, and died in 1964. His wife was named Alma. They had no children, but reared Miss Ethel Hollowell, who presently holds public office in Tuscumbia, Alabama. John G., known as "G" also ran for public office a number of times. He would always make a good race but was never elected.

Giles C. Coleman was born January 2, 1810, and died August 16, 1857. His wife, Susan Colvin, was born March 6, 1822, and died July 17, 1863. They were married in Greene County, Alabama, May 3, 1836, when she was fourteen years of age.

At the 1850 Census, Giles C. and Susan were still in Greene County, Alabama, where they were listed with children: Mary, born 1838; John, born 1840; Sarah, born 1843; Isabella, born 1846; Thomas, born 1847; and Francis (Murphy), born 1849.

On October 8, 1851, Giles C. Coleman and Susan Coleman deeded 160 acres about six miles North of Eutaw to Isaac Mobley, Book R, Page 441. It was then that they moved to Yalobusha County, Mississippi.

He and his wife are buried in the Coleman graveyard, between Coffeville and Water Valley, and just East of Mississippi Highway 7. My good friend, Representative Joe N. Bailey, Jr., located this cemetery for me on January 11, 1962. In August, 1963, when I was a candidate for a second term as Governor of Mississippi, Representative Dailey and I visited this cemetery together. I am told that it is situated on land which was originally owned by William Coleman, son of John G. Coleman, and



John G. Coleman is buried there by the side of his brother, Giles C. Coleman.

Sarah Jane Coleman, daughter of Giles, born 1843, married her first cousin, Jonathan, son of Robert Coleman, of Choctaw County, Mississippi, and she is the subject of a considerable portion of Chapter 15.

The 1860 Census of Yalobusha County lists Susan Coleman as living in the Center Beat, Oakland Post Office, lists children, John, Sarah Jane, Isabella, Thomas, Franklin, and Savilla.

Of Giles Coleman's children, Thomas married Alemic Gordon, Savila married C. M. Gordon, whose nickname was "Clump," and Isabella married Gus Gordon.

Francis Murphy Coleman, son of Giles Coleman, who also married a Gordon, Harriett, died in 1924. He is buried at the old Tabernacle Cemetery, southeast of Water Valley, near the Calhoun County line. He was one of the "straight laced" Colemans, no cussing and no frivolity. He was the hardest working man in the whole area.

The children of Frank M. and Harriet G. Coleman were:

1. John D., moved to Lafayette County.
2. Annice, married Will Higginbotham, no children.
3. Corrinne, who burned to death and is buried at Tabernacle.
4. Vollie Pearson Coleman (twin) born June 11, 1883, died March 20, 1962. Married Mary Farrell, a highly respected school teacher. She was born December 17, 1886, and died May, 1920. About 1922 he married Mary Eudora Gholson. Vollie P. and his first wife are buried at Bethel Baptist Church, southeast Water Valley.
5. Ollie Gordon (twin) born June 11, 1883, killed in a grade crossing accident when struck by southbound passenger train No. 23 while returning from a call. He said from the age of four that he was going to be a doctor. Ollie and Vollie went to school in Tula, Lafayette County, and to High School in Water Valley. Both went to G. R. C. College, Henderson, Tennessee, and Ollie attended medical school in Nashville, Tennessee. Except for four years at Batesville, he practiced medicine all his life at Coffeeville. Was County Health Officer.

Children of Vollie Pearson Coleman and Mrs. Mary Farrell Coleman:

Dr. Edward P. Coleman, now of the Engineering Department,  
University of California, Los Angeles, born 1910.

Wilson Wayne, born 1911, killed on a hunting trip in 1923.

Mary Annice, born 1913, lives in Memphis, Tennessee.

Fern Lee, born 1916, died 1950 in Memphis, Tennessee, buried at  
Bethel.

Leslie Farrell Coleman, born 1918, graduate of Mississippi, now  
County Agent at Raleigh.

Children of Vollie Pearson Coleman and Mrs. Mary Eudera Gholson  
Coleman:

Frances Corrinne, lives in Los Angeles, California.

Lucille, lives at Palo Alto, California.

Jack Anderson, Wilmot, Arkansas, graduate of Mississippi State,  
Smith Hughes Teacher.

Sammy Benford, graduate of Ole Miss, lives in New Orleans,  
Louisiana.

Helen Gholson, lives in Los Angeles, California.

Howard Gordon, living on the old Vollie Coleman farm.

Children of Dr. Ollie Gordon Coleman and Mrs. Catherine Brister  
Coleman:

Fay, Scarsdale, New York.

Nell, Columbia, Missouri.

Hazel, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

O. G. Coleman, Jr., killed early in World War II.



*Twin*

Ollie Gordon Coleman at age 31 in 1914, M.D. general practice, Batesville, Miss.



*Twin*

Vollie P. Coleman at age 20 in 1903. Graduated Freid-Hardiman College, Henderson, Tenn.

THE BLUFF SPRINGS COLEMANS <sup>23</sup> OF CHOCTAW COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

J. P. COLEMAN

One of the most prominent families in the Northern part of Choctaw County, in the Bluff Springs area, South of Eupora and South of Big Black River, was that of Absolom M. (Abb) Coleman, Confederate soldier.

His grandson, Earnest E. Coleman, who served for approximately Twenty years as the Marshal of Eupora, was one of the writer's most cherished friends.

This is a large and extensive family, and they are all descended from Robert Coleman of Mill Creek, Union County, South Carolina.

We have already seen in the pages on Amelia County, Virginia, that William Coleman, Sr. died in Amelia County, where his Will was admitted to probate in 17\_\_.

His son, Robert, the Executor of his Will, moved, in 1754 to then Lunenburg County, occupying land on both sides of Allen's Creek, which empties into the Roanoke River in present day Mecklenburg County.

We there take up the thread as follows:

Land Deed Book 4, Page 405, Lunenburg County, October 1, 1754, Thomas Hankings to Robert Coleman "of Amelia County" 358 acres on both sides of Allen's Creek.

Book 4, Page 275, November 8, 1755, Nicholas Major, Jr., sold Robert Coleman 142 acres on the South side of Allen's Creek.

Land Deed Book 5, Page 120, December 31, 1757. James Tucker sold Robert Coleman 100 acres on the lower side of Allen's Creek.

Land Deed Book 6, Page 538 Lunenburg County, Virginia, December 1, 1861. Robert Coleman and Ann, his wife, to John Alloway, 142 acres on Allen's Creek and Mountain Branch.

Deed Book 10, Page 90, Lunenburg County, Virginia, November 9, 1764, Robert Coleman, Lunenburg County, with Christopher Coleman for a witness sold Thomas Farrar 140 acres on Allen's Creek.

Cumberland Parish, Lunenburg County, Virginia. Tithes, June 10, 1764.

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<sup>23</sup> Descendants of Robert Coleman of Union County, South Carolina, formerly of Amelia and Lunenburg Counties, Virginia.

Robert Coleman  
Phil Coleman  
Abner Coleman  
Christopher Coleman  
James Coleman  
William Coleman  
Stephen Coleman, Cornwall Parish  
Richard Coleman  
Cluverius Coleman

Land Deed Book 10, Page 34, Lunenburg County, November 27, 1764, Robert Coleman of Lunenburg County to Christopher Coleman 168 acres on the South side of Allen's Creek at the mouth of Easter's Branch.

Mecklenburg County Records, Boydton, Virginia, Book 1, Page 194, August 26, 1765, Christopher Coleman to James Easter, 168 acres on the South side of Allen's Creek.

Office of the Secretary of State, Columbia, South Carolina, grant from the Honorable William Bull, sixth Governor of South Carolina, September 9, 1774, to Robert Coleman for six hundred acres on both sides of Mill's Creek. Recites that the land had originally been granted to Robert Coleman by the Governor of North Carolina on April 28, 1768, but by the running of the boundary had fallen within the limits of South Carolina.

Mill's Creek is a branch of Pacolet River.

North Carolina Land Grants, April 28, 1768. 200 acres to Christopher Coleman on Mill Creek in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina. (Later South Carolina).

Phillip Coleman, 150 acres, Mecklenburg County, March 1, 1788, on the waters of Coldwater.

600 acres granted to Robert Coleman, of which we already had a record, was entered January 1, 1766.

Colonial Records of North Carolina. Vol. 8, Page 78.

Protest of Citizens of Anson County, about 1769.

Signers:

William Coleman  
John Coleman  
Aquila Jones  
E. Pickett

Anthony Matthis  
John Matthews  
James Matthews  
John Liles  
James Liles  
Thomas Pickett

Vol. 8, Page 517.

William Coleman proves claim for six days going against the Cherokee Indians. So did Phil Coleman, Sgt. David Allen, Samuel Clowney. Proved November 28, 1771.

Phillip Coleman is of the Lunenburg family headed by Robert Coleman, and from Allen's Creek. David Allen must have been from the same locality in Virginia.

Christopher Coleman was a witness to deeds dated May 13, 1775 and July 29, 1778.

Land Deed Book B, Page f09, Union County, South Carolina. July 30, 1786. Robert Coleman deed to Abner Coleman recites that Robert Coleman, late of said District, died intestate, the owner of six hundred acres of land, which said land fell by descent to Robert Coleman, son of Christopher Coleman, as the heir-at-law to said real estate. Sold to Abner Coleman one-half of the said six hundred acres on the North side of Mill's Creek.

From this it appears that Robert Coleman, the original settler, died intestate. His land thus descended by the rule of primogeniture to his eldest son, Christopher. Christopher having died intestate the land then descended to his son, Robert, grandson of the first Robert.

There is much tradition to the effect that these Colemans were loyal to the King at the time of the Revolution, particularly Christopher, who is said to have been the owner of Christie's Tavern, made famous in John P. Kennedy's book, "Horseshoe Robinson." Christopher Coleman is supposed to have refuged to Charleston, where he died during the War. Moreover, one Col. Bob Coleman, not otherwise identified, commanded the tories at the battle of Mobley's Meeting House in Fairfield County. In any case, if they were loyalists, these Colemans must have been highly inoffensive ones, as their lands were not confiscated.

Robert Coleman, the original settler, died in 1783, and Phillip Coleman died in 1785. Fragmentary records of their estates may be found in the Courthouse at Abbeville, South Carolina.

Absolom Coleman, the son of Robert and Treassy Coleman, who was born October 25, 1784, was the first of this line of Colemans to move to Mississippi. He settled in Attala County, in Section 4, Township 13, Range 6, near the present day village of McAdams.

His will, dated February 11, 1838, is of record at Page 145 of Will Book A of Attala County, Mississippi. The will recites that it is made in his own house, "being now about to depart this life." Evidently, he did not pass away as expected, for the Will was not proven until December 2, 1839.

The Will names his wife, Martha, and children, Robert, Elisha, Samuel, Miles, John, Absolom, Jr., Giles, Henry, and Mrs. Sara Bowers.

Robert Coleman and Elisha Coleman Executors.

Cause No 318, Chancery Court of Attala County, filed November 16, 1871 shows Miles Coleman died 1851, without issue. Martha Coleman died August 4, 1870. John Coleman also deceased, leaving children, Absolom and Emily, with R. A. Biggers Guardian .

Samuel Coleman, Giles Coleman, and Absolom Coleman still living in 1871.

Absolom Coleman, the son of John, was the father of the late J. Henson Coleman, Justice of the Peace, District 4, Choctaw County. Mississippi.

Absolom Coleman, who died in Attala County, 1839, was the father of Robert, who moved to the Bluff Springs area of Choctaw County.

This Robert, in turn, was the father of Absolom Melton Coleman, the ancestor of the numerous progeny in Choctaw Bluff Springs.

RECORDS FROM FAMILY BIBLE IN POSSESSION OF  
MRS. W. C. DUNLAP, EUPORA, MISSISSIPPI

Robert Coleman, born July 11, 1812  
Married to Eliza Calcote on Feb. 29, 1839.  
she was born Nov. 13, 1821.

CHILDREN

Absalom Melton Coleman, Feb. 26, 1840.  
Stephen Coleman, July 13, 1841  
Lemuel Coleman, Dec. 18, 1842  
William Phillip Coleman, March 8, 1845

Charley Coleman, April 8, 1857  
Ella Darthula Coleman, Dec. 30, 1859.

#### NEXT GENERATION

Absolum Melton Coleman married Lucy Hudson Brook on October 18, 1860. She was born Sept. 12, 1842.

#### CHILDREN

Louretta Coleman, June 25, 1862 .  
Willam Phillip Coleman, Dec. 5, 1865.  
Eliza Carolyn Coleman, Sept. 27, 1867.  
Alice Ella Coleman, Feb. 7, 1870.  
Sarah Jane Coleman, Oct. 12, 1871.  
Emma Darthula Coleman, March 29, 1873.  
Fannie Lealier Coleman, Feb. 23, 1875.  
Mary Sue Coleman, Oct. 6, 1876.  
Lucy Alma Coleman, Jan. 8, 1879.  
Ada Lee Coleman, Dec. 1, 1881.  
Robert Samuel Coleman, Jan. 17, 1883.

#### MARRIAGES

Louretta Coleman and Charlie Ashley, August 15, 1880.  
Alice Ella Coleman and Joseph Harrison Lawley, Jan. 29, 1887.  
Eliza Carolyn Coleman and John William Savage, Oct. 18, 1887.  
William Phillip Coleman and Mary Brook, Dec. 18, 1887.  
Sarah Jane Coleman and Walter B. Mitchell, March 15, 1891.  
Emma D. Coleman and William Bagwell, April 5, 1891.  
Fannie Lealier Coleman and John H. Bollis, Nov. 10, 1895.  
Mary Sue Coleman and Charles A. Lamb, Dec. 5, 1897.  
Lucy Alma Coleman and Jim Tom Lamb, Dec. 11, 1898.  
Ada Lee Coleman and Oscar M. Herring, March 4, 1906.  
Robert Samuel Coleman and Mary Ada Morrow, Nov. 14, 1906.

#### INSCRIPTIONS ON TOMBSTONES IN BLUFF SPRINGS CEMETERY

3.5 miles west of Miss. Highway 9, South of Eupora, Miss.

R. COLEMAN	LUCY HUDSON, his wife
b. July 11, 1810	9-12-1842
d. Oct. 10, 1882	8-14-1919



S. D. Coleman	William Phillip Coleman
7-13-1841	12-5-1865
1-2-1907	6-27-1946
Sarah M., his wife	
12-11-1842	Ida Brooks, his wife
3-21-1922	5-10-1867
Wm. P. Coleman	3-27-1954
d. July 13, 1863	W. W. Bagwell
Age 18 y 4 mos. 5 days	3-19-1865
	8-13-1918
A. M. COLEMAN	Emma Coleman Bagwell
2-26-1840	3-29-1873
3-7-1908	11-17-1950

SALEM CEMETERY - CHOCTAW COUNTY, MISS.

Joseph Abbie Coleman, Oct. 17, 1856-April 16, 1945  
 Margaret Elizabeth Coleman, June 15, 1852-Jan. 4, 1936  
 John Henson Coleman, Dec. 16, 1883-June 20, 1960  
 Clara Rook, June 1, 1886

GENEALOGICAL INDEX

1st Generation, William Coleman, who died in Amelia County Virginia, 17\_\_.

2nd Generation, Robert Coleman of Amelia, Lunenburg, and Union, died 1783.

3rd Generation, Christopher Coleman, who died during the Revolutionary War.

4th Generation, Robert Coleman, who died in Union County, South Carolina, 1823.

5th Generation, Absolom Coleman, who died in Attala County, Mississippi, 1839.

6th Generation, Robert Coleman, who died in Choctaw County, Mississippi, 1882.

7th Generation, Absolom M. Coleman, who died in Choctaw County Mississippi, 1908.

8th Generation, William Phillip Coleman, who died in Choctaw County, Mississippi, 1946.

9th Generation, Ernest E. Coleman, who died in Eupora, Mississippi, April, 1960.



SURVIVING DAUGHTERS OF ABSALOM M. COLEMAN, From let to right: Mrs. Alma Coleman Dunlap (Mrs. W. C.); Mrs. Mary Coleman Lamb (Mrs. C. A.) Mrs. Ada Coleman Herring (Mrs. O. C.O; Gov. J. P. Coleman; Mrs. Liza Coleman Savage (Mrs. J. W.); Mrs. Fannie Coleman Verhine (Mrs. Luther). Photo take at Coleman Family Reunion, Bluff Springs Church, Choctaw County, Mississippi, August, 1956.



From left to right: Mr. and Mrs. Ernest E. Coleman, J. P. Coleman, and Merrill Herring. Photo taken at same reunion. (Photos courtesy Mrs. Sarah Jones)

Union County, South Carolina, Census of  
1800

<b>Joseph Coleman</b>		<b>John Coleman</b>	
Males		Males	
Under 10 years	1	Under 10 years	2
10 to 16 years	1	10 to 16 years	1
16 to 26 years	1	26 to 45 years	1
Over 45 years	1	Females	
Females		Under 10 years	3
Under 10 years	4	10 to 16 years	1
10 to 16 years	3	26 to 45 years	1
16 to 26 years	1	<b>Abner Coleman</b>	
26 to 45 years	1	Males	
<b>William Coleman</b>		16 to 26 years	1
Males		Females	
16 to 26 years	1	Under 10 years	1
Females		16 to 26 years	1
16 to 26 Years	1	<b>William Coleman</b>	
<b>Abner Coleman</b>		Males	
Males		Under 10 years	1
Under 10 years	1	10 to 16 years	1
10 to 16 years	2	16 to 26 years	1
Over 45 years	1	Over 45 years	1
Females		Females	
Under 10 years	1	Under 10 years	1
25 to 45 years	1	10 to 16 years	2
Over 45 years	1	16 to 26 years	3
		Over 45 years	1
<b>Robert Coleman</b>		<b>Rubin Coleman</b>	
Males		Males	
Under 10 years	1	Under 10 years	2
10 to 16 years	3	26 to 45 years	1
26 to 45 years	1	Females	
Females		Under 10 years	2
Under 10 years	3	10 to 16 years	1
10 to 16 years	2	26 to 45 years	1
16 to 45 years	2	Over 45 years	1
Over 45 years	1		

Union County, South Carolina, Census of  
1810

Abner Coleman	(544)	Robert Coleman	(570)
Males		Males	
16 to 26 years	4	Under 10 years	1
Over 45 years	1	10 to 16 years	1
Females		26 to 45 years	1
10 to 16 years	1	45 plus years	1
Over 45 years	2	Females	
(Slaves 1)		10 to 16 years	1
Phillip Coleman	(570)	16 to 26 years	3
Males		45 plus years	3
Under 10 years	1	(Slaves 6)	
16 to 26 years	1	Richard Coleman	(524)
26 to 45 years	1	Males	
Females		Under 10 years	3
16 to 26 years	1	10 to 16 years	1
(Slaves 5)		26 to 45 years	1
Mary Coleman	(570)	45 plus years	1
Males		Females	
10 to 16 years	1	10 to 16 years	1
Females		26 to 45 years	1
16 to 26 years	2	Abner Coleman	(524)
26 to 45 years	2	Males	
45 plus years	1	Under 10 years	3
(Slaves 13)		10 to 16 years	1
Robert Coleman	(570)	Females	
Males		Under 10 years	3
16 to 26 years	1	10 to 16 years	1
(Slaves 2)		16 to 26 years	1
		26 to 45 years	1

ATTALA COUNTY, MISS., CENSUS OF 1850

Elijah Coleman, born 1813, South Carolina.

Agnes, his wife, born 1814, Virginia.

Absolom, 9, born Mississippi.  
Mary Coleman, 8, born Mississippi.  
Jane P., 7, born Mississippi.

Robert Coleman, born South Carolina, 1812.  
Elisha, born Mississippi, 1822.  
Absolom, 11, born Mississippi.  
Stephen, 8  
William P., 6

Martha Coleman, 52, born South Carolina.  
Samuel Coleman, born 1822, South Carolina.  
Absolom, born 1831, South Carolina.  
Giles, born 1834, South Carolina.  
Henry, born 1837, South Carolina.

ATTALA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, CENSUS OF 1860

BLUFF SPRINGS POST OFFICE

Samuel Coleman, 38, farmer,  
b. S. C.  
Martha, 4, b. Miss.  
Elizabeth, 2, b. Miss.

Martha Coleman, 40, b. S. C.  
Henry, 22, works on farm, b.

Robert Coleman, 49, farmer,  
b. S. C.  
Eliza, 40, b. Miss.  
Absolom, 20, pupil, b. Miss.  
Stephen, 18, pupil, b. Miss.  
William, 15, b. Miss.  
Robert, 5, b. Miss.  
Ella D., 4/12, b. Miss.

Elisha Coleman, 47, b. S. C.  
Agnes, 46, b. Va.  
Mary C., 16, b. Miss.  
Martha S., 9, b. Miss.  
George W., 7, b. Miss.

Absalom Coleman, 31, b. S. Miss.  
Sarah C., 23, b. La.  
Miles, 8, b. Miss.  
Mary J., 6, b. Miss.  
Henry, 5, b. Miss.  
Ruffin, 2, b. Miss.

James Coleman, 55, b. S. C.  
Cyntha, 48, b. N. C.  
G. W., 21, pupil, b. Miss.  
Mary J., 19, B. Miss.  
Sarah J., 15, b. Miss.  
Canada, 6, b. Miss.

CHOCTAW COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, CENSUS OF 1870  
BLUFF SPRINGS COLEMANS

Stephen D. Coleman	1842 Miss.	Absalom M. Coleman	1840 Miss.
Sarah	1847		
Rolia A.	1869		
Robert Coleman	1812 S. C.	Lucy H.	1845 Ga.
Eliza E.	1822	Luretta	7
Robert H. C.	1855	Wm. P.	5
Ella D.	1860	Eliza C.	3
		Alice	3/12

A LIST OF CONVEYANCES IN UNION COUNTY, S. C.

Land Deed Book A-Page 19, contains a conveyance dated July 20, 1778, between David George and William Williams; Christopher Coleman is a witness.

In like manner, Page 24 contains a conveyance dated May 13, 1775, between Joab Mitchell and Richard Hawkins, on which Christopher Coleman is a witness. This Deed recites that on the 10th day of February, 1775, William Bull, Lt. Com., granted a plantation containing 300 acres to the said Joab Mitchell, being on Mill Creek and beginning on Robert Coleman's corner.

On May 10, 1786, Land Deed Book B, page 67, William Harrison conveyed to Abner Coleman, 125 acres of land on Mill Creek and adjoining Coleman line.

Land Deed Book B, Union County, South Carolina, page 108, dated 29th day of July, 1786, Robert Coleman, grantor, Abner Coleman, grantee, recites that Robert Coleman is a resident of 96th District in State of South Carolina. Bargains, sells and conveys to Abner Coleman, one-half of the land, containing 600 acres and formerly belonging to Robert Coleman, deceased, and now falls to Robert Coleman by dissent, as heir-at-law. All on the North side of Clark's Mill Creek, including Colman's old fields. No significance to the attesting witnesses, and recorded the 23rd of June, 1788.

July 29, 1786. A similar instrument recorded at page 109 of said Book B refers to Robert Coleman as heir to Robert Coleman, deceased, of 96th District in the State of South Carolina; recites that the said Robert

Coleman died, intestate, and being possessed of 600 acres of land, which fell by dissent to Robert Coleman, son of Christopher Coleman. Land situated on the North side of Mill Creek, beginning at Robert Coleman's hickory.

Book B-Page 67-refers to Mill Creek as being a branch of Pacolet River.

Land Deed Book A-page 479-Union County, June 22, 1787, William Coleman and Mary, his wife, to Nicholas Harris, 197 acres formerly granted to James McEwean, Sr., and conveyed by McEwean to William Coleman, as appears by a certificate recorded in the Registrar's office of South Carolina, for 500 acres of land in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, on a branch of Fair Forest of Mill Creek.

Book D, page 83, February 1, 1794, Robert Coleman conveys land to John Coleman, with Absalem Coleman as a witness, being 150 acres, in which it is recited the above tract of land (shown on the plat) represents a tract of land, the property of John Coleman, being part of a tract originally granted to Christopher Coleman, then the property of Robert Coleman, by the deceased of Christopher Coleman, conveyed by the said Robert Coleman unto John Coleman.

Land Deed Book D, page 434. John Lewis sells to Philip Coleman 11 acres, being part of a tract originally granted to Robert Coleman, beginning at a maple on the bank of Mill Creek. January 18, 1796.

Book G-page 137, November 2, 1801, William Coleman, of Union County, conveys to Philip Coleman, son of the said William, 11 negro slaves and other property.

Book G-page 139-November 2, 1801. William Coleman, of Union County, conveys to Robert Coleman, of the same County, for \$280.00, a tract of land containing 140 acres, being part of a tract originally granted to Robert Coleman on Mill Creek.

Land Deed Book H-page 437-December 27, 1805. John Gibson conveyed a certain tract of land to William Coleman; significance of is that it was done in the presence of Philip Coleman and Patsey Coleman.

Land Deed Book I-page 4-February 20, 1808. Robert Coleman, of Union District, conveyed to John Coleman fifteen acres, being a part of a tract granted to said Robert Coleman. No further description.

Land Deed Book K-page 285-January 16, 1811. Patsey Coleman, Philip Coleman, Elizabeth Coleman, John Guiton, Thomas Lantrip, Ann Thompson, Francis Coleman and Charlotte Coleman, for \$70.00 paid by Robert Coleman, Jr., relinquished to him the 121 acres on which he

then lived adjacent to John Coleman. No reason given for the conveyance.

Land Deed Book K-page 267-January 21, 1811. Robert Coleman conveyed to Philip Coleman the land where Robert then lived, containing 220 acres.

Land Deed Book L-page 107-September 13, 1811. Abner Coleman, Sr., conveyed to Hezekiah Coleman, all of Union District, 90 acres on the North side of Mill Creek, being a part of a tract granted to Robert Coleman, refers to Abner Coleman Jr's. spring. Susannah Coleman wife of Abner Coleman, Sr., relinquished dower. Signed by mark.

Land Deed Book L-page 129-December 3, 1811. Hezekiah Coleman sold the same land to Philip Coleman; and Abner Coleman, Jr. and Richard Coleman were witnesses. Elizabeth Coleman, the wife of Hezekiah Coleman, relinquished dower.

Land Deed Book O-page 195. November 24, 1817. Robert Coleman conveyed to Absalem Coleman 83 acres on Mill Creek, water of the Pacolet; lands originally granted to Christopher Coleman. John Coleman and Rubin Coleman were witnesses; no relinquishment of dower.

Land Deed Book O-page 195-November 24, 1817. Philip Coleman conveyed land to Robert Coleman; Martha Coleman, wife of Philip Coleman, relinquished dower.

Land Deed Book P-page 59. John W. Gregory conveys two tracts of land to Absalem Coleman, on December 19, 1818. John Pool and Robert Coleman were witnesses.

Land Deed Book P-page 355-October 15, 1819. Joseph McKnight, with Hiram Coleman as a witness, conveyed to Robert Coleman and others 3½ acres of ground for a meeting house and a burying ground being situated on the road from Grindle Shoals on the Pacolet to the Widow Hail's.

Land Deed Book Q-page 390-December 24, 1820 Robert Coleman conveyed to Bartley Coleman all that tract of land where Robert Coleman now lives, 120 acres, more or less, being a part of the survey originally granted to Robert Coleman, Sr. Absalum Coleman and Rubin Coleman were witnesses.

Land Deed Book S-page 130. John Coleman conveyed lands to Treacy Coleman, with Hiram Coleman and Bartley Coleman as witnesses. Isabel Coleman, wife of John, relinquished dower. January 11, 1825.

Land Deed Book S ———page 319 ———May 1, 1826. Trearcy Coleman, by



mark, in the presence of Rubin Coleman and Bartley Coleman, conveyed to John Coleman the same land.

Land Deed Book W-page 80-August 17, 1832. Absolem Coleman conveyed 240 acres of land on Mill Creek to Thomas Walker; witnesses, Bartley Coleman, Robert Coleman, Elisha Coleman; acknowledged before Rubin Coleman, Justice of the Peace.

ABSTRACT OF THE WILL OF ROBERT COLEMAN  
OF UNION COUNTY, S. C., WHO DIED JUNE 18, 1823

WIFE: Trecey  
SONS: Absalum, has received \$228  
Bartley  
John  
Rubin  
Sons-in-Law: John Pool, has received property  
William Young, same  
John Ashley  
Absalum Ward, husband of Nancy Coleman.  
Daughter: Trecey (Theresa) who later married a Gossett  
Grandson: Elisha  
Excutors: Sons, Absalum, Bartley, Reuben.

FAMILY BIBLE RECORDS SHOWN US BY MR. AND MRS.  
DAVE COLEMAN, OF JONESVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA  
JULY 29, 1957

Bartley Coleman and Elizabeth Coleman, his wife: their children's ages:

Treassy Coleman	Born: June 15, 1810
Robert Coleman	Born: January 4, 1812
John Coleman	Born: September 12, 1814
Elizabeth Coleman	Born: January 20, 1817
Christopher Coleman	Born: November 14, 1819
Rubin Coleman	Born: September 11, 1821
Mary P. Coleman	Born: August 18, 1823
Allenmartin P. Coleman	Born: August 23, 1825
Buary P. Coleman	Born: September 14, 1827
William Coleman	Born: September 5, 1829
Carline Coleman	Born: October 17, 1832

Robert Coleman and Treasey, his wife: their children and ages:

Mary Coleman	Born: August 16, 1783
Absolem Coleman	Born: October 25, 1784
Elizabeth Coleman	Born: July 13, 1786
Bartley Coleman	Born: February 18, 1788
Elisha M. Coleman	Born: February 13, 1790
Sarah Coleman	Born: May 3, 1792
Treasey Coleman	Born: November 29, 1794
Ann Coleman	Born: December 28, 1796
John Coleman	Born: February 12, 1799
Rubin Coleman	Born: March 8, 1802

Absalom Coleman and Patty, his wife: their children and ages:

Robert Coleman	Born: July 22, 1811
Elisha M. Coleman	Born: November 9, 1812
Eliza Coleman	Born: December 17, 1813
Samuel Coleman	Born: October 2, 1815
Miles Coleman	Born: September 15, 1817
Sarah Coleman	Born: October 3, 1819
John Coleman	Born: August 25, 1821
Jane Coleman	Born: February, 1824
Treasey Coleman	Born: December 21, 1825

Elizabeth Coleman died April 29, 1910  
Robert Coleman died June 18, 1823  
Absalom Coleman died September 8, 1839  
Treasey Coleman died July 15, 1838

John Coleman and his wife, Isabel, their children and ages:

Robert S. Coleman	Born: May 15, 1824
Cherlester Coleman	Born: January 11, 1820

John Coleman died 1833, age 34 years  
Treasey Gossett died March 5, 1857  
Ruben Coleman died February 16, 1859  
Isabel M. Coleman died September 15, 1853.

Rubin Coleman married Letitia Faucett on May 31, 1827.

Franklin Coleman	Born: June 3, 1829
Elizabeth Coleman	Born: May 28, 1831
Henry James Coleman	Born: March 8, 1833
Sarah Ann Coleman	Born: February 7, 1835

John Marshall Coleman Born: August 19, 1837  
Charles Lipscomb Coleman Born: July 3, 1841  
Mary Coleman Born: August 4, 1843

Original Patent in the possession of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Coleman of Jonesville, South Carolina, seen on July 29, 1957. Patent signed by William Bull, Governor of the Province of South Carolina, on September 9, 1774, to Christopher Coleman for 200 acres of land confirming an original patent from the Governor of North Carolina on the 26th day of October, 1767; which said land, by the continuation of the boundary line lately run in pursuance of his manifest instructions between the Province and North Carolina now follows within the limits of this Government (South Carolina) situated on the Mill Creek of Packlet, adjoining Robert Coleman land, etc. Originally entered in the General Land Office on March 16, 1775.

Mrs. Dave Coleman has in her possession a memorandum which says that Robert Coleman married Elizabeth Smith, sometimes called "Treassy."

CEMETERY NOTES-GILEAD CHURCH

Bartley Coleman

February 18, 1788  
December 24, 1870  
Soldier War 1812.

Elizabeth Poole, his wife

March 8, 1791  
March 8, 1870

Reuben Coleman's Grave

Age 56 years, 11 months, 8 days.  
His son, William G.  
January 15, 1849-December 13, 1926.  
Emma A., his wife  
April 4, 1854-October 15, 1922.

Honorable D. G. Coleman, J. P., Jonesville, South Carolina, showed us the Cemetery, Gilead Church (Baptist) 1 mile North of Jonesville.

## GENEALOGICAL SECTION

FROM THE DIARY OF MRS. JENNIE L. COLEMAN

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*Part I*  
 THE COLEMANS
 

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Henry Alexander Coleman, my grandfather, and 4th son of Daddy Dave, settled nearest to him of any of his children, in a quarter of a mile, & was the good dutiful son always, and his children loved and stayed with "Daddy" a great deal. I will give here the birth, marriage, and death record of "Daddy" David's family, most of it copied from his Bible, and which was written by himself:

David Roe Coleman was born in Halifax County, North Carolina, May 19, 1765. Died 25 March 1855. Married Edith Beam in Fairfield County, South Carolina, September 13, 1787. She died 28 April 1825. She was about his age.

ROBERT FITZ, their first son, born August 26, 1789, (died Sept. 7, 1842). Married Susan Feaster. She died January 15, 1829.

Their children were:

1. Drucilla, married William Coleman (son of Solomon Coleman). They went to Randolph County, Georgia. Had son and daughters. Descendants still there. She died about 1880.
2. Edith, who first married Mike Adkins, then Andrew Hancock. Had children by both. Also went to Randolph County, Georgia. Died about 1880.
3. Eliza, who married Martin Coleman (son of Solomon) at age of 13. He lived only 6 months. She afterward married James Brennan had one child. He and it died. She then married John Arnette, all this before she was 20. Had 4 children by Arnette. After his death, late in life, she married Wesley Mayfield, who

still lives, aged 90. All of her children dead. The last one, Dr. Robert Coleman Arnette, left three sons & 2 daughters. Dr. Robert Coleman Arnette died in 1908, buried at Salem Presbyterian Church.

Eliza died in 1890, buried at family graveyard, where her parents are also buried. This is near Buena Vista, always called the "Coleman" graveyard.

4. John Feaster, who married in Greene County, Alabama. Know nothing of him. He went probably to South America in middle life.
5. Andrew, married in Randolph County, Georgia. Had children, but I know nothing of them.
6. Susan, married Dr. Sam McClurkin. Died about 1862, and is buried at Beaver Creek Baptist Church. She was born January 5, 1829. Left 3 children, only one now living, Mrs. Eliza Mills, of Rock Hill.

WYLIE FITZ (second son of David Roe Coleman and Edith, his wife) born March 10, 1792, married Nancy Elam, of Chester County, about 1816. They had seven children. He died March 4, 1835, in Chester County and is buried near his home. After his death his widow moved with them to Chambers County, Alabama, and she is buried there. She died in August, 1865. She was born and raised on place now owned by Jacob Stone, Sr. The Elam burying ground is near his house.

Their children were:

1. Sophia, born January 19, 1817, married Abner Fant in 1837, June, died March 7, 1838, dying in a year of her marriage and is buried by her father.
2. Elizabeth, born January 21, 1819, married James Cork, of South Carolina, who went to Alabama for her. They came back here and lived until their children were half grown, then moved to Abbeville County, where she is buried.
3. Wilson, born December 27, 1821, died in Alabama, August 27, 1841.
4. Mary, born December 16, 1824, married Willis Cofield, in Alabama. Left two children.
5. David Roe, born September 1, 1827, married Nancy E. Coleman, of South Carolina. He died August 20, 1894. She was born March 6, 1830, died 1898.
6. Martha, born August 4, 1830, died about 1874, married Francis

Tapley, of Alabama. Had 4 children. Moved to Texas. Know nothing of them now.

7. Isabella, born December, 1833, died March, 1891. Married Allen Wheelis, of Alabama. Seven children.

The old house of Wiley F. Coleman is still standing in good condition. Has had rooms added, but the original family room of wide hewn logs and large fireplace are just as when he died in 1835. I and your Papa went in to see it a few years ago, and went out back of the house a little distance to see his grave, under an apple tree. You must remember that it is the grave of your great grandfather. You pass the place when going to Chester. It is now owned by Wade Roberts.

DAVID HENRY COLEMAN (third son of "Daddy" Dave), born December 17, 1794. He married Sarah Franklin, about 1819. Their first four children were born here. They then moved to Greene County, Alabama.

1. Cecilla, born September 1, 1820. Married a Bains, had two sons, Oscar and James in 1840.
2. Sarah, born April 11, 1822.
3. Nancy, born April 20, 1824.
4. Albert, born March 31, 1826.
5. John Franklin, born April 10, 1828.
6. Edith, born November 14, 1830.
7. David Roe, born December 31, 1832.
8. Wiley Fitz, born May 22, 1834.

HENRY ALEXANDER COLEMAN (fourth son), born Sept. 5, 1797, married December 5, 1822, Chanie Feaster. She was born August 26, 1800. Died July 11, 1878, 6 o'clock, p.m. He died July 21, 1877, 1 o'clock a.m., Saturday. Their first child:

1. David Andrew, born September 16, 1823 (died December 15, 1863) of pneumonia, is buried at the Yongue Cemetery). Married August 29, 1848, Sarah Ann Yongue. Their children are:
  - (1) Henry Calhoun, married Anna Owens. 7 children.
  - (2) Hester Caroline, single, died 25 December, 1914.
  - (3) Chanie Isabella, single, died March 13, 1917.
  - (4) David Roe, married Lucy Hamilton. Eight children.
  - (5) William Yongue, married Lizzie Coleman. Six children.

2. (2nd child) Savilla E., born August 20, 1825. Died January 19, 1877. Married March 28, 1844, William M. Yongue. Their children:
  - (1) Sarah Hester, married James B. Turner. 10 children.
  - (2) Laura Jane, married Thomas D. Owings. 12 children.
  - (3) Margaret Drusilla, married John B. Propst. 7 children.
  - (4) Henry Coleman, died single. (Three died infants)
3. (3rd child) Edith, born May 1st, 1827, died November 9, 1827.
4. (4th child) John Albert Feaster, born June 9, 1828, died April 30, 1898, married October 13, 1853, by Jacob Feaster, Esq., to Juliana Stevenson (born July 14, 1831, died December 3, 1912). Their children:
  - (1) Samuel Stevenson, born August 10, 1854, married (1st) Rebecca Gladden. (2nd) Alice Faucette.
  - (2) Jennie Isabella, born December 22, 1856, married Edward Wilson Coleman.
  - (3) Sarah Drusilla, born August 12, 1859.
  - (4) Henry David, born January 30, 1866, married Narcissa Wolling.
  - (5) Mary Feaster, born December 31, 1868, married Charles W. Faucette.
  - (6) Chanie Savilla, born July 27, 1872.
5. (5th child) Margaret Drusilla, born July 5, 1830, died January 7, 1900, in Powder Springs, Ga., married July 18, 1855, James Leroy Hunter, of Powder Springs, Georgia, formerly of Chester, South Carolina.
 

Their children:

  - (1) Mary Edith, born October 11, 1856, married William S. Duncan. Left two (2) children who live in Atlanta, Georgia, James Leroy married Obie McKinsie, and Martha Coleman, who married Thaddeus B. Johnson.
  - (2) Mattie Isabella, born September, 1859.
  - (3) John Henry, born December, 1864, in Solomon Coleman House. They had refueged back here in 1863. He married Cora Bowen, of Douglasville, Georgia. 2 children - Fred and Edith Annie.
6. (6th child) Susan Isabella, born October 3, 1832. Died January 29, 1891, near Marietta, Georgia. Married Aug. 17, 1853, Thomas Manning, of Cobb County, Ga., formerly of Chester County, South Carolina. Their children are:

- (1) Cornelia Drusilla, single.
  - (2) Henry Simpson, married Louise Aymar, 2 boys.
  - (3) John Lipsey, married Marie Scott. 3 girls, 1 boy.
  - (4) Charles William, married Kate Fowler. No children.
  - (5) Thomas Lawrence, single.
  - (6) Robert Feaster, single.
7. (7th child) Henry Alexander, born November 3, 1835. Died June 5, 1863, from effects of wounds received at Manassas August 30, 1862. Married November 19, 1857. Rebecca Yongue.
- Their children:
- (1) Sallie Edith, born November 29, 1858. Died October 15, 1917. Married George R. Lauderdale, of Winnsboro, South Carolina. He died January, 1918. Had two boys, George and David Lauderdale.
  - (2) John Feaster, died when about 2 years old.
8. (8th child) Mary, born January 7, 1838, died August 13, 1839.
9. (9th child) Sallie Amanda, born January 28, 1840, died July 23, 1858, married Andrew J. McConnell, April 16, 1857. He was killed at the Blow Up near Petersburg, Va., July 23, 1864.
10. (10th child) Robert Charles, born January 31, 1842, was drowned while in bathing near John's Island, close to Charleston, South Carolina, June 6, 1862. His body was recovered, brought home, and buried in our graveyard. He was very small, but handsome, curly black hair and black eyes. The pet of the family. A good violinist. The last time I saw him, just before he left for Charleston, he was playing his violin, and I remember he played "Annie Laurie." I was a very small girl then. This death was pathetic. My father (John Albert Feaster Coleman) was at the same place. The soldiers were many of them his cousins and friends. They hunted for his body for days. When found at last, my father was not allowed to see him. He brought him home to the parents, their baby, who could not have a last look at loved one. I just can remember them bringing the coffin in the house. My grandmother told me that for years after she expected him to return to her, as she had a feeling that the body may not have been his, but that in some way he was alive and must come back. But his comrades knew it was his body. I imagine the rapture of the meeting with her lost boy when she reached the spirit world. All her children are with her now. She was truly good, unselfish and patient, much loved by her children and all relatives



and neighbors. As also was my grandfather. Everybody loved "Uncle Henry."

WILSON H. COLEMAN (5th son) was born March 25, 1800. Married in 1828, Mary Johnston, of Greene County, Ala. Their children were:

1. Elizabeth, born June 7, 1829.
2. Martha, born November 14, 1830.
3. Wiley Johnson, born September 9, 1832.
4. Edith, born October 26, 1834.
5. Mary, born January 6, 1837.
6. Nancy, born September 12, 1838.
7. Laura L., born June 8, 1846.

I know very little about these relatives, all dead now except Wiley and Laura. He came by here on his return from "the war." I have a faint recollection of him. Have exchanged letters with Laura, but for sometime have heard nothing from her.

ISABELLA (6th child and 1st daughter) was born September 13, 1803. Died September 10, 1838. Married February 6, 1823, Jacob Feaster (died December 26, 1872, 34 years after his wife). Their children were:

1. Jacob Fry, born February 20, 1824, died August 28, 1852, married Elizabeth Feaster Stone, September 10, 1844. Moses Cockrell is their only living child. (He died January, 1915.)
2. Edith Drusilla, born July 24, 1825. (Died May 13, 1875, while living in the "Boarding House."). Married Henry J. Lyles February 6, 1844. He died September 23, 1861, of Typhoid Fever, at Germantown, Virginia, of Co. C, 6th Regiment. Their children were:
  - (1) William Woodward, born March 2, 1845. Died in Virginia, while in service.
  - (2) John Feaster, born February 16, 1847. Married Carrie Lyles.
  - (3) Aromanus Coleman, born December 6, 1849. Married Mrs. Joe Smith Willy.
  - (4) Mary Edith Isabel, born March 4, 1853, Died October 10, 1896.
  - (5) David Henry, born October 10, 1854. Died October 10, 1870.
3. John Coleman, born August 21, 1827. Died January 17, 1909.

Married Sallie P. Lyles, July 14, 1878. They have no living children.

4. Susan Elizabeth, born April 30, 1829. Died in Arkansas. Married S. M. Simons, February 1, 1848. Their children (all now living are in Arkansas):

- (1) Jacob Pingree, born August 16, 1849. Dead.
- (2) Ophelia Isabella, born May 9, 1851. Dead.
- (3) Paul James, born February 23, 1853. Dead.
- (4) Silas Calhoun, born January 27, 1855. Dead.
- (5) John Feaster, born June 8, 1857. Dead.
- (6) Mary Edith, born July 18, 1859. Dead.
- (7) Laura Elizabeth Rebecca, born August 28, 1862.
- (8) Cornelia Josephine, born October, 1866.

5. David Roe, born December 25, 1832, first married March 18, 1856, Victoria E. Rawls (Died January 7, 1877). Their children:

- (1) Annie Isabella, born January 30, 1857. Married A. Mac. Coleman.
- (2) John Rawls, born October 19, 1858. Died August 14, 1913.
- (3) Edith Caroline, born July 10, 1860. Married Preston Coleman.
- (4) Mary Victoria, born November 20, 1862. Married Albert W. Clayton.
- (5) Jacob Henry, born January 28, 1865.
- (6) David Robert, born April 2, 1868. Married Virginia Marks.
- (7) Ben Sawyer, born February 13, 1871.
- (8) James Polk, born February 12, 1873.

2nd marriage to Mrs. Hattie Coleman (nee Porter) in December, 1878. Their children:

- (1) Charles McCants, born September 22, 1879.
- (2) Virgil Clayton, born May 1, 1881.
- (3) Susan Amanda, born March 19, 1883.
- (4) Margaret Fry, born April 15, 1885. Married Dr. C. C. Cox.
- (5) Roger William, born July 9, 1887.
- (6) Hattie Josephine, born November 5, 1889.

2nd daughter of D.R.C. and Edith, his wife

ELIZABETH (called Betty, 2nd daughter of D.R.C. and Edith his wife), born April 6, 1807. Married Isaac Nolen, and went with him to Indian Springs, Georgia. Rode horseback, her father giving her the horse, a negro woman and horse for her. They all rode horseback.

What would a young lady of this day think of such an undertaking. No fast trains, fine carriages, nor automobiles then. Shortly after, they went on and settled in Chambers County, Alabama. He accumulated much property, was a man of influence. Raised a large family of boys and girls. Aunt Betty died after my grandfather did, so she was the last one of "Daddy Dave's" children to go. Died about 1880 in Texas. Isaac Nolen died before his wife. They moved to Smith County, Texas, before 1860. Some of her grandchildren living there yet, but I know nothing of them. We have a picture of her sent to my grandfather. I saw their old home in Alabama in 1897, a beautiful place, well fixed up in every way. Pity they left it. Their children: (Nolen)

1. Isabella, born December 14, 1827. Married John C. Coleman. Both died young of yellow fever.
2. Robert Wilson, born February 29, 1829.
3. Andrew J., born April 30, 1830.
4. Edith Mary Caroline, born March 3, 1833. Married \_\_\_\_\_ Stillwell.
5. Laura Ann, born September 15, 1835. Married Tolliver Towles.
6. Elizabeth, born June 3, 1837, married \_\_\_\_\_ Moore.
7. Isaac Henry, born \_\_\_\_\_, 1839.
8. John Roe, born December 31, 1841.

If any descendants are living, are in Texas. Uncle Nolen and family moved to Smith County before the Confederate War. We know nothing of them now.

The 3rd daughter, the youngest child of D. R. Coleman and Edith Beam, was "SALLIE," born April 10, 1810. Died in 1815.

"Edith, the mother of the above nine children died on the 28th of April, 1825, in the 60th year of her age."  
This was written in his Bible by her husband, D. R. C., and is the only thing recorded of her, except the date of their marriage.

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John Roe, second son of Robert and Elizabeth Coleman, went to Greene County, Alabama. I have no knowledge of him nor his descendants. There are Colemans in that County yet.

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Robert Roe, their third son, married Nancy Coleman, his first cousin and settled near his father and brother David. The place now owned by Henry Traylor. Their children were: Hiram Henry, Wylie, Polly, and

Jonathan David. Polly died when a young lady (unmarried) of typhoid fever.

Hiram H. married Betty Beam, February 4, 1827. Their children:  
Susan (1st) who married John Feaster Cockrell. She died young,  
leaving one daughter, who is now widow Lumpkin, with one son, John.

Nancy (2nd) married David Roe Coleman. They moved to Chambers  
County, Alabama, in 1848. Raised a family of 8 children. Their children:

1. Lizzie, married Wince W. Gay.
2. Hiram Fairfield, married Lena Waller.
3. Edward Wilson, married (1st) Lola Marsh, of Alabama. (2nd)  
Jennie Isabel Coleman.
4. Bedford Forrest, married Corrie Wallace. (Carra Bell)
5. Robert Elam, married Lillie Bell Stevens.
6. Julia, married James Howell.
7. Philip Mayo, married Maggie Smith.
8. Yancy, died when about grown. Had been kicked by a mule when  
a small boy, and never got over the effects of it.

Robert H. (3rd) married Julia A. Feaster. They had 2 boys, Lewis Andrew  
and Robert Feaster. The latter was shot accidentally by a boy companion when 19  
years old, and died from loss of blood. Lewis married Zura Carter. They have  
seven children. They live in Florida, where his mother went a widow with the two  
little boys in December, 1867. The father Robert H. died of fever in Augusta,  
Georgia, June 24, 1862.

Edward (4th), married Nancy E. Coleman (granddaughter of William, who  
was brother of Robert Coleman, the 1st). They had no children. We own the land  
they lived on. 'Tis a part of the 500 acres granted by King George.

Dr. Hiram S., the youngest of Hiram H. and his wife, Betty Beam's children,  
died of consumption January 2, 1866. Never married. Born after his father's  
death.

Wylie (2nd son of Robert and Nancy), married Sally Rainey. They settled  
where their daughter, Elitia Jeffares now lives. Their children: Francis Daniel,  
Polly, Seleta, Sarah, Savilla, Robert, Elitia

Francis Daniel married Susan Stone. They lived and died where their son, Wylie now lives. Their children:

1. Robert. Went to Tennessee. Twice married.
2. Maggie, married Elmore Boney.
3. Sallie, married Henry Robinson.
4. Jacob F., married 3 times.
5. Wylie, married Victoria Robinson.
6. Minnie, married \_\_\_\_\_ Tongs, of Augusta, Ga.

Polly married William McLane. He died during the Civil War. They lived on land given by her father. Their children:

1. Sallie, married Robert Castles.
2. Mary, married James Robinson.
3. Jack, married Widow Yongue (nee Isa Crowder)
4. Silas, married Mattie Mobley.
5. Fanny married William Mobley.

Seleta married James Morgan. They died young, leaving one son Hiram, who is now old and has had a hard life. Being half idiot.

Sarah married Jesse Gladden, grandson of Allan Coleman. Their children:

1. Sarah Rebecca, married Sam S. Coleman (3 girls, 2 boys).
2. John Coleman, married in Alabama. I don't know the name. Has one daughter, Sarah Rebecca.

Elitia married Henry Jeffares (her cousin). Their children:

1. Lizzie, married Sam Wright (3 boys).
2. Robert R., married Lizzie Hogan (2 boys and 2 girls.)
3. H. Coleman, died single.
4. Ben F., died single.
5. Mattie, married Ned Taylor (4 girls, 1 boy).
6. John Wylie, was thrown by a mule, died from the injury.
7. Sam, died single.

Savilla never married. Was an invalid.

Jonathan David, familiarly known as "Jonathan D.," married Sallie McLane. They had no children. Raised as their own, her nephew, Jones Henry McLane. Jonathan D. inherited his father's place (the

house is in good condition now, a fine chimney), and was a successful farmer. He accumulated much property in land and slaves. Was called a smart man, tho not educated. He lived according to the dictates of a coarse nature, tho he was charitable and kind to the poor. His property caused dissensions and some of it went to waste. His widow dying poor. His niece, Nancy Coleman (Ed's mother) inherited ¼ of his land, getting most of that known as the "Grubbs" place. It is now owned by Ed (your father).

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Wylie Roe Coleman, 4th son of Robert and Elizabeth, married Sarah Ragsdale, and had a large family of sons and daughters, most of whom went to Mississippi and Texas. Their son, Griffin, married Susan Cockrell (niece of grandfather John Feaster). They went to Winston County, Mississippi, about 1850. Their descendants still live there. They are Universalists and call their church "Liberty," after ours here. Last year they built a new church, which was dedicated by Dr. Shinn. He helped them build it, and then painted it. Dr. D. B. Clayton had always visited them at regular periods, preaching for them, since their moving to that state. He went every year, as long as he lived. A granddaughter of Griffin visited us 3 years ago, Minnie Coleman Johnson. Had two nice little girls. She told us much of these relatives that we have never seen.

Another son, Williams, called "Buck," went on to Texas from Mississippi, and Coleman County, Texas, is named for him. (Incorrect). He married a Miss Head here in South Carolina.

Sophia married Williams Coleman, her cousin, and went to Mississippi. Joe married a Miss Banks, lived and died in Fairfield, near where he was born. Some of his descendants live near Blackstock and Ridgeway.

Henry Jonathan Francis Wyatt was the only one of the family I ever saw. He was a remarkable man in many ways. Was wild and reckless in his young days drawing down much censure on his head, from relatives. He went West, visiting the brothers and sisters who settled there, drank and gambled, and did as he pleased. Late in life he married Ailsy Cockrell, an old maid, and through her got the old Jacob Feaster home, the land first settled by the Feasters in this county. After her death he married a widow Boulware. She lived only a few months. He lived on alone at the old home, to old age, waited on by the slaves, of whom there

were good many. He was very kind to them and all loved their "Marster" or "Boss." He was always Republican in politics, which was very distasteful to his many Democratic relatives. So they had very little to do with him for years after "the War." He was given the office of Trial Justice by the "Radicals," and in spite of the prejudice that aroused, he proved so wise and just to all, during this perilous, soul-trying period, that the esteem and respect of friends was won, and the latter years of his life were his best. He was a man of fine natural intellect, a memory that covered so much that it was interesting to hear him talk. He was a peculiar looking old fellow, as I remember him, tall and large, but active and straight to the end. One eye was crossed and this gave him a comical expression, and I would wonder which eye was looking at me. His speech was quaint, and to suit himself. Said "needcessity" for necessity. His clothes were homemade, very loose, no fit at all. Yet he was commanding in appearance. I often wish I had talked with him more. So much he could have told me, that now I can't find out. He is buried at the old Cockrell graveyard, on Lizzie Cockrell Lumpkin's land. No stones mark any of the graves. In a few years no one will know where they are.

The graves of Jacob Feaster and his wife, Peggie Cannamore, are right near the old house place, where Wyatt lived. The house has lately been burned. These two graves are not marked, but are enclosed by a rock wall. He left considerable property, too, to his relatives (had no child), but none of them had his grave marked.

*Allen Roe Coleman*, 5th son of Robert and Elizabeth, married his cousin, Sallie (daughter of Charles), sister of his brother Robert's wife. They settled near where Thomas E. Dye now lives. After a good many years, they moved to the Wateree section of this county, spending the remainder of their lives there. Their children grew up and settled there or went West. So that I know very little about them, except that they had twin girls, Betsy and Rebecca, and they married twin brothers, Gladden by name.

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The 6th son, *Griffin Roe Coleman*, went West, and the 7th son, Williams Roe went West. The 10th, Zerebale, and the 12th, Ancil, died young, and their small graves are at the foot of the graves of their parents.

*Solomon Roe Coleman*, the 8th son, married a daughter of Stephen Coleman, and settled near here, but all I've heard of him is very indistinct in my memory, so I can record nothing of him.

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*Francis Roe*, the 9th son, went West, after marrying Margaret Mobley, in this county. Was said to be the handsomest Coleman of his time. I know nothing of their descendants. I suppose he settled in Greene County, Alabama, with his brother, John and Griffen. The two sisters, Sarah and Elizabeth, went West too with these brothers. Sarah married Reuben Mobley, I think, but I can't trace the other one.

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*Henry Jonathan Coleman*, the 11th son, and the youngest to reach manhood, married Mary Feaster. They had sixteen children. Five died in infancy.

1. 1st son-John Feaster, married Sallie Gladden (his uncle Allen's granddaughter), and their children were:

- (1) Silas, died a boy.
- (2) John Gladden Coleman, single.
- (3) Allen Feaster Coleman, married in Louisiana. 2 children there.
- (4) Mary Rebecca Coleman, married Joe C. Roney, of Americus, Georgia. 2 children.
- (5) Charles Ferdinand Coleman, married Alice Martin, of Monticello. 2 children.
- (6) Sarah Edith Coleman, married Martin D. C. Colvin. 7 children.

2. 1st daughter-Elizabeth Coleman, married Micajah Pickett. Moved to Sumter County, Georgia.

- (1) Mary Pickett, married Dr. Raines, 2 children.
- (2) Sallie Pickett, married Amos Shumpert, 1 child.
- (3) Lon Pickett, married William Harvey. 1 child.
- (4) John Pickett, married \_\_\_\_\_. 2 children.
- (5) Emma Pickett, married John King. 4 children.
- (6) Musco Pickett, married Minnie M. Garrow. 4 children.
- (7) Henry Coleman Pickett.
- (8) Micajah Pickett, died when young. (Killed in explosion of cotton compress.)
- (9) Annie Lizzie Pickett.



3. 2nd son-Dr. Robert Williams Coleman married Nancy McConnell.  
Children:
  - (1) Fannie Maria Coleman, married Dr. V. P. Clayton. 1 child.
  - (2) Andrew McConnell Coleman, married Annie Isabel Feaster. 10 children.
  - (3) Sallie Jane Coleman, married William B. Davis. 4 children.
  - (4) Mary Elizabeth Coleman married William YONGUE Coleman. 6 children.
  
4. 2nd daughter-Sarah Coleman, married Beverly Mitchell, of Sumter County, Georgia. Children:
 

(1) Ella Mitchell		All single, living
(2) Sallie Mitchell	>	in their home
(3) Henry Coleman Mitchell		together
(4) Frank Mitchell		
  
5. 3rd son-Jacob Coleman, married Rebecca Meador. Children:
  - (1) Sibbie Coleman, married Thomas W. Traylor, 4 children living.
  - (2) Jacob Feaster Coleman, married Hattie Robinson. 3 children.
  - (3) Jonathan Meredith Coleman, married Stella Mattoon.
  - (4) Rebecca May Coleman, died a young girl.
  
6. 4th son-David Roe Coleman, 1st married Lizzie Crooks, 2nd, Lizzie Trapp
 

	/	Three oldest girls died young.
1st		David Roe Coleman, married Ida Crosby. 2
Wife	<	children.
		Dr. John Robert Coleman, married Mattie Rabb. 7
	\	children.
	/	Mary Rebecca Coleman, married Henry Mitchell
		Owings. 5 children.
2nd		William Henry Coleman, married Lottie Rabb. 6
Wife	<	children.
		Ernest Eugene Coleman, married Annie Belle
	\	Coleman. 6 children.
  
7. 5th son-Henry Jonathan Coleman, Jr., married Hattie Porter. 5 children:
  - (1) Franklin Preston Coleman, married Edith Caroline Feaster. 2 children.
  - (2) Porter Feaster Coleman, married Dora Halsell. 2 living children.

- (3) David Roe Coleman
- (4) Mary Emily Coleman, married \_\_\_\_\_ Parham, of Arkansas.  
6 children.
- (5) Henry Jonathan Coleman.
- 8. 6th son-Dr. Preston Coleman (William Calhoun Preston Coleman),  
married Jennie Secrest. No children. He died from effects of wounds  
received at Battle of Manassas.
- 9. 7th son-Allan Griffin Coleman, was killed near Petersburg, Virginia.
- 10. 8th son-Dr. Benjamin Franklin Coleman, died from wounds at  
Winchester, Virginia.
- 11. 9th son-George Washington Coleman, married Mary Elizabeth  
Stevenson, the 6th of March, 1867. She died December 22, 1878.  
Children:
  - (1) John Franklin Coleman, married Eva Shields, of Florida. 3 children.
  - (2) Samuel Allen Coleman, married Gertrude Shields, of Florida.  
4 children.
  - (3) Henry Lee Coleman.
  - (4) Sarah Isabelle Coleman, married (1st) Howard L. Allen. (2nd) J. R.  
Shelton.
  - (5) George Wade, married Miss Latie Skipper, of Florida.

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Stephen Crosby married Charity Coleman, but I do not know her connection  
with my great grandfather, David Roe Coleman.

Their children were: William, Tom, Stephen, David, Sally, Eliza.

The above William Crosby married Miss Thomas, of Union County. They are  
the grandparents of Uncle Butler Estes.

Tom Crosby married Miss Parks. Mrs. Susan (Lemuel) Estes' descendants  
are from him. (Misses Maude Durham, sisters and brothers). Stephen married  
Miss Frances Nevitt. Mrs. Daisy Stone, Cornwell Stone, is from him. Also,  
Claude and D. P. Crosby. David married Miss Ederington. Mrs. Daisy (Crosby)  
Stone is also from him, her brothers and sister, thru their father. Sallie married  
Charles Douglas. Dr. Jim Douglas and brothers from her. Dr. Charles  
McLurkin. Eliza married \_\_\_\_\_.

I have heard my grandfather speak of "Uncle Sol," who was, I

suppose, brother of his uncle, David Roe Coleman, but I do not know more of him, but feel sure he lived and died near my grandfather.

The Solomon Coleman who lived in the old house known as the "Solomon House" was son of William Coleman, the 1st, and consequently a cousin of David Roe ("Daddy Dave"). Eva and Clarence Jeter, of Union County, are his great-great grandchildren.

Robert Roe Coleman (brother of "Daddy") was called "Partin.". They were great for "nicknames," and 'tis kept up to the present day.

Churches, of course, were few and far between when these men were young, from 1780 to 1830, and the customs were primitive, what we of this forward age would call very rude, I suppose. They were more natural and sincere, no doubt. Not far from here (back of the present Widener old home), near the new negro church, was a church building r house of meeting. The young men and boys would gather to play marbles, pitch horseshoes, jump, etc., before the preaching began, on Sunday mornings. I think this just creditable as some of the Sunday practices of this great civilized time. There were two preachers that visited this meeting house to preach. One (I think named Gwin) would arrive, reprimand those engaged in playing games, call them into the house. Of course, they didn't go then. The preacher would, no doubt pay them his compliments in a way he liked and consign them to the place he thought they would be sure to go.

Another preacher, William Woodward, on his meeting day, would arrive and join those engaged in games, taking a part. Then say, "Now boys, let's go in the church, for preaching." Every one would follow him, behave themselves, and no doubt were benefited, for he must have been a noble character. On one occasion (remember he was a believer in a literal hell of fire, in the hereafter, and that all must go there who were not believers), he said in his preaching, (to make the dread of the horrible place as fearful as possible, no doubt), "that the bottom of Hell was covered with infants, not a span long," and looking over to Robert Roe Coleman, (he called him Partin) (they were good friends), said, "Now, Partin, you don't believe that." Partin said, "No, I'll be damned if I do."

The present day Baptists say such a doctrine was never preached, but we have the above testimony, handed down by those who had heard it, and like "Partin," would be damned before believing it.

Perhaps 30 years or more after this, at a Baptist Church, established several miles from the spot just described, as a place of meeting, the preacher paid his compliments to the Universalist belief in a way that

pleased himself and really knowing nothing of it, then said he hoped there were none under the sound of his voice who believed such a sinful, God dishonoring doctrine. Andrew Feaster rose from his seat, standing in full view, said, "here is one." The preacher was rather taken aback, but was very sorry that anyone was so blinded and on such a mistaken road.

And perhaps 40 years later, a daughter of Andrew Feaster, Drusilla Rawls, living in Columbia, South Carolina, again stood for the faith. A Presbyterian preacher (her son and his wife belonged to the Presbyterian Church) was calling on the family, and taking it for granted that she, too, was of his flock, said something to that effect. She told him "No, she was a member of the Universalist Church." "Why! My dear madam, I am surprised! How comes it you have strayed away thus?" She answered, "I haven't strayed, they have done the straying. I am where I belong, and always have been." (And for the 60 years of her life in that city she never "strayed" from the faith of her fathers. Often times, too, she knew of no other of like faith in the place.

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## DEATHS

### Descendants of Colemans and Feasters

Henry Coleman Yongue, died August \_\_, 1885.  
Laura Yongue Owings, died April 13, 1908.  
Sarah Yongue Turner, died November, 1913.  
Drusilla Yongue Propst, died October 17, 1914.  
Hester Caroline Coleman, died December 25, 1914.  
Edward Wilson Coleman, died February 26, 1917.  
Chanie Isabel Coleman, died March 13, 1917.  
Sallie Coleman Lauderdale, died October 55, 1917. (?)  
Mary Coleman Roney, died October 30, 1917.  
James Marsh Coleman, died December 13, 1917.  
John Gladden Coleman, died December 13, 1919.  
Moses Cockrell Stone, died March, 1920.  
J. Feaster Lyles, died April 3, 1920.  
Henry Gladden Colvin, died June 1, 1920.  
Julia Feaster Coleman (of Florida) died June 4, 1920.  
Jacob Feaster Coleman (of Mississippi) died July 6, 1920. (This was the son of Griffin R. of Winston County.)  
Jane Gladden Wright, died December 14, 1920.

John Lipsey Manning (of Marietta, Georgia), died 1922.

Dr. John Robert Coleman, died July 24, 1922.

Jacob Feaster Coleman, died August 7, 1925. (This one of Fairfield). Henry Calhoun Coleman, died November 25, 1925.

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Hiram Henry Coleman, son of Robert Roe Coleman, and wife, Nancy Coleman, was born April 30, 1803. Died April 9, 1837. Married Elizabeth Beam (Born April 8, 1808, died February 18, 1892) the 4th of February, 1827. Their children:

1. Susan Rebecca, born December 1, 1827, married John Feaster Cockrell, 5th September, 1848. Died December 27, 1850. One child, Lizzie, born June 28, 1849, who married Rufus Lumpkin. One son, John (never married).
2. Nancy Elizabeth, born March 6, 1810. Died December 14, 1898. Married David Roe Coleman, born September 4, 1827, died August 20, 1894.
3. Robert Henry, born October 1, 1832, died June 24, 1862, while in service of Confederate War. Married Julia Ann Feaster, February 7, 1856. With the first money she received as pension, she bought a marker for his grave. (Robert R. Coleman cemetery), 1901. She died in Florida, June 4, 1920. They had two sons, Lewis Andrew and Robert Feaster Coleman, the latter died young. Lewis married Zura Carter, in Florida. 4 sons and 2 daughters.
4. Edward A., born May 2, 1835, married Nancy E. Coleman, granddaughter of William Coleman, uncle of David Roe (Coleman) Sr. They had no children. He died while in service, buried at Petersburg, Virginia, August 19, 1862.
5. Dr. Hiram S., born October 6, 1837, died January 2, 1866.

Albert Beam, son of Albert Beam and Sarah Halsey, died June 12, 1847. Born about 1770. She, Sarah Mayo the daughter of John Mayo and Elizabeth Richardson, was born about 1773, died January 1, 1848.

William Coleman (son of Solomon Coleman and wife, Betty Elam) was born November 9, 1809, died December, 1878, married Drusilla Coleman (daughter of Robert Fitz Coleman and wife, Susannah Feaster), born October 23, 1812, married June 7, 1830, died September 14, 1875.

Had 11 children. (They moved from South Carolina to

Randolph County, Georgia, in early married life, and are buried there.)  
William, Robert and Francis died in infancy.

Elizabeth Susan married Gov. A. K. Allison, of Quincy, Florida. She died November, 1895. One daughter, Sarah Fannin. She married Ross Harris.

Rebecca married George Everett. No children. Died in 1869.

Isabella married Willia Boone. No children.

Henry married Emma Gormly. 2 children, Ernest and Carrie.

Alice married Joseph Alva Slaughter. 3 children, Mary Eliza, William B. and Isabella Coleman.

David married Sibbie Wilcox. No children. He died in 1860.

Carolina. Single.

Mary Eliza. Single.

(Henry above died, I think, in 1912.)

**COLEMAN AND ROE (ROWE) LAND GRANTS AND  
REVOLUTIONARY RECORDS  
AT THE STATE House, Columbia, South Carolina  
Copied in 1917 by Miss Eva Colvin**

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July, 1772. William Coleman, 100 acres on Beaver Creek. (Referred to in Fairfield Record Book Z, Page 433).

February 11, 1773. Francis Coleman, 150 acres on a branch of Beaver Creek, bounded by lands of Francis Coleman, Clement Mobile (sic) and vacant land.

October 15, 1784. Robert Coleman, 250 acres Bonny's Fork.

October 15, 1784. Charles Coleman, 100 acres. About the same dates of these early Coleman grants there were Colemans granted lands in Edgefield, Union, Abbeville, Pendleton, Orangeburg, Kershaw, and Darlington.

1785. Elijah Beam, 150 acres, Beaver Creek.

April 3, 1786. Edward Roe, 150 acres, Pee Dee, Cheraw.

1787. James Roe, 400 acres, Camden District.

1788. Solomon Roe, 80 acres, Seneca R., Ninety Six.

No. 263. Book N. Issued the 1st of April, 1785, to Mr. Andrew

Roe for nine pounds sixteen shillings & five pence Sterling for 110 day militia duty in 1779. Acct. audited.

No. 264. Book N. Issued the 1st April, 1785, to Mr. Solomon Roe for Eighteen Pounds twelve shillings and ten pence-farthing Sterling for 261 days militia duty. Acct. audited.

*Part II*  
THE FEASTERS

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I will first copy what William Edrington wrote of the Feasters and Colemans in his history of Fairfield County. He got these facts, no doubt from members of each family, men who were his contemporaries. He lived to be a very old man.

"Andrew Feaster, the first settler of the name (the name was then spelled Pfisher) in 1740 emigrated to this state (South Carolina) from Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. His father, Peter, died on the road and was buried somewhere in Virginia. From him was descended the present family of Feasters of the Beaver Creek section of this county, better known as the Feasterville Township. He had a cousin, John Feaster, who came at the same time and settled in Edgefield County. He was the great-grandfather of Laurens Feaster, of the "Dark Corner" section.

Andrew Feaster was twice married (first wife's name not known), by the first wife only one daughter, Martha, who married William Colvin, of the Sandy River section of Chester County, now known as the Halsellville township, and near where John Simpson now lives. She moved with some of her children to Greene County, Alabama, and lived to be quite an old lady, over 100 years. Most of her children died before she did, several going further West, into Louisiana and Texas. Her son, Tom Colvin, married Savilla Mobley, and their son, "Long." Thomas Colvin's daughter, Mary, married Nehemiah Cobb. *Their* son, Tom, married Dora Steele; their daughter, Fannie, married Herbert Gosa, greatgreat-grandson of David Roe Coleman.

Peter Pfeister came to America from the Canton of Berne, Switzerland, wife and son, Andrew, and perhaps other children, in 1754 on the ship "Brothers." They settled in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Andrew changed the spelling of the name to its present form about 1767. He married in Philadelphia a widow, Mrs. Peter Cooper (her maiden name was Margaret Fry). She had four children: Adam, Eve, Peter and Eliza, 'Tis not known just when they left Pennsylvania for the south, some tradition saying 1770, others nearer 1780. Peter Pfeister was then a old man. There isn't a thing known about his wife, mother of Andrew. They feared the journey would be too much for him, and Andrew suggested waiting for his father's death before leaving Pennsylvania.



But he insisted on their going and bringing him along, saying "Heaven is as near one place as another, and if he died on the way, why bury him there." They were six months on the way, and Peter died in Virginia. Brave old man, and how sad the son must have felt, leaving that spot. I hope the burial was in a graveyard, where others lay. They traveled on to Georgia [Wilkes County] perhaps there were a number together, for its probable the Colvins came then. When they reached the Savannah River, news of the Indians being on the war-path further on caused them to come back to South Carolina, where they bought land. The first settlement we know of being the place known as the Wyatt Coleman place, he getting it through his wife, Ailsy Cockrell, who was a granddaughter of Andrew, and inherited the land after death of her uncle Jacob Feaster, who left no children. The whole neighborhood around here for many years was known as Feasterville.

There is a Feasterville in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, and a family graveyard. The names on the stones and the traditions in the neighborhood go back to the same generation as Andrew Feaster, and there is John Feaster, who might have been his brother. They have a tradition or two brothers, but know nothing of any going South. They are not Universalists, but belong to some German church. They do not know of Peter Feaster (Pfeister), Sr., of Switzerland. Think they are Germans, but never heard who came to this country first, nor from where.

Andrew Feaster, Jr. was a silversmith, a cabinet maker, a Captain of South Carolina State Militia, and a Free Mason. He was much attached to his brother, John, and bequeathed his property to John's children. He died January 25, 1808, being shot by mistake for Ezekiel Woolley, his brother-in-law, who was the Sheriff. The latter had summoned a posse to assist in capturing a criminal, Shadrack Jacobs, by name and Andrew Feaster, Jr. was one of the number. It was after dark and Jacobs shot Andrew, who was riding the Sheriff's white horse, and had on the Sheriff's hat. Twenty years after, he was brought back from Texas and was hung in Winnsboro for the crime. He stated that he had supposed the rider of the white horse to be Woolly, whom he had sworn to kill, and regretted deeply having shot Andrew Feaster. The latter was carried to the old Gov. Means home, at old Buckhead, and died on the floor in front of the fire. It was said that blood stains marked the spot as long as the house stood.

In the office of the Historical Commission of South Carolina, W. W. Dixon, in 1915, found the following records:

United States of America, Dr., to Andrew Feaster, Cr., to 50 Bu.  
of Oats.

This is to certify that Andrew Feaster has supplied Col. Henry Hampton  
with a mare.

Patrick Walsh, Com.

This is to certify that Andrew Feaster has supplied Henry Hampton's  
Regt. Lt. Dragoons with 2 acres of Oats. Given under my hand and  
seal this 27th day of June.

Patrick Walsh

Beaver Creek, May 16, 1785.

Gentlemen, Pay Thomas Lehre such indent or indents as may appear to  
be due me, from the State of South Carolina, or from the United States.

(Signed) Andrew Feaster

To the Commissioner of the Treasury, Book O, No. 321.

Amt. 23 L, 45-31/4 d

To the above receipt is given.

Thos. Lehr.

Copy of some inscriptions from Feaster Grave Yard, Fairfield County, South  
Carolina.

*On Monument*

Andrew Feaster, Jr., Departed this life 25th January 1808, in the 23rd year  
of his age. A native of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

Andrew Feaster, Sr., Departed this life the 15th day of July, 1821, in the 86th  
year of his age. A native of the Canton of Berne, Switzerland

Margaret Fry Cooper, his wife, departed this life the 10th of October, 1823,  
aged 95 years. A native of Philadelphia.

John Feaster, departed this life the 17th day of Maich, 1848, in the 80th  
year of his age. A native of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

Drusilla Mobley, his wife, departed this life the 15th of April, 1807, in the  
33rd year of her age.

Children of Andrew Feaster, Sr. (besides Andrew, Jr., above) and John who  
were not buried in the Feaster Grave Yard, were: Daughters, Martha (in Ala-  
bama), Margaret (in Georgia), Susannah, in family Cockrell Graveyard, on  
McLures Creek. Ailsey, and Jacob, near his home place.

Many descendants of Andrew Feaster have joined the Daughters of American Revolution Society on his record of service.

COPY OF THE FAMILY RECORD IN THE BIBLE OF  
ANDREW FEASTER AND HIS WIFE, MARY NORRIS<sup>24</sup>

1st son - John Christopher Columbus Feaster, born January 19, 1819. Married Martha Cason, May 15, 1840.

Nathan Andrew Feaster, born October 8, 1820. Married (1st) Martha Louisa Rawls, November 25, 1846. She died 1848. (2nd) Emma Brown, who died 1855. (3rd) Annette McClanahan.

Jacob Jefferson Norris Feaster, born September 30, 1822. Married Amelia Boozer, August 14, 1852. She died in N. Y. City, 1870. (2nd) Mrs. Twitchell.

Elbert Henry Feaster, born September 1, 1824, married Caroline M. Teague, February 22, 1849.

Trezevant De Graffenried Feaster, born September 23, 1826, married (1st) Martha D. McConnell, December 11, 1849. She and baby died January 20, 1855, 20 years of age. (2nd) Julia Collins, who died February, 1858. Two children: Trez Collins and Mary Josephine died young. (3rd) Mary Cubbison. 3 children of third marriage, Florence Grace, born March 18, 1864, Frank Cubbison, and child who died aged 10.

Mary Drusilla Feaster, born December 28, 1828, married Dr. Thomas Rawls, May 18, 1847.

Sophia Caroline Feaster, born May 2, 1831, married William S. Williams, May 26, 1852. Both died in Texas.

Chaney Isabel Feaster, born April 25, 1833, married William A. Lonergan, July 15, 1852. Died September 15, 1863.

Julia Ann Feaster, born April 18, 1835, married Robert Henry Coleman, on February 7, 1856.

Sarah Rebecca Feaster, born May 9, 1837, married George D. Butler on June 14, 1857, and died December 11, 1861.

Margaret Narcissa Feaster, born September 15, 1839, never married.

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Arthur Trezevant Feaster, Jr., of Birmingham, Alabama, married Miss Evelyn Moore, of Auburn, Alabama, June, 1919.

Anna Varina Tribble, of Anderson, married Thomas Butler Pierce, in 1915 (in the Fall).

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<sup>24</sup> He born August 25, 1793. She, April 15, 1800. He died April 15, 1869. She died August 23, 1878.

Another daughter of Emma Feaster Tribble married J. Frank Johnson.  
Miss Aline Harmon of Lexington and Hiram Shinn Allen were married  
October, 1919.

Narcissa Coleman (of Florida), married Otto Hecken, of Denmark, at Panama,  
March 1, 1916.

Robert Feaster Coleman (brother of Narcissa above) married Julia Hayes, of  
Wilmington, North Carolina, July 1916.

Isabel Feaster Lyles married William F. Hetrick in 1913.

REVOLUTIONARY RECORD OF THE FEASTERS AS  
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BY MISS EVA COLVIN IN 1917

No. 321. Lib. 0. Issued 14th April, 1785 to Andrew Feaster for 23 lbs. 4  
shillings & 3 1/4 d. Sterling for corn and for a mare lost in the service 1780.

The following is record kept by Mrs. Jennie I. Coleman, in a pencil tablet:

Drusilla Mobley, daughter of Samuel Mobley and Mary Wagner, was born  
about 1770. Tradition says she was 16 when she married John Feaster, and he 18  
years of age. He was born in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, in 1768. Samuel  
Mobley lived near Beaver Creek, on Poplar Ridge, as that particular place is yet  
called, and he and his wife are buried somewhere in that vicinity.

As near as can be ascertained, Drusilla Mobley and John Feaster were mar-  
ried perhaps in 1786. John Feaster had gone from the western part of what is now  
Fairfield County, bought land and settled on Beaver Creek, very near the homes of  
Hans Wagner and Samuel Mobley. The children of Drusilla Mobley Feaster were:  
Andrew, who was killed in infancy by a colt running over him in the yard; Susan,  
Hiram, Andrew (named after the first), Jacob, Mary (called Polly), Chaney, Sav-  
illa, John Mobley. The last an infant at his mother's death the 15th of April, 1807.

It must have been hard living for the women of that day, as we note  
the number of children and the mothers dying young. The grandparents,  
Andrew Feaster and wife, Margaret Fry, were living for more than 10 years  
after this mother died, and they helped care for the 7 children who grew  
up. John Feaster had become what was considered well - to - do by that  
time, had built a house of a superior style to what was common then,

and a cemetery was started near that home. Drusilla may have been near the first to sleep in the quiet, isolated spot now, still taken care of by her descendants. Very little is known of her, as she died while her children were small, and the older ones living didn't think to inquire of the grandfather who could have told them. It was said by her brother, John, that she was the "best looking" of his sisters, and must have been trained in the homely duties of a good housekeeper, as tradition tells of an occasion when a lady of the Means family (who lived near her on these same Beaver Creek lands) was dining with her, complimented her for the beautifully prepared butter, and asked for the loan of her "print," so that she could fix hers in like manner. The reply was that her hand was her "print." Her home was near Fort Wagner, and less than a mile from where Hans Wagner and his wife are buried.

The seven (7) children of Drusilla Mobley Feaster who grew up and married—Susan, Andrew, Jacob, Mary, Chaney, Savilla, John Mobley. (Hiram and Andrew died young).

1. Susan was the mother of 8 children.
2. Andrew, the father of 11 children.
3. Jacob, the father of 7 children.
4. Mary, the mother of 16 children.
5. Chaney, the mother of 10 children.
6. Savilla, the mother of 9 children.
7. John Mobley, the father of 5 children.

Total 67 children.

*Grandchildren's names*

Susan's: William, David Roe, Elizabeth, Drusilla, Edith, Eliza, John, Andrew, Susan.

Andrew's: John Christopher Columbus, Nathan Andrew, Jacob Norris, Elbert Henry, Trezevant de Graffenreid, Mary Drusilla, South Carolina, Chaney Isabel, Julia Ann, Sarah Rebecca, Margaret Narcissa.

Jacob's: Jacob Fry, Edith Drusilla, John Coleman, Elizabeth Susan, David Roe, Sarah Isabelle, Mary Andrews.

Polly's: John Feaster, Robert Williams, Jacob, David Roe, Elizabeth Drusilla, Sarah, Benjamin Franklin, Preston, Allen, Henry Jonathan, George Washington.

Chaney's: David Andrew, Savilla Elizabeth, Mary Kizanna, John Albert Feaster, Margaret Drusilla, Susan Isabella, Henry Alexander, Edith, Sarah Amanda, Robert Charles.

Savilla's: Chaney, James, Jane, John, Sarah, Andrew, Feaster, Robert,  
Alexander, Hattie.  
John Mobley's: Elizabeth, John Picket, Drusilla, Jacob, Sarah.

*Susan*, 1st Daughter of Drusilla, married Robert Fitz Coleman. Her exact age is not known, but he was born August 26, 1789, the 1st child of David Roe Coleman, who was married September 13, 1787. 'Tis probable that John Feaster and Drusilla Mobley were married about the same time, and Susan may have been near the age of her husband. She died January 15, 1829, leaving an infant 2 weeks old. This infant (named Susan) was taken to the heart and home of her sister, Chaney, nursed with her son, John A. F. Coleman.

Her oldest children died young, names William, David Roe, Elizabeth. Drusilla, the oldest that lived, grew up and married William Coleman, son of Solomon, who was first cousin of David Roe, named above. The children of Drusilla and William Coleman were: Rebecca, Mary Eliza, Caroline Isabel, Henry. They moved to Randolph County, Georgia, when the first two or three children were small, before the War, maybe as far back as 1840. For a long time now there has been no communication and very little is known of these relatives. Henry, the son, married and he had children. He is now dead. Isabel married, had one child. She and it are dead. The other three sisters never married, and two of them are alive at the old home, near Cuthbert, where also Henry lived.

William Coleman, who married Drusilla, was an ardent Universalist. In 1850 he wanted the Convention to meet at his place. As there was no church of that faith anywhere near, he built a church almost entirely at his own expense, costing at least \$500.00, had it ready for the meeting in August. He was a tall, well formed man, intelligent, pleasant mannered. Was member of the Legislature of Georgia several times about 1873. The family went into Spiritualism, finding much comfort and consolation.

*Edith*, the next daughter, married Michael Adkins. A daughter and son were born to them. The daughter, Lizzie, the son named Michael. Mr. Adkins died, and she afterwards married Andrew Hancock. Their first son named Robert. The son and daughter of first marriage born about 1826 or 1827.

The two families, Drusilla and William Coleman, Edith and Andrew Hancock, and their single brother, Andrew, moved to the same neighborhood,

near Cuthbert, Randolph County, Georgia. Lizzie Adkins married an Allison, and has descendants there. Michael married and has descendants. The children of Edith and Andrew Hancock were: Robert, John, Zack, Drusilla, Sallie. Some of them still live in that county.

John married and settled in Greene County, Alabama, where several uncles and brothers of his father had already gone. Don't know wife's name, nor children. Some of them went to Texas, very few living.

Andrew married after going to Georgia, where his sisters lived.

*Eliza*, 3rd daughter, married Martin Coleman (brother of William, who married her sister, Drusilla). She was only 13 years old at time of marriage, was a widow in 6 months. A year or so later married James Brennan. To them one child was born, a girl named Mary, who lived to be 4 years old. Said to be a most beautiful child. So strikingly beautiful, that her looks were spoken of 50 years after her death by relatives of her mother, who also was called a beautiful girl, blue eyed and brown haired. She was a widow again & married the 3rd time before she was twenty, to John Q. Arnette. Of this marriage were - Feaster, Berry, Susan and Robert Coleman. Feaster and Berry went west after the War died leaving no children. Susan, also a beauty of her mother's style, married her mother's first cousin, Andrew Cameron. Three boys were born to them - Robert, Andrew and Sam. The two first died young, very beautiful children. Before the birth of Sam, the father, a physician, died of consumption, [in Lincoln County, Ga.] The bereft wife went home to her mother, where the little boy who never saw his father, came to comfort her the few years she lived. Then the grandmother, who had gone thru so much of sadness and trouble, her only daughter gone when she so much needed her, in old age, raised this grandson. Years before Mr. Arnett had died, and for the 4th time Eliza entered the matrimonial state, when her youngest son, Robert, was 16 years old, marrying Wesley Mayfield, who was a kind husband and a father to her daughter and son. She, with Mr. Arnett, went to live in Georgia, where her two sisters and brother lived, supposedly soon after they married. Mr. Arnette died there. She came back and lived till her death in 1890, on land left her by her father, her home being near where he and Susan Feaster settled, also near where they are buried, and where she and her daughters are buried. Mr. Mayfield lived on at the old home till his death two years ago, being 96 years old. The grandson, Sam, grew to manhood, graduated in medicine, and practiced his profession, until his health failed. He, too died of consumption. He was the last of the Cameron name, is buried at

Salem Presbyterian Churchyard, where also later his uncle, Dr. R. C. Arnette, was buried.

Robert Coleman Arnette was youngest child of Eliza. He and his sister grew up at a time when life was easy and enjoyable for young people in the country. There were slaves to carry on the work, making bountiful living for all. There were many young cousins within their circle of acquaintance, who were much together, lovely girls and fine young men, many of them musicians, and all loved to dance. All had riding horses, and the distance between homes did not count.

Robert Arnette also chose the medical profession, graduating at Louisville, Kentucky. He married Miss Kittie Evans, of Monticello, South Carolina, about 1875. Their children: John, Robert, Susan, Mary and Julian.

*John*, a farmer, married Miss Simonton, has two children, lives at the old Evans home. *Susan* married Edwin Lucas, lives in Walhalla, has 3 children. *Mary* married \_\_\_\_\_. *Robert* married \_\_\_\_\_ Hall, lives at White Oak, South Carolina, has 3 children. *Julian*, in Jacksonville, Florida.

Dr. Arnette was a successful physician and the pet and comfort of his mother.

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Susan, the youngest child of Susan Feaster, two weeks old at the death of her mother, married Dr. Samuel B. McLurkin, who was physician for many years to the whole surrounding country. She was the mother of three children, Eliza, Sarah Bell and Sam. She died young. Buried at Beaver Creek Baptist Church. Eliza married Robert Mills, of Blackstock, South Carolina. Her children: Edna, the oldest, married Mr. Eben Pryor, died in short time, leaving no child. Sam Young, who is in California, Eugene lives in Rock Hill, married Ida Strauss, has several children. Susie married \_\_\_\_\_, lives in Rock Hill, has children. Mrs. Mills lives in Rock Hill, South Carolina. Sarah Bell married Rev. Robert Perry, of Lancaster County. They had three children, Mary, Robert, and Helen.

3rd daughter of Drusilla, *Chaney*, married to Henry Alexander Coleman, December 5, 1822. She was born August 29, 1800. He was born September 5, 1797. She died July 11, 1878. He, July 21, 1877. She was the mother of 10 children, i.e.:

David Andrew, born September 16, 1823.

Savilla Elizabeth, born August 20, 1825.



Edith, (died an infant), born May 1, 1827.  
John Albert Feaster, born June 9, 1828.  
Margaret Drusilla, born July 5, 1830.  
Isabella Susan, born October 3, 1832.  
Henry Alexander, born November 17, 1835.  
Mary Kizanna (died an infant), born January 7, 1838.  
Sallie Edith Amanda, born January 28, 1840.  
Robert Charles, born January 31, 1842.

Chaney Feaster was of fair complexion, blue eyes, light colored, curly hair, features very much like her father. Rather small in size, of a kind, affectionate nature, patient with hindrances, always ready to excuse and regard kindly the faults of others. Her children loved her dearly, finding her a companion in what pleased them, her consideration always being for their pleasure. Her husband was of like nature, tho' jolly, loving fun of all laughter producing and congeniality of spirit, kind. Loved music and dancing, played the violin. Their home was a favorite place for the numerous nieces and nephews to gather and in their older days, have heard many recall the good times at this home, the best they had.

Her father opposed her marriage, as three of his children had already married Colemans. If he had aught against the character of Henry A. Coleman, 'tis not known. This was a great grief to her, as she dearly loved her father. Had only a faint recollection of her mother. The father opposing, she was married at the home of her sister, Susan, and several years passed before she was forgiven and visited by him - not til after the death of her third child, when she was very ill. Tho' she never was known to criticize the treatment received, nor did her children, as far as known. Several of the children of Drusilla were of a more stern nature, speaking in an emphatic manner, that made some stand in awe of them. Not so with Chaney. She was ever sweet natured and approachable. When she lay in the last sleep, that knows no waking, one of her nephews, of a very unemotional, unemonstrative nature himself, stood looking at her, with eyes filled with tears (unusual). He said, "She was always good to me, always made me welcome."

When her 4th child was 6 months old, her sister, Susan, died, leaving an infant 2 weeks old. Chaney took this baby and nursed it with her own boy, John, and kept her in her home most of the time until she (Susan) married Dr. S. B. McLurkin (at her home).

Chaney had the sorrows that came to all. Two children lost in infancy. Her youngest son lost his life by drowning in river near

Charleston, in 1862, while stationed there. Next youngest died from effects of wound received at Battle of Manassas in 1863. Her oldest son died of pneumonia, contracted while nursing his brother, John (who was very ill with same) in 1863. For 3 months John was ill. Sallie, the youngest, and said by her father, "to be the best of you all," died July 28, 1858, having been married just a year, only 18. Her oldest daughter (married and mother of 7 children) was an invalid, in bed 4 years. Her recovery, restored health for some years afterward was miraculous. Two daughters married and moved away to Georgia, and the ways of communication and travel were not like that of this time, of course, many anxious hours were spent about them. When Sherman's army started on its famous march, the husband of one daughter was in the Confederate Army, the other an invalid who had been exempted from active service. The two families, with their slaves, refuged to the home of their parents in South Carolina, where they remained for several years. On the return to Georgia, where the country had been swept, as Sherman said life was hard for many years.

The parents, Chaney and Henry, so sorely bereft in many ways, called on their only son left, John, to come to their home and manage the large farm, part of which had a mortgage of \$9,500 on it, made during the war when Henry A. Coleman bought the lands of Solomon Coleman, very near his own home. John, his wife and two children, Sam and Jennie, came to this home in December, 1865. And never did son and daughter-in-law, more nobly fulfill all duties toward these parents in their old days.

John Albert Feaster (Coleman) married Juliana Stevenson, October 13, 1853. He died April 30, 1898. She, December 3, 1913. Their children: Samuel Stevenson, Jennie Isabel, Henry David, Mary Feaster, Chaney Savilla.

Sam married Sarah Rebecca Gladden (descendant of Polly Mobley). Their children: Kate, Annie Belle, Jesse Gladden, John A. F.

#### YOUNGEST CHILD OF DRUSILLA

John Mobley Feaster, married Kizanna Pickett, about 1826. He lived in home of his father, probably for awhile, or near by, as they had a store in partnership. Then he built a home very near the church, built by his father in 1834, and inheriting the land surrounding and on which the church was built, he gave a deed of 6 acres to the church.

Subsequently he moved to Columbia, South Carolina, and was a

merchant there for several years. Finally went to Florida, Alachua County, in 1848. After the war, he went lower down, on Indian River, in Brevard County, purchased land and settled with his nephews and nieces and son and daughter. Lived there till his death though some of his family lived on in Alachua County and are there yet. His wife Kizanna, probably died in Alachua County. Their children:

Elizabeth (called Lizzie), married a Mr. Reeves. They had 3 or 4 children. Ed and Agnes grew up and married. Ed married a Miss Johnson. Has children, lives in his grandfather's old home, at Micanopy. Anges first married Everett, from Ducan. Do not know of her children.

John Pickett, oldest son of John M. Feaster, married Rebecca Kennedy, of Sumter County, South Carolina. She is still living at Rochelle, Florida, Alachua County. Their children are: Jacob, John, Lottie and Mary. John married and has a big family. Jacob and Andrew, unmarried, live with their mother. Lottie and Mary married Zetrousers, and had families.

Jacob, son of John M. Feaster, married 1st a Ann Crankfield. One daughter, Kizanna, married, but has no children. 2nd marriage, a Miss Lynn and the children are Jack, Bessie, Lola, Sallie, Otis and Lynn. All of these live in Florida.

Drusilla, 2nd daughter of John M. Feaster, married her 1st cousin, James Cameron. He going to Florida to live. They had one daughter, Chaney (called Nanie). Drusilla 2nd time married Adger McCrory, and her daughter married Charles McCrorey, nephew of her husband. They have two children, live somewhere in Georgia.

John M. Feaster, after making a home in lower Florida, married Dorcas Mobley McCrorey, his first cousin, and whose son, Charles, married his granddaughter, Nanie. She died of yellow fever.

Robert Charles, the youngest of Chaney's children, was born January 31, 1842. The spoiled pet of the family, his life was happy in all that a country boy could enjoy. One day he went hunting and seeing a large, very scary object in the bushes, he fired at it, and ran in great hurry to the house, and said, "Pappy, I killed a bear!" The father, going to investigate found he had killed one of his large hogs. He was small of stature, with a handsome, clear-cut face, curly black hair, and sparkling black eyes. He, too, was, as were most of the Colemans and Feasters of that generation, a splendid fiddler. And like the others, he went to the war, was drowned at Church Flats, John's Island, near Charleston, South Carolina, Friday, the 6th June, 1862. He was 3d Serg't., Co. B., 17th Regt., South Carolina

Volunteers. The soldiers were in bathing, he took cramps, and went down before 'twas understood he needed help. Several days before his body was recovered. Brother John, there waiting, and walking the shore in agony of distress, the body at last brought home to the parents, to be laid by "Sallie," in the little cemetery. For years the mother had a feeling that maybe her boy, her baby, would return, that he was not drowned, but carried off to sea, and that 'twas not his body (which she was not allowed to see). But comrades knew it was he. And all, who knew and loved, carried in their hearts ever since the memory of "little Bob."

Thus the partial record of the history of Chaney and her descendants is closed. Some may think there is too much praise, and an entire lack of faults, of which all surely have their share. Can testify truthfully that the faults were of minor importance. No truer, better man and woman, made a home and reared children in Feasterville than Chaney Feaster and Henry A. Coleman. Their children, of like character. May the same be said unto the last generation: (Something seems to be missing here, as paper continues with:) Their children are:

(Dr.) David Andrew, Mary Edith, Sarah Isabel, Henry Alexander, Cornelia Ella (Nell), Hester Caroline, Rebecca Owens.

Note by Etta Rosson: These are the children of Henry Coleman and his wife Anna Owens. Henry Coleman was son of David Andrew Coleman, son of Henry Alexander Coleman.

Dr. David is a popular physician, located at Blackstock, South Carolina. Married Miss Lizzie Clowney (descendant of Sam Mobley and Mary Wagner). Their children are: Robert Henry, Anna Glenn, David Andrew, Thaddeus Carmichael, Margaret Brice.

Mary Edith, a lovely young lady, is homekeeper (Their mother leaving them some years ago) for the father and sisters.

Sarah Isabel, "Nell," and Carrie, fine girls, and graduates of Winthrop College, are successful teachers, having schools in different parts of the state.

Rebecca is yet a college girl, pretty, and of the friendly humorous nature of her mother. Carrie was principal of a large school the past term. Is almost a reproduction in appearance of her great aunt, Drussilla Coleman. Henry Alexander, is a tall, fine looking man, has a good business reputation, and bright future.

Hester Caroline died unmarried, December 25, 1914, aged 63. A good unselfish character, loved and respected by the large family connection. Her life was spent quietly in the service of others. Specially attending to the mother, who was an invalid in body and mind for several years. Interested greatly in the nieces and nephews growing up around her. Always pleasant.

*PART III*  
THE MOBLEYS

Those who wish more detailed information on the Mobleys are urged to refer to "Hill and Hill-Moberley connections of Fairfield County, South Carolina," a 326 page work compiled by George A. Hill and published in 1961. Since this excellent compilation is already in printed form it has not been duplicated in this book.

**GENERATION OF MOBLEYS**

As the facts were given by John Mobley, the son of Samuel, to John Coleman Feaster, the grandson of his sister, Drusilla.

Children of Edward and Susannah Mobley

1. William Mobley (Rev.) name of wife obliterated.
2. Clement Mobley (Capt. Rev.), married Mary Fox.
3. Ben Mobley (Rev.), married Widow Hill (1st), married \_\_\_\_\_  
(2nd)
4. Edward Mobley (Rev.), married Drusilla Meador.
5. John Mobley (Rev.), married Mary Beam.
6. Samuel Mobley (Rev.), married Mary Wagoner.
7. Polly Mobley, married Thomas Halsey.
8. Susannah Mobley, married Lewis Meador.
9. Sally Mobley, married Jason Meador.
10. Elizabeth Mobley, married Job Meador.
11. Kesiah Mobley, married Thomas Meador.
12. Dorcas Mobley, married Richard Hill.

(1) Children of William Mobley, the elder

1. Eliaser Mobley (Capt. Rev.), married Widow Lyles.
2. William Mobley, married Fanny Rodgers.
3. Samuel Mobley, died single.
4. Isham Mobley, married Susannah Mobley.
5. Gemima Mobley, married Edward Lovejoy (Rev.).
6. Thomas Mobley (Capt. Rev.), married Mary Funderburg.
7. Dorcas Mobley, married William Hill(Rev.).
8. May Mobley, married Richard Hill (Rev.).

9. Kesiah Mobley, married Cullen Mobley (Rev.).
10. Elizabeth Mobley, married Micajah Mobley (Rev.).

(2) Children of Clem Mobley and his wife  
Mary Fox. All in Kentucky.

1. Edward Mobley, married Nancy Sutton.
2. Ben Mobley, married Mary Sutton.
3. Clem Mobley, married Pheby Lashly.
4. Billy Mobley, married Nancy Coleman.
5. Isiah Mobley (Rev), married Fannie Coleman.
6. Nancy Mobley, married Richard Nely.
7. Polly Mobley, married Charles Coleman.
8. Susannah Mobley, married Isham Mobley.

(3) Children of Ben Mobley

1. John Mobley, married Nancy Jenkins.
2. Ben Mobley, married Luvina Meador.
3. Edward Mobley, married Nancy Roebuck.
4. Margaret Mobley, married Francis Coleman.
5. Elizabeth Mobley, married William Cohnar (or Bohnar)
6. Polly Mobley, married James Rodgers.  
(the above named children were children of his 1st wife).  
(Following are 2nd wife's children).
7. Samuel Mobley, married a Shelton, in Kentucky.
8. Isaac Mobley, married a Shelton, in Kentucky.
9. Tabitha Mobley, married \_\_\_\_\_ Turner.
10. Nancy Mobley, married a Wilson (or Wilder) Addison.
11. Lucinda Mobley, married-not known whom.

(4) Children of Edward Mobley and wife, Drusilla Meador

1. William Mobley, married Betsy Jenkins.
2. Edward Mobley, married Amy Hill.
3. Levy Mobley, married Rachel Rable.
4. Reuben (?) Mobley, married Sarah Coleman.
5. Elizabeth Mobley, married Henry Rodgers.
6. Susannah Mobley.
7. Lavinia Mobley, married Henry (?) Chapman.

(5) Children of John Mobley and Mary Beam

1. William Mobley, married Drusilla Meador.
2. Isaac Mobley, married \_\_\_\_\_ Brown.

3. Sally Mobley, married (unkown).
4. Susan Mobley.

(6) Children of Samuel Mobley and Mary Wagoner

1. Edward Mobley, married Polly Mabry.
2. Samuel Mobley, married widow, Elizabeth Whitehead, nee Pickett.
3. Biggers Mobley, married Joanah Corbell.
4. John Mobley, married "Caty" McLain.
5. Elizabeth Mobley, married Richard Mansel.
6. Drusilla Mobley, married John Feaster.
7. Susannah Mobley, married John Taylor.
8. Mary Mobley, married David Shannon.
9. Nancy Mobley, married Moses McCown.
10. Lucrecy Mobley, married John Robinson.
11. Savilla Mobley, married Tom Colvin.
12. Dorcas Mobley, married William Price.

Alexander Mobley, who married the widow Floyd, was 1st cousin to Edward, the 1st, and had children Colin (Cullen) and Micajah.

**MOBERLEY LAND GRANTS AND REVOLUTIONARY  
RECORDS**

(At the State House in Columbia, South Carolina)  
Copied in 1917 by Miss Eva Colvin

Grants to Edward Moberley, John Mobley, Clement Moberly, Samuel Moberly, Isham Moberley, Benjamin Mobley, 1770, 1771, 1772, 1774, and 1776.

No. 178, Liber J. Issued the 10th of May, 1785 to Mr. Edw. Moberley, Sr., for six pounds 8s/7d for 90 days Militia duty in 1781 & 1782. Account audited.

No. 179, Liber J. Issued the 10th May 1785 to Mr. Edward Moberly, Jr., for Eight Pounds for militia duty 113 days in 1781. Acct. audited.

No. 120, Liber N. Issued the 27th day of January 1785 to Mr. John Coleman for 2 Lbs. 186 3/4 for 34 days militia duty. Acct. audited.

No. 121, Liber N. Issued the 27 January 1785 to Mr. James Coleman



for six Pounds Sterling 97 days duty done in the militia in 1782. Acct. audited.

No. 281, Book N. Issued the 2d day April 1785 to Mr. John Stone for Seven Pounds five shillings sterling for 91 days militia duty in 1781 & 1782.

174, Liber J. Issued the 10th May 1785 to Mr. Clement Moberley for 12 pounds 18s/7d for 103 days militia duty and provisions for public use in 1781 and 1782. Acct. audited.

No. 175, Book J. Issued the 10th May 1785 to Mr. John Moberly for one pound 15s/8d Stlg. for 25 days militia duty in 1782. Acct. audited.

180. Issued the 10th May 1785 to Mrs. Isiah Mobley for six pounds for 97 days militia duty in 1781 and '82. Acct. audited.

284, Liber O. Issued 13th April 1785 to Peter Cooper for 3 lbs. Sterling for duty done in the militia in 1782. Acct. audited.

176, Liber J. Issued 10th May 1785 to Mr. William Moberly Jr. for 4 lbs. 4/3 1/4 pence sterling for 59 days militia duty in 1781.

177, Liber J. Issued 10th May to Mr. Bing (Benj.) Moberley for nineteen lbs. 14 shillings and 3 pence farthing Sterling for 192 days militia duty. 2 accts. audited.

Shelton, S. C.,  
October 19, 1950.

Dear Cousin J. P.:

I am sending you the enclosed copy because you are descended as I have indicated with red underlining, from our Moberley family also Edward Moberley, Sr., and several of his sons, including your ancestor, Clement Moberley, were Revolutionary soldiers (already established in the DAR). Clement and Edward, (evidently this Edward was the brother of Clement, but we are not sure - it might have been the father) served in the Cherokee Indian War, which, in this state, entitled descendants to membership in the Colonial Dames, provided the family came to America before 1750, which the Moberleys did, coming over in the 1600's.

The father of Edward Moberley, Sr., (1) on this sheet, was William Moberley, first to come to this country (some think there is a lost generation right in here, between William and the first S. C. Moberley, but "THE MOBERLEYS AND THEIR CONNECTIONS," by W. W. Dixon, states William was the father of Edward Sr. Anyway, he came

over on one of Wm. Penn's ships, fell in love on shipboard with Phoebe Lovejoy, governess in Penn's family, and married her. We are descended from them.

Your Allen Roe Coleman md. Sallie Coleman, dtr. of Charles Coleman and Polly Moberley. I am descended from this Edward through Clement's brother, Samuel, who md. Mary (Polly) Wagner.

We are very anxious to hear the result of your research, on military record of our Robert Coleman, as well as Va. and other records. With kind regards to you and your family, and best wishes,

Sincerely your cousin,  
s/ ETTA ROSSON

- (1) Edward Moberley, Sr., born 1700, died 1787, md. in 1735, Susannah de Ruel, born 1702, d. 1761. Children:
  - William, married \_\_\_\_\_ Hill.
  - Clement, married Mary Fox.
  - Benjamin, married Miss Hill, a widow.
  - Edward, married Drucilla Meador.
  - John, married Mary Beam.
  - Samuel (b. about 1739, d. 1809), married Mary (Polly) Wagner, 1761.
  - Polly, married Thomas Halsell.
  - Susannah, married Lewis Meador.
  - Sallie, married Jason Meador.
  - Elizabeth, married Job Meador.
  - Keziah, married Thomas Meador.
  - Dorcas, married Richard Hill.(DAR Record, Supplemental on Nat. No. 176,666). Also, MOBLEY BOOK, p. 14.
- (2) Clement Moberley, born 1746, in Bedford County, Virginia, d. after 1831, in Crawford County, Arkansas, married Mary Fox. Children:
  - Edward, married Nancy Sutton.
  - Benjamin, married Mary Sutton.
  - Clement, married Phoebe Lashly.
  - Isaiah, married Fanny Coleman, dtr. of Robert Coleman, Sr. and wife Susannah.
  - William, married Nancy Coleman.
  - Nancy, married Richard Neely.

Polly married Charles Coleman.  
Susannah, married Isham Mobley.

- (3) Polly Moberley and Charles Coleman, born \_\_\_\_\_, died 1788, had children:  
Nancy, married Robert Coleman, born Feb. 1, 1769, died circa 12th August 1844.  
Sarah (Sallie), married Allen Roe Coleman, born Nov. 7, 1773, d. January 21, 1848. (Sallie born 1775, died 5/27/1839. Buried near Blackstock, South Carolina.  
Vashti, married Reuben Manning.
- (4) Sarah (Sallie) and Allen Roe Coleman had the following children:  
William Charles Coleman, married 1/9/1827, Sophie Coleman. his 1st cousin. Settled in Mississippi.  
Rebecca, married John Gladden.  
Elizabeth Roe (Rebecca's twin sister), married James Gladden, twin brother of John Gladden. Elizabeth was called "Betsy."  
Isaiah Daniel Coleman, married (1st) Agness \_\_\_\_\_, (2nd) Harriett Davis.
- (5) Rebecca Coleman, born \_\_\_\_\_, died \_\_\_\_\_ and John Gladden, born \_\_\_\_\_, died \_\_\_\_\_, had following children:  
Sallie (Sarah), married John Feaster Coleman.  
Rebecca, married \_\_\_\_\_, Lathan.  
Jesse, married Sallie Coleman, his cousin.  
Jane Gladden, married John Wright.  
Daniel died when about 20 years of age.

#### MOBLEY'S MEETING HOUSE

"Before Tarleton had overtaken Buford, the Tories in this section had begun to gather and organize. As early as May 26, 1780, that is, 3 days before the Massacre in the Waxhaws, a party of them collected at Mobley's Meeting House, about 6 miles west of Winnsboro, in the present county of Fairfield, to meet this Col. Wm. Bratton, of York, and Capt. Jno. McClure, of Chester, gathered the Whigs, and defeated and dispersed them. There is no account of the casualties on either side." - From McCrady's History South Carolina in the Revolution. Page 258.

## HISTORY OF FAIRFIELD<sup>25</sup>

By Dr. James H. Carlisle

"After the fall of Charleston, the first ray of light in the general gloom which followed (June, 1779), was from a gallant little affair planned in Winnsboro by Bratton, Winn and McClure, and carried out at Mobley's Meeting House, 12 miles west of there, where the Tories had a little garrison. The gallant Sumter alluded to this exploit with pride many years after in Congress."

*Mills Statistics*, Page 554. "In 1745 the Lyles settled. Shortly afterwards Edward Mobley from Virginia, with 6 sons, settled on Beaver Creek, in the vicinity of W. F." (NOTE: The Lyles were the first settlers here, so this is probably correct.) *ROSSON*. Same history, page 544: "Job Meador who came to the settlement with the Mobleys, died in October, 1822, aged 101. Andrew Feaster, at 82."

## THE MOBLEYS AND THEIR CONNECTIONS<sup>26</sup>

By W. W. Dixon

"The first settlers built their log cabins near the margins of creeks rivers. The Moberleys settled on Popular Ridge, on the East side of Beaver Creek. Later, they moved a few miles from the place of their first location, further to the East, and built a fort, and, near it erected later the MOBERLEY MEETING HOUSE. According to Samuel Hemphill Stevenson and Wyatt Coleman, two men who were very clear in their recollection of dates and places, and ho were born about 1800, the site of the Meeting House was in front of the old Mobley house, where later stood Capt. Estes' gin house. Dr. Douglas, Capt. Estes, and others, recollect seeing some of the old red logs at this place. The Meeting House was built as an Episcopal Church, but other denominations were permitted to use it, it became a meeting place for Whigs and Loyalists, and a skirmish, or battle, took place here, known as THE BATTLE OF MOBERLEY'S MEETING HOUSE. It is said that the whole family of Moberley suffered from the fact of this battle, through false reports, some uninformed people stating that the Moberleys were Tories in the Revolution.

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<sup>25</sup> As published in "THE STATE," Columbia, South Carolina, January 24, 2907. Copy in University Library (Caroliniana), Columbia.

<sup>26</sup> Account of this also is *Mrs. Ellet's Women of the Revolution*. Seems to be the same as McGrady's History of South Carolina in Revolution.

This is not true. They were wealthy, self-sustaining people. The people of the up-country as a whole were reluctant to enter the contest against the Royal Government. They had fared well at the hands of the King, and had no cause for complaint, so they were not interested, since they were so far away from the seat of turmoil. However, when Tarleton invaded the up-country, the people could not stand the brutalities of his soldiers, and when Cornwallis gave the order to them to take up arms for the British, they refused, and joined the bands of partisans like Marion Sumter and Pickens.

EXTRACTS FROM THE DIARY OF LT. ANTHONY ALLAIRE, OF FERGUSON'S  
CORP., AS INCLUDED IN THE APPENDIX  
"KINGS MOUNTAIN AND ITS HEROES," THE YEAR 1780.

*Monday 14th* - Got in Motion at four o'clock in the morning marched to Quakers fording place; forded Tyger River, continued our march to a Revel Col. James Lisle's plantation (in the fork of the Enoree and Broad). Lisle in the Rebel service, his family at home.

*Tuesday, 15th* - Got in motion at seven o'clock in the morning marched two miles to Lisle's Ford, forded the Broad River and proceeded seven miles to a Mr. Coleman's in the Moberly settlement; halted during the heat of the day. Got in motion at seven o'clock in the evening; marched two miles to the camp of the New York Volunteers, where we got intelligence that Gen. Gates lay within three miles of Camden with an army of 7,000 men. Col. Turnbull had orders the 12th to retreat from Rocky Mount, and act as he saw proper - to get to Camden if he could. Sumter appeared with cannon at Rocky Mount about 12 hours after Col. Turnbull left it, in order to make a second attempt at the post. He found not so harsh a reception as his first attempt.

*Wednesday 16th* - Got in motion at seven o'clock in the morning and marched two miles to Mobleys Meeting House, for convenience of ground.

Leah Townsend's *"Early History of the Baptists in S. C."*: "At least three churches of this section can claim an ancient origin: Rock Creek, Beaver Creek, and Moberley Meeting House.

COLVIN, STEVENSON, and YONGUE  
GENEALOGIES

ROLL OF THE BUCKHEAD GUARDS

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This record of the Colvin family came from a letter to Martin Colvin, written by Mrs. Rosa Colvin Barksdale, of New Orleans, Louisiana:

- 1st generation - John Colvin, married Hannah Price.
- 2nd generation - William Colvin, married Mattie Feaster.
- 3rd generation - Andrew Colvin, married Jemima Petrie.
- 4th generation - William H. Colvin, married Rhoda Wright.
- 5th generation - Spencer P. Colvin, married Mary Rose Van Hook.
- 6th generation - Rosa Colvin, married J. D. Barksdale.
  - David Colvin married Susan Huey.
  - Jeptha Colvin married \_\_\_\_\_ Rainey.
  - Maria Colvin married Thomas Van Hook.

John Colvin and his wife, Hannah Price, came from Virginia. Settled on Sandy River, Chester District, South Carolina. Had 7 sons and 4 daughters:

1. William Colvin married Martha (Mattie) Feaster. (He fought in the Revolution with his father).
2. Thomas Colvin married Savilla Mobley.
3. Edward Colvin married \_\_\_\_\_ Pratt.
4. Nicholas Colvin married Susanna Elam.
5. John Colvin married \_\_\_\_\_ Hardwick.
6. Daniel Colvin married Susan Huey.
7. Talton, belonged to U. S. Army, was massacred at Fort Mims.
8. Peggy Colvin married Simpson.
9. Lucy Colvin married Simpson.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ Colvin married \_\_\_\_\_ Cornwell.

2ND GENERATION

Children of William Colvin and wife, Martha Feaster:

1. William Colvin, married \_\_\_\_\_ Carter, moved to Chambers County, Alabama, where he died at age of 106. Had 3 sons.

2. John Colvin, moved to Pontotoc County, Mississippi, 3 sons died in Mexican War.
3. Charner Colvin, married \_\_\_\_\_ Coleman. Moved to Alabama, and then Smith County, Texas.
4. Jacob Colvin, married \_\_\_\_\_ Love.
5. Edward Colvin, married \_\_\_\_\_ Stone.
6. Byrum Colvin, moved to Alabama.
7. Andrew Colvin<sup>27</sup>, married Jemima Petrie. He died in South Carolina. Buried at Beaver Creek Church Cemetery. She went with others to Alabama.
8. Hannah Colvin, married \_\_\_\_\_ David. Moved to Alabama.
9. Susan Colvin, married \_\_\_\_\_ Cockrell. Moved to Alabama.
10. Mattie Colvin, married \_\_\_\_\_ Love. Moved to Alabama.

#### 3rd Generation

1. W. H. Colvin, married Rhoda Wright. (16 children).
2. Hazel, married Elizabeth Phillips. (8 children).
3. Andrew F. Colvin, married \_\_\_\_\_ Crosby. (11 children)
4. Susan Colvin, married \_\_\_\_\_ Hedgepath. (5 children).
5. Mabry Colvin, married \_\_\_\_\_ Crosby. (12 children).
6. John Petrie Colvin, married \_\_\_\_\_ Crosby. (11 children).
7. Ainsley Alford Colvin.
8. Martha Feaster Colvin, married \_\_\_\_\_ Timms. (9 children).
9. A. H. Colvin, married \_\_\_\_\_ Crosby. (14 children).
10. T. R. Colvin, married \_\_\_\_\_ Crosby. (13 children).
11. Garland H. Colvin, married \_\_\_\_\_ Crosby. (10 children).
12. Petrie Colvin. Didn't marry.
13. Polly Colvin, married \_\_\_\_\_ Mayfield. She born 1811, died 1877.

#### 4th Generation

W. H. Colvin married Rhoda Wright in Chester County, South Carolina. (Had 10 children). 2nd marriage to Jane Weir, Chester County, South Carolina. (6 children).

#### 5th Generation

Spencer Petrie Colvin.

#### 6th Generation

Rosa C. Barksdale.

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<sup>27</sup> The above Andrew born 1782. His wife, 1785. They had 13 children.

## STEVENSON GENEALOGY

John Stevenson born 1751, died in 1802.

Janet Murdock Stevenson, born 1757, died July 18, 1852, both natives of County Antrim, Ireland. Buried in New Hope Church Cemetery, Fairfield County, South Carolina.

Now, I will tell you of your Stevenson ancestry, John. Am glad you remember your own dear grandmother, who did so much for you while you were a baby and as long as she lived was mother and grandmother to you. As you grow older you can look back with pleasure, over the many kind and loving things she did for you. Always patient, always ready at your every call. For five weeks after your birth I wasn't able to do the least thing for you, and 'twas her watchful, never failing care that made you live. A puny baby, that had to be "bottle-fed." And I want here to pay tribute to another faithful "old slave," Fanny Boulware, who stayed with us 8 weeks then and helped nurse you and me. You must see that she never comes to want.

She died in August, 1916, and didn't suffer from neglect. Had lived here with us most of the time for several years, helping in the kitchen having plenty to eat and wear, and a room next to mine to sleep. The last two Christmases she hung up stockings as John did. We went to her funeral and burial at Hessian Church, and helped pay for the headstone that marks her grave. "Well done, thou good and faithful Aunt Fannie."

John Stevenson and his wife, Janet Murdock Stevenson, immigrated to America from Ireland about 1790. They then had three children: William, James and Mary, a baby, who sickened and died on the voyage across, and was buried at sea. It took three months to come over, in a sail vessel.

Janet Murdock's father was a dyer, and considered well-to-do. Above the poor young man, John Stevenson, who was forbidden to visit her. They were secretly married a year before her father knew it, and he never fully forgave her. Then I suppose they decided to come to America. Found life very hard here for some time. Bought land in the New Hope section of Fairfield County, where Eb Stevenson, their grandson, now lives.

They built a rough log cabin without doors or floor. I guess they were frightened at everything in this new country, and wanted no doors. They



went in under the sill at one end, which was some higher there. As they got able, they improved this, adding more rooms, bought a negro woman. More children came as the years went by, John, Hugh, Robin, Peggy, Andrew and Samuel Hemphill, born in 1803.

1. John Stevenson died a young man, unmarried.
2. Hugh Stevenson, never married. Was a fine blacksmith, made and saved money. Died owner of a fine place called "Whitehall," near Monticello. Our sideboard (bought from Aunt Nancy Estes) was his and is over 100 years old. My grandmother, Cynthia, never liked her brother-in-law Hugh. Did not name either of her sons for him, tho' he asked for a namesake.
3. Robin (Robert) was noted for his height of 7 feet. Married Margaret Hartin. Their oldest son, *William*, was killed accidentally (by Joe Yongue). Left a widow who was Lizzie Bolick. No children, 2nd son, *Milton*, is a minister (A.R.P.), married and has children but I do not know the names. 1st daughter, *Nettie* (Janet for her grandmother) married Dr. Jim Douglas, of Winnsboro. Has several children. *Macy* (2nd daughter) unmarried, is a missionary in Mexico. *Ebenezer* married Mamie Weir. He lives at the old Stevenson home.
4. William (1st son of John Stevenson). Born in Ireland. Married Jane Thompson. Their children were:
  - (1) Jean Stevenson married Sam Thompson.
  - (2) Mary, died in old age, single,
  - (3) Peggy, married Middleton Martin. Born April, 1819, died February, 1892. No children.
  - (4) John Stevenson married Nancy Thompson (no kin to those above).
- (5) William Stevenson married Caroline Valentine.
  - (6) Robert married Nancy Cabeen.
  - (7) Jennie married Cephus Bolick.
  - (8) Martha married Jacob Starr.
  - (9) Betsy married John Jamison.

I am not giving descendants of the above children.

2nd son, James Stevenson, married Nellie Weir. Their children:

- (1) John married 3 times: (1st) Dorcas Hill, (2nd) Lizzie Levister, (3rd) Mary Ann McMullen.
- (2) David married Lizzie Hill, niece of Dorcas.
- (3) Hugh. Died young.

- (4) Billy. Died young.
  - (5) Sam. Died young.
  - (6) Jane married Daniel Bolick.
  - (7) Jennie married Asaph Hill, father of the above Lizzie and brother of Dorcas.
  - (8) Mattie and Robert died young.
5. James Stevenson married Sarah Brown (grandfather of Robert and David Stevenson, near Winnsboro.)
  6. Peggy Stevenson, the only daughter after the one buried at sea, died October 8, 1835, age 35, never married.
  7. Andrew Stevenson (6th son) went deranged when a young man. Stayed in the Asylum in Columbia a while. Gradually got better and was taken care of by his younger brother, Sam. Lived to be an old man. Was industrious and helpful in many ways around the home. I remember many peculiar habits, and we children rather feared him, tho' we liked to watch the way he did. In going from the house to the well, or to the lot, or kitchen, he had a certain track of his own, maybe as far again as the one used by the others, but he always went his path, no matter how much someone wanted him to go quickly. He lived in a small house in the yard, or slept there only, and generally took care of his room, making bed and sweeping. Once, some negroes stole all of his bedding except a mattress. He thought that my grandmother had a need for them and had taken them, so he said nothing, but lay on half the mattress and pulled the rest over him for cover. 'Twas cold weather. Now and then grandmother or one of the daughters went to his room, and doing so this time, found his bed in such a state. He said "I thought Cynthia needed the bedding and had taken it." Had slept that way several nights. They were all so sorry about it. But he, in his simple goodness, made no complaint, thinking Cynthia did it, and 'twas therefore all right. I can't remember whether the thief was found. Grandfather Sam was always kind to him. He sat by him at the table, from the time he took him in, after being in the Asylum. Leaving his mother and other brothers to live the remainder of his long child's life with "Sam." As I said, he sat by Sam, and was always helped first by him, no matter what company might be present. And he had a warm place by the fire always. Never talked much, but was fond of all Sam's children and grandchildren. Pleased like a child to see

them. Read his large print "Testament" a great deal. Lived to be 77. Poor, good, simple old Uncle Andy! What a queer life! So many things of that time come back to me as I wrote of you.

Samuel Hemphill, 7th son of John and Janet Stevenson, was born January 4, 1803, died March 29, 1890. Married Cynthia Yongue, born January 17, 1810, died June 15, 1888. Their children:

Jennie (Jannet) Stevenson, born December 1st, 1828, died March 22, 1855.

Juliana Stevenson, born July 14, 1831, died December 3, 1912.

Margaret Jane Stevenson, born November 19, 1833, died May 3, 1874.

John Yongue Stevenson, born July 23, 1836, killed 2nd Manassas, 1862.

Sarah Amanda Stevenson, born January 25, 1839, died September 9, 1906.

Samuel Hemphill Stevenson, born July 26, 1841, killed Battle 7 Pines, 1862.

Mary Elizabeth Stevenson, born June 30, 1844, died December 6, 1878.

Nancy Catherine Stevenson, born February 22, 1847, died February 8, 1924.

Cynthia Isabella Stevenson, born March 5, 1850, died December 6, 1874.

- (1) *Jennie Stevenson* married to Joseph Clowney, December 7, 1848, by Rev. James Boyce. Had 3 daughters: Fannie, Cynthia, Margaret. The two last died of consumption when young, as did mother. Fannie married William Bolick. They had - Joe, Sam, John, Charlie and Bell (twins), and Jim.
  1. Joe Bolick married Maggie Clowney (has 5 children).
  2. Sam Bolick married Eunice Propst (3 boys, 1 girl).
  3. John Bolick married Eunice Clowney. (3 children).
  4. Jim Bolick married Stella Propst.
- (2) *Juliana Stevenson* married John A. F. Coleman, October 13, 1853, by Jacob Feaster, Esq. Their children: (6)
  1. Samuel Stevenson Coleman married (1st) Rebecca Gladden. (5 children):
    - (1) Kate Coleman, married John G. Wolling, Jr, Has 5 living children.

- (2) Annie Belle Coleman, married Ernest E. Coleman. 7 children.
  - (3) Jesse Gladden Coleman, married (1st) Mellie \_\_\_\_\_. No children.  
(2nd) Geneva Fee. No children.
  - (4) John A. F. Coleman, married Mamie Crowder. 1 boy, Sam.
  - (5) Sallie Edith Coleman, married Bailey Crowder. 2 girls, Sarah Thomas and Jennet.
- (3) *Margaret Jane Stevenson* married Thomas Cabeen, January 10, 1861, by Rev. James Boyce. Only one child, "Tommy," who never saw his father, he dying in Virginia soon after the war began. Tommy died a few months after his mother, in 1874.
- (4) *Sarah Amanda Stevenson* married James K. Stephenson, February 14, 1867. 6 children. 3 died infants.
- 1. Margaret Jane Stephenson, the oldest daughter, married Moses Clark. Has 6 living children.
  - 2. James Butler Stephenson died 2 years ago of typhoid fever, a young man, single.
  - 3. Lizzie Stephenson married William Weir. 1 son, William. John Yongue Stephenson and Sam Stephenson, sons of Samuel Hemphill Stevenson and Cynthia Yongue were killed in the War.
- (5) *Mary Elizabeth Stevenson* married George W. Coleman, March 12, 1867. 5 children:
- 1. John Franklin Coleman, married Eva Shields. 2 sons and a daughter.
  - 2. Samuel Allen Coleman, married Gertrude Shields. 4 boys, 1 girl.
  - 3. Henry Lee Coleman. Not married. (Later married Essie Ida Coleman, and lived at Mandarin, Florida).
  - 4. Sarah Belle Coleman, married (1st) Howard Allen, (2d) William Wilson, (3rd) J. R. Shelton.
  - 5. George Wade Coleman, married (1) Miss Skipper. 2 daughters and a son. (2) Mrs. Ida Hughes.
- (6) *Nancy Catherine Stevenson*, married William Butler Estes, December 12, 1867, by Rev. D. E. Boggs.
- (7) *Cynthia Isabella Stevenson*, the youngest, died at 24 years of age, unmarried, a beautiful, angelic character. Dearly loved by all the family.

John Stevenson's father was John, and his mother's name, "Molly," but I never heard her maiden name.

Janet Murdock's father was named Hugh. Never knew her mother's name.

John Stevenson and wife, Janet Stevenson, and most of their children buried in New Hope Cemetery. He was born about 1751, died in 1802. She was born in 1757, died July 18, 1852.

#### THE YONGUE GENEALOGY (1921)

This family must have come from Ireland about same time as the Stevensons. And their first settlement that I know of is near the Stevensons. Am not sure but think the first one was Samuel Yongue, and his wife, Sarah Martin. Am not certain about their children, except my great grandfather, Martin (Yongue) who married Juliana Cameron. Her mother was a Moore, of the family who lived near Winnsboro. (The Col. Moore). The children of the above were:

1. Sarah Yongue, who married John Thompson, settled where Mrs. Jim Turner lives. Long ago went to Mississippi, and I know nothing of them now.
2. Cynthia Yongue, my grandmother, and never a better one lived.
3. Jane Yongue, and
4. Jennie Yongue. I can't remember their history.
5. Savilla Yongue, married John Milling.
6. Malinda Yongue died a young lady.
7. James Yongue married the widow, Frances Crosby Estes.
8. Andrew Yongue married Nancy Robinson.

Robin and William were brothers of Martin, my great grandfather.

Robin Yongue married Hester Mobley, when rather an old man. His parents are buried somewhere near his home place. I've never seen the graves. "Graves on Little River, near where they settled, Samuel Yongue and wife, Sarah Ann Martin, and several of their children and grandchildren. I saw the graves, 1928." (This note made later).

The children of Robin and Hester:

1. William Mobley Yongue, married Savilla E. Coleman.
2. Sarah Ann Martin Yongue, married David A. Coleman.
3. Susannah Yongue, married Moses Clowney.
4. Mary Yongue, married John Lemmon.

5. Rebecca Yongue, married (1st) Henry A. Coleman, (2nd) Dr. Owens.
6. Isabella Yongue, married (1st) Thomas Clark. (2nd) William Bolick.

William Yongue married Betsy Lamey. Their home place was where Sam Clowney, Sr. now lives (1921). He was a cripple from ill health a long time before death. His wife, a great manager of affairs. Their only daughter, Sarah Yongue, married David Milling. 2 children, "Russ" and Lizzie. Russ, as a boy almost, went as a soldier of the Confederate War, and was wounded, losing one leg. (Suffered from it as long as he lived.) He married Mary Lemon (whose mother was first cousin of his mother). Lizzie married Samuel B. Clowney. They went to Texas, Have sons there.

Sarah Yongue married second time a David Milling, an older man, perhaps cousin of first husband's father. Of this marriage, children: Andrew, died single. Agnes, married Robert Lemon. (Howe Lemon is their son). Rena married James McFie (present sheriff, 1921). Ladd was a bachelor.

William and Betsy Yongue had other children, I suppose. I only remember a son, Robert, and know nothing of his descendants.

Robin Yongue and wife, Hester Mobley, are buried in the family graveyard near his home, now owned by Spratt Clowney, who is their great-grandson. (Now owned in 1926 by Blair & Company). Their children who are buried in same graveyard are: *William Mobley* and wife Savilla Coleman. *Sarah Ann*, and husband, David A. Coleman. *Maletia Jane*. *Isabella*, and husbands, T. Clark and William Bolick. Son-in-law, Henry A. Coleman, and his son, John Feaster, and a number of grandchildren.

This place was owned by a Hill. I've always remembered as being told me, and that the graves of him and wife are also in this graveyard. Robin Yongue added to the house after he bought the place, accumulated much land and negroes.

Hester Mobley was daughter of Isham and Susannah Mobley (first cousins). They are buried near their home place, the land now owned by the Jeffares, close to McLure Creek, possibly obliterated. Jemima Mobley, sister of Hester, died December 28, 1875.

Robin Yongue died June 30, 1848.

Hester Mobley, his wife, died June 23, 1852.

Their children:

Maletia Jane, daughter, died April 17, 1857.

Hester Isabel (Clark-Bolick) died January, 1875.

Susannah Yongue Clowney

Sarah Ann Martin Coleman

Mary Yongue Lemon

Rebecca Yongue Coleman

William Mobley Yongue, only son, born September 11, 1824.

William Mobley Yongue married Savilla Elizabeth Coleman, March 28, 1844. She was born August 20, 1825, died January 1877. The children:

Robert Roe Yongue, born February 14, 1845. Died young,  
December 5, 1848.

Chaney Isabelle Yongue, born March 17, 1846. Died December 5,  
1848. Same day as Robert Roe Yongue.

Sarah Hester Yongue, born May 4, 1848, married James B. Turner,  
November, 1867.

Laura Yongue, born November 28, 1851, married Thomas Owings.

Pierce M. Butler Yongue, born February 23, 1854. Died September  
3, 1856.

Margaret Drusilla Yongue, born May 11, 1856. Died October 17,  
1914.

Henry Coleman Yongue, born February 3, 1859. Died August, 1885.

Margaret Drusilla Yongue married John B. Propst, January 8, 1878, by Rev.  
W. W. Mills. Their children:

Eunice Propst, born March 10, 1879.

William Yongue Propst, born April 4, 1881.

John Henry Propst, born August 17, 1884.

Stella Propst, born September 25, 1888.

Savilla Isabel Propst, born December 15, 1889.

David Coleman Propst, born February 15, 1892.

John Propst, died young.

#### **ROLL OF THE BUCKHEAD GUARDS<sup>28</sup>**

Capt. John Edward Means, General Anderson's Staff.

Gen. William Boykin Lyles, 1st Lieut. (Killed at 7 Pines).

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<sup>28</sup> Company C, Six Regiment, S. C. Vounteers, taken the day they left for Richmond, Virginia, from Camp Woodward, near Summerville, S. C., on the morning of the 16th of July, 1861.

Dr. John Bratton, 3rd Lieut., Col. of 6th Regiment.  
 Samuel Boyd Clowney, 1st Sergt. (Adj. 1st Regiment).  
 Henry Hart Burley, 2nd Sgt., Killed at Petersburg.  
 John Albert Feaster Coleman, 3rd Sergt. (To 7th Reg., Co. B)  
 Robert Hancock Morris, 4th Sergt. (Killed).  
 William Cato Harrison, 1st Corp. (Discharged).  
 Andrew Jackson McConnell, 2nd Corp. (Killed at Petersburg. Lieut. Company B, 6th  
 Regt.)  
 William James Clowney, 3rd Corp.  
 William Coleman Byers, 4th Corp. Wounded and died.  
 John Christopher Columbus Feaster, Color Bearer, Sergt. Discharged.  
 Edward Palmer, 1st (13).  
 Butler Pearson Alston, 2nd (Lieut. Co. G.)  
 James Gadsden Alston, 3  
 Dr. Berry Ann Arnett, 4  
 James W. Blair, 5  
 George Emmet Boggs, 6  
 Dr. James R. Boulware, 7  
 Calvin Brice, 8  
 John Moore Brice, 9  
 Robert Wade Brice, 10  
 Thomas Scott Brice, 11  
 Thomas Daniel Burns, 12  
 John Feaster Cameron, 13  
 Robert McElhanny Clark, 14  
 Henry Jonathan Coleman. (17th Teg.), 15  
 Allen Griffin Coleman. (17th Teg.), 16  
 George Washington Coleman. (17th Teg.), 17  
 Henry Alexander Coleman. (17th Teg.), 18  
 Joseph Holmes Crosby. (13), 19  
 Walter Ruff Counts. (Killed 7 Pines), 20  
 John Dickerson. (Discharged), 21  
 Robert Marion DuBose. (Discharged), 22  
 James Dunbar. (Died), 23  
 William Richard Dove. (17th Regt.), 24  
 James Lemly Dye. (17th Regt.), 25  
 Singleton Dye. (Died), 26  
 Francis English. (Killed at Drain), 27  
 Samuel Rice Fant. (Lieut. 17th Regt.), 28



John Falkner. (Discharged), 29  
David Roe Feaster. (Discharged), 30  
John Coleman Feaster. (14), 31  
Henry Augustus Gaillard. (15), 32  
Isaac Dubose Gaillard. (Co. G.), 33  
Alfred Grubbs. (Killed at 7 Pines), 34  
John Grubbs. (16), 35  
John Coleman Hancock, 36  
James Stevenson Hill. (7 Pines), 37  
William Alexander Hooppaugh. ( 18 ), 38  
John Lemly Hooppaugh. (Died), 39  
William Thomas Hodges. (Discharged), 40  
Alexander Turner Holley. (Killed at 7 Pines), 41  
Robert Ogilvy Hutchison. (19), 42  
David Thomas James. (20), 43  
Dr. John Carr Boyle Jennings. (L.H.), 44  
Samuel Robert Johnston. (Co. G.), 45  
William Samuel Jones, 46  
Jas. Fortunetus Van Buren Legg, 47  
James Thomas Lemmon, 48  
Daniel Hopkins Kerr, 49  
Richard Crosby Levister, 50  
William Davis Levister, 51  
Austin Peay Lyles, 52  
Henry J. Lyles, 53  
Nicholas Peay Lyles. (24), 54  
William Wallace Lyles. (Killed), 55  
William Reese Mabrey. (Discharged ), 56  
John Washington Martin. (Desserter), 57  
Beverly William Means. (Killed), 58  
Zebulon Mobley. (Discharged), 59  
John B. Montgomery. (25), 60  
Nicholas Peay Myers. (Discharged), 61  
Thomas McGill. (Discharged ), 62  
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Capt. Wm. Boykin Lyles killed at 7 Pines, May 31, 1862.  
 Sargt. Robert Hancock Morris, killed at Drainsville, December 20, 1861. Corp.  
 Wm. Coleman Byers, mortally wounded at Drainsville, and died at  
 Manassas January 15, 1862.  
 Robert McElhaney Clark mortally wounded at Sharpsburg, Md., September  
 14, 1862.  
 Walter Ruff Counts killed at 7 Pines, 3 May 1862.  
 James Dunbar, came home sick and died.  
 Singleton Dye, died at Culpeper C. H., Va., August 13, 1861.  
 Frank English, killed at Drainsville, December 20, 1861.  
 Alfred Grubbs, mortally wounded at 7 Pines, May 31, 1862.  
 Lieut. Stephen Hill, killed at 7 Pines, Fraziers Farm, June 30, 1862.  
 John Lemly Hooppaugh, died at Centreville, about February 18, 1862.  
 Alex Turner Holley, killed at 7 Pines, May 31, 1862.

Henry Jefferson Lyles, died at Germantown, Pa., September 23, 1861.  
 William Wallace Lyles, killed at Boonsboro, Md., September 15, 1862.  
 Nathan Norris, died at Makely Hospital, September 3, 1861.  
 John Rutledge Osborne, killed at 7 Pines, May 31, 1862.  
 Robert English Pannell, died at Makeleys Hospital, September 20, 1862.  
 William Yongue Seigler, died at Manassas, January, 1862. (November 17, 1861).  
 William Boyce Simonton, wounded and taken prisoner at 7 Pines, and died at  
 Fortress Monroe.  
 David Alexander Smith, died at Makeleys, September 5, 1861.  
 John Yongue Stevenson, killed Mondays fight at Richmond, June 30th, 1862.  
 Samuel William Stevenson, killed at 7 Pines, May 31, 1862.  
 David Stevenson, died at Germantown, September 13, 1861.  
 Thompson Varnado, died at Makeleys, September 8, 1861.  
 James Judge Weir, killed at 7 Pines, May 31, 1862.  
 John Bunyan Holley, came from camp and died at home, June 28, 1861, from  
 typhoid.  
 William Boykin Maddison Norris, mortally wounded in Tenn., and died in  
 Virginia, January 18, 1864.  
 John Nevitt (?), was killed at Dandridge, Tennessee, January, 1864.  
 Oliver R. Mobley, died of pneumonia at or near Morristown, E. Tennessee,  
 January 5, 1864.  
 William Woodward Lyles, wounded September 30, 1864, and died October 18,  
 1864.

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Part V

AUNT JENNIE'S PERSONAL DIARY AND  
COMMENTS ON LIFE

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February 2nd, 1897, twenty-one years ago (this the 2nd day of February, 1918 today, Ed and I were married, here in this home that is so empty now, and he is *gone* to that place from which no one has ever returned, and I am lonesome for him. Nearly a year he has been gone, the 26th of February, 1917, at 3 a.m., he breathed the last struggling breath - breath that he clung to to the last, trying with all his feeble strength to live on here with us. And I feel now that his spirit is near me, tho we cannot speak together. We always observed this date (our marriage day), but today it goes unnoticed except by the feelings of my heart. January 30th was his birthday. We always had a "good dinner" for that, and often a gathering of kinfolks to enjoy the day with us. This date, too, passed unnoticed, except by me. It seems queer to think of this birthday, the first one since his birth that *he* is not in this life. Oh! Life! How wonderful, how fearful, how mysterious it is!

I *know* if you can, you are thinking of this day, Ed, and want to speak to me, to comfort and assure me of the never ending life with you. *Be near me*, to cheer and comfort, in my loneliness.

February 2nd, 1919. Another anniversary for me to keep alone. How little we thought of the great change the years would bring for me, when you came from Alabama 22 years ago, to take me home with you. We expected to live our allotted years together. I think over the days we enjoyed together in our Alabama home, and am glad we had them, but how I miss your presence now. No one to understand just what I mean, as you did. I am alone today, and wonder if you know and are near.

And Marsh is gone to be with you. How often I imagine your glad welcome to him.

February 2nd, 1925. I try not to *think*. No one besides seems to remember, *tho I do*.

February 2, 1925. 8 years since you left me. Again I try to not dwell on this date. Can hardly bear my thoughts, and wonder if you, too, *remember!*

February 2, 1927. Ten years since we left your frail body at our graveyard. Lola know the spot now, talks of *our* folks and *our* graveyard.

(NOTES ARE SCATTERED, AND DATES NOT CONSECUTIVE.)

April 30, 1926. Twenty-eight years ago you left us, Pa. I am now older than you were when you departed from this home.

Ma, Ed and Marsh all gone since then, and I am *old* and alone.

April 30, 1927. 29 years gone. *I am remembering.*

April 7, 1925. I carried John to church at Feasterville, April 7, 1900, the first time he went to church, was seven months old, and all the years since he went to church, the last time on December 22, 1923. Departed from this old home and life January 7, 1924. God help me.

April 30, 1923. Twenty-five years ago Pa went away from this old home, and the place that once knew him, knows him no more. In this room he lay that night, asleep to wake no more here. And I in Alabama, knowing nothing of it. Oh, Life is so hard to understand.

December 3, 1926. Ma went away December 3, 1912, and way buried by the side of Pa's grave, December \_\_, in our dear old graveyard. Since then Ed, Marsh & John have gone, and their bodies rest in same row. Oh, God, how strange, how heartbreaking, is life.

January 7, 1927. 3 years ago John went away at 7 o'clock a.m., 1924.

January 7, 1928. 4 years now, September 7th his 28th birthday. Just me to remember these dates.

This October 13, 1928, is the 7th anniversary of the marriage of John A. F. Coleman and Juliana Stevenson (October 13, 1853). He born June 9, 1828. She, July 14, 1831. Their first child born August 10, 1854, Samuel Stevenson Coleman. Second, Jennie Isabel Coleman, December 22, 1856. Third, Sarah Drusilla, born August 22, 1859, died of bad diphtheria, January 5, 1863. Fourth, Henry David, January 29th (no year given). Fifth, Mary Feaster, December 31, 1868. Sixth, Chaney Savilla. Born July 27, 1872. Died September 29, 1885, after a few days of a severe sickness, which must have been appendicitis. Tho doctors knew of no such at that time, and could do nothing to relieve or save her life.

A COMPILATION OF GENEALOGY ON  
THE ROBERT COLEMAN FAMILY OF SOUTH  
CAROLINA

by Mrs. Etta Rosson

Along with Cousin Jennie I. Coleman and Donald B. Clayton none has been more industrious or effective in the preservation of the family genealogy than Mrs. Etta Rosson, formerly of Shelton, but now of Columbia, South Carolina.

About 1950, Mrs. Rosson completed a book on Coleman-Feaster-Mobley Genealogy which was deposited in the DAR Library in Washington. The following pages are entirely her handiwork, the product of long and diligent labor. Much of the information appearing in her DAR book appears in the pages preceding and is not here included simply to avoid duplication.

We wish to give her full credit for the wonderful contribution she has made to this book.

J. P. COLEMAN

Table 1

DESCENDANTS OF DAVID ROE COLEMAN AND EDITH BEAM

1. ROBERT FITZ COLEMAN born 27 August 1789, died September 7, 1842, at 11 a.m. Married (1st) Susan Feaster, daughter of John Feaster and Drucilla Moberley. Susan Feaster died January 16, 1829. Their children who lived to maturity were:

(a) Drucilla, born October 23, 1812. Married Judge William Coleman.  
Children:

1. Elizabeth, married Honorable A. K. Allison, of Florida. He was twice governor of that state. His life may be found in all Florida histories. He was arrested and incarcerated with Secretary Trenholm, of Davis' Cabinet. There is surviving one child by this marriage, Sarah Fannin, who married Ross Gilliam Harris, of Quincy, Florida. She is prominent in the work of the Eastern Star and served as Grand Matron of the order in that state.

2. Rebecca, died childless.
3. Isballe, married \_\_\_\_\_ Boone.
4. David Roe, married a Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Wilcox.
5. Henry, married Miss \_\_\_\_\_ Gormley. Children:
  - a. Ernest M., lived at Cuthbert, Georgia. Prominent musician and teacher.
  - b. Carrie, married D. L. Luper.

Both Ernest and Carrie are descendants of Solomon Coleman and William Coleman, his father. Ernest was the last male descendant of that branch. Town of Coleman, in Randolph County, Georgia, was named for Andy Coleman (The Mobley Book).

6. Caroline \ These two resided at the old home, Spring-
7. Mary Eliza / vale, Georgia.
8. Alice, married J. A. Slaughter. Children:
  - a. Mary Elise, married Sumate Walters. (Children, Amarine, Alma, Robert, William, Ethel, Lewis, Julian, Lucia Bell).
  - b. William Slaughter, married Frances Walters. (Children, Mildred, Martha, Darius).
  - c. Belle Slaughter, married Woodson Bealle. (Children, Alice, Susan, Harris, Mary, Hattie, Edith).

(b) Edith F. Coleman, born November 10, 1814, married (1st) Mike Atkins. Children:

1. Susan, married John Cox. (Children: Mike, first married Lucinda Peacock, children, Atkins and William. Mike married second Cliff Arthur, children, Sallie, Sue, Arthur. The other Cox children are: Ella, Robert, Thomas, Chapel, and Frank. Mike Atkins, Jr. married Ella Allison, daughter of Governor Allison, and half sister of Sarah Fannin Allison Harris, children, Sallie, Floride, and James. Of the three, James, unmarried; Sallie, married James Dunne, and Floride, married Alex Perry, child, Kathleen.

Edith F. Coleman, married (2nd) Andrew Hancock.. Children:

2. John Hancock, married Parolee Cile. Children: Pearl, Florence, and Lynn.
3. Joseph Hancock, married Susan Sutton. Children: Charlton, Arthur, Robert, Susan, Wilton, Sallie, Augusta, and Ruth.

4. Jack Hancock, married Eliza Gotchings. Children: Ralph, Todd, Eliza, Cleveland, Josephine (address Lumpkin, Georgia).
  5. Sallie Hancock, married Phil Gotchings. Child: Seymour, Cordele, Georgia.
- (c) Eliza T. Coleman, born October, 1817, died November 28, 1890. (Daughter of Robert Fitz Coleman and Susan Feaster). Married four times:
- (1st) Martin Coleman, son of Solomon Coleman and Betty Elam. No children.
  - (2nd) James Brennen. No children lived to marry.
  - (3rd) John Quirns Arnett. (See children below).
  - (4th) Wesley Mayfield. (His mother was Susan Proctor). No children. Born March 1, 1820, died May 12, 1912.

John Quirns Arnett (born 1804, died August 10, 1856 near Goshen, Lincoln County, Georgia, aged 52 years), and Eliza Coleman had the following children:

1. Berry Arnett, born December 25, 1839, died childless.
2. Feaster Arnette, killed in War Between the States. Born November 26, 1837.
3. Susan Arnette, married Dr. Andrew Cameron. She was born June 10, 1842, and died July 20, 1870, at 10 a.m. of Pneumonia. They had three boys, only one of whom lived to maturity, Dr. Samuel A. Cameron, a graduate of the Charleston Medical College, who died in February 1872, unmarried.
4. Robert Coleman Arnett, graduated from the Medical College, at Louisville, Kentucky, and married February 17, 1874, Mary Martin Evans. Children:
  1. Susan Coleman Arnett, born December 26, 1874.
  2. John Coleman Arnett, born October 14, 1876.
  3. Robert Evans Arnett, born December 29, 1878.
  4. Mary Evans Arnett, born April 21, 1880.
  5. William Julian Arnette, born December 18, 1888.

- (1) Susan Coleman Arnette, married Edwin Raymond Lucas, of Hartsville, South Carolina. February 28, 1907. Children:
1. Eleanor Simons Lucas. Single.



2. William Ernest Lucas, married Mary Husted, Toledo, Ohio, April 21, 1938. (Three children: Barbara, Deborah Arnette, and Charlotte Hardee ).
3. Susanne Lucas, married Benjamin Pratt Gasque, November 14, 1946. Lives at Marion, South Carolina. (Children: Susanne Lucas and Benjamin Pratt, Jr.).

William Ernest Lucas, an A.B., M.A., University of South Carolina, 1931. Also, Degree of Law, Harvard, 1934. Practicing Attorney 1350 S. LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois. Residence, 318 Oxford Road, Kenilworth, Illinois.

Eleanor Simons Lucas, Librarian, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida. Susanne Lucas Gasque, is the 9th Susanne in line named for Susannah de Ruel, wife of Edward Moberley, Sr.

- (2) John Coleman Arnette, married Marie Agnes Simonton. Children:
  1. John Coleman Arnette, Jr., married Virginia McDaniel.
 

Children:

    1. Julian Randolph Arnette.
    2. Jacquelin Elizabeth Arnette.
  2. Sarah Elizabeth Arnette, married Julian N. McIllwain. Children:
    1. Joan Coleman McIllwain.
    2. Richard McIllwain.
- (3) Robert Evans Arnette, married Sarah Hall, and had children:
  1. Robert E. Arnette, Jr., married Doris Jean Nipper. Children:
    1. Robert Evans Arnette, 3rd.
    2. Richard Hall Arnette.
  2. Dan Hall Arnette, died at age 16.
  3. Mary Caroline Arnette, married Robert Miller Brice. Children:
    1. Robert M. Brice, Jr.
    2. Sarah Wallace Brice.
  4. Berry Feaster Arnette, married Ann Maree Owens. Children:
    1. Samuel Berry Arnette.

5. Francis Davis Arnette, married Mary Isabelle Turner.
6. John Winn Evans Arnette, married Phylis Jean Pelton.  
Children:
  1. John Charles Arnette.
  2. Peter Michael Arnette.
7. Edward Mobley Arnette, married Sarah Frances Wylie.  
Children:
  1. Edward Mobley Arnette, Jr.
8. William Julian Arnette, married Catherine Sue Turner.  
Children:
  1. Julia Catherine Arnette.
9. John Quirms Arnette, married Jeannette Thelma Dickey.
10. James Douglas Arnette, married Patricia Patrick.

- (4) Mary Evans Arnette, married Merryman Edwards Woodruff, June 23, 1910, and died one year later. No children. She was born April 21, 1880.
- (5) William Julian Arnette, single, lived in San Francisco, California, and was an official of the Fidelity Mutual Life Insurance Company.

John Quirms Arnette married (1st) Frances Elam, daughter of Martin and Mary Elam. Frances Elam Arnette died November 8, 1855, by lightning.

- (d) David Roe Coleman, Jr., born January 25, 1820.
- (e) John Feaster Coleman, married and moved to Texas. Born March 17, 1822.
- (f) Andrew Edmond, born November 15, 1824, married Bettie Williford and moved to Randolph County, Georgia.
- (g) Susan, born January 16, 1829, died September 18, 1862, married the famous physician, Dr. Samuel W. B. McClurkin, born August 19, 1821, died February 2, 1885. Children:
  - a. Eliza, born June 21, 1854, married Robert Mills. Children:
    1. Edna Mills, married Pryor. No children.
  - b. Sam, born February 9, 1861, died September 8, 1901, lived in California.
  - c. Eugene.
  - d. Strauss, married. No children.

- e. Susan, married. No children.
  - f. Isabelle McClurkin, married Robert D. Perry, a descendant of Governor Perry, of Florida. Survived by three children:
    - 1. Robert, married Etta Truesdale. Children: Robert, Jesse Stevenson, William Banks, and Daniel.
    - 2. Helen Perry, graduate of Fredericks College, Virginia, married Hollis Garvin. Home at Kitchings Mill, South Carolina.
    - 3. Mary Louise Perry, unmarried. Worked in Columbia.
  - g. Robert Coleman, born September 24, 1839, died January 1855.
2. WILEY FITZ COLEMAN (2nd son of David Roe Coleman and Edith (Beam), was born March 10, 1792, died March 4, 1835, and buried near his home. Married about 1816, Nancy Elam. After his death she moved to Chambers County, Alabama. Children:
- (a) Sophia, born January 19, 1817, died March 7, 1838, married Abener Fant, June, 1837. She is buried by her father, on road to Chester.
  - (b) Wilson H., born December 27, 1821, died in Alabama, August 27, 1841.
  - (c) Elizabeth, born January 21, 1819.
  - (d) Mary Edith, born December 16, 1824, married Willie Cofield, of Alabama.
  - (e) David Roe Coleman, born September 1, 1827, died August 20, 1894, married Nancy E. Coleman, August 3, 1848. She was born March 6, 1830, died December 14, 1895.
  - (f) Martha, born August 5, 1830, married Francis Tapley, of Alabama.
  - (g) Isabelle, born December 21, 1833.
3. DAVID HENRY COLEMAN (third child of David Roe Coleman and Edith Beam). Born December 17, 1794, married Sarah Franklin and moved to Greene County, Alabama, thence to Chickasaw County (now Clay County) Mississippi, where he died March 17, 1866. Children:
- (a) Cecilia, born September 1, 1820, married a "Bains" and had two sons, Oscar and James (in 1840)
  - (b) Sarah, born April 11, 1822.
  - (c) Nancy, born April 20, 1824.
  - (d) Albert, born March 31, 1826.
- (Above four children were born in South Carolina).

- (e) John Franklin, born April 10, 1828.
- (f) Edith, born November 14, 1830.
- (g) David Roe, born December 31, 1832.
- (h) Wiley Fitz, born May 22, 1835.

(Above four children were born in Alabama).

4. HENRY ALEXANDER COLEMAN (fourth child of David Roe Coleman and Edith Beam), was born September 5, 1797, died July 21, 1877, at 1 o'clock a.m., Saturday. Married December 5, 1822, Chaney Feaster, born August 29, 1800, and died July 11, 1878. Their Children:

(a) David Andrew Coleman, born September 16, 1823, died December 15, 1865, of pneumonia. Married August 29, 1848, Sarah Ann Martin Yongue. Five Children:

a. Henry Calhoun Coleman, married Anna Owens. Seven Children:

1. Dr. David Andrew Coleman, married Elizabeth Clowney.

Six Children:

- a. Robert Henry Coleman, married Inez McLeod.  
1 son Robert.
  - b. Anna Glenn Coleman, married Howard Whitlock  
(children: Anita, Howard, Jr., and Roger).
  - c. David Andrew Coleman.
  - d. Thaddeus Carmichael Coleman, married Hester \_\_\_\_\_.
  - e. Margaret Coleman.
  - f. Mary Elizabeth, died at age of Three.
- 2. Mary Edith, single.
  - 3. Sarah Isabelle, single.
  - 4. Nell Williams, married Kennedy Downtin, of McCormick,  
South Carolina.
  - 5. Henry Alexander (Hal), buried in France, World War I. Single.
  - 6. Hester Caroline (Carrie), single.
  - 7. Rebecca Owens, married Paul Downtin, of McCormick.
    - a. Daughter, Hallie Coleman Downtin, married Pete Barden, of  
Cameron, South Carolina.
  - b. Hester Caroline (Hattie), died single.
  - c. Chaney Isabelle, died single.

- d. David Roe Coleman, born June 3, 1857, died June 18, 1947, married Lucy Hamilton, December 19, 1883. She was born December 26, 1858, died January 26, 1945. 8 Children:
  1. Elizabeth Hamilton Coleman, single.
  2. Annie Yongue, single.
  3. Helen Mills, married T. Albert Ladd, July 7, 1915. 5 Children:
    - a. Lucy Catherine Ladd, married (1st) Leroy Guess. 2 children:
      1. Helen.
      2. Bill.
 Lucy Catherine Ladd Guess, married (2nd) Harry S. Cram, of Bluffton, South Carolina.
    - b. Albert Ladd, married Jonnie Bell Gregory. 1 child, Catherine (Callie)
    - c. Annie Bess.
    - d. Margaret, married John Smith, of Arizona. 1 child, John, Jr.
    - e. Mary Jo Ladd, married Harry Sanders, of Columbia. 1 child, Harry, Jr.
  4. David Plumer Coleman, married Isabel (Belle) Propst. 6 children:
    - a. John Propst (Jack).
    - b. Sarah, married Cromwell Murray, of Columbia, children: Sally and Jerry.
    - c. Ethel, married Harry P. Maynard, of Belmont. 1 child, Harry Phillip, Jr.
    - d. Mary, married Thurston Bell, of Rome, Georgia. 1 child, Mary Dona Bell.
    - e. David Plummer, Jr. (D. P.)
    - f. Roe, died at age of 5.
  5. Charles Howard Coleman, married Essie Mae Suber. 4 children:
    - a. Martha Elizabeth.
    - b. Louise.
    - c. C. Howard Coleman, Jr., married Helen Keistler. 1 child, Charles Howard, III.
    - d. Annie Laurie, married Ralph Mills, of Newberry.
  6. Mary Coleman, married J. Rudolph Hamilton, of Edgemoor.

7. Margaret, married Reverend Angus N. Littlejohn, of Jonesville.  
(Mary Coleman and Margaret were twins).
  8. James Osborne Coleman, single.
  - e. William Yongue Coleman, married Mary Elizabeth Coleman, daughter of Dr. Robert Williams Coleman and Nancy McConnell. Married at Columbia, South Carolina, on October 31, 1889.  
6 children:
    1. Fannie Maria, died at age of ten years.
    2. Chanie Isabel, married Bernice Shellhouse, of Aiken County, South Carolina. 5 children:
      - a. Mary Elizabeth Shellhouse, married Woodrow Scott.  
4 children:
        1. Mary Elizabeth.
        2. Billy.
        3. Kathryn.
        4. Kathryn
      - b. Charles Luther, married Dora Vickers, of West Virginia.  
1 child, Alice.
      - c. Robert William, married Florine Fanning, of Wagner.  
1 child, Robert W. Shellhouse, Jr.
      - d. Frances Isabel, married James C. Epps, of Kingstree, South Carolina. 1 child, Frances Virginia Epps.
      - e. Nancy Kathleen, married James S. Matthews, of Rock Hill.
    3. Sara Kathleen Coleman, single.
    4. Robert Yongue Coleman, married Mary Collier, of Rock Hill.
  5. Mary Elizabeth (Mary Bess), single.
  6. Nancy McConnell Coleman, married Guy M. Ross, of Grensboro, North Carolina. Children:
    - a. Mary Elizabeth (Betty).
    - b. Guy Matthews, Jr., married Patricia Fields.
    - c. Nancy Jo.
    - d. Coleman DeVane.
- (b) Savilla E. Coleman, daughter of Henry Alexander Coleman and Chaney Feaster, born August 20, 1825, died January 19, 1877. Married, March 28, 1844, William Mobley Yongue, who died May 23, 1884, aged 59 years, 8 months, and 12 days. Children:

- a. Sarah Hester, married November 28, 1867, James B. Turner.  
4 children:
  1. W. J., married Elizabeth Turner. Died survived by widow and children, Earl A., William J., Bertha Ray, and Louise.
  2. Robert Yongue Turner, married Sarah Isabelle Timms.  
9 children:
    - a. R. Y. Turner, Jr.
    - b. James Anderson Turner.
    - c. Harold K. Turner.
    - d. Katherine Thelma Turner.
    - e. Sarah Elizabeth Turner.
    - f. Charles Elbert Turner.
    - g. Fred Turner.
    - h. William Alexander, single.
    - i. John Grady, single.
  3. Clarence K. Turner, married Annie Stuart. 3 children:
    - a. Stuart L. Turner.
    - b. Sarah Louise Turner.
    - c. Elizabeth Turner.
  4. Pierce C. Turner, married Mamie Stevenson. 5 children:
    - a. James B. Turner.
    - b. Coleman Turner.
    - c. Agnes Turner.
    - d. Kathleen Turner.
    - e. Isabelle, married Lawrence McKinnon. 1 child,  
Janie Katherine McKinnon, married Howard S. Yarborough.  
1 child, Grady Alexander Yarborough.
- b. Laura Yongue, born November 22, 1851, died April 13, 1908,  
married Thomas D. Owings, born December 30, 1849, died February  
22, 1912.
  1. Chaney Owings, married William Brooks. 8 children:
    - a. Louise
    - b. Annie
    - c. Pauline
    - d. Sarah
    - e. Edith
    - f. William
    - g. John F.
    - h. Charles M.

2. Henry M. Owings, married Mary (Mamie) Coleman. 5 children:
  - a. Mitchell.
  - b. Mary Elizabeth (Bess), married Ernest Bolin.
  - c. Laura Bernice, married Bill Rabb, 2 children, Bernice and Mitchell.
  - d. Thomas.
  - e. Robert Coleman.
3. Savilla, married Robert Riddle, no children.
4. Cora.
5. Annie, married Thomas Howell.
  - a. Annie Laurie.
6. Sarah.
7. Susan.
8. William.
9. Thomas Edith (?).
10. Kate.
11. Clara.
12. James.
- c. Margaret Drucilla Yongue, born May 11, 1856, died October 16, 1914, married John B. Propst, born September 14, 1852, died April 15, 1892. Five children:
  1. Eunice Propst, married Samuel S. Bolick.
    - a. Saniuel S. Bolick, Jr. (1st son).
    - b. William Bolick, married Mamie Stevenson.
    - c. Coleman Bolick.
  2. William Yongue Propst, married Maybelle Clark, 2 children.
    - a. Elizabeth Drucilla, married \_\_\_\_\_ Gross.
    - b. William Propst.
    3. John Henry Propst, single.
    4. Stella Propst, married Jim Bolick.
    5. David Crosby Coleman Propst, single.
    6. Savilla Isabelle Propst, married David Plummer Coleman
  - d. Henry C. Yongue, single, born February 3, 1859, died August 6, 1884.
  - (c) Edith, born May 1, 1827, died November 9, 1827.
  - (d) John Albert Feaster Coleman, born June 9, 1828 died suddenly of a heart attack April 30, 1898. Married October 13, 1853,



Julianna Stevenson, daughter of Samuel Hemphill Stevenson and Cynthia Yongue (daughter of Martin Yongue and Julianna Cameron). The Fairfield newspaper, News & Herald, said of his demise: "Mr. John A. F. Coleman, one of the most highly esteemed citizens of Feasterville, is dead. He was a Confederate soldier and a good citizen. Was captain in the 17th Regiment." Julianna Stevenson was born July 14, 1831, died Decembember 3, 1912. 6 children:

- a. Samuel Stevenson Coleman, born August 10, 1854, married (1st) Rebecca Gladden. 5 children:
  1. Jesse Gladden Coleman, Married Geneva Fee.
  2. Kate Coleman, married John G. Wolling, Jr.
    - a. James William Wolling, single.
    - b. Estelle Wolling, married Joe Edmunds.
    - c. Samuel Wolling, married Mell \_\_\_\_\_.
    - d. Julia Kate Wolling, married James Davis.
    - e. Jesse G. Wolling, married Frances Dickey.
    - f. Trez, died small.
  3. Annie Belle Coleman, married Ernest Eugene Coleman, son of David Roe Coleman and Elizabeth Trapp. 8 children:
    - a. Rebecca May Coleman, married Feaster Dye. 2 Sons:
      1. Harold Dye.
      2. Donald Dye.
    - b. Claude Wagner Coleman, married Inez Gantt. 1 daughter.
      1. Darnell Coleman.
    - c. David R. Coleman.
    - d. Ernest Eugene Coleman, married.
    - e. Marvin Gladden Coleman, married Mrs. Bernell Alexander.
      - 1 child:
        1. Claudie Paulette.
    - f. Robert Trapp Coleman, married Florrie Wilkes.
    - g. Withers Memminger Coleman, mamed Emily Wade.
    - h. Pauline Coleman.
  4. John Albert Feaster Coleman, Jr., married Mamie Crowder.
    - 1 child:
      - a. Samuel Stevenson Coleman, married Vivian Meade.
  5. Sarah (Sallie) Edith Coleman, married Bailey Crowder.
    - 2 children:

- a. Sarah Thomas Crowder, married Albert Swygert.
  - b. Jeanette Crowder, married Thomas Carrington.
- Samuel Stevenson Coleman married (2nd) Miss Alice Faucette. No children.
- b. Jeanette (Jennie) Isabelle Coleman, married Edward Wilson Coleman. (She was his second wife.) 1 son, John Albert Feaster Coleman, died single. Jennie I. Coleman was born December 22, 1856.
  - c. Sallie Drucilla Coleman, died young.
  - d. Henry David Coleman, born January 29, 1866. Married Narcissa Wolling. 8 children:
    - 1. Mabel Janet Coleman, died single.
    - 2. Florence Benton Coleman, married John Beam. No children.
    - 3. John Feaster Coleman, married (1st) married, (2nd)
    - 4. Henry David Coleman, died single, World War I.
    - 5. Robert Julian Coleman, married.
    - 6. Samuel Reginald Coleman, married.
    - 7. Narcissa Elizabeth (Narcie Bess) Coleman, married Jack Gore. 2 children:
      - 1. Jack Gore, Jr., married.
      - 2. Betty Gore.
    - 8. Lula Wolling Coleman, married William C. Jeter. 2 children:
      - 1. Billy.
      - 2. Harry.
  - e. Mary Feaster Coleman, married Charles Washington Faucette, Jr. 5 children:
    - 1. Juliana Elizabeth Faucette, unmarried.
    - 2. Mary Louise Faucette, married Marion DeHone Ogburn. 1 child:
      - a. Marion DeHone Ogburn, Jr.
    - 3. Harry Coleman Faucette, married Caroline Hutchinson. 2 children:
      - a. Charles Washington Faucette, married Margie McGruder. 3 children:
        - 1. Robert Charles Faucette.
        - 2. Ann Shure Faucette.
        - 3. Michael Coleman Faucette.

- b. Mary Eason Faucette, married George Cunningham.  
1 child:
  - 1. William Cunningham.
- 4. Andrew McConnell Faucette, married Gertrude Smarr. 1 child:
  - a. Andrew McConnell Faucette, Jr.
- 5. Mary Isabelle Faucette, single.
- f. Chaney Savilla Coleman, died single, when 13 years old.
- (e) Margaret Drucilla Coleman, born July 5, 1830, died January 7, 1900, married July 18, 1855, James LeRoy Hunter, of Chester County, South Carolina. They lived at Powder Springs, Georgia. Children:
  - a. Mary Edith Hunter, married William S. Duncan, of Atlanta, Georgia. 2 children:
    - 1. James LeRoy Duncan, a graduate of Emory, married Martha McKenzie. No children.
    - 2. Martha (Mattie) Duncan, graduate of Agnes Scott College, married Thaddeus Banks Johnson. 1 child, Thaddeus Banks Johnson, Jr.
  - b. John Henry Hunter, was a doctor, married Cora Bowen. Children:
    - 1. Frederick Coleman Hunter, graduated in pharmacy.
    - 2. Anne Hunter.
- (f) Susan Isabella Coleman, born October 3, 1832, died January 29, 1892, married August 17, 1853, Thomas Manning, of Marietta, Georgia. (Formerly of Chester County, South Carolina).
- (g) Henry Alexander Coleman, born November 3, 1835, died June 5, 1863, from effects of a wound received at Battle of Manassas August 30, 1862. He married November 19, 1857, Jemima Rebecca Yongue, daughter of Robert Yongue and Hester Moberley. They had one daughter.
  - a. Sarah Edith Coleman, married George R. Lauderdale. Lived at Winnsboro, South Carolina, where he was a successful merchant. Two sons:
    - 1. George R. Lauderdale, Jr. 1 child: George Lauderdale, Jr.
    - 2. David T. Lauderdale, an ARP Minister, was an honor graduate of Erskine College, Due West. In 1951 he has been Pastor of a Church at Lexington, Virginia, for 35 years.

- (h) Mary Coleman, born January 7, 1838, died August 13, 1839.
- (i) Sarah (Sallie) Amanda Coleman, born January 28, 1840, died July 23, 1858. She married April 16, 1857, Andrew J. McConnell, known as "Dick." He was First Lieutenant of Bailey's Company, 17th Regiment, killed at the "Blow Up" at Petersburg, Virginia, July 23, 1864. She had died previously, with her infant, their first child. Therefore, there were no descendants.
- (j) Robert Charles Coleman, born January 31, 1842, was very small, and the pet of the family. Was 3rd Sergeant, Co. B, 17th Regt., S. C. Volunteers. He was drowned while in bathing at Church Flats, Johns Island, near Charleston, South Carolina, while in service, as a Confederate soldier. Died June 6, 1862.

Note: JEMIMA REBECCA YONGUE, married (2nd) Dr. Owens. Her mother, Hester Moberley was the daughter of Isham Mobley (son of William Mobley and Ann Osborn) and Susannah Mobley (daughter of Clement Mobley and Mary Fox). Clement Mobley was son of Edward Mobley and Susannah de Ruel. Both Edward Mobley, Sr. and Clement Mobley were Revolutionary soldiers. Also, Clement Mobley served in the Cherokee Indian War (record with South Carolina Historical Commission), which entitles descendants membership in Daughters of Colonial Wars. All descendants of Charles Coleman, brother of Robert Coleman who married Elizabeth Roe, are also descendants of Clement Mobley.

5. WILSON HENRY COLEMAN, son of David Roe Coleman and Edith Beam, was born March 25, 1800, and married Mary Johnston in 1828, in Alabama. 7 children:

- a. Elizabeth, born June 7, 1829.
- b. Martha, born November 14, 1830.
- c. Wiley Johnston, born September 9, 1832.
- d. Edith, born October 26, 1834.
- e. Mary, born January 6, 1837.
- f. Nancy, born September 12, 1838,
- g. Laura L., born June 8, 1846.

6. ISABELLA COLEMAN, born September 13, 1803, died September 10, 1838. Married Jacob Feaster. Children:

- a. Jacob Fry Feaster, born February 20, 1824, died August 28 1902, married September 10, 1844, Elizabeth Stone.

- b. Edith Drucilla Feaster, born July 24, 1825, died May 18, 1876, married Henry J. Lyles, February 6, 1844.
- c. John Coleman Feaster, born August 21, 1827, died January 14, 1909, married Sallie P. Lyles, July 14, 1878.
- d. Elizabeth Susan (or Susan Elizabeth), born April 30, 1829, married February 1, 1848, Reverend S. M. Simons, of Lexington County, South Carolina.
- e. David Roe Feaster, born December 25, 1831, married March 18, 1856 (1st) Victoria Rawls, died January 7, 1877. Married February 1, 1897 (2nd) Hattie Porter (Coleman) widow.
- f. Sarah Isabella, born November 3, 1834, died young. March, 1838.
- g. Mary Andrews, born July 11, 1836, died December 16, 1855. (Very beautiful and beloved).

7. ELIZABETH, OR BETTY COLEMAN, daughter of David Roe Coleman and Edith Beam, was born April 6, 1807, died in October 1880. Married Isaac Nolen, and moved to Alabama. Later moved to Smith County, Texas. 8 children:

- a. Isabella, born December 14, 1827, married John G. Coleman, of Alabama, in 1846. Both died of yellow fever. Left one son.
- b. Robert Wilson Nolen, born February 29, 1829.
- c. Andrew J., born April 30, 1830.
- d. Edith Mary Carolina, born March 3, 1833.
- e. Laura Ann, born September 15, 1835.
- f. Elizabeth, born June 3, 1837.
- g. Isaac Henry, born 1839.
- h. John Roe Nolen, born December 31, 1841.

8. SALLIE COLEMAN, daughter of David Roe Coleman and Edith Beam, was born April 10, 1810, and died in 1815.

#### ISABELLE COLEMAN AND JACOB FEASTER'S DESCENDANTS<sup>29</sup>

- 1. Jacob Fry Feaster and Elizabeth Stone's children:
  - 1. William Feaster, died in the service of the Confederacy.
  - 2. Isabelle Feaster, died unmarried.
  - 3. Moses Feaster, married Belle Dickerson. 1 son, W. L. Feaster, graduate of Furman, later Principal of the Lancaster Schools. Moses Feaster was much esteemed by all who knew him. Was

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<sup>29</sup> She was the daughter of David Roe Coleman and Edith Beam

small of stature, a fair violinist, devoted to fox hunting, a baseball enthusiast. Died in Union County where he lived the last years of his life.

2. Edith Drucilla Feaster, married Henry J. Lyles. Children:
  1. William Woodward Lyles, a gallant Confederate soldier, was mortally wounded at Ft. Donaldson, and died unmarried.
  2. J. Feaster Lyles, married Carrie Evelyn Lyles. He was an instructor in Kings Mountain Military Academy after the War. Was interested in history, mathematics, and geology of South Carolina. Children:
    1. Henry J. Lyles, single.
    2. Mary Woodward Lyles.
    3. Isabelle Lyles, a Winthrop graduate, married William R. Hetrick, of Pennsylvania, later of Gainesville, Georgia.
    4. Jennie Preston Lyles, married William Gunter.
    5. Nicholas Peay Lyles, attended Clemson College.
    6. Florence Feaster Lyles.
    7. Edith Eliza Lyles.

A. Coleman Lyles, brother of J. Feaster Lyles, married the widow Josephine Willie, nee Smith. Children:

1. Arromanos Coleman Lyles, married Margaret Ella Cross.
2. Edith Lyles, married Roland G. Hill, of Carlisle, South Carolina.  
Children:
  1. A. Coleman Hill.

A. Coleman Lyles was six feet tall, with the Feaster blue eyes and the Feaster nose. Was prominent in State and County politics in Union County, a member of the Legislature from that county until his death.

3. John Coleman Feaster and Sallie P. Lyles. One child, Thomas Feaster, lived to be eight years old.

4. Susan Feaster and S. Milton Simons. Children:
  1. Virgil Pingree Simons.
  2. John Simons.
  3. Paul Simons.
  4. Ophelia Simons. (The above all died young). (The following married and lived in Arkansas).

5. Lizzie Simons.
6. Cornelia Simons.
5. Mary Andrews Feaster, a beautiful girl, died unmarried, aged twenty years.
6. David Roe Feaster, was a soldier in the Confederate Army, enlisting in the Buckhead Guards. Was a leader in his section in the cause of white supremacy in 1876. Married (1st) Victoria Rawls. (She was a sister of Maria Louisa Rawls, who married Nathan Feaster, son of Andrew Feaster and Mary Norris). Children:
  1. Annie Isabelle Feaster, married McConnell Coleman.
  2. John Rawls Feaster, died unmarried.
  3. Edith Caroline Feaster, married Preston F. Coleman.
  4. Mary Victoria Feaster, married Albert W. Clayton. Children:
    1. Philip Clayton, died a child.
    2. Donald P. Clayton, a Clemson graduate, married Miss Mary Wynnette Mathews and lived at Birmingham, Alabama.
      - 1 child.
        1. Donald P. Clayton, Jr., married (1st) Mary Ann Geisking. (2nd) Catherine Chapman.
    3. Edith Clayton married William Brown Wright, and lived at Shelton, South Carolina. 2 children:
      1. Mary Wright married Sumter Williams, Jr., of Orangeburg, South Carolina, where they live. 2 children:
        1. Victoria (Vicki) Williams.
        2. Carolyn Williams.
      2. Edith Clayton Wright, married R. M. Ballenger, of Greer, South Carolina, where they live. No children.
5. David Robert Feaster, married Virginia Marks. Children:
  1. Donald Feaster.
  2. Edith Feaster.
  3. Jacob Feaster.
  4. Christine Feaster.
  5. John Feaster.
 They lived at Fordyce, Arkansas.
6. Jacob Henry Feaster, is unmarried. A graduate of Peabody Normal, of Nashville.
7. James Polk, is unmarried.

Captain David Roe Feaster on the death of his first wife married

(2nd) the widow Hattie Coleman (nee Porter, of Ridgeway), widow of Henry Jonathan Coleman, Jr. Children:

1. Charles McCants Feaster, Cashier, Bank of Carthage.
2. Margaret Fry Feaster, married Dr. C. G. Cox.
3. Roger Williams Feaster.
4. Hattie Josephine Feaster, a teacher of Princeton, Arkansas.

Captain D. R. Feaster's widow, lived on in Princeton, Arkansas, after his death. The family was an interesting one. His seven children by his first wife, her five by her first husband, and their six, made quite a family in all. A stranger would sometimes think she was mother of all, and, as far as her kindness was concerned, she was.

7. Sarah Isabelle Feaster, died young, single.

Letter written by David Roe Coleman to his son, Wilson, of Greene County, Alabama:

"South Carolina, Fairfield District, June 27, 1835.

Dear Son:

I take the present favorable opportunity to write you a line in way of remembrance, as I have not had a letter from you for a great while, and inform you that your father is still living and in good health (Blessed be God for His mercies). Hoping that you and your family are all well. I believe I have not wrote you since the Death of your brother, Wiley. His widow and children are well and I think are likely to do well. They are very industrious, and your namesake, Wilson, is much so. Wiley had but a very short sickness from Thursday until Tuesday. He was doing very well. I think it was the excessive cold was the cause of his death. I am certain I have never experienced so cold a winter. Our wheat crops were greatly injured and a great many entirely ruined. All the fig trees and chany trees are killed, the fig trees will spring up again, but the Chany will not. Our prospects for corn and cotton is very good at this time, the seasons have been very good. As for your brothers and their families are all well, except Chaney, Henry's wife. She has had a long spell of sickness that has seemed to threaten insanity. Isabella and her family are well. We expect to see Isaac and Betty in July. They were all well when we last heard from them. I am in the 61st year of my age. I am as nearly as strong as I ever was, but not so active. I take a great deal of exercise, tho I work but little. I go into no excesses except reading. I think one third of the day is spent by me in reading. I



live much alone and think that few men desires peace more than I do, and none love it better. To love God with all my powers and my neighbors as myself is my aim and end. I rejoice that I have lived a life of Temperance (in almost everything). I have a good pair of spectacles and an excellent little Rifle gun, and I think I can kill more squirrels than any man in the neighborhood. This serves as an amusement for me in my vacant hours from reading. Peace be with you, my dear son.

D. R. Coleman

Wilson H. Coleman  
Sent by Mr. William Halsell."

Table 2

**DESCENDANTS OF ROBERT ROE COLEMAN AND NANCY COLEMAN**

1. **HIRAM H. COLEMAN**, born April 30, 1803, died April 9, 1837. Married February 4, 1827, Elizabeth (Betty) Beam, daughter of Albert Beam and Sally Mayo, and a niece of Edith Beam, wife of David Roe Coleman, Betty Beam was born April 8, 1808, and died February 18, 1892. Hiram died young, leaving his wife with five small children. follows:

(a). Susan R., born December 1, 1827. Married September 5, 1848, John Feaster Cockrell. He died March 6, 1889. Susan died December 27, 1850, leaving one child.

1. Elizabeth Coleman, married Rufus Lumpkin, 1 child.

(b) Nancy E. Coleman, born March 6, 1830, died December 14, 1898, Married David Roe Coleman, Jr., August 3, 1848. They moved to Alabama and raised a family of 6 sons and 2 daughters. He died August 20, 1894, 8 children:

1. Lizzie, married W. W. Gay.

2. Hiram Fairfield Coleman, married Lena Waller.

3. Edward Wilson Coleman, married (1st) Lola Jackson Marsh.

2 children:

a. David Roe Coleman, married Mayme Burley. 1 child:

1. Lola Marsh Coleman.

b. James Marsh Coleman, died single.

Edward Wilson Coleman, married (2nd Jennet (Jennie) Isabelle Coleman, February 2, 1897.

- a. John Albert Feaster Coleman, died single.
  4. Bedford Forrest Coleman, married Corrie Wallace. (Carra Bell)
  5. Robert Elam Coleman, married Lillie Belle Stevens.
  6. Julia Coleman, married James Howell.
  7. Phillip Mayo Coleman, married Maggie Smith.
  8. Nancy, died when about grown.
- (c). Robert Hiram Coleman, born October 1, 1832, died June 24, 1862, at Augusta, Georgia. Married Julia Ann Feaster, February 7, 1856. 2 children.
1. Robert Coleman, died single when about 18 years old, being accidentally shot by a friend while out hunting.
  2. Lewis Andrew Coleman, married Mazura Carter. Born June 27, 1868, died November 22, 1879. 7 children:
    - a. Robert Feaster Coleman.
    - b. Margaret Narcissa Coleman.
    - c. George Wilson Coleman (lawyer at Palm Beach, Florida.
    - d. Andrew Jackson Coleman.
    - e. Lewis A. Coleman, Jr.
    - f. Julia R. Coleman.
    - g. Edith Isabel Coleman.
- (d). Edward A. Coleman, born May 2, 1835. Married September 23, 1859, Nancy E. Coleman, who lived near the Propsts, Fairfield County. She was daughter of Major John Coleman, son of William Coleman, brother of Robert Coleman who married Elizabeth Roe, and also Charles Coleman, of the 1st generation in South Carolina. Edward died August 19, 1862, in Virginia "as a soldier." Estate Settlement, Winnsboro, South Carolina, Box 17, f. 140: "Departed this life in Virginia, as a soldier, 1862, and left as his heirs at law his widow, Nancy Coleman, no children, but a brother, H. S., and 2 children of his deceased brother, Robert H., his sister, Nancy, wife of David R. Coleman of Alabama, and a child of his deceased sister, Susan Cockrell, and his mother, Elizabeth Coleman."
- (e). Hiram S. Coleman, born October 6, 1837, died January 2, 1866, single, of consumption. He had graduated in medicine.

2. WYLIE ("SCREW") COLEMAN, son of Robert Roe Coleman and Nancy Coleman. Married Sallie Rainey, his first cousin. They settled where Henry and Elitia Jefferes later lived. Had 6 children.

(a). Francis Daniel Coleman, born January 4, 1822, died April 19, 1891.

Married Susan Stone, born November 8, 1829, died June 22, 1875. They lived and died where their son Wylie Coleman lived, and are buried at Beaver Creek Church. 6 children:

1. Robert L., went to Tennessee. Married twice.
2. Maggie, married Elmore Boney.
3. Jacob F. Coleman, married three times.
4. Sallie Coleman, married Henry Robinson.
5. John Wylie Coleman, born October 20, 1856, died June 15, 1928. Married Victoria C. Robinson, December 7, 1875. She was born January 18, 1859, died October 16, 1945. They had seven ( 7 ) children, as follows:

a. John Francis Coleman, married (1st) Miss Carolyn Kearse, of Olar, South Carolina. One child:

1. Erma Carolyn Coleman, married Julian McCullen, Kinston, North Carolina. John Francis Coleman married (2nd) Miss Addie Jenny, Fairfax, South Carolina. They had six (6) children:

1. Mary Elizabeth Coleman, married Clyde Arnold, One child: Clyde Coleman Arnold.
2. Francena Coleman, married George Plough, Charleston, South Carolina. One child: Shirley Plough.
3. Zenith Coleman, married Herman Hartz. Ridgeland, South Carolina. Two children: Susan Hartz and Herman Hartz, Jr.
4. Jenny Coleman, married William Galloway. Latta, South Carolina. One child: Addie Jenny Galloway
5. John Francis Coleman, Jr., died at age of one year.
6. Ethel Coleman, married L. B. Epperson, Atlanta, Georgia. No children.

John Francis Coleman, married (3rd) Mrs. Gladys Thompson, of Smoaks, South Carolina. No children.

- b. Bertie Ray Coleman, married Jessup P. Eaddy, of Leo, South Carolina, and Hamlet, North Carolina.
  - 1. Alice Victoria Eaddy.
- c. Georgia Robinson Coleman, married Walker N. Sojourner, Denmark, South Carolina.
  - 1. Georgia Louise Sojourner, married Forrest R. DeMont, Waltham, Massachusetts.
  - 2. Mary B. Sojourner, married David L. Ballard (Joe), Greensboro, North Carolina.
    - 1. David L. Ballard, Jr.
- d. Susie Coleman, died at age of sixteen years.
- e. Robert Wylie Coleman, married Sadie Wright, Chester, S. C.
  - 1. Robert Wylie Coleman, Jr., married Miss Kathleen Vaughan, Chester, South Carolina.
- f. Minnie Louise Coleman, married (1st) Charles May Adams, of Saluda, South Carolina.
  - 1. Charles Coleman Adams, married Miss Julia Dukes, of Greelyville and Chester, South Carolina.
 Minnie Louise Coleman, married (2nd) James C. Tennant, Chester, South Carolina. No children.
- g. Margaret Coleman, married Broadus A. Robinson, of Blackstock, South Carolina.
  - 1. John Francis Robinson, married Miss Dorothy Timmons, of Darlington, South Carolina. No children.
  - 2. Mary E. Robinson, married John Morley Killholtz, of Baltimore, Maryland.
    - 1. Charles Killholtz.
    - 2. John Morley Killholtz, Jr.
  - 3. Broadus A. (Alex) Robinson, Jr., single.
- 6. Minnie Coleman, married Henry Tongs.

Victoria C. Robinson's parents were John Elliott Robinson and Mary Hartin. Both are buried at Beaver Creek Church.

- (b). Polly, daughter of Wylie (Screw) Coleman and Sallie Rainey, married William McLane. 5 children:
  - 1. Sallie, married Robert Castles.
  - 2. Mary, married James Robinson.
  - 3. Jack, married widow Isa Yongue (nee Crowder).
  - 4. Silas, married Mattie Mobley.
  - 5. Fannie, married William Mobley.

- (c). Seleta, married Jim Morgan. 1 child.
  - 1. Hiram.
- (d). Sarah Coleman, married Jesse Gladden. They are buried at Jeffares family cemetery, Feasterville, Fairfield County, South Carolina. 2 children:
  - 1. Sarah Rebecca Gladden, married Samuel Stevenson Coleman.
  - 2. John C. Gladden, married Mary \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 1. Sarah Rebecca.
 Samuel Stevenson Coleman married (2d) Miss Alice Faucette. No children.
- (e). Elitia Coleman, married Henry Jeffares, her cousin. 7 children
  - 1. Lizzie Jeffares, married Sam Wright.
  - 2. Robert Jeffares, married Lizzie Hogan,
  - 3. Coleman Jeffares, died young.
  - 4. Ben Jeffares.
  - 5. Mattie Jeffares, married Ned Taylor.
  - 6. John Wylie Jeffares, died young. Thrown by a mule.
  - 7. Sam Jeffares.
- (f). Savilla Coleman, never married.

3. JONATHAN DAVID COLEMAN, son of Robert Roe Coleman and Nancy Coleman, married Sallie McLane. (She was called "Sallie D"). They lived at his father, Robert Roe Coleman's, old home place. Had no children. Raised as their own her nephew, Jones McLane. Johnathan "D" owned many slaves and land, carried on much business, was a successful farmer, and his land and money caused dissention in division. Nancy Coleman, mother of Edward Wilson Coleman, inherited ¼ of his land, getting most of the tract known as the "Grubbs" place, owned later by Edward Wilson Coleman and Marsh Coleman, his son. Very little of the balance of his property remained in the hands of his relatives. (Sallie McLane's father was Henry McLane).

Table 3

**DESCENDANTS OF WYLIE COLEMAN AND SARAH RAGSDALE**

- (a). William Head Coleman, born Chester District, South Carolina, December 13, 1830, died December 15, 1890, at Mineral

Wells, Texas. He was a Confederate soldier in Walker's Texas Division, and served two terms as Sheriff of Lavaca County, Texas. One of his children, James H. Coleman, is living in Mineral Wells (1950); Hugh H. is living with him; Henry L. lives in Fort Worth, Texas, and Pearl (Mrs. M. J. Bisco) died some few years ago.

(b). SARAH SUSAN COLEMAN, born in Fairfield or Chester District, South Carolina, April 3, 1832, died January, 1919, at Taylor, Texas. Married William Ford. 4 children. Survivors at her death were: Mrs. R. C. Payne, Taylor, Texas; Mrs. Lillie Miller, Houston; Mr. Henry Ford, San Angelo, all now deceased (1950).

(c) THOMAS BLEWETT COLEMAN, born October 12, 1833, Chester District, South Carolina, died November 21, 1919, near Granbury, Texas, interred at Hallettsville. Married Jane Simpson, July 7, 1870, daughter of David Butler Simpson, born Macon County, Alabama, September 16, 1851. Died, Maples Community, near Granbury, Texas, August 19, 1935 (interred Hallettsville, Texas). Eight (8) children, all born Lavaca County, Texas.

1. David William, born August 15, 1871.
2. Ernest Head Coleman, born July 23, 1874.
3. Hattie Coleman, born August 9, 1881, died October 4, 1882.
4. George Thomas Coleman, born November 20, 1883, near Granbury, Texas. Died, April 21, 1938.
5. Sarah Arabella, born October 17, 1886 (twin). Married William Fleming McKennon.
6. (Twin), born October 17, 1886, died October 22, 1886 (age 5 days).
7. James Joseph Coleman, born April 28, 1891.
8. Frank Ralph Coleman, born May 30, 1895, married Mallie Ada Little, January 20, 1920.

(d). ELIZA JANE MACON COLEMAN, born September 10, 1835, died June 20, 1880, Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

(e) REGINA BLEWETT COLEMAN, born December 17, 1836, in Winston County, Mississippi. Died October 7, 1921, Dallas, Texas. Married, Winston County, Mississippi, September 1, 1859, Dr. David S. Lemman, born Dayton, Ohio, June 11, 1815, died San Antonio, Texas,

June 15, 1892. During 1884-1885, Dr. Lemman was Grand Master of the Texas Grand Lodge I.O.O.F. (Odd Fellows). 6 children:

1. Lily Newport Lemman, born Winston County, Mississippi, August 28, 1860. Died April 1, 1861.
2. Daniel H. Lemman, born San Antonio, Texas, July 8, 1862, died June 11, 1868.
3. (Twin) Ida Inez Lemman, born October 9, 1866, married October 20, 1891, at San Antonio, Texas, to William Martin Cornett born New York City, March 23, 1860, died, Dallas, Texas, March 20, 1948. He was a member of School Board 1888, among first Aldermen City of Dallas.
4. (Twin) Eugene D. Lemman, born October 9, 1866, San Antonio, Texas, died same place.
5. David S. Lemman, Jr., born San Antonio, Texas, May 10, 1869, died June 15, 1870.
6. Ina May Lemman, born San Antonio, Texas, June 2, 1871, died Los Angeles, California, January, 1936.

(f). LOUISA HARRIETT COLEMAN, born Winston County, Mississippi, September 15, 1838, died September 21, 1917, at Austin, Texas. Married (1st) Dr. Wilkins, (2nd) Judge Coombs. 2 children:

1. Norma, married Albert P. Tenison, of Dallas, Texas.
2. Lena, married Mr. Griffiths. Lived at Austin, Texas.

(g). HENRY JONATHAN COLEMAN, born Winston County, Mississippi, March 25, 1840, died March 8, 1862. Killed at the Battle of Elkhorn, Lavern, Arkansas. (Served under General Kirby Smith).

(h). ANNA REBECCA COLEMAN, born Winston County, Mississippi, November 26, 1841, died November 14, 1843.

(i). MARY ANNA HARRISON COLEMAN,<sup>30</sup> born June 23, 1843, at Winston County, Mississippi, died \_\_\_\_\_, married William Barham Simpson (Brother of Mattie Jane Simpson, who married Thomas Blewett Coleman), born February 1, 1841, died September 19, 1921. Married April 18, 1867.

(j). JAMES BURR HEAD COLEMAN, born January 13, 1845, Winston County, Mississippi. Died June 12, 1905. Was President First

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<sup>30</sup> Double Wedding

National Bank, Coleman, Texas. (In February, 1949, his daughter, Mrs. Mary C. Johnson, was living at Alexandria Arms Apartment, 1801 North Alexandria Avenue, Hollywood, California).

(k) MARCIA MARENDA COLEMAN,<sup>31</sup> born May 3, 1848, Winston County, Mississippi. Died \_\_\_\_\_, Lived at Coleman, Texas. Married Pem A. Andrews, April 18, 1867.

1. Florence Andrews, married Jack H. Babbington. Lived at Coleman, Texas.

Ada (sic Ida) Inez Lemman and William Martin Cornett lived in Dallas, Texas, where for many years she was pipe organist in the First Baptist Church. He was prominent in musical circles, individually, and as a member of a quartet which was much in demand throughout the State. In the early 1900's he was Superintendent of the Poultry Department of the State Fair of Dallas, Manager of Printing Department of Holland's Magazine and Farm and Ranch Magazine, a fifty year charter member of The Dallas Typographical Union, which he served as treasurer for over thirty years. 5 children:

- a. Ethel May Cornett, married Wallace Earle Hawley, April 6, 1944.
- b. Inez Esther Cornett, died an infant.
- c. William Lemman Cornett. Lives in Dallas, Texas. Married February 22, 1920, Virginia Kerns, at Dallas, Texas. 2 children:
  1. Christian Martin Cornett, born March, 1921, died, 1936.
  2. Mildred Cornett, now teaching in Dallas Public Schools.
- d. John Robert Cornett, born in Dallas, lives in La Mesa, California. Married Lorine Newton, Los Angeles. 2 children:
  1. Robert Lewis Cornett, living in La Mesa, California.
  2. Beverly Lorine Cornett, living in La Mesa, California.
- e. Ada Regina Cornett, married Walter P. Henderson, December 5, 1930. Lives in Dallas, Texas.

Eugene D. Lemman (son of Regina Blewett Coleman and Dr. David S. Lemman), married Fannie M. Johns, October, 1894. 4 children:

1. Eugene Ford Lemman, born August, 1896, died January 7, 1897.
2. Woodhul Thornton Lemman.
3. Dorothy Lemman.
4. Daniel H. Lemman

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<sup>31</sup> Double Wedding.



Ina May Lemman (daughter of Regina Blewett Coleman and Dr. David S. Lemman), married Arch W. Lipscomb, November 5, 1895, San Antonio, Texas. 2 children:

1. Loyd Lemman Lipscomb, lived in Los Angeles.
2. Emily Cornett Lipscomb, lived in Los Angeles.

Louisa Harriet Coleman, married (1st) Dr. B. B. Wilkins (2nd) Judge Coombs. 2 children by first marriage, none by second.

1. Lena Lide Wilkins, married D. A. Griffiths.
  1. Lula Griffiths.
  2. Hattie Griffiths.
  3. Homer Griffiths.
  4. Norman Griffiths.
2. Norma Newport Wilkins, married Albert P. Tenison. She was born December 12, 1868, died December 11, 1942, Dallas, Texas. He was born January 10, 1859, died March 14, 1913, Dallas, Texas. 2 children:
  1. Lena Tenison, married \_\_\_\_\_ Slayton. Lived in Dallas, Texas.
  2. Albert P. Tenison, Jr., born 1891, died 1932.

Mary Anna Harrison Coleman, daughter of William Ragsdale Coleman and Sarah Newport Head, married William Barham Simpson, three children:

1. Henry Simpson, lived in Dallas, Texas.
2. (Twin) Sallie Simpson, married Mr. Pounds. Live in Brownwood, Texas.
3. (Twin) Posie Simpson, married Mr. Gardenheir. Live in Brownwood, Texas.

James Burr Head Coleman, son of William Ragsdale Coleman and Sarah Newport Head, married Mary Livingston. 5 children:

1. Casey Livingston Coleman.
2. Charles Pelham Coleman.
3. Mary Finney Coleman, married \_\_\_\_\_ Johnson. Live in Hollywood, California.
4. Clarence Coleman.
5. Margaret Coleman.

Marcia Maranda Coleman, daughter of William Ragsdale Coleman and Sarah Newport Head, married Pem A. Andrews, at Hallettsville, Texas. Children:

1. Florence Newport Andrews, married John Henry Williams-

1. Lucile Babington.
2. Mabel Elizabeth Babington, married H. R. Fossler, of Vermillion, South Dakota.

2. Lucile Andrews.

Ethel May Cornett, daughter of Ada Inez Lemman and William Martin Cornett, married Wallace Earle Hawley, born June 29, 1894, Bridgeport, Connecticut. Served in World War, 56th Artillery, Alsace-Lorraine, Champaign Defense, Oise-Aisne, Aisne-Marne, St. Mihiel, Meuse-Argonne; Croix de Guerre, Purple Heart and Silver Star awards; Gassed and wounded. Retired as First Lieutenant, U. S. Army, Son of Authur W. Hawley, 1860-1941; grandson of Eli Curtis Hawley, 1818-1899; great grandson of Abijah Hawley, 1785-1846; great, great grandson of Robert E. Hawley, Jr., 1762-1845 (served in American Revolution); great, great, great grandson of Captain Robert E. Hawley, Sr., 1726 - 179? (served in French-Indian and American Revolutionary Wars); great, great, great, great grandson of John Hawley, Jr., 1694; great, great, great, great, great grandson of Captain John Hawley, Sr., served in French-Indian Wars, was nineteen times Rep. to General Assembly, 1661-1729; who was seventh child of Joseph Hawley, 1603 - 1690. Born in England, came to America 1629-30. All others mentioned were born Stratford, Connecticut. Joseph Hawley was first Town Clerk of Stratford, was town Treasurer, some thirty-eight times Representative in Connecticut General Court. Second largest property owner, and Justice of the Peace when he died in 1690. Mentioned in most genealogies as important Founding Father, or Immigrant Ancestor.

#### FAMILY RECORD

Drawn from the family Bible at William R. Coleman's, in Winston County, Mississippi, November 29, 1844, by H. J. F. W. Coleman. (Original copy made in 1844, now in possession of Mrs. J. W. Starnes, Ridgeway, South Carolina).

#### BIRTHS

Wiley Coleman, Father, October 27, 1771.  
Sarah Ragsdale Coleman, Mother, October 15, 1781.

William R. Coleman, October 4, 1800.  
Nancy Ann Coleman, December 6, 1801.  
Joseph R. Coleman, June 2, 1803.  
Sophia Coleman, January 16, 1805.  
Griffin R. Coleman, September 27, 1807.  
Elizabeth A. Coleman, April 4, 1810. (Twin)  
Robert F. Coleman, April 4, 1810. (Twin)  
Rebecca Coleman, December 20, 1812.  
Wiley W. W. Coleman, April 19, 1815.  
Henry J. F. W. Coleman, February 5, 1818.  
Sarah Coleman, December 25, 1819.  
Eli Coleman, January 8, 1824.

#### MARRIAGES

Wiley Coleman to Sarah Ragsdell (Ragsdale), in the year 1799.  
Nancy A. Coleman to Richard Nolen, January 22, 1822.  
Joseph R. Coleman to Juliana Banks, February 5, 1824.  
Elizabeth A. Coleman to John Williams, October 12, 1826.  
Sophia Coleman to William Coleman, January 9, 1827.  
William R. Coleman to Sarah Head, January 26, 1830.  
Griffin R. Coleman to Susannah Cockrell, February 9, 1830.  
Robert F. Coleman to Margaret Smith, in the year 1832.  
Rebecca Coleman to John W. Robertson, February, 1835.  
Sarah Coleman to Wiley U. Gilmar, December 8, 1833.  
Wiley W. W. Coleman to Mary Coleman, February, 1836.  
Eli Coleman to Elenor Beaseley, in the year 1844.  
H. J. F. W. Coleman to Alcy Cockrell, November 28, 1848.

#### DEATHS

Wiley Coleman, October 16, 1824.  
Sarah Coleman, August 3, 1820.  
John Williams, August 6, 1836.  
Elizabeth A. Williams, May 8, 1837.

(The following is in different handwriting from H. J. F. Coleman's ).

Nancy Ann Nolen, July 6, 1847.  
Eli Coleman, April, 1849.  
Richard Nolen, October, 1851.

Sophia Coleman, January 22, 18 57.  
Joseph R. Coleman, June 16, 1859.  
Juliana Banks Coleman, December 21, 1871.  
Alice Coleman (Alcy), November 11, 1863.

H. J. F. W. Coleman, January 20, 1891.

2. COLONEL JOSEPH RAGSDALE COLEMAN, of South Carolina State Militia, son of Wylie Roe Coleman and Sarah Ragsdale (Ragsdell), was born June 2, 1803, died June 16, 1859, and married February 5, 1824, Juliana Banks (Majoribanks), born March 11, 1804, died December 21, 1871. Both are buried at Fellowship Church Cemetery, near Woodward, South Carolina. Lived East of Blackstock, but attended Church at Fellowship (near the Samuel Moberley, Jr., home).

It is said that Joseph was not a church member, but was inclined to the Baptist, so Juliana, who was Scotch Presbyterian, told him she would join with him, if he would join the church, so Baptists they became. There was no Baptist Church near, so they would go down on Saturday and spend the night with the Moberleys, and drive home Sunday afternoon. They were both big and fat and had a buggy specially made, to which they drove two horses.

Joseph Ragsdale Coleman was evidently an officer in the State Militia. They had musters, and were taught to drill, etc. Some of his commissions, dating back to the 1830's, are in possession of Mrs. J. W. Starnes, Ridgeway, South Carolina. The inscriptions on the graves of this couple, at Fellowship Cemetery, are as follows:

"Sacred to the memory of Colonel J. R. Coleman, who was born June 3, 1803. Passed away June 16, 1859, aged 56 years and 13 days."

"Sacred to the memory of Mrs. J. R. Coleman." (Stone broken and dates destroyed).

There were eight children, as follows:

1. Wylie R. Coleman, born January 3, 1825, died in Mexico (Mexican War), July 18, 1847.
2. Sarah Elizabeth Coleman, born March 8, 1827, died September 14, 1861. Married William Robinson, August 28, 1850.

3. Samuel Wyatt Coleman, born October 9, 1829, died August 4, 1856. Buried in Strong Burying Ground, on Great Falls Road East of Blackstock. Never married.
4. Rebecca Jane, born June 29, 1832. Died in infancy.
5. Sicily Allenia, born June 1, 1834. Married Dr. T. F. Broom, December 1, 1859.
6. Henry Allen Coleman, born March 16, 1837, died January 6, 1908, Married Harriett Matilda Coleman, daughter of James Buchanan Coleman and Aseaneth Davis, at Ridgeway, South Carolina. Dr. Henry Allen Coleman lived and died at Mandarin, Florida.
7. Mary Hellender "Ellen" Coleman, born October 24, 1839. Married Thomas Nelson, October 24, 1872. Died at Simpson, South Carolina.
8. Walter Francis Marion Coleman, born September 21, 1846, died December 25, 1895. Married Cynthia Miller, January 6, 1870. W. F. M. Coleman was the father of Mrs. J. W. Starnes, Ridgway, South Carolina. He is buried at Pleasant Grove Presbyterian Church, six miles from Chester, near the Great Falls Road. His wife's family lived near there, and her grandfather gave the land on which the church was built.

Wylie R. Coleman volunteered to go to Mexico December 8, 1846, and died of illness at Pueblo July 18, 1847. His name is on the iron Palmetto tree monument on the State House Grounds, Columbia, South Carolina.

Samuel Wyatt Coleman, third child above, is buried in the Strong family cemetery, on Great Falls Road, East of Blackstock, near where Joseph Ragsdale Coleman lived. Two infants of Joseph Ragsdale Coleman are buried in the Allen Coleman Cemetery, east of Blackstock.

3. SOPHIA COLEMAN, daughter of Wylie Roe Coleman and Sarah Ragsdale, was born January 14, 1805, died January 22, 1857. Married January 9, 1827, (her first cousin) William Charles Coleman, son of Allen Roe Coleman and Sarah Coleman.
4. ELIZABETH COLEMAN, born April 4, 1810, died May 8, 1837. Married John Williams, October 12, 1826.

5. GRIFFIN R. COLEMAN, born September 27, 1807, died May, 1870. Married Susan Coleman Cockrell, February 9, 1830.
6. ROBERT COLEMAN, born April 4, 1810 (Twin). Married Margaret Smith, in 1832.
7. REBECCA COLEMAN, born December 20, 1812. Married John W. Robertson, in February, 1835. Buried in Lebanon Cemetery, Choctaw County, Mississippi.
8. WILEY COLEMAN, born April 19, 1815, died 1875. Married Mary (Polly) Coleman, daughter of Solomon Coleman and Betty Elam. Buried at Mashulaville.
9. WYATT COLEMAN (H. J. F. W.), born February 5, 1818, died January 20, 1891. Married Ailsey Cockrell, November 28, 1848. She died November 11, 1863.
10. SARAH COLEMAN, born December 25, 1819. Married Wiley U. Gilmar, December 8, 1833.
11. ELIHU COLEMAN, born 1824, died April, 1849. Married Eleanor Beasley, in 1844. Eli settled in Georgia.

**CHILDREN OF THOMAS BLEWETT COLEMAN**  
(From Thomas Blewett Coleman Family Bible)

1. David William (Dave) Coleman, born Lavaca County, Texas, August 15, 1871.
2. Ernest Head Coleman, born Lavaca County, Texas, July 23, 1874.
3. Hattie Coleman, born Lavaca County, Texas, August 9, 1881, died October 4, 1882.
4. George Thomas Coleman, born Lavaca County, Texas, November 20, 1883. Died near Granbury, Hood County, Texas, April 21, 1938. Interred Hallettsville, Texas.
5. (Twin). Sarah Arabella (Sallie) Coleman, born Lavaca County, Texas, October 17, 1886. Married William Flemming (Billie) McKennon.
6. (Twin). Boy, born Lavaca County, Texas, October 17, 1886, died five days old.

7. James Joseph (Jim) Coleman, born Lavaca County, Texas, April 22, 1891.
8. Frank Ralph Coleman, born Hallettsville, Lavaca County, Texas, May 30, 1895.

**CHILDREN OF W. R. COLEMAN AND  
SARAH NEWPORT HEAD**

1. W. H. Coleman, born December 13, 1830, died December 1890.
2. Sarah Susan Coleman, born April 3, 1832.
3. Thomas Blewit Coleman, born October 12, 1833.
4. Eliza Jane Macon Coleman, born January 30, 1835, died June 20, 1880.
5. Regina Blewitt Coleman, born December 17, 1836.
6. Louisa Harritt Coleman, born September 10, 1838.
7. Henry Jonathan Coleman, born March 25, 1840, died March 8, 1862. Fell at the Battle of Elkhorn, Arkansas.
8. Anna Rebecca Coleman, born November 26, 1841, died November 14, 1843.
9. Mary Anner Harrison Coleman, born June 23, 1843.
10. James Burr Head Coleman, born January 13, 1845, died June 1905.
11. Marcia Maranda Coleman, born May 3, 1848.

Note: Obituary for W. H. Coleman shows he was born December 3, 1830, and died December 30, 1890. His wife was C. R. Coleman.

CHARLES COLEMAN, SR. (We know of no relation of our Charles and Robert Coleman of the first generation, and give this data for the reason that there is a connection with our Coleman family by marriage, as follows, through Joseph Ragsdale Coleman's son). His will is on record in Fairfield County, Will Book Volume 3, Page 85, dated August 13, 1836, recording date unknown, but estate was being settled in 1842. Brief of Will follows:

"My daughter, Harriet M. Leggo.

Son-James B. Coleman (Dr. James Buchanan Coleman)

Son-George B. Coleman. "Land whereon he lives at present."

Daughter-Malinda W. Boyd.

Son-Charles S. Coleman.

Son-Joseph R. Coleman.

Daughter-Judith B. Simpson.  
Daughter-Sarah Ann Coleman.  
Daughter-Jane B. Coleman.  
Son-John A. I. Coleman.

Note : Before settlement of estate was completed, some of the children had married and were mentioned as follows:

Malinda W. Boyd, husband John Keith.  
Sarah Ann Coleman, husband Thomas L. Simpson.  
Jane B. Coleman, husband John K. Smith.

Husband of Judith B. Simpson referred to as William Simpson.

Reference to "Charles" Coleman, son of George B. Coleman (1859).

DAR Lineage Book, Volume 56, National No. 55464:

1. Charles Coleman served as armorer in South Carolina militia 178?-81. Born in Virginia 1762, died in 1842, in Alabama. Married Elizabeth Gibson. Their son, James Buchanan Coleman, married Asenath Davis, born 1815, died December 21, 1890, daughter of J. Thomas Davis and Esther Hines, of Longtown, Fairfield County, South Carolina. Their children:
  1. Essie (Esther) Ruth Coleman, married D. N. Durham.
  2. James W. Coleman, born December 2, 1844, died June 13, 1899, buried at Aimwell Presbyterian Church, near Ridgeway, South Carolina. Married Elizabeth Cason, born July 13, 1852, died September 28, 1924. She is buried by him.
  3. Harriett Matilda Coleman, married Henry Allen Coleman, a Confederate surgeon, (who was son of Joseph Ragsdale Coleman and Juliana Banks (Majoribanks). Harriett Matilda Coleman was born October 7, 1842, died November 2, 1926. Dr. Henry Allen Coleman was born March 16, 1837, and died January 6, 1908.
  4. Minnie Coleman, married James A. Kennedy.

The above Charles Coleman had a brother, Robert Coleman, and they lived over on the Wateree River. Robert sold land to Charles and returned to Virginia.

Number 3 above, Harriett Matilda Coleman and Dr Henry Allen Coleman had daughter:

1. Essie (Esther) Ida Coleman, born March 12, 1867, died November 21, 1953, who married Henry Lee Coleman, son of George



Washington Coleman and Mary Elizabeth Stevenson, of Feasterville, South Carolina. (Henry Lee Coleman was grandson of Henry Jonathan Coleman and Mary Feaster). Essie and Henry Lee Coleman lived at Mandarin, Florida, in the Doctor's home.

Dr. Henry Allen Coleman and Harriett Matilda Coleman also had a son, who died as a child.

Essie Coleman (Mrs. Henry Lee Coleman), daughter of Henry Allen Coleman and Harriett Matilda Coleman, writes:

"My mother's father bought the John Roseborough place in Ridgeway, bringing his bride, Aesaneth Davis, to it. He built the brick house with the labor of his slaves, about the time the railroad put through Ridgeway, giving a right-of-way between him and Colonel Davis, who owned the opposite hill. Bricks were made near the spring, and my mother said it was a beautiful sight at night when they were fired."

ZEVEABLE COLEMAN, 12th child of Robert Coleman and Elizabeth Roe, was born November 28, 1789, and died very young. Is buried at the foot of his parents.

HENRY JONATHAN COLEMAN, 13th child of Robert Coleman and Elizabeth Roe, was born June 22, 1793, and died February 3, 1861. On December 31, 1818, he married Mary Feaster, daughter of John Feaster and Drucilla Moberley, the ceremony being performed by his oldest brother, David Roe Coleman. He was a soldier of the War of 1812, and among the Pension and Bounty Land Records in The National Archives, Washington, D. C., is a file #WO 10 397, COLEMAN, Henry Jonathan, relating to claims based on his War of 1812 service. The National Archives General Land Office records show that under the act of September 28, 1850, Warrant No. 14829 for 80 acres was issued to Henry J. Coleman on September 8, 1851, for his services. Other grants also were made to him for this service, on record in above office. He enlisted at Winns Bridge, South Carolina, (near Winnsboro), and served from October 6, 1814 to February 28, 1815, as Private in Captain William Nevitt's Company of South Carolina Militia.

Henry Jonathan Coleman acquired nearly 2000 acres of land, and owned forty or fifty slaves. Everything they wore and ate was made on

the place - cotton, wool, and hogs. The negro women during the winter months spun the cotton and wool, and wove the cloth for white and black.

He was a hatter by, trade, as well as a first class farmer. His slaves wore good clothes, and had plenty to eat. As a hatter, he made fine hats, beavers, etc.

Table 4

**DESCENDANTS OF HENRY JONATHAN COLEMAN  
AND MARY FEASTER**

1. JOHN FEASTER COLEMAN, son of Henry Jonathan Coleman and Mary Feaster. Married February 9, 1847, Miss Sarah (Sallie) Gladden. Their children:
  1. Silas Gladden Coleman, died a child in 1863.
  2. John Gladden Coleman, born June 3, 1849, died single, December 14, 1919.
  3. Allen Feaster Coleman, married Mrs. Hodge in Louisiana.
  4. Mary Rebecca Coleman, born September 27, 1852, died October 30, 1917.
  5. Charlie Fernando Coleman, born October 5, 1854, died October 23, 1882.
  6. Sarah Edith Coleman, born February 29, 1856, died November 3, 1930.

John Feaster Coleman and Sallie Gladden were cousins, and her parents objected to the marriage for that reason. They fell in love when very young. Sallie told her parents she would wait until she was twenty one years old, and if she still felt the same way, they would marry then. They waited, and married. Two weeks before the last child was born, he died of typhoid fever, and Sallie was so grieved that she had no desire nor will to live. Her family tried to persuade her that she should live for the sake of her children, but she died April 8, 1856. They were second cousins, lived at Feasterville, and are buried at the Feaster Cemetery. Little Sarah Edith Coleman was little more than one month old, was taken and raised by her grandparents, Mary Feaster and Henry Jonathan Coleman, Sr. She was a great pleasure to them, as well as her Uncle, George W. Coleman. In 1857 or 1858, she was carried by them to Preston, Georgia, to visit Sarah Caroline Coleman Mitchell, her mother's

sister. "Mammy," as the grandmother Mary (Polly) was called by the grandchildren, was in good health, Edith was a beautiful plump, sweet baby. Sarah Mitchell's first baby, Ella, was a sweet baby, but very frail. All enjoyed so much being together.

Sallie Gladden Coleman, knowing she would die, had "willed" her fourth child, Mary Rebecca Coleman, to her sister, Sarah Caroline Coleman. The latter was then engaged to marry Beverly C. Mitchell. When her sister-in-law died, leaving her the child, she told Mr. Mitchell she had been asked to take the child, and if it did not suit him, she would release him from their engagement. He replied that he did not want released, "She will be our little girl," and so they were married, and raised the child as their own. Mr. Mitchell had a nice home, and was kind to all.

- (3). Allen Feaster Coleman married a widow, Mrs. Marcie Hodge, in Louisiana, and had two children:
  1. Janie Coleman, married Dr. Wiggins, of Arkansas.
  2. Allen Feaster Coleman, Jr., lived in Kingsville, Texas.
- (4). Mary Rebecca Coleman, died at the home of her sister, Mrs. Martin D. C. Colvin, Feasterville. She married November 29, 1876, Joseph Carter Roney (born in McDuffie County, Georgia. 3 children:
  1. Anna Belle Roney, born December 17, 1877, in Americus, Georgia. Married December 5, 1900, Dobbins Holmes, of Clinton, North Carolina. He was born August 13, 1869. 1 child:
    1. Dorothy Holmes, born September 12, 1904. Married December, 1928, Archer Edmont Turner. No children.
  2. Joseph Coleman Roney, born December 9, 1879.
  3. Charles Henry Roney, born January 5, 1884, died January 10, 1884.
- (5). Charlie Fernando Coleman, lived and died near Monticello, Fairfield County, South Carolina. Married February 2, 1876, Miss Alice Martin, of that place. 2 children:
  1. Charlie Martin Coleman, born January 12, 1877, died December, 1930. Married Miss Tina Rhames, of Camden, South Carolina.
  1. George Rhames Coleman, born December 17, 1904.
  2. Claudia Coleman, born February 3, 1879. Married

William H. Suber, of Newberry County, South Carolina.

3 children:

1. Mary Alice Suber, born March 5, 1903.
2. Gladys Coleman Suber, born August 30, 1906. Married  
             Smith.
3. Elizabeth Suber, born November 5, 1913. Married Carl  
    Setzler.

(6). Sarah Edith Coleman, married August 7, 1877, Martin Dennis Calhoun Colvin, born in Chester, South Carolina, September 5, 1852, died May 21, 1928. They were married in the Henry Jonathan Coleman home, then owned and occupied by her uncle, George Washington Coleman and his wife, Mary Elizabeth Coleman (nee Stevenson). The following children were born to them:

1. Dennis Coleman Colvin, born March 24, 1879. Married Miss Essie Maie Rudisill, of Dallas, North Carolina, July 22, 1909. Now living at Gastonia, North Carolina. 2 children:
  1. Sarah Elizabeth, born June 21, 1910.
  2. David Coleman Colvin, born January 2, 1920.
2. Eva Colvin, born February 18, 1881. Single.
3. Charlie Fernando Colvin, born April 19, 1883, married at Tulsa, Oklahoma, January 18, 1919, Miss Dorothea Wier Hudson. 1 child:
  1. Constance, born May 31, 1920.
4. John Colvin, born April 29, 1885, died September 24, 1886.
5. William Jerome Colvin, born October 15, 1886, married January 15, 1913, Miss Lillian Sipple, of Ridgeland, South Carolina.  
4 Children:
  1. Edith Sipple Colvin, born August 16, 1915.
  2. William Jerome Colvin, Jr., born October 7, 1917.
  3. Francis Meador Colvin, born November 3, 1919.
  4. Martin Coleman Colvin, born November 3, 1919.
6. Henry Gladden Colvin, born February 14, 1889, died single.
7. Mary Alice Colvin, born April 23, 1892, married Thomas Mathias Adams. 1 child:
  1. Edith Emily Adams.
8. Infant Daughter, born October 19, 1897.

2. ELIZABETH DRUCILLA COLEMAN, daughter of Henry Jonathan

Coleman and Mary Feaster. Married November 18, 1837, Micajah Boulware Pickett, in Americus, Georgia, and had the following children:

1. Mary E. Pickett, born at Feasterville, South Carolina, in the Henry Jonathan Coleman Home, November 25, 1839, married November 21, 1861, Dr. Cadwaller Raines. Children:
  1. Ida, born November 18, 1862.
  2. Elizabeth Micajah Raines, born February 9, 1866. Married Steven R. Johnson. 5 children:
    1. Elam R. Johnson, killed in RR wreck.
    2. Sallie Schumpert Johnson, a fine musician.
    3. Mary F. Johnson, married Charles Wells, March 4, 1917, at Americus, Georgia.
    4. Amos Steve Johnson, married Miss Alice Fussell.
    5. Coleman Pickett Johnson, married Miss Annie B. Ellison. 1 child:
      1. Mary Elizabeth Johnson.
2. Sarah K. Pickett, born April 21, 1842. Married Amos Schumpert, February 1, 1863. 1 child:
  1. Amos King Schumpert, born July 24, 1878, Married Joel Walter Hightower. 4 children:
    1. Edith Hightower.
    2. Sarah Vashti Hightower.
    3. Joel A. Hightower.
    4. Sue Clifford Hightower.
3. Louisa J. Pickett, born November 23, 1843, in Sumter County, Georgia. Married October 13, 1868, William Harvey. (Died 1903) 2 children:
  1. Pickett Harvey, died young. (Born 1869).
  2. Mary Tabitha Harvey, born June 28, 1871, died 1910. Married Thomas W. Stewart. 1 child:
    1. William A. Stewart.
4. Emma Henrietta Pickett, born Sumter County, Georgia, May 13, 1852, married October 27, 1870, John Rufus King, 4 children:
  1. Miriam Elizabeth King, married Emmett Eugene Cook, 1907. 3 children:
    1. John Rufus Cook, born June 27, 1908, Preston Georgia. 2 children: Barbara and Betty.
    2. Emmett Eugene Cook, born December 27, 1910.
    3. Coleman Pickett Cook, born April 4, 1913.

2. John Amos King, married Elizabeth Louise Stephens. 3 children:
  1. John Amos King, born November 4, 1907.
  2. Frank Pickett King, born February 15, 1909.
  3. Annie Margaret King, born November 13, 1910.
3. Robert Lee King, married Lois Katherine King. 2 children:
  1. Emma Frances King, born November 2, 1910.
  2. Miriam King, born August 26, 1913.
 (Robert Lee King was killed in an automobile wreck).
5. Annie C. Pickett (1st), died quite young, single. Born February 24, 1846, Sumter County, Georgia.
6. Annie Pickett (2nd ), died single. Born May 4, 1862.
7. John Feaster Pickett, born December 26, 1848. Married Julia Brown, April 21, 1875. 2 children:
  1. Mary Lorena Pickett, married D. C. Pickett.
  2. Eloise Elizabeth Pickett.
8. Henry Coleman Pickett, born November 7, 1854. Married Evelyn Kellerher. No children.
9. Micajah B. Pickett, Jr., killed in Cotton Compress at Eufaula, Alabama. Born January 4, 1860.
10. Musco T. (or P.) Pickett, born April 3, 1857. Married Minnie McGarrah, February 26, 1885. 3 children:
  1. Jerome Pickett.
  2. Annie May Pickett.
  3. Edna Elizabeth Pickett.

The greater part of Elizabeth Drucilla Coleman Pickett's married life was spent in Sumter County, Georgia. She died in Americus, Georgia, and is buried there. Her son, Henry Coleman Pickett, was a member of the New York Stock Exchange. He came home and nursed her in her last illness, seeing that she had everything desired and needed.

3. DR. ROBERT WILLIAMS COLEMAN, third child of Henry Jonathan Coleman and Mary Feaster, was born October 3, 1822, and died in 1873. On November 9, 1847, he married Miss Nancy Amanda McConnell, who was born February 22, 1830. He was born, lived, died, and was buried at Feasterville, South Carolina (Feaster Cemetery). He was a fine physician, educated in New York City in medicine, and a lover of fine horses. Was of that temperament, it is said, that attracts a man's confidence and a woman's respect in professional life. He enlisted

the Civil War in the Buckhead Guards, but was unanimously picked by the people to remain at home, the community feeling it would not do for him to leave. In 1861, he sent his brother, George Washington Coleman, to the military school at Kings Mountain to prepare him for the war, though George was only seventeen years of age. (Six of these brothers served in that War).

During the Ku-Klux days, Robert Williams Coleman was the counselor in his neighborhood. It is said that his judgment was never at fault nor his counsel unheeded in those trying times. Five children were born to this marriage, as follows:

1. Frances Maria Coleman, born November 10, 1852. Married Dr. Virgil P. Clayton. 1 child: (He married (2nd) Miss Jessie Sudlow).
  1. Daisy Lucille Clayton, born June 25, 1873, died March 3, 1914. Married Robert Willis Buntz.
    1. Robert Willis Buntz.
    2. Daisy Lucille Buntz.
    3. Francis Marion Buntz.
    4. Albert Buntz.
2. Andrew McConnell Coleman, born July 28, 1855, died January 29, 1930. Married Annie Isabel Feaster, born January 30, 1857, died October 9, 1901. 10 children:
  1. Robert Williams, born January, 1874.
  2. Thomas Woodward Coleman.
  3. Victoria Elizabeth Coleman.
  4. Andrew McConnell Coleman.
  5. Virgil Clayton Coleman.
  6. David Roe Coleman.
  7. Allen Griffin Coleman, born February 22, 1888.
  8. Nancy Ann Coleman, born August 26, 1890.
  9. Bennie Coleman.
  10. Lewis Coleman.

Allen Griffin Coleman, Route #3, Box 395, Marshall, Texas, married December 14, 1921, to Maudie Mae Wood, born February 2, 1899, El Dorado, Arkansas. Children:

1. Joe Allen Coleman, born September 7, 1922, Haynesville, Louisiana. Married October 12, 1957, (sic) to Marta June Bobbs. Children: Mark, Griffin, and Marta Jo.

2. Helen Ruth Coleman, born November 5, 1930. Married Ruben Vernon Wuensche. Children: Vernon Allen and John Anthony.
3. Mary Elizabeth Coleman, born August 29, 1857, died January 23, 1862.
4. Sarah Jane Coleman, born September 12, 1860. Married William B. Davis, of Wilmington, North Carolina. They later lived in New York City.
  1. LeRoy Coleman Davis, born December 25, 1881. Married Hattie E. Vail, September 30, 1901, Florida, New York.
  2. William B. Davis, born March 3, 1884, died May 19, 1888.
  3. Julia Elizabeth Davis, married Jerome H. Lake, New York City, October 19, 1907.
  4. Mary Elizabeth Davis, married George W. Buehler, New York City, June 21, 1913.
    1. Coleman Buehler.
5. Mary Elizabeth Coleman (2nd), born September 6, 1862. Married William Yongue Coleman.

It is said that when Robert Williams Coleman was studying medicine at Bellevue Hospital in New York City, he saw a house there he admired, came home and built one like it, in which he lived. Later, his daughter, Mary Elizabeth Coleman and her husband William Yongue Coleman lived there. It is still in the family.

"COLEMAN Masonic Lodge No. 97, Feasterville, Fairfield District, was organized in 1860. The warrant of this Lodge, dated November 20, 1860, was granted to J. C. C. Feaster, W.M., R. W. Coleman, S. W., and J. F. Coleman, J.W." (Page 575, Mackey's History of Freemasonry in South Carolina.

Note: The above men were John Christopher Columbus Feaster, son of Andrew Feaster and Mary Norris (he built Clanmore, the Faucette home); Dr. Robert William Coleman and John Feaster Coleman, brothers.

4. JACOB FEASTER COLEMAN, son of Henry Jonathan Coleman and Mary Feaster, married Marion Rebecca Meador, born July 19, 1831 died at home, March 11, 1879. He died of pneumonia, at Wilmington, North Carolina, while serving as a soldier in the War Between the States. His body was brought home by his body servant and



slave, Tone Shelton, and a friend, William Mabry. They were married February 22, 1848. 5 children:

1. Mary Elizabeth Coleman, died young, A child.
2. Silvia (Sibbie) Caroline Coleman, married Thomas W. Traylor, on December 20, 1866. 7 children:
  1. Fannie L. Traylor, born September 19, 1867, married Harry Gibson, of Columbia, South Carolina. 2 children:
    1. Henry L. Gibson, born January 13, 1889, married Miss May Ryan, of California. 1 child: Frances Lillian Gibson, born December 19, 1914.
    2. Lillian Coleman Gibson, born January 26, 1891, married Reverend E. D. Brownlee, August 11, 1914, Columbia, South Carolina.  
1 child: E. D., Jr., born April 20, 1916, died July 12, 1917, at Sanford, Florida.
  2. Thomas W. Traylor, born April 16, 1873, died 1926, married Miss Maggie Boulware. 12 children:
    1. Fannie Eunice Traylor, born September 27, 1894, married Davis Boulware.
    2. Clyde May Traylor, born June 23, 1896.
    3. Thomas Herbert Traylor, born July 22, 1898, married Gladys Hill.
    4. Conrad Meador, born April 26, 1900.
    5. John Cornwell Traylor, born May 14, 1902.
    6. Silvia Edith Traylor, born September 24, 1904.
    7. William Lyles Traylor.
    8. Harvey Preston Traylor, born May 17, 1910.
    9. Chesley Traylor, born March 15, 1908.
    10. H. Coleman Traylor.
    11. Maggie Helen, born October 9, 1912.
    12. Horace Traylor, born June 21, 1915.
  3. Clarence Arthur Traylor, born October 11, 1882, died September 23, 1912. Married Miss Minnie Belk. Had one child.
  4. Horace Cleveland Traylor, born December 13, 1884, married Miss Hattie Nesbit, of Spartanburg, South Carolina. (He is Judge, Probate Court, Fairfield County, 1950).
    1. Horace Traylor, Jr.
  5. C. Edna Traylor, born 1870.
  6. William Coleman Traylor, born December 10, 1871.

7. Preston Hampton Traylor, 1876. Died when he was 2 years old. (Five or six died as infants. No names).
3. Jacob Feaster Coleman, Jr., born July 26, 1855, died July, 1925. Married Miss Hattie E. Robinson, of Union, South Carolina, on December 19, 1883. She died 1950. 3 sons born to them:
  1. Jacob Wallace Coleman, born June 5, 1885, married Miss Laura Aseaneth Kennedy, November 20, 1917, at Ridgeway, South Carolina. 1 child:
    1. Jacob Wallace Coleman, born October 30, 1919.
    2. Roy Meredith Coleman, born April 21, 1887, died single.
    3. George Franklin Coleman, born March 4, 1891, married Henres Kathline Buchanan, June 5, 1917, Winnsboro, South Carolina.
      1. George Franklin Coleman, born August 21, 1918 married Miss Lucy Davis, Winnsboro, South Carolina. In 1950, he was a successful lawyer, practicing at Winnsboro a member of the House of Representatives from Fairfield County.
      2. John Buchanan Coleman.
  4. Jonathan Meredith Coleman, born December 4, 1861, died October 16, 1914. Buried at Baltimore, Maryland. Married (1st) Miss Stella Maltoon (or Mattoon) on May 20, 1886. 1 child: Stella, died December 8, 1908, an infant. He married (2d) Miss Katie Lenthecum of Baltimore, Maryland, April 26, 1900. (This was his wife's friend, and the wife requested that he marry her.)
  5. Rebecca May Coleman, died young. Born February 5, 1885, died June 7, 1882.

Sarah Caroline Coleman, daughter of Henry Jonathan Coleman, played the piano beautifully, and Narcissa Feaster also played beautifully. It is said that on summer evenings one could hear both pianos being played, one at the Henry Jonathan Coleman home, and one at the Andrew Feaster home, both now owned by the Dickey family.

5. CHANEY COLEMAN, daughter of Henry Jonathan Coleman and Mary Feaster, was born January 4, 1826, and died unmarried.
6. SARAH CAROLINE COLEMAN, daughter of Henry Jonathan Coleman and Mary Feaster, was born April 9, 1827, and died September

19, 1890, at Americus, Georgia. Married June 12, 1856, Beverley C. Mitchell, and lived at Americus, Georgia.

From "The Mobley's and Their Connections," by W. W. Dixon: "She was one of the singularly beautiful characters that has enriched history. She is yet spoken of as a favorite pupil of Mrs. Kate Ladd. There was never a sister more deservedly loved than she. This fair flower of womanhood, transplanted from our State to Georgia, spent its fragrance and had its fruitage in the sister state. Her body rests there at Americus, Georgia."

Her husband, when they married, lived at Webster County. After the War he moved to Americus, where he died. His son, Henry Coleman Mitchell, received an appointment to West Point, but had to decline on account of measles, which impaired his eyesight. He has been City Alderman of his home town. Franklin Preston Mitchell was Postmaster of Americus for twelve years. Ella inherited her mother's talent for music and painting. Sallie was very much like her mother. After the War, Mr. Mitchell sold his cotton for \$55,000 in gold, and moved to Americus, Georgia. Children:

1. Ella Mitchell, born June 23, 1857.
2. Sarah (Sallie) Mitchell, born December 10, 1858.
3. Henry Coleman Mitchell, born January 9, 1860, died June 30, 1915.
4. Franklin Preston Mitchell, born November 29, 1862, died February 23, 1916.
5. James Robert Mitchell, born September 14, 1867.

Beverly C. Mitchell died July 20, 1889, at Americus, Georgia.

Sarah Caroline Coleman Mitchell died September 19, 1890, 63 years and 5 months of age.

7. DAVID ROE COLEMAN, son of Henry Jonathan Coleman and Mary Feaster, was born June 8, 1828, died Sunday morning, May 9, 1897, at 5:35 o'clock. Buried at Feaster Graveyard, Feasterville, South Carolina, at 11 A.m. on May 10, 1897. He had his eyes injured while blasting for his father in the construction of the S. U. & C. Railway (Spartenburg, Union and Columbia). He was sent to the Blind Institute, Boston. He married (1st) Laura Elizabeth Crocks, of Newberry County, South Carolina, December 20, 1855. She died July 20, 1866. They were engaged when he was blinded, and he offered to release her

from the engagement, which she refused. 5 children were born to them:

1. Mary Jane Coleman.
2. Laura E. Coleman.
3. Sarah C. Coleman. (These three died as little girls, with dyptheria)
4. David Roe Coleman, Jr., born April 25, 1863, died August, 1927.  
Married Ida Crosby, January 20, 1886.
  1. Elizabeth Coleman, married Paul West. No children.
  2. Edith Roe Coleman, single.
5. John Robert Coleman, (Physician). Born September 8, 1865, died July 24, 1922. Married Mattie Chappell Rabb, December 31, 1893. She died December 8, 1912. Children:
  1. Robert Carl Coleman, born June 8, 1895. Married Ida Mae Crowder. Children: Margaret, David Roe, Robert Carl, Jr., and Elizabeth.
  2. Ruby Lucille Coleman, born March 2, 1898, married Andrew Frank Blair, of Blair, South Carolina, 1921. Children:
    1. Robert Coleman Blair, married Alice Wicker, Son: Robert Coleman Blair, Jr.
    2. Andrew Franklin Blair, Jr.
    3. Patricia Eugenia Blair.
    4. William Lawrence Blair.
  3. Phillip Allen Coleman, married Ethel Hedgepeth. 2 children:
    1. Martha Anne Coleman.
    2. Phillip Allen Coleman, Jr.
  4. Clyde Clayton Coleman, married Herbert Barrineau.
  5. A. Roe Coleman, married Adelaide Marks, Children:
    1. Clayton Coleman.
    2. John Robert Coleman.
    3. Roe Ellen Coleman.
  6. Grace Eileen Coleman, married Claude Hunter Ragsdale, Jr. Children:
    1. Claude Hunter Ragsdale, Jr.
    2. Linda Eileen Ragsdale.
    3. Diane Ragsdale.

7. Julian Kinlock Coleman, married Martha Baker. Children:
  1. Mary Baker.

DAVID ROE COLEMAN, married (2nd) on February 7, 1873, Elizabeth Trapp. 3 children:

1. Mary Rebecca Coleman, born December 20, 1873. Married Henry Mitchell Owings, February 6, 1895. Their children.
    1. Henry Mitchell Owings, Jr., born March 30, 1897.
    2. Mary Elizabeth Owings, born January 22, 1900. Married \_\_\_\_\_ Bolin. No children.
    3. Laura Bernice Owings, born February, 1909. Married William Rabb. 2 children: Mitchell and Bernice.
    4. Thomas David Owings, born October 29, 1911.
    5. Robert Lee Owings, born February 3, 1915. At home with mother.
  2. William Henry Coleman, married Lottie Douglass Rabb (sister of Mattie Chappell Rabb). He was born August 10, 1876, died June 8, 1913. Married February 13, 1899. Lottie Douglass Rabb was born April 18, 1885. 6 children: (He lived on and farmed his father's home place).
    1. Howard Coleman, born June 18, 1901.
    2. Ansel Roe Coleman, born April 12, 1903.
    3. William Douglas Coleman, born November 25, 1904.
    4. Charley Rabb Coleman, born October 28, 1906.
    5. Albert Griffin Coleman, born August 17, 1908.
    6. Clarence DeLano Coleman, born October 18, 1911.
  3. Ernest Eugene Coleman, son of David Roe Coleman and Elizabeth Trapp, was born March 18, 1878. Married Annie Belle Coleman, who was born March 8, 1879.
8. HENRY JONATHAN COLEMAN, JR., (1st), son of Henry Jonathan Coleman and Mary Feaster, was born January 3, 1830, and died as a child.
9. HENRY JONATHAN COLEMAN, JR., (2nd), nicknamed "Foot," 9th child of Henry Jonathan Coleman and Mary Feaster, was born May 13, 1831, and died May 3, 1874. Married September 25, 1866, Hattie E. Porter, of Ridgeway, South Carolina. (She married (2nd) David Roe

Feaster). After his death, they would speak of his widow as "Hattie Foot." Children:

1. Franklin Preston Coleman, married Edith Caroline Feaster. Children:
  1. John Feaster Coleman, lived at Ramsay, Arkansas
  2. James Rawls Coleman, lived at Ramsay, Arkansas.
2. Porter Feaster Coleman, married Dora Halsell (a descendant of Hans Wagner, as well as her husband being one). Children:
  1. Blanche Coleman.
  2. Winnie Coleman.
  3. Lorena Coleman.
  4. Henry Foot Coleman.
  5. Hugh Gladden Coleman.  
(All lived at Princeton, Arkansas).
3. Mary Emily Coleman, married R. W. Parham, of Arkansas. Children:
  1. Wilkins Parham.
  2. Tabitha Parham.
  3. Nancy Parham.
  4. Margaret Parham.
  5. Mary Ellen Parham.
  6. Hattie Parham.
  7. Sue Parham.
  8. Paul Henry Parham.
  9. Jonathan Parham. Residence, Fordyce, Arkansas.
4. Jacob David Coleman, married Lillian Hardeman. Children:
  1. Horace Jonathan Coleman.
  2. Nahela Elizabeth Coleman.
  3. Benjamin Hardeman Coleman.
  4. Henry Coleman.  
(All lived at Fordyce, Arkansas)
5. Henry Jonathan Coleman, married Rosa Gist. Children:
  1. Vanita Rose Coleman.
  2. Henry Jonathan Coleman, Jr.  
(Both of McAlister, Arkansas).
6. David Roe Coleman.

Henry Jonathan Coleman, Jr. (1831 - 1874), entered the Buckhead Guards and witnessed the bombardment of Fort Sumter. His enlistment

soon expiring, he re-enlisted in William Preston Calhoun Coleman's Company, was captured at Fort Steadman, Lookout, Maryland, and paroled in 1865. He received a severe wound at Kinston; a grape shot took him square in the check, went around the flesh and came out the back of his neck. His widow left the state. The nickname "Hattie Foot Place" still clung to the place.

10. Francis Wylie Coleman, 10th child of Henry Jonathan Coleman and Mary Feaster, was born May 23, 1833, and died unmarried.

11. William Preston Calhoun Coleman, 11th child of Henry Jonathan Coleman and Mary Feaster, was born at Feasterville, Fairfield County, South Carolina, June 28, 1834. He attended the Arsenal School in Columbia, South Carolina, and was graduated in medicine in New York. He practiced in Louisiana, came back to this state and married Miss Jane Secrest, of Lancaster Court House, South Carolina. His brother, Dr. Robert Williams Coleman, had persuaded him to come back and take part of his practice, and he settled on the Hart Means place (beyond the Feaster Burying Ground, going toward Blairs), house still standing and owned by Lee Fee in 1950. He was a violinist of such sweetness and power that it should be mentioned. Governor Means induced him to raise a company for the War Between the States. He got his brother, Dr. Benjamin Franklin Coleman, from Louisiana, to take the first lieutenancy. Means was the Colonel, 17th Regiment. Its operations were first at Charleston, then they went to Virginia.

After the Battle of Malvern Hill, Andrew Mobley and John Banks swapped places with George B. Coleman and Allan Griffin Coleman, so that they might be with their brothers, they having been transferred to the 6th Regiment.

At the Battle of Second Manassas, Captain Preston Coleman had his leg shot off and was carried from the field by his brother, Dr. Frank Coleman. His leg was amputated above the knee. He died from the effects of typhoid fever after a lingering illness at his residence in Fairfield District, Feasterville, South Carolina. He was Captain of Company B, 17th South Carolina Volunteers. Was an unusually handsome man. Died January 31, 1863. No children.

12. ALLEN GRIFFIN COLEMAN, 12th child of Henry Jonathan Coleman and Mary Feaster, was born October 24, 1835, and died July 7,

1864, being killed on the front at Petersburg, Virginia, and buried in a cemetery there. He was educated at Kings Mountain Military Academy, went through the entire war, and was shot mortally July 7, 1864.

He was considered the best soldier of his regiment, Major William Betsell told W. W. Dixon, at Union, South Carolina, in 1896. He spoke in highest terms of this soldier afterwards, saying to Colonel Fitz Hugh McMaster, that if he had a thousand such men as Allan Griffin Coleman, he would not be afraid of any line of troops in battle. He received a severe wound at Malvern Hill. Died single.

13. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN COLEMAN, 13th child of Henry Jonathan Coleman and Mary Feaster, was born October 20, 1837. He was educated at Kings Mountain Military Academy and at the Arsenal, Columbia, South Carolina. Graduated in medicine in New York. He practiced in Louisiana until he joined his brother Preston's Regiment He was killed at the Battle of Brucetown, Virginia, on October 28, 1862, and is buried in Stones Brick Chapel, Brucetown, Virginia. Died unmarried. He was six feet tall, the handsomest of all, and his mother's favorite. He ranked as a Lieutenant at his death.

14. RICHARD HENRY COLEMAN, 14th child of Henry Jonathan Coleman and Mary Feaster, was born January 15, 1839, and died unmarried.

15. HIRAM LEE COLEMAN, 15th child of Henry Jonathan Coleman and Mary Feaster, was born January 18, 1840, and died single.

16. GEORGE WASHINGTON COLEMAN, 16th child of Henry Jonathan Coleman and Mary Feaster, was born September 4, 1844, at Feasterville, South Carolina, and died at Columbia, South Carolina, February 4, 1931. He received his education at Feaster Academy, Feasterville, Fairfield County, and attended for a short time Kings Mountain Military Academy, conducted by Coward & Jenkins, at Yorkville, South Carolina, leaving to enter the Confederate Service in April, 1861, and returned to his old mother at her home July 4, 1865, then just from Federal Prison at Point Lookout, Maryland.

He farmed at Feasterville until 1884, then at Cash's Depot, Ches-



terfield County, South Carolina, for four years, then to Barhamville, near Columbia, South Carolina, for eight years, then to "Pine Top," a little farm four miles North of Columbia on the Asylum Road, and there built and lived for six years; then, to Bockman, Richland County, South Carolina, where he built up an old house and farm, until 1909. Then came back to Feasterville, to the old Henry Jonathan Coleman home place, where he had been born and raised. He, and eight of his brothers and sisters were born in that house, and eight before his father moved there.

George Washington Coleman, married (1st) Miss Mary Elizabeth Stevenson, daughter of Samuel Hemphill Stevenson and Cynthia Yongue, on March 12, 1867. 5 children:

- a. John Franklin Coleman, born December 31, 1867.
- b. Samuel Allan Coleman, born October 26, 1869.
- c. Henry Lee Coleman, born February 11, 1872.
- d. Sarah Isabelle Coleman, born October 22, 1874.
- e. George Wade Coleman, born February 6, 1877.

Mary Elizabeth Stevenson Coleman died December 22, 1878, and George Washington Coleman married (2nd) his cousin, Annie Julia Lonergan, daughter of William A. Lonergan and Chaney Isabelle Feaster, daughter of Andrew Feaster and Mary DeSassure Norris. 6 children:

- f. Lewis Andrew Coleman, born August 20, 1882.
- g. Julia Elizabeth Coleman, born April 1, 1884, at Cash's Depot, Chesterfield County, South Carolina.
- h. Robert Charles Coleman, born July 16, 1885, at Cash's Depot, South Carolina.
- i. Mary Feaster Coleman, born January 22, 1888, at Barhamville, Richland County, South Carolina.
- j. William Lonergan Coleman, born May 25, 1890, same place.
- k. Virgil Preston Coleman, born March 23, 1892, same place.

Annie Julia Lonergan Coleman died May 6, 1893, of typhoid pneumonia. She was born February 3, 1859.

- a. John Franklin Coleman, married Eva Estelle Shields, in 1891.

3 children:

1. George James Coleman, born January 1, 1894, married Selma Inez Braddock. 2 children:
  1. Dorothy Inez.
  2. George James.

2. Nellie Elizabeth Coleman, married Ray Weeks. 2 children:  
Ray, Jr. and Charles.
  3. John Franklin Coleman.
- b. Samuel Allen Coleman, born October 26, 1869. Married Miss Gertrude Isobel Shields (sister of Eva Shields, wife of his brother Frank), December 29, 1899, at Palatka, Florida. 6 children:
1. Samuel Stevenson Coleman, born October 23, 1900.
  2. Franklin Lee Coleman, born July 15, 1902.
  3. Feaster Shields Coleman, born June 13, 1904.
  4. Gertrude Elizabeth Coleman, born October 10, 1906, died August 25, 1907.
  5. Henry Jonathan Coleman, born June 24, 1912.
  6. Eva Elizabeth Coleman, born July 16, 1916. Married John Bates. 3 children.
- c. Henry Lee Coleman born February 11, 1872, married his cousin, Miss Essie Coleman, in January, 1923. She was of S. Jacksonville (Mandarin), Florida. No children.
- d. Sarah Isabelle Coleman (Belle), born October 22, 1874, married November 15, 1892, at Columbia, South Carolina, Howard Leitner Allen, son of Hiram S. Allen and Rebecca Leitner. 4 children:
1. Etta Coleman Allen, born September 8, 1894, married (1st) February 27, 1915, Karl Finnstrom, a Swede, at Columbia, South Carolina. (2nd) Braudie H. Rosson, at Augusta, Georgia, October (Sept.) 16, 1922. 1 child:
    1. Henrietta Mayo Rosson, born June 12, 1934. Married Reverend T. R. Morton. (Aug. 20, 1954)
  2. Hiram Shinn Allen, born July 13, 1896, married Alline Harmon, of Lexington, South Carolina, in 1919. 1 child: Howard Lee Allen, born December 13, 1924, at Columbia, South Carolina, married Phyllis Schmeltzer, of Grove City, Pennsylvania. 2 children: Karen Lee Allen and Linda Mae Allen. (*Howard L. Allen, William Hiram Allen*)
  3. George Coleman Allen, born April 10, 1898, died May 27, 1898, at Columbia, South Carolina, of smallpox.
  4. Mae Elizabeth Allen, born May 9, 1899, married Henry Grady Wright, Shelton, South Carolina, June 21, 1922. She was a graduate in Home Economics of Winthrop College.

They were married in the Universalist Church, at Feasterville, South Carolina. Children:

1. Henry Grady Wright, Jr., born April 21, 1923, married Miss William Z. Foster, in June, 1948. He served in World War II, and after that attended Clemson College, where he graduated in Electrical Engineering in 1950. (Died Sept, 1962)
2. Howard Allen Wright, born August 6, 1926. (md. Joyce Young)
3. Isobel Kerr Wright, born March 16, 1932. (md W. B. Shedd)

Howard Leitner Allen died September 23, 1900, and his widow, Sarah Isabelle Allen married (2nd) Julian Redwood Shelton, of Shelton, South Carolina, November 5, 1916.) (He died Oct. 25, 1945) (She died Sept. 7, 1957)

- e. George Wade Coleman, son of George W. Coleman, was born February 3, 1877, married (1st) Kate S. Skipper, at Tifton, Georgia, November 23, 1900. 3 children:
  1. Florence Elizabeth Coleman, married William E. Salter. 1 child:
    1. William E. Salter, Jr. (md *Adelia*)
  2. Laurie Louise Coleman.
  3. George Wilbur Coleman, married Emily Reid.

George Wade Coleman married (2nd) Mrs. Ida Hughes.

f. Lewis Andrew Coleman, (first child of George Washington Coleman and Anna Julia Lonergan) married at Columbia, South Carolina, Mary Ella Crim. She died in December, 1931, at Daytona Beach, Florida. Children:

1. Robert Lewis Coleman, married Mary Ellen Rowell, November 21, 1947. No children.
2. Henry Crim Coleman, married Sarah McHugh.
3. Mary Sawyer Coleman, married Bradley Lanier Dansby, at Orlando, Florida. Children:
  1. Bradley Lanier Dansby, Jr.
  2. Lewis Coleman Dansby.
4. Annie Lonergan Coleman, married Lloyd James Appleby, at Titusville, Florida, August 2, 1927. Lives at Shell Lake, Wisconsin. Several children.
  1. Mary Elizabeth Appleby.
5. Florence Feaster Coleman, married J. Owen Eubank, January 10, 1930.

6. Julia Elizabeth Coleman, married Fleming A. Seay, October, 1933. 1 child.
7. Ella Serena Coleman, married Guy Nolan Pellett. 2 children.
8. George Jacob Coleman, married Ruth Deishorst, February 28, 1942.
9. Polly Ruth Coleman, married Deore Jorgenson.
10. Fannie Reuben Coleman, married Peter A. Zahn, February 28, 1942.
11. Edith Isabelle Coleman, married LeRoy G. Dickson.
12. Lewis Andrew Coleman, Jr.

Ella Crim Coleman was born August 24, 1880, near Cedar Grove Church, Lexington County, South Carolina. Died December 14, 1931. Ella Crim Coleman's mother's cousin, Mrs. E. V. Fox, wrote her the following, August, 1928:

"There were four (4) Poindexter sisters (no brothers): Eliza Poindexter, married \_\_\_\_\_ Fox. Her daughter, Mary Fox, married Alfred Norris, son of William Norris, II (and was the mother of Mrs. Mamie Tillman).

Mary Ann Poindexter, married Jasper Sawyer, and was Mary Ella Crim's grandmother.

Martha Poindexter, married \_\_\_\_\_ Lee.

Maria Poindexter, married \_\_\_\_\_ Drafts.

- g. Julia Elizabeth Coleman (child of George Washington Coleman and Annie Julia Lonergan), was born at Cash's Depot, Chesterfield County, South Carolina. Married Jesse Chappell, of Bookman, South Carolina, November 29, 1905. 7 children:
  1. Annie Belle Chappell, married J. L. Jerigan.
  2. Mattie Elizabeth Chappell, married Mack Tuttle.
  3. Drucilla Mobley Chappell, single.
  4. Jessie Chappell.
  5. Sarah Caroline Chappell.
  6. John Pope Chappell.
  7. Lewis Gladden Chappell.
- h. Robert Charles Coleman, son of George Washington Coleman and Annie Julia Lonergan, married Martha M. Harris, November 7, 1911, at Dallas, Texas. She died at San Antonio, Texas, October 7, 1916, of acute indigestion. No children.

Robert Charles Coleman married (2nd) Mrs. Annie Hill, of Waco, Texas, November 18, 1917. No children.

i. Mary Feaster Coleman, daughter of George Washington Coleman and Annie Julia Lonergan, married her cousin, Norris Teague Froscher, April 8, 1914, at Titusville, Florida. 2 children.

1. Mary Norris Froscher, married Isaac Almand. 2 children

1. Mary Anne Almand.

2. Richard Almand.

2. James Lonergan Froscher, married Jean \_\_\_\_\_.

j. William Lonergan Coleman, married Mary Louise Hutchings, June 4, 1917, Pensacola, Florida, where they live. 1 child:

1. William Lonergan Coleman, Jr., born at Key West, Florida.

k. Virgil Preston Coleman. Single.

Annie Julia Lonergan Coleman was born in Memphis, Tennessee. She was greatly beloved by her step-children, they feeling toward her as if their own mother.

Captain E. J. Means organized Buckhead Guards. Henry Jonathan Coleman, Jr., Allen Griffin Coleman, and George Washington Coleman joined at Buckhead, South Carolina, the 6th South Carolina Regiment. Left for Charleston April 11, 1861. Were there at the firing on Fort Sumter. They volunteered for ninety days. After the expiration of the ninety days, came to Summerville, South Carolina, to reorganize. Allen Griffin Coleman and George W. Coleman, brothers, volunteered again for twelve months. Served that time, then reorganized at Orange Court House, Virginia. Boykin Lyles was made Captain. Volunteered for three years, or until the end of the War. Allen and George W. Coleman served in that Regiment until the Battle of Malvern Hill, then swapped with two men to go to the 17th (and then to the 6th South Carolina Regiment) under Captain Preston Coleman's (brother of Allen and George W. Coleman) Regiment. John Hugh Means was Colonel of that Regiment (17th). Joined and went in battle the next day. Colonel Means was killed that day. Captain Preston Coleman was shot in the leg which had to be amputated. His brother, Lieutenant B. Frank Coleman (MD.) was left there with him. As soon as he (Preston) was able to travel home, Lieutenant Frank Coleman came to our Regiment at Brucetown, Virginia ( 17th Regiment).

Lieutenant B. Frank Coleman was taken sick when there only fifteen days, and died. Is buried at Cranes Chapel (or Stones Chapel), a little church at Brucetown, Virginia. Allen G. Coleman was killed on battlefield at Petersburg, Virginia. Was shot one day and died the next. He is buried in cemetery at Petersburg, Virginia. Henry Jonathan Coleman, Jr. was captured at Fort Steadman. George W. Coleman was with his company and served until April 1, 1865, was captured at Five Forks, Virginia, then carried to Point Lookout, Maryland, and put in prison. Was paroled, came home, reaching South Carolina July 4, 1865.

Elizabeth Coleman, second daughter of D. R. Coleman, should certainly be given mention as a pioneer. She married Isaac Nolen and moved to Indian Springs, Georgia. After her marriage she rode from her father's to Indian Springs on horseback, there being no railroads in those days, and very poor dirt roads - a horseback ride of 300 miles. She became the mother of ten children, and at the age of eighty years was living in Smith County, Texas. Truly a pioneer woman!

JEFFARES CEMETERY  
(Feasterville, Fairfield County, South Carolina)

Henry C., son of Henry and E. J. Jeffares, July 11, 1864 - December 31, 1900.

William Bennet Jeffares, June 12, 1865 - July 1, 1932.

Robert Rainey Jeffares, June 30, 1862 - July 10, 1914.

Sarah R. Coleman, wife of Jessie W. Gladden, married March 25, 1835. Died February 20, 1900.

Jessie W. Gladden, September 7, 1827 - November 7, 1873.

DESCENDANTS OF WILLIAM COLEMAN  
(Brother Robert and Charles)

WILLIAM COLEMAN, married Nancy Butler. He died about 1825 1830. Purchased land from Robert Coleman, his brother, a part of the original grant from the King, and some of same was owned by his descendants up to about 1906. The family graveyard is in a clump of cedars on hill near the house place. Their children were:

1. William Coleman.

2. Solomon, died about 1863, married Betty Elam, of Chester County, sister of Nancy Elam, wife of Wylie F. Coleman.
3. Elizabeth, married John Butler.
4. Abner Coleman.
5. John (called Major John), married Polly Rainey.

All the land came to be owned by Solomon Coleman and Major John Coleman. The former owned the part joining Mrs. Jennie I. Coleman's place on the East, and lived in the house that John A. F. Coleman ("Farmer John") lived in in 1904, he buying the land from Harry D. Coleman.

2. Solomon Coleman and Betty Elam had the following children:
  1. William Coleman, married Drucilla (Drucie) Coleman, daughter of Susan Feaster and Robert Fitz Coleman. She was born 1812. William Coleman moved to Randolph County, Georgia, and had several daughters, and only one son, Henry, who lived at the old place. William was a member of the Legislature of Georgia in 1873. "I (Jennie I. Coleman's note) saw him in Atlanta then. He was a large man, of pleasant manners. Was an ardent Universalist, built a church himself on his place, and had a Convention meet there. Was called "Judge Coleman." The Confederate War coming on reduced his property, causing changes that crippled the growth of Universalism every where in the South. He and his family went into Spiritualism, and were very happy in the belief. His son, Henry, had one son, I believe. Several of the daughters never married."
  2. Martin Coleman, married Eliza Coleman, another daughter of Susan and Robert Fitz Coleman. Martin died within a few months after marrying, and his widow married (2nd) James Brannon, (3rd) John Q. Arnette, (4th) Wesley Mayfield.
  3. Isaac Coleman, born 1812, married Judith McShan, born 1815, a niece of John Feaster (son of Andrew Feaster and Margaret Fry Cooper). They went to Louisiana and lived there many years. Had two sons, neither married. The daughter, Nelly, came back here and married William Tucker, of Union County. He had considerable property. She had two daughters, Mrs. Clara Fant, and Ada (can't recall her married name). One son, William, did not marry. Daughter Nannie married William Jeter, and Lou married John Jeter (cousins), of Union County, South Carolina. They also were men of property at the time.

The three daughters thus marrying and settling in Union County, South Carolina, the parents, Isaac and Judith Coleman, came back from Louisiana to live with them, and died there a good many years ago. They, too, were Universalist. Nannie left three sons, Dr. Iranus, Clarence and Tom, and one daughter, Eva, who married Paul Jeter. They live near Carlisle, South Carolina. The sons married, too. Louella and Adella were twin daughters, so much alike their friends could not tell them apart. Louella, married Jeter, had one son, Isaac Coleman Jeter. Adella married a native of Vermont, Colonel Twitchell, went North and died, leaving one son, Isaac Coleman, of whom we know nothing.

Judith McShand was daughter of Alice Feaster (daughter of Andrew Feaster, Sr.), and Hundley McShand.

4. Iley Coleman, living in 1863, married a lady of Charleston. He was a lawyer in Memphis, Tennessee. For some unknown cause he killed himself by jumping in a well. In 1863, he (Iley) was in Memphis, Tennessee. (See Estate Settlement of Solomon Coleman, Fairfield County, South Carolina, records).
5. Mary (Polly), the only daughter, married her cousin, Wylie W. Coleman, and they moved to Winston County, Mississippi. (He was son of Wylie Coleman). Had one son:
  1. Mortimer, lived at Winston County, Mississippi. Was a member of the Universalist Church there, a man of considerable wealth, and a member of the Legislature. Had no children.
3. Elizabeth Coleman, daughter of William Coleman and Nancy Butler, married John Butler, and had one son.
  1. Martin Butler.
5. John ("Major John") Coleman, son of William Coleman and Nancy Butler, married Polly Rainey. He owned the land called the "Reuben," Johnny Major, and Nancy Ed tracts. His descendants have died out of this vicinity. One grandson lived near Fairburn, Georgia, and had several sons, but we know nothing of them.

Solomon Coleman, died about 1863, left an estate of \$25,000. His house was still in use in 1906, always known as the "Solomon House." His place was bought by Henry Alexander Coleman, and in the division of his estate, the Solomon farm fell to "Aunt Asa Manning," of Georgia,



who got the rent from it till her death. Then her daughter, Cornelia inherited it. She sold it to Harry David Coleman. He lived on it in the old house, making good crops on the old land for several years, then sold to John A. F. Coleman. He did well there for two years.

Solomon Coleman was considered a queer kind of man, but above the average. He married Betty Elam and raised a large family - very large men were his sons.

ESTATE SETTLEMENTS  
(Fairfield County, South Carolina)

Box 77, folio d6. Robert Fitz Coleman, names widow, Rebecca stating that he died intestate, 1842. (Note: Rebecca was his second wife, she being a widow when he married her.)

Box 19, folio 174. Estate settlement of Solomon Coleman, 1863. William Coleman, Administrator. Petition of William Coleman, of Randolph County, Georgia, names Isaac Coleman, of Bienville Parish, Louisiana, Iley Coleman, of Memphis, Tennessee, and Mary Coleman, wife of Wiley W. Coleman, of Winston County, Mississippi, "the only heirs." Solomon Coleman died being possessed of a personal estate of the value of \$25,000. Signed, William Coleman, Buckhead, South Carolina, August 3, 1863.

Box 14, folio 101. States John Coleman, Sr., died February 3, 1862. Jacob Feaster and Reuben R. Coleman, Administrators. Mary R. Coleman bought much personal property. Also, Jonathan D. Coleman. (NOTE: This is probably Major John Coleman, who married Polly (Mary) Rainey.)

Estate settlement of above John Coleman names widow, Mary Coleman, and children: Reubin, Jonathan, Nancy, wife of Edward A. Coleman, six children of his deceased son, James Coleman, residing in Georgia, "whose names are believed to be Mary Coleman, who is intermarried, do not know to whom; Nancy Coleman, Elizabeth Coleman, John, William, and James Coleman, his only heirs at law."

Box 17, folio 140. Edward A. Coleman (estate settlement) "departed this life in Virginia, as a soldier in 1862, and left as his heirs at law, his widow, Nancy Coleman, no children, but a brother, H. S. (Hiram S.), the two children of his deceased brother, Robert H., his sister, Nancy wife of David R. Coleman, of Alabama, and a child of his deceased sister, Susan Cockrell, and his mother, Elizabeth Coleman."

Box 20, folio 185. J. H. Coleman, Administrator of estate of Henry A. Coleman, 1864. Mentions wife and 1 child. No names.

1813. Estate Settlement of Susannah Coleman, Administrator, Solomon R. Coleman, Sr. BONDSMEN: Solomon R. Coleman, Sr., Abraham Jones, Robert R. Coleman. APPRAISERS: Thomas S. Herbert, John Feaster, John Coleman, Robert Coleman, Solomon Coleman, Junr. OATH: Before David R. Coleman, J. P. BUYERS: Robert F. Coleman, Wiley Coleman, Stephen Coleman, Rhoda Coleman. HEIRS AND DISTRIBUTEES: Jacob Hosch, Abraham Jones, Phebe Jones, Stephen Coleman, An'd. McCulley, "my own share," Solomon R. Coleman.

#### REVOLUTIONARY WAR RECORDS

The following records are in South Carolina Historical Commissions books, Stubs to Indents.

	Volume	page
Abner Coleman	X	729
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Francis Coleman	N	221
John Coleman	N	120
William Coleman	U	244

#### WAR OF 1812

National Archives, Washington, D. C., has record of Henry Jonathan Coleman (WO 10 397) service in War of 1812, for which he received several bounty grants of land. They state he enlisted at Winns Bridge, South Carolina, and served from October 6, 1814, to February 28, 1815, as Private in Captain William Nevitt's Company of South Carolina Militia. His widow, Mary Coleman, applied for pension August 26, 1873. Record state he married in Feasterville, South Carolina, Mary Feaster, daughter of John Feaster, that she was aged 75 years in 1873, and died November 6, 1873.

**COLEMAN BURYING GROUND INFORMATION,  
FEASTERVILLE, S. C. U. S. CENSUS RETURNS, 1790-1830  
FAIRFIELD COUNTY STATE CENSUS, 1829**

**DIRECTIONS TO COLEMAN AND  
FEASTER BURYING GROUNDS  
(Feasterville Community, Fairfield County, South Carolina)**

From the intersection of S. C. Highways 22 and 215 at Salem, proceed north-westerly on Highway 215 for a distance of 4.4 miles to the Hans Wagner DAR monument, which is located on the left-hand or west side of the Highway.

At a point 1.2 miles north of the monument, and 5.6 miles north of Salem, turn right on county road. Proceed on this road 1.9 miles, take the right through field 4/10 mile to the Coleman cemetery.

To reach the Feaster Cemetery, return to Highway 215, then turn right or north 1/10 mile and turn left. Go westerly 1.7 miles, then turn left across culvert and across field to the cemetery.

The roads turning off 215 to these cemeteries are located 1.4 miles south of the Boarding House at Feasterville and 2.3 miles south of the intersection with the road to Shelton at the Faucette home, Clanmore.

The Boarding House is on the right hand side of the road as one travels from Salem. Liberty Church is a short distance to the left.

I, J. P. Coleman, first had the privilege of visiting the Coleman and the Feaster Cemeteries on July 23, 1950. My guide was Claude Wagner Coleman, son of Ernest Eugene Coleman and Mrs. Annie B. Coleman. Mrs. Annie B. Coleman was a daughter of Samuel Stevenson and Rebecca Coleman.

I have since visited them many times. On May 30, 1960 I took my son, Thomas Allen Coleman, then age 19, and my youngest brother, William D. Coleman, to this sacred spot.

Inscription on Fort Wagner Marker on Highway 215, about 4 miles North of Salem Cross Roads:

"Fort Wagner. Site one mile East of Junction of Beaver Creek and Reedy Branch. Built in 1760 by Hans Wagner as a Refuge from the Cherokee Indians."

**COLEMAN GRAVEYARD**  
(Feasterville, Fairfield County, S. C.)

Located near the old John A. F. Coleman home and near where Robert Coleman first settled when arriving in Fairfield County just before the Revolution.

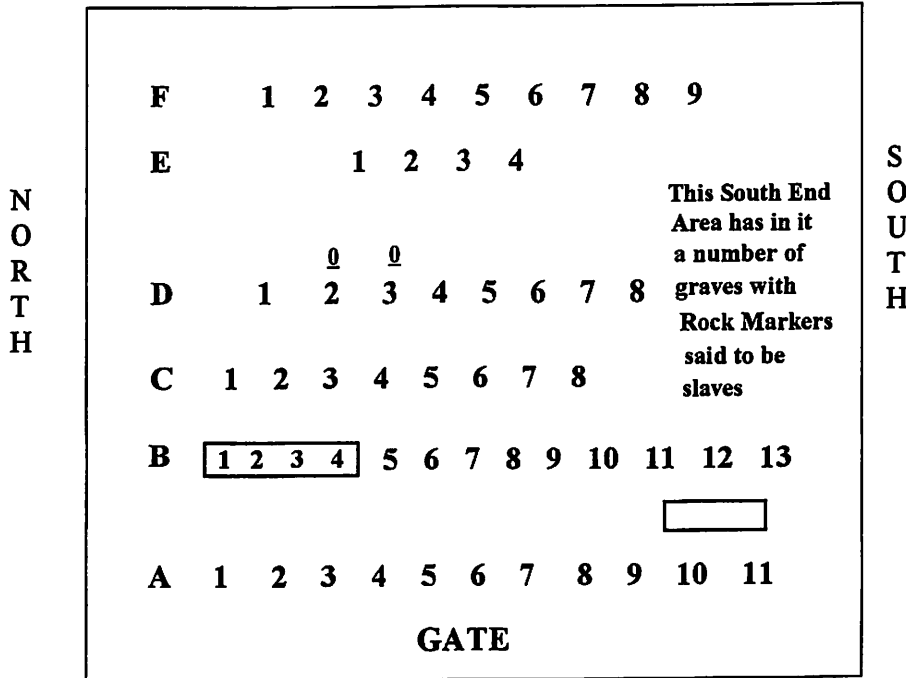
Burials according to numbers shown on accompanying sketch of Graveyard.

- A. 1. Infant son of S. S. & A. F. Coleman.  
2. Sam'l Stevenson Coleman, b. Aug. 10, 1854 - d. January 31, 1936.  
3. Rebecca Gladden Coleman (wife), July 18, 1855 - February (Dec.) 26, 1893.  
4. Thomas Randel, son of Thos. and Harriett W. Jenkins, November 6, 1858 - February 25, 1913.  
5. Isabella E. C., wife of T. W. Jenkins, July 30, 1861 - April 27, 1895.  
6. Thomas Jenkins, December 2, 1822 - January 29, 1894.  
7. Rebecca, wife of Thos. Jenkins, died July 21, 1909, aged about 72.  
8. Mary Edrington, wife of James Lewis, died December 14, 1885.  
9. Joseph H. Lewis, died November 26, 1880, aged 36 years and 5 months.  
10. Vacant.  
11. William Brown Wright, February 19, 1890 - May 10, 1953.
- B. 1. John A. F. Coleman, Jr., September 7, 1900 - January 7, 1924.  
2. James Marsh Coleman, June 22, 1882 - December 13, 1917.  
3. Edward Wilson Coleman, January 30, 1859 - February 26, 1917.  
4. Jennie Coleman, December 22, 1856 - July 6, 1939.  
5. Sarah Drusilla, dt. of J. A. F. C., August 22, 1859 - January 5, 1863.  
6. Chanie Savilla, Ditto, July 27, 1872 - September 29, 1894. (1884)  
7. John A. F. Coleman, Sr., June 9, 1828 - April 30, 1898.  
8. (Julia A. wife)  
9. Ben Sawyer Feaster, Son of D. R., February 13, 1871 - February 6, 1877.  
10. John R. Feaster, Son of D. R., October 19, 1858 - August 13, 1913.

11. Victoria E. Rawls, Wife, Capt. D. R. Feaster, November 11, 1837 - January 7, 1877.
  12. Albert W. Clayton, April 12, 1860 - May 28, 1905.
  13. Mary V. Clayton (Wife), November 20, 1862 - March 6, 1929.
- C.
1. Chanie Feaster Coleman, August 26, 1800 - July 11, 1878.
  2. Henry Coleman, September 5, 1797 - July 14, 1887.
  3. Robert C. Coleman, January 31, 1842 - June 6, 1862.
  4. Wm. McConnell, Son of A. J. McConnell, June 10, 1858 - July 4, 1858.
  5. Sallie McConnell, January 28, 1840 - July 23, 1858.
  6. Lt. Andrew J. McConnell, February 14, 1838. At Petersburg, Va., Civil War.
  7. Rock Marker only.
  8. Rock Marker only.
- D.
1. No Headstone
  2. Sarah, Dt. of D. R. and Edith Coleman, August 10, 1810 - 1815
  3. Edith Beam Coleman, died April 25, 1825 - aged 60 years.
  4. David Roe Coleman, May 19, 1765, in Halifax County, N. C. - March 25, 1855.
  5. Dt. of MDC and Edith Colvin, October 17th, 1897.
  6. Henry Gladden Colvin, February 14, 1889 - June 1, 1920,
  7. Sarah Edith Colvin, February 29, 1856 - March 11, 1930.
  8. Martin Dennis Calhoun Colvin, September 5, 1852 - May 21, 1928.
- E.
1. Elizabeth Roe, born February 20, 1749 - 1825?
  2. Robert Coleman. He was born in 1745, d. 1811. Fourteen children born to them. Stone erected to them by descendants to the 7th generation from 15 states, in 1898 through the efforts of Jennie I. Coleman.
  3. Edith, Dt. of H. A. and Chaney Coleman, May 1, 1827 - November 9, 1827.
  4. No marker.
- F.
1. Child-No marker.
  2. " Zerebale, November 28, 1789, died young. Buried at parents feet.
  3. "
  4. Mary, Dt. of H. A. and Chaney Coleman, January 8, 1836 - August 14, 1839.

5. Child, No Headstone.
6. " Ditto
7. " "
8. " "
9. Peter Feaster, August 28, 1826 - October 8, 1896. Erected by S. S. Coleman, his young master, and many white friends.

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COLEMAN GRAVEYARD, FEASTERVILLE COMMUNITY, FAIRFIELD COUNTY, S. C. 1953

**FEASTER GRAVEYARD**

(Feasterville, Fairfield County, South Carolina)

By Donald B. Clayton, August 21st, 1954

(John Feaster the oldest son of Andrew Feaster and Margaret (Fry) Cooper, widow of Peter Cooper, of Pennsylvania, purchased land near Beaver Creek, built a home on it and established a Family Graveyard

where most of the Feasters are buried. Leaving Highway 215, 1.4 miles below the "Boarding House" in old Feasterville, you follow a farm road in a southwesterly direction, passing the Old Henry Jonathan Coleman place (later owned by his son, George W. Coleman) on top of the hill, then proceeding about 1.7 miles to the location of the Old John Feaster Home, and on beyond it .1 mile where you turn to the left along the edge of a field some .2 mile where the graveyard is located - (see sketch of Graveyard).

The graves of the following are marked at locations indicated on the above Sketch:

- Aa Mattie Rabb Coleman, Wife of Dr. Robert R., 8/9/1878 - 2/8/1912.
- Ab Dr. John Robert Coleman. A fine country doctor. 9/8/1865 - 7/25/1922.
- Ac Wm H. Coleman, Brother of Dr. Robert. 8/10/1876 - 6/8/19
- Ad Infant of Wm. H. Coleman and L. R. Coleman, 1901.

#### TRAYLOR PLOT

- A 1 Arthur Clarence, son of T. W. and S. C. Traylor, 10/11/1882 -9/23/1912.
- 2 Davis Elsworth, son of T. W. and S. C. Traylor, 8/24/1887-?
- 3 Infant son, son of T. W. and S. C. Traylor, no date.
- 4 Infant son of T. W. and S. C. Traylor, September, 1880-6/2/1888.
- 5 Infant daughter of T. W. and S. C. Traylor, born and died 4/1/1879.
- 6 Preston Hampton, son of T. W. and S. C. Traylor, 4/12/1875 -11/7/1877.
- 7 Infant daughter of T. W. and S. C. Traylor born and died 4/9/1874.
- 8 William C., son of T. W. and S. C. Traylor, 7/9/1870 - 6/7/1872.
- 9 Carrie E., daughter of T. W. and S. C. Traylor, 2/12/1869 - 7/8/1869.
- 10 Sibbie C., wife of T. W. Traylor, 9/12/1850 - 5/26/1901.
- 11 Thomas W. Traylor, 3/2/1841 - 1/18/1923.
- B 1 Mary E. Trapp, wife of David R. Coleman, 9/27/1847 - 8/5/1898.
- 2 David R. Coleman, 6/9/1828 - 5/9/1897.
- 3 Laura Elizabeth, wife of David R. Coleman, Died 7/20/1866, age 28 years.
- 4 Mary Jane, daughter of D. R. and L. E. Coleman, Died 9/11/1862 - age 5-2-19.

- 5 Laura Emma, daughter of D. R. and L. E. Coleman, died 9/14/1862, age 3-2-4.
- 6 Sarah Elizabeth, daughter of D. R. and L. E. Coleman, died 10/30/1862 - age 1-4-20.
- 7 Allen Griffin, son of H. J. Coleman, 10/24/1835 - 7/7/1864. Buried at Petersburg, Virginia.
- 8 Lt. Benj. Franklin, son of H. J. Coleman, 10/20/1837 - 10/28/1862.
- 9 George Washington, son of H. J. Coleman, 9/4/1844 - 2/4/1931.
- 10 Mary Elizabeth, daughter of S. H. Stevenson, wife of G.W.C. 6/30/1845-12/22/1878.
- 11 John Colvin, son of M.D.C. and Edith Colvin.
- 12 Lawson B. Fee, son of Lee Roy and Laura Withers Fee, 3/7/1882-6/13/1927.
- 13 Laura Ann Withers, daughter of Pamela Brooks Neville and Lawson Withers, 9/13/1849 - 6/13/1938.
- 14 Lee Roy Fee, son of Basil and Martha Fee, 9/13/1845 - 6/5/1924.
- 15 Mary, daughter of L. R. and L. W. Fee, died August 21, 1889, age 2 years, 5 months.
- C 1 A. C. Feaster. Died at Warrenton, Virginia. 12/25/1862.
- 2 J. M. Feaster, son of A.C.F., 6/11/1861 - 2/28/1862.
- D 1 Mary E. Coleman, daughter of Dr. Robert W. and Nancy Coleman, died 1/23/1862, age 4-4-23.
- 2 Dr. Robert W. Coleman, son of H. J. and Mary Coleman, 10/3/1822 - 5/27/1873.
- 3 Nancy (Ann) McConnell, wife of Robert W. Coleman, 2/22/1830 - 12/4/1887.
- 4 Jacob F. Coleman, son of H. J. and Mary Coleman, 6/30/1824 - 5/20/1864.
- 5 Mariam R. Meador, daughter of Meredith and Sibbie C. Chapman Meador, wife of J. F. Coleman, 7/19/1834 - 3/11/1879.
- 6 Mary R. Coleman, daughter of J. F. C. and M. R. C., 2/5/1864 - 6/7/1882.
- 7 Infant son of J. M. and Stella M. Coleman, died in infancy, 8/6/1887.

Note: Meredith Meador evidently married Sibbie Coleman Chapman, daughter of William Chapman and Sarah Coleman, daughter of Robert, Sr. and brother of Robert, Jr., Stephen, Thomas, Charles, and William.



- E 1 Henry J. Coleman, son of H. J. and Mary Coleman, 5/13/1831 - 5/3/1874.
- 2 Annie Julia Lonergan, wife of G. W. Coleman, 2/3/1859 - 5/6/1893.
- 3 Infant daughter of E. H. and C. M. Feaster, 6/19/1856 - 6/20/1856.
- 4 Mary Sophrenia Butler, daughter of Andrew and Mary F., 4/28/1859 - 8/30/1861.
- 5 Sarah Rebecca Feaster, daughter of Andrew and Mary F., wife of George D. Butler, mother of Mary S., 5/9/1837 - 12/11/1861.
- 6 C. I. (Chanie Isabelle Feaster, wife of W. A. Lonergan, 4/25/1833 - 9/15/1863.
- 7 W. A. Lonergan, 12/12/1819 - 1/22/1865.
- 8 Feaster Meredith, son of J. G. and Lula Wolling, 9/12/1882-10/17/1884.
- 9 Anna May, daughter of J. G. and Lula Wolling, 7/16/1886 - 7/26/1887.
- 10 John Gladden Coleman, son of John Feaster Coleman and Sarah C. Gladden, 6/3/1849 - 12/13/1919.
- F 1 Bessie May, daughter of C. E. and F. A. Waters.
- 2 Mary Feaster, wife of H. J. Coleman, Sr., daughter of John Feaster, 1/10/1798 - 11/8/1878.
- 3 Henry Jonathan Coleman, Sr., Son of Robert and Elizabeth Roe Coleman, 6/22/1793 - 2/3/1861.
- 4 John F. Coleman, son of H. J. and Mary Coleman, 10/3/1819-2/15/1856.
- 5 Sallie C. Coleman, wife of J. F. C. (Nee Gladden), 2/27/1848 - 4/8/1856.
- 6 Silas Coleman, son of J. F. and S. C. Coleman, September, 1848 - April, 1862.
- 7 Capt. Wm. P. (Preston) Coleman, son of H. J. and Mary. (Large monument). He was Capt. of Co. B, 17th SCV, severely wounded at second battle of Manassas. Died of Typhoid Fever. 6/28/1834 - 1/31/1863.
- G 1 Elizabeth Picket<sup>32</sup>, wife of Micajah Picket. Died 6/4/1837 - age 16. (Family history gives Micajah's wife as Elizabeth Drusilla Coleman who was born 3/18/1821 and died 12/9/1891, in Georgia).
- 2 Margaret Fry Feaster, wife of Andrew, Sr., 1728 - 10/10/1823

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<sup>32</sup> Elizabeth Boulware, daughter of Thomas Boulware & Martha Pickett. Thomas was the oldest son of Mirsco Boulware and Nancy Pickett.

- J 3        Andrew Feaster, Sr., 1735 - 7/15/1821.  
 4        Andrew Feaster, Jr., accidentally shot. Single. 1776 - 1/25/1808.  
 5        Drusilla (Mobley) Feaster, wife of John Feaster, 1784 - 8/15/1807.  
 6        John Feaster, 1768 - 3/17/1848.
- H        The Feaster Family Monument of Square pieces of stone, and about seven feet high, with names of the Feasters above J2 - J6.
- G 1        Chaney Coleman, daughter of H. J. and Mary Coleman, 1/4/1826, died in infancy.  
 2        Henry J. Coleman, son of H. J. and Mary Coleman. 1/3/1830, died in infancy.  
 3        Francis Wylie Coleman, son of H. J. and Mary Coleman, 5/23/1832, died in infancy.
- G 4        Richard Henry Lee, son of H. J. and Mary Coleman. 1/15/1839, died in infancy.  
 5        Hiram Lee, son of H. J. and Mary Coleman, 1/10/1840, died in infancy.
- K 1        Trez De Graffenreid Feaster, 9/23/1826 - 9/7/1897.  
 2        Florence Grace Feaster, daughter of T. D. Feaster, 3/18/1864 - 11/18/1929. (She was born in Columbia, died in Daytona Beach, Florida, where she spent her winters for many years. She never married.)

(In notes left by Florence Grace Feaster she states that Fanny Rodgers who married William Mobley lived to be 117 years old and is buried in the Feaster Graveyard. Her daughters, Allie, married James Lewis, and Ailsy, never married, are buried in the Coleman Graveyard. Fanny's grave is not marked.)

#### **JACOB FEASTER - ROBERT FITZ COLEMAN GRAVEYARD**

The following note from the Diary of Capt. David Roe Feaster:

"March 6th, 1888 - Moke and Jake went down and cleaned off Pa's Graveyard. My father, mother, one brother, three sisters, and several nieces, nephews, uncles and aunts buried there."

(D. B. C., Jr., 1957 - we know the following are buried there, and others that we have no record of.)

Jacob Feaster, 5/6/1791 - 12/12/1872.  
 Isabelle Coleman Feaster, 9/13/1803 - 9/10/1838.  
 Susanna (Feaster) Coleman, 1789 - 1/15/1829.  
 Robert Fitz Coleman, 8/26/1789 - 9/7/1842.  
 Jacob Fry Feaster, 2/20/1824 - 8/28/1852.  
     His wife, Eliza Stone, buried at Red Hill.  
 Edith Drusilla Lyles, 7/24/1825 - 5/13/1875.  
 Henry J. Lyles, 6/15/1815 - 9/23/1861.  
 Sarah Isabelle Feaster, 11/7/1834 - 3/?/1838.  
 Mary Andrews Feaster, 6/11/1836 - 12/16/1855.  
 William LaFayette Feaster, 6/18/1846 - 6/26/1864.  
 Elizabeth (Coleman) Coleman.  
 Brennan Arnette Mayfield, 3/10/1817 - 11/2?/1890.  
 Wesley Mayfield, 5/1/1820 - 5/24/1912.  
 Margaret Narcissa Feaster, 9/15/1839 - 11/?/1879.  
 W. B. Traylor, born in Alabama, son of W. R. Traylor, 1847-1865.  
 Wm. Woodward Lyles, 3/2/1845-?. Killed in Civil War.  
 Henry David Lyles, 10/10/1865-?.  
 Burial place of the following unknown at this date - 1957.  
 John Feaster Lyles, 2/16/1846 - 1916.  
 Arromanus Coleman Lyles, 12/6/1849 - 3/28/1905.  
 Mary Isabelle Lyles. 3/4/1853 - 10/14/1896.

(These names are to be found in the Coleman, Feaster, Lyles Families.)

#### **ROBERT FITZ COLEMAN GRAVEYARD**

Leaving highway No. 215 onto secondary road S-20-30, leading to Blairs, 1.9 miles from No. 215, leading to the Right (North) can be seen the Old Road that originally connected this settlement with the Feasterville Community Center, at Liberty Church, passing by the old home of John Feaster for whom the Community was named. This road ran along the West edge of Jacob Feaster's land, starting opposite the old two story Cameron Place (no longer standing-1953). About a half mile North of the present Blairs Road (S-20-30) a road to the Old "Egypt" Place turned East (Just back of the Jacob Feaster Land), proceeded about 250 yards, then turned North and about 50 yards from that point on the right hand side is the Old Graveyard, in a rather thick patch of woods, with a wire fence around it. The "Egypt" Road turns off of the Old Road to

Feasterville, right at three Large Pine Trees, now standing along the edge of the Old Road in line.

The following Graves are marked in this graveyard, there are a hundred or more indicated by rock headstones:

*Wesley Mayfield*, 5/1/1820 - 5/24/1912. (It is vouched for that grave was dug into his wife's grave, who had predeceased him. They have a common headstone.)

*Mary T. Coleman*, wife of the above. 10/3/1817 - 11/28/1890. (This is the Eliza T. Coleman, dtr. of Robert Fitz Coleman, who married four times.)

*Henry J. Lyles*, born Fairfield Co., S. C. 6/16/1815, and died at Germantown, Va. 9/23/1861, of Typhoid Fever aged 46 yrs. 5 mos. 7 dys. Member of Buckhead Guards, Capt. E. T. Means, Co. C, 6th SCV, Col. Winder.

*Sgt. Robert F. Coleman*, 2nd S. C. Militia, in War of 1812.

*Woodward Lyles*, son of H. J. L.

*Henry Lyles*, son of " (No markers)

*W. B. Traylor*, son of N. B. Traylor, born Cahaba Co. Ala. 1847, Died 1865. Was a member of S. C. Reserves. (N. B. Traylor should be W. B.)

*Jacob Feaster* and his wife, *Isabelle Coleman*, are buried here. Also Daughter *Mary*, as well as others of the family and connections. No markers.

*Narcissa Feaster*, youngest daughter of Andrew Feaster and Mary Norris; the niece of Jacob Feaster, and the granddaughter of John Feaster who moved to Fla. with her family, came back to S. C. at her request to die and be buried. Trez. D. Feaster, who owned Buena Vista (was her brother) brought her to his home to die, and promised her to bury her in the old Feaster Graveyard (at the John Feaster Home), but on account of the bad weather when she died, he buried her at the Jacob Feaster graveyard which was only about a mile from his house. Narcissa wrote a Diary of the early years of the Civil War.

Donald Clayton

### U. S. CENSUS OF 1790

There were 6138 white residents in Fairfield County in 1790. 3909 were males, 2229 females. Thus, the male population outnumbered the females by nearly two to one. There were 1485 slaves.

In the adjoining county of Chester there were 5928 white residents, 3097 males and 2831 females. There were 938 slaves.

In all South Carolina there were only 142,979 white inhabitants, contrasted with 107,094 slaves.

The following Colemans were enumerated in Fairfield County:

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| 1. ROBERT COLEMAN<br>1 male over 16<br>2 under 16<br>1 female                                    | 4. WILLIAM COLEMAN<br>1 male over 16, 2 under 16<br>7 females                   |
| 2. THOMAS COLEMAN<br>1 male over 16<br>1 under 16<br>6 females                                   | 5. DAVID COLEMAN<br>1 male over 16, 2 under<br>1 female                         |
| 3. ROBERT COLEMAN, SR.<br>1 male over 16<br>4 males under 16<br>5 females all ages<br>11 slaves. | 6. EMILY COLEMAN<br>(widow of Charles Coleman)<br>2 males under 16<br>4 females |

In the adjoining county of Union, we find the following:

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| 1. ABNER COLEMAN<br>2 males over 16, 3 under 16<br>3 females<br>2 slaves | 3. JOHN COLEMAN<br>1 male over 16, 1 under 16<br>2 females     |
| 2. JOSEPH COLEMAN<br>1 male over 16, 1 under 16<br>6 females<br>6 slaves | 4. ROBERT COLEMAN<br>2 males over 16, 3 under 16<br>3 females  |
|  | 5. WILLIAM COLEMAN<br>2 males over 16, 3 under 16<br>8 females |

FAIRFIELD COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA,  
CENSUS OF 1790

Edward Moberly  
Wm. Malone  
Enoch Grubs  
Jesse Herbin  
Jessie O'Briant  
John Brown  
John Dye  
John Watson  
Wm. Burns  
John Grissom  
Philip Hoppough  
Robert Coleman  
Lucy Watson  
William Nevit  
William Alsup  
Thomas Coleman  
Philemon Parton  
Thomas Meadows  
Samuel Mayfield  
Henry Robertson  
Valentine Rachel  
Joseph McDaniel  
William Adam  
Colin Moberly  
John McDaniel  
Edward Nix

Thomas Burns  
Thomas Brady  
Boland Wright  
Micajah Moberly  
Edward Day  
Francis Con  
Araminas Liles  
William Moberly  
Thomas Moberly  
John Lashly  
Robert Coleman, Sr.  
William Chapman  
Samuel Moberly  
Jesse Beam  
William Moberly, Sr.  
William Liles  
Levy Moberly  
Andrew Feaster  
Albert Beam  
William Coleman  
David Coleman  
Abraham Jones  
Emily Coleman  
Thomas Liles  
David Shelton  
Adam Cooper

REPORT ON CENSUS SEARCH FOR COLEMANS IN  
FAIRFIELD AND CHESTER COUNTIES, S. C.

<i>County</i>	<i>Census Year</i>	<i>Head of Family</i>	<i>Age Bracket</i>		
Fairfield	1800	Susannah Coleman	45 and up		
		Allen Coleman	26 to 45		
		Grief Coleman	16 to 26	(next to Allen)	
		Robt. Coleman, Sr.	45 and up		
		Robt. Coleman	26 to 45		
		Kador Coleman	45 and up		
		Robert Coleman	26 to 45		
		David Coleman	26 to 45		
		John Coleman	26 to 45		
		Wiley Coleman	26 to 45	(next to John)	
		1810	Charles Coleman	26 to 45	
			Robert Coleman	26 to 45	(next to Charles)
	Wiley Coleman		26 to 45		
	Francis Coleman		16 to 26	(next to Wiley)	
	David Coleman		45 and up		
	William Coleman		45 and up		
	Solomon Coleman		16 to 26		
	Solomon R. Coleman		16 to 26	(next to Solomon)	
	Allen Coleman		26 to 45	(next to Solomon R.)	
	Robert R. Coleman		26 to 45	(next to Allen)	
	John R. Coleman		26 to 45	(next to Robert R.)	
	John Coleman		26 to 45	(next to John R.)	
	1820	Stephen Coleman	16 to 26		
		Jesse Coleman	26 to 45		
		Fanny Coleman	45 and up		
		Solomon R. Coleman	26 to 45		
		Henry J. Coleman	26 to 45		
		Wiley Coleman	45 and up	(next to Henry J.)	
		Elizabeth Coleman	26 to 45		
		Wiley F. Coleman	26 to 45		
		David Coleman	16 to 26		
		Abnor Coleman	16 to 26		
		John Coleman	16 to 26	(next to Abnor)	
		Robert Coleman	45 and up		
	Robert Coleman	26 to 45			
	Charles Coleman	45 and up			
Fanny Coleman	16 to 26				
Robert R. Coleman	45 and up				
William Coleman, Jr.	16 to 26	(next to Robert R.)			
Solomon Coleman	26 to 45	(next to William, Jr.)			
John P. Coleman	45 and up				
Francis Coleman	26 to 45	(next to John P.)			
David R. Coleman	45 and up				
Robert F. Coleman	26 to 45				
David U. Coleman	26 to 45				
Chester	1800	Isaiah Coalman	26 to 45		
	1820	Allen Coalman	45 and up		

FAIRFIELD CENSUS OF 1800

Joseph Chapman

Male over 45--1  
 Female 10-16--1  
 over 45--1

James Davis

Male 10-16--1  
 16-26--1  
 Female 10-16--1  
 16-26-1  
 over 45-1

James Rowe

Male under 10--1  
 26-45--1  
 Female under 10--2  
 26-45--1

7 houses over from William Lyles

Aramanos Liles, and then Ann  
 Beam, Sarah Beam, William  
 Beam, Jesse Beam, all mentioned  
 in a row. William Mobley, Wil-  
 liam Liles, Samuel Weir

Thomas Coleman

Male under 10--1  
 16-26--1  
 over 45--1  
 Female under 10--3  
 10-16--1  
 16-26--3  
 over 45--1

Susannah Coleman

Male 16-26--1  
 26-45--1

Female 10-16--2

16-26--2

over 45--1

Allen Coleman

Male under 10--1  
 26-45--1

Female under 10--1  
 16-26--1  
 over 45--1

Griff Coleman

(Next door to Allen)

Male 16-26--1  
 and no others mentioned

Robert Coleman, under 10--2

10-16--1

over 45--1

16-26--1

Female over 45--1

Robert Coleman

(Robert Roe Coleman)

Male under 10--1  
 26-45--1

Female under 10--1  
 26-45--1

Lewis Pickett was there as was  
 Micajah Pickett, Charles Pickett

Jane Rowe

Male 16-26--2

Female over 45--1

Lived 8 houses from Samuel Mobley

Thomas Davis - same area as



Kador Coleman  
 Male under 10 - 1  
 26 - 45 - 2  
 over 45 - 1  
 Female under 10 - 1  
 16 - 26 - 3

Wm. Ferguson  
 Male 16 - 26 - 1  
 26 - 45 - 1  
 Female 16 - 26 - 1  
 over 45 - 1

Isaac Ferguson  
 Male 26 - 45 - 1  
 Female 10 - 16 - 1

Robert Coleman  
 Male under 10 - 2  
 26 - 45 - 1  
 Female under 10 - 1  
 16 - 26 - 1

next door to Andrew Feaster 9  
 doors from John Feaster and 10  
 doors from Abraham Jones

Abraham Jones  
 Male 16 - 26 - 1  
 26 - 45 - 1  
 Female under 10 - 2  
 26 - 45 - 1

David Coleman  
 Male under 10 - 1  
 10 - 16 - 1  
 26 - 45 - 1  
 Female 16 - 26 - 1

John Coleman  
 Male under 10 - 2  
 26 - 45 - 1  
 Female under 10 - 2  
 26 - 45 - 1

Wiley Coleman  
 Male under 10 - 1  
 16 - 26 - 1  
 Female 16 - 26 - 1

Jesse Coleman  
 Male 16 - 26 - 1

None others mentioned

FAIRFIELD CENSUS OF 1810

James Rowe  
 Male under 10 - 2  
 10 - 16 - 1  
 26 - 45 - 1  
 Female under 10 - 2  
 10 - 16 - 1  
 16 - 26 - 1  
 26 - 45 - 2

David Rowe  
 Male 16 - 26 - 1  
 26 - 45 - 1  
 Female 1 - 10 - 2  
 16 - 26 - 1

Joseph Rowe  
 Male 26 - 45 - 1  
 Female under 10 - 1  
 16 - 26 - 1  
 over 45 - 1

Charles Coleman  
 Male under 10 - 4  
 (1765) 26 - 45 - 1  
 Female under 10 - 3  
 10 - 16 - 1

*Next on list*

Robert Coleman  
 Male under 10 - 3  
 10 - 16 - 1  
 26 - 45 - 1  
 Female under 10 - 3  
 16 - 45 - 1

Wylie Coleman  
 Male under 10 - 3  
 10 - 16 - 1  
 26 - 45 - 1  
 Female under 10 - 3  
 16 - 26 - 1  
 26 - 45 - 1

*Next Name*

Francis Coleman  
 Male 16 - 26 - 1  
 Female under 10 - 1  
 26 - 45 - 1

William Chapman  
 Male 10 - 16 - 1  
 16 - 26 - 1  
 over 45 - 1  
 Female under 10 - 1  
 16 - 26 - 2  
 over 45 - 1

Britton Chapman

Berry Chapman

Mary Moberly and Agnes Moberly listed nereby. Also Thomas Shelton, ton, Cullen Moberly, William Moberly, Micajah Moberly. Also nearby Arramanos Lyles, Jr., John Liles.

James Davis  
 Male under 10 - 2  
 16 - 26 - 2  
 Female 16 - 26 - 1

Jonathan Davis  
 Male under 10 - 2  
 16 - 26 - 2  
 Female 16 - 26 - 1

David Coleman  
 Male under 10 - 1  
 10 - 16 - 2  
 16 - 26 - 2  
 over 45 - 1  
 Female over 45 - 1

William Coleman  
 Male 10 - 16 - 2  
 16 - 26 - 1  
 over 45 - 1  
 Female 10 - 16 - 1  
 over 45 - 1  
 6 slaves

*Next Door.*

Solomon Coleman  
 Male under 10 - 2  
 16 - 26 - 1  
 Female 16 - 26 - 1

Solomon R. Coleman

Male 16 - 26 - 1  
Female under 10 - 3  
16 - 26 - 1

Next door.

Allen Coleman

Male under 10 - 1  
26 - 45 - 1  
Female under 10 - 1  
10 - 16 - 1  
26 - 45 - 1

Next door

Robert Coleman

Male under 10 - 1  
10 - 16 - 1  
26 - 45 - 1  
Female 10 - 16 - 1  
26 - 45 - 1

John R. Coleman

Male under 10 - 3  
10 - 16 - 1  
16 - 26 - 1  
26 - 45 - 1  
Female under 10 - 2  
10 - 16 - 2  
26 - 45 - 1

John Coleman

Male under 10 - 1  
26 - 45 - 1  
Female 16 - 26 - 1

Near neighbor

Abraham Jones

Male under 10 - 3  
10 - 16 - 1  
26 - 45 - 1  
Female under 10 - 1  
10 - 16 - 1  
26 - 45 - 1

Stephen Coleman

Male under 10 - 1  
(Frank Bridges Laurel)  
16 - 26 - 1  
Female 16 - 26 - 1

Jesse Coleman

Male under 10 - 1  
26 - 45 - 1  
Female under 10 - 1  
26 - 45 - 1

He lived only 3 houses from Jacob Feaster.  
Jacob Feaster lived next house to Andrew  
Feaster. He lived next door to Anna Beam.

Joseph Chapman

Male over 45 - 1  
Female over 45 - 1

Samuel Chapman

Male under 10 - 2  
26 - 45 - 1  
Female under 10 - 2  
10 - 16 - 1  
26 - 45 - 1

Jesse Chapman

Male under 10 - 1  
26 - 45 - 1

Female under	10 - 2	Fifth house from there	
	10 - 16 - 1		
	26 - 45 - 1	Fanny Coleman	
Thomas Davis, Jr.		Male	10 - 16 - 1
Male	16 - 26 - 1	Female	10 - 6 - 1
Female under	10 - 1	over	45 - 1
	16 - 26 - 1		

ALL COLEMANS LISTED IN THE FAIRFIELD AND CHESTER  
COUNTY SOUTH CAROLINA CENSUS for 1830  
(Lists only heads of households)

FAIRFIELD COUNTY

Eleanor Coleman	Robert F. Coleman
Charles Coleman, born between	1 male born between 1740 - 1750
1770 - 1780	(Incorrect)
1 male born between 1815 - 20	1 1780 - 1790
2 males born between 1790 and	1 1815 - 1820
1800	1 1820 - 1825
Charles Coleman	Robert R. Coleman, 1 male born
1 male born between 1790 and	born between 1760 - 1770 (Note: Listed
1800	on the same page as Jacob Feaster)
1 after 1825	
John A. (?) Coleman	William Coleman, between 1800 - 1810
1 male born between 1790 and	1810
1800	1 male under 5
1 between 1800 and 1810	(listed on the line next to Jacob
1 1810 - 1815	
1 1815 - 1820	
1 1820 - 1825	
Joseph R. Coleman	Henry J. Coleman
1 1800 - 1810	1 1790 - 1800
1 1820 - 1825	1 1815 - 1820
1 after 1825	1 1820 - 1825
	1 after 1825

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William C. Coleman (son of Allen)  
1 male between 1790 - 1800  
1 1800 - 1810  
1 after 1825  
Females - 1 between 1800 and  
1810  
1 after 1825

On the next line:

Griffin Coleman, 1800 - 1810  
1 1810 - 1815  
1 female, 1810 - 1815

Wiley Coleman  
1 1790 - 1800  
1 1820 - 1825  
1 female 1800 - 1810  
2 under 5  
1 between 5 and 10  
on the same sheet as Ephraim  
Liles.

ON THE LINE BELOW JACOB  
FEASTER, Sr.

Solomon R. Coleman  
1 1780 - 1790  
1 between 10 and 15  
1 under 5.  
1 female between 30 & 40;  
1 between 15 & 20, 1 between

10 & 15 and 1 between 5 and  
10.

Hiram Coleman  
between 20 and 30  
2 females under 5  
1 female between 20 and 30

Henry Coleman  
1 male between 30 and 40  
1 between 5 and 10  
1 under 5  
1 female between 20 and 30  
1 female under 10  
1 female under 5

Solomon Coleman  
1 male, 1780 - 1790  
1 1790 - 1800  
1 1800 - 1810  
2 between 15 and 20  
1 female 1790 - 1800  
1 between 10 and 15

David R. Coleman, 1760 - 1770  
1 female, 1770 - 1780

CHESTER COUNTY

J. Coleman, 1800 - 1810  
1 female same age

W. F. Coleman, 1790 - 1800  
1 male between 5 and 10  
1 under 5.

FAIRFIELD COUNTY CENSUS OF 1829  
(Giving the Numbers in each Household)

Charles Coleman, 12  
Charles Coleman, Sr., 5  
David R. Coleman, 2  
George Coleman, 2  
Henry A. Coleman, 7  
Hiram Coleman, 3  
Henry J. Coleman, 9  
Joseph R. Coleman, 5  
John M. Coleman, 7

John Coleman, 8  
Robert Coleman, 6  
Robert R. Coleman, 4  
Solomon Coleman, 7  
Wiley Coleman, 5  
Wm. C. Coleman, 4  
Widow Coleman, 4  
William R. Coleman, 1

VERBATIM EXCEPTS FROM THE Bristol Parish Register

Tithes of Lunenburg County, Virginia, 1748, 1749, 1750

Will of Robert Coleman of Isle of Wight County, Virginia

The Amelia County, Virginia - Colemans

COLEMANS LISTED IN THE 1810 and 1820 Census of Dinwiddie County, Virginia

THE 1800 Tax List of Amelia County, Virginia

THE MOBERLEYS AND OTHERS LISTED IN 1820 CENSUS OF MADISON  
COUNTY, KENTUCKY

Patent to Henry Coleman on The Broad River, S.C. 1750

Greene County, Alabama, Descendants of Robert Coleman of Nansemond  
County, Virginia

THE ROBERT COLEMAN of South Carolina who served In The Revolution

BRISTOL PARISH-VESTRY & REGISTER  
(Copied at Richmond State Library, 7-26-1961)

Page 5-6 At a Vestry called at Ye Chappell Sep'r 17th 1721. (Excerpt) Upon a petition of Wm. Tucker sheweth that Robt Coleman lys at his house in a very weak, helpless condition & has been so these six months past which proves very changeable & troublesome to the to the S'd Tucker, tis ordrd that Wm Tucker take care of the fores'd Robt Coleman & find him such necessaries as is convenient and at the laying of the next Levie, the s'd Tucker to bring his Account to the Vestry & what is thoght just to be allowed from the P'rsh. Tis further ord'rd that the Church-Wardens Enquire how the fores'd Rob't Coleman gave his Estate (to Rob't Tucker sen' & upon what terms.

Bristol P'rsh Dr. to Wm. Tucker for Keeping Rob't Coleman 3 months 400 lb tobacco 32 casq. (Note this figures 12 1/2 lbs to 1 cask).

Page 11. Bristol, P'rsh Dr. To Joseph Tucker on account Rob't Coleman, 1,400 lbs of tobacco 112 casq. Vestry held at the Chappell Nov. 8, 1722.

P. 35. Francis Coleman and Matthew Anderson ordered to procession the land of Butter Wood Swamp and the Rockey Run, by order Henrico Co. Court 3d July, 1727. Wm Coleman and Thos Hobby procession from the mouth of the Swett House Branch up Deep Creek and the River to the Extent.

Page 43. Vestry held at the ferry Chapple, July 24th 1727 - for processioning (Excerpt) The Bounds of Tho. Hobby and Wm Coleman Processioned, the parties concern'd being present.

Page 43. (same Vestry) The Bounds of Matthew Anderson and Francis Coleman Processioned, the parties Concerned Being present. Test Jno Mayes Clerk Vestry.

Page 56. Vestry held Aug 3d 1731. ordered John Coleman and Thomas Nunally to procession between Ye Chapple Road and Butterwood Road from Stoney Creek to ye Extent.

Page 65-66 - Vestry held Feb. 6-1732. Ordered that Samuell Gallimore be bound to Robert Coleman as the law directs. Order'd that Wm Burgess be bound to Cap'n John Coleman.

Pages 295-300. Letter "C." Peter, son of Wm & Faith Coleman born 25th June last, bap. Feb 9th 17( ) (Page 295).

John, son of Fran. & Mary Coleman born 11th June last bap May 14th 17( ). (Page 295).

Peter, son of Wm & Faith Coleman, born & bap' in August 17 ( ), (Page 296).

Amy dau. of Fran. & Mary Coleman born 23rd of last May bap' Sep'r 29th 17( ). (Page 296).

Benj. s. of Dan. & Eliz. Coleman, born 14th Dec. last; Bap. May 10th (172 ). (Page 297).

Jack M. (Male), Slave of Jno and Mary Coalman, born 6th Febr. 1726. (Page 297.)

Martha dau. of Daniel and Eliz'th Coalman, born 20th Nov.'br 1726. (Page 297).

( ) dau of Wm and Sarah Coalman born 18th August. Bap. Sep. 20, 17( ) 8. (Page 297).



Martha, dau. of William and Sarah Coalman, Born 10th Sep'r 1730 Bap'8th Oct. (Page 298).

Maryligon Coalman of John and Mary Coalman Born 18th July 1731. Bap'Aug 10th (Page 298).

Anne dau of Wm & Margaret Coalman Born 11th Ap' 1731 Bap' 19th Sep' (Page 298)

Daniel son of Daniel & Eliz. Coalman. Born 24th May 1731 Bap' 1rth Sep' (Page 298).

Wm son of Wm & Sarah Coleman born 23rd June 1732 Bap' Aug' 13th 1732 (Page 299).

Warner, son of William & Eliz. Coalman, Born 20th March 1732. Bap. 26 Aug' 1733. (Page 299).

Margery Lucas dau. of William & Margaret Coalman. Born 24th Sep. 1733. Bap. 21st Octb'. (Page 299).

Sarah, dau of William & Sarah Coalman. Born 21st March 1734. Bap'28th Ap' (Page 299).

Robin, male slave of William & Sarah Coalman. Born 11th Dec. 1733. (Page 299).

William, son of Francis & Mary Coalman. Born 29 May 1733 Bap. July 2d (Page 300).

William, son of Joseph and Eliz. Coleman. Born 8th March 1734. (Page 300).

#### TITHES OF LUNENBERG COUNTY, VIRGINIA

1748

Samuel Jones  
James Matthews  
David Liles  
Jonathan Davis  
James Coleman  
David Dorch  
Richard Gladden  
Wiliam Gladden

William Williams  
Capt. William Jones  
Robert Jones  
Wiliam Jones  
Thomas Jones  
Edward, Benjamin, William,  
Clem Mobberley

1749

David Gwin  
John Gwin  
James Coleman

Francis Griffen  
William Griffen

1750

Henry Pruett  
Robert Bruce  
William Matthis  
Edward Mobberly, Sr. & Jr.  
Thomas, Benjamin, John, Mordecai, and Hamon Mobberley

James Mathes  
John Colven  
John Ragsdale, Sr. & Jr.  
William Jones, of Prince George  
County

John Ragsdale was still listed in Lunenburg County in 1772.

WILL OF ROBERT COLEMAN OF ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY,  
VIRGINIA

In the name of God Amen, I Robert Coleman being Sick and weak of Body but in perfect memory praised be to God for it I do make this my Last will and Testament as followeth-

I give and bequeath to Elinor Giles four pounds Sterling money to be paid by my Executors.

I do give and bequeath to my Brother Stephens Sons Son all my Land that I am now possessed with Excepting ye plantation of Richard Baton now lives on to him and his heirs for Ever If they shall come for it if not then to my Executors & their heirs forever.

I do give and bequeath to Benjamin Beal five hundred pounds of tobacco to be paid him by my Executors-

I do give and bequeath to Martha Murrey five hundred pounds of tobacco to be paid her by my Executors-

My will and Desire is that all my negroes shall have the priviledg to hire their selves out to Service and paying Executors five hundred pounds of tobacco each of them yearly and ye rest of their profits for themselves.

I do give and bequeath to George Martin all my land that lies between the Long Branch & Smiths Branch to him and his heirs for Ever up to the Road-

I give and bequeath to John Watts twenty Shillings Sterling money to be payd to him by my Executors.-

And Likewise my will is that my Executors pay John Watts Two thousand pounds of Tobacco to him or his heirs and after my Debts and Legacies are payd all the Remainder part of my Estate I do give to Christopher Reynolds and Ann his wife and to ye heires of her bodie Lawfully begotten and if no Such heires then

onto my Brothers Sons as aforesaid as Witness my hand this Eighth day of March, 1715/16 and I do make Christopher Reynolds and Ann his wife my whole Executors.

his mark  
John X Butler

his mark  
Robert (X) Coleman

Rodger Murrey  
(A Copy)

Teste: R. A. Eduard, Clerk.

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Will & Deed Book 2-Page 607.  
Part 2-Isle of Wight County

THE AMELIA COUNTY, VIRGINIA COLEMANS  
Will of William Coleman  
(Will Book 1, Page 37, Amelia County, Virginia)

In the name of God Amen, June the 2d. 1743

I, William Coleman, Senr. of the Parish of Rawleigh in the County of Amelia being sick and weak of body but of sound and perfect memory thanks be to Almighty God for the same do here make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following first and principally I recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it hoping through the merits of my blessed Saviour Jesus Christ to obtain full remission of my sins. Secondly I bequeath my body to the earth to orderly and decently buried at the discretion of my executors hereafter named as to any temporal estate I give and devise in manner and form following, first I will my debts and funeral charges shall be paid. Item I give and bequeath to my son Daniel Coleman one shilling sterling.

Item I give and bequeath to my son Robert Coleman two hundred acres of land more or less lying on the uper side of Wintocomake Creek all the land below the Great Branch to him and his heirs for ever.

Item I give and bequeath to my son Joseph Coleman two hundred acres of land more or less lying on the uper side of Wintocomake Creek all my land above the Great Branch joyning to my son Robert's land as I have already mark'd out the same to him and his heirs for ever.

Item I give and bequeath to my son William Coleman two hundred acres of land more or less lying on the lower side of Wintocomake Creek and on the North side of the Great Branch as I have already mark'd out the same to him and his heirs for ever.

Item I give and bequeath to my son Godphrey Coleman two hundred acres of land more or less lying on the lower side of Wintocomake Creek and on the North side of the Great Branch joyning my son Williams' land as I have already mark'd out the same to him and his heirs forever; I also give my son Godfrey one feather bed and furniture as it stands to him and his heirs for ever.

Item I give and bequeath to my son Peter Coleman the land and plantation whereon I now live after the decease of Faith my wife to him and his heirs forever. I also give my son Peter the feather bed that is called his to him and his heirs for ever.

Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Frances Tucker her mother's trunk after her mothers decease.

Item I give and bequeath to Faith my wife the land and plantation whereon I now live during her natural life and at the end of her life to my son Peter I also give my wife all my goods and chattles during her life and then to be equally divided between my two youngest sons Godfrey and Peter to them and their heirs for ever.

I also make my son Robert Coleman whole and sole executor of this my last Will and Testament in Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal they day and year above written

Signed sealed and delivered

In presence of

Robert Bevill

her

Martha X Bevill

mark

his

William X Coleman (S)

mark

John Lowell

At a Court held for Amelia County the xxl of March MDCCXLV

The last will and testament of William Coleman was presented by Robert Coleman who made oath thereto and proved by the oaths of John Powell and Martha S. Bevill two of the witnesses to the said will and ordered to be recorded.

Samual Cobbs *Clk*

Note especially that William Coleman, Sr., to whom I have referred as William of Amelia, is shown by this Will to have had a daughter, Frances, *who married a Tucker*.

Memo of J. P. Coleman visit to Amelia Courthouse, Virginia  
Saturday, May 13, 1961

I drove down from Washington Friday afternoon in the company my good friend, T. Marx Huff. We drove to Richmond and then took Highway 360 Southwest about thirty miles to Amelia Courthouse. We spent the night at Buddie's Motel, about four or five miles past Amelia. This is on the railroad from Richmond to Danville. It is the railroad over which President Jefferson Davis and other Confederates escaped from Richmond after the fall of Petersburg. It is the point to which General Lee had ordered his provisions to be delivered after his retreat from Petersburg. He was trying to get to Danville and effect a junction with Joe Johnston's army in North Carolina. When he got to Amelia, he found that the provisions had, through some kind of foul up, gone on to Richmond. Furthermore, Sheridan was blocking his path at Jetersville, so he had to turn West toward Appomattox, where five days later the Army of Northern Virginia was surrendered. Early Saturday morning, accompanied by Mr. Huff, I went to Amelia Courthouse.

I was looking for further information on Robert Coleman, who patented land from Lord Granville in Halifax County, North Carolina, in 1756. He is our earliest Coleman ancestor on whom we then had positive documentary proof.

William Coleman, Sr.  
(Died 1745)

For many years I had in my possession a copy of the Last Will and Testament of William Coleman, Sr. This Will has been copied above. Here is what the records in Amelia reveal concerning these six sons of William Coleman, Sr.

Daniel Coleman

William Coleman, Sr. left his son, Daniel, only one shilling, which indicated that he had already made due provision for him, or that he was well enough off not to need any assistance from his father.

Book 3, Page 111, Amelia County Deeds, 19 August 1748,

Daniel Coleman sold land to William Watson, being 225 acres patented to Daniel on August 1, 1745.

Deed Book 6, Page 59, 18 June 1757, Daniel Coleman sold lands to Abel Parton, no wife mentioned.

We find in Deed Book 9, Page 82 (and I failed to get the date), Daniel Coleman, Sr. and Elizabeth, his wife, sold land to Thomas Lipscomb, land on Joseph Coleman's line.

According to the Bristol Parish Register, Daniel Coleman and Elizabeth Coleman, his wife, had the following children born to them: Benjamin, 1720; Mary, 1724; Martha, 1726; and Daniel, 1731.

So, Daniel was born not later than about 1698 and William Coleman, Sr., at least as early as 1678.

Daniel Coleman's will was executed March 7, 1782, and admitted to probate February 26, 1789, Will Book 4, Page 130, Amelia County Records. The will named the following children: Daniel, Martha, Mary, Frances, Elizabeth, Hezekiah, Ann, and Jesse.

Charles Coleman, who died in Fairfield County, South Carolina, in 1788 had a son named Jesse.

#### Robert Coleman

Robert Coleman was named the sole executor of his father's Will of June 2, 1743. This meant that he was at least twenty-one years old, and thus was born as early as 1722. His father willed him one hundred acres of land on the upper side of Wintocomake Creek.

Deed Book 4, Page 34, 1 November 1750, Robert Coleman sold to Thomas Cowles, of Chester City County, land "devised to the said Robert Coleman by William Coleman, Sr., father of the said Robert Coleman,"

The deed further recites that patent for the same had been issued to William Coleman 13 October, 1727.

*Ann, wife of Robert, waived dower.*

Deed Book 5, Pages 188 and 193, 26 September, 1754, Robert Coleman made similar deeds to Samuel Morgan. The deed at Page 192 carries Francis Roberts and Thomas Roberts as witnesses.

We find in the Halifax County, North Carolina, records that William Roberts sold land to Robert Coleman on March 13, 1761. Deed Book 7, Page 255.

Robert Coleman never again appears in the Amelia County records. As will be seen later, this Robert Coleman moved to Lunenburg County, Virginia. From there he moved to Union County, South Carolina, in

1775. This was the same year that Robert Coleman of Halifax County, North Carolina, moved to the adjoining county of Fairfield, South Carolina.

"Our" Robert Coleman's deeds in North Carolina and South Carolina his were signed "Robert R. Coleman." This may have been a universal custom, but it is mark significant that William Coleman, Sr. has deeds of record in 1737 in Amelia, Book 1, Pages 67, 68, and 69 in which he signed by his "William W Coleman." mark

Furthermore, the Last Will of Peter Coleman, brother of the Amelia Robert (and son of William) was signed "his mark-P."

#### Joseph Coleman

In Will Book 2, Page 16, Amelia Records, we find the Last Will and Testament of Joseph Coleman. Dated June 5, 1770, and proved January 23, 1772. He signed by mark, but did not use the initial "J."

The Last Will of Joseph Coleman named sons, Joseph, John, Sutton, *Francis* and Page.

In Will Book 7, Page 454, Amelia Records, we find the report of the sale of the personal property of Elizabeth Coleman, deceased, widow of Page Coleman. This was 1809. The buyers at the sale were James Coleman, Braxton Coleman, William Coleman, Tabitha Coleman, Jesse Coleman, and Charles James Coleman.

#### William Coleman (Junior)

Deed Book 5, Page 423, March 25, 1756, William Coleman an wife, Frances, sold John Merrimoon 350 acres of land.

Deed Book 6, Page 99, August 13, 1757, deed from William Coleman and wife for 438 acres.

William Coleman's will, dated October 12, 1767, was admitted to probate April 28, 1768, Amelia County Records. Sons named: Abraham, Jeremiah, Godfrey, Burrell, Archer, William, and Jesse, Daughters were mentioned but not named.

#### Godphrey Coleman

The Last Will and Testament of Godphrey Coleman, dated June 6, 1753, and proved September 27, 1753, Page 99 of Will Book 1, willed to

his brothers William Coleman and Peter Coleman the 200 acres of land "left to me by my father, William Coleman."

#### Peter Coleman

The Last Will and Testament of Peter Coleman is found at Page 109 of Will Book 5, Peter outlived most of the others as his will was proved February 27, 1794. He left all of his property to his daughter, Fannie, without stating her last name.

We do not know whether she was married or single. We do know, however, that Peter Coleman had other children, because in Land Deed Book 16, Page 140, "for love and affection," he sold 50 acres of land to his son, Solomon Coleman. This was 4 October, 1782.

The given name Solomon is in our Coleman family in early Nineteenth Century South Carolina.

Again, on August 9, 1784, Isaac Coleman deeded land to Solomon Coleman, Book 17, Page 94.

However, bad trouble must have arisen between Peter Coleman and his son, Solomon, because in Deed Book 19, Page 162, May 24, 1792, we find that Peter Coleman sued out a peace bond against Solomon Coleman and Isaac Coleman, and they made bond to preserve the peace for a year and a day toward Peter, the father of Solomon. This shows how the Colemans could and did "fall out" and take umbrage toward each other. Even to this day we know too many instances of this, but will not relate them in this book.

From deeds appearing at Pages 44 and 46, Book 9, we find that Peter Coleman's wife was named Martha.

From the records of Bristol Parish we know that Peter Coleman was born in 1720.

Solomon Coleman must have moved away from Amelia County, because I find no reference to him, wills or deeds, after about 1800.

From the foregoing research, we find that of the sons of William Coleman, Sr. (who died before March 21, 1745), Robert was the only one to move away from Amelia County. He eventually went to Union County, South Carolina, and became the ancestor of the Bluff Springs Colemans in Choctaw County, Mississippi, about whom we have a chapter in this book.

Francis Coleman, the son of Joseph, likewise died in Amelia County, for his will, dated September 19, 1811, appears at Page 40 of Will Book 8. He signed by mark, the will was proved October 24, 1811, so he died very shortly after he made the Will. Nancy Coleman was a witness, but he left all his property to his sister, Mary Coleman Tucker.



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So evidently, he had no other family, unless he was at outs with them and did not want to leave them any property.

As to the Isaac Coleman who had to give the peace bond to Peter Coleman, he died by 1810, because we find at Page 388 of Will Book 7, that Mazy Coleman is the orphan of Isaac Coleman.

The Edward Wayne Coleman, Jr. home in  
Dinwiddie County, Virginia

On April 2, 1963, and again on February 22, 1964, I had the pleasure of visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wayne Coleman, Jr., Ford, Virginia. Mr. Edward Wayne Coleman is of the Amelia County Colemans, who moved over into Dinwiddie.

This branch of the Amelia County Colemans originally lived near Saylor's Creek Battle Field. Mrs. Eva Orgain and Mr. Will Coleman, of Chester, Virginia, are members of this family. I had the pleasure of visiting with them in Chester on February 23, 1964. Mr. Edward Wayne Coleman lives at Coleman's Lake, about seven miles Northwest of Dinwiddie Courthouse.

On April 2, 1963, Mr. Coleman showed me the Coleman family cemetery near his home. Here are buried: First Generation: Thomas Newton Coleman, 1817 - 1898, and Elizabeth, his wife, 1818 - 1893. Second Generation: Lewis Edward Coleman, born September 22, 1850, at Woodlawn in Amelia County, died 1940, and Mrs. Olivia Boisseau Coleman, 1861 - 1941, his wife. Third Generation: Edward Wayne Coleman, Sr., born July 15, 1877, died February 6, 1958. On February 24, 1904, he married Ruth Goodwyn. Mrs. Coleman died April 11, 1964.

Here we have three generations of Colemans, and Mr. Edward Wayne Coleman, Jr., born August 7, 1905, is the fourth generation. His son, Ned Coleman, a senior at the University of Tennessee, is the fifth generation.

Lewis Edward Coleman had brothers named Emmett, Junius, and Thomas, called Kit. Mrs. Eva Orgain is an Aunt of Edward Wayne Coleman, Jr.

Joseph Ragsdale  
Deed Book 3, Page 461.

On the 15th day of May, 1750, land was conveyed to Joseph Ragsdale of Chesterfield County (which lies between Amelia and Richmond). The deed was for 196 acres, and it was on Wintocomake Creek.

Then, on November 3, 1753, Joseph Ragsdale sold this land to John Tucker in which he recited that he had become a resident of Lunenburg County. This is of interest because William Coleman married Sarah Ragsdale in Fairfield County, South Carolina before 1800.

According to the Bristol Parish Register (which covered parts of the counties of Amelia, Price George, Chesterfield, and Dinwiddie), there were four separate William Colemans in that area in the first thirty years of the 1700's.

William Coleman, whose wife's name was Faith. This was William of Amelia.

William Coleman, whose wife's name was Sarah, and who had children, Martha, born 1730; William, born 1732, and Sarah, born 1734.

William Coleman, whose wife's name was Margaret, and who had children, Ann, born 1731; Margery Lucas, born 1733.

William Coleman, whose wife's name was Elizabeth who had a son born 1732, named Warner.

We also find that Joseph Coleman and Elizabeth Coleman his wife, had a son named William, born 1734.

The Joseph Coleman herein treated did not mention a son named William in his Will. However, this William would have been thirty-eight years old when Joseph died in 1772, and thus was probably elsewhere. The whole matter is that Virginia was chocked full of Colemans by 1750, and the task of "digging them up" is correspondingly complex..

COLEMANS LISTED 1810 CENSUS,  
DINWIDDIE COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Stanfield Coleman  
Isham Coleman

James Coleman

COLEMANS LISTED 1820 CENSUS,  
DINWIDDIE COUNTY, VIRGINIA

John Coleman  
Archer Coleman  
Solomon Coleman

Williamson Williamson, Jr. & Sr.  
Martha Coleman  
James Coleman

THE 1800 TAX LIST OF AMELIA COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Daniel Coleman	Estate of Abraham Coleman
Archer Coleman	William Coleman
Burwell Coleman	Ebenezer Coleman
Solomon Coleman	Joseph Coleman
Robert Coleman	Jesse Coleman

THE MOBERLEYS AND OTHERS LISTED IN 1820  
CENSUS OF MADISON COUNTY, KENTUCKY

Richard Moberley, 45	Ephriam Moberley
William Moberley, 45	Elias Moberley
Gabriel Ross, 45	Samuel W. Ross
James Ross, over 45	Alexander and John Ross
John Moberley, 16-26	Sally Roe
Benjamin Moberly	John Prewitt
John Moberley, over 45	15 in family
Edward Moberley	Samuel Moberley
Mother	

No Coleman in Madison County in 1820.

PATENT TO HENRY COLEMAN ON THE  
BROAD RIVER, S. C., 1750

GEORGE the Second, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, France and Ireland, KING, Defender of the Faith, and fo forth, To All To whom THESE PRESENTS shall come Greeting: KNOW YE, THAT WE of our fpecial Grace, certain Knowledge and mere Motion, have given and granted, and oy thefe prefents, for us, our heirs and succeffors, DO GIVE AND GRANT unto

Henry Coleman, his

heirs and affigns, a plantation or Tract of Land Containint Four Hundred & fifty Acres in the fork Between Saluda & Broad Rivers, Bounded on all sides by vacant Land.  
(450)

And hath fuch fhape, form and marks, as appears by a plat thereof, hereunto annexed: Together with all woods, under-woods, timber and timber-trees, lakes, ponds, fihings, waters, water-courfes, profits, commodities, appurtenances and hereditaments whatsoever, thereunto belonging or in anywife a ppertaining: Together with privilege of hunting, hawking and fowling in and upon the fame, and

all mines and minerals whatsoever, saving and reserving, nevertheless, to us, our heirs and successors, all white pine-trees, if any there should be found growing thereon: And also saving and reserving, to us, our heirs and successors, one tenthpart of mines of silver and gold only: TO HAVE AND TO HOLD, the said tract of Four Hundred & fifty acres of land and all and singular other the premises hereby granted, with the appurtenances, unto the said Henry Coleman, his heirs and assigns for ever, in free and common socage, he the said Henry Coleman, his heirs or assigns yielding and paying therefore, unto us, our heirs successors, or to our Receiver-General for the time being, or to his Deputy or deputies for the time being, yearly, that is to say, on every twenty-fifth day of March, at the rate of three shillings sterling, or four shillings proclamation money for every hundred acres, and so in proportion according to the quantity of acres contained herein; the same to grow due and be accounted for from the date hereof. Provided always, and this present Grant is upon condition, nevertheless, that he the said Henry Coleman, his heirs and assigns, shall and do within three years next after the date of these presents, clear and cultivate at the rate of one acre for every five hundred acres of land, and so in proportion according to the quantity of acres herein contained, or build a dwelling house thereon, and keep a stock of five head of cattle for every five hundred acres, upon the same, and in proportion for a greater or lesser quantity: And upon condition, that if the said rent, hereby reserved, shall happen to be in arrear and unpaid for the space of three years from the time it became due, and no distress can be found on the said lands, tenements and hereditaments hereby granted, that then and in such case, the said lands, tenements and hereditaments, hereby granted, and every part and parcel thereof, shall revert to us, our heirs and successors, as fully and absolutely, as if the same had never been granted. Provided also, if the said lands hereby mentioned to be granted, shall happen to be within the bounds or limits of any of the townships, or of the lands reserved for the use of the townships now laid out in our said Province, in pursuance of our Royal Instructions, that then this Grant shall be void, any thing herein to the contrary contained notwithstanding.

Given under the Great Seal of our said Province.

WITNESS James Glen, Esqr. our Capt. General

Governor and Commander in chief in and over our said Province of South-Carolina,  
this Twenty Ninth Day of November

Anno Dom. 1750 in the Twenty-fourth Year of our Reign.

James (L. M. S.) Glen

Signed by his Excellency the

Governor in Council  
John Brailsford, C.

And hath hereunto a plat there-  
of annexed representing the  
same, certified by George Hunter, Esq.

Recorded Decem. 4, 1750  
D. H. Coleman, 21st. March 1750.

Surveyor-General.  
dated 22 November 1749

GREENE COUNTY, ALABAMA, DESCENDANTS OF  
ROBERT COLEMAN OF NANSEMOND COUNTY,  
VIRGINIA

*THE COLEMAN FAMILY*

(NOTE: This paper was given January 9, 1964, before the Twenty-Three Circle and again in January, before the Greene County Historical Society as a tribute to James Samuel Coleman, 1873-1963).

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*James Samuel Coleman* was born May 25, 1873, near Akron, Alabama, and died Dec. 19, 1963, at Eutaw, with burial in Grassdale Cemetery. He attended school at Eutaw and was appointed to Annapolis by Senator John B. Bankhead. From 1889 to 1894 he taught in Eutaw (the school being where the swimming pool now is). He later taught at Verner School in Tuscaloosa, then studied a year in Heidelberg, Germany, and Paris, France, after which he taught at State Normal School at Livingston, then was Commandant for five years at the Wright School, Mobile, and then principal of Selma Military School.

From 1909 to 1945, he published the Green County Democrat at Eutaw. He was a Mason, a Presbyterian Elder (50 years) a member of the Board of Education, of the Kiwanis Club, and of the Twenty-Three Circle (of which he was really the founder).

He married Sept. 20, 1905, at York, Alabama, Mary Belle Peteet, a Livingston graduate, who was Alabama's Mother of the Year 1958. Their children are: James Samuel (Annapolis graduate, now a Justice of Alabama Supreme Court), Wilson McConnell (Annapolis graduate, now Captain in U. S. Navy), Charles Hamilton, Dallas, Texas, and John Woodrow, Attorney, Talladega.

J. S. Coleman was one of Eutaw's most distinguished citizens, but no less so was his father, *Thomas Wilkes Coleman*, who was born March 31, 1833, nine miles west of Eutaw, and died Nov. 9, 1920, at Eutaw, with burial at Grassdale. He married Nov. 1, 1860, at Sumterville, Alabama, Frances Jane Wilson (1842-1920) and reared a large and useful family of children, among whom were: Julia (Mrs. James Oliver Banks), Mary (Mrs. Grigsby Eskridge Chandler), Thomas Wilkes, Jr., Flavel Woodrow, James Samuel (1873-1963), Frances Jane (Mrs. Thomas Thompson Quarles), Charles Hamilton, and John Anderson.

*Thomas Wilkes Coleman* was a member of the Constitutional Convention of 1891, and on the Alabama Supreme Bench, and is written up in Dr. Owen's Dictionary of Alabama Biography, Dr. A. B. Moore's Alabama, and other volumes. He was the son of James Cobb Coleman (1810-1868), who first married Martha Ann Anderson (1810 - 1834), and married secondly, Juliet Bestor, sister of Dr. Daniel P. Bestor, Baptist Minister and Educator. James Cobb Coleman's two children by his first wife were: Julia Frances

Mrs. Ulysses Thadeus McLemore) and Thomas Wilkes, 1833-1920. Alice, daughter of Juliet Bestor, married *Dr. John Samuel Meriwether* in 1860.

*James Cobb Coleman* (1810-1868) was the son of John Coleman, born in Edgecombe County, N. C., died 1852 in Greene County, Alabama, where he had come in 1819. He came to Bibb County in 1818 with his father, Charles Coleman, and a brother, Wiley Coleman, who settled in Bibb County, while John and his father, Charles, came to Greene County. Charles, the father, was born in 1744 in Edgecombe County, N. C. and fought in the American Revolution as Quartermaster of the 3rd N. C. Regiment. He married Mary Rountree and died in 1824, being buried at Grassdale in sight of the Coleman-Bank house, said to be the oldest frame house in Greene County. Five generations of Colemans are buried at Grassdale.

There are many other descendants of the Coleman family in our County. Mrs. Bessie Hester, Mrs. R. L. Colgrove and Joe Thadeus McLemore are children of Joel Thadeus McLemore and wife (Judith Elizabeth Dunlap) and grandchildren of Julia Frances (Coleman) McLemore.

Dr. John Samuel Meriwether and wife (Alice Coleman) were the parents of the late Mrs. Daisy Dunlap, and the grandparents of Mrs. Mary Morgan (Ward) Glass William Riddle Ward, John Meriwether Ward, John S. (Bo) Meriwether, Lida Meriwether Hall, Sara Meriwether Humphries, and great grandparents of William Ryan deGraffenried (candidate for Governor of Alabama in last race.)

*Thomas Wilkes Coleman* (1833-1920) was a half brother of *James Cobb Coleman, Jr.* (1842-1912) who was the father of Misses Alice and Louise Coleman, and of the late Mrs. Janie Kirksey, and the grandfather of Mrs. Polly (Coleman) Yarbrough.

*James Cobb Coleman* (1810-1868) was a brother of Judge Wiley Coleman (1819-1892) and of Miss Rhoda Coleman (1829-1900) and of Martha Jane Coleman, who married in 1852 James Oliver Banks, and was the mother of James Oliver Banks, Jr. (1865-1941), who married Julia Coleman in 1888 and was the father of Wilkes, Ellen Gray Humphries, Willis, Hampden Jack Ralph. - "Greene County Democrat," Eutaw, Alabama, June 11, 1964.

The foregoing newspaper article is an excellent report on those Colemans in Greene County Alabama, who migrated there from Edgecombe County, North Carolina. They were descended from Robert Coleman of Nansemond County, Virginia, and his sons or grandsons, William Coleman and Robert Coleman. The Nansemond County records have been destroyed and the particular genealogy of that County can only be put together from fragmentary sources.

I wish to pay special tribute to Mr. James Samuel Coleman, mentioned in the above article, who died December 19, 1963. Early in my efforts to locate the history of the Colemans I went to Eutaw, Alabama, met Mr. Coleman, and had a most delightful visit with him, including a visit to the beautiful cemetery at Grassdale. Later he gave me a copy of

his autobiography, which my secretary typed. This was a most interesting life story and ought to be published. Miss Mary Ellen Coleman, sister of James Samuel Coleman, kept up a keen interest in genealogy. I once ran across some of her writings at the book store of The Genealogical Publishing Company in Baltimore. I purchased them and gave them to her nephew, Judge James S. Coleman, now of the Alabama Supreme Court. The history of this large and able family would afford sufficient material for a book within itself.

THE ROBERT COLEMAN OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
WHO SERVED IN THE REVOLUTION

Over a period of many years I have heard much speculation as to the true identity of the Robert Coleman of South Carolina who is listed in early South Carolina records as having served in the Continental Army during the Revolution. The following from National Archives would seem to settle this question: Robert Coleman Revolutionary War service from South Carolina (Widow, Prudence) W 23858.

Robert Coleman, a resident of the District of Marion, South Carolina, when he entered the service under Captain N. Simonds and Witherspoon, in General Marion's command. He was in several skirmishes, one at Bass's Mill on Greed Reeder River against the Tories. Also served a tour guarding the Tories. He was also in the Battle of Fort Moultrie, near Charleston as a Sergeant in Marion's Riflemen, later a 1st Lt. June 14, 1777 Robert Coleman married Prudence. (Her maiden name not given.) The soldier died February 22, 1825 (or May 22, 1825 ). Both dates given.

On November 28, 1840, Prudence Coleman, widow of Robert Coleman, filed for a pension on the service of her husband. The widow was a resident of Marion District, South Carolina, near Lynches Creek. She was at the time 84 years old, "since 28th of August." The widow died September 18, 1841. At the time of the widow's death she had the following children: Prudence Poston, Elizabeth Poston,

Celia Turner, John L. Coleman, Jane Finklea (I am not sure of the spelling of `Finklea.')

Margaret O. Hearnden.

Henry Culpepper served as the legal administrator. (His relationship to daughter of veteran, Mary Culpepper, not given.

In May 17, 1852, from Marion District, South Carolina, this statement made: "William Coleman, oldest child of Robert and Prudence Coleman, would if now living, be 73 or 74 years of age."



A CHRONOLOGICAL LIST OF EARLY VIRGINIA LAND PATENTS TO  
GRANTEES NAMED COLEMAN 1627-1769 (With Notes and Observations)

Prepared by J. P. Coleman, in the year 1961

December 12, 1627. Patent Book 1, Part 1, Page 84. HENRY COLEMAN, 150 acres, Elizabeth City.

May 30, 1634. Patent Book 1, Page 147. HENRY COLEMAN, Planter, of Elizabeth City, 60 acres, upon Southampton River, assigned to Coleman by Francis Hough, 3 January 1633.

June 6, 1635. Land Patent Book 1, Part 1, Page 241. HENRY COLEMAN, 150 acres, on woods going up to Elizabeth City and adjoining Hampton River.

March 10, 1635. Patent Book 1, Part 1, Page 360. HENRY COLEMAN. Marginal reference and index uses name William Coleman 100 acres Elizabeth City, County. Mentions wife, Katherine.

October 17, 1642. Patent Book 1, Part 11, Page 836. HENRY COLEMAN, 104 acres Elizabeth City, County. Bounded west upon Hampton River.

This is the HENRY COLEMAN, who, on October 7, 1634, was sentenced by the Council at Jamestown to be excommunicated for forty days for using scornful speeches and for putting on his hat in church. 1 Hennings Statutes at Large, Page 223.

Judge S. Bernard Coleman, of Fredericksburg, Virginia, in his excellent manuscript at the Virginia State Library, is of the opinion that Henry Coleman probably came to Virginia in the *Furtherance*, 1622; that he was alive as late as 1655; that his wife was named Katherine; but that no descendants have ever been ascertained.

September 21, 1643. Patent Book 1, Part 11, Page 891. ANTHONY COLEMAN. 82½ acres, James City County. Renewed in another's name on July 11, 1651.

According to Mr. S. Bernard Coleman, this man died about 1652. See notes following on William Coleman.

May 6, 1651. Patent Book 2, Page 313. RICHARD COLEMAN, 320 acres North side Rappahannock River. For the transportation of

seven persons including William Thomas and John Chapman, names prominently identified with the Colemans in Virginia, North Carolina, and South Carolina, in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries.

January 11, 1652. Patent Book 3, Page 142. RICHARD COLEMAN, 100 acres on a creek proceeding out of Occapason Creek. Transportation of two persons, including Abraham Jones, another name prominent in Southside Virginia, North Carolina, and South Carolina.

October 27, 1652. Patent Book 3, Page 126. RICHARD COLEMAN, 600 acres South side Rappahannock. Transportation of twelve persons, by assignment from Thomas Chapman.

June 9, 1654. Patent Book 3, Page 373. RICHARD COLEMAN, 600 acres North side Rappahannock.

September 7, 1654. Patent Book 3, Page 293. RICHARD COLEMAN, 1400 acres on North side in the freshes of Rappahannock River.

Richard Coleman's wife was named Margaret. Mr. S. Bernard Coleman, after the most careful research, believes him to have been a brother of Anthony and William of the same period, but no relationship with Henry Coleman could be established. Mr. Coleman thinks Richard Coleman must have left the Colony of Virginia about 1670.

September 6, 1655. Patent Book 3, Page 367. COL. FRANCIS MORRISON, 24 acres commonly known by the name of the Glass House, James City County. Formerly sold by Sir John Harvey to ANTHONY COLEMAN and by Edward Knight and William Coleman, joint heirs sold to John, Senior, etc. This is near Jamestown.

January 29, 1662. Patent Book 5, Page 294. WILLIAM COLEMAN and ROBERT BAYNHAM, 300 acres Northumberland County, a creek of Yeocomoco River. (This land was in Westmoreland County after 1663).

Again quoting Mr. S. Bernard Coleman: This William Coleman, presumably an heir to Anthony Coleman, was born 1619, came to Virginia in the Assurance, 1635. His will was admitted to probate September 6, 1665. He left his property to his brother, Richard, and apparently had no wife or children.

March 18, 1662. Patent Book No. 5, Page 353 (369). ROBERT COLEMAN, 110 acres, Gloster County, on the main branches of Burt's Creek adjoining his own land.

Once more quoting Mr. S. Bernard Coleman: This was Robert Coleman of Mobjack Bay, the ancestor of the Essex County Colemans (Tappohannock, the county seat), and numerous descendants so carefully studied and described by Mr. Coleman in his manuscript at the Virginia State Library, of which he gave J. P. Coleman a copy in 1957.

According to Charles City County Court Orders in the year 1655, Howell Pryse and William Justice were granted land for the transportation of various persons including Thomas Coleman, William Coleman and Nicholas Coleman. This confirms the long standing tradition, often encountered in some branches of the Coleman family, that three Coleman brothers migrated to Virginia together in the mid-seventeenth century and became the ancestors of many of the Colemans now alive.

By the same Court Orders, Page 534, we see that on August 7, 1671, Stephen Coleman witnessed a deed. And the nearby Surrey County Records, 1687-1694, Page 291, contain an inventory of the estate of Stephen Coleman, dated January 27, 1691. The sons of "Brother" Stephen Coleman were later mentioned in the will of Robert Coleman Isle of Wight County, probated in 1715.

In Charles City County Court Orders we find that John Coleman, Page 456, was a witness in Court, March 11, 1663/4

Prince George County was formed of Charles City County, 1702, and lies South of the Appomattox.

December 13, 1665. Patent Book 6, Page 264. RICHARD COLEMAN as the heir of his brother, William Coleman, granted 380 acres of land in Westmoreland County, formerly Northumberland County, near the Corotoman River. Said land was assigned by Richard Smith to William Coleman and Robert Baynham. Said Baynham granted his right to William Coleman. This appears to be the same land mentioned above in patent of January 29, 1662.

September 29, 1667. Land Patent Book 6, Page 181. ROBERT COLEMAN granted 634 acres of land in Isle of Wight County - 300 acres purchased from Ambrose Bennett and 334 acres for the transportation of seven persons *including Robert Coleman*.

If the patentee received land for his own transportation, the patent

would have read "for himself and six persons." Therefore, the transported Robert must have been a son or other relative of the patentee. Neither would the transported Robert have been the same Robert who received previous patents unless he had returned to England on some mission and 50 acres was being acquired for his re-transportation to the Colony.

May 4, 1670. Land Patent Book 6, Page 336. ROBERT COLEMAN and William Ruffin granted 938 acres of land in Isle of Wight County on western branch for the transportation of nineteen persons into the Colony.

Isle of Wight was an original county, formed in 1634.

This Robert Coleman's partner in this acquisition was William Ruffin. Ruffin Coleman was a prominent land owner in north Alabama and even in Mississippi in the mid 1800's.

This land was in Isle of Wight as was the patent of September 29, 1667, previously listed.

March 1, 1672. Land Patent Book 6, Page 34. ROBERT COLEMAN granted 200 acres of land in Gloster (Gloucester) County due him for the transportation of four persons into the Colony. Again, this must have been Robert Coleman of Mobjack Bay.

April 20, 1684. Land Patent Book 7, Page 378. ROBERT COLEMAN granted 530 acres of land on the West side of a reedy marsh being a branch of Chuckatuck. The name of the county is not given, but the town of Chuckatuck is in Nanesepond County.

April 21, 1695. Land Patent Book 8, Page 422. ROBERT COLEMAN granted 80 acres in the lower parish of Isle of Wight County for the transportation of two persons into this Colony.

October 8, 1697. Land Patent Book 9, Page 107. JOSEPH COLEMAN granted 344 acres of land in Gloster County for the transportation of seven persons into this Colony. Joseph Coleman was the son of Robert Coleman of Mobjack Bay.

October 28, 1697. Land Patent Book 9, Page 110. ROBERT COLEMAN of Nansemond County granted 450 acres of land near Wickham Swamp in the upper Parish adjoining John and Thomas Milner

This Robert Coleman was the father of William Coleman, who died in

Edgecombe County, North Carolina, in 1752, and of Robert Coleman, who died in the same county, 1761.

April 26, 1704. Land Patent Book 9, Page 597. JOHN COLEMAN granted 1200 acres of land on the South side of Tappahannock River in Essex County for the transportation of twenty-four persons into this Colony.

October 23, 1705. Land Patent Book 9, Page 549. DANIEL COLEMAN and Samuel Williams granted 600 acres of land on Herring Creek in King William County for the transportation of twelve persons into this Colony.

June 15, 1714. Land Patent Book 10, Page 168. DANIEL COLEMAN and John Madison granted 200 acres in King William County in a fork of the Mattapony River. Both Daniel Coleman and John Madison of King and Queen County.

September 5, 1723. Land Patent Book 11, Page 234. THOMAS COLEMAN granted 540 acres of land in the Parish of South Farnham, Essex County.

December 2, 1723. Land Patent Book 11, Page 296 (226?). ROBERT COLEMAN of King and Queen County granted 1500 acres of land on the south side of Middle River of Mattapony River in St. George Parish, Spotsylvania County.

This was the son of Captain Robert Coleman, of Essex, who died in 1713, and a grandson of Robert of Mobjack Bay. Had sons named Robert, John, Thomas, Samuel, Richard, and Spilsby. Died 1748. (BSC).

July 9, 1724. Land Patent Book 12, Page 48. DANIEL COLEMAN of King William County granted 400 acres of land on the south side of South River in St. Margaret's Parish, King William County.

July 9, 1724. Land Patent Book 12, Page 49. DANIEL COLEMAN granted 344 acres of land in St. Mary's Parish, King William County. Daniel Coleman of King William County.

June 16 1727. Land Patent Book 13, Page 90. ROBERT COLEMAN of King and Queen County granted 688 acres of land in Spotsylvania County adjoining said Colemans land which he bought of Capt. Joseph Smith and others. (Same man as the patent of December 2, 1723).

September 28, 1732. Land Patent Book 14, Page 529. ROBERT COLEMAN granted 400 acres of land in St. Margaret's Parish, Spotsylvania County.

May 25, 1734. Land Patent Book 15, Page 209. ROBERT COLEMAN, SR., of King and Queen County, granted 400 acres of land in St. Marks Parish Spotsylvania County in the great fork of Rappahannock River (Same man as patent of June 16, 1727).

March 17, 1736. Land Patent Book 17, Page 295. GRISSEL COLEMAN granted 345 acres of land in Goochland County on both sides of Little Buffalo Creek - a branch of Willis River.

January 2, 1737. Land Patent Book 17, Page 429 and 430. JAMES COLEMAN granted 400 acres in Hanover County between the two ledges of Mountains.

July 20, 1738. Land Patent Book 18, Page 36. SAMUEL COLEMAN granted 100 acres of land in Caroline County.

August 30, 1744. Land Patent Book 23, Page 723. ROBERT COLEMAN granted 400 acres of land in Spotsylvania County.

August 20, 1745. Land Patent Book 23, Page 1102. JAMES COLEMAN granted 400 acres of land in Brunswick County on the north side of the Roanoke River.

September 20, 1745. Land Patent Book 22, Page 479. JAMES COLEMAN granted 300 acres of land in Louisa County on the west side of the Little Mountains.

September 20, 1745. Land Patent Book 24, Page 88. JAMES COLEMAN granted 274 acres of land in Brunswick County on both sides of the south fork of Allens Creek.

November 3, 1750. Land Patent Book 29, Page 356. JAMES COLEMAN granted 1035 acres of land in Louisa County on the south side of the head of Negro Creek.

November 3, 1750. Land Patent Book 29, Page 362. JAMES COLEMAN granted 100 acres of land in Louisa County on the south fork of the north fork of James River.

August 5, 1751. Land Patent Book 29, Page 512. JAMES COLEMAN granted 133 acres in Louisa County on the west side of Little Mountain.

September 13, 1753. Land Patent Book 32, Page 225. MATTHEW COLEMAN granted 200 acres of land in Dinwiddie County on the north side of Butterwood Swamp. (Note: Dinwiddie formed from Prince George in 1752.)

December 15, 1754, Land Patent Book 32, Page 662. EDWARD COLEMAN granted 400 acres of land in Halifax County on the north fork of Panther Creek.

June 10, 1760. Land Patent Book 34, Page 501. JAMES COLEMAN granted 380 acres of land in Lunenburg County on both sides of branch of Allens Creek. (Note: Lunenburg formed in 1746 from Brunswick).

September 10, 1760. Land Patent Book 33, Page 909. ROBERT SPILSBY COLEMAN granted 77 acres in Essex County.

September 25, 1762. Land Patent Book 34, Page 1077. THOMAS COLEMAN granted 170 acres of land in Spotsylvania County.

August 30, 1763. Land Patent Book 35, Page 387. JOHN COLEMAN granted 230 acres of land in Halifax County on the branches Difficult Creek.

September 22, 1766. Land Patent Book 36, Page 1009. STEPHEN COLEMAN granted 214 acres of land in Lunenburg County on the west branch of Terrys Run.

April 6, 1769. Land Patent Book 38, Page 625. JOHN COLEMAN granted 230 acres of land in Mecklenburg County on the south side of the south fork of Allens Creek. (Note: Mecklenburg formed in 1764/5 from Lunenburg.)

COLEMANS NAMED IN QUIT RENT ROLLS FOR  
VIRGINIA, 1704, AS COPIED FROM THE  
RECORDS IN LONDON

Gloucester County

Thomas Coleman, 250 acres.

James Row, 300 acres.

Isle of Wight County

Robert Coleman, 1500 acres.

King and Queen County

John Rowe, 100 acres.

Nansemond County

Robert Coleman, 1400 acres.

Prince George County

John Coleman, 200 acres.

Francis Coleman, 150 acres.

William Coleman, Jr., 100 acres.

William Jones, Sr., 600 acres.

William Jones, Jr., 230 acres.

James Matthews, 100 acres.

Joseph Pritchett, 50 acres.

Francis Tucker, 100 acres.

Elizabeth Tucker, 212 acres.

Land Patent Book Number 1, Part 1, Page 436, June 11, 1637, William Farrar, son and heir to William Farrar, late of Henrico, deceased, granted 2000 acres for the transportation of 40 persons, including Robert Coleman.

Land Patent Book Number 1, Part 2, Page 624, March 2, 1638, Thomas Symons, 250 acres for the transportation of 5 persons, including Robert Coleman.

Land Patent Book Number 1, Part 2, Page 678, June 8, 1639, Thomas Symons, 800 acres on various accounts, including accounts assigned to him for the transportation of 13 persons, including Robert Coleman.

There was a duplicate of this patent dated October 18, 1643, Patent Book 1, Part 2, Page 949.

Land Patent Book Number 5, Page 499 (611), April 5, 1666, David Williamson, 6000 acres for the transportation of 120 persons, including Robert Coleman.

PATENTS ISSUED TO MEMBERS OF THE ROBERT  
COLEMAN FAMILY OF CHARLES CITY COUNTY

October 20, 1665. Patent Book 5, Page 435. ROBERT COLEMAN, Junior. 450 acres, Charles City County. South of Appomattox River beginning at head line of land of Robert Coleman, Sr.



September 29, 1668. Land Patent Book 6, Page 189. ROBERT COLEMAN, SR., 283 acres of land in Charles City County on the South side of the Appomattox - west end of Coleman's house swamp. This is the same land identified by Captain John Coleman in his deed of 1725.

July 15, 1717. Land Patent Book 10, Page 338. FRANCIS COLEMAN, SR., granted 333 acres of land in Prince George County on south side of Butterwood Swamp or Creek.

July 15, 1717. Land Patent Book 10, Page 339. WILLIAM COLEMAN, SR., granted 100 acres of land on the west side of Nansemond Creek in the county of Prince George.

November 13, 1720. Land Patent Book 11, Page 79. WILLIAM COLEMAN, JR., granted 185 acres of land in Prince George County.

July 9, 1724. Land Patent Book 12, Page 64. JOHN COLEMAN granted 313 acres of land on the south side of Appomattox River in Prince George County - a tract of land called the Horsepen Branch.

July 9, 1724. Land Patent Book 12, Page 70. FRANCIS COLEMAN, SR., of Prince George County, granted 350 acres of land on the north side of Butterwood Swamp in Prince George County.

July 9, 1724. Land Patent Book 12, Page 73. WILLIAM COLEMAN, SR., of Prince George County, granted 154 acres of land on the west side of creek in Prince George County. October 13, 1727. Land Patent Book 13, Page 279. WILLIAM COLEMAN, SR., of Prince George County, granted 297 acres of land in Prince George County.

September 28, 1730. Land Patent Book 13, Page 522. WILLIAM COLEMAN, SR., of Prince George County, granted 400 acres of land in Prince George County.

September 28, 1730. Land Patent Book 13, Page 530. WILLIAM COLEMAN, of Prince George County, granted 235 acres of land in Prince George County.

January 2, 1737. Land Patent Book 17, Page 438. WILLIAM COLEMAN granted 202 acres of land in Amelia County on the upper side of the great branch of Winticomaick Creek.

September 22, 1739. Land Patent Book 18, Page 391. DANIEL COLEMAN granted 800 acres of land in Amelia County on the south side of the long branch of Winticomaick Creek.

June 30, 1743. Land Patent Book 21, Page 408. ROBERT COLEMAN granted 300 acres of land in Amelia County on the upper side of Winticomaick Creek.

August 1, 1745. Land Patent Book 22, Page 383. DANIEL COLEMAN granted 225 acres of land in Amelia County on the head branch of the great fork of Flatt Creek.

APPENDIX 4

A CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS IN VIRGINIA, 1607-1756,  
WHILE THE ROBERT COLEMAN FAMILY WAS RESIDENT IN THAT COLONY

May 8, 1607, Captain Christopher Newport, with party, first of the white race to see what is now Prince George County, Virginia.

May 14, 1607, First permanent English settlement in America at Jamestown.

January 2, 1608, Captain Newport returns to Jamestown from England to find only forty survivors of the one hundred and four men left behind when he returned to England in June, 1607.

October 4, 1609, Captain John Smith returns to England, never again to see Virginia.

1610, Spring, only sixty-five of five hundred Colonists survived the winter.

1616, John Rolfe, Pocahontas, and their son, Thomas, go to England with Sir Thomas Dale, where Pocahontas dies. Thomas Rolfe is left in England with Sir Lewis Stukley, by whom he was reared and educated. His father never saw him again. Thomas Rolfe returned to Virginia as young man, married Jane Poythress, whose home was in what later became City Point, Prince George County. One daughter married Robert Bolling, neighbor and close associate of the Seventeenth Century Colemans. Possibly this accounts for the tradition in the Coleman family that Elizabeth Roe, wife of Robert Coleman, of Fairfield County, South Carolina, was a descendant of Pocahontas, but the writer has never found any official verification of this tradition.

July 30, 1619, the first general assembly ever to meet on American soil convened at Jamestown.

March 22, 1622, Good Friday, Indians massacre the Colonists. Among those killed, John Rolfe, husband of Pocahontas.

1624. The London Company provides that every settler for his own transportation and for those whose transportation he paid shall receive fifty acres of land. This system continued until 1705, when the Colonial Government began the granting of lands for cash.

1624. Virginia becomes a Royal Colony.

1634. Charles City County, of which Prince George was later formed, is established.

April 18, 1644, Good Friday, Indians again massacre from three hundred to five hundred Virginia Colonists.

1646. Indian agreement not to come below the falls of the James and the Appomattox, and to give up all land between the James and the York.

1642-1649. Civil War in England; the execution of Charles I. Virginia remained loyal to the King and was the last of the Colonys to submit to Cromwell.

November 5, 1652, Lt. Col. Walter Chiles conveys to Robert Coalman 813 acres on the South side of the Appomattox River, Charles City County (Now Prince George).

May 20, 1663, Robert Colman, Jr. becomes twenty-one years of age and is given lands by his father, Robert Colman, Sr.

February, 1664. Quakers fined five thousand pounds of tobacco for holding Church services.

1673. First recorded passage of the white man across the Appalachian Mountains.

1676. Bacon's Rebellion.

1688. Death of Robert Coleman, Sr.

1699. Jamestown burned for the second time, and the Capital moved to Williamsburg.

July 1, 1703. All that part of Charles City County South of the James and the Appomattox becomes Prince George County.

1721. Robert Coleman, Jr. dies.

1732. Brunswick County formed of Prince George, and situated South of the Roanoke River and North of the North Carolina State line.

March 25, 1735. Amelia County formed from Prince George.

1746. Lunenburg County formed of Brunswick, formerly of Prince George.

January 1, 1751. Calendar changed. New Year's moved back from March 25th to January 1st. Calendar moved ahead to take care of eleven days which had been lost previously by miscalculations in time. This changed Washington's birthday from February 11 to February 22.

May 1, 1753. Dinwiddie County formed from Prince George. The Colemans then lived in this area and were thereafter in Dinwiddie County.

November 9, 1756. Robert Coleman receives patent from Lord Granville for 157 acres of land in Edgecombe County, North Carolina (later Halifax County).

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Every book should have an index. Since there are so many Colemans of same given name in every generation, it would be almost imperative that the index be compiled by one familiar with the various family lines in order to avoid confusion of individuals. This would be such a gigantic task we have decided not to delay the publication of the Book on that account.

If there is sufficient demand for the Book to cause it to be widely circulated, we plan to publish a separate index at a later date.

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