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Librarian Ashville Library Ashville, AL 35953

Dear Librarian:

I was in Ashville on Saturday March 11, 1989 and in talking with some people I learned of the Ashville Library and the Museum nearby. The purpose of my visit on this occasion was to search for the grave of James Lovern, Lovorn, Lovorn who died in May 1825 near the fork of Big and Little Canoe Creek about 6 miles SW of Ashville; Thomas Lovern, Lovorn who lived nearby; and Edmund Lovorn who lived on Early Creek near Chandler Mtn.

All of them plus two daughters of Edmond, Sally, Mrs. Wislon Hall and Nancy, Mrs William Rickles died in St. Clair Co between 1825 and 1831.

As of March 11 I did not know where any of them were buried. My brother and I were successful in locating Edmund Lovorn's grave in the old Union Methodist church about 4 miles N of Ashville.

We visited neighbors in the vicinity of the land that James and Thomas owned. We found one unmarked grave about 3/8 miles beyond Mt. Beulah church. Mr. Floyd Anderson of Rt. 2 Box 478 showed us an old graveyard on his place that had only one marked grave. His family was told that a lot of the graves were slave graves. Mr. Anderson was knowledgeable about Indian activities and was of the opinion that it was the Creek Indian burial ground. In my family lore is the story that the Indians carried James to his grave.

Someone told us that the Library had records of the graves in the county cemeteries that someone or some group had surveyed and compiled. Would you please advise me if that is true and if so where I might see such records. Thomas Lovern/Lovorn/Lovorn served in the NC Militia during the Revolutionary War. I have a copy of his captain's company and a payroll, also a militia receipt. I would like to find his grave and mark it if it is not already marked. James was a soldier in the War of 1812. They are my great great great grandfather and great great grandfather respectively.

I have been to Ashville on several occasions looking at records in the Probate Judge's office from the mid fifties to the present.

I will appreciate whatever information you can supply. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

James Lecil Lovorn

Enclosure: SASE

6430 Paw Paw Trail Doltewah, TN 37363 31 March 1989

St. Clair Co, AL Land Deeds and Grave Sites

Mr. Floyd Anderson Rt. 2 Box 47B Ashville, AL 35953

205-594-7649

Dear Mr. Anderson:

I want to thank you for for the deed abstracts on Thomas Lovern and John Edwards land and for your letter with the information you sent in it. I have written Mr. Layton and Mrs. Crow. I wrote the Library in Ashville earlier. The newsletter provides the information on the hours. I have not heard yet. I hope to visit it soon.

I am enclosing a summary sheet I made up of the Lovvorn land transactions. From looking at the map I had with me on my visit and trying to locate the cemetery you showed us, it appears to me that it was very near the E-W section line between 20 and 29. If it was South of it, it is on land that James owned in 1825. Please comment on that. Thomas and James lines touched on the SW and NE corners respectively. Do you own any of the land that James owned in 1825?

As you will see from the summary sheet things sure were mismanaged in the matter of James estate. He did not leave a will even though he had days to make one. His son-in-law Moses Trimble, Jr. was his administrator in Newton Co. GA and eventually took over in St. Clair Co. replacing William Little. I have run into a William Little several other places also. The final settlement of the estate was not made until about 1836 consequently much of it was expended on administration costs and support for the orphans. There was enmity in the family for generations which we think was over the handling of the estate. I do not know if the country was in a depression in 1833-4 when the land was sold for less than half of what it cost or not. One wonders what would be the families history if James had not had such an untimely death.

The matter of the sale of Thomas Loverns land for taxes leaves me wondering what happened to his widow Nancy McCartney Lovern, his third wife that he married in 1818 in Clarke Co, GA. When I come again I am going to read the court minutes of that period to see if anything is there about her death. Although the children were the legatees after her death, they did not know or care or several was deceased. By the time it would have been divided it probably was not worth the costs involved if they knew.

Thank you again for your interest and help. When I come down again I will try to call you. I am pursuing many family lines in different areas so my schedule has a way of falling behind. Take care and Good Hunting.

Best regards,

James Lecil Lovvorn

615-238-9499

SUMMARY OF LAND TRANSACTIONS OF LOVEN/LOVING/LOVERN/LOVORN/LOVORN FAMILYS IN ST. CLAIR CO. AL by James Lecil Lovvorn 31 March 1989

JAMES LOVVORN SR. LAND TRANSACTIONS IN ST. CLAIR CO, AL

Descript. Sec	Tvs	Ran	Date bought	Bk	pg	amount	date sold	Ðk	pg	amount	quanity
W1/2,NE1/4 29	14	3E	28 Mar 1825	A	71	\$100	28 Nov 1B34	B	181	\$907	BO acs
W1/2,SW1/4 29	14	3E	28 Mar 1825	A	72	\$100	29 Nov 1834	8	181	\$104	80 acs
NW 1/4 29	14	3E	19 Feb 1824	A	81	\$2000	28 Nov 1834	B	181		160 acs
W1/2,NE1/4 30	14	3E	13 Jun 1833	В	93	\$600	28 Nov 1834	В	181		80 acs
E1/2,NE1/4 30	14	3E					28 Nov 1834	B	181		80 acs

All the tracts sold on 28 Nov 1834 were sold as one for a total amount of \$907

No deed has been located where he bought the last tract above.

The next to last deed above was to the heirs of James Loving. Apparently no deed could be located where he had purchased it but the administrator went back to the seller and got another deed.

THOMAS LOVERN/LOVORN/LOVVORN LIND TRANSACTIONS IN ST. CLAIR CO, AL

Descript. Sec Tws Ran Date bought Bk pg amount date sold Bk pg amount quanity
E1/2,SE1/4 20 14 3E 19 Aug 1823 A 34 \$125 4 May 1846 C 71 taxes 80 acs

EDMOND LOVORN LAND TRANSACTIONS IN ST. CLAIR CO, AL

Descript. Sec Tws Ran Date bought Bk pg amount date sold Bk pg amount quanity
SE 1/4 28 13 3E unknown after 1831 wid dower laid off 160 acs

Land was probably obtained before 1820 and before county existed. It was part of Shelby Co. Land grant should be checked to see who got it from US Government.

THOMAS AND SARAH LOVORN (SON OF EDMOND) LAND TRANSACTIONS IN ST. CLAIR CO, AL

Descript. Sec Tws Ran Date bought Bk pg amount date sold Bk pg amount quanity
W1/2,NE1/4 29 16 2E unknown 9 Jan 1832 B 38 \$300 79.72 ac

Apparently Edmond Lovorns family left St. Clair Co. Al and moved to Winston Co, MS about this date.

LOVERN Edmund Appraisal & Sale pp 136-138

Date of Appraisal: 23 Jun 1831

Appraisers: J. A. FOLLARD, John H. VANDYKE, William PHILIPS, William LITTLE

Names mentioned in Sale: Thomas, Elizabeth, widow, Alexandrew, Delila, Marande, Betsey, William LOVERN, Ransom ATKINSON, James A. MOODY

Note: Ransom ATKINSON married Rose LOVERN 1826; Alfred MODDY married Rebecca LOVEN 1827

LANKFORD James Appraisal & Sale pp 152-153

Date of Appraisal: 06 Nov 1832

Appraisers: Austin HOOD, Thomas HALL, John F. DILL, Robert BOULAND, David BROWN

Names mentioned in Sale: Robert E., Peter, John, Washington, Thomas LANKFORD

LISTER Moses Appraisal p 158 Date of Appraisal: 07 Jun 1831

Appraisers: Malchijah ABNEY, George WOOD, Philip BROTHERS

LASLEY Margaret Appraisal & Sale pp 230-231
Date of Appraisal: 23 May 1835
Appraisers: Benjamin G. POLLARD, J. G. MEANS, W. B. CROFT
Names mentioned in Sale: James LASLEY, William STORY
Note: William STORY married Margaret LASLEY 1829

MODRE Lemuel Appraisal & Sale pp 6, 156

Date of Appraisal: 31 Jan 1828

Administrator: Alexandrew J. MODRE

Appraisers: T. BAILY, John SINGLETON, John E. HANNAH

Names mentioned in Sale: William M., Alex J., Mark E., Amasa R., Lemuel R. MOORE; Robert C. WILSON

Note: Robert C. WILSON married Chancy M. MOORE 1828

Inventory of Land belonging to the Estate of Lemuel MODRE

NW Quarter Sec 12 Two 19 R 2E

W 1/2 of NW Quarter: E 1/2 of NW Quarter; SW Quarter; E 1/2 of SE Quarter Sec 13 Twp 19 R 2E

SW 1/2 of SE Quarter: W 1/2 of NE Quarter Sec 24 Twp 19 R 2E W 1/2 of NW Quarter Sec 25 Twp 19 R 2E

SW Quarter Sec 3 Twp 18 R 3E

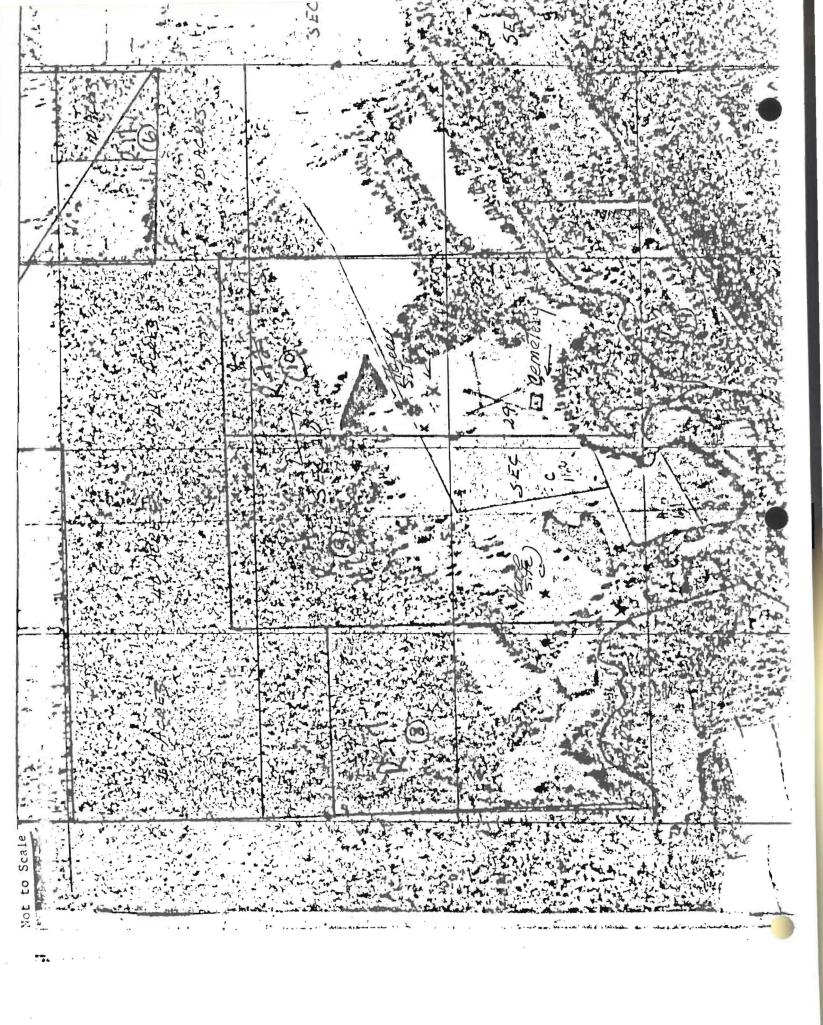
E 1/2 of SE Quarter Sec 4 Twp 18 R 3E

SW Fraction Sec 6 Twp 19 R 3E

S 1/2 of SW Quarter; S 1/2 of SE Quarter; SE Fraction (88a);

NW Fraction (100a) Sec 18 Twp 19 R 3E

E 1/2 of NW Quarter Sec 26 Twp 21 R 2W (?)



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6430 Paw Paw Trail Doltewah, TN 37363 7 May 1989

St. Clair Co, AL Land Deeds and Grave Sites

Mr. Floyd Anderson Rt. 2 Box 47B Ashville, AL 35953

205-594-7649

Dear Mr. Anderson:

I want to thank you for for the deed abstracts you sent and your interesting letter and map. I received a brief note from Mrs. Crowe. I have not ordered her book yet. I thought'I might look at one first to see if it had enough interest to me to add to my library of genealogy and history. I have not heard from Mr. Layton. I did get a note from Charlene Simpson. She sent me a page from an Estate Ledger. I have researched and copied all I can find in the probate judges office except a couple of pages I failed to copy.

We spent 9 days in AL visiting and taking care of my mother at Roanoke. She had an angioplasty procedure to improve her circulation. It has helped. I also fell on my right shoulder and just getting around a little better now. All this has delayed my expected return trip to Ashville.

I am interested in your work on the old cemetery. Did you plow across it yet to find the graves? I am sure you can find them unless they have been previously plowed. In that case one might have to go deeper to locate the graves. It would be interesting to know how many there are. I suppose forsenic scientists might be able to determine the race, sex and age of the various remains. I hasten to add that I do not advocate going that far in trying to identify persons. I have no information that would aid in identifying the remains of my grandfathers. Unless a marker is found I will never know for sure which graves they are or even the cemetery.

Regarding the brickyard and quarry I know of no history that would indicate the family had a bent for such activity. Necessity is the mother of invention however. James had been there only a year when he died.

Regarding the land abstracts, I have not found any records indicating that my family was involved with the E half of SW qtr of sec 28 Tshp 14 R3E. Your abstracts cover the NE qtr of SE qtr of sec 20. The deed to Thomas Lovern in 1823 was for the E half of SE qtr. I assume you do not own the NE qtr of the SE qtr and therefore have no abstract on it. All this is interesting but the big question with me was what happened to the land and you have answered that.

Your speculation on Carson and info on Inzer is interesting. I cannot add to it. I have wondered about the James McCartney and Nancy McCartney connection. I have something on Nancy that I cannot find from Clarke Co. GA. She was an orphan and the court was assigning a guardian for her as I remember. James could have been a brother or uncle I suppose. When I find my note I will study it further.

Thank you for all your help. When I come down to Ashville I will call. I want to keep in touch. Someone told me that if I can prove Thomas's Revolutionary service that the VA will furnish a grave marker.

Best regards,

James L. Lovvorn

Route 2, Box 47B Ashville, AL 35953 May 11, 1989

Mr. James L. Lovvorn 6430 Paw Paw Trail Oltewah, TN 37363

Dear Mr. Lovvorn,

I read your letter of May 7 with a lot of interest, however, I was sorry to hear that your mother was having health problems and that you had fallen recently. Surely hope that you are ok by this time.

I was very glad to hear that you had heard from Mrs. Crowe and Charlene Simpson, though you haven't heard from Fred Leyton. His health may not be good as he is in his late seventies.

With reference to the old cemetery, I have uncovered some evidence that will interest you. On Thursday, April 13, 1969, I was testing for further grave sites in the old cemetery that is located in the pasture SE of the house here, with the front-end loader. I was removing top soil when I felt the bucket strike something solid. I stopped, got down and with a maddox that I had on the machine, I removed some dirt and and discovered that it was a limestone turned on its edge approximately 12 feet due East of the hickory tree. I moved over toward the tree and found another limestone about 6½ feet due West of the first. I did some further excavating and found a hammer stone about 6 inches down the West side of the first stone. The hammer stone was approximately 4 inches in diameter and had two indentions for a firm hold with fingers. Since you told me earlier that Indians had helped with your great great grandfather's burial, it made me wonder why the hammer stone was placed about 2 inches back from the foot marker. Maybe it could have been some kind of gesture. On Friday, April 14, I made another test and found another warker approximately 8½ feet North of the first head marker. I couldn't find any evidence of a foot marker. I supposed that it had been removed by vandals. I know that these graves were very old by the top soil over them being approximately 8 inches deep. I made a test trench on the West side, one on the East side and then made cross trenches in between, but I couldn't find any evidence of any other burials. I removed all of the top soil in the trenches down to the clay with the box blade and I couldn't find any evidence that the clay had been disturbed. That was strange as it was my understnading that other graves had existed to the North of the Goode burial and that slaves had been buried in the NE corner. can remember plain stones to several of them.

I haven't replaced the top soil in the test trenches as yet and if you are planning to visit Ashville soon, I will leave them open for you to see. I made some pictures of the two burials with a cheap camera, but the film has 24 exposures and I don't know when I will finish exposing all of them. Sometimes I mention or pick up pieces of information with the hope that someone will think of or find something on the matter. In fact, I sent Mr. Bennett from Carrollton, Ga. some information and he told me that it contained the name of a county in Ga, that was absorbed by Fulton Co. sometime after the Civil War. He had forgotton and that it furnished him another direction for his search of information on his ancesters. This is about all that I can think of for now, so I will be going for now. Hope that everything is going well for you by this time and I hepe to hear from you soon. Best regards, Floyd Anderson 205 594-7649

Route 2, Box 47B Ashville, Al. 35953 June 20, 1989

I did some test work at the old plantation cemetery, located on the North half of section 20, township 14, range 3, East, 3t. Clair Co. on April 13, 1989. I found the locations of two grave sites which were located below the surface of the ground.

dome photos were made on April 16, 1389, which are numbered and explained below:

Photo #1: looking NW from SE side of the cemetery showing the Goode grave site and the dwelling.

Photo #2: looking NW from the SE side of the cemetery which shows the Hickory tree on the left and the Red Oak tree on the right; also the removal of the top soil on both sides of the trees.

Photo #3: looking West from the foot marker of the Coode grave site showing the inscription on the head marker.

Thoto  $\#^{l_i}$ : locking North toward the old house site which was forward and to the right of the barn shown. The barn is located on the South end of section 2).

Photo 45: locking East from the cemetery to a dalnut tree that was struck by eightening just after the 1975 tornado.

Photo %: loo ing west from the foot marker toward the head marker of grave sit %1.

Photo #7: loo ing South at head marker of grave site 42.

Photo #8: looking SE at head marker of grave site #2. No foot marker was located at this grave site.

Photo 9: locking at a hammer stone that was located at the base of the top soil with eightinch rule in the fore-ground. The stone also has two indentions for a better grip.

Photo #10: looking at the same subject as in photo #9 with the white background recoved.

Photo 711: looking at the foot marker with the hammer stone at a greater distance.

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Photo #12: looking West at the head marker of grave site #1.

Floyd Anderson

#### SUMMARY

- Copied from old abstracts; all of the below listed lands are located in Pownship 14, Range 3, East:
- Page 5; USA to Edward Sime, 10/11/1820, NEA of SEA, Section 20.
- Page 6; USA to Jas. McCartney, 10/21/1820, WA of NEA, Section 29.
- Page 7; USA to Davia Connor, 16/11/1820, NNA, Section 23.
- Page 9; Edward Sims to Thomas Loven, 8/9/1823, NE of SEM, Section 20.
- Page 10; Jas. McCartney to Jas. Loven, 3/8/1825, Wk of NEW, Section 29.
- Page 11; halph P. Love, Jas. S. Bothwell and Peter Edwards, Commissioners to Jas. M. Edwards, 11/28/1834, W% of NEW and N.W., Section 29.
- Page 12; B. Kerr, Tax Col. to Jesse Edwards, 5/4/1848, NEW of SEA, Section 20.
- Page 13; Jesse Edwards and Jame C. Edwards to B. Haywood, 9/13/1851, NEW of SEA, Section 20.
- Page 14; B. W. Haywood and Mary Ann Haywood to John J. Carson, 2/21/1853-NEA of SEA, Section 20.
- Page 15; Jas. M. Edwards to John J. Carson, 3/22/1851, New and We of NEW, Jection 2).
- Page 16; Mm. Freeze to John J. Carson, 9/22/1351, SWW of SEM, Section 20.
- Page 17; Eliza Edwards to J. J. Carson, 12/12/1857, NEW and SWW of NEW, Section 2).
- Fage 15; Eliza Edwards to John J. Carson, 3/20/1859, N 'A and W% of NE%, Section 29.

912 West Outer Drive Oak Ridge, Tn. 37830 January 24, 1971

Mrs. Grady B. Looney, Sr. 3447 Cloverdale Road Montgomery, Ala. 36111

Dear Mrs. Looney,

I write to you because of my interest in family history and particularly the Loworn family history. I have been corresponding with Mr. Tom G. Camp and he gave me your name and correspondence regarding the old family bible that he I was overjoyed to see it . ( That is the family data copy out of it) As I told him I had been looking for it for 28 years. Mr. George W. Yarbrough first told me of its existence in 1942. His mother had seen such a record of the family when she was a young girl visiting around with the cousins. He thought it was in the Buller family ( My grandfather had two sisters to marry Butlers) but It turns out to be the Daniel family I guess though the early Wimble data sort of indicates it could be otherwise. At any rate from the information it appears that the Hannah Smith Lovvorn that married James Lovvorn Sr. that died in 1825 was a sister to Martha Smith Daniel. That explains our relationship to Eli Daniel that we knew but could not explain. Hannah Smith Lovvorn died in 1829 I knew from estate records but the bible gave the date. Her family bible was sold to James L. Trimble at the sale of her estate. I do not know what the relationship to Moses Trimble Jr. that married Polly or Mary Lovvorn was. It seems that this could possibly be the bible but I don't know of course. The recording of the birth of the first 4 children of Moses and Polly Trimble all before 1823 makes it appear that it could be Hammans bible for they were the only grandchildren she had that I know about when she died.

Your surmise of the relationship as given Tom is correct except the James Lovvorn born 1809 is James Jr. my great grandfather and the James that died in 1825 is James Sr. his father. He died from an accident on Canoe creek about 6 miles West of Ashville Ala. in St. Clair co. He jumped from a boat while fishing on Sunday to the slippery bank and slipped and impaled his back in the kidney area to on a cut cane. He died before they could get Hannah there from Newton Co. Ga. where James still had estate and lived. She rode a horse and got there before he was buried but he was stinking. The Indians carried him to his grave and an Indian carried Mabel Lovvorn that became Chaffin on their back like a papose. She either remembered the event because it was such a traumatic experience or was told it for she is the source of the information. James had a brother Edmond that died in the same county in 1831 and his father Thomas died there in 1829 and left a will in Deed Bk. A. page 390. One other variance in your interpetation is that it is Eliza(r) was born 1/4/1817 and not Elijah. She married David Smith and then Brittan Harris. I wonder if she was kin to the Smith. She only had childr by Smith but some of her descendants live near Graham, Ala. Now who the Elijah was that died in 1817 I do not know. I wonder if it was a child or an old person. In the W. D. Lovvorn family history written about 1900 he or wheever says his great grandfather was Elijah but that is wring. It was Thomas but now I wonder if it could have been his great great grandfather. No census record 1 have found of Thomas Lovvorn ever indicates anyone living with him old enough to

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Mas. Crady B. Looney, Sr.

shows that he married in 1825. I have about two Thomas Lovvorn marriages in St. Chair co. in the 1820's. I will check to see if he is one of them.

I am enclosing a letter I sent to every Lovvorn I could find an address for this past year. I have received over 60 replies. The father of the oldest children mentioned in it was the Thomas I mentioned earlier. His sons were Edmond, James, John, Gabrott, Richard and Elijah. Gabriel had a Thomas and James did also and so did Elijah. Incidentally the Elijah lived until 1875 and died in Doughlas co. Ga. I last find Gabriel in Marion Co. Tn. in 1830. Richard lived in Henry or Newton Co. Ga. John went to Rutherford co. Tenn. according to some information I have.

I am also enclosing a family data sheet for James Lovvorn Sr. that has all the information on it that I have. I knew all the children but I only had the births for about 3 and the deaths for 3 or 4. Incidentally the family bible and toomstone for James Jr. differ by one year and there is also a variance in Mabel Lovvorns dates.

I would love to hear from you and hear your comments on my observations. Are you familiar with Randolph Co. Ala. I finished high school therein 1913. I finished at Auburn in 1969. I have a daughter there now. I was in Montgomery for a day at the Dopt. of Archives last March. I also know Fred Lovvorn there.

Sincerely, Doroso

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The death recorded of William Smith in 1829, Could that he the father of Margaret Smith Daniel and Hannah Smith Lovvorn? or a brother in the bible, That also applies to more likely to record a parent than a brother in the bible, That also applies to Flaish Lovvorn but then if they did why not Thomas. The Thomas that is record is the son of James Sr. He was killed in the Indian War about 1836, I had is the second always been under the immoression that he had not married but the bible record always been under the immoresion that he had not married but the bible record

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## Founder's Day Issue

This is a picture of the old Lovvorn Mill, which burned many years ago. The mill was located on Mill Street on the current bridge. This photo was taken in 1934. (Jack Johnson talks about the mill in is article in this issue.)



Louvern's Mill - Where I spent many boy hood hours swimming in the mill good Orbove the dam t Abo below the dam which was shallow t spend bot. By done was to go under the dam.

### Founder's Day Issue

# Old Lovvorn Mill would grind wheat and corn into flour, meal

By JACK JOHNSON Special to the Bulletin

As I look back over the past 82 years the mirror of life has been phenomenal. My first 23 years of life was closely entwined with the old Lovvorn Mill in whose shadow I grew up. My dad operated the mill for over 50 years, six days per week grinding wheat and corn into flour and meal. The wheat was ground into three parts:

flour, shorts and bran.

When Shorty and I became strong enough to handle heavy bags of wheat and cotton baskets full of corn, we became regular hands in the mill during the wheat season.Many days there was so much wheat stacked on the floor there was no room to use the hand trucks. The wheat grinding roller mill had to fly, so about sundown the water supply would get low, slowing down the roller mill to the extend dad would shut it down. Shorty and I would take over the corn mill. By midnight we would have all the corn ground that had been left during the day.

The mill was built by Col. W.D. Lovvorn a few years after the Civil War. There was seven houses on the 100 acres he owned. The close knit community was called Milltown. A general store, cotton gin, permanent saw mill, and wool mill rounded out the business places. My sister, Alice, was the storekeeper. The biggest seller was kerosene, followed by sugar, coffee and brogan shoes.

Every few years the steel rollers of the wheat mill had to be took out, sent to a special shop somewhere in Virginia to be sharpened. I remember an eel getting caught in the turbine, stalling the wheat mill. The water house had to be drained to get the eel out of the turbine.

I've seen the water so high no one could tell where the dam was, hogs and pigs floating by our house. The water was higher than the fence. My dad began working in the mill when he had to stand on a wooden arm and hammer soda box to dip the meal into sacks. I have one of the original meal peddles.

There was a time when a job could be had unloading a car of coal by hand at 15 cents per hour. Or doing manual construction at 30 cents per hour. A days work was sun up to sundown. Day labor was one dollar. I turned down the coal scooping jobs, but spent many days in other fields.

Across the creek not far from the mill was a tanning yard. Miniature graves three feet deep were filled with cow hides. Some kind of acid was poured over them to loosen the hair on the hides. Black men

and women engaged in scraping the hides of the hair. The hides were dried, stacked and tied in bundles. From there I don't know because dad didn't have time to linger for he had to get back to the mill. I'm glad now that he took time to show me how our leather goods be-

We lived on top of the hill (where Jack Thurman now lives) when the last dam at the mill was built. It was built from scratch by brute strength. Shorty and I were too little to do farm work except pick cotton so he and I sat at the edge of the yard and watched those muscle men slosh around in mud and water up to their knees.

I remember when the Bowdon Fire Department was a two wheel cart with shafts like a buggy for pulling. You said goodbye to whatever caught fire.

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The Traylor name first appears on the pages of history in the 13th Century in the year 1249 when the French King Louis IX made his famous Crusade to recapture the Holy City of Jerusalem from the hands of the infidels. As leaders in that Crusade Louis IX had a thousand knights and nobles and in that thousand carefully selected men there were two Traylors. I have no knowledge of these two, except that they were either knights or nobles and fought in this Crusade.

There is an interlude of a few hundred years until the 17th Century when the horrible religious wars broke out in Europe. Luther, Zwigli and Calvin led the great Protestant revolt from the Catholic Church and among the followers of Calvin we find the Traylor name appearing again. The Calvinists later changed their name to Huguenots and these same French Huguenots played an important part in the history of our nation. In their efforts to force the Huguenots back into the fold, the Catholics inflicted terrible punishment upon them but in the main most of the Huguenots stood fast in their beliefs. The famous Edict of Nantes protected them for a while but in 1656 the Huguenots started leaving France in great numbers and when the Edict was revoked in 1685 an even larger number fled from the intolerable conditions existing in France. Some of the Huguenots who fled from France went to England and among them were three Traylor brothers and their mother. In France they had spelled their name "Treuller" but when they moved to England they changed it to "Trelow". The reason for the change was probably the fact that they wished to take no chances on being sent back to France to undergo the tortures that the Catholics had been inflicting upon them and thought that by changing their name slightly they could not be traced so easily. Then too, the French and English were none too friendly at that period and they may have hoped to escape the prejudice against Frenchmen in this way. When they came to America later, they changed it to its present form of "Traylor". All three words, Treuller, Trelow and Traylor are pronounced almost identically the same and mean exactly the same. The meaning is "trailer".

It seems that all down through the centuries the Traylors have been an independent liberty-loving people. No torture, beheading, burning at the stake, or atrocity of any kind, could force them to subscribe to doctrines in which they did not believe in France. Rather than submit, they gave up their homes that they loved and moved to England and when they found a similar condition there they bravely moved on into America. The first of the three brothers who came was Edward Traylor who came over in 1663 and settled in Henry County, Virginia. There is a Traylorsville in this county now. Edward married Martha Randolph, who was in all probability a relative of the distinguished John Randolph.

Another of the brothers was Archer Traylor who came to Virginia at an early date which is unknown. He married Judith Markham, a cousin of William Penn

Among the early Traylors who distinguished themselves in this period was Humphrey Traylor (1701--1790) who was a founder of Petersburg, Virginia. Another was the Reverend John Cousins Traylor, of Traylorsville, who was a founder of Emory and Henry College.

Abraham, William Sr., William Jr., Buckner, Frederick and Edward Traylor are listed on the rolls of soldiers who fought in the Revolutionary War. William Sr. and William Jr. fought in the 5th Virginia Regiment and it appears from the records that William Sr. had risen from the rank of lieutenant to the rank of major at the close of the war. Another was a lieutenant colonel and still another a captain. A great majority of those bearing the Traylor name are therefore direct descendants of Revolutionary War officers and are eligible to join the Order of Cincinnati, one of the most exclusive orders in the United States.

The coat of arms of the family can be found in Burke's General Armory, London, also in Registered Court Circles 1628. The coat of arms consists of the Crest Flag and the Cross of St. Andrews, lapped by the Banner of France, lapped by the flag of the Cross of Saint George, and the motto of the family is "Fides Affectio" (Faithful in Affection). The Crest and the motto are found in the Library, Lyons, France, 1901.

The most numerous group of Traylors in the United States seems to be in Randolph County, Alabama. The next largest is probably in Kentucky and the next near LaGrange, Georgia. It is significant that to this day with almost no exceptions they are identified with the most democratic of the Protestant Churches. All down through the centuries they have retained that desire to worship exactly as their consciences dictated and have been willing to fight for that privilege.

The common ancestors of the Traylors in Randolph County are:

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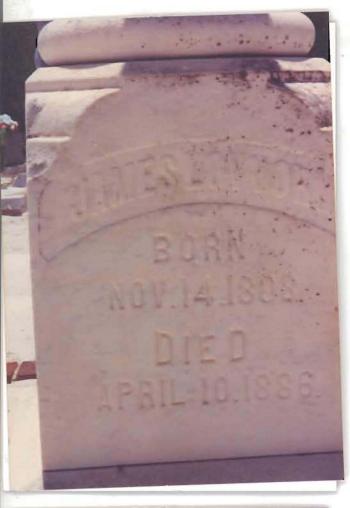
The children of Migeman B. Traylor are: George, Washington, William, John, Richard, Betsy Ann (married Walter Foster), Bathsheba (married Jas. L. Lovvorn), "Tebie" (married Thos. Gosden).

Edward Traylor, who was the first Traylor to come to America, died in 1667 leaving three children. They were Edward Traylor, Jr., Wm. Traylor and Hildreth Traylor. There is no information on Edward Traylor, Jr. other than the fact that he lived and died in Virginia. His son Wm. M. Traylor moved from some place in Virginia to Halifax County, Virginia, in 1780. If the name of Henrico County, Virginia, (name now changed) was not changed to Halifax County, Virginia, he moved to Henrico sometime between 1780 and 1788. In 1788 he moved to Wilkes County, Georgia, and settled near Lexington. An old farm near there is still known as the "Traylor Place". Two sons, Wm. M. Traylor, Jr. and Thomas Traylor came with their father. Around 1812 Wm. M. Traylor, Jr. moved to Jasper County, Georgia, near Montecello and bought land there. This place also is still known as the "Old Traylor Place". The children of Wm. M. Traylor, Jr., were-Migeman B. Traylor, George Hamilton, Wm. M. Traylor, Jr., Polly E. Traylor, John Traylor, Wiley Traylor, Sara Traylor, and Martha Traylor.

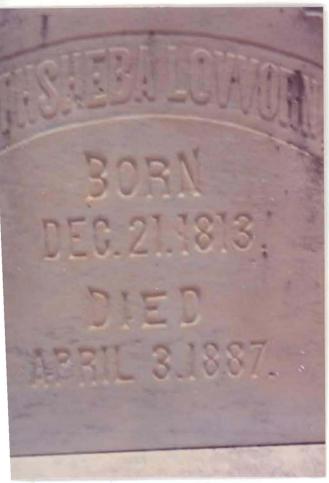
Migeman B. Traylor administered on his father's estate in Jasper County, Georgia, and moved to Henry County, Georgia. He fought in the Battle of Horseshoe Bend under Andrew Jackson and moved to Randolph County, Alabama, around 1836.

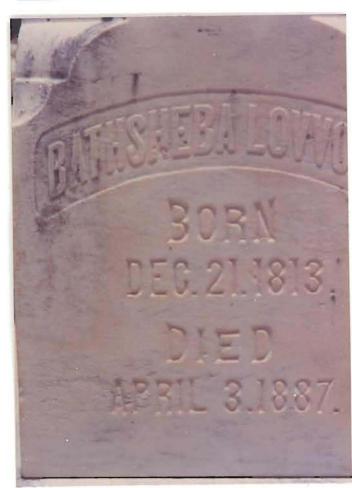
Including what he inherited and saved himself, Migeman B. Traylor was a large land and slave owner in Henry County, Georgia, and also owned extensive tracts of choice lands in Randolph County. He was buried near Graham, Alabama.

In compiling and arranging the above facts concerning the Traylor genealogy, I have presented the facts exactly as I found them. Much of the earlier history was uncovered due to the efforts of the late Melvin A. Traylor, of Chicago, Ill., who had the records traced both in this country and in Europe'. Some of it, I have traced in the Library of Congress in Washington. Other facts were furnished by C. W. Gross, Tuscaloosa, Ala.; Jesse Traylor, Washington, D.C.; G. T. Traylor, LaGrange, Ga.; and Geo. W. Traylor, Ocean City, Maryland.









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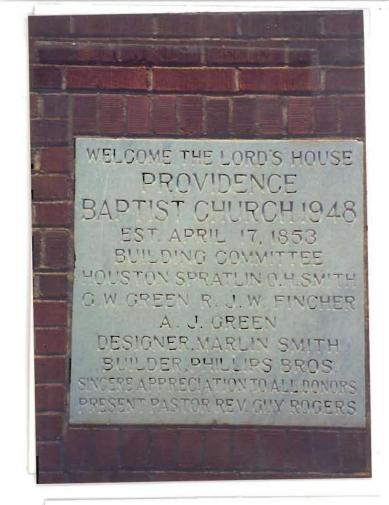
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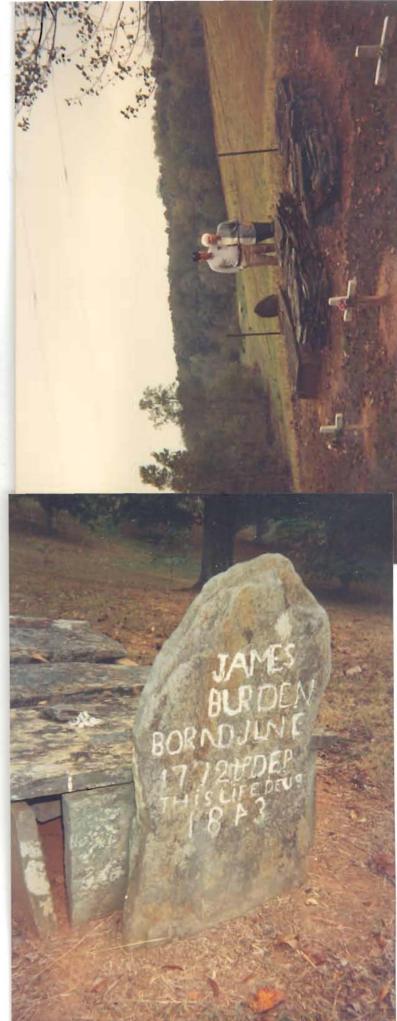
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- 6. Sarah Rebecca April 15, 1863--- July 31, 1951 married C. Columbus Morris December 15, 1881
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- 8. Martha Ellen September 2, 1868---December 29, 1944 (6 children) married John William Barrow December 25, 1887---July 29, 1951
- 9. Cindonie E. March 25, 1971--- April 23, 1943 (5 children) married W.J. Whatley January 5, 1893
- 10. Samuel A. November 11, 1873 --- November 4, 1875
- 11. Henry O. June 15, 1876---November 25, 1938 (8 children) married Miss Effie Hay June 18, 1897

Frances B. Jackson

# Guests

## The Lovvorn Family Reunion

By V. D. WHATLEY

Carrollton, Ga.

college.

H. O. Lovvorn-Vice president and manager of Mandeville Mills, vice pres ident Cunard Mills, vice president Car roll Realty Ins. Co., president Haleyville (Ala.) Mill and Gin Co., director Bowdon Commercial Bank, president Board of Deacons First Baptist church, 2nd vice president Civitan club, vice president advisory committee on P. O. appointments in Georgia.

Revs. W. J. and R. M. Lovvorn have preached (combined) 64 years. They have received into the church, by letter and baptism, approximately 3,000, performed about 900 marriage ceremonies, and helped and personally con-

ducted 800 funerals.

Hon. H. J. Reaves, a grand son, numbered his friends by the hundreds. He was one of the most active and helpful and constructive and worthwhile men of his day.

Hon. J. W. Barrow, a son-in-law, was for many years the leading merchant of Bowdon, and directly and wholeheartedly participated in Bowdon's every forward and upward move. A trustee of Bowdon Codege and the city schools for many years. Helped to build every church in Bowdon. The honored president of the County Board of Education for several years. No man figured more prominently and helpfully in Bowdon and western Carcoll than did Will Barrow. The 1950 Reunid

vorn Reunion was held at the home of Hon. Thos. J. Lovvorn at Newell, Ala. Colonel William Daniel Lovvorn, the noble and distinguished sire, was born in Henry County, Ga., February 7, 1831. Moved to Randolph County, Ala., at the age of seven; married to Sarah Delila Burden February 26, 1852. Represented Randolph county in the legislature. Moved to Bowdon in 1877; president of Board of Trustees of Bowdon college about 20 years. A man of many affairs, some of which were lumbering, stockraising, wool-combing, tannery, farming, and the famous Lovvorn Roller Mills. The right arm of Bowden college, the Lovvorn family contributing more than \$6,000. His devoted wife gave \$1,000, the seats in the auditorium, and omnipotency rules and super-rules and one-half of the desks. Col. Lovvorn was a man of heroic mould, A virtual maker of circumstances. Died

dead: Samuel A. Lovvorn, Mrs. Nancy Rev. W. J. Lovvorn, Carrollton, Ga., stand out in bold ten soul. route No. 6; Mrs. C. C. Morris, Bowdon, Ga., Rev. Doctor R. M. Lovvorn, ories, the present is surcharged with Richland, Ga., Mrs. J. W. Barrow, Bow-Ga., Mrs. W. street, Montgomery, Ala., and Henry O. grandchildren: 103 living and 16 dead. Great great grand children: 11 living.

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Hon. Thos. J. Lovvorn-Miller, farmmaster 42 years.

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R. M. Lovvern-Minister, phraimiller, farmer, merchan! may

On Friday, June 20, 1930, the Lov- tended. The great feast was spread under giant oaks. All appetites were in perfect trim. Every one did a big part but not one-half was consumed.

The day was spent in meeting and greeting and kissing (here I was left out) and friendship and fellowship. Reviewing the yesterdays. Reliving the past. Recalling forgotten dreams and slumbering thoughts, Recounting the 1001 minor and major events indelibly imprinted and silhouetted on the background of life's early morn. Everything-style and custom and life itself -has changed. Fifty years have wrought marvelous changes and brought undreamed of wonders. What the sealed book of the future will reveal is known only to Him whose omnisciency in the physical and spiritual realism of the universe.

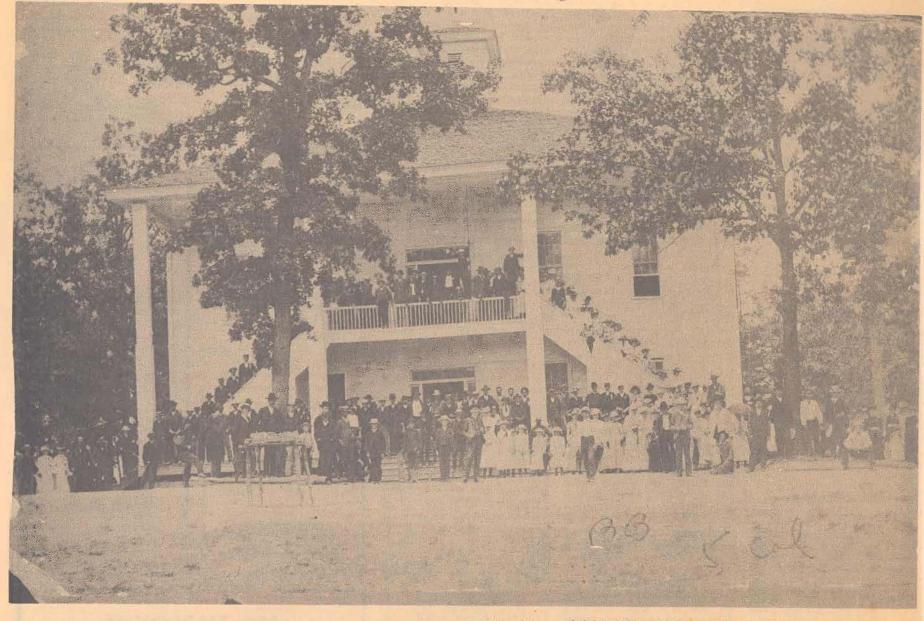
Yes, it was a great day. A happy December 17, 1900, his wife surviving day. A sad day. The family circle him for several years. Both are in has been broken. The years have still terred in Bowdon—the town they loved ed many voices. There were many vacant chairs. Now and then, a tear sil-Eleven children were born, three are ently and noiselessly crept out of memorie's treasure-chest, speaking volumes Smith, and Mrs. M. E. Johnson. Those and itself. Inwrought experiences and telling a story interwoven with the living are: Thos. J. Lovvorn, Newell, sadness co-mingled with gladness—that Ala., Gaines W. Lovvorn, Bowdon, Ga., stand out in bold relief in the deep re-

J. W. Barrow, Bow-J. Whatley, 92nd opportunity, and the future is luminous with hope. My dear friends, life's Lovvorn, Carrollton, Ga. Grandehil The bumps are many and hard. The dren: 75 living and 19 dead. Great hills are steep and rugged. The rivers are swift and dangerous. The mountains are high and hazardous. Yet, we must go forward and onward and upward. We cannot stop. The maeistrom ing and 38 dead. Deacons 9; masons 7 of Time is irresistable. It hurtles us teachers 20; ministers 2; also, doctors, along, prepared or unprepared, ready bankers, auditors, post masters and em or unready. Let us not lose hope, but ployees, and various other callings. be the more encouraged for multiplied millions of heroes and heroines have er, merchant, deacon, mason, post gone before and made successful voynaster 42 years.

Gaines W. Lovvorn—Farmer, miller, along the way. Prayerful everyday. Live right come what may. Faithful W. J. Lovvorn-Minister, miller to the end. Looking for and waiting for and ready for the Celestial Reunion, in the house not made with hands eternal in the heavens, where unbroken family circles will sing the song of Moses and the Lamb forever.

was a privilege, rich and rare,

n of 1930.)



..Historical Bowdon College of which Col. Wm. D. Lovvorn was president of the Board of Trustees for twenty years. He was a generous contributor to the con-

struction of the new brick building which housed Bowdon College as long as that famous institution existed.

he who was full of usefulness and promise, was taken from us. How sad! and yet how bright the Gospel makes it all, for while his body rests beneath the sod Willie, himself, hasgone to be with him who said: "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

"Up to the beautiful city of light, God's children are gathering home." RESOLUTIONS PASSED

BY ANTIOCH CHURCH.

Whereas God ha seen fit in his wisdom to remove from us by death our beloved brother, Wilham T. Lovvorn, therefore be it resolved:

- 1. That we bow submissively to the will of our Heavenly Father who as taken him from us, remembering that "all things work together for good to them that love God."
- 2. That we extend to his bereaved relatives our heart-felt sympathy in their affliction.
- 3. That this obituary and these resolutions be recorded in our church minutes, a copy be sent to the Bowedon (Ga.) Intelligence, and "Alaba-

a Baptist" each, for publication, and a copy be handed to his beloved parents.

> W. W. SMITH, J. W. THOMASSON, J. E. COFIELD.

Committee

#### IN MEMORIAM.

William T. Lovvorn was born at Newell, Randolph county, Ala., Nov. 17, 1874, and died of consumption Nov. 1, 1902. Willie was a good boy. He loved home and friends and was a devoted son and brother. He was never known to utter a word that would cause any one a moment's sorrow. The evils that many young men of his age seem to delight in, had no attractions for him, he turned from them in di gust. He was converted and joined the Baptist church at Antioch, in July 1893. Since his connection with the church no ore was more loyal to its cause or more faithful in carrying out its requirements. He had graduated with high honors in his class and received his diploma as Doctor of Medicine only a very short time before symptoms of that dreadful disease, consumption, was discovered in his system His medical skill enabled him to tharoughly understand his condition at each stage of the disease. He knew what the end would be, he was not afraid to go, he talk ed freely and even cheerfully to his good parents only a short time before his death. He seemed to fall asleep. All was done that medical skill and loved ones could do, but God had call d him from his earthly home to his mansion not made with Wa do not understand why 24-Notice

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## THE ODYSSEY OF A FAMILY BIBLE JAMES LECIL LOVVORN

In 1942 when a student in a high school civics class my teacher required a family pedigree chart as a class project. When I found that my teacher George W. Yarbrough knew more about my family than I could find out, I was very intrigued and expressed my interest in family history. A few days later he called me into his office and handed me several sheets of loose paper containing family listings of my great aunts and uncles of the Lovvorn line. He subsequently became my counselor on family research and over time told me many stories about the family. He was a second cousin and I had not known it.

Among the items discussed was the source of dates on the great grandfather's tomb and his brothers' and sisters' tombs buried in nearby Providence Baptist Churchyard in Randolph Co., Alabama. He said that his mother once told him that when she was a young girl visiting among the relatives she had seen an old Bible with family information in it and she thought it was in the Butler family. A subsequent story in The Roanoke Leader, a local newspaper, brought only one lead and it turned out to be false.

After World War II and I was in my adulthood, as time allowed, I made several trips to various Georgia counties and the Georgia Department of Archives researching my family history. In Henry County I found the administered estate of my great-great-grandmother Hannah Smith Lovvorn. In Appraisement Book 1825-37 on pages 57-58 are listed her household goods and among them Item 16, a large Bible appraised at \$4.50. In Sales Book 1825-37 page 69 is listed the items James Trimble bought and among them was a large Bible for \$4.56\frac{1}{4}\$. I knew that Hannah's oldest daughter Mary (Polly) married Moses Trimble, but James was not in the family as far as I knew. I also learned from the Minutes of Old Zion Baptist Church at Peachstone Shoals on the South Acmulgee River in Newton Co. that Hannah had joined the church by experience in 1827.

In December, 1970, my brother who travels in several East Alabama counties in his work told me he had heard of a Tom Camp who had copies of pages from a Lovvorn family Bible. This was over 28 years from when I first tried to locate it. Correspondence with Mr. Camp of Gadsden, Ala. elicited that the owner of the Bible was Mr. Rosebur Butler of Tarrant City, Ala. Mr. Butler was then 90 years of age and had given the Bible to his daughter Mrs. Dewey Bates also of Tarrant City. Mrs. Bates was very gracious to allow me to photograph the Bible and allowed a cousin of mine whom she knew to take the Bible and have photostats made of it.

In the Bible printed and published by M. Carey of 126 Chestnut St., Philadephia, Pa. in 1819 is more interesting information. On page 677 is listed the marriages of all of Hannah's children that married before she died (the three oldest). Then the Bible becomes a Daniel Bible. In the second column is the marriage of Thomas Daniel and Martha Levvern Smith. I had known that the children of Hannah were first cousins of Eli Daniel, the son of Thomas and Martha Daniel.

On page 678 is listed the births of all of Hannah's children that reached maturity. On page 679 is recorded the births of all the grandchildren of Hannah that were borned before she died. On page 680 is recorded the death of Elijah Lovvorn on August 27, 1817. From page 678 Elizar Lovvorn was borned Janaury 4, 1817. A tradition in the family says there were twins. I surmise that Elijah and Elizar were twins. Hannah did not record her birth, her husband's birth or their marriage. The next entry on page 680 is the death of James Lovvorn Senr., Hannah's husband. Then in different handwriting is recorded the death of Hannah and following her the death of William Smith, her father (also the father of Martha Smith Daniel).

From the data in the Bible Mrs. Julia Camp Looney postulates this order of descent for the Bible. Somehow the Bible passed from James Trimble to Martha Smith Daniel, Hannah's sister. Martha's daughter Leah married Louis Camp and had the Bible. Their daughter Lide Camp married Pickens Butler. Rosebur Butler was a child of this couple. All of Hannah Smith Lovvorn's children except Polly moved to Randolph County, Ala. between 1837 and 1865. Moses and Polly Trimble moved to Cherokee County, Texas. The Daniels also moved to Randolph County, Ala. Pickens Butler moved to Marshall County, Ala. around the turn of the century.

As to why Martha Smith Daniel's name was first written Lovvorn and then crossed out, we surmise the Bible may have had the Daniel information put in much later by a child of Martha and knowing that Martha and Hannah were sisters, recorded it Lovvorn and then corrected it to the maiden name Smith.

It is interesting to note that Hannah Smith Lovvorn named her children in the classic manner. The eldest son for his paternal grandfather, the second son for his maternal grandfather, and the third son for his father. Her husband James had brothers John and Gabriel and I believe that Hannah had an Uncle Jonathan Smith. Her oldest daughter was named for her paternal grandmother. I do not know who the maternal grandmother was but I would guess Elizabeth.

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When an edited copy of this article was published in the <u>Georgia Genealogical Society Quarterly</u> the following paragraph was added:

I tried to buy the Bible from Mrs. Bates in 1972; but she wanted \$300 for it, and I was not able to pay that much. Afterwards she moved, and I lost contact with her until recently. When she again offered to sell me the Bible, I drove to Gardendale, Alabama, where she now lives, and returned home the proud owner of the Bible I had sought for so long.

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A search for the Lovvorn family Bible which lasted for 27 years ended when James Lecil Lovvorn located the Bible in the possession of Mrs. Dewey Bates in 1971. His dream came true in November of 1982, when James Lecil Lovvorn was finally able to purchase this Bible and became the very proud owner of the Lovvorn family Bible.

## JAMES LOVVORN, SR. --- HANNAH SMITH BIBLE

The

HOLY BIBLE

containing the

OLD AND NEW TESTAMENTS

Philadelphia:

Printed and Published by M. Carey & Son,

No. 126, Chestnut Street.

1819

MARRIAGES (Page 677)

Moses Trimble and Mary Lovvorn was married July 3th, 1823.
Thomas Lovvorn was married to Francis Grinage August 7, 1825.
William Lovvorn and Eveline Cleavis was married May 5, 1827.
Eli Daniel and Milbra Pueitt was married November the 25, 1830.
Louis Camp and Leah Daniel was married December 23, 1830.
J.W. Thipp was M.F. Butler was married July 10, 1887.
Thomas Daniel and Martha Lovvorn Smith was Married November 12th, 1807.
Henry M. Helzelvist(?) and Annie O. Butler was married December the 31st 1891.

Seaborn J. Daniel and Nancy Pellam was married December 29, 1840. Thomas D. Camp and Elizabeth A. Burrow was married July 26, 1853. Samuel G. Rigsby and Nancy E. Camp was married March the 22, 1855. Whitaker Butler and Martha M. Camp was married October 12, 1856. W.L. Camp and Francis Daniel was married July 28, 1867.

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### BIRTHS

(Pages 678 and 679)

Mary Lovvorn was born September 18th, 1803. Thomas Lovvorn was born May 5th, 1805. William Lovvorn was born January 1st, 1807. James Lovvorn was born November the 14th, 1809. Gabriel Lovvorn was born August 28th, 1810. John Lovvorn was born June 22nd, 1812. Elizabeth Lovvorn was born Aprile 16th, 1814. Elizur Lovvorn was born January 4th, 1817. Jonathan Lovvorn was born August 15th, 1819. Mabel Lovvorn was born November 24th, 1822. Martha L. Camp was born July 19, 1868. Nancy M. Camp was born Nov. the 26th 1869. Martha F. Butler born December the 5th 1871. Walker G. Butler born March the 10th 1873. Anna Ofelley Butler born December 29th, 1874. Elisibeth N. Rigesby was born March 22, 1860. Pickens Butler born Oct 7 1838. Nancy Trimble was born March 22nd, 1824. Elijah and Elisha Trimble was born February 15, 1826. Mary W. Trimble was born January 26, 1828. Thomas Daniel was born August 29th, 1786.

### SIRTHS Continued:

Martha Daniel was born May 5th 1786. Leah Daniel was born May 31st 1805. Eli Daniel was born August 13th 1808. William Berry Daniel was born Feby 9th 1813. Cebron J. Daniel was born January 18th 1819. Irene P. Hendrix was born March 30, 1893. Fredrich E. Hendrix was born Jan. 4, 1893. Thomas D. Camp was born 6th April 1832. Nancy L. Camp was born 4th October 1833. Martha M. Camp was born 20th February 1836. Mary S Camp born 2 December 1837. Luiza S B Camp born 22nd April 1839. Seborn E Camp born 29th October 1840. William L. Camp born 12th September 1842. [Scratched out area] Alford Jackson Camp was born March 3rd, 1850.

DEATHS (Page 680)

Elijah Lovvorn dec'd August 27 1817. James Lovvorn senr dec'd May 23rd 1825. Hannah Lovvorn died March 11th, 1829. William Smith died May 17th, 1829. Lewis Camp died August 12th 1842.

Martha Daniel died 23rd July 1847 Aged 62 years 3 months and 18 days Thomas Daniel died 8th Sept 1852 at 10 o'clock PM age 66 years 10 days Leah Camp died the 15th of September 1889 age 84 years 3 months and 15 days

Irene Pearl Hendrix died February 28th 1896 age 2 years and 11 months

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The first data on each page is of the family of Hannah Smith (Mrs. James) Lovvorn, Sr. The next data recorded is that of the family of Martha Smith (Mrs. Thomas) Daniel, the sister of Hannah Smith Lovvorn. The next data is that of the family of Leah Daniel (Mrs. Lewis) Camp, Martha Smith Daniel's daughter. The next data is that of the family of Lide Camp (Mrs. Pickens) Butler, the daughter of Leah Daniel Camp. The Bible was then passed to Rosebur Butler, the son of Lide Camp Butler; then it was passed to Mrs. Dewey Bates, the daughter of Rosebur Butler. In 1982, it was purchased by James Lecil Lovvorn. Thus, a Bible has traveled through the hands of a family and throughout years of a family's history—forever preserving that which might otherwise have been forever lost.

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Anyone having any information on any of the families shown in this Bible might wish to correspond with James L. Lovvorn and share your information with him. His address is James L. Lovvorn, 118 caldwell Drive, Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37830-7738 Telephone: (615)-881-3932.

I know that Jim would love to hear from any of you and would be nost willing to share any information that he might have.
(SEE "IN MEMORY" on next page.)

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#### CHAPTER THREE

(C) Descendants of Gabriel Loving (1725-1790)

#### INTRODUCTION

This chapter, enumerating some of the descendants of Gabriel Loving, is the largest and most complicated one in the book, for in it are found many sub-clans that adopted variant spellings of the surname. Theories about the origin of these spellings are legion and, for the sake of brevity, will not be discussed here. Suffice it to say that this phenomenon is not unique in the Loving family. Examination of some sixty or more family histories published in recent years confirms that the spelling of family surnames is seldom uniform. Each family bears within it a number of clans using odd spellings of the original name, and it is clear that the leading cause of this is illiteracy. During the early years of this nation, and after the Revolution for about 100 years, a steady stream of humanity was on the move to new lands in the developing western regions. Schools were non-existent in new communities and the parents of school-age children were seldom able to teach their offspring the most basic skills of reading and writing. The man who could read and write even with moderate skill was the exception, not the rule, and to him fell the choice positions in county courts and federal offices. The recorder of deeds, wills, marriages and deaths wrote down the names of his clients as best he could, phonetically copying the way those names were pronounced. The applicant for a marriage license, unable to spell his name, may have said "John Lovin' from Morton's Gap." The clerk may have written it down as Lovin, Loven, Lovan, or even as Lovern if the speaker had grown up in a Scotch-Irish community. All of these aberrant spellings have become permanent fixtures in the family of Loving along with some otheres which include a terminal "s" to compound the problem. Keep in mind that a name is a word, and all words become altered by local pronunciations. The spoken word shapes the written language.

Gabriel Loving probably grew up in that fertile region called the Valley of Virginia, where many members of the Loving family settled in first years of the 18th century. This area, watered by the south fork of the Shenandoah River, the James River and the Staunton River, included parts of Augusta, Frederick, Botetourt, Berkley, Dunmore, Rockbridge and Rockingham counties. Legend says he was a son of Thomas Loving of Powhatan County, Virginia, and some circumstantial evidence will be offered in support of the legend. Legend also fixes his birth in the year 1725 and his death in 1790. The name of his wife has been sought for decades without success. The number of his sons and daughters was ten and their names will be set forth in a later paragraph.

Documents pertaining to Gabriel himself are hard to find and the one most often passed around among Loving researchers is the land

grant record issued by the State of North Carolina to Gabriel Loving in the year 1779.

A photo-copy of this land grant has been provided by Mr. Raymond Lovan of Fresno, California, an avid genealogist who has pursued Gabriel and his kin for many years. The original may be examined in the Land Office of North Carolina. It bears file number 21 and the date "third day of March in third year of our Independence and in the year of Our Lord One thousand Seven Hundred and seventy nine." This style was copied from English and European documents which often carried dates from the beginning of the reign of the ruling monarch.

The land grant was a standard printed form with certain information filled in by the clerk in pen and ink. The land in question, two hundred and thirty four acres, was granted to Gabriel Loving..." for and in consideration of the sum of Fifty Shillings for every hundred acres...paid into our Treasury by Gabriel Loving." It lay on the North side of the Yadkin River, adjoining land owned by John Parkes. The paper makes no mention of Gabriel's wife, who may have been dead by 1779. An order to the State Surveyor requesting a survey of Gabriel's land "without delay" bears a date of 28 September 1779 and indicates that G. Loving was at that time living on the land in question. These two documents fix Gabriel Loving geographically and chronologically in North Carolina in September 1779. He was fifty four years old and all the ten children may have been born by this time. (The youngest, Milly, was married in 1796. She could have been born after 1779.)

Legend says that prior to settling in North Carolina, Gabriel had lived in South Carolina for a time, and that his two daughters Mary and Abigail were born in South Carolina. No proof can be provided here, but it may have been true. A similar legend exists in the Bourland family — that they migrated from Augusta County, Virginia to South Carolina and then moved north again to North Carolina. The Bourlands and the Lovings settled near each other in the Yadkin River area of North Carolina and Mary and Abigail Loving married Bourland brothers, John and Ebenezer.

Two documentary entries in the records of Amherst County should be examined for the circumstantial evidence mentioned earlier which tends to link Gabriel to the mysterious Thomas Loving of Powhatan County, Virginia. The first one, in Deed Book F, page 84, is a statement appointing John Loving to assist in settling the estate of Mary Loving "late of King William County" and sister to John Loving of Amherst County (deceased). It is signed by William Loving, clerk of Court, Amherst County.

The second entry, also in Deed Book F, page 119, bears the date 31 October 1786, just 29 days later than the first entry mentioned above. Both have to do with the settlement of the estate

of Mary Loving, and this second entry deals with Thomas Loving's selling all his rights to any interest he may have in the estate of Mary Loving "my deceased sister" to William Loving and his heirs for the sum of twelve shillings. This summarizes what otherwise is a tedious legal statement of these basic facts.

The substance of these two entries is of little consequence to the historian. What matters is that the first entry establishes a family connection between "Old John" Loving of Amherst County and Mary Loving of King William County, and the second one establishes a family link between Thomas Loving of Powhatan County and Mary Loving of King William County. It appears, then, that Old John, Thomas and Mary were children of the same father, whose name never appears anywhere. That is the first conclusion drawn, but it may be erroneous, for the first statement also mentions that Mary Loving had a son named Isham Loving, and this leads one to think that by "sister" the court clerk may have meant "sister—in—law" —— an error often made in court writings.

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Entry number two, dated 31 October 1786, is most important to the story of Gabriel Loving, for Gabriel is listed as a witness to the statement made by Thomas Loving, who made his "X" after renouncing his claim to Mary's property. The entry ends with this statement:

Signed Sealed and Delivered in Presence of: John Loving

John Loving, Junior Gabriel Loving

Witnesses for such matters were chosen, carefully and deliberately, from the family. John Loving and John Loving, Junior, were son and grandson of "Old John" Loving. Gabriel Loving was, it is logical to assume, a witness on behalf of his father, Thomas Loving. These were the closest living kin of Mary Loving, whose estate was being settled. It was a matter of some importance to the families involved, for Gabriel, living in Wilkes County, North Carolina, would not make the long journey to Amherst County, Virginia for a trivial matter. Gabriel was then in his sixty first year and he may have come back to attend the funeral of Mary, his aunt, and to visit with his father, Thomas. Yet another clue seems to bear out the link between Gabriel and Thomas — he named his first son Thomas. While none of this is legal proof, it serves as a foundation for the belief that Thomas Loving of Powhatan County was father of Gabriel Loving.

Copies of the two entries discussed here were submitted by Miss Helen Harriet Patton of Salt Lake City, Utah, along with her reflection that Gabriel "could be a son of Thomas Loving" and her comment that Mary Loving may have been a sister—in—law rather than a sister to both John Loving and Thomas Loving. We are inclined to agree with Miss Patton's logic for we respect her long experience in Loving history.

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The ten children listed below may not have been all the family of Gabriel. He may have had children we have not discovered yet. These children and their offspring have been assembled into a coherent "tribe" by May Read after almost three years of analysis of all the thousands of letters and family sheets submitted by Loving kinfolks all across the United States. The record is not 100% complete, but it will serve as the basis for future research.

C1	+ Thomas, born about 1746, VA. He died in St. Clair
	County, AL about 1827. His descendants, many
	bearing the surnames Lovorn and Lovvorn, must number
	in the tens of thousands.
C2	+ Gabriel, Junior, born in VA after 1746. Died about

+ Gabriel, Junior, born in VA after 1746. Died about 1809. He was a Lieutenant in the Continental Army during the Revolution.

+ Elizabeth, born in Virginia William, b 1765? Married Lucy, lnu

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C4 C5

C6 C7

C8

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+ Anna, b. 28 Apr 1766, Virginia James, may have died in youth

+ Hannah, b. 18 Apr 1768 SC, d. 17 Sep 1855

+ Mary, b. 26 May 1769 NC, d. 20 Jan 1849 in Hopkins Co KY

C9 + Abigail, b. 19 Nov 1774, d. abt 1855, Franklin Co AR C.10.

+ Milly, who married Thomas Allen in 1796

Thomas Loving, first son of Gabriel Loving, was born in Virginia about 1746. Like his younger brother, Gabriel, who served as a Lieutenant in the Continental Army, Thomas probably served also in the Revolution, though few records are available to prove his patriotic service. Family tradition speaks of a Revolutionary War soldier in this branch of the Loving family who "served bravely and fought barefoot in the dead of winter" -- but tradition calls the hero Elijah Lovvorn. As traditions tend to prove, this one is only partially true. The hero in this case was probably Thomas Loving, recorded in various documents as Loven, Lovin, Lovern, Lovorn and Lovvorn. We do not know what rank he achieved, but Thomas is included in THE AUTHENTIC LIST OF LAND LOTTERY GRANTS MADE TO VETERANS OF THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR BY THE STATE OF GEORGIA (1820). This is weak evidence, but it is a clue worth following. Thomas was living in Clarke County, Georgia at that time. (See land records in the Georgia State Archives, Atlanta.) Prior to 1820 Thomas lived in Oglethorpe County, Georgia -adjacent to Clarke County. He was enumerated in the 1800 census as resident in Oglethorpe County with three males under age ten years, himself (over 45), wife over 45, and one female age ten to sixteen

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years. His name, spelled Loven at that time, has been recorded many ways in county and census records and this was common in all families. Most likely Thomas was not able to write or spell his name, so he had no control over how the name was recorded. Most of his descendants adopted spellings Lovorn, Lovorn and Lovern.

The given name Thomas was not widely used in the Loving family at this period, therefore it is not difficult to trace Thomas back from the point of his death in St. Clair County, Alabama to Georgia, where he lived in Clarke County in 1820, and where he married in 1818 his third wife, Nancy McCartney. In 1800 he was in Oglethorpe County, Georgia. In 1790 he was living in Stokes County, NC, where his name was spelled Loven. He was enumerated in the state-authorized census of North Carolina 1784-1787, living in Surry County, Salisbury District. His name was spelled LOVIN at this time. The list of his dependants matches up with what we know of his family in each case. Thomas was married in Pittsylvania County, Virginia about 1771 to his first wife, Polly Stroup (or Stroop), who bore him at least seven children. A second marriage, to a woman named Rosamond, produced two more children, Richard and Elijah. (Here is where the name Elijah comes from in the legend of the barefoot soldier, seen in early oral biographies of the Lovvorn family.) When the movements of Thomas are pieced together, they form a typical pattern of the migrations of the period in which he lived: Virginia to Carolinas to Georgia to Alabama - following the gradual displacement of the Indian population. His final stopping point was St. Clair County, Alabama, and his will names his children and his third wife, Nancy.

Before setting down his will, it might be wise to comment here on why his name is recorded as Thomas Lovorn. Names are often written to conform to local pronunciations or, in certain cases, to fit the local spellings used by other residents. Speculation leads one to think that Thomas, having lived among Scotch-Irish pioneers in his youth in Virginia and even later in North Carolina, probably pronounced his name Lovern, as the Scotch-Irish did.

Thomas was unable to sign his will, but he made his "X" as did most people of his time.



Taken from page 390, Will Book H, Vol One ---

"I, Thomas Lovorn, of St. Clair County, State of Alabama do hereby make my last will and Testament in manner and form following, that is to say, --1st I desire all of my just debts should be paid; 2nd After the payment of my debts and funeral expenses I give to my wife Nancy Lovarn and Daniel Lovarn the whole of my estate both real and personal for and during the term of their natural lives and after there decease I give the sum to my children herein after mentioned equally to be divided among them and to be enjoyed by them for ever. 3rd It is my wish and desire that after the death of my wife Nancy Lovorn and Daniel Lovorn that thewhole of my estate both real and personal should be equally divided between my children that is to say my daughter Judy, Mary Ann, & Sally should have one equal divide with my sons Edmond, James, Gabriel, John, Richard and Elijah, Lovorn...after the death of my wife Nancy and Dannel Lovorn..."

The will is dated 10 December 1823, witnessed by John Greenwood, John Laire, James Norton. Executors named in the will were John S. Edwards and Edmond Lovorn. John Greenwood swears in a deposition before Judge John H. Garrett that he saw Thomas Lovern sign the will and that he knew the said Thomas Lovin and believed him to be of sound mind. (NOTE -- observe the several spellings in this one document: Lovorn, Lovarn, Lovern and Lovin!! - JCR)

The will serves to identify the living children of Thomas Loving in 1823 -- and we assume that the Daniel mentioned here is a child of Nancy -- possibly adopted by Thomas, or maybe Daniel was incompetent and not to share in the estate for that reason.

- + Edmond, b. 11 Oct 1773 Pittsylvania Co VA, d. 29 Mar 1831 St. Clair Co AL
- C12 + James, b. abt 1775 VA, d. 23 May 1825 St. Clair Co AL
  C13 Judy, b. abt 1777 nothing available about her family
  C14 Mary Ann, b. 1779? d. 11 Nov 1841 Rutherford Co TN,
  m. 22 Nov 1796 Oglethorpe Co GA, Captain James Pace
  b. 23 Jan 1778, d. 23 Dec 1814 in New Orleans, War
- C15 + Gabriel, b. 1781?

of 1812

- C16 + John, b. 1785 NC
- Cl7 Sally, b. 1787, m. 9 Apr 1809 Clarke Co GA, Joseph Bridges

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By second wife, Rosamond --Richard, b. 1790?, d. 1868 Newton Co GA?, m. 28 Feb 1811 Clarke Co GA, Sarah Kinney C18 C19 + Elijah, b. 5 Mar 1793 NC?, d. 6 Sep 1875 Douglas Co

(Much credit is due to Mr. James Lecil Lovvorn of Oak Ridge, TN, who has aided in identifying many of the Lovorn, Lovvorn descendants of Gabriel Loving and his sons.)

Edmond Lovorn or Lovvorn, born 11 Oct 1773 in C11 Pittsylvania County, Virginia, died not long after his father's death in St. Clair Co AL. He married in Stokes County, NC, 30 Nov 1794 Elizabeth Lyle, b. about 1774 in NC. They had at least three children, possibly more.

+ Thomas, b. 15 Nov 1802 GA, d. 1851 Winston Co MS C111

C112 + Alexander, b. 1815 GA

C113 + William Edmond, b. 17 Jan 1818 AL, d. 14 Dec 1864

> The federal census 1840, Mississippi, showed these persons living in Winston Co MS. The 1850 census shows them in Leake Co MS.

(The information about descendants of Edmond comes from the files of Mr. Cell Roan Lovorn, Jr. of Birmingham AL.)

> Edmund Lovorn is placed in Franklin County GA, in the period 1810 to approx. 1817. He owned land in Franklin County, on North Fork of the Broad River and Big Rice Creek, 106 to 135 acres, which he purchased from Gabriel and Clary Bond of Elbert County, GA -- and sold in 1817 to Isaac Marchant. For a short while after leaving Franklin County, GA Edmond lived in Clarke County. From there he seems to have moved on to Alabama, where he died 29 Mar 1831. His sons moved to Mississippi.

Thomas Lovorn, m. 14 Jun 1821 St. Clair Co AL (1) Sally Brown. A second marriage 2 Aug 1847, was to Martha Patsey Humphries. Ten children by first

wife, three by second. James, b. 15 May 1822, d. 1852

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Elizabeth, b. 2 Mar 1824 C1112

C111

C1113 William Edmond, b. 1826 Mary Ann, m. a man named Toal C1114

Nancy, b. 1834, m. a man named Dill C1115

+ Thomas Jefferson, b. 23 May 1833, d. 1893

C1116 Elizabeth, m. a man named Sanders C1117

Sara Jane, b. 1840, d. 1852 C1118

Joseph Lafayette, b. 1842, d. 22 Jul 1864 C1119

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C12364 C12365 C12366 C12367	William S., b. Nov 1880 AL Charles W., b. Aug 1883 AL Henry J., b. Aug 1886 AL Shella L., b. Nov 1888 AL
	From 1880 & 1900 census Randolph Co GA
C124	James M. Lovvorn, Jr., m. 13 May 1830 Henry Co GA Bathsheba Traylor, b. 21 Dec 1813 Jasper Co GA, d. 3 Apr 1887 Lamar AL, dau of Midgeman B. & Lydia (Lang) Traylor. James is said to have been a soldier in the Civil War. He died, according to legend, after falling off a mule that was almost as old as he was — he was in his 76th year. The mule was 30! Both James & "Basheba", as she was called, are buried in Providence Baptist Church Cem. Woodland AL
C1241	+ William Daniel, b. 7 Feb 1831 Henry Co GA, d. 17 Dec
C1242	1900 Bowdon GA  James, b. 1833 Henry Co GA, died after 1860, m. fnu French
C1243	Susan, b. 1834 Henry Co GA, d. abt 1901 Boaz AL, m. James Butler
C1244	+ Edward M., b. 10 Apr 1838 Lamar AL, d. 22 May 1912 Bowdon GA
C1245	Mary Elizabeth, b. 9 Dec 1841 Lamar AL, d. 2 Aug 1911 m. 1855 Clark Butler
C1246	Lydia Ann, b. 11 Apr 1843 Lamar AL, d. 29 Jun 1908 Lamar AL single
C1247	Martha E., b. 24 May 1845 Lamar AL, d. 7 Sep 1920 Newell AL m. 16 Sep 1866 Lamar AL John L. Harden
C1248	+ John Newton, b. 18 Nov 1850 Lamar AL, d. 3 Feb 1908 Roanoke AL
C1249	+ George Washington, b. 21 May 1853 Lamar AL, d. 9 Apr 1935 Randolph Co AL
C124.10.	+ Thomas J., b. 7 Mar 1858 Lamar AL, d. 19 Nov 1938 Newell AL Thomas called "Long Tom" & "Trigger Tom"
(From James 1	L. Lovvorn, Oak Ridge TN, and from Mrs. Jo Lovvorn
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William Daniel Lovvorn, m. 26 Feb 1852 AL, Sarah Delilah Burden, b. 14 Jun 1833 Elbert Co GA, d. 14 Feb 1906 Bowdon GA, dau of Henry & Sarah (White) C1241 Burden + Thomas Jefferson, b. 11 Jan 1853 AL, d. 26 May 1935 C12411 Newell AL + Nancy Evelyn, b. 2 Jun 1854, d. 4 Nov 1873 Mary Elizabeth (called Bob), b. 24 Dec 1855, d. C12412 C12413 26 Jun 1927, m. Wesley Whitfield Johnson

#### Gabriel Loving

C12414	+ Gaines Washington, b. 26 Mar 1858 Randolph Co AL, d. 30 Mar 1934
C12415	+ William Jeptha, b. 19 Sep 1860, d. 19 Mar 1946 Bowdon GA
C12416	Sarah Rebecca, b. 15 Apr 1863, d. 31 Jul 1951, m. Columbus Morris
C12417	+ Robert Monroe, b. 3 Feb 1866 Newell AL, d. 20 Jun 1958 Bowdon GA
C12418	Martha Ellen, b. 2 Sep 1868, d. 29 Dec 1944 Bowdon GA m. 25 Dec 1887 John William Barrow
C12419	Emma Cindonia (Donie), b. 25 Mar 1871, d. 23 Apr 1943 m. W. J. Whatley
C1241.10. C1241.11.	Samuel Alex, b. 11 Nov 1873, d. 4 Nov 1875 + Henry Oliver, b. 15 Jun 1875, AL, d. 25 Nov 1938

William Daniel Lovvorn, subject of numerous biographical sketches, was born in Georgia but moved with his parents to Alabama, where he attended elementary school in a rude cabin, along with children of his pioneer neighbors. He was motivated by some individual in his family or by some incident in his early life to make something of himself. His story is not unlike many of the Horatio Alger stories that were popular around the turn of the twentieth century, about the poor lad who overcame his circumstances to become a pillar of respect in his community through hard work and good planning.

The articles usually called him Colonel W. D. Lovvorn, and it is unclear as to how he came by the rank of Colonel. One hastily written account even says that Colonel Lovvorn fought in the War of 1812[7] has A rare feat for a man who was born in 1831! It is entirely possible that W. D. served in the Civil War and there he may have been made a Colonel in the Confederate States Army, but no one has forwarded proof of his service and rank. To stick to the known facts, it is clear that W. D. was a man of integrity and great will power, a man unafraid of work and the risks of life. He was for a while a Justice of the peace in Alabama, and this was not the same as being a Justice of the peace in our day. The office carried the same dignity and responsibility as that of our modern day Judge. W. D. Lovvorn was elected to the state legislature of Alabama, representing the county of Randolph in 1872. In 1878, however, Colonel W. D. Lovvorn and some of his brothers moved to Carroll County, Georgia and claimed lands there in the fertile farming area. He farmed extensively, growing sugar beets and cotton and he established a cotton-gin and a mill. He prospered and he educated his children at Bowdon College, which he favored with many cash donations. (A book, HISTORY OF BOWDON COLLEGE, says that Col. Lovvorn donated in his lifetime more than \$100,000 to Bowdon College and he is credited with saving the college from bankruptcy at one period.) He was a Baptist and active in the Missionary Baptist Church. He was a Director of the Carrollton Bank and Commissioner of Roads and Revenue for eight years.

The little biographical sketches published in books like MEMOIRS OF GEORGIA are often responsible for much of the error in family histories, for these articles are no more than oral history based on conversations with the individual concerned. The legend of the barefoot Revolutionary soldier named Elijah Lovvorn is clearly an example of oral history at its worst - for it has become accepted as gospel truth by many. The story usually goes something like this: "His great grandfather, Elijah Lovvorn, came from Ireland to this country before the Revolutionary War, and was a soldier in the patriot army, during which time he fought barefoot on frozen ground.." The article also says the Lovvorns were Scotch-Irish. To set matters straight and to clear William Daniel of any doubt the reader may have about his motives, first we must say in his defense that he was telling a story he had been told, because he believed it was true. But his facts were not correct, for his great grandfather was Thomas Loving, not Elijah. (Elijah was a son of Thomas, and he held officer rank in the Georgia Militia, and may have fought in some Indian skirmishes.) Thomas Loving (Lovvorn to his descendants) was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. Over the period of 150 years, the two stories and individuals became fused into one person. This is not unusual. It happens in many families that never kept good written family records. Try this test: Can you name each of your great grandparents from memory? You have eight of them, And sixteen great-great grandparents, and 32 great-great-great grandparents:

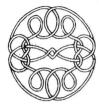
It is crystal clear that the Loving (Lovvorn) families, in their south-westerly migrations, generally settled down in Scotch-Irish communities and intermarried with Scotch-Irish families. Hence the spelling of the name was altered by Scotch-Irish pronunciation. Many Lovvorns, Lovorns, Loverns to this day believe they sprang from Scotch-Irish ancestors, but they get their name from the English family of Loving.

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Thomas Jefferson Lovvorn, m. 11 Jan 1874 AL (1) Emily Adeline Traylor born 1854, died 10 Jul 1879. Three children of this marriage. Thomas Jefferson had 13 children in all and was married five times. The other four wives were: (2) Martha A. Kidd, who died 1886, bore no children. (3) Hattie T. Iverson, b. 9 Oct 1865, d. 24 Mar 1893, had four children. (4) Alice Iverson, sister of Hattie, b. 18 Nov 1857, d. 8 Sep 1898, was mother of the 8th & 9th children, Iverson and Brooksie. (5) Polly Ridley, b. 29 Sep 1862, d. 30 Mar 1934, was mother of the last four children. (Hattie & Alice Iverson were daughters of Dr. Robert W. Iverson. They had a sister, Florence, born 8 Jun 1853, died 13 Mar 1893, who lived in the home of Thomas J. Lovvorn and is buried alongside Hattie Iverson Lovvorn.) William Thomas, b. 17 Oct 1874 Newell AL, d. 1 Nov 1902 AL (He was a physician.) Called Wille

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## Roots on the Ridge —



# Long Bible search ends



By BARBARA TUCKER REED

James L. Lovvorn, 912 West Outer Dr., has nurtured an interest and love for genealogy since high school. An instructor asked the students to complete their own pedigree charts as well as they could. It seemed that the instructor knew much more about the Lovvorn and other local families than did most of the families.

Jim's curiosity was whetted and has grown throughout the years. It was also during this time that he first heard about an old family Bible. The 27 years search for that ended this past November when Jim was able to purchase the Bible.

Jim and his wife, Betty, are the parents of two daughters. Debra Ann married an Oak Ridge resident, Mark Belvin, the son of William Belvin and the ilate Leona Belvin. Debra iteaches art at Ooltewah Middle School. Jane is the head of the physical therapy department at Park Ridge Hopsital in Chat-

Jim came to Oak Ridge in 1944 at which time he worked at the Y-12 Plant. He married Betty (Elizabeth Alere) Bland, the daughter of J.O. and Lillie Watson Bland. Jim then returned to college. In 1953 Jim and Betty returned to Oak Ridge. He worked at the Oak Ridge Gaseous Diffusion Plant for two years, then transferred to Oak Ridge National Laboratory where he is an Instrument engineer.

Jim is the son of the late Gaines Washington Lovvorn and Pearl Scogin Lovvorn who resides near Roanoke, Ala. Gaines was born on April 30, 1897, in Lamar, Randolph County, Ala. He married Pearl, the daughler of Andrew John and Saran Elizabeth Cates Scogin on Aug. 1, 1924. Pearl was born on July 31, 1907, in Moreland, Winston County, Ala.

Gaines was a farmer. He had a deep love for his occupation and enjoyed selling his farm produce to people in the area. As a child Gaines had worked in the textile mills, but was forced to quit as a result of the passage of the Child wanted to Lab or Law. He go back to that type of work, but sought to be outdoors working his land. Gaines died on Sept. 30, 1978, in Roanoke, Randolph County, Ala.

Gaines was the 17th child of John Newton Lovvorn. John was born on Nov. 18, 1850, in Randolph County. His marriage to Martha Jane Smith ended tragically with her death. John became a 25-year-old widower with five small children to rear. On Aug. 14, 1876, he married Mary Jane Knowles (Noles.) Mary Jane was born on Oct. 27, 1859, in Randolph County. John and Mary had 15 children. Gaines was the 12th child of Mary Jane.

John was a farmer by occupation. He enjoyed providing for his large family. A nlece described him lovingly to Jim as being a favorite uncle. She looked forward to her visits to see Uncle John. "The grapevine is down there, the apple orchard is over here, etc." were always his welcoming comments to the children as he encouraged them to enjoy their visit. John died on Feb. 3, 1908, in Woodland, Ala. Mary Jane died on Nov. 12, 1936, in Randolph County.

James M. Lovvorn and +w.D.

Bathsheba Traylor Lovvorn Lovvorn
were John Newton Lovvorn's parents. James was born on Nov. 14, 1808, in Morgan County, Ga James married Bathsheba, the daughter of Midgeman B. and Lydia Lang Traylor on May 13, 1830, in Henry County, Ga James and Bathsheba were the parents of 10 children. James, 57. according to family tradition, fought with Andrew Jackson at the Battle of Horseshoe Bend.

Midgeman B. Traylor, Bathsheba's father, also fought

with Andrew Jackson. Midge was a fun-loving character.
Family tales relate that he took a playful swipe with a broom at Jackson, Jackson seemingly did not appreciate the humor and almost had Midge courtmartialled.

In 1837, James M. moved with his father-in-law from Henry County to Randolph County. This area was the last of the Indian

James was a Justice of the Peace in Randolph County. Stories have remained in the family that he would sit on his plow handles half a day trying to convince a neighbor not to take out a warrant on behalf of someone else. (Jim has two handwritten warrants which his ancestor wrote.) James died on April 10, 1886, in Lamar, Ala

James M. Lovvorn's father was James Lovvorn Sr. James Sr. was born about 1775 in Pittsylvania, Va. He married Han-nah Smith, the daughter of William Smith, about 1801. James is listed on the first tax list of Clark County, Ga., in 1802. He remained there until 1807 at which time he moved to Morgan

Hannah Smith Lovvorn was born about 1780 in North Carolina. She kept a family Bible which was evidently passed into her sister's family. Jim Lovarn's high school instructor related to Jim that he had heard his mother mention seeing a Lovvorn family Bible when she was a young woman.

This sparked Jim's interest. He felt that the Bible had indeed existed, and for 37 years he hoped to own it. This past November he was able to purchase it. He now proudly displays his great-greatgrandmother's Bible.

lands to be opened up for sale. James acquired this land from the United States Government and made his home near the Tallopoosa River. The chimney of the old home was still standing in 1974-75 when Jim Lovvorn's (ather guided him to the old homeplace.

County, Ga.

In 1824, James Sr. and his older sons left their home in Morgan County to prepare to move the family to new lands in St. Clair County, Ala., where Big Canoe and Little Canoe Creeks met. He was fishing on Canoe Creek and jumped from his flatbottommed boat onto the bank. He slipped and fell onto cut bamboo cane puncturing his kidney. Hannah was summoned.

The land between the Cathaltach o lahossie River and the Alabama state line was still Indian land in 1825. This was the area which Hannah had to cross to get to James. She rode horseback through the Indian country carrying the younger children. James died on May 23, 1825. before Hannah arrived. Indians helped carry him to his grave. The youngest daughter Mabel passed her memoirs on to the family. She recalled being carried like a papoose on the Indians' backs while her father was being buried.

Hannah moved her family to the Peachstone Shoals area. She joined Old Zion Baptist Church in 1827 at which time she professed her Christian faith. She remained in Henry County until her death on Mar. 11, 1829. She died near Peachstone Shoals on South Ocomulgee River.

Thomas Lovvorn was James Sr.'s father. Thomas was born about 1750. Around 1771, probably in Pittsylvania County, he married Polly Stroup (Stroop) who was the mother of James. Edmund, Gabriel and John. In 1772, the family resided in Pittsylvania County

Thomas received a North Carolina land grant in 1779. In 1785 he bought land adjacent to his grant. This land was within a mile of the Virginia state line. After Polly's death, Thomas

married Rosamond (last name unknown). Richard and Elijah were her sons. In 1818 Thomas married Nancy McCartney of Clark County, Ga., Thomas was also the father of two daughters.

Judy and Sally, Thomas died in St. Clair County, Ala. Howard The Lovern family name has more repulsing variations.

many spelling variations — Loving. Lovan, Loven, Lovern. Lovin, Lovorn and Lovvorn which can be traced to Thomas' children and their descendants throughout the South. Edmund Lovvorn has descendants who moved to Winston County, Miss and to Arkansas. Gabriel moved to Marion County in 1830 John moved in 1810 to Rutherford County, TKI



Family of John Newton Lovvorn and Mary Jane Knowles Lovvorn about 1918 are from front row left, Amzie, Dessie, Lila, Ollie, Donnie, Leola; second row, Ida, Martha, Ella, Mother, Millie, Becky; third row, Gaines, Will, Bunyan and Thomas Edward Lovvorn.



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Mr. and Mrs. John Newton Lovvorn with youngest child. Thomas Edward in 1906.

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## IN MEMORY

## JAMES LECIL LOVVORN

October 23, 1925---August 10, 1992

The story "The Odyssey of a Family Bible", copies of the actual pages from the James M. Lovvorn, Sr. and Hannah Smith Lovvorn Bible, and a typewritten listing of the data from this Bible were sent to me by James Lecil Lovvorn on July 29, 1992. I talked with "Jim" and he gave me his permission to use them in the upcoming August issue of ROOTS. He hoped that printing them in ROOTS would allow them to reach other descendants of this Lovvorn family so that he might be able to share family information with those interested.

On August 10, 1992, James Lecil Lovvorn passed away and joined those ancestors whom he had so dearly loved and had spent so many hours researching.

Everyone who knew Jim misses him and realizes that his death is not only a loss to his family and friends, but to everyone interested in the Scogin or Lovvorn family lines, Randolph County research, or any genealogical research. The Lovvorn family has our deepest sympathy.

Jim had had two previous strokes which had impaired his vision and in his letter of July 29, 1992 he had written: "I hope this generates a lot of interest among Lovvorn researchers and maybe brings forward other documents of interest. I use Roots 3 genealogy program. It is desktop publishable. I have over 1900 Scogin people in my material data base. I hope to cut my research and publish in the fall. As long as I can see even a little I hope to continue my Lovvorn research. If I don't finish my brother John Delbert Lovvorn of Brunswick GA is going to help me. I have a few hundred Lovvorns in my paternal data base but that is only about 20% of what I have on handwritten family group sheets."

And Jim's genealogical interest and love was shown as he signed his letter to me as he always has:

"Jim"--James Lecil Lovvorn; son of Gaines Washington; son of John Newton and Mary Jane Knowles, Noles; son of James M. Lovvorn and Bathsheba Traylor; son of James Lovvorn, Sr. and Hannah Smith; son of Thomas Lovern, Lovorn, Lovvorn and Mary Ann (Polly) Stroop?

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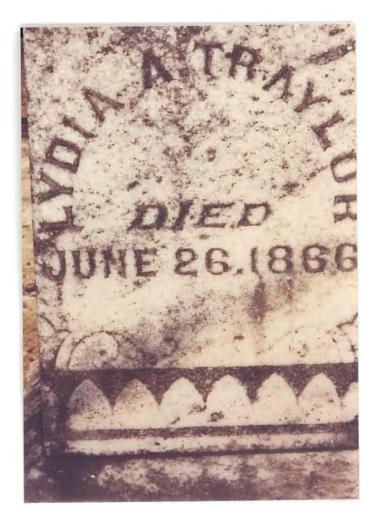
On August 13, 1992, I talked by telephone with John Delbert Lovvorn, Jim's brother. John states that Jim's wife is going to complete the finishing touches on the book about the Scogin Family as Jim had most of it completed and had already talked with a publisher. It will still be published sometimes this fall as Jim had planned.

John will take over the work on the Lovvorn family and with the help of other family members he hopes to complete a book on the Lovvorn family as Jim had wanted. If you are a descendant of the Lovvorn family, are interested in this family, or have information on this family to share, please contact John Delbert Lovvorn, 145 Fairway Oaks Drive, Brunswick, Georgia 31525 or Telephone: (912)-265-0703.









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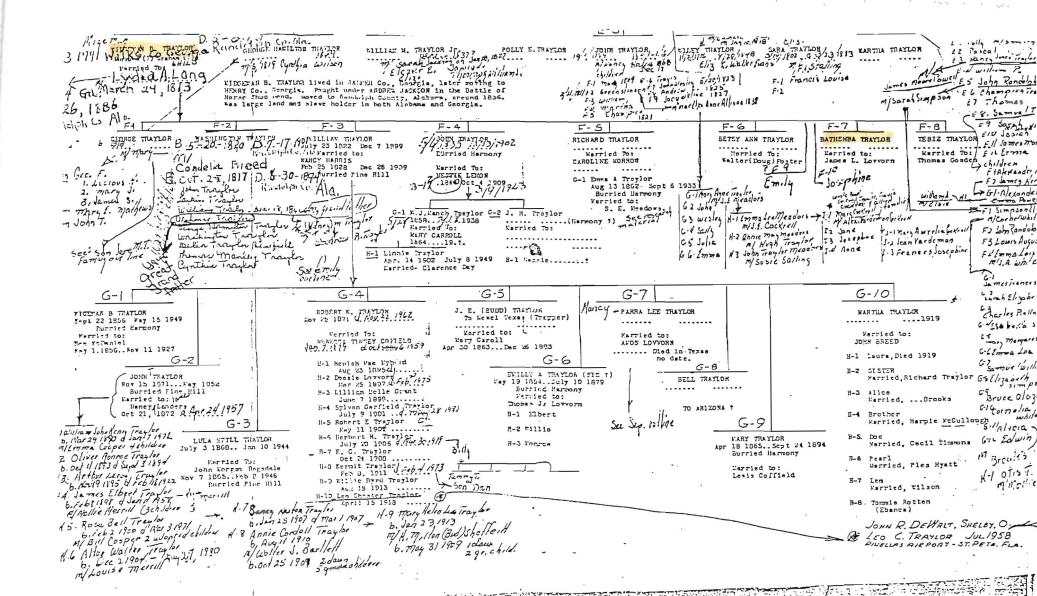
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The Traylor name first appears on the pages of history in the 13th Century in the year 1249 when the French King Louis IX made his famous Crusade to recapture the Holy City of Jerusalem from the hands of the infidels. As leaders in that Crusade Louis IX had a thousand knights and nobles and in that thousand carefully selected men there were two Traylors. I have no knowledge of these two, except that they were either knights or nobles and fought in this Crusade.

There is an interlude of a few hundred years until the 17th Century when the horrible religious wars broke out in Europe. Luther, Zwigli and Calvin led the great Protestant revolt from the Catholic Church and among the followers of Calvin we find the Traylor name appearing again. The Calvinists later changed their name to Huguenots and these same French Huguenots played an important part in the history of our nation. In their efforts to force the Huguenots back into the fold, the Catholics inflicted terrible punishment upon them but in the main most of the Huguenots stood fast in their beliefs. The famous Edict of Nantes protected them for a while but in 1656 the Huguenots started leaving France in great numbers and when the Edict was revoked in 1685 an even larger number fled from the intolerable conditions existing in France. Some of the Huguenots who fled from France went to England and among them were three Traylor brothers and their mother. In France they had spelled their name "Treuller" but when they moved to England they changed it to "Trelow". The reason for the change was probably the fact that they wished to take no chances on being sent back to France to undergo the tortures that the Catholics had been inflicting upon them and thought that by changing their name slightly they could not be traced so easily. Then too, the French and English were none too friendly at that period and they may have hoped to escape the prejudice against Frenchmen in this way. When they came to America later, they changed it to it's present form of "Traylor".
All three words, Treuller, Trelow and Traylor are pronounced almost identically the same and mean exactly the same. The meaning is "trailer".

It seems that all down through the centuries the Traylors have been an independent liberty-loving people. No torture, beheading, burning at the stake, or atrocity of any kind, could force them to subscribe to doctrines in which they did not believe in France. Rather than submit, they gave up their homes that they loved and moved to England and when they found a similar condition there they bravely moved on into America. The first of the three brothers who came was Edward Traylor who came over in 1663 and settled in Henry County, Virginia. There is a Traylorsville in this county now. Edward married Martha Randolph, who was in all probability a relative of the distinguished John Randolph.

Another of the brothers was Archer Traylor who came to Virginia at an early date which is unknown. He married Judith Markham, a cousin of William Penn.

Among the early Traylors who distinguished themselves in this period was Humphrey Traylor (1701--1790) who was a founder of Petersburg, Virginia. Another was the Reverend John Cousins Traylor, of Traylorsville, who was a founder of Emory and Henry College.

Abraham, William Sr., William Jr., Buckner, Frederick and Edward Traylor are listed on the rolls of soldiers who fought in the Revolutionary War. William Sr. and William Jr. fought in the 5th Virginia Regiment and it appears from the records that William Sr. had risen from the rank of lieutenant to the rank of major at the close of the war. Another was a lieutenant colonel and still another a captain. A great majority of those bearing the Traylor name are therefore direct descendants of Revolutionary War officers and are eligible to join the Order of Cincinnati, one of the

The coat of arms of the family can be found in Burke's General Armory, London, also in Registered Court Circles 1628. The coat of arms consists of the Crest Flag and the Cross of St. Andrews, lapped by the Banner of France, lapped by the flag of the Cross of Saint George, and the motto of the family is "Fides Affectio" (Faithful in Affection). The Crest and the motto are found in the Library, Lyons, France, 1901.

The most numerous group of Traylors in the United States seems to be in Randolph County, Alabama. The next largest is probably in Kentucky and the next near LaGrange, Georgia. It is significant that to this day with almost no exceptions they are identified with the most democratic of the Protestant Churches. All down through the centuries they have retained that desire to worship exactly as their consciences dictated and have been willing to fight for that privilege.

The common ancestors of the Traylors in Randolph County are:

Edward Traylor, Jr. Wm. M. Traylor Wm. M. Traylor, Jr. Migeman B. Traylor

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The children of Migeman B. Traylor are: George, Washington, William, John, Richard, Betsy Ann (married Walter Foster), Bathsheba (married Jas. L. Lovvorn), "Tebie" (married Thos. Gosden).

Edward Traylor, who was the first Traylor to come to America, died in 1667 leaving three children. They were Edward Traylor, Jr., Wm. Traylor and Hildreth Traylor. There is no information on Edward Traylor, Jr. other than the fact that he lived and died in Virginia. His son Wm. M. Traylor moved from some place in Virginia to Halifax County, Virginia, in 1780. If the name of Henrico County, Virginia, (name now changed) was not changed to Halifax County, Virginia, he moved to Henrico sometime between 1780 and 1788. In 1788 he moved to Wilkes County, Georgia, and settled near Lexington. An old farm near there is still known as the "Traylor Place". Two sons, Wm. M. Traylor, Jr. and Thomas Traylor came with their father. Around 1812 Wm. M. Traylor, Jr. moved to Jasper County, Georgia, near Montecello and bought land there. This place also is still known as the "Old Traylor Place". The children of Wm. M. Traylor, Jr., were-Migeman B. Traylor, George Hamilton, Wm. M. Traylor, Jr., Polly E. Traylor, John Traylor, Wiley Traylor, Sara Traylor, and Martha Traylor.

Migeman B. Traylor administered on his father's estate in Jasper County, Georgia, and moved to Henry County, Georgia. He fought in the Battle of Horseshoe Bend under Andrew Jackson and moved to Randolph County; Alabama, around 1836.

Including what he inherited and saved himself, Migeman B. Traylor was a large land and slave owner in Henry County, Georgia, and also owned extensive tracts of choice lands in Randolph County. He was buried near Graham, Alabama.

In compiling and arranging the above facts concerning the Traylor genealogy, I have presented the facts exactly as I found them. Much of the earlier history was uncovered due to the efforts of the late Melvin A. T of Chicago, Ill., who had the records traced both in this country and Europe. Some of it, I have traced in the Library of Congress in Wash Other facts were furnished by C. W. Gross, Tuscaloosa, Ala.; Jesse Tr.

## MIJAMIN B. TRAYLOR SON OF WILLIAM TRAYLOR JR.

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Washington Traylor, born May 20,1820, a son of Mijamin B. Traylor and wife Lydia Lang, married Cordelia Breed, born Oct.,25,1817, died Randolph Co., Ala. Sept.,30,1894. After the death of Cordelia Washington married Lou Ragesdale (shown on the 1900 census) Washington died July 17,1901. Both Cordelia and Washington are buried in the Zion Baptist Cemetary, Lamar (now Woodland Ala.) Alabama-Randolph County. The area where Washington and family lived and where died was known as Little River and is now called Bear Creek. A Elacksrith by trade Washington made vagons, seissors and so on. He owned several acres of land in Randolph County, Ala., Some of his children settled on land near Bear Creek. His first wife, Cordelia Breed had been married before to a Mr. Lang.

Washington Traylor did not fight in the Civil War, but was chosen by the Traylor families to remain home and look after the welfare of the women and children. As per information collected by a granddaughter of Washington, a Miss Mary Estelle Traylor, a daughter of Thomas Manley Traylor and Annie Genevera Cooper Traylor. In her collection she stated that Washington sharpened plows and work tools. That a grand son of Washington and Cordelia had approximately 100 bee hives as a hobby as he did not sell the honey. In her writing she stated that most Traylor's were honest, tall, hardworking people and that the men were noted to turn gray early.

The nine(9) children of Washington and Cordelia Traylor are as;

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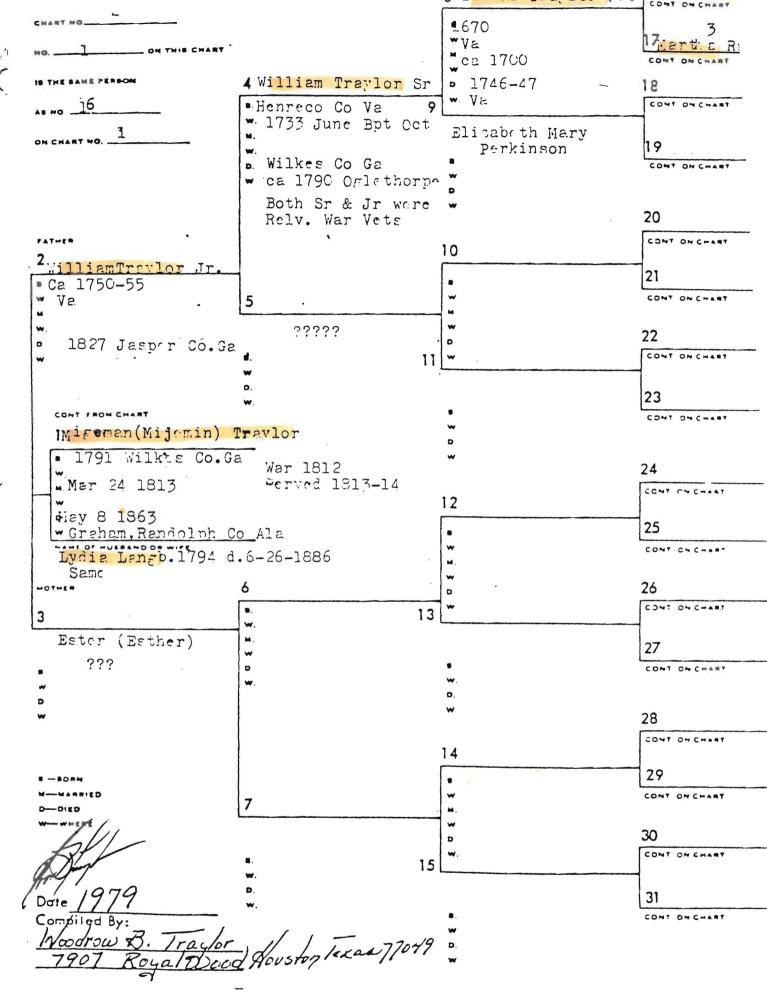
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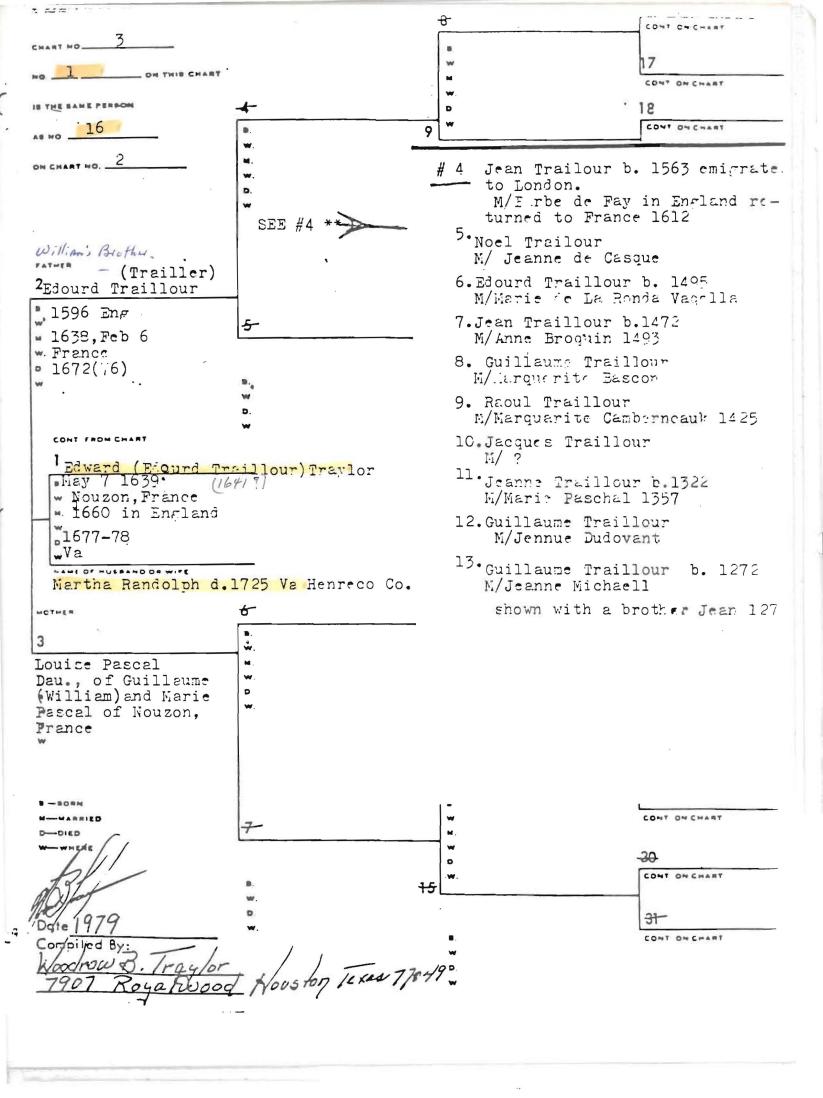
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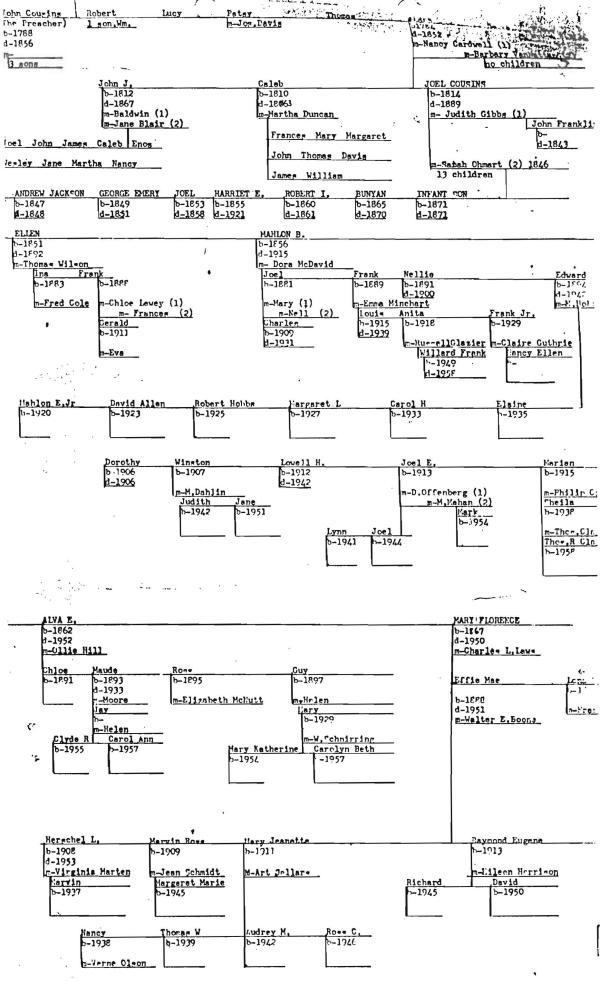
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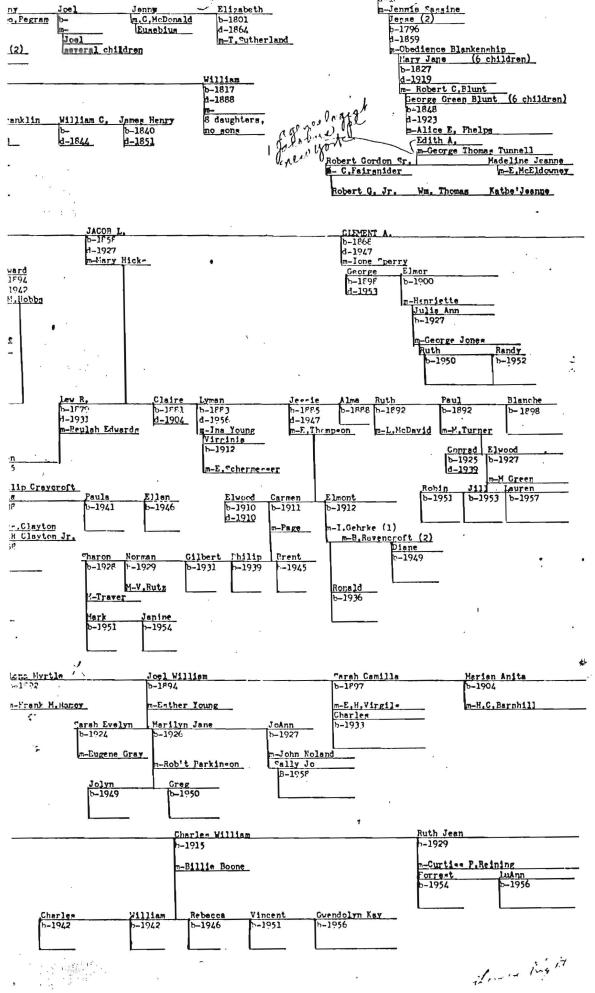
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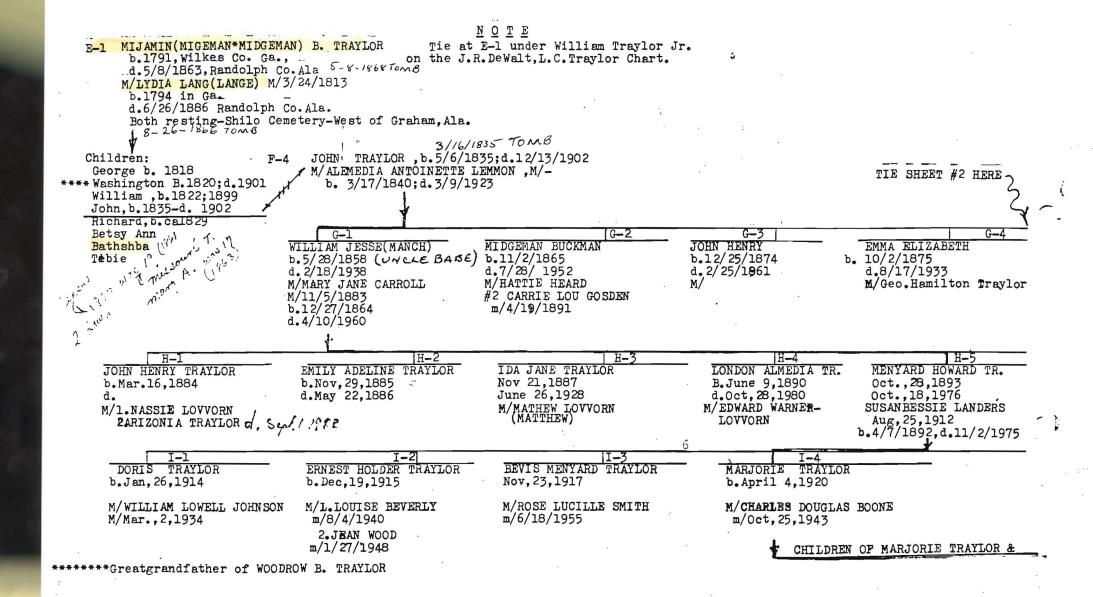
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