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FINDING ANNIE:

DNA EVIDENCE HELPS RESOLVE THE IDENTITY OF AN EARLY 19TH CENTURY FEMALE WHO LIVED IN BURNED ALABAMA COUNTIES & PROVIDES SUPPORTING EVIDENCE OF HER KINSHIPS.

Genealogists who research ancestral lines deeply embedded in the rural south generally share some common challenges. Record losses can be extensive - many times due to burned county courthouses. Lack of record creation by impoverished rural families is also an issue. These same situations can make identification of southern females and their families more challenging than their male counterparts. Successful outcomes for these identity and kinship problems rely on the use of definitive research strategies: 1) Adherence to the Genealogical Proof Standard (GPS), 2) Use of Fans Club methodology¹ and 3) DNA testing when available. When these strategies are implemented, some of the most daunting cases can be resolved.



Annie Jane Gordon Morris Pruitt Lett

Annie Jane Gordon Morris Pruitt Lett, pre-1917; digital image, created abt. 2020, privately held by Lucy Hale, [ADDRESS FOR PRIVATE USE,] Montgomery, Alabama, 2020. Provenance: Annie gave the original to her daughter Margaret Jane Pruitt Putnam who gave it to her daughter Eula Mae Putnam Smith. Eula Mae's son Otto Bamber Smith inherited it and passed it down to his daughter Sandra Smith Spurling. Sandra's daughter Lucy Hale, 3xGGdaughter of Annie, now owns the photo, shared it with me, and provided permission to use it. The condition and characteristics of the original are unknown.

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URLs for commonly used databases online such as *Ancestry.com*, *FamilySearch.org*, *FindAGrave.com*, *Fold3.com*, *Newspapers.com*, etc. are omitted in citations and only accessed dates are cited unless the URL is helpful to locate a record. This case study is image-heavy keeping in mind cousins descended from these lines for whom this project began.

Significant contributions of others are noted in **ADDENDUM 3**.

¹ FANS is an acronym for Friends, Associates, Neighbors. The term was coined by Elizabeth Shown Mills, CG. The premise is that our ancestors' lives were not vacuums. They interacted and associated with people they lived among and some of these were relatives, thus research of extended family, associates, and neighbors is critical.

INTRODUCTION

Annie Jane Gordon Morris Pruitt Lett's² parents and siblings remained unidentified and a brick wall for generations of descendants. A brick wall is a situation where researchers are unable to move beyond a documented identity, kinship, or event. In many cases, research begins with traditional records. In Annie's case few records for her had been uncovered. The Benton/Calhoun County, Alabama,³ area where Annie and her children are consistently found has a substantial record loss. Courthouse fires in 1861 and 1865, created a portion of this loss.⁴

DNA results and targeted DNA testing helped provide research guidance and development of a stronger paper trail. The paper trail is always the foundation of any proof. DNA evidence supports the paper trail. These DNA matches and three mid-1800s Alabama marriage records prompted a six-year long research project that successfully crumbled brick walls for Annie's descendants and seven other lineages, extending them back one farther generation than the brick walls to a Georgia Revolutionary War soldier.

A seemingly insignificant middle initial for Annie in a census record became a clue that had been overlooked. The 1910 census enumeration for Annie J. Lett⁵ is typical with one exception: The initial J is different than the initial G or *Gordon* middle name generally used to identify her. This initial became one of the most important pieces of evidence supporting her identity.

J was for Jane.⁶

² Annie had two middle names, *Jane* and *Gordon*. For the Gordon name see "Alabama, Texas, and Virginia, Confederate Pensions, 1884-1958," images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 14 July 2020); Annie Gordon Lett, widow of Pvt. Jonathan David Lett, "Co. H, 10th Reg., Alabama Vols.," app. no. 20224; citing Confederate Pension Applications, 1880-1940, Alabama Department of Archives and History, Montgomery. The Jane name and identity is the focus of this study. For brevity, the Annie name will be used in this study unless a record warrants otherwise.

³ The Newberry Library, "Atlas of Historical County Boundaries," database online, *Newberry.org* (accessed 11 Jan. 2020) > Genealogy and Local History > Atlas of Historical County Boundaries > State Data > select "Alabama" on map > View Index of Counties and Equivalents > scroll to Calhoun Co. Benton later became Calhoun.

⁴ Alabama Department of Archives and History, "Alabama Courthouses destroyed by fire," database and images, (<https://archives.alabama.gov> : accessed 30 Jan. 2020) > Research > Explore Our Collections > County Records on Microfilm > see link "...map of counties that have had courthouse fires."

⁵ 1910 U.S. census, Marshall County, Alabama, population schedule, Friendship, enumeration district (ED) 106, sheets 20B-21A (penned), family 356, J. Willis Lett household; images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 1 April 2015); citing NARA microfilm publication T624, roll 25.

⁶ *Ibid.*

STATE *Alabama*
COUNTY *Marshall*
TOWNSHIP OR OTHER DIVISION OF COUNTY *Friendship*

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR - BUREAU OF THE CENSUS
THIRTEENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES: 1910 - POPULATION

NAME OF INCORPORATED PLACE
ENUMERATED BY ME ON THE *10* DAY OF *March*

LOCATION	NAME	RELATION	PERSONAL DESCRIPTION	ACTIVITY	ETHNICITY	Whether able to speak English, or, if not, give language spoken	Trade or profession of, or general kind of work done by this person in ordinary circumstances, in house, etc.
1	<i>John L. Lett</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>W. 18 1/2</i>	<i>Alabama</i>	<i>Alabama</i>	<i>Alabama</i>	<i>None</i>
2	<i>Letta L. Lett</i>	<i>Wife</i>	<i>W. 18 1/2</i>	<i>Alabama</i>	<i>Alabama</i>	<i>Alabama</i>	<i>None</i>
3	<i>Letta L. Lett</i>	<i>Daughter</i>	<i>W. 14</i>	<i>Alabama</i>	<i>Alabama</i>	<i>Alabama</i>	<i>None</i>

Annie J. Lett, 1910 Census

1910 U.S. census, Marshall County, Alabama, population schedule, Friendship, enumeration district (ED) 106, sheets 20B-21A (penned), family 356, J. Willis Lett household; images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 1 April 2015); citing NARA microfilm publication T624, roll 25. Comparison of the enumerator's handwriting in this census clearly indicates this is a "J."

Cluster methodology and descendency research identified other related lineages for whom records were created. Analysis of this indirect evidence and DNA evidence helps prove Annie was the biological daughter of James Morris and Nancy Pearce from Jackson County, Georgia,⁷ and the same daughter this family called Jane.⁸ Her identified and proven siblings were William Jackson Morris, Temperance (Tempy) Morris Reeves, Rebecca Morris Lane, Lovick Morris, Gadwell (Gad) Morris⁹, Sion M. Morris, Susan F. Morris Lewis Torrance¹⁰, and James Morris, Jr.¹¹ Additional siblings probably exist but remain unproven.¹²

⁷ "Georgia, Marriage Records from Select Counties, 1828-1978" images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 23 Jan. 2021), James Moore [Morris] to Nancy Pearce, 22 Dec [no year], p. 0102, image 108/323; Jackson County, Georgia, Marriages, Books A, B, C, 1805-1861; Court of Ordinary, Jefferson. For an explanation an analysis of this record, see section **James Morris and Nancy Pearce > Marriage**.

⁸ Ibid.

⁹ For brevity, this case study uses Gad rather than Gadwell, unless specifically required by a record.

¹⁰ The Torrance surname for this lineage has many spelling variations. Some spellings in this study are record specific; otherwise, the spelling *Torrance* is used.

¹¹ Nancy Morris, Declaration of Widow for Pension (Act of Feb. 14, 1871), service of James Morris (Pvt., Capt. David Gillespie's Co., Booth's 4th Georgia Militia, War of 1812), bounty land warrant file WO 10661 and WC 6939 (Act of 1855, 80 acres); "War of 1812 Pension Files, *Fold3.com* (accessed 20 Dec. 2019) > Georgia > M > Morris > 2nd James Morris; citing Case Files of Pension and Bounty Land Applications Based on Service between 1812 and 1855; Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Application Files, ca. 1871-1900; Record Group 15: Records of the Department of Veterans Affairs; NARA, Washington, D.C.

Also, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (LDS), (Salt Lake City, Utah), "Baptisms for the Dead, 1877-1944; heir indexes 1877-1956," vol. N, Dec 1878-Feb.1882, November 1881, pp. 66-67 and 90-91, George Lumpkin Morris' family proxies, FHL film 0170853, St. George, Utah Temple, Family History Library, Salt Lake City.

¹² Weak indirect and DNA evidence have helped develop a theory for at least one other likely sibling, but independent descendant lineages from this line share multiple lineages in addition to this Morris Pearce line. Further research to develop a stronger paper trail will be required to prove this sibling. Covid-19 repository closures and access limitations have thus far prevented this extensive offline research.

BIRTH & DEATH DATES

Proving *Annie* is *Jane* necessitates resolution of conflicts related to Annie's birth year. Her birth year in census records and engraved on her headstone is significantly different than James' and Nancy's daughter Jane's. Census records indicate Annie was born between 1823 and 1832 in Georgia.¹³ Annie's headstone parallels this time period and provides her birth date as 9 Aug. 1825.¹⁴ However, other records contradict



these birth years for Annie. Her Civil War widow's pension application provides several ages for her that call into question the range of previously accepted birth years: On 28 October 1914, her son-in-law T. S. Lowery¹⁵ testified that Annie was 102 years old and "much older than her [second] husband had been when they married."¹⁶ Lowery's testimony places her birth year about 1812. On 22 April 1915, Annie testified that she was born in 1812, in Polk County, Georgia, and was 102 years old.¹⁷ On 19 January 1916, she testified her age was 104, also about 1812.¹⁸ Over a period of several years, Annie's age in the pension records is consistent. Additionally, Annie's obituary dated 17 May 1917, provides her death the day before – 16 May 1917, and

Annie's Obituary

"A Centenarian Dead," *The Boaz (Alabama) Leader*, 17 May 1917; images, *Newspapers.com*: (accessed 20 July 2020); citing print edition, p.1, col. 6.

¹³ 1870 U.S. census, Calhoun Co., Ala, pop. sched., Township 16, Carn Grove Post Office, p. 40 (penned), dwell. 310, fam. 311, Ann Lett household, images; *Ancestry.com* (accessed 1 April 2020); citing NARA microfilm pub. M593, roll 5.

Also, 1880 U.S. census, Etowah Co., Ala., pop sched., Township 11, R 6E, Beats 10, 17, enum. dist. (ED) 065, p. 4 (penned), dwell. 42, fam. 48, Anna Lett household; *Ancestry.com* (accessed 1 Jan 2020); citing NARA microfilm pub. T9, roll 13.

¹⁴ *Ancestry*, Find A Grave, image, *FindAGrave.com*, (accessed 14 July 2020) memorial 114846954, Annie J. Gordon Morris Lett (1825-1917), Forrest Home Methodist Church Cemetery, Boaz, Marshall Co., Ala.; gravestone photograph by Maria Gilliland.

¹⁵ "Alabama, County Marriages, 1805-1967," images, *Ancestry.com*, (accessed 1 April 2015), Thomas Lowery and Anjeline [sic] Pruitt, 2 Feb. 1862, p. 231, image 447/498; citing Calhoun Co., Marriages, 1850-1877, Courthouse, Anniston.

¹⁶ Testimony of T.S. Lowery; "Alabama, Texas, and Virginia, Confederate Pensions, 1884-1958," images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 14 July 2020); Annie Gordon Lett, widow of Pvt. Jonathan David Lett, "Co. H, 10th Reg., Ala. Vols.," app. no. 20224; citing Confederate Pension Applications, 1880-1940, ADAH, Montgomery.

¹⁷ "Alabama, Texas, and Virginia, Confederate Pensions, 1884-1958," images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 14 July 2020); Annie Gordon Lett, widow of Pvt. Jonathan David Lett, "Co. H, 10th Reg., Ala. Vols.," app. no. 20224; citing Confederate Pension Applications, 1880-1940, ADAH, Montgomery.

¹⁸ *Ibid.*

calls her a "Centenarian of a ripe age of 100 years old."¹⁹ Since Annie was not the one reporting her age in her obituary, a 5-year difference is understandable. Children and descendants do not always know when parents were born.

John C. Adams testified about James and Nancy Morris' Jane in Nancy's War of 1812 widow's pension application: "In 1835 Jane their oldest child was at least 24 or 25 years old."²⁰

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

State of Alabama ss.
County of Randolph

In the matter of Pension claim of Nancy Morris
As 10,661 mon act 14 Feb 1871

Personally came before me, a clerk of the circuit court in and for aforesaid County and State, John Adams, a citizen of the County of Calhoun, State of Alabama, reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declares in relation to aforesaid case, as follows:

That he affiant knew Nancy Morris the as above stated in 1835 in the county of Fayette in the state of Ga that she was then living with her husband James Morris and at that time and they then had four grown children James their oldest child was at least twenty four or 25 years old and Rebecca Morris the fourth child of James Morris deceased and Nancy Morris the affiant was a full grown well qualified woman above the age of 18 years affiant states that he was intimate with them the said James Morris the affiant in an aunt of his wife and that he has frequently known his uncle James Morris state that his wife Nancy Morris has two children before he went into the war of 1812 and that Emily his third daughter was born in August 1815 after the close of the war 1812 and that from 1835 the balance of James Morris days was spent with Nancy Morris the affiant as a wife that he affiant knew them to love together as such husband and wife for some 25 years and the legitimacy of them in his own eyes and before the court.

He further declares that he has no interest in said case, and is not concerned in its prosecution.

Attest—when my affiant signs by name, (2 persons)

Signature of Affiant: John C. Adams

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

State of Alabama ss.
County of Randolph

In the matter of Pension claim of Nancy Morris
As 10,661

Personally came before me, a clerk of the circuit court in and for aforesaid County and State, John C. Adams, a citizen of the County of Calhoun, State of Alabama, reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declares in relation to aforesaid case, as follows:

That John C. Adams made the acquaintance of James Morris and Nancy Morris the above applicant in 1835 or probably before and he states that on examining his record he finds that he John C. Adams the affiant was born in March 1811 and that as he before stated that in 1835 the said applicant Nancy Morris had four grown children the oldest was James who was about 24 or 25 years old when the affiant

Nancy Adams states that according to her record she was born on the 1st day of March 1811—that she is a daughter of Cadwell Pierce who was a brother of Nancy Morris the applicant. she states that she knew her aunt Nancy Morris all her life and she recollects that her oldest daughter James Morris and herself about of our age that they both became grown at the same time and that they were raised together and she states that she knows that her aunt James Morris the applicant was married to her said husband James Morris before she was born and she Nancy Adams states that she has known them as husband and wife all her life.

He further declares that he has no interest in said case, and is not concerned in its prosecution.

Attest—when my affiant signs by name, (2 persons)

Signature of Affiant: Nancy Adams

Testimonies of John C. and Nancy [Pearce] Adams

Testimonies of John C. Adams and Nancy [Pearce] Adams, pp. 29, 37; Nancy Morris, Declaration of Widow for Pension (Act of Feb. 14, 1871), service of James Morris (Pvt., Capt. David Gillespie's Co., Booth's 4th Georgia Militia, War of 1812), bounty land warrant file WO 10661 and WC 6939 (Act of 1855, 80 acres); "War of 1812 Pension Files, Fold3.com (accessed 20 Dec. 2019) > Georgia > M > Morris > 2nd James Morris; citing Case Files of Pension and Bounty Land Applications Based on Service between 1812 and 1855; Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Application Files, ca. 1871-1900; Record Group 15: Records of the Department of Veterans Affairs; NARA,

¹⁹ "A Centenarian Dead," *The Boaz (Alabama) Leader*, 17 May 1917, images, *Newspapers.com* (accessed 20 July 2020); citing print edition, p.1, col. 6.

²⁰ Testimony of John C. Adams, 13 April 1874, p. 29; Declaration of Widow for Pension (Act of Feb. 14, 1871), service of James Morris (Pvt., Capt. David Gillespie's Co., Booth's 4th Georgia Militia, War of 1812), bounty land warrant file WO 10661 and WC 6939 (Act of 1855, 80 acres); "War of 1812 Pension Files, Fold3.com (accessed 20 Dec. 2019) > Georgia > M > Morris > 2nd James Morris.

John's wife Nancy [Pearce] Adams was the niece of Nancy Pearce Morris and daughter of Gadwell Pearce [Jr.].²¹ John also testified that Jane was about a year younger than he was, and he was born March 1810.²² According to the Adams, Jane was born about 1810-1811.²³

Obviously, the census records erred by as much as 20 years. Perhaps these dates were assumed or provided because Annie was older than both husbands.²⁴ Even though her birth year cannot be determined exactly, it can be narrowed to a much earlier year than the censuses provide. If James and Nancy were married between 20-24 December 1811²⁵, logically, their first-born child Jane could have been born in August 1812. Annie probably was born 9 Aug. abt. 1812, and died 16 May 1917, Forrest Home Community, Boaz, Marshall County, Alabama. No record found indicates Annie was born in Polk County, Georgia. Polk County was not formed until 1 April 1852.²⁶ However, it is significant that Annie mentioned Polk County because members of her Morris family lived there – siblings Susan F. Morris Lewis Torrance,²⁷ Lovick Morris,

²¹ Ibid., pp. 29, 27. The suffix *Jr.* is not used in the record. This is used to differentiate between Nancy Morris' brother Gadwell Pearce between her father Gadwell.

²² Testimonies of John C. Adams and Nancy [Pearce] Adams, p. 37; Nancy Morris, Declaration of Widow for Pension (Act of Feb. 14, 1871), service of James Morris (Pvt., Capt. David Gillespie's Co., Booth's 4th Ga. Militia, War of 1812), bounty land warrant file WO 10661 and WC 6939 (Act of 1855, 80 acres); "War of 1812 Pension Files, Fold3.com (accessed 20 Dec. 2019) > Georgia > M > Morris > 2nd James Morris.

²³ Ibid., Testimonies of John C. Adams and Nancy [Pearce] Adams, 1876, pp. 29, 37.

²⁴ Jacob Decatur Pruitt reportedly was born 10 Oct. 1828. See Ancestry, Find A Grave, images, FindAGrave.com (accessed 15 Sept. 2020) memorial 55933779, D. Pruitt (1828-1850), New Harmony Cemetery, Heflin, Cleburne Co., Ala.; gravestone photograph by Lucy Hale. Jonathan David Lett was born about 1836.

Also, 1850 U.S. census, Benton Co., Ala., pop. sched., Dist. 28, p. 280B (stamped), p. 559 (penned), dwell. 247, fam. 247, L. Lett household, images, Ancestry.com (accessed 28 February 2016); citing NARA micro. publ. M432, roll 1. J.D. is mis-transcribed as *I.D.*

²⁵ Nancy Morris, Declaration of Widow for Pension (Act of Feb. 14, 1871), service of James Morris (Pvt., Capt. David Gillespie's Co., Booth's 4th Ga. Militia, War of 1812), bounty land warrant file WO 10661 and WC 6939 (Act of 1855, 80 acres); "War of 1812 Pension Files, Fold3.com (accessed 20 Dec. 2019) > Georgia > M > Morris > 2nd James Morris. Also see section **James Morris and Nancy Pearce > Marriage**, analysis.

²⁶ The Newberry Library, "Atlas of Historical County Boundaries," database online, Newberry.org (<https://publications.newberry.org/ahcbp/>; accessed 11 Jan. 2020) > Genealogy and Local History > Atlas of Historical County Boundaries > State Data > select "Georgia" on map > View Index of Counties and Equivalents > scroll to Polk County.

²⁷ 1870 U.S. census, Polk Co., Ga., pop. sched., Cedartown, p. 161 (penned), p. 326 (stamped) dwell. 1145, fam. 1215, Hugh Torrants [*sic*] household; images, Ancestry.com (accessed 10 April 2020); citing NARA microfilm pub. M593, roll 170.

and her mother.²⁸ She probably was born in Jackson County, Georgia, where her parents were married.²⁹ Analysis of Annie's birth year is essential when proving her identity.

MARRIAGES

Annie married Jacob Decatur Pruitt 16 Feb. 1843, in Calhoun County, Alabama.³⁰ Jacob Decatur Pruitt's life ended tragically at a relatively young age. The perpetuated family story is:

"He was a boxer and following a match the fellow that he had beaten got up and hit Jacob in the head with a board and killed him."³¹

According to his headstone, he was born 10 Oct 1828, and died 14 Feb. 1850.³² No death record exists. No similar name has been found on mortality schedules.³³ No probate or court record has been found that identifies his orphans.³⁴ Alabama birth and death records were not mandatory until 1908.³⁵

²⁸ 1880 U.S. census, Polk Co., Ga., pop. sched., 1075 G.M. District, Cedartown, enum. dist. (ED) 169, p. 262 (stamped), p. 30 (penned), dwell. 241, fam. 241, Lovick Morris household, images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 31 Jan. 2021); citing NARA microfilm pub. T9, 161. Annie's mother Nancy was enumerated with Lovick.

²⁹ "Georgia, Marriage Records from Select Counties, 1828-1978" images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 23 Jan. 2021), James Moore [Morris] to Nancy Pearce, 22 Dec [no year], p. 0102, image 108/323; Jackson Co., Marriages, Books A, B, C, 1805-1861; Court of Ordinary, Jefferson.

³⁰ "Alabama, County Marriage Records, 1805-1967," images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 16 June 2020); Jacob D. Pruitt and Anny G. Morris, 16 Feb. 1843, p. 259, image 176/184; Calhoun Co. Marriages, 1832-1852, Courthouse, Anniston. These marriage records were recopied or transcribed many years later than the marriages happened, as indicated by the printed year on the form.

³¹ Richard A. Prewitt, *Prewitt-Pruett-Pruitt Records of AL*, pdf, (self-published, updated 2011); *Pruitt/Pruett/Prewitt* (<http://dna.pruett.net> : accessed 10 Jan. 2020) > Richard A. Prewitt Books > *Prewitt-Pruett-Pruitt Records of AL*, 1, p. 24. Mr. Prewitt's source for this family story is unknown, and he did not respond to emails.

³² *Ancestry*, Find A Grave, image, *FindAGrave.com* (accessed 15 Sept. 2020) mem. 55933779, D. Pruitt (1828-1850), New Harmony Cemetery, Heflin, Cleburne Co., Ala.; gravestone photograph by Lucy Hale.

³³ A search for the Pruitt and variant spellings in the *Ancestry.com* database, "All U.S. Federal Census Mortality Schedules, 1850-1885," yielded no results that might be Jacob Decatur Pruitt.

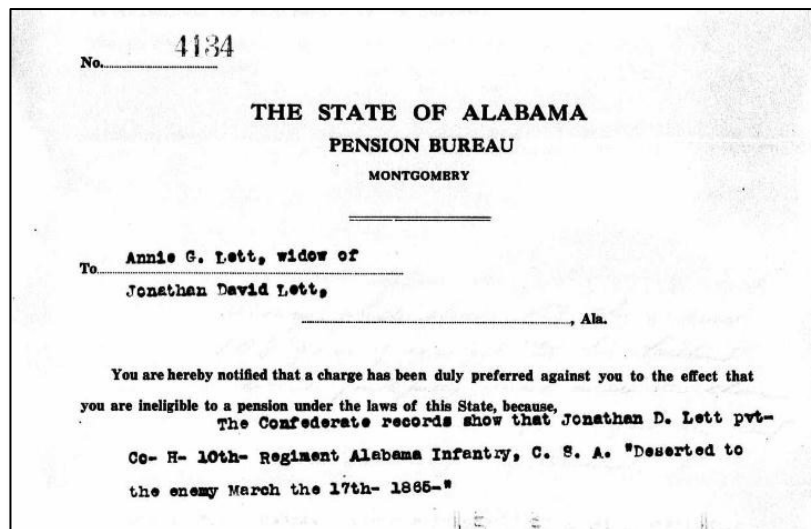
³⁴ A search of Alabama probates in the *Ancestry.com* database "All U.S. Wills and Probate Records, 1753-1999" with variant spellings of the Pruitt surname yielded nothing.

³⁵ "Alabama Department of Archives and History, "Records Not at ADAH," (<https://archives.alabama.gov> : accessed 29 Jan 2020) > Research > Reference Services > Records Not at ADAH > Birth and Death certificates. Even though 1908 required birth and death certificates be issued, rural southern families did not always comply with vital record laws.

Annie's 1858 second marriage to Jonathan David Lett³⁶ ended when he disappeared while serving during the Civil War. He reportedly "deserted to the enemy 17 March 1865." This desertion remained unknown to Annie until she applied for a Civil War widow's Pension.³⁷ She thought he had died. T.S. Lowery reported:

"Jonathan David Lett came home once on furlough in 1864 and was never heard of anymore by his wife or his family, that they never knew what became of him."³⁸

Lowery asked that Annie's name not be stricken from the pension list because of Lett's length of service and the fact that she did not know what had happened to him.³⁹ Annie received the pension. The Provost Marshal evidence confirms Lett was a deserter.



Jonathan D. Lett Deserted to the Enemy

"Alabama, Texas, and Virginia, Confederate Pensions, 1884-1958," images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 14 July 2020); Annie Gordon Lett, widow of Pvt. Jonathan David Lett, "Co. H, 10th Regiment, Alabama Volunteers." Application no. 20224; citing Confederate Pension Applications, 1880-1940, Alabama Department of Archives and History, Montgomery.

³⁶ "Alabama, County Marriage Records, 1809-1950," images, *FamilySearch.org* (accessed 16 June 2020), FHL film 007316696, Ann G. Pruitt and J.D. Lett [mis-transcribed as Litt], 29 Nov 1858., p. 226, image 150/586; citing Calhoun Co., Ala., Marriages, 1850-1865, v. 2, 1864-1877, Courthouse, Anniston.

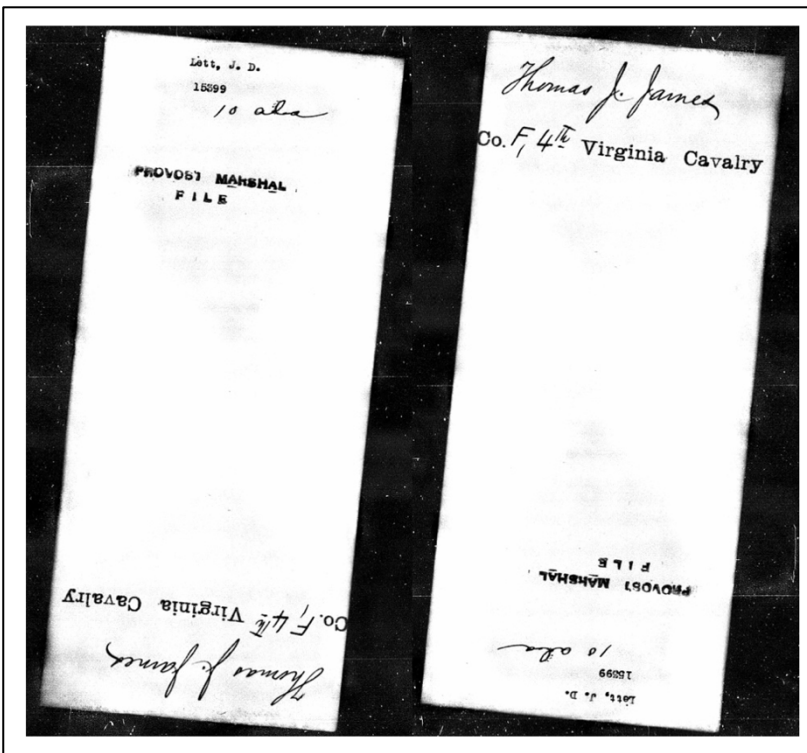
³⁷ "Alabama, Texas, and Virginia, Confederate Pensions, 1884-1958," images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 14 July 2020); Annie Gordon Lett, widow of Pvt. Jonathan David Lett, "Co. H, 10th Reg., Ala. Vols.," app. no. 20224; citing Confederate Pension Applications, 1880-1940, ADAH, Montgomery.

Also, "Compiled Service Records of Confederate Soldiers Who Served in Organizations from the State of Alabama, 1861-1865" images, *Fold3.com* (accessed 14 July 2020), Pvt. Jonathan D. Lett, "Co. H, 10th Reg., Ala. Volunteers, p. 9; RG 109, microfilm pub. M311, roll 0196; NARA, Washington, D.C.

Also, "Union Provost Marshal's File of Paper Relating to Individual Citizens," *Fold3.com* (accessed 30 Jan. 2021) RG 109, NARA microfilm pub. M435, roll 0165 > Browse > Civil War (Union) > Union Citizens File > Surname starts with L > Le > Lett, J.D., 10th Ala.

³⁸ Testimony of T.S. Lowery, 28 Oct. 1914, "Alabama, Texas, and Virginia, Confederate Pensions, 1884-1958," images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 14 July 2020); Annie Gordon Lett, widow of Pvt. Jonathan David Lett, "Co. H, 10th Reg., Ala. Vols.," app. no. 20224; citing Confederate Pension Applications, 1880-1940, ADAH, Montgomery.

³⁹ *Ibid.*



J.D. Lett Provost Marshal file

Union Provost Marshals' File of Paper Relating to Individual Civilians, images, *Fold3.com* (accessed 14 Feb. 2021) > L > Le > Lett, J. D., 15399, 10th Ala; citing Record Group 109, NARA microfilm publication M345., roll 0165. Provost Marshals are similar to Military Police.

CHILDREN

According to Annie's obituary, she had nine⁴⁰ children; the 1910 census indicates only eight – six living and two deceased.⁴¹ If indeed she was the mother of nine children, all of her children have not been identified. Two children from Annie's second marriage to Lett have been identified and are easily proven:

- William "W.R." a.k.a. "Billy"⁴² Lett⁴³ was born 28 Feb. 1861, Heflin, DeKalb County, Alabama, and died 14 March 1930, Boaz, Marshall County, Alabama.⁴⁴ He married Martha Jane Vann.⁴⁵ His death record lists John Lett and Annie Morris as parents.⁴⁶

⁴⁰ "A Centenarian Dead," *The Boaz (Alabama) Leader*, 17 May 1917, images, *Newspapers.com* (accessed 20 July 2020); citing print edition, p.1, col. 6.

⁴¹ 1910 U.S. census, Marshall Co., Ala., pop. sched., Friendship, enum. dist. (ED) 106, sheets 20B-21A (penned), dwell. 356, fam. 356, J. Willis Lett household; images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 1 April 2015); citing NARA microfilm pub. T624, roll 25.

⁴² For the "Billy" name, see "Alabama, County Marriage Records, 1805-1967," images, *FamilySearch.org* (accessed 25 Jan. 2021), no FHL film no. noted, Jasper Lett and Annie Norris, 21 Oct. 1839, p. 405, image 15/734; citing Blount Co., Marriages, 1935-1940, Courthouse, Blountsville.

⁴³ 1870 U.S. census, Calhoun Co., Ala., pop. sched. Township 16, Carn Grove P.O., p. 40 (penned), dwell. 310, fam. 311, Ann Lett household, images; *Ancestry.com* (accessed 1 April 2020); citing NARA microfilm pub. M593, roll 5. Wm. was enumerated as the inferred son of Annie.

Also, "Alabama, Deaths, 1908-1974; index to deaths, 1908-1959," images, *FamilySearch.org* (accessed 19 Feb. 2021), FHL film 004194744, certificate image, William Lett, 14 March 1930, No. 18664; citing Etowah Co., Death Certificates, 1908-1959, certificate nos. 16801-19600, 1930, Dept. of Public Health, Montgomery. He named his daughter Mary Gordon Lett after Annie. See U.S. Social Security Administration, "United States Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936-2017," database, *Ancestry.com*. (accessed 14 September 2020), entry for Mary Gordon Rigsby (1887), Boaz, Marshall Co., Ala.

⁴⁴ "Alabama, Deaths, 1908-1974; index to deaths, 1908-1959," images, *FamilySearch.org* (accessed 19 Feb. 2021), FHL film 004194744, certificate image, William Lett, 14 March 1930, No. 18664; citing Etowah Co., Death Certificates, 1908-1959, certificate nos. 16801-19600, 1930, Dept. of Public Health, Montgomery.

⁴⁵ Alabama, County Marriages, 1805-1967," images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 21 Feb. 2021), William R. Lett and Martha J. Vann, 31 Oct. 1886, no page, image 2460/10923; citing Marshall Co., Ala., Marriage Records, 1837-1950, Courthouse, Anniston.

⁴⁶ "Alabama, Deaths, 1908-1974; index to deaths, 1908-1959," images, *FamilySearch.org* (accessed 19 Feb. 2021), FHL film 004194744, certificate image, William Lett, 14 March 1930, No. 18664; citing Etowah Co., Death Certificates, 1908-1959, certificate nos. 16801-19600, 1930, Dept. of Public Health, Montgomery.

- John David⁴⁷ Willis⁴⁸ Lett⁴⁹ was born 10 Oct. 1863, Alabama, and died 27 Dec. 1922, Boaz, Marshall County, Alabama.⁵⁰ He married Luther Ann Woodruff.⁵¹ In 1910, J. Willis Lett was enumerated as the son of Annie J.⁵²

Thomas S. Lowery⁵³ provided testimony regarding Annie's children with Jacob Decatur Pruitt during her Civil War widow's pension application process:

"Annie G. Lett was a widow with 5 children when they [Annie and her second husband Lett] married..."⁵⁴

⁴⁷ 1870 U.S. census, Calhoun Co., Ala., pop. sched., Township 16, Carn Grove P.O., p. 40 (penned), dwell. 310, fam. 311, Ann Lett household, images; *Ancestry.com* (accessed 1 April 2020); citing NARA microfilm pub. M593, roll 5. David's name has been mis-transcribed as Daniel. He was enumerated as the inferred son of Annie.

⁴⁸ 1910 U.S. census, Marshall Co., Ala., pop. sched., Friendship, enum. dist. (ED) 106, sheets 20B-21A (penned) dwell. 356, fam. 356, J. Willis Lett household; images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 1 April 2015); citing NARA microfilm pub. T624, roll 25.

⁴⁹ Testimony of John W. Lett, 22 April 1915, "Alabama, Texas, and Virginia, Confederate Pensions, 1884-1958," images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 14 July 2020); Annie Gordon Lett, widow of Pvt. Jonathan David Lett, "Co. H, 10th Reg., Ala. Vols.," app. no. 20224; citing Confederate Pension Applications, 1880-1940, ADAH, Montgomery.

The name Willis was provided in his daughter's death record. See Tennessee, Department of Health, Office of Vital Records, Certificate of Death No. 368 for Ida Z. Ennis, 29 Jan. 1947, Davidson Co.; imaged in "Tennessee, Death Records, 1908-1958," images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 19 July 2020); image 224/4319; Tennessee State Library and Archives, Nashville.

⁵⁰ Ancestry, Find A Grave, image, *FindAGrave.com* (accessed 12 Feb. 2021) memorial 63170900, John Willis Lett (1863-1922), Forrest Home Methodist Church Cemetery, Boaz, Marshall County, Ala.; gravestone photograph by Maria Gilliland (Headstone Hunter).

⁵¹ Alabama, County Marriages, 1805-1967," images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 21 Feb. 2021), John W. Lett and Luther Ann Woodruff, 24 July 1889, no page, image 6134/10923; citing Marshall Co., Ala., Marriage Records, 1837-1950, Courthouse, Anniston.

⁵² 1910 U.S. census, Marshall Co., Ala., pop. sched., Friendship, enum. dist. (ED) 106, sheets 20B-21A (penned), dwell. 356, fam. 356, J. Willis Lett household; images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 1 April 2015); citing NARA microfilm pub. T624, roll 25.

⁵³ "Alabama, County Marriages, 1805-1967," images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 1 April 2015), Thomas Lowery and Anjeline [sic] Pruitt, 2 Feb. 1862, p. 231, image 447/498; citing Calhoun Co. Marriages, 1850-1877, Courthouse, Anniston.

⁵⁴ Testimony of T.S. Lowery, 28 Oct. 1914, "Alabama, Texas, and Virginia, Confederate Pensions, 1884-1958," images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 14 July 2020); Annie Gordon Lett, widow of Pvt. Jonathan David Lett, "Co. H, 10th Reg., Ala. Vols.," app. no. 20224; citing Confederate Pension Applications, 1880-1940, ADAH, Montgomery.

Some of these 5 Pruitt children from Annie's first marriage to Jacob Decatur Pruitt⁵⁵ were less easily proven, because most of Annie's family cannot be found in the 1850 or 1860 census records.⁵⁶ These 5 children were named as grantors in an 1869 deed. On 29 November 1869, a group of Pruitt grantors entered into an agreement to sell a 70-acre land parcel in Cleburne County, Alabama, for \$70 to J.D. Campbell.⁵⁷ S. C. Pruitt and William Harris were witnesses of the transaction.⁵⁸ J.D. [James] Campbell⁵⁹ and William Harris⁶⁰ were sons-in-law of S.C. Pruitt. No other record has been found that might explain how these children came to own this property or the reason they sold it. The group of grantors included:

- Thomas Lowery and wife Angeline [Pruitt] Lowery - Cleburne County, Alabama⁶¹
- J.T. Putnam and wife Margaret J. [Pruitt] Putnam – Calhoun County, Alabama⁶²

⁵⁵ "Alabama, County Marriage Records, 1805-1967," images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 16 June 2020); Jacob D. Pruitt and Anny G. Morris, 16 Feb. 1843, p. 259, image 176/184; citing Calhoun Co. Marriages, 1832-1852, Courthouse, Anniston.

⁵⁶ A diligent search for Annie and these children was made in Calhoun Co. and surrounding Alabama counties as well as in Georgia and Mississippi. These missing and partial census records could be due to the burned courthouses in the areas, including Calhoun, Cherokee, Cleburne, Cullman, and Etowah. Family members were identified in these counties. Alabama Department of Archives and History, "Alabama Courthouses destroyed by fire," database and images online *Alabama Department of Archives and History* (<https://archives.alabama.gov> : accessed 30 Jan. 2020) > Research > Explore Our Collections > County Records on Microfilm > see link "...map of counties that have had courthouse fires."

⁵⁷ Cleburne County, Alabama "Deeds, 1884-1092; deeds and mortgages, 1881-1884; register of deeds, 1867-1877," v. 1A:154-155, images, *FamilySearch.org* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33SQ-GB3R-PZD?i=334&cc=1925446&cat=618119> : accessed 9 Jan 2020) > register of deeds v 1A, 1867-1873, FHL film 005176214 > image 335/908, Lowery, et al. to J.D. Campbell, 29 Nov. 1869; Office of the Register of Deeds, Heflin.

⁵⁸ *Ibid.*

⁵⁹ "Alabama, County, Marriages, 1805-1967," images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 23 Jan. 2021), James D. Campbell and Alvaria J.A. Pruitt, 8 Nov. 1855, p. 167, image 331/498; citing Calhoun Co. Marriages, 1850-1877, Courthouse, Anniston.

⁶⁰ "Alabama, County, Marriages, 1805-1967," images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 23 Jan. 2021), Wm Harris and Francis M. Pruitt, 15 Jan. 1857, p. 176, image 173/498; citing Calhoun Co. Marriages, 1850-1877, Courthouse, Anniston.

⁶¹ "Alabama, County Marriages, 1805-1967," images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 1 April 2015), Thomas Lowery and Anjeline [sic] Pruitt, 2 Feb. 1862, p. 231, image 447/498; citing Calhoun Co. Marriages, 1850-1877, Courthouse, Anniston.

Thomas S. Lowery provided testimony for Annie during her pension application. See "Alabama, Texas, and Virginia, Confederate Pensions, 1884-1958," images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 14 July 2020); Annie Gordon Lett, widow of Pvt. Jonathan David Lett, "Co. H, 10th Reg., Ala. Vols.," app. no. 20224; citing Confederate Pension Applications, 1880-1940, ADAH, Montgomery.

⁶² "Alabama, County Marriage Records, 1809-1950," images, *FamilySearch.org* (accessed 16 June 2020), FHL film 007316696, Josiah T. Putnam and Margaret Pruitt, 20 Dec. 1866., p. 122, image 361/586; citing Calhoun Co. Marriages, 1850-1865, v. A2, 1864-1877, Courthouse, Anniston.

- J. C. Pruitt and wife Mary Pruitt - Cherokee County, Alabama⁶³
- James Hall and wife Lucy [Pruitt] Hall - Calhoun County, Alabama⁶⁴
- Joseph Pruitt - Calhoun County, Alabama⁶⁵

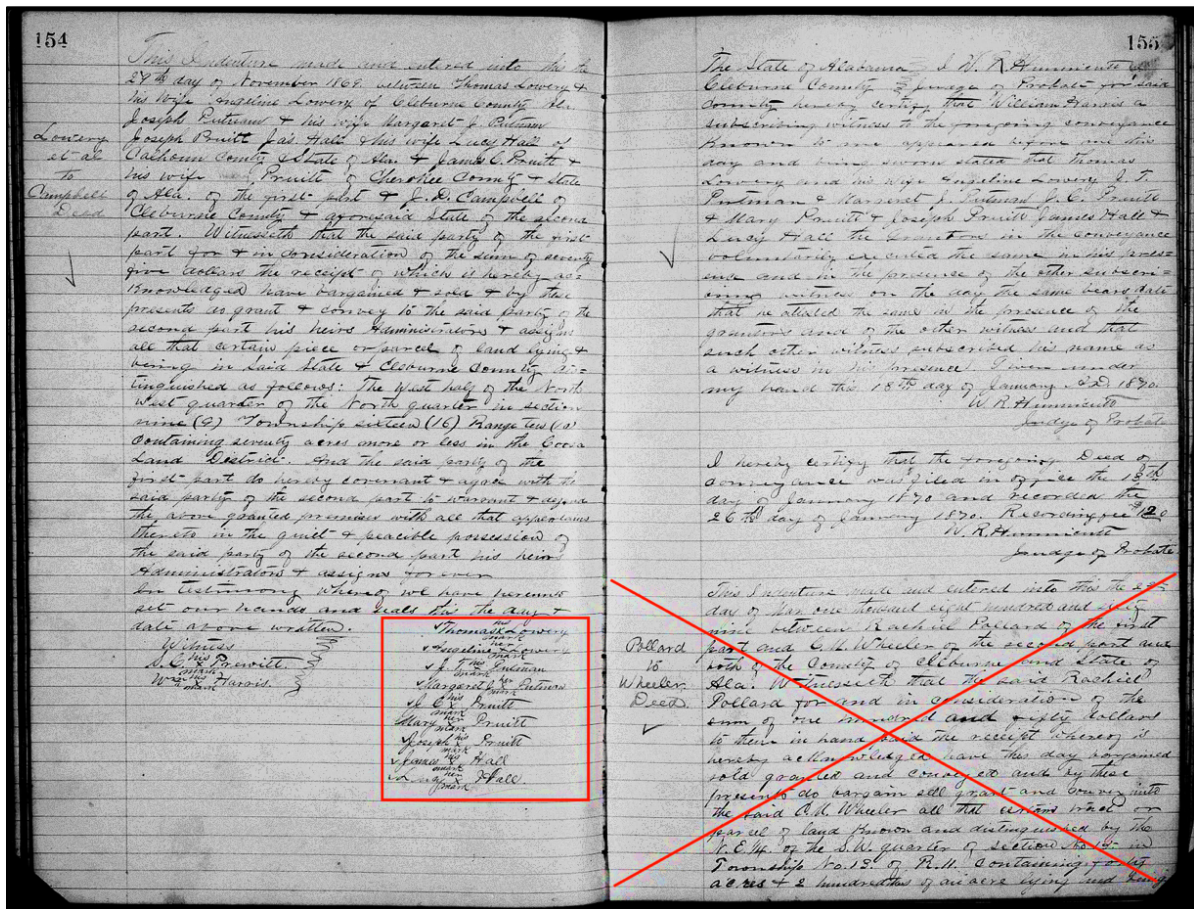
⁶³ "Alabama, County Marriage Records, 1805-1967," images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 19 July 2020), James C. Pruitt and Mary Vaughan, 2 Nov. 1865, p. 57, image 417/498; citing Calhoun Co. Marriages, 1850-1877, Courthouse, Anniston.

Also, Alabama, Department of Public Health, death certificate no. 2822, (1931), James Collins Pruitt, Bureau of Vital Statistics, Montgomery. This death certificate is held by the author.

⁶⁴ "Alabama, County Marriages, 1809-1950," images, *FamilySearch.org* (accessed 19 July 2020), FHL film 007316696, J.H. Hall and Lucy Pruitt, 7 Nov. 1869, p. 229, image 389/498; citing Calhoun Co. Marriages, 1850-1865, v. A2, 1864-1877, Courthouse, Anniston.

⁶⁵ Joseph was enumerated as Joe Lett in this census as the inferred son of Annie. See 1870 U.S. census, Calhoun Co., Ala., pop. sched., Township 16, Carn Grove P.O., p. 40 (penned), dwell. 310, fam. 311, Ann Lett household, images; *Ancestry.com* (accessed 1 April 2020); citing NARA microfilm pub. M593, roll 5.

Joseph named his son Joseph Decatur Pruitt. "Alabama, Deaths, 1908-1974; index to deaths, 1908-1959," images, *FamilySearch.org* (accessed: 11 January 2021), FHL film 004199568, certificate image, Joseph Decatur Pruitt, 20 April 1964, No. 9474; citing Marshall Co., Death Certificates, 1908-1959, certificate nos. 8401-11200, 1964, Dept. of Public Health, Montgomery.



Pruitt Children Grantors 1869 Deed

Cleburne County, Alabama "Deeds, 1884-1092; deeds and mortgages, 1881-1884; register of deeds, 1867-1877," v. 1A:154-155, images, [FamilySearch.org](https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33SQ-GB3R-PZD?i=334&cc=1925446&cat=618119) (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33SQ-GB3R-PZD?i=334&cc=1925446&cat=618119> : accessed 9 Jan 2020) > register of deeds v 1A, 1867-1873, FHL film 005176214 > image 335/908, Lowery, et al. to J.D. Campbell, 29 Nov. 1869; Office of the Register of Deeds, Heflin.

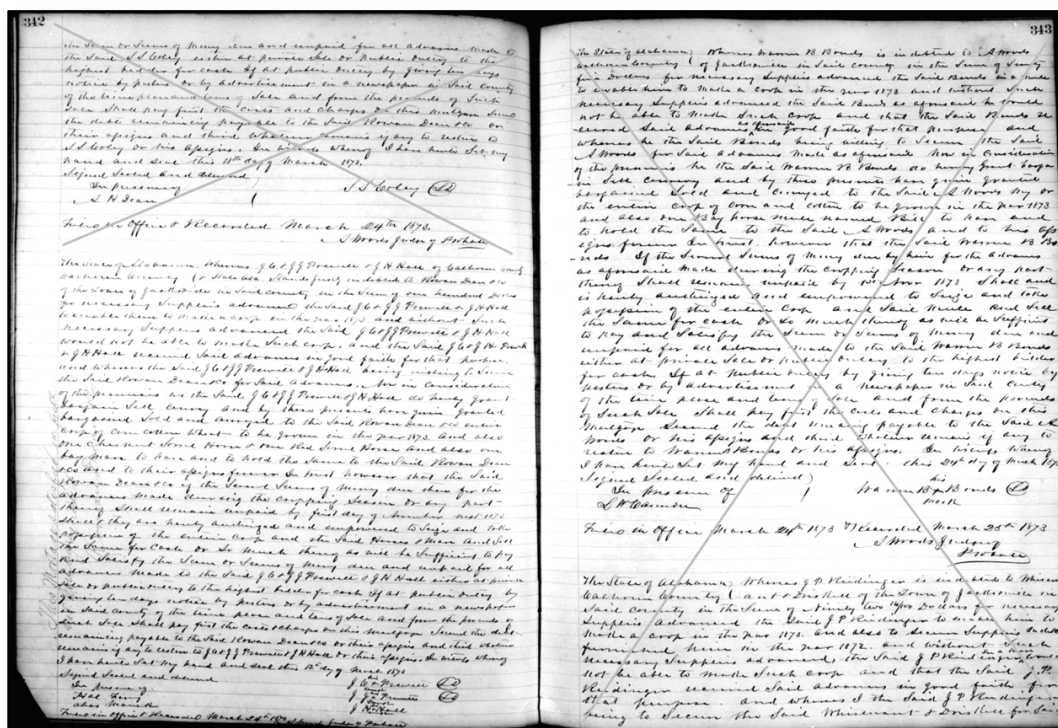
Earlier, in 1866 in Calhoun County, Alabama, the following families were enumerated as next-door neighbors:

- William Harris
- J.D. Campbell
- S.C. Pruitt
- J.C. Pruitt ⁶⁶

⁶⁶ 1866 Ala. state census, Calhoun Co., Ala., pop. sched., Township 16, Range 10 East, p. 120 (penned), W^m Harris, J.D. Campbell, S.C. Pruitt, and J.C. Pruitt households, images, [Ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com) (accessed 29 Jan. 2021).

Calhoun County and Cleburne County are adjacent counties and exchanged county boundary lines from 6 December 1866 through 1907.⁶⁷ Cherokee County was created from Benton County in 1836 and exchanged county boundaries with Calhoun County from time of creation to 1883.⁶⁸

A deed that includes J.C. Pruitt, J. J. Pruitt, and J.H. Hall helps support the conclusion that these individuals were family. On 12 March 1873, these three men entered into an agreement with mercantile company Rowan Dean & Co. of Jacksonville, Alabama, to borrow \$100 to purchase “necessary supplies” in order to make a crop to be planted this same year. The entire repayment of this loan was due 1 November 1873.⁶⁹ In consideration of this advance money these three farmers agreed to “give, bargain, sell, and convey” the “entire crop of corn, cotton, and wheat,” a chestnut sorrel, a red sorrel, and a bay mare to secure the loan. These men were the same men named in the Pruitt children deed.



James Collins Pruitt, Joseph J. Pruitt, and James H. Hall to Rowan, Dean & Co. Deed

“Calhoun County, Alabama, deeds and other land records, 1842-1933; indexes. 1865-1903-- , 1842-1933,” 2:342, images, *FamilySearch.org* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-C372-F49F?i=211&cat=26764> : accessed 29 Jan. 2021) > Deed record v D2-E2 (p. 1-323) 1866-1875, FHL film 1035463, image 212/639, J.C. and J.J. Prewitt [sic] and J.H. Hall to Rowan Dean & Co, 12 March 1873; Judge of Probate, Anniston.

⁶⁷ The Newberry Library, “Atlas of Historical County Boundaries,” database online, *Newberry.org* (accessed 11 Jan. 2020) > Genealogy and Local History > Atlas of Historical County Boundaries > State Data > select “Alabama” on map > View Index of Counties and Equivalents > scroll to Cleburne Co.

⁶⁸ *Ibid.*, Cherokee.

⁶⁹ “Calhoun County, Alabama, deeds and other land records, 1842-1933; indexes. 1865-1903-- , 1842-1933,” 2:342, images, *FamilySearch.org* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-C372-F49F?i=211&cat=26764> : accessed 29 Jan. 2021) > Deed record v D2-E2 (p. 1-323) 1866-1875, FHL film 1035463, image 212/639, J.C. and J.J. Prewitt [sic] and J.H. Hall to Rowan Dean & Co, 12 March 1873; Judge of Probate, Anniston.

Birth dates for these five Pruitt children are difficult to reconcile but analysis of these dates and supporting evidence adds additional credibility to the conclusion they were all Annie's children. The 1860 census for the areas around Calhoun County, Alabama, is incomplete.⁷⁰ This partially missing census is a critical piece of evidence that might have provided a better opportunity to place most of these five children in the correct birth order with more accurate birth years and provide additional supporting evidence of their parentage. Cluster research for these children helped provide supporting evidence for Annie's kinships. These birth dates below have been reported and accepted, but a closer inspection reveals problems with some dates.

- Angeline 10 October 1842⁷¹
- Margaret Jane 27 August 1844⁷²
- James Collins [?] February 1845⁷³
- Joseph J. 27 August 1848⁷⁴
- [Lucille]⁷⁵ Lucy [A.]⁷⁶ 13 March 1848⁷⁷

⁷⁰ 1860 U.S. census records were searched online, on *Ancestry.com* and *FamilySearch.org* in Calhoun, Marshall, Etowah, Cleburne, St. Clair, Cherokee, and Talladega Counties, Alabama, as well as Polk, Floyd, Jackson, and Fayette Counties, Georgia. This census probably was partially destroyed in the county courthouse fires.

⁷¹ Ancestry, Find A Grave, image, *FindAGrave.com* (accessed 24 Jan. 2021) memorial 63170910, Angeline Pruitt Lowery (1842-1898), Forrest Home Methodist Church Cemetery, Boaz, Marshall Co., Ala.; gravestone photograph by Maria Gilliland (Headstone Hunter). Annie is buried in the same cemetery.

⁷² Affidavit of Mrs. J.T. Putnam a.k.a. Margaret J. Putnam, "Alabama, Texas, and Virginia, Confederate Pensions, 1884-1958," images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 5 June 2020); Margaret J. Putnam, widow of Pvt. Joseph T. Putnam, "Co. B, 1st Ala., 11th Reg., State Reserves," no app. no.; citing Confederate Pension Applications, 1880-1940, ADAH, Montgomery.

⁷³ 1900 U.S. census, Etowah Co., Ala., pop. sched., Precinct 12, Chandler, enum. dist. (ED) 158 sheet 13B (penned), dwell. 243, fam. 244, James C. Pruitt household, images; *Ancestry.com* (accessed 1 April 2016), citing NARA microfilm pub. T623, n.r.

⁷⁴ Ancestry, Find A Grave, image, *FindAGrave.com* (accessed 23 Jan. 2021) memorial 43328997, Joseph J. Pruitt (1848-1915), Forrest Home Methodist Church Cemetery, Boaz, Marshall Co., Ala.; gravestone photograph by G.G.S.

⁷⁵ Social Security Administration, "United States Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936-2017" database, *Ancestry.com*. (accessed 27 Jan. 2021), entry for Leva Ann Hall (16 Nov. 1891), SS# 423-18-0978, Crossville, DeKalb Co., Ala. Leva's parents are identified as Lucile Pruetto [sic] and James H. Hall.

⁷⁶ Ancestry, Find A Grave, image, *FindAGrave.com* (accessed 23 Jan. 2021) memorial 57688409, Lucy A. Hall (1848-1923), Kilpatrick Cemetery, Kilpatrick, DeKalb Co., Ala.; gravestone photograph by G.G.S.

⁷⁷ Ibid.

According to her headstone, Angeline Pruitt Lowery reportedly was born 10 Oct. 1842,⁷⁸ and died 16 Feb. 1898.⁷⁹ Angeline would have been one of Annie's two deceased children noted in the 1910 census.⁸⁰ The 1842 birth year is prior to the 1843 marriage of her parents⁸¹ but would have been about 8 months after the marriage, with an 1843 birth year. She was enumerated with an approximate 1844 birth year in S.C. Pruitt's household in 1860 after Annie's marriage to Lett.⁸² An 1843 birth year for Angeline is more likely. Samuel's relationship to Jacob Decatur, Annie and Angeline remains unclear. Weak indirect traditional evidence supports the conclusion that Angeline was Annie's daughter. DNA evidence helps prove she was Annie's biological child.⁸³

Margaret Jane Pruitt Putman provided her birth date as 27 Aug. 1844.⁸⁴ She died 1 June 1930.⁸⁵ She identified her father as Decatur Pruitt in her Civil War widow's pension application.⁸⁶ Margaret has not been found in 1850 or 1860 census records.⁸⁷ One initially wonders if Margaret and Joseph were twins and Joseph's birth year could be 1844, but no other evidence found indicates this was the case. Even though no

⁷⁸ Ancestry, Find A Grave, image, *FindAGrave.com* (accessed 24 Jan. 2021) memorial 63170910, Angeline Pruitt Lowery (1842-1898), Forrest Home Methodist Church Cemetery, Boaz, Marshall Co., Ala.; gravestone photograph by Maria Gilliland (Headstone Hunter).

⁷⁹ *Ibid.*

⁸⁰ 1910 U.S. census, Marshall Co., Ala., pop. sched., Friendship, enum. dist. (ED) 106, sheets 20B-21A (penned), dwell. 356, fam. 356, J. Willis Lett household; images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 1 April 2015); citing NARA microfilm pub. T624, roll 25.

⁸¹ "Alabama, County Marriage Records, 1805-1967," images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 16 June 2020); Jacob D. Pruitt and Anny G. Morris, 16 Feb. 1843, p. 259, image 176/184; citing Calhoun Co. Marriages, 1832-1852, Courthouse, Anniston.

⁸² 1860 U.S. census, Calhoun Co., Ala., pop. sched., Township 16, Range 10, p. 120 (penned), dwell. 853, fam. 853, S.C. Prewitt household, images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 28 February 2016); citing NARA microfilm pub. M653, n.r.

⁸³ See graphic and analysis **AtDNA Triangulations Between Descendants of James Morris and Nancy Pearce** > DNA triangulations for kit M468491 (Terry Ann Mankins Sower).

⁸⁴ Affidavit of Mrs. J.T. Putnam a.k.a. Margaret J. Putnam, "Alabama, Texas, and Virginia, Confederate Pensions, 1884-1958," images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 5 June 2020); Margaret J. Putnam, widow of Pvt. Joseph T. Putnam, "Co. B, 1st Ala, 11th Reg., State Reserves," no app. no.; citing Confederate Pension Applications, 1880-1940, ADAH, Montgomery.

⁸⁵ "Alabama, Deaths, 1908-1974; index to deaths, 1908-1959, index to deaths, 1908-1959," images, *FamilySearch.org* (accessed: 11 January 2021), FHL film 004194737, certificate image, Margaret Jane Putnam, 1 June 1930, No. 15355; citing Walker Co., Death Certificates, 1908-1959, certificate nos. 14001-16800, 1930, Dept. of Public Health, Montgomery.

⁸⁶ Affidavit of Mrs. J.T. Putnam a.k.a. Margaret J. Putnam, "Alabama, Texas, and Virginia, Confederate Pensions, 1884-1958," images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 5 June 2020); Margaret J. Putnam, widow of Pvt. Joseph T. Putnam, "Co. B, 1st Ala., 11th Reg., State Reserves," no app. no.; citing Confederate Pension Applications, 1880-1940, ADAH, Montgomery.

⁸⁷ An extended search covering Alabama, Georgia, and Mississippi was done in *Ancestry.com* and *FamilySearch.org* using "Margaret Jane," "Margaret," "Jane," and "M.J." with varying birth years with no success.

descendants of Margaret have provided permission to use their DNA test results, traditional evidence suggests that Margaret was the daughter of Annie and Jacob Decatur Pruitt. Birth years for other children are based partially on Margaret's testimony of her own.⁸⁸

James Collins Pruitt was reportedly born abt. Feb. 1845⁸⁹ and died 7 Feb. 1931.⁹⁰ Based on Margaret's personal testimony re her birth date, this birth year for James is probably not correct, since there is only a 6-month difference between births.⁹¹ Census records place his birth years between 1845-1848.⁹² His birth was likely Feb. abt. 1846-1847, based on sibling's birth years. James' death record identifies his father as "D. Pruitt" and his mother as "Annie Don't Know."⁹³ This "D." Pruitt coincides with the grave marker assigned to

⁸⁸ Affidavit of Mrs. J.T. Putnam a.k.a. Margaret J. Putnam, "Alabama, Texas, and Virginia, Confederate Pensions, 1884-1958," images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 5 June 2020); Margaret J. Putnam, widow of Pvt. Joseph T. Putnam, "Co. B, 1st Ala., 11th Reg., State Reserves," no app. no.

⁸⁹ 1900 U.S. census, Etowah Co., Ala., pop. sched., Precinct 12, Chandler, enum. dist. (ED) 158 sheet 13B (penned) dwell. 243, fam. 244, James C. Pruitt household, images; *Ancestry.com* (accessed 1 April 2016), citing NARA microfilm pub. T623, n.r.

⁹⁰ Alabama, Department of Public Health, death certificate no. 2822, (1931), James Collins Pruitt, Bureau of Vital Statistics, Montgomery.

⁹¹ Affidavit of Mrs. J.T. Putnam a.k.a. Margaret J. Putnam, "Alabama, Texas, and Virginia, Confederate Pensions, 1884-1958," images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 5 June 2020); Margaret J. Putnam, widow of Pvt. Joseph T. Putnam, "Co. B, 1st Ala., 11th Reg., State Reserves," no app. no.; citing Confederate Pension Applications, 1880-1940, ADAH, Montgomery.

⁹² 1870 U.S. census, Cherokee Co., Ala., pop. sched., Township 12, Range 9, p. 1, (penned), dwell. 3, fam. 3, J.C. Prewett household, images; *Ancestry.com* (accessed 14 June 2020); citing NARA microfilm pub. M593, roll 7.

Also, 1880 U.S. census, Etowah Co., Ala., pop. sched., Township 11, R6E, Beats 9, 10, 8, 17, enum. dist. (ED) 065, p. 2B (penned), dwell. 155, fam. 171, Collins Pruitt household, images; *Ancestry.com* (accessed 14 June 2020); citing NARA microfilm pub. T9, roll 13.

Also, 1910 U.S. census, Cullman Co., Ala., pop. sched., Baileyton Beat, enum. dist. (ED) 031, sheet 15B (penned), dwell. 155, fam. 171, James W. Pruitt household, images; *Ancestry.com* (accessed 14 June 2020); citing NARA microfilm pub. T624, roll 10.

Also, 1920 U.S. census, Cullman Co., Ala., pop. sched., Baileyton, Precinct 20, enum. dist. (ED) 60, sheet 14A (penned), dwell. 254, fam. 259, James C. Pruitt household, images; *Ancestry.com* (accessed 14 June 2020); citing NARA microfilm pub. T624, roll 10.

⁹³ Affidavit of Mrs. J.T. Putnam a.k.a. Margaret J. Putnam, "Alabama, Texas, and Virginia, Confederate Pensions, 1884-1958," images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 5 June 2020); Margaret J. Putnam, widow of Pvt. Joseph T. Putnam, "Co. B, 1st Ala., 11th Reg., State Reserves," no app. no.; citing Confederate Pension Applications, 1880-1940, ADAH, Montgomery.

Jacob Decatur Pruitt.⁹⁴ James has not been found in the 1850 or 1860 census.⁹⁵ James Collins was Annie's and Jacob's biological son.⁹⁶

Lucille/Lucy A. Pruitt Hall reportedly was born 13 March 1848⁹⁷ and died 31 May 1923.⁹⁸ There is no problem with this birth date or year. Her son George S. Hall's death record provides her name as Lucy *Lett*.⁹⁹ Her daughter Lou Emma Hall Roe's death record identifies her as Lucy Ann *Pruitt*.¹⁰⁰ Lucy's maiden name reflected both married names of Annie, but her marriage record provides her name as Pruitt.¹⁰¹ It is possible some younger descendants were unaware of Annie's first marriage. Lucy named her son James Decatur Hall.¹⁰² She was a neighbor of James,¹⁰³ Joseph,¹⁰⁴ and Margaret,¹⁰⁵ in Etowah County, Alabama. Lucy has

⁹⁴ Ancestry, Find A Grave, images, *FindAGrave.com* (accessed 15 Sept. 2020) memorial 55933779, D. Pruitt (1828-1850), New Harmony Cemetery, Heflin, Cleburne Co., Ala.; gravestone photograph by Lucy Hale.

⁹⁵ An extended search covering Alabama, Georgia, and Mississippi was done in *Ancestry.com* and *FamilySearch.org* using "James Collins," "J.C.," "James C.," and "Jas.," and "Jas. C" with varying birth years with no success.

⁹⁶ See graphic and analysis **atDNA Triangulations Between Descendants of James Morris and Nancy Pearce** > DNA triangulation for kits A665892 (Allen Harris), QB795452C1 (Yvonne Mashburn Schmidt), A845943 (Willard R. "Will" Lutz/51Prefect).

⁹⁷ Ancestry, Find A Grave, image, *FindAGrave.com* (accessed 23 Jan. 2021) memorial 57688409, Lucy A. Hall (1848-1923), Kilpatrick Cemetery, Kilpatrick, DeKalb Co., Ala.; gravestone photograph by G.G.S.

⁹⁸ *Ibid.*

⁹⁹ "Alabama, Deaths, 1908-1974; index to deaths, 1908-1959," images, *FamilySearch.org* (accessed 19 Feb. 2021), FHL film 004199010, certificate image, George Hall, 10 Aug. 1956, No 15888; citing Franklin Co., Death Certificates, 1908-1959, certificate nos. 14001-16800, 1956, Dept. of Public Health, Montgomery.

¹⁰⁰ *Ibid.*, Lou Emma Roe, 18 Oct 1939.

Also, "DeKalb Co., Ala., Marriage Records, 1836-1927," images, *FamilySearch.org* (accessed 20 July 2020), FHL film 2367554, Thos. W. Roe and Miss Lou E. Hall, 13 July 1895, image 528/2010; citing Marriage Records > Conkie, J.C. – Hayes, A.C., 1897-1906, Judge of Probate, Ft. Payne.

¹⁰¹ "Alabama, County Marriages, 1809-1950," images, *FamilySearch.org* (accessed 19 July 2020), FHL film 007316696, J.H. Hall and Lucy Pruitt, 7 Nov. 1869, p. 229, image 389/498; citing Calhoun Co. Marriages, 1850-1865, v. A2, 1864-1877, Courthouse, Anniston.

¹⁰² "United States World War 1 Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918," images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 24 Jan. 2021), card for James Decatur Hall, serial no. 15981, Local Draft Board Lawrence Co., Tenn.; citing United States, Selective Service System, World War 1 Selective Service System Draft Registration Cards 1917-1918, Washington, D.C.; NARA microfilm pub. M1509, n.r.

¹⁰³ 1880 U.S. census, Etowah Co., Ala., pop. sched., Township 11, R6E, Beats 9, 10, 8, 17, enum. dist. (ED) 065, p. 2B (penned), dwell. 155, fam. 171, Collins Pruitt household, images; *Ancestry.com* (accessed 14 June 2020); citing NARA microfilm pub. T9, roll 13.

¹⁰⁴ *Ibid.*, dwell. 157, fam. 173, J. J. Prewitt household.

¹⁰⁵ *Ibid.*, dwell. 154, fam. 170, J.T. Putnam household.

not been identified in the 1850 or 1860 census records.¹⁰⁶ Descendants from this line have been identified as DNA matches but after multiple requests, they have not provided permission to use their DNA results. Weak indirect evidence supports the conclusion that Lucy likely was Annie's daughter.

Joseph J. Pruitt reportedly was born 27 Aug. 1848,¹⁰⁷ and died 25 Dec. 1915.¹⁰⁸ This birth year is a problem if Lucy's birth year is correct. The 1866 census confirms that he was younger than Lucy.¹⁰⁹ In 1870, Joseph was enumerated as Joe Lett, rather than Pruitt, as a 20-year-old in the household of Annie as an inferred son.¹¹⁰ This census provides a calculated birth year of about 1850, which would be a more likely birth year if his sister's Lucy's birth date is accurate on her grave marker.¹¹¹ His likely date of birth was 27 Aug. abt. 1850. He married Flora Catherine Rhodes.¹¹² Joseph's middle name has been reported to be "Jackson," but no evidence has been found to support this conclusion. This evidence and these deeds, in addition to more evidence of kinships discussed later in this study, also help support the conclusion that Joseph was Annie's son.¹¹³

1866 Calhoun County, Alabama, Census with Age Group & Assigned Children

2 males under 10	William R. "W.R." a.k.a. "Billy" Lett and John David Willis Lett
1 male 10-20	Joseph J Pruitt
1 F 10-20	Lucy Pruitt
2 F over 20	Annie Lett, Margaret Jane Pruitt ¹¹⁴

¹⁰⁶ An extended search covering Alabama, Georgia, and Mississippi was done in *Ancestry.com* and *FamilySearch.org* using "Lucille," and various spellings, "Lucy A.," "L.A. and "Lucy," with varying birth years with no success.

¹⁰⁷ Ancestry, Find A Grave, image, *FindAGrave.com* (accessed 23 Jan. 2021) memorial 43328997, Joseph J. Pruitt (1848-1915), Forrest Home Methodist Church Cemetery, Boaz, Marshall Co., Ala.; gravestone photograph by G.G.S.

¹⁰⁸ Ibid.

¹⁰⁹ 1866 Alabama state census, Calhoun Co., Ala., pop. sched., Township 13, Range 10 East, p. 63, (penned) Annie Lett household, images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 29 Jan. 2021).

¹¹⁰ 1870 U.S. census, Calhoun Co., Ala., pop. sched., Township 16, Carn Grove P.O., p. 40 (penned), dwell. 310, fam.311, Ann Lett household, images; *Ancestry.com* (accessed 1 April 2020); citing NARA microfilm pub. M593, roll 5.

¹¹¹ Ancestry, Find A Grave, image, *FindAGrave.com* (accessed 23 Jan. 2021) memorial 57688409, Lucy A. Hall (1848-1923), Kilpatrick Cemetery, Kilpatrick, DeKalb Co., Ala.; gravestone photograph by G.G.S.

¹¹² "Alabama, County Marriage Records, 1805-1967," images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 24 Jan 2021), Joseph Pruitt and Flora Rhodes, 2 Oct. 1870, p. 279, image 116/498; citing Calhoun Co. Marriages, 1850-1877, Courthouse, Anniston.

¹¹³ See section Annie's Kinship with the Susan F. Morris Lewis Torrance Family.

¹¹⁴ Ibid.

Angeline¹¹⁵ and James Collins¹¹⁶ were already married.

Traditional direct and indirect evidence for this group of grantors helps support the conclusion that these were Annie's children five children with Jacob Decatur Pruitt mentioned by Thomas S. Lowery in Annie's Civil War widow's pension application.¹¹⁷

ANNIE'S KINSHIP WITH SUSAN F. MORRIS LEWIS TORRANCE

A "FOUND" COUSIN'S FAMILY STORY

Family stories can change and become more elaborate with each generation. Fortunately, not all become tinged with misleading information. These stories, family photos, and other memorabilia are sometimes passed down to one lineage bypassing all others. In James' and Nancy's family, this was the case. This situation is one reason identification of previously unknown cousins using descendancy research can be so important and valuable. Annie's sibling kinship to Susan F. Morris Lewis Torrance was proven, in part by information provided by a found cousin's family story, her targeted DNA results, and indirect traditional evidence.

Susan Perkins Nye is a descendant of Susan F. Morris Lewis Torrance.¹¹⁸ Her maternal grandmother Effie Lee Malone Bullard¹¹⁹ passed down stories to her about Effie's mother, Anna Lewis Malone and Anna's sister Fannie Lewis Malone.¹²⁰ Susan had locations where her grandmother Effie lived, and she knew that Anna and Fannie had lived in the Blount County, Alabama, area grew up in the Cave Springs, Georgia area.¹²¹ With only this information and a guardianship record for Effie that appointed J.D. Pruitt from Boaz, Marshall County, Alabama, as her guardian, Susan had been unable to advance the lineage.

¹¹⁵ "Alabama, County Marriages, 1805-1967," images, *Ancestry.com*, (accessed 1 April 2015), Thomas Lowery and Anjeline (*sic*) Pruitt, 2 Feb. 1862, p. 231, image 447/498; citing Calhoun Co. Marriages, 1850-1877, Courthouse, Anniston.

¹¹⁶ "Alabama, County Marriage Records, 1805-1967," images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 19 July 2020), James C. Pruitt and Mary Vaughan, 2 Nov. 1865, p. 57, image 417/498; citing Calhoun Co. Marriages, 1850-1877, Courthouse, Anniston.

¹¹⁷ Testimony of T.S. Lowery, "Alabama, Texas, and Virginia, Confederate Pensions, 1884-1958," images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 14 July 2020); Annie Gordon Lett, widow of Pvt. Jonathan David Lett, "Co. H, 10th Reg., Ala. Vols.," app. no. 20224; citing Confederate Pension Applications, 1880-1940, ADAH, Montgomery.

¹¹⁸ See **Addendum 1: Documentation of Descendant DNA Testers' Lineages to Child of James Morris and Nancy Pearce** > Susan Perkins, Nye.

¹¹⁹ *Ibid.*

¹²⁰ *Ibid.*

Also, Bullard family traditions regarding parentage of Annie Lewis Malone and Mary "Fannie" Lewis Malone (born ca. 1843), Susan Frances Perkins Nye, compiler (privately held by Susan Perkins Nye, [ADDRESS FOR PRIVATE USE,] Ocala, Florida), as reported by Susan, Effie's granddaughter in 1971, before Effie's death. Susan's grandmother Effie Lee Malone Bullard told Sue that Fannie and Annie were "blood sisters" and that they were "inseparable in later years.". This information was shared in email by Susan Perkins Nye, granddaughter of Effie Lee Malone Bullard [(email for private use),] to Yvonne Mashburn Schmidt, email, 10 Jan. 2020 "Annie and Fannie"; Morris Family File, Morris Pearce Project, Mashburn Schmidt Research Files; privately held by Yvonne Mashburn Schmidt.

¹²¹ *Ibid.*

Susan F. Morris probably first married Charlton G. Lewis. No marriage record has been found.¹²²

- In 1860, Susan was enumerated with inferred husband and daughter Mary Lewis in Barker's District, Floyd County, Georgia, with her siblings as neighbors – Tempy Morris Reeves, and Gad Morris.¹²³
- Mary was later called Fannie [sic].¹²⁴
- In 1880, Fanny Louis [sic] was enumerated in the same dwelling but as a different family number with Annie and identified as Annie's niece [sic] [niece].¹²⁵
- Fannie named her son Charlton Malone.¹²⁶
- Mary's name was probably Mary Frances, Fannie for short. Fannie's death record mis-identifies her mother as Annie Lewis rather than Susan F. Morris Lewis Torrance.¹²⁷ Daniel Malone was the informant of the death record and was elderly at the time of his wife's death. His advanced age could be one explanation for this error.¹²⁸

¹²² A search for a record in specific areas where the Morris family lived – Calhoun County, Alabama, Jackson County, Georgia, and Noxubee County, Mississippi, and expanding state-wide yielded no results.

¹²³ 1860 U.S. census, Floyd Co., Ga., pop. sched., Barkers, Dist., p. 104 (penned), dwells. 691, 694, and 695, Charlton Lewis, Thomas Reaves, and Gad Morris households, respectively; images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 10 Nov. 2015); citing NARA microfilm pub. M653, roll 121. No marriage record has been found.

¹²⁴ "Tennessee, Marriages, 1780-2002," images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 25 Dec. 2019), Daniel Malone and Fannie Lewis, 24 Dec. 1889, p. 142, image 72/585; citing Hardeman Co., Tenn., Dec. 1888-Jan 1899: Marriage License & Bonds 7-8, Tennessee State Marriages, 1780-2002, Tennessee State Library and Archives, Nashville.

Also, "U.S. City Directories, 1822-1995," images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 19 Dec. 2019); R.L. Polk & Co., compiler, Ocala, Florida City Directory, 1949, (Richmond, VA: R.L. Polk & Co., Publishers, 1949), 113, "Danl. M. and Fannie L. Malone."

Also, "Deaths: Mrs. Fannie Malone," *The Tampa (Florida) Morning Tribune*, 23 Aug. 1949, images, *Newspapers.com* (accessed 25 Dec. 2019); citing print edition, p. 2, col. 3.

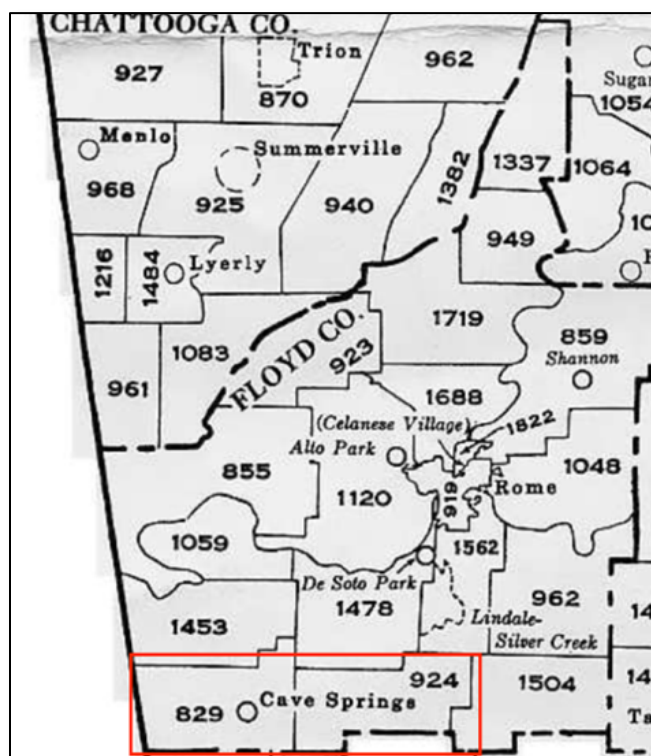
¹²⁵ 1880 U.S. census, Etowah Co., Ala., pop. sched., Township 11, R 6E, Beats 10, 17, enum. dist. (ED) 065, p. 4 (penned), dwell. 42, fam. 48, Anna Lett household; *Ancestry.com* (accessed 1 Jan 2020); citing NARA microfilm pub. T9, roll 13.

¹²⁶ 1900 U.S. census, Tippah Co., Miss., pop. sched., Jonesborough Precinct, Beat 1, enum. dist. (ED) 103, sheet 3A (penned), dwell. 46, fam. 47, Daniel Malone household; images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 1 April 2016); citing NARA microfilm pub. T623, n.r.

¹²⁷ Florida, Department of Health, death certificate 16888 (1949), Fannie Malone; Bureau of Vital Statistics, Jacksonville. A copy of this certificate held by the author.

¹²⁸ *Ibid.*

- Fannie was a “native of Cave Springs, [Floyd County], Georgia.”¹²⁹ Cave Springs is adjacent to Militia District 924, Ware’s District,¹³⁰ where James Morris and Gad Morris were taxed in 1852.¹³¹



Map of Location of Cave Springs and MD 924, Floyd County, Georgia

James R. Littlefield, “Georgia’s Militia Districts from U.S. Department of Commerce Map,” digital map, updated 18 Oct. 2014, Littlefield and Associates
<http://www.jrl2.com/GA%20Maps/Images/GMD%20Map/gmd18.jpg> : accessed 3 March 2018). Used with permission.

42 48	Lett Anna	W F 45			1	Keeping House		Georgia
	William R	W M 19	Son	1		Labourer		Alabama
	Willis D	W M 16	Son	1		Labourer		Alabama
42 49	Louis Fanny	W F 17	Niece	1		Keeping House		Georgia

Fanny Louis “Nice” [Niece] in Same Dwelling as Annie, but Enumerated as Different Family

1880 U.S. census, Etowah County, Alabama, population schedule, Township 11, R 6E, Beats 10, 17, enumeration district (ED) 065, p. 4 (penned), dwelling 42, family 48, Anna Lett household; *Ancestry.com* (accessed 1 Jan 2020); citing NARA microfilm publication T9, roll 13.

¹²⁹ “Deaths: Mrs. Fannie Malone,” *The Tampa (Florida) Morning Tribune*, 23 Aug. 1949, images, *Newspapers.com* (accessed 25 Dec. 2019); citing print edition, p. 2, col. 3.

¹³⁰ U.S. Gen Web Archives, map image, *USGenWeb Archives*
(<http://www.usgwarchives.net/ga/maps/index.htm> : accessed 17 June 2020) > Militia District Maps > Floyd.

¹³¹ Georgia Property Tax Digests 1793-1892,” images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 11 June 2019), James Morris and Gadwell Morris, image 45/122; citing 1852 Ware’s Dist. 924, Floyd Co., Ga. Tax Digest, Georgia Archives, Morrow.

Cluster research provided Fannie's name in the 1880 census and her relationship to Annie.¹³² Only one descendant was aware that Susan had two daughters. The author knew who Mary was and suspected Fannie was Mary. Only when the two pieces of independent evidence came together did the entire picture emerge and become supporting evidence of proof. One word – “nice” [niece] - and two daughters who had seemingly disappeared held the key to this part of the puzzle. Family stories must be used cautiously, but together with other evidence that confirms details of these stories, they sometimes hold information that bridges gaps and provides clues that might not be available in other records.

THE GUARDIANSHIP RECORDS

A guardianship bond naming J.D. [Joseph Decatur] Pruitt, J.J. [Joseph] Pruitt, and S.C. Pruitt¹³³ adds more credibility to the conclusion that Annie and Susan F. Morris Lewis Torrance were siblings and helps to prove Annie's kinship to Susan and thus to parents James Morris and Nancy Pearce.

Susan had a daughter named Anna.¹³⁴ Anna Lewis married John Malone in 1888, in Floyd County, Georgia.¹³⁵ John Malone was the father of Fannie's husband Daniel Malone.¹³⁶ Anna's daughter was Effie

¹³² 1880 U.S. census, Etowah Co., Ala., pop. sched., Township 11, R 6E, Beats 10, 17, enum. dist. (ED) 065, p. 4 (penned), dwell. 42, fam. 48, Anna Lett household; *Ancestry.com* (accessed 1 Jan 2020); citing NARA microfilm pub. T9, roll 13.

¹³³ “Alabama, Estate Files, 1830-1976” images, *FamilySearch.org* (accessed 5 Sept. 2020), FHL microfilm 2,293,838, image 4/9, Guardianship Bond of Timmie and Effie Malone (1911); citing Blount Co., Ala., Probate Records, Loose estate case files, 1870-1915, no. 1060-1195, Ledbetter, Joel C.-Montgomery, George W., Probate Court, Blountsville.

¹³⁴ Sue Perkins Nye [(E-ADDRESS FOR PRIVATE USE),] to Yvonne Mashburn Schmidt, *Ancestry.com* message, 2 Feb. 2018-20 Jan. 2020, “Charlton G. Lewis and Susan F. Morris, Morris Family Files; privately held by Yvonne Mashburn Schmidt, Vidalia, Ga., 2020. Sue's grandmother Effie Malone related family stories about her mother and aunt to Sue.

¹³⁵ “Georgia, Marriage Records for Select Counties, 1828-1978,” images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 5 Jan. 2020), John Malone and Miss Anna Lewis, 26 March 1888, p. 369, image 215/337; citing Floyd Co. Marriages, 1828–1978, Ga. Archives, Morrow.

¹³⁶ 1880 U.S. census, Tippah Co., Miss., pop. sched., Jones Borough Dist., enum. dist. (ED) 189, p. 56D (penned), dwell. 549, fam. 549, John Malone household; images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 12 July 2020); citing NARA microfilm pub. T9, roll 665.

Malone.¹³⁷ In 1911, after the early death of both John Malone¹³⁸ and Anna Lewis,¹³⁹ guardianship of Effie and her brother Timmie was granted to J.D. Pruitt of Boaz, Marshall County, Alabama.¹⁴⁰ Guardianship of Effie's other minor siblings Robert and Johnnie was given to O.A. Steele; D.M. Malone, Fanny's husband had custody of Robert and Johnnie.¹⁴¹ Daniel Malone relocated from Holly Pond, Alabama, to Blountsville,

¹³⁷ 1910 U.S. census, Blount Co., Ala., pop. sched., Blountsville, Precinct 5, enum. dist. (ED) 16, p. 3570 (penned), sheet 9B (penned), dwell. 156, fam. 118, John Malone household; images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 1 April 2016); citing NARA microfilm pub. T624, roll 2.

Also, "Alabama, Wills and Probate Records, 1753-1999," images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 5 Jan. 2020), p. 231, image 142/145, Petition to Probate Will, John Malone, 15 March 1911; citing Blount Co., Ala., Will Records, Vol. 1, 1872-1933, Probate Court, Blountsville.

¹³⁸ "Locals," *The Southern Democrat* (Oneonta, Ala.), 1 December 1910, John Malone; images, *Newspapers.com* (accessed 12 July 2020); citing print edition p. 1, col. 3.

¹³⁹ *Ibid.*, 22 December 1910, Mrs. John Malone; images, *Newspapers.com* (accessed 12 July 2020); p. 1, col. 4.

¹⁴⁰ "Alabama, Estate Files, 1830-1976" images, *FamilySearch.org* (accessed 5 Sept. 2020), FHL microfilm 2,293,838, Guardianship Bond of Timmie and Effie Malone (1911); citing Blount Co., Ala., Probate Records, Loose estate case files, 1870-1915, no. 1060-1195, Ledbetter, Joel C.-Montgomery, George W., Probate Court, Blountsville.

¹⁴¹ "Alabama, Wills and Probate Records, 1753-1999," images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 5 Jan. 2020), pp. 105-106, image 82, 83/253, In the Matter of John Malone, Deceased, petition to sale property of minor children, 16 Oct. 1911; citing, Blount County, Alabama, Administrators Record, 1893-1916, Probate Court, Blountsville.

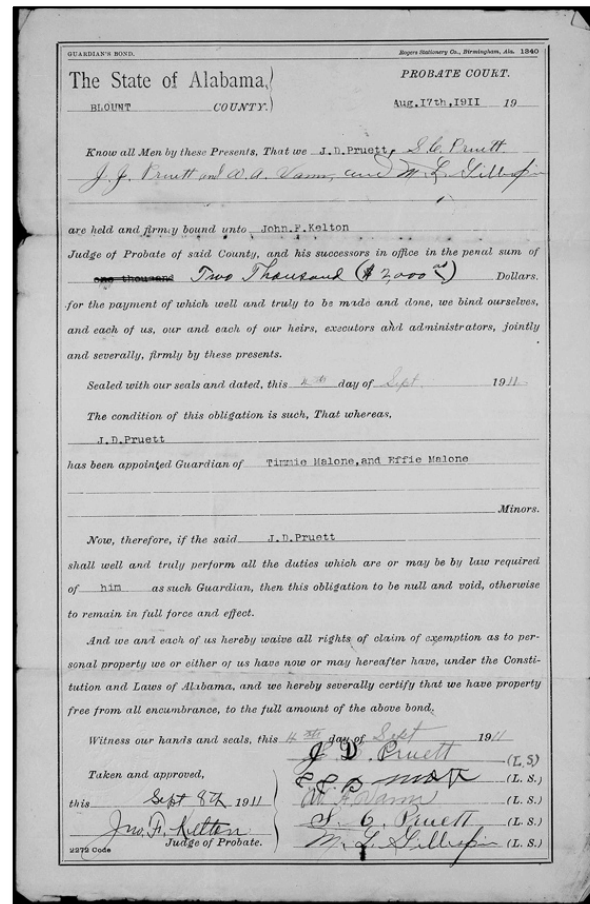
Blount County, Alabama, after his father's death.¹⁴² J.D. Pruitt was Joseph Decatur Pruitt,¹⁴³ son of Joseph Pruitt of the deed.¹⁴⁴ J.J. Pruitt, J.D. Pruitt, S.C. Pruitt provided bond with the court.¹⁴⁵ These same three

J.D. Pruitt Guardianship Bond for Minors Timmie and Effie Malone

"Alabama, Estate Files, 1830-1976" images, *FamilySearch.org* (accessed 5 Sept. 2020), FHL microfilm 2,293,838, image 4/9, Guardianship Bond of Timmie and Effie Malone (1911); citing Blount County, Alabama, Probate Records, Loose estate case files, 1870-1915, no. 1060-1195, Ledbetter, Joel C.-Montgomery, George W., Probate Court, Blountsville.

men named in this guardianship bond were also named in the Pruitt deed.¹⁴⁶

In addition to the guardianship bond, O.A. Steele petitioned the court to sell property of the deceased's



¹⁴² "Personals," *The Southern Democrat* (Oneonta, Ala.), 1 December 1910, D.M. Malone; images, *Newspapers.com* (accessed 12 July 2020); citing print edition p. 1, col. 2.

¹⁴³ "Alabama, Deaths, 1908-1974; index to deaths, 1908-1959," images, *FamilySearch.org* (accessed: 11 January 2021), FHL film 004199568, certificate image, Joseph Decatur Pruitt, 20 April 1964, No. 9474; citing Marshall Co., Death Certificates, 1908-1959, certificate nos. 8401-11200, 1964, Dept. of Public Health, Montgomery.

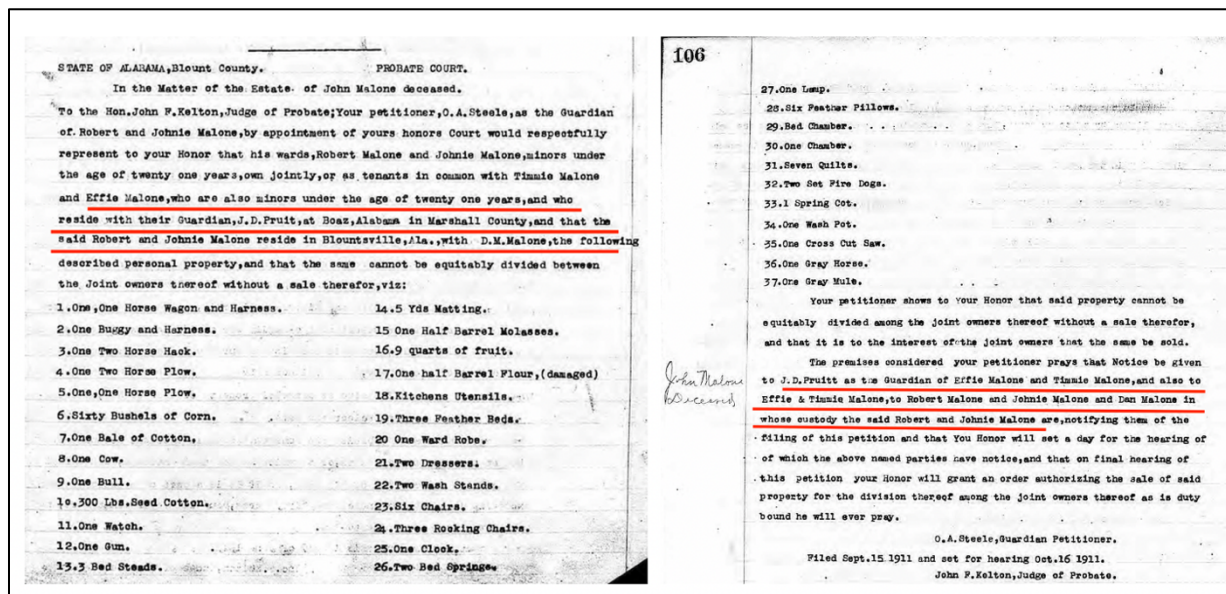
Also, 1880 U.S. census, Etowah Co., Ala., pop. sched., Township 11R, 6E, enum. dist. (ED) 65, p. 312C (stamped), dwell. 157, fam. 173, J.J. Prewett [sic] household, images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 12 May 2020); citing - NARA microfilm pub. T9, roll 13.

¹⁴⁴ Cleburne County, Alabama "Deeds, 1884-1092; deeds and mortgages, 1881-1884; register of deeds, 1867-1877," v. 1A:154-155, images, *FamilySearch.org* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33SQ-GB3R-PZD?i=334&cc=1925446&cat=618119> : accessed 9 Jan 2020) > register of deeds v 1A, 1867-1873, FHL film 005176214 > image 335/908, Lowery, et al. to J.D. Campbell, 29 Nov. 1869; Office of the Register of Deeds, Heflin.

¹⁴⁵ "Alabama, Estate Files, 1830-1976" images, *FamilySearch.org* (accessed 5 Sept. 2020), FHL microfilm 2,293,838, Guardianship Bond of Timmie and Effie Malone (1911); citing Blount Co., Ala., Probate Records, Loose estate case files, 1870-1915, no. 1060-1195, Ledbetter, Joel C.-Montgomery, George W., Probate Court, Blountsville.

¹⁴⁶ Cleburne County, Alabama "Deeds, 1884-1092; deeds and mortgages, 1881-1884; register of deeds, 1867-1877," v. 1A:154-155, images, *FamilySearch.org* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33SQ-GB3R-PZD?i=334&cc=1925446&cat=618119> : accessed 9 Jan 2020) > register of deeds v 1A, 1867-1873, FHL film 005176214 > image 335/908, Lowery, et al. to J.D. Campbell, 29 Nov. 1869; Office of the Register of Deeds, Heflin.

estate so the proceeds could be equitably divided among the children.¹⁴⁷ J.D. Pruitt is also named in this petition.



Petition to Sell Property of Minors of John Malone

"Alabama, Wills and Probate Records, 1753-1999," images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 5 Jan. 2020), pp. 105-106, image 82, 83/253, In the Matter of John Malone, Deceased, petition to sell property of minor children, 16 Oct. 1911; citing, Blount County, Alabama, Administrators Record, 1893-1916, Probate Court, Blountsville.

These court records provide more supporting evidence of a familial relationship between Joseph Decatur Pruitt, Joseph J., and the John and Anna Lewis Malone children and logically Annie and Susan F. Morris Lewis Torrance. Joseph Decatur Pruitt was Annie's grandson. The Anna Lewis Malone children were Susan's grandchildren.

[PZD?i=334&cc=1925446&cat=618119](https://www.ancestry.com/?i=334&cc=1925446&cat=618119) : accessed 9 Jan 2020) > register of deeds v 1A, 1867-1873, FHL film 005176214 > image 335/908, Lowery, et al. to J.D. Campbell, 29 Nov. 1869; Office of the Register of Deeds, Heflin.

¹⁴⁷ "Alabama, Wills and Probate Records, 1753-1999," images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 5 Jan. 2020), pp. 105-106, image 82, 83/253, In the Matter of John Malone, Deceased, petition to sale property of minor children, 16 Oct. 1911; citing, Blount Co., Ala., Administrators Record, 1893-1916, Probate Court, Blountsville.

Annie's parents James Morris & Nancy Pearce can be placed in Jackson¹⁴⁸ and Fayette¹⁴⁹ Counties, Georgia, prior to their moves to Floyd County, Georgia,¹⁵⁰ and Calhoun County, Alabama, where Annie was married.¹⁵¹ James was either drafted or volunteered for the War of 1812 in adjacent Gwinnett County, Ga, in 1814.¹⁵²

BIRTH & DEATH DATES

Determining consistent birth and death years for this family is an almost impossible task. Nancy's birth year provided in census records ranged from 1782,¹⁵³ to 1794.¹⁵⁴ Throughout her War of 1812 widows pension and bounty land warrant application, vital event dates are fluid.¹⁵⁵ These varying dates probably can be attributed to Nancy's mental impairment. A Polk County, Georgia, 11 Nov. 1879, guardianship bond

¹⁴⁸ Testimony of Nancy Morris, 1877, p. 18; Nancy Morris, Declaration of Widow for Pension (Act of Feb. 14, 1871), service of James Morris (Pvt., Capt. David Gillespie's Co., Booth's 4th Ga. Militia, War of 1812), bounty land warrant file WO 10661 and WC 6939 (Act of 1855, 80 acres); "War of 1812 Pension Files, *Fold3.com* (accessed 20 Dec. 2019) > Georgia > M > Morris > 2nd James Morris.

¹⁴⁹ *Ibid.*, Testimony of John C. Adams, 1876, p. 29.

¹⁵⁰ "Georgia Property Tax Digests 1793-1892," images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 11 June 2019), James Morris, image 49/122; citing 1852 Ware's Dist. 924, Floyd Co., Ga. Tax Digest, Ga. Archives, Morrow.

¹⁵¹ "Alabama, County Marriage Records, 1805-1967," images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 16 June 2020); Jacob D. Pruitt and Anny G. Morris, 16 Feb. 1843, p. 259, image 176/184; citing Calhoun Co., Ala., Marriages, 1832-1852, Courthouse, Anniston.

¹⁵² Nancy Morris, Declaration of Widow for Pension (Act of Feb. 14, 1871), service of James Morris (Pvt., Capt. David Gillespie's Co., Booth's 4th Ga. Militia, War of 1812), bounty land warrant file WO 10661 and WC 6939 (Act of 1855, 80 acres); "War of 1812 Pension Files, *Fold3.com* (accessed 20 Dec. 2019) > Georgia > M > Morris > 2nd James Morris. Testimony is contradictory regarding whether he enlisted or was drafted.

Gwinnett County exchanged county boundaries with Jackson. See The Newberry Library, "Atlas of Historical County Boundaries," database online, *Newberry.org* (publications.newberry.org : accessed 11 Jan. 2020) > Genealogy and Local History > Atlas of Historical County Boundaries > State Data > select "Georgia" on map > View Index of Counties and Equivalents > scroll to Gwinnett County.

¹⁵³ 1880 U.S. census, Polk Co., Ga., pop. sched., 1075 G.M. Dist., Cedartown, enum. dist. (ED) 169, p. 262 (stamped), p. 30 (penned), dwell. 241, fam. 241, Lovick Morris household, images, *Ancestry.com*; citing NARA microfilm pub. T9, 161.

¹⁵⁴ 1860 U.S. census, Floyd Co., Ga., pop. sched., Rome, Chulio, p. 179 (penned), dwell. 1202, Lovick Morris household; images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 31 Jan. 2021); citing NARA microfilm pub. M653, n.r.

¹⁵⁵ Nancy Morris, Declaration of Widow for Pension (Act of Feb. 14, 1871), service of James Morris (Pvt., Capt. David Gillespie's Co., Booth's 4th Ga. Militia, War of 1812), bounty land warrant file WO 10661 and WC 6939 (Act of 1855, 80 acres); "War of 1812 Pension Files, *Fold3.com* (accessed 20 Dec. 2019) > Georgia > M > Morris > 2nd James Morris.

describes Nancy as an “imbecile” and said that she was “incapable of handling her affairs (see image next page).”¹⁵⁶ These dates were provided by Nancy in her pension record:

- 1 Feb. 1856, age 58, a birth year of 1798¹⁵⁷
- 11 Jan. 1858, age 64, a birth year of 1794¹⁵⁸
- 13 Sept. 1874, age 87, a birth year of 1787¹⁵⁹

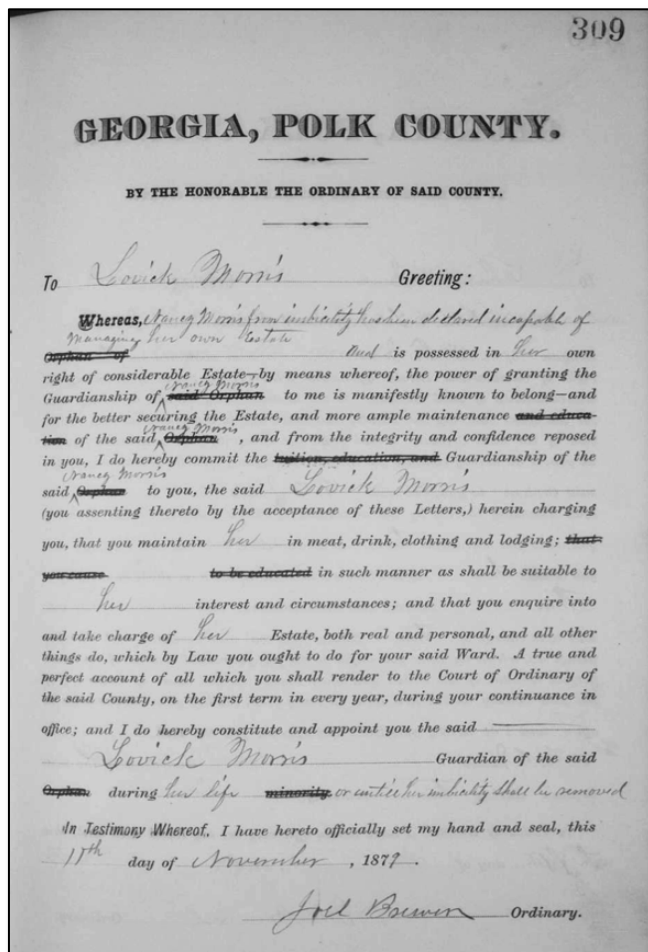
Considering census birth years and Nancy’s own testimony, Nancy’s birth can be narrowed - likely between 1782 and 1798.

¹⁵⁶“Georgia Probate Records, 1851-1963,” images, *FamilySearch.org* (accessed 9 Oct 2015), FHL film 005781926, Letters of Administration, p. 1-141, 1878-1912, Letters of Guardianship, 1878-1912, p. 305-end; citing Administrator and Guardianships Letters vol B, p. 309, image 203/258, Lovick Morris Guardianship of Nancy Morris, 11 Nov. 1879, Polk Co. Superior Court, Cedartown.

¹⁵⁷ Testimony of Nancy Morris, 1 Feb. 1856, p. 20; Nancy Morris, Declaration of Widow for Pension (Act of Feb. 14, 1871), service of James Morris (Pvt., Capt. David Gillespie’s Co., Booth’s 4th Ga. Militia, War of 1812), bounty land warrant file WO 10661 and WC 6939 (Act of 1855, 80 acres); “War of 1812 Pension Files, *Fold3.com* (accessed 20 Dec. 2019) > Georgia > M > Morris > 2nd James Morris.

¹⁵⁸ *Ibid.*, Testimony of Nancy Morris, 11 Jan. 1858, p. 24.

¹⁵⁹ *Ibid.*, Testimony of Nancy Morris, 13 Sept. 1874, p. 12.



Guardianship of Nancy Awarded to Lovick

"Georgia Probate Records, 1851-1963," images, *FamilySearch.org* (accessed 9 Oct 2015), FHL film 005781926, Letters of Administration, p. 1-141, 1878-1912, Letters of Guardianship, 1878-1912, p. 305-end; citing Administrator and Guardianships Letters vol B, p. 309, image 203/258, Lovick Morris Guardianship of Nancy Morris, 11 Nov. 1879, Polk County, Georgia Superior Court, Cedartown.

Nancy's death date also can be narrowed. Nancy was removed from the pauper's list by the Polk County, Georgia, Grand Jury on 21 Aug 1875.¹⁶⁰ She was enumerated with Lovick 11 June 1880, in Polk County, Georgia.¹⁶¹ She was still living 4 June 1881, when her son Lovick requested that the government pension office aid in accounting for, recovering, or compelling a settlement of Nancy's pension money paid to her son-in-law Hugh Torrence and his attorney, D.A. Perryman during the time she lived with Hugh Torrence from 14 February 1871, to 4 Dec. 1877.¹⁶² She died after 4 June 1881, likely in Polk County, Georgia.

James' approximate birth year can be determined with the help of a tax record and Georgia law during this time period. In an 1852,

Floyd County, Georgia, property tax record, James paid no poll tax on 40 acres valued at \$250; he likely would have been exempt due to his age.¹⁶³

¹⁶⁰ "Grand Jury Presentments, 1st Week, August Term, 1875," *The Cedartown (Georgia) Record*, 21 Aug. 1875, images, Digital Library of Georgia, *Georgia Historic Newspapers*, (<https://gahistoricnewspapers.galileo.usg.edu> : accessed 8 Jan 2016) > Regions > North Georgia > scroll down to Polk County > *The Cedartown Record* (1874-1879) > First Issue > select Next Issue until 21 Aug. 1875 issue > Image 2 (p. 2), scroll to bottom of column 2 and top of column 3; citing print edition p. 2, cols 2-3.

¹⁶¹ 1880 U.S. census, Polk Co., Ga., pop. sched., 1075 G.M. Dist., Cedartown, enum. distr. (ED) 169, p. 262 (stamped), p. 30 (penned), dwell. 241, fam. 241, Lovick Morris household, images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 31 Jan. 2021); citing NARA microfilm pub. T9, 161.

¹⁶² Ivy Thompson letter on behalf of Lovick Morris, 4 June 1881, pp. 81-82; Nancy Morris, Declaration of Widow for Pension (Act of Feb. 14, 1871), service of James Morris (Pvt., Capt. David Gillespie's Co., Booth's 4th Ga. Militia, War of 1812), bounty land warrant file WO 10661 and WC 6939 (Act of 1855, 80 acres); "War of 1812 Pension Files, *Fold3.com* (accessed 20 Dec. 2019) > Georgia > M > Morris > 2nd James Morris.

¹⁶³ "Georgia Property Tax Digests 1793-1892," images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 11 June 2019), James Morris, image 49/122; citing 1852 Ware's Dist. 924, Floyd Co., Ga. Tax Digest, Ga. Archives, Morrow.

"In Georgia, all men over 21 had to pay a poll tax or head tax, whether or not they owned property. This tax dates from 1780s. In 1826, men over the age 60 were exempted from the poll tax."¹⁶⁴

No. 924 DISTRICT,										REAL ESTATE.							
GEORGIA MILITIA.										LANDS, including improvements thereon, mills, machinery, toll-bridges and ferries.							
NAMES.										Number of Acres, 1st Quality.	Number of Acres, 2d Quality.	Number of Acres, 3d Quality.	Number of Acres of Pine Land.	Number.	District.	County where the Land lies.	Aggregate value of Land. Dolls. Cts.
Jacob Leazer										1		160		127. 22			1570.
James Morris										0	40						250

1852 Ware's District, Floyd County, Georgia, Tax Digest for James Morris

"Georgia Property Tax Digests 1793-1892," images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 11 June 2019), James Morris and Jacob Leazer, image 49/122; citing 1852 Ware's District 924, Floyd County, Georgia Tax Digest, Georgia. Archives, Morrow.

A reasonable conclusion is that James was over the age of 60 in 1852, which places his year of birth 1792 or earlier. James also was enumerated in the 50-59 age bracket in 1840 Benton County, Alabama,¹⁶⁵ which would place his birth year between 1781-1790, dates consistent with the 1852 tax exempt status. Son Gad's Temple Index Bureau card listed the year as 1794; however, this card information seems to have been altered, and James' birth year could be based on identification of an incorrect father.¹⁶⁶ He was likely born between 1781-1792.

Determining the death date for James also was problematic and varied - 6 March 1852,¹⁶⁷ 6 March 1855,¹⁶⁸ and 8 March 1855,¹⁶⁹ in Noxubee County, Mississippi. However, James signed deeds selling his War of

¹⁶⁴ "What is a Poll Tax?" database, *Georgia Archives* (<https://www.georgiaarchives.org/> : accessed 2 May 2020) > Research > Research Help > Georgia Tax Records FAQs.

¹⁶⁵ 1840 U.S. census, Benton Co., Ala., p. 34 (penned), James Morris, images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 1 Jan 2020); citing NARA microfilm pub. M704, roll 3.

¹⁶⁶ "Gad Morris Temple Index Bureau Card," undated, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Special Collections, Family History Library, Salt Lake City, Utah; Glenna Clonts 2x great granddaughter of Gad Morris (Morris Genealogical Files, privately held by Clonts, [Address for private use,] Thatcher, Arizona); regarding parentage of Gad Morris, ca. 1830-bet. 1870-1880, 2020. See analysis of this card in section **The Temple Index Bureau Card Naming Parents of Gad Morris**.

¹⁶⁷ Testimony of Nancy Morris, 8 Dec. 1873, p. 8; Nancy Morris, Declaration of Widow for Pension (Act of Feb. 14, 1871), service of James Morris (Pvt., Capt. David Gillespie's Co., Booth's 4th Ga. Militia, War of 1812), bounty land warrant file WO 10661 and WC 6939 (Act of 1855, 80 acres); "War of 1812 Pension Files, *Fold3.com* (accessed 20 Dec. 2019) > Georgia > M > Morris > 2nd James Morris.

¹⁶⁸ *Ibid.*, Testimony of Nancy Morris, 1877, p. 18.

¹⁶⁹ *Ibid.*, Testimony of Nancy Morris, 11 Jan. 1858, p. 24.

1812 bounty land on 12 and 16 July 1852, after the March 1852, date.¹⁷⁰ He probably died either 6 or 8 March 1855.

MARRIAGE

Nancy and James were married by Reverend Meedy White, M.G. at the home of her father Gadwell Pearce, a Revolutionary War soldier,¹⁷¹ in Jackson County, Georgia.¹⁷² This marriage date also varied – 20 December 1811, 24 December 1812,¹⁷³ and 1813.¹⁷⁴ A Jackson County, Georgia, marriage performed by the same minister was recorded for a Nancy Pearce during this same time period – 22 December – and recorded with other 1817 marriages.¹⁷⁵ However, the year for this marriage was omitted in this record, and the groom's name was recorded as James *Moore* rather than *Morris*.¹⁷⁶ This marriage record is likely the marriage between James and Nancy. No other marriage record for a Nancy Pearce or James Morris in Jackson County during this time period has been found. Either a later recording date or a transcription error would explain the discrepancy in James's surname and the missing recorded year. James' and Nancy's marriage likely took place between 20-24 December 1811. This date is appropriate based on approximate calculated birth years for James and Nancy and is supported with the approximate birth of Annie 9 August 1812, about 8 months later.

¹⁷⁰ Deed from James Morris to Dennis Hills of Floyd Co., Ga., 12 July 1852, James Morris (Pvt., Capt. David Gillespie's Co., Booth's 4th Ga. Militia, War of 1812), bounty land warrant file 27672 (Act of 1855, 80 acres); Case Files of Pension and Bounty Land Applications Based on Service between 1812 and 1855; Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Application Files, 1800-1960; RG 15: Records of the Department of Veterans Affairs; NARA, Washington, D.C.

¹⁷¹ Alex Mayer Hitz, compiler, *Authentic List of All Land Lottery Grants Made to Veterans of the Revolutionary War By the State of Georgia*, e-book, 2nd Edition, (Atlanta : Georgia Secretary of State Ben W. Fortson, Jr., 1966); FamilySearch Digital Library, *FamilySearch.org* (accessed 12 Feb. 2021), Gadwell Pearce, Sr., p. 54. Gadwell Pearce resided in Jackson County, Ga., and was a fortunate drawer in the 1820 Georgia land lottery winning two land lots – one in Habersham County and the second in Irwin County.

¹⁷² Testimony of Nancy Morris, 1877, p. 18; Nancy Morris, Declaration of Widow for Pension (Act of Feb. 14, 1871), service of James Morris (Pvt., Capt. David Gillespie's Co., Booth's 4th Ga. Militia, War of 1812), bounty land warrant file WO 10661 and WC 6939 (Act of 1855, 80 acres); "War of 1812 Pension Files, *Fold3.com* (accessed 20 Dec. 2019) > Georgia > M > Morris > 2nd James Morris.

¹⁷³ *Ibid.*, Testimony of Nancy Morris, 11 Jan. 1858, p. 24.

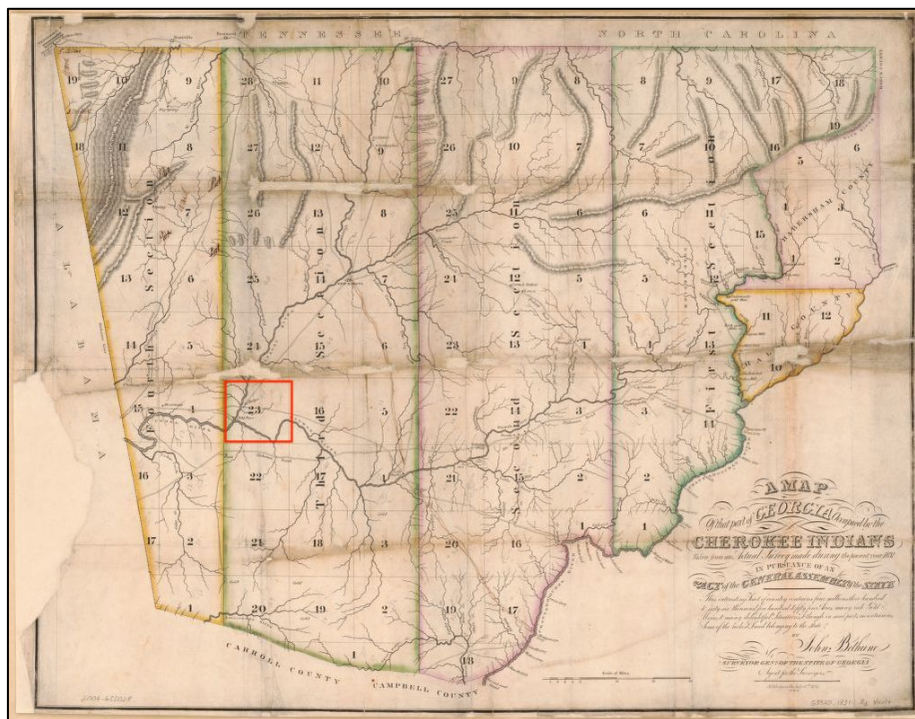
¹⁷⁴ Nancy Morris, Declaration of Widow for Pension (Act of Feb. 14, 1871), service of James Morris (Pvt., Capt. David Gillespie's Co., Booth's 4th Ga. Militia, War of 1812), bounty land warrant file WO 10661 and WC 6939 (Act of 1855, 80 acres); "War of 1812 Pension Files, *Fold3.com* (accessed 20 Dec. 2019) > Georgia > M > Morris > 2nd James Morris.

¹⁷⁵ "Marriage Records, 1805-1911," images, *FamilySearch.org* (accessed 20 Dec. 2019), FHL film 005190908, James Moore [Morris] to Nancy Pearce, 22 Dec [no year], p. 0102, image 110/870; citing Jackson Co., Ga. Marriages, Books A, B, C, 1805-1861, Court of Ordinary, Jefferson.

¹⁷⁶ *Ibid.*

1832 GEORGIA LAND LOTTERY

John C. Adams placed James and Nancy's family in Fayette County, Georgia, in 1835.¹⁷⁷ What prompted the family's move from Fayette County to Floyd County, Georgia? In the 1832 Georgia Land Lottery, James Morris of Nichols' District, Fayette County, Georgia (Militia District 495)¹⁷⁸ was a fortunate drawer of Land Lot 190, 23rd District, Third Section, Cherokee, located in Floyd County.¹⁷⁹ This land lot was directly east of the land of well-known Cherokee Indian Major Ridge whose land was land lot 196 and was awarded to Rachel Ferguson in this same lottery; this land currently is the location of the Chieftain's Museum in Rome, Georgia.¹⁸⁰



James Morris Land 1832 Georgia Land Lottery, LL 190, 23rd District, Third Section, Cherokee, Now Floyd Co., Georgia

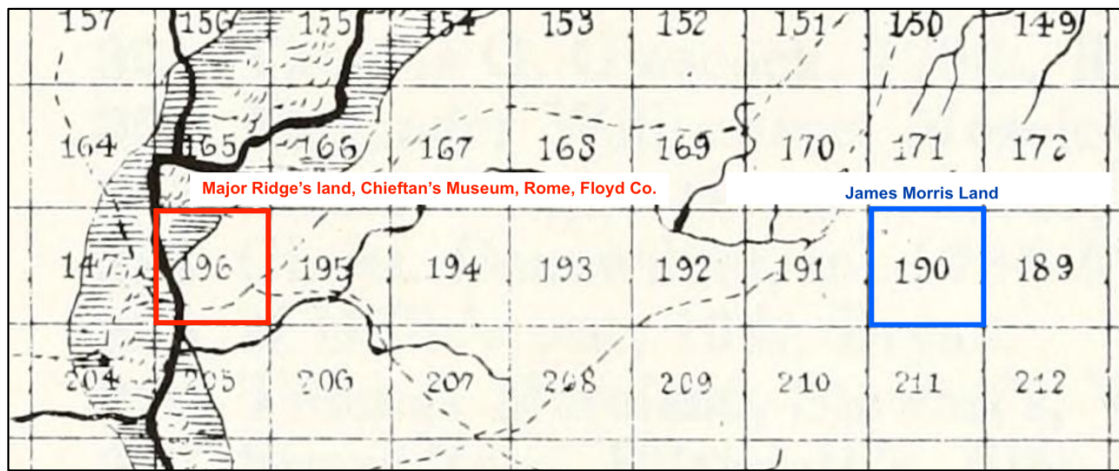
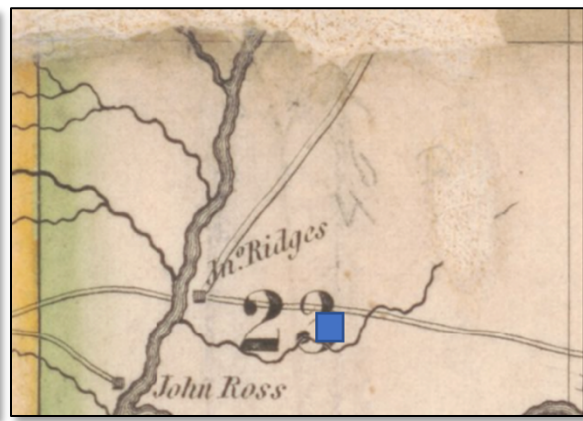
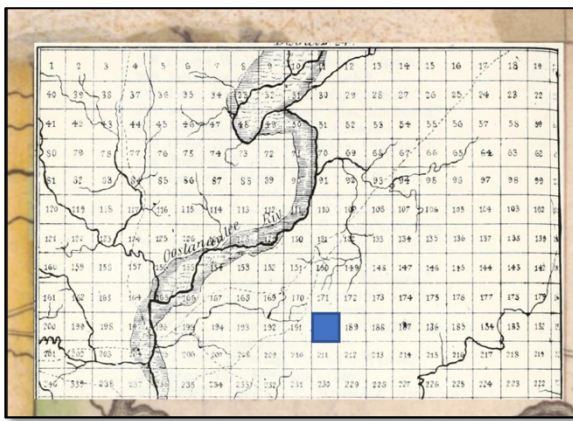
Bethune, John, Surveyor General. A Map of that part of Georgia occupied by the Cherokee Indians, taken from an actual survey made during ... [1831]; Milledgeville, Georgia: John Bethune, 1831; *Library of Congress Geography and Map Division* (<https://www.loc.gov/resource/g3920.ct006918/?r=0.0.333.0.449.0.171.0> : accessed 13 Jan. 2021).

¹⁷⁷ Testimony of John C. Adams, 1876, p. 29; Nancy Morris, Declaration of Widow for Pension (Act of Feb. 14, 1871), service of James Morris (Pvt., Capt. David Gillespie's Co., Booth's 4th Ga. Militia, War of 1812), bounty land warrant file WO 10661 and WC 6939 (Act of 1855, 80 acres); "War of 1812 Pension Files, *Fold3.com* (accessed 20 Dec. 2019) > Georgia > M > Morris > 2nd James Morris.

¹⁷⁸ Tony V. Parrot, Fayette Co, Ga. Historical Society, [(email for private use),] to Yvonne Mashburn Schmidt, email, 2 Jan. 2017 "Militia District"; Morris Family File, Morris Pearce Project, Mashburn Schmidt Research Files; privately held by Yvonne Mashburn Schmidt. Nichols District was also known as Georgia Militia District 495.

¹⁷⁹ James F. Smith, *The Cherokee Land Lottery*, containing a numerical list of the names of fortunate drawers in said lottery, with an engraved map of each district (1938; reprint, Vidalia, Georgia: Genealogical Reprints, 1968), 287.

¹⁸⁰ *Ibid.*, Also, "The Life of Major Ridge," *Chieftain's Museum* (<https://chieftainsmuseum.org/2011/05/history-of-chieftains/> : accessed 14 Feb. 2021.)



**James Morris Land 1832 Georgia Land Lottery,
LL 190, 23rd District, Third Section, Cherokee, Now Floyd Co., Georgia**

Top Background Map: Bethune, John, Surveyor General. A Map of that part of Georgia occupied by the Cherokee Indians, taken from an actual survey made during ... [1831]; Milledgeville, Georgia: John Bethune, 1831; *Library of Congress Geography and Map Division* (<https://www.loc.gov/resource/g3920.ct006918/?r=0.0.333.0.449.0.171.0> : accessed 13 Jan. 2021).
Map of overlay of land lots: James F. Smith, *The Cherokee Land Lottery, containing a numerical list of the names of fortunate drawers in said lottery, with an engraved map of each district* (1938; reprint, Vidalia, Georgia: Genealogical Reprints, 1968), 283. Bottom information re land lot: "The Life of Major Ridge," *Chieftain's Museum* (<https://chieftainsmuseum.org/2011/05/history-of-chieftains/> : accessed 14 Feb. 2021.)

In 1832, James Morris was identified in Captain Nichols' District, Fayette County as a tax defaulter.¹⁸¹ His delinquent taxes for this year were fifty cents.¹⁸²

On 3 September 1833, Land Lot 190, 23rd District, Third Section in Floyd County, Georgia, was auctioned off at public sale "in obedience to a writ of Scire Facias...issued out of the Justices of Fayette County against

¹⁸¹ Fayette Co. Ga., Court of Ordinary, 1832 Tax Digest, Capt. Nichols' District., n.p., Defaulters, James Morris; drawer 17, box 76; Ga. Archives, Morrow.

¹⁸² Ibid.

William Morris¹⁸³ & James Morris...for and in consideration of the sum of twenty dollars."¹⁸⁴ This Floyd County, Georgia, lottery land probably was lost due to a delinquent tax judgement in Fayette County.

By 1840 the family had relocated to Benton County, Alabama.¹⁸⁵

1840 BENTON COUNTY, ALABAMA

The 1840 Benton County, Alabama, census provides an opportunity to evaluate this early family structure versus evidence in other records related to approximate birth records for this family. This was especially important in Annie's case, because it confirms the earlier birth year of about 1812 that other evidence in this case study provided. Ranges of birth years in this analysis are certainly debatable, but other than specific testimony from the pension record,¹⁸⁶ this record is the closest in time of the actual births.

1840 Census and Birth Years Analysis¹⁸⁷

Sex	Age group	#	Family member assignment	Approx. birth year based on this census	Approx. birth year range based on other censuses	Accepted birth year
M	< 5	1	James, Jr. ¹⁸⁸	1834-1840	Unknown	Unknown

¹⁸³ This William Morris was too old to be William Jackson Morris and likely was a relative whose kinship has yet to be identified.

¹⁸⁴ Floyd County, Georgia, "Deeds and Mortgages, 1833-1903; general index to deeds and mortgages, 1833-1934 A:94-96, images, *FamilySearch.org* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSLX-LS1J-D?cat=177366> : accessed 11 June 2020) > FHL film 008192467 > Deeds v. A, 1833-1835 > image 56/314, William and James Morris, Scire Facias, 3 Sept. 1833, Superior Court, Rome.

¹⁸⁵ 1840 U.S. census, Benton Co., Ala., pop. schedule, p. 34 (penned), James Morris, images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 1 Jan 2020); citing NARA microfilm pub. M704, roll 3.

¹⁸⁶ Nancy Morris, Declaration of Widow for Pension (Act of Feb. 14, 1871), service of James Morris (Pvt., Capt. David Gillespie's Co., Booth's 4th Georgia Militia, War of 1812), bounty land warrant file WO 10661 and WC 6939 (Act of 1855, 80 acres); "War of 1812 Pension Files, Fold3.com (accessed 20 Dec. 2019) > Georgia > M > Morris > 2nd James Morris.

¹⁸⁷ 1840 U.S. census, Benton Co., Ala., pop. schedule, p. 34 (penned), James Morris, images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 1 Jan 2020); citing NARA microfilm pub. M704, roll 3.

¹⁸⁸ Temple records indicate James Morris, Jr. was born in Ala., where the family lived in 1840, but he has not been identified. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (LDS), (Salt Lake City, Utah), "Baptisms for the Dead, 1877-1944; heir indexes 1877-1956," vol. N, Dec 1878-Feb.1882, November 1881, pp. 66-67, George Lumpkin Morris' family proxies, St. George, Utah Temple; FHL film 0170853, Family History Library, Salt Lake City.

M	5-9	1	Sion	1831-1835	1830 ¹⁸⁹ -1835 ¹⁹⁰	25 Dec. 1828 ¹⁹¹
M	10-14	2	Gad	1826-1830	1830 ¹⁹² -1832 ¹⁹³	ca. 1830
			Lovick	1826-1830	1825 ¹⁹⁴ -1826 ¹⁹⁵	March 1825 ¹⁹⁶
M	15-19	1	Likely candidate identified. ¹⁹⁷	1821-1825		
M	20-29	1	William Jackson	1811-1820	1816 ¹⁹⁸ -1818 ¹⁹⁹	9 May 1816

¹⁸⁹ 1870 U.S. census, Noxubee Co., Miss., pop. sched., Township, 13, Shuqualak P.O., p. 8 (penned), dwell. 64, fam. 63, Sion Morris household; images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 31 Jan. 2021); citing NARA microfilm pub. M593, roll 743.

¹⁹⁰ 1860 U.S. census, Noxubee Co., Miss., pop. sched. Dist. 4, p. 16 (penned), dwell. 913, fam. 888, S. Morris household; images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 24 Feb. 2021); citing NARA microfilm pub. M653, n.r.

¹⁹¹ The date on this grave marker is impossible to read. Ancestry, Find A Grave, image, *FindAGrave.com*, (accessed 31 Jan. 2021) memorial 157447686, Sion M. Morris (1828-2905), Macedonia Cemetery, Noxubee Co., Miss.; gravestone photograph by Catherine Williams Abate.

¹⁹² 1860 U.S. census, Floyd Co., Ga., pop. sched., Barkers, Dist., p. 104 (penned), dwell. 695, Gad Morris household, images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 10 Nov. 2015); citing NARA microfilm pub. M653, roll 121.

¹⁹³ 1870 U.S. census, Prairie Co., Ark., pop. sched., White River Township, Des Arc, p. 8 (penned), dwell. 55, fam. 55, G. Morris; images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 10 April 2020); citing NARA microfilm pub. M593, roll 61.

¹⁹⁴ 1870 U.S. census, Polk Co., Ga., pop. sched., Cedartown, p. 336 (stamped), dwell. 1304, fam. 1392, Lovick Morris household; images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 10 April 2020); citing NARA microfilm pub. M593, roll 170.

¹⁹⁵ 1860 U.S. census, Floyd Co., Ga., pop. sched., Rome, Chulio, p. 179 (penned), dwell. 1202, Lovick Morris household; images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 31 Jan. 2021); citing NARA microfilm pub. M 653, n.r.

¹⁹⁶ 1900 U.S. census, Etowah Co., Ala., pop. sched., Precinct 25, Keysburg, enum. dist. (ED) 150, p. 71A (stamped), dwell. 88, fam. 88, Lovick Morris [mis-stated as Lovet] household, images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 31 Jan. 2021); NARA microfilm pub. T623, n.r.

¹⁹⁷ Weak indirect and DNA evidence have helped develop a theory for at least one other likely sibling, but independent descendant lineages from this line share multiple lineages in addition to this Morris Pearce line. Further research to develop a stronger paper trail will be required to prove this sibling. Covid-19 repository closures and access limitations have thus far prevented this extensive offline research.

¹⁹⁸ 1870 U.S. census, Kaufman Co., Tex., pop. sched., Kaufman, p. 95 (penned), p. 71A (stamped), dwell. 619, fam. 636, William Morris [mis-transcribed as Merris] household; *Ancestry.com*. (accessed 24 Jan. 2021), citing NARA microfilm pub. M593, roll 1594.

¹⁹⁹ 1860 U.S. census, Noxubee Co., Miss., pop. sched., Dist. 4, Summerville, p. 14 (penned), dwell. 896, fam. 872, W. J. Morris household, images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 25 May 2020); citing NARA microfilm pub. M653, n.r.

M	50-59	1	James	1781-1790	1794 ²⁰⁰	1794 ²⁰¹
F	5-9	1	Susan	1831-1835	Oct. 1842 ²⁰² -1843 ²⁰³	Oct. 1842
F	15-19	2	Tempy	1821-1825	1811 ²⁰⁴ -1818 ²⁰⁵	10 Aug 1815 ²⁰⁶
			Rebecca	1821-1825	1822 ²⁰⁷ -1830 ²⁰⁸	1817, ²⁰⁹ 1822-1830

²⁰⁰ Gad Morris Temple Index Bureau Card," undated, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Special Collections, Family History Library, Salt Lake City, Utah; Glenna Clonts 2x great granddaughter of Gad Morris (Morris Genealogical Files, privately held by Clonts, [Address for private use,] Thatcher, Arizona); regarding parentage of Gad Morris, ca. 1830-bet. 1870-1880, 2020. See analysis of this card in section **The Temple Index Bureau Card Naming Parents of Gad Morris.**

²⁰¹ Ibid.

²⁰² 1900 U.S. census, Polk Co., Ga., pop. sched., Hampton Dist., enum. dist. (ED) 87, p. 323A (stamped,) dwell. 39, fam. 40, Wiley Torrance household, images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 25 May 2020); citing NARA microfilm pub. T623, n.r.

²⁰³ 1860 U.S. census, Floyd Co., Ga., pop. sched., Barkers, Dist., p. 104 (penned), dwell. 691, Charlton Lewis, household; images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 10 Nov. 2015); citing NARA microfilm pub. M653, roll 121.

²⁰⁴ 1870 U.S. census, Polk Co., Ga., pop. sched., Cedartown, n.p., dwell. 1208, fam. 1284, Temperance Reeves household; images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 31 Jan. 2021); NARA microfilm pub. M593, roll 170.

²⁰⁵ 1860 U.S. census, Floyd Co., Ga., pop. sched., Barkers Dist., p. 104 (penned), dwell. 694, Thomas Reaves [mis-transcribed as Beaner] household; images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 10 Nov. 2015); citing NARA microfilm pub. M653, roll 121.

²⁰⁶ Testimony of Tempy Reeves, 1876, p. 92; Nancy Morris, Declaration of Widow for Pension (Act of Feb. 14, 1871), service of James Morris (Pvt., Capt. David Gillespie's Co., Booth's 4th Ga. Militia, War of 1812), bounty land warrant file WO 10661 and WC 6939 (Act of 1855, 80 acres); "War of 1812 Pension Files, *Fold3.com* (accessed 20 Dec. 2019) > Georgia > M > Morris > 2nd James Morris. Tempy stated she was the third child of James and Nancy.

²⁰⁷ 1850 U.S. census, Noxubee Co., Miss., pop. sched., p. 235 (stamped), p. 467 (penned), dwell. 655, fam. 655, John Lane household; images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 1 April 2015); citing NARA micro pub. M432, roll 379.

²⁰⁸ 1860 U.S. census, Upshur Co., Tex., pop. sched., Western Dist., p. 141 (penned), dwell. 959, fam. 918, John Lane household; images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 31 Jan. 2021); citing NARA microfilm pub. M653, n.r.

²⁰⁹ Testimony of Nancy [Pearce] Adams, 29 Dec. 1876, p. 31; Nancy Morris, Declaration of Widow for Pension (Act of Feb. 14, 1871), service of James Morris (Pvt., Capt. David Gillespie's Co., Booth's 4th Ga. Militia, War of 1812), bounty land warrant file WO 10661 and WC 6939 (Act of 1855, 80 acres); "War of 1812 Pension Files, *Fold3.com* (accessed 20 Dec. 2019) > Georgia > M > Morris > 2nd James Morris. Nancy Adams stated Rebecca was the fourth child of James and Nancy.

F	20-29	1	Annie	1811-1820	1823 ²¹⁰ -1832 ²¹¹	9 Aug. 1825
F	40-49	1	Nancy	1791-1800	1782 ²¹² -1794 ²¹³	1782-1794
TOTAL		12				

This family structure is additional evidence that the correct James Morris family has been identified. It also helps to determine more likely birth dates for family members, whose births were not specifically addressed in other records.

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| 1. James | abt. 1781-1792, previously determined by analysis. |
| 2. Nancy | abt. 1782-1798, previously determined by analysis. |
| 3. Annie (oldest child) | 9 Aug. abt. 1812, previously determined by analysis. |
| 4. William Jackson | 9 May likely 1814 ²¹⁴ |
| 5. Tempy (3 rd child) | 10 Aug. 1815, testimony. ²¹⁵ |
| 6. Rebecca (4 th child) | abt. 1817-1825, 1817, testimony. ²¹⁶ |
| 7. Lovick | March abt. 1826-1830 |
| 8. Gadwell (Gad) | abt. 1826-1830 |
| 9. Sion M. | 25 Dec. abt. 1831-1835 |
| 10. Susan | Oct. abt. 1831-1835 |
| 11. James, Jr. | abt. 1834-1840 |

²¹⁰ 1870 U.S. census, Calhoun Co., Ala., pop. sched., Township 16, Carn Grove P.O., p. 40 (penned), dwell. 310, fam. 311, Ann Lett household, images; *Ancestry.com* (accessed 1 April 2020); citing NARA microfilm pub. M593, roll 5.

²¹¹ 1880 U.S. census, Etowah Co., Ala., pop. sched., Township 11, R 6E, Beats 10, 17, enum. dist. (ED) 065, p. 4 (penned), dwell. 42, fam. 48, Anna Lett household; *Ancestry.com* (accessed 1 Jan 2020); citing NARA microfilm pub. T9, roll 13.

²¹² 1880 U.S. census, Polk Co., Ga., pop. sched., 1075 G.M. Dist., Cedartown, enum. dist. (ED) 169, p. 262 (stamped), p. 30 (penned), dwell. 241, fam. 241, Lovick Morris household, images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 31 Jan. 2021); citing NARA microfilm pub. T9, 161.

²¹³ 1860 U.S. census, Floyd Co., Ga., pop. sched., Rome, Chulio, p. 179 (penned), dwell. 1202, Lovick Morris household; images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 31 Jan. 2021); citing NARA microfilm pub. M 653, n.r.

²¹⁴ Annie [Jane] was child 1. Tempy was child 3. Rebecca was child 4. William Jackson had to be born between Annie and Tempy. For Rebecca and Jane [Annie] see: Testimonies of John C. Adams and Nancy [Pearce] Adams, 1876, pp 29, 31, 37 and for Tempy: Testimony of Tempy Reeves, 1876, p. 92; Nancy Morris, Declaration of Widow for Pension (Act of Feb. 14, 1871), service of James Morris (Pvt., Capt. David Gillespie's Co., Booth's 4th Georgia Militia, War of 1812), bounty land warrant file WO 10661 and WC 6939 (Act of 1855, 80 acres); "War of 1812 Pension Files, *Fold3.com* (accessed 20 Dec. 2019) > Georgia > M > Morris > 2nd James Morris.

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²¹⁶ *Ibid.* Testimonies of John C. Adams and Nancy [Pearce] Adams, 1876, pp 29, 31.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL DIFFICULTIES

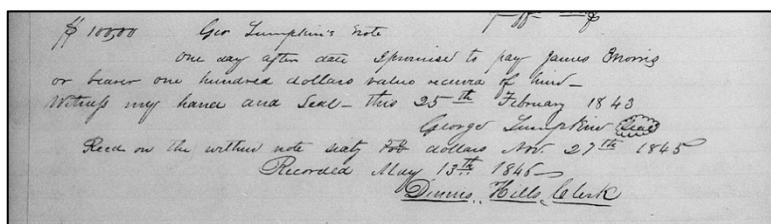
James Morris' financial difficulties continued after the 1833 loss of his land lottery land. On 25 February 1843, George Lumpkin provided a promissory note for repayment of \$100 James Morris had loaned to Lumpkin. Lumpkin refused to pay back the loan. James filed suit.

"...the said defendant has hitherto refused and still does wholly refuse altho' often requested...therefore he [James Morris] brings suit..."²¹⁷

During the April 1845 Term of the Floyd County, Georgia, Superior Court James Morris was awarded fifty-seven dollars principle, two dollars and thirty cents interest, and two dollars and fifty cents court costs from Lumpkin.

Apparently, the loan remained unpaid after the judgement. In the 3 April 1851 issue of the *Rome Courier*, George Lumpkin's land was auctioned off by the sheriff to satisfy a Fi-Fa in favor of James Morris.²¹⁸

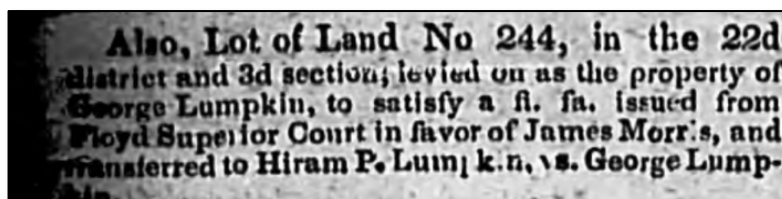
Sometime before September 1852, James Morris had become an insolvent debtor.²¹⁹ This situation might have prompted the sale of his



\$100 Geo Lumpkin's note
One day after date I promised to pay James Morris
or bearer one hundred dollars value received of him -
Witness my hand and seal - this 25th February 1843
George Lumpkin
Recd on the within note sixty \$60 dollars Nov. 27th 1845
Recorded May 13th 1846
James H. Bell Clerk

George Lumpkin's Promissory Note

Floyd County, Georgia, "Civil Minutes, 1840-1901," images, *FamilySearch.org*
<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSKJ-GQPS-S?i=181&cat=180930> : accessed 19 Feb. 2021), FHL film 008152165, Case file No. 124, James Morris vs. George Lumpkin, Action of Debt, 13 May 1846, pp. 295-296, images 181-183/333, specifically note on p. 296. citing Minutes, vol. E, 1845-1847, Superior Court, Rome.



Also, Lot of Land No 244, in the 22d district and 3d section, levied on as the property of George Lumpkin, to satisfy a fi. fa. issued from Floyd Superior Court in favor of James Morris, and transferred to Hiram P. Lumpkin, vs. George Lumpkin.

George Lumpkin's Land Sold to Satisfy Debt to James Morris

"Floyd Sheriff's Sales for May," *Rome Courier* (Rome, Georgia), 3 April 1851, images; Digital Library of Georgia, *Georgia Historic Newspapers* (<https://gahistoricnewspapers.galileo.usg.edu> : accessed 16 Dec. 2019) > Browse > By County > Floyd > Rome Courier > Calendar View > Drop down = Issues for 1851 > image 3; citing print edition, p. 3, col. 1.

²¹⁷ Floyd County, Georgia, "Civil Minutes, 1840-1901," images, *FamilySearch.org*
<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSKJ-GQPS-S?i=181&cat=180930> : accessed 19 Feb. 2021), FHL film 008152165, Case file No. 124, James Morris vs. George Lumpkin, Action of Debt, 13 May 1846, pp. 295-296, images 181-182/333; citing Minutes, vol. E, 1845-1847, Superior Court, Rome.

²¹⁸ "Floyd Sheriff's Sales for May," *Rome (Georgia) Courier*, 3 April 1851, images; Digital Library of Georgia, *Georgia Historic Newspapers* (<https://gahistoricnewspapers.galileo.usg.edu> : accessed 16 Dec. 2019) > Browse > By County > Floyd > Rome Courier > Calendar View > Drop down = Issues for 1851 > image 3; citing print edition, p. 3, col. 1.

²¹⁹ Floyd Co., Ga., Inferior Court Minutes, 1854-1862, unpaginated, Sept. term 1852, Riley J. Johnson vs James Morris, images 20-21/228; *FamilySearch.org* (accessed 27 Jan. 2021), FHL film 008652337, citing Inferior Court Minutes, 1854-1859, Superior Court, Rome.

War of 1812 bounty land in July 1852.²²⁰ The debtor's oath is prescribed in the Act of 1801 to carry out the Fourth Article of the Georgia Constitution, which outlawed imprisoning insolvent debtors.

"Each and every debtor so discharged as aforesaid, shall never thereafter be arrested or imprisoned..."²²¹

One of the provisions of the Georgia law was to have the debtor provide a schedule of his estate holdings, debts, credits, etc., and swear an oath that he was not defrauding the court or creditors:

"...[If] the debtor is really and bona fide insolvent, then such person shall deliver to the Court a schedule of all his real and personal estate, debts, credits or effects, and shall take and subscribe the following the oath, viz:

" I, A B, do solemnly swear, (or affirm as the case may be,) in the presence of Almighty God, that I am not possessed of any real or personal estate, debts, credits or effects, securities or contracts whatsoever, my wearing apparel, bedding for myself and family, and the working tools or implements of my trade or calling, together with the necessary equipments [sic] for a militia soldier excepted, other than are contained in the schedule now delivered, and that I have not, directly or indirectly, since my imprisonment, or before, sold, leased, assigned, or otherwise disposed of, or made over in trust for myself or otherwise, any part of my lands, estates, goods, stock, money, debts, securities or contracts, whereby any money may hereafter become payable, or any real or personal estate, whereby to have or expect any benefit or profit to myself, my wife or my heirs, so help me God."

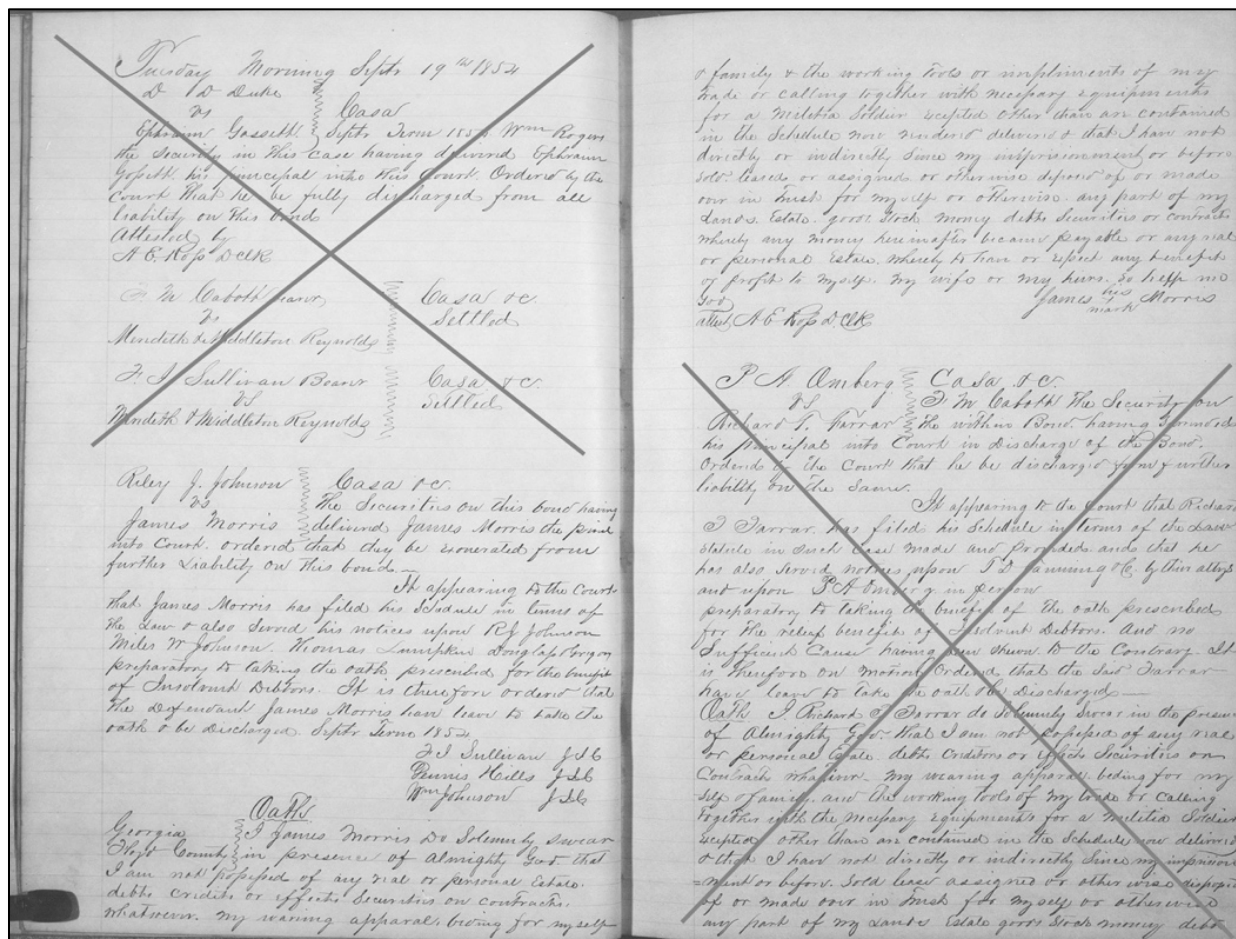
"And upon the said debtor having taken and subscribed the aforesaid oath, the Court shall order the Sheriff or Jailer Discharge, to discharge the said debtor from confinement on account of the matter contained in his petition, and such order shall be a sufficient warrant to the Sheriff, Jailer, or keeper of such debtor, to discharge the said debtor, if detained for the causes mentioned in his or her petition, and no other ; and he is hereby required to discharge and set him or her at liberty forthwith, the debtor paying his or her fees..."²²²

James Morris offered this sworn oath to the court and provided the schedule required by law.

²²⁰ Deed from James Morris to Dennis Hills of Floyd. Co., Ga., 12 July 1852; James Morris (Pvt., Capt. David Gillespie's Co., Booth's 4th Ga. Militia, War of 1812), bounty land warrant file 27672 (Act of 1855, 80 acres); Case Files of Pension and Bounty Land Applications Based on Service between 1812 and 1855; Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Application Files, 1800-1960; RG 15: Records of the Department of Veterans Affairs; NARA, Washington, D.C.

²²¹ State of Ga., Cobb, Thomas R.R, compiler, *A digest of the statute laws of the state of Georgia: in force prior to the session of the General Assembly of 1851: with explanatory notes and references, and also, with notes giving the exposition of the statutes by the Supreme Court of the state*, Vol. I (Athens, Ga.: Christy, Kelsea & Burke), 1851, Vol. XL 21 "Insolvent Debtors-1801," pp. 379-382, An Act to carry into effect the seventh section of the fourth Article of the Constitution-Approved Dec. 5, 1801; Internet Archive, Archive.org (<https://archive.org/details/digestofstatutel01stat/page/n391/mode/2up> : accessed 27 Jan. 2021).

²²² Ibid. p. 380.



James Morris Debt Cancellation and Sworn Oath, September Term, 1852

Floyd County, Georgia, Inferior Court Minutes, 1854-1862, unpaginated, September term 1852, Riley J. Johnson vs James Morris, images 20-21/228; FamilySearch.org accessed 27 Jan. 2021), FHL film 008652337, citing Inferior Court Minutes, 1854-1859, Superior Court, Rome.

Unknown is whether or not the sale of his bounty land on 12 July 1852,²²³ disposed of before the sworn oath was taken, was known to the court or whether James fraudulently excluded it.

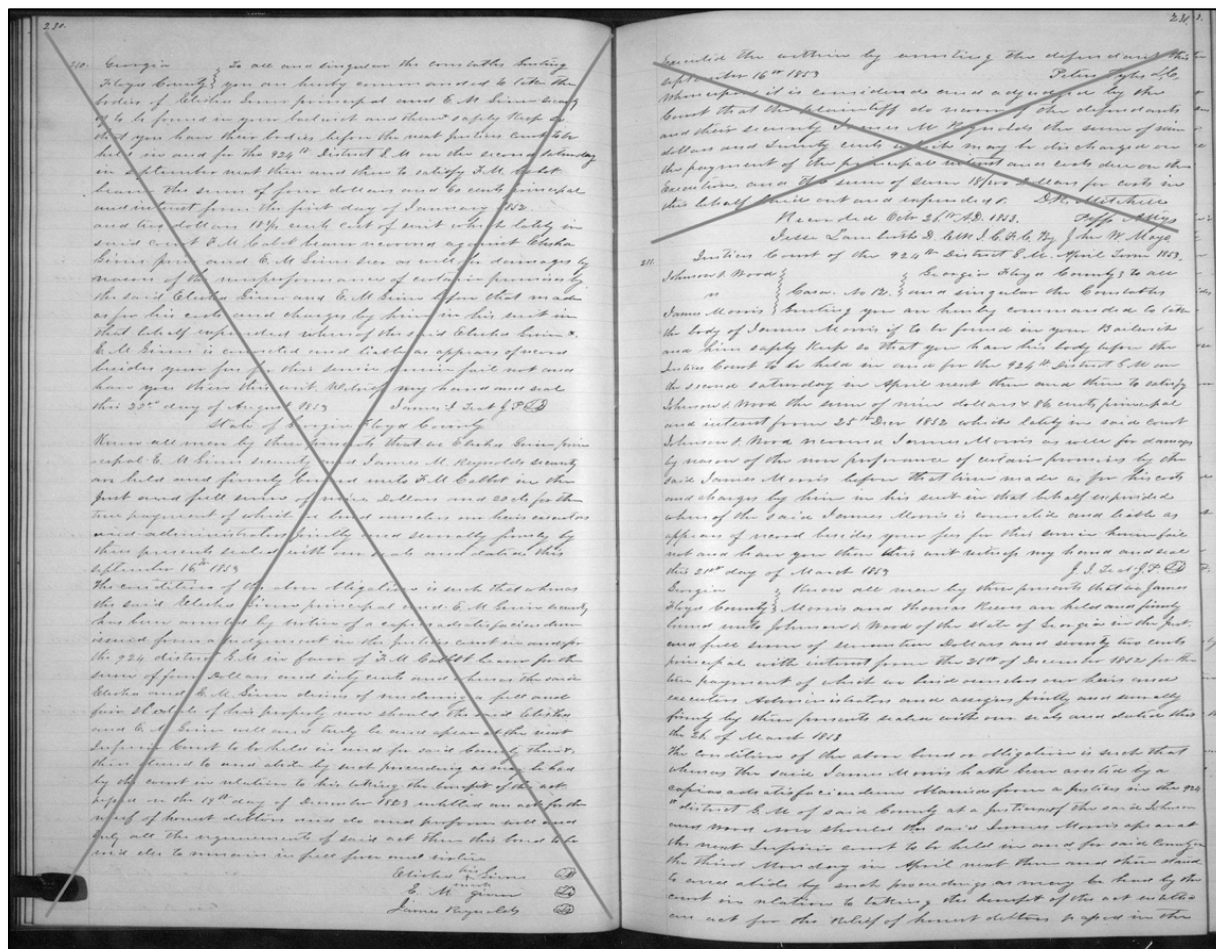
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On or before 25 Dec. 1852, James purchased items for \$9.86 on credit from a domestic home good store in Rome called Johnson & Wood.²²⁴ He failed to pay for the goods. A suit was filed against him by the store for this purchase amount plus interest.²²⁵ He and Thomas Reeves provided a security bond to the court.²²⁶

²²⁴ "New Goods," advertisement, *Rome Courier* (Rome, Georgia), 8 July 1852, images, *Digital Library of Georgia, Georgia Historic Newspapers* (<https://gahistoricnewspapers.galileo.usg.edu/lccn/sn86053108/1852-07-08/ed-1/seq-4/#index=3&rows=12&proxtext=Johnson+%26+Wood&sequence=0®ion=north&words=JOHNSON+Johnson+Wood+WOOD&page=1> : accessed 27 Jan. 2021), citing print edition, p. 4, col. 5.

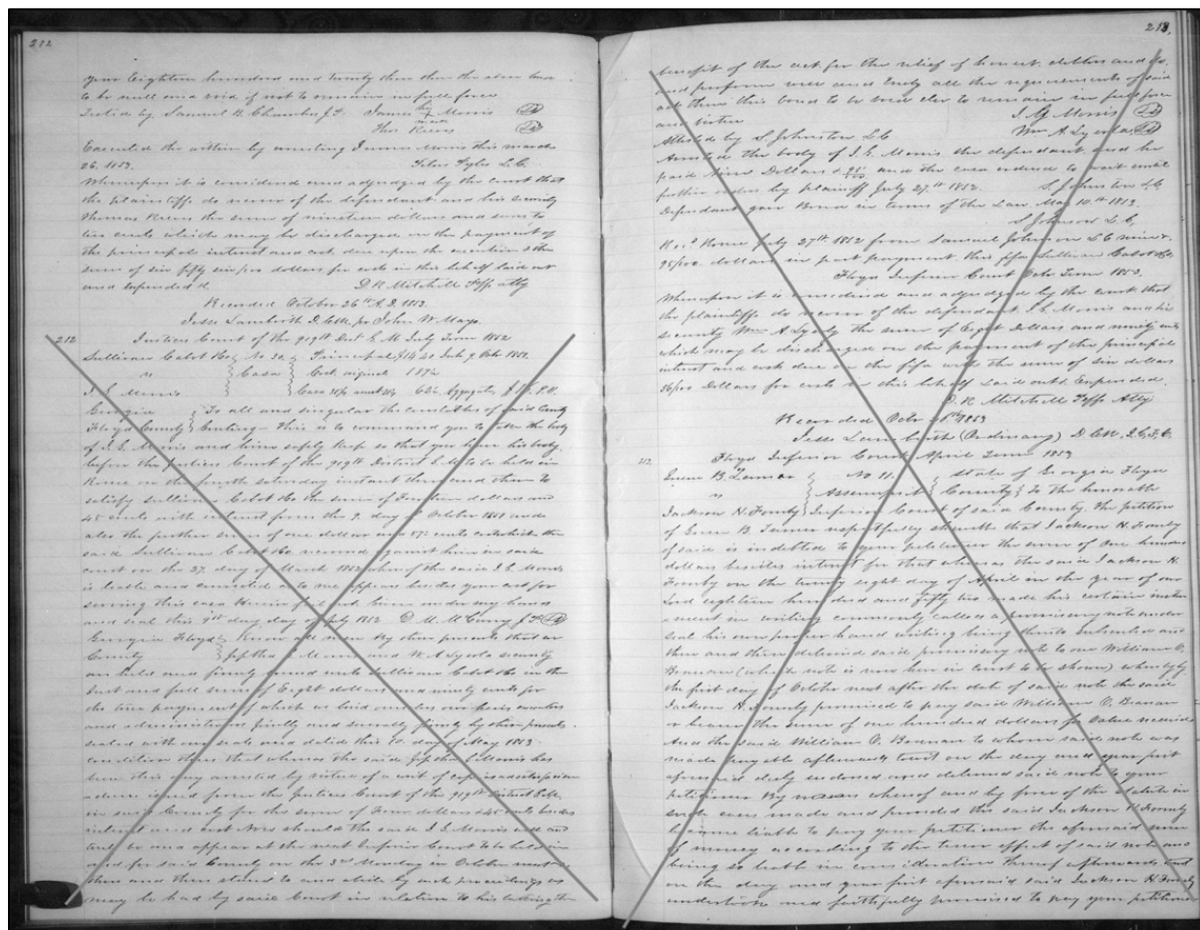
²²⁵ Floyd Co., Ga., Justices Court of the 924th, Ga. Militia Dist., Court Case 12, Johnson & Wood vs. James Morris, April Term, 1853, Capias ad satisfaciendum, and Security Bond provided by James Morris and Thomas Reeves, 26 March 1853, images, *FamilySearch.org* (accessed 28 Jan. 2021), FHL film 008652338, Declarations, 1852-1868, pp. 231-232, images 150-151/609, entry 211; citing Inferior Court Declarations, Book B, 1852-1866, Superior Court. Rome. For the legal term definition of Capias ad satisfaciendum see: <https://legal-dictionary.thefreedictionary.com/Capias+ad+satisfaciendum>.

²²⁶ *Ibid.*



Johnson & Wood vs James Morris
Floyd County, Georgia Capias ad satisfaciendum and Security Bond
 Image 1

Floyd Co., Ga., Justices Court of the 924th, Ga. Militia Dist., Court Case 12, Johnson & Wood vs. James Morris, April Term, 1853, Capias ad satisfaciendum, and Security Bond provided by James Morris and Thomas Reeves, 26 March 1853, images, [FamilySearch.org](https://www.familysearch.org) (accessed 28 Jan. 2021), FHL film 008652338, Declarations, 1852-1868, pp. 230-231, images 150-151/609, entry 211; citing Inferior Court Declarations, Book B, 1852-1866, Superior Court, Rome.



Johnson & Wood vs James Morris
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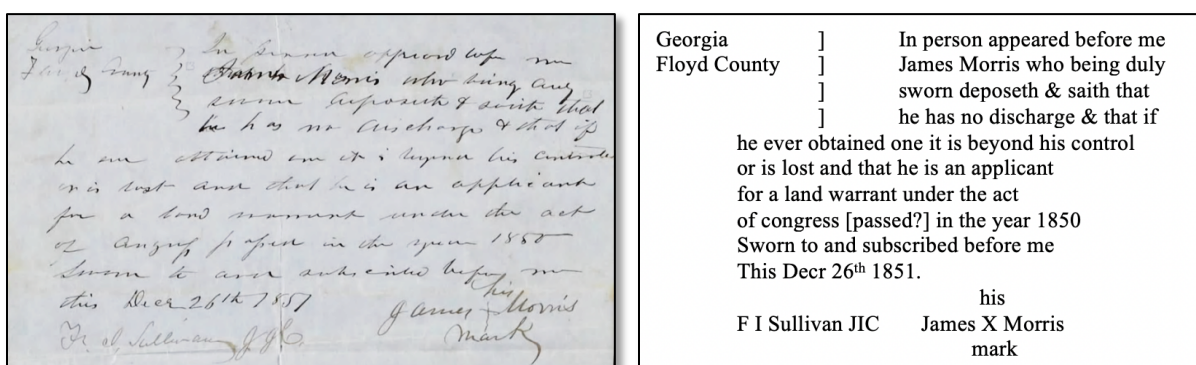
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The 1832 Georgia land lottery, the 1852 tax digest, debtor's oath, and lawsuits place James Morris who married Nancy Pearce in Floyd County, GA, where son Gad Morris lived.

WAR OF 1812 WIDOWS PENSION APPLICATION & BOUNTY LAND FILES

Nancy Pearce Morris' War of 1812 widow's pension and bounty land application, the associated land files, and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saint Temple records are gold mines of information for this family.

On 26 December 1851, James Morris told the court that he either had no discharge papers or they were lost and that he was an applicant for a bounty land warrant under the 1850 Act of Congress.²²⁷ As a reward for his service, he was given 80.24 acres of bounty land in Calhoun County, Alabama,²²⁸ and Nancy was awarded 80 acres in Missaukee County, Michigan.²²⁹



26 Dec. 1851, Testimony of James Morris re Discharge and Bounty Land Warrant Application

Testimony of James Morris, 1851, p. 49; Nancy Morris, Declaration of Widow for Pension (Act of Feb. 14, 1871), service of James Morris (Pvt., Capt. David Gillespie's Co., Booth's 4th Georgia Militia, War of 1812), bounty land warrant file WO 10661 and WC 6939 (Act of 1855, 80 acres); "War of 1812 Pension Files, *Fold3.com* (accessed 20 Dec. 2019), p. 24 > Georgia > M > Morris > 2nd James Morris; citing Case Files of Pension and Bounty Land Applications Based on Service between 1812 and 1855; Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Application Files, ca. 1871-1900; Record Group 15: Records of the Department of Veterans Affairs; NARA, Washington, D.C.

On 12 July 1852, James sold this Alabama land to Dennis Hills of Floyd County, Georgia, and acknowledged the sale on 16 July 1852. On 17 August 1853, Dennis Hills, who was also the Floyd County, Georgia Clerk of Court,²³⁰ sold this same land to John Phillips, the same man named in the land patent.²³¹

²²⁷ Testimony of James Morris, 1851, p. 49; Nancy Morris, Declaration of Widow for Pension (Act of Feb. 14, 1871), service of James Morris (Pvt., Capt. David Gillespie's Co., Booth's 4th Ga. Militia, War of 1812), bounty land warrant file WO 10661 and WC 6939 (Act of 1855, 80 acres); "War of 1812 Pension Files, *Fold3.com* (accessed 20 Dec. 2019) > Georgia > M > Morris > 2nd James Morris.

²²⁸ Bureau of Land Management, "Land Patent Search," database and digital images, *General Land Office Records* (<http://www.glorecord.blm.gov/PatentSearch> : accessed 9 Sept 2020, James Morris (Calhoun Co., Ala.), document no. 27672, issued 1 Aug. 1854.

²²⁹ *Ibid.*, James Morris (Missaukee County, Michigan), document no. 48571, assigned to Samuel Medbury by Nancy Morris.

²³⁰ Floyd County, Ga., "Civil Minutes, 1840-1901," images, *FamilySearch.org* (accessed 19 Feb. 2021), FHL film 008152165, Case file No. 124, James Morris vs. George Lumpkin, Action of Debt, 13 May 1846, pp. 295-296.

²³¹ Deed from James Morris to Dennis Hills of Floyd Co., Ga., 12 July 1852, and Deed from Dennis Hills to John Phillips 17 August 1853; James Morris (Pvt., Capt. David Gillespie's Co., Booth's 4th Ga. Militia, War of 1812),

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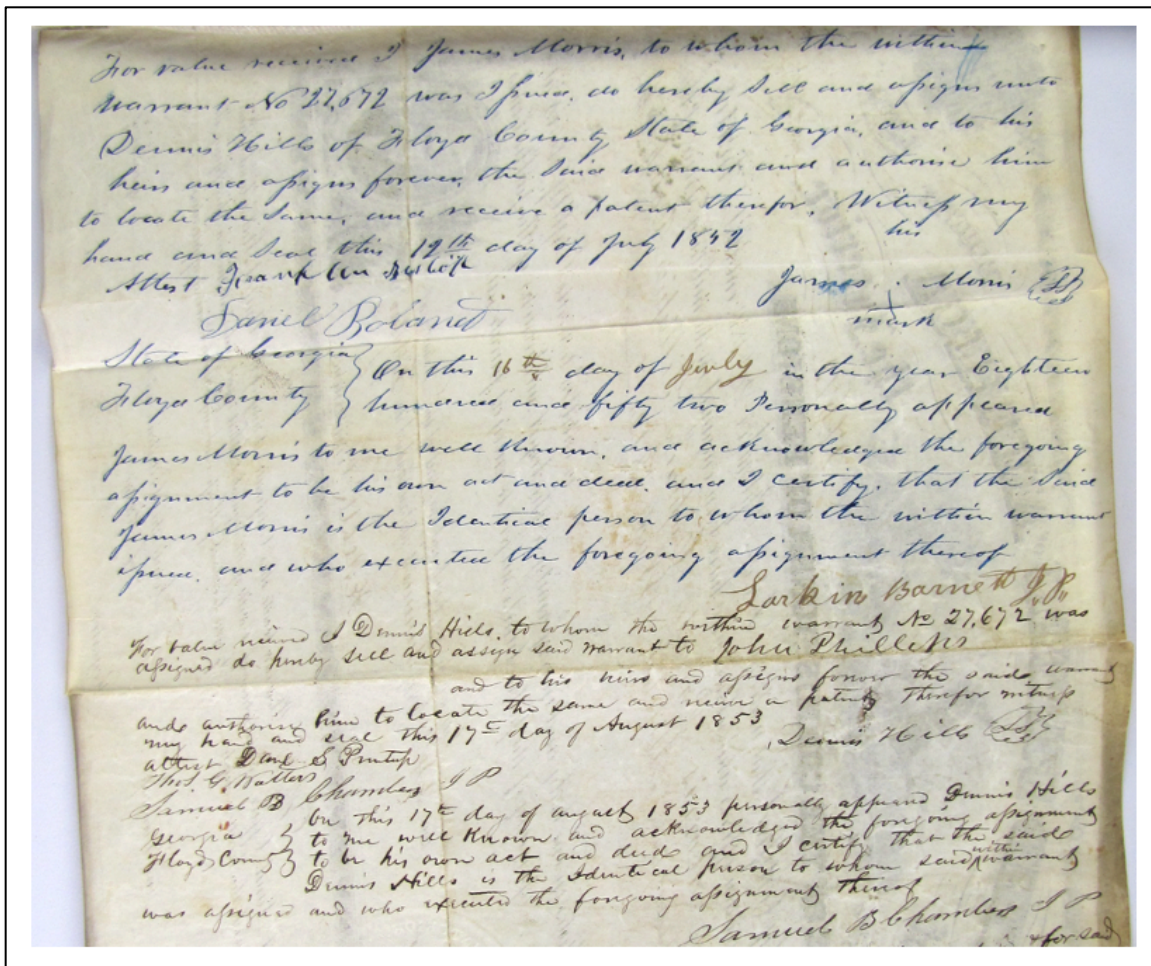
To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting:

Whereas, In pursuance of the Act of Congress, approved September 28th, 1850, entitled "An Act granting Bounty Land to certain Officers and Soldiers who have been engaged in the Military Service of the United States," Warrant No. 27672 for 80 acres, issued in favor of James Morris, Private in Captain Gillespie's Company, Georgia Militia War 1812.

Land Patent Awarded or War of 1812 Service

Bureau of Land Management, "Land Patent Search," database and digital images, *General Land Office Records* (<http://www.glorecord.blm.gov/PatentSearch> : accessed 9 Sept 2020, James Morris (Calhoun County, Alabama), document no. 27672.

bounty land warrant file 27672 (Act of 1855, 80 acres); Case Files of Pension and Bounty Land Applications Based on Service between 1812 and 1855; Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Application Files, 1800-1960; RG 15: Records of the Department of Veterans Affairs; NARA, Washington, D.C.



Deeds Related to the Sale of the James Morris Bounty Land in Calhoun County, Alabama

Deed from James Morris to Dennis Hills of Floyd County, Georgia, 12 July 1852, and Deed from Dennis Hills to John Phillips 17 August 1853; James Morris (Pvt., Capt. David Gillespie's Co., Booth's 4th Georgia Militia, War of 1812), bounty land warrant file 27672 (Act of 1855, 80 acres); Case Files of Pension and Bounty Land Applications Based on Service between 1812 and 1855; Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Application Files, 1800-1960; Record Group 15: Records of the Department of Veterans Affairs; NARA, Washington, D.C.

Nancy's widow's pension application provided names and birth order of some children, names of extended family, and associates in addition to timelines for events that happened in her life. Tempy Reeves,²³² Susan F.

²³² Testimony of Tempy Reeves, 1876, p. 92; Nancy Morris, Declaration of Widow for Pension (Act of Feb. 14, 1871), service of James Morris (Pvt., Capt. David Gillespie's Co., Booth's 4th Ga. Militia, War of 1812), bounty land warrant file WO 10661 and WC 6939 (Act of 1855, 80 acres); "War of 1812 Pension Files, *Fold3.com* (accessed 20 Dec. 2019) > Georgia > M > Morris > 2nd James Morris.

[Lewis] Torrance,²³³ Lovick,²³⁴ Jane,²³⁵ and Rebecca²³⁶ were identified as children. Sion's relationship in the application was not provided.²³⁷ Jane also was named as a daughter in the Temple records.²³⁸ Daughter Rebecca was identified as a "relative."²³⁹

Children & Other Family Named in the War of 1812 Pension & Bounty Land Warrants Application
(Children are highlighted.)

Name	Relationship to Nancy Pearce & James Morris
Tempy Reeves	Daughter ²⁴⁰
Susan F. Torrance	Daughter ²⁴¹
Lovick Morris	Son ²⁴²
Jane Morris	Daughter ²⁴³
Rebecca Morris	Daughter ²⁴⁴

²³³ Ibid. Testimony of Susan F. Torrance, 13 April 1877, p. 104.

²³⁴ 1880 U.S. census, Polk Co., Ga., pop. sched., 1075 G.M. Dist., Cedartown, enum. dist. (ED) 169, p. 262 (stamped), p. 30 (penned), dwell. 241, fam. 241, Lovick Morris household, images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 31 Jan. 2021); citing NARA microfilm pub. T9, 161.

²³⁵ Testimonies of John C. Adams and Nancy [Pearce] Adams, 1876, pp. 29, 37; Nancy Morris, Declaration of Widow for Pension (Act of Feb. 14, 1871), service of James Morris (Pvt., Capt. David Gillespie's Co., Booth's 4th Georgia Militia, War of 1812), bounty land warrant file WO 10661 and WC 6939 (Act of 1855, 80 acres); "War of 1812 Pension Files, *Fold3.com* (accessed 20 Dec. 2019) > Georgia > M > Morris > 2nd James Morris.

²³⁶ Ibid., pp 29-31.

²³⁷ Ibid. Testimony of Sion Morris, 19 April 1877, pp. 107-108.

²³⁸ The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (LDS), (Salt Lake City, Utah), "Baptisms for the Dead, 1877-1944; heir indexes 1877-1956," vol. N, Dec 1878-Feb.1882, November 1881, pp. 90-91, George Lumpkin Morris' family proxies, St. George, Utah Temple; FHL film 0170853, Family History Library, Salt Lake City.

²³⁹ Ibid.

²⁴⁰ Testimony of Tempy Reeves, 1876, p. 92; Nancy Morris, Declaration of Widow for Pension (Act of Feb. 14, 1871), service of James Morris (Pvt., Capt. David Gillespie's Co., Booth's 4th Georgia Militia, War of 1812), bounty land warrant file WO 10661 and WC 6939 (Act of 1855, 80 acres); "War of 1812 Pension Files, *Fold3.com* (accessed 20 Dec. 2019) > Georgia > M > Morris > 2nd James Morris.

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²⁴⁴ Ibid., Testimonies of John C. Adams and Nancy [Pearce] Adams, 1876, pp 29, 31.

Sion Morris	Unidentified; this is the same son as identified in the Temple record ²⁴⁵
Gadwell Pearce, [Jr.]	Nancy Pearce's brother ²⁴⁶
Elizabeth Pearce	Gadwell, [Jr.]'s wife ²⁴⁷
Edmond Pearce	Nancy Pearce Morris' cousin ²⁴⁸
Sarah Pearce	Wife of Edmond Pearce ²⁴⁹
Nancy Pearce Adams	Nancy's niece, daughter of Nancy's brother Gadwell [Jr.] ²⁵⁰
John C. Adams	Husband of Nancy Pearce Adams ²⁵¹
G. [George] C. Greene	Husband of Cynthia Reeves, Tempy Morris Reeves' daughter ²⁵²

²⁴⁵ The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (LDS), (Salt Lake City, Utah), "Baptisms for the Dead, 1877-1944; heir indexes 1877-1956," vol. N, Dec 1878-Feb.1882, November 1881, pp. 66-67, George Lumpkin Morris' family proxies, St. George, Utah Temple; FHL film 0170853, Family History Library, Salt Lake City.

²⁴⁶ Gadwell Pearce testimony, 1858, p. 99; Nancy Morris, Declaration of Widow for Pension (Act of Feb. 14, 1871), service of James Morris (Pvt., Capt. David Gillespie's Co., Booth's 4th Georgia Militia, War of 1812), bounty land warrant file WO 10661 and WC 6939 (Act of 1855, 80 acres); "War of 1812 Pension Files, *Fold3.com* (accessed 20 Dec. 2019) > Georgia > M > Morris > 2nd James Morris.

²⁴⁷ 1850 U.S. census, Randolph Co., Ala., pop. sched., p. 606 (penned), p. 303 (stamped), dwell. 318, fam. 318, Gadwell Pearce household, images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 3 Nov. 2019); citing NARA microfilm pub. M432 roll 14. Elizabeth Blankenship married Gadwell Pearce.

Also, "Georgia, Marriage Records from Select Counties, 1828-1978," images, *Ancestry.com*, (accessed 24 Jan. 2021) Gadwell Pearce and Betsy [mis-transcribed as Bessy] Blankenship, 3 May 1810, p. 62, image 88/323; citing Jackson Co. Marriages, Books A, B, C, 1805-1861; Court of Ordinary, Jefferson.

²⁴⁸ Testimony of Edmund Pearce, 27 Dec. 1876, p. 33; Nancy Morris, Declaration of Widow for Pension (Act of Feb. 14, 1871), service of James Morris (Pvt., Capt. David Gillespie's Co., Booth's 4th Georgia Militia, War of 1812), bounty land warrant file WO 10661 and WC 6939 (Act of 1855, 80 acres); "War of 1812 Pension Files, *Fold3.com* (accessed 20 Dec. 2019) > Georgia > M > Morris > 2nd James Morris.

²⁴⁹ 1860 U.S. census, Calhoun Co., Ala., pop. sched., Township 16, Range 10, p. 118 (penned), dwell. 835, fam. 836, Edman Pierce household; citing NARA microfilm pub. M653, roll 4.

Also, Mary E. Pearce, Declaration of Widow for Pension (Act of Feb. 14, 1871), service of Edmund Pearce (Pvt., Capt. Wilson McKinney's Co., Ga. Militia, War of 1812), bounty land warrant file bounty land warrant file SO 27337 and SC 17969, WO 43974 (Act of 1855, 80 acres); "War of 1812 Pension Files, *Fold3.com* (accessed 20 Jan. 2021) > Georgia > P > Pearce > Edmund Pearce.

²⁵⁰ Testimony of Nancy Adams, 29 Dec. 1876, p. 31; Nancy Morris, Declaration of Widow for Pension (Act of Feb. 14, 1871), service of James Morris (Pvt., Capt. David Gillespie's Co., Booth's 4th Georgia Militia, War of 1812), bounty land warrant file WO 10661 and WC 6939 (Act of 1855, 80 acres); "War of 1812 Pension Files, *Fold3.com* (accessed 20 Dec. 2019) > Georgia > M > Morris > 2nd James Morris.

²⁵¹ Ibid. Testimonies of John C. Adams and Nancy [Pearce] Adams, 1876, pp. 29-31.

²⁵² "Georgia Marriage Records from Select Counties, 1828-1978," images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 24 Jan. 2021), George C. Green and Cynthia A. Reeves [mis-transcribed as Curthin A. Bowers], 3 May 1810, n.p., image 39/167; citing Polk Co., Record of Marriages, Book A, 1862-1880 1884, 1888, Court of Ordinary, Cedartown.

Information in this pension file places James Morris and Nancy Pearce in early Floyd County, Georgia, and Calhoun County, Alabama, where other children Annie,²⁵⁵ William Jackson Morris,²⁵⁶ and Rebecca Morris Lane²⁵⁷ were married and where Annie remained for years.

GADWELL “GAD” MORRIS

BACKGROUND

Gad Morris descendants report that a professional genealogist conducted a mid-20th century genealogical research project to crumble their brick wall and identify Gad’s correct parents.²⁵⁸ This research conclusion asserted that Gad’s parents were James Morris who married Lucy Parham in Elbert County, Georgia, 8 September 1811.²⁵⁹ Some descendants also claim James Morris who married Harriet Beall in Franklin County, Georgia, 8 May 182[8?].²⁶⁰ An explanation for the perpetuation of Gad’s Franklin County, Georgia, birthplace might stem from research during this project and partially could be due to the fact that Franklin

²⁵³ Official Certificate in regard to Witnesses, Edmund Doig, p. 88, Nancy Morris, Declaration of Widow for Pension (Act of Feb. 14, 1871), service of James Morris (Pvt., Capt. David Gillespie’s Co., Booth’s 4th Georgia Militia, War of 1812), bounty land warrant file WO 10661 and WC 6939 (Act of 1855, 80 acres); “War of 1812 Pension Files, *Fold3.com* (accessed 20 Dec. 2019) > Georgia > M > Morris > 2nd James Morris.

²⁵⁴ Edmund Doig was married in Floyd Co., Ga., “Georgia Marriage Records from Select Counties, 1828-1978,” images, *Ancestry.com*, (accessed 24 Jan. 2021), Edmond Doig and Martha Landers, 25 Nov. 1847, p. 165, image 107/113; citing Floyd Co., Record of Marriages, Book A, 1834-1848, Court of Ordinary, Rome.

²⁵⁵ “Alabama, County Marriage Records, 1805-1967,” images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 16 June 2020); Jacob D. Pruitt and Anny G. Morris, 16 Feb. 1843, p. 259, image 176/184; citing Calhoun Co. Marriages, 1832-1852, Courthouse, Anniston.

²⁵⁶ “Ibid., Wm. J. Morris and Jane Snider, 5 Aug. 1841, p. 216, image149/184.

²⁵⁷ “Ibid., Jno Lane and Rebecca Morris, 21 Sept. 1843, p. 194, image181/184.

²⁵⁸ Morris Family Traditions, regarding parentage of Gad Morris, abt. 1830-bet. 1870-1880, Glenna Clonts, compiler (Morris Genealogical Files, privately held by Clonts, [Address for private use,] Thatcher, Arizona); as reported by Glenna Clonts, 2xGG daughter of Gad Morris, and told to Yvonne Mashburn Schmidt, CG®, via a phone conversation August 2015, at the beginning of this research project.

²⁵⁹ Ibid.

Also, “Elbert County Records, 1790-2002” images, *FamilySearch.org* (accessed 28 April 2020); FHL film 004966920, James Morris to Lucy Parham, 8 Sept. 1811, image 382/538; Elbert Co. Ga. Vital records, Marriages box M1, 1809-1812, specifically 1811, Probate Court, Elberton. No research report or supporting evidence for this family story or kinship is available.

²⁶⁰ Harriet Morris, Declaration of Widow for Pension (Act of Feb. 14, 1871), service of James Morris (Pvt., Capt. Benjamin Cleveland’s Co., Ga. Volunteers, War of 1812), bounty land warrant file WO 38605 and WC 28938 (Act of 1855, 80 acres); “War of 1812 Pension Files, *Fold3.com* (accessed 20 Dec. 2019) > Georgia > M > Morris > 1st James Morris, p. 5.

Also, Kathleen Martin and Olive Conder, *The Family of Gad Morris & Elizabeth Wansley*, e-book, (no location: self-published, n.d.); *FamilySearch Digital Library*, *FamilySearch.org* (accessed 10 March 2016), 21.

and Jackson Counties, Georgia shared county land area and boundaries several times between 1796 and 1856.²⁶¹ Reasons for undertaking research in Franklin County are unknown.

Latter-Day Saint Pioneer²⁶² Gad Morris was born about 1826-1830.²⁶³ His father James was named in an 1881 The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saint Baptism for the Dead Temple Ordinance record; his wife was not identified by kinship in this record.²⁶⁴ Gad married Elizabeth Wansley in Floyd County, Georgia, 8 June 1852.²⁶⁵ Wanslee [sic] family members also are found in these Temple records.²⁶⁶ Even though wife Elizabeth's family was found in Gordon County, Georgia, no record found places Gad there.²⁶⁷ Important to note is that Floyd County lost land to the creation of Gordon County on 13 Feb. 1850.²⁶⁸ This county boundary change could have caused confusion among family during that time. It is not uncommon to find Georgia ancestral families in different adjacent counties between census records. These varying counties of residence might not happen because these families relocated; this seeming "relocation" could be because the county boundaries changed around them.²⁶⁹

²⁶¹ The Newberry Library, "Atlas of Historical County Boundaries," database online, *Newberry.org* (accessed 11 Jan. 2020) > Genealogy and Local History > Atlas of Historical County Boundaries > State Data > select "Georgia" on map > View Index of Counties and Equivalents > scroll to Franklin County.

²⁶² Boyle, H.G., "Correspondence, Baptisms-Emigration, Kimball, Basque County, Texas, April 6, 1877," *The Deseret News* (Salt Lake City, Utah), 2 May 1877; images, *Newspapers.com* (accessed 8 July 2019); citing print edition, p. 10, col. 3.

²⁶³ 1840 U.S. census, Benton Co., Ala., pop. sched., p. 34 (penned), James Morris, images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 1 Jan 2020); citing NARA microfilm pub. M704, roll 3.

²⁶⁴ The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (LDS), (Salt Lake City, Utah), "Baptisms for the Dead, 1877-1944; heir indexes 1877-1956," vol. N, Dec 1878-Feb.1882, November 1881, pp. 66-67, George Lumpkin Morris' family proxies, St. George, Utah Temple; FHL film 0170853, Family History Library, Salt Lake City.

²⁶⁵ "Georgia, Marriage Records for Select Counties, 1828-1978," images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 21 Jan. 2020), Gad Morris and Elizabeth Wansley, 8 June 1852, p. 6, image 34/276; citing Floyd Co. Marriages, Book A, 1852-1873, no. 11, Court of Ordinary, Rome.

²⁶⁶ The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (LDS), (Salt Lake City, Utah), "Baptisms for the Dead, 1877-1944; heir indexes 1877-1956," vol. N, Dec 1878-Feb.1882, November 1881, pp. 66-67 and 90-91, George Lumpkin Morris' family proxies, St. George, Utah Temple; FHL film 0170853, Family History Library, Salt Lake City.

²⁶⁷ 1850 U.S. census, Gordon Co., Ga., pop sched., Division 12, p. 29 (penned), p. 14A (stamped), dwell. 58, fam. 59, N.W. Wanslee household, images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 28 February 2016); citing NARA microfilm pub. M432, roll 71. Gad cannot be located in the 1850 census records.

²⁶⁸ The Newberry Library, "Atlas of Historical County Boundaries," database online, *Newberry.org* (accessed 11 Jan. 2020) > Genealogy and Local History > Atlas of Historical County Boundaries > State Data > select "Georgia" on map > View Index of Counties and Equivalents > scroll to Floyd County.

²⁶⁹ *Ibid.*

GAD'S NAME

At some point in time, Gad's name morphed into *James Gadison*.²⁷⁰ No evidence indicates his name was James. The *Gadison* name can be corrected by an 1852, Ware's District, Floyd County, Georgia, tax digest entry for *Gadwell*, not *Gadison*, Morris.²⁷¹

REAL ESTATE.									
LANDS, including improvements thereon, mills, machinery, toll-bridges and ferries.									
No. 924. DISTRICT,	Georgia Militia.	Aggregate value of Land.	County where the Land lies.	District.	Number.	Number of Acres of Pine Land.	Number of Acres, 3d Quality.	Number of Acres, 2d Quality.	Number of Acres, 1st Quality.
NAMES.	Professions.	Free persons of colour.	Negroes, nominally slaves.	Daguerrean Artists.	Dentists.	Professions.	Slaves permitted to hire their time.	Number of Persons subject to Military Duty.	
Gadwell Morris								1	80

1852 Ware's District, Floyd County, Georgia, Tax Digest for Gadwell Morris

Georgia Property Tax Digests 1793-1892," images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 11 June 2019), Gadwell Morris, image 45/122; citing 1852 Ware's District 924, Floyd Co., Ga. Tax Digest, Ga. Archives, Morrow.

Gad was the namesake of his maternal grandfather, Gadwell Pearce who is named in Nancy Pearce Morris's War of 1812 widow's pension application.²⁷²

The failure to research to standards, particularly in-depth analyses of information in records and thorough research in geographic areas where these families were found, was costly. Ultimately, Gad Morris' name and the wrong parents were claimed and perpetuated, requiring generations of misinformation be corrected.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS TEMPLE ORDINANCE RECORDS

The authors of *The Family of Gad Morris & Elizabeth Wansley* delved into the Temple records and addressed both sets of these incorrectly-claimed parents also noting that James Morris's wife's name was not found in Temple ordinance records created at the time the Morris families were at the St. George, Utah, Temple.²⁷³ These authors suggested that the Temple record that reflects Lucy Parham's name was submitted by a patron

²⁷⁰ Arizona Gravestones Photo Project (<https://arizonagravestones.org/> : accessed 22 Jan. 2020) > search gravestones for Gad Morris > James Gadison Morris (1830-1878) cenotaph, Sunset Pioneer City (Navajo Co., Ariz., photographed by Ken Evans, n.d., uploaded by M. Jarvis, 19 Jan. 2006.

²⁷¹ Georgia Property Tax Digests 1793-1892," images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 11 June 2019), Gadwell Morris, image 45/122; citing 1852 Ware's Dist. 924, Floyd Co., Ga. Tax Digest, Ga. Archives, Morrow.

²⁷² Testimony of Nancy Morris, 3 Sept. 1877, p. 18; Nancy Morris, Declaration of Widow for Pension (Act of Feb. 14, 1871), service of James Morris (Pvt., Capt. David Gillespie's Co., Booth's 4th Georgia Militia, War of 1812), bounty land warrant file WO 10661 and WC 6939 (Act of 1855, 80 acres); "War of 1812 Pension Files, *Fold3.com* (accessed 20 Dec. 2019) > Georgia > M > Morris > 2nd James Morris.

²⁷³ Kathleen Martin and Olive Conder, *The Family of Gad Morris & Elizabeth Wansley*, e-book, (no location : self-published, n.d.); *Family Search Digital Library*, *FamilySearch.org* (accessed 10 March 2016), 19.

or family member of later generations.²⁷⁴ The Temple Index Bureau card that reflects Lucy's name does appear to have been amended to reflect that Lucy and her James were Gad's parents; the typeface for the George L. Morris information on the card appears to be darker and bolder than the original and could have been added to the card at a later date and submitted to the Temple.²⁷⁵ No Church guidelines would have prevented this submission/addition. Evidence does not support this parentage.

pC INDEX CARD TO		St. George	TEMPLE RECORDS	
No.	No.	12068	Book	E Page 71
Name in full	M	Morris- Gad		
When born		1830		
Where born		Alabama		
When died		21 Mar. 1878		
Father		James Morris (1294)		
Mother		Lucy Parham		
When Married		6 Jan. 1852	to	Elizabeth Wanslee
Children				
Heir		George L. Morris	Rel.	Son
When baptized		1877	When endowed	10 Nov. 1881
When sealed	Husband	11 Nov. 1881	To	Parents
Remarks				

The Temple Index Bureau Card Naming Parents of Gad Morris¹

"Gad Morris Temple Index Bureau Card," undated, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Special Collections, Family History Library, Salt Lake City, Utah; Glenna Clonts 2x great granddaughter of Gad Morris (Morris Genealogical Files, privately held by Clonts, [Address for private use,] Thatcher, Arizona); regarding parentage of Gad Morris, ca. 1830-bet. 1870-1880, 2020.

²⁷⁴ Ibid.

²⁷⁵ "Gad Morris Temple Index Bureau Card," undated, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Special Collections, Family History Library, Salt Lake City, Utah; Glenna Clonts 2xGGGranddaughter of Gad Morris (Morris Genealogical Files, privately held by Clonts, [Address for private use,] Thatcher, Arizona); regarding parentage of Gad Morris, ca. 1830-bet. 1870-1880, 2020.

The Gad Morris family probably moved westward from Floyd County, Georgia, sometime around or after 1866.²⁷⁶ In 1881²⁷⁷ after Gad's reported 1878 death,²⁷⁸ his children George Lumpkin Morris,²⁷⁹ Samuel Morris,²⁸⁰ Mary Josephine Morris Foster,²⁸¹ and members of their families traveled from the Arizona territory²⁸² to the St. George, Utah, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints' Temple to perform sacred Temple ordinances for family members and others they believed to be deceased.²⁸³ George Lumpkin Morris

²⁷⁶ Floyd Co., Ga., "1866 Assessment of Taxes on Real Estate," n.p. Gad Morris entry; Records Detention Center, 600 Riverside Parkway, NE, Rome, Ga, 30161; Morris Family files, Morris Pearce Project, Mashburn Schmidt Research Files; privately held by Yvonne Mashburn Schmidt. This volume of tax records was held on the top shelf, sealed in a plastic bag in a non-climate-controlled warehouse and was in extremely poor condition, with pages torn from binding and some page sections disintegrating upon touch. This list of taxed pertinent family was compiled by Glenna Clonts and Yvonne Mashburn Schmidt, CG, 17 July 2017.

Also, 1880 U.S. census, Apache Co., Ariz., pop. sched., Snowflake, enum. dist. (E.D.) 37, p. 14B (penned), dwell. 130, fam. 137, Elizabeth Morris household, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 1 Apr. 2016); citing NARA microfilm pub. T9, roll 36.

²⁷⁷ The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (LDS), (Salt Lake City, Utah), "Baptisms for the Dead, 1877-1944; heir indexes 1877-1956," vol. N, Dec 1878-Feb.1882, November 1881, pp. 66-67 and 90-91, George Lumpkin Morris' family proxies, St. George, Utah Temple; FHL film 0170853, Family History Library, Salt Lake City.

²⁷⁸ *Ancestry*, Find A Grave, image, *FindAGrave.com* (accessed 27 June 2020), memorial 5882362, Pvt. Gadwell "Gad" Morris (1830-1878), Sunset Cemetery, Winslow, Navajo Co., Ariz.; gravestone photograph by Ken Evans, II.

Also, 1880 U.S. census, Apache Co., Ariz., pop. sched., Snowflake, enum. dist. (E.D.) 37, p. 14B (penned), dwell. 130, fam. 137, Elizabeth Morris household, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 1 Apr. 2016); citing NARA microfilm pub. T9, roll 36. No evidence yet found has proven the exact death date. The gravestone was erected much later that Gad's death.

²⁷⁹ "Arizona, Death Records, 1887-1960," images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 1 April 2018), certificate image, George L. Morris, 15 Jan. 1921, Graham Co., Ariz., Health Officers Record Number 3; imaged from Death Records, Graham Co., Ariz., 1920-1929, Department of Health Services, Phoenix.

²⁸⁰ 1880 U.S. census, Apache Co., Ariz., pop. sched., Snowflake, enum. dist. (E.D.) 37, p. 14B (penned), dwell. 130, fam. 137, Elizabeth Morris household, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 1 Apr. 2016); citing NARA microfilm pub. T9, roll 36.

²⁸¹ "Utah Death and Military Certificates, 1904-1964," images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 14 Jan. 2019), certificate image, Mary Josephine Foster, 24 Sept. 1942, Ogden, Utah, Health Officer's Record Number 490-D, image 137/1707; imaged from Weber Co., Utah, Death Deaths, 1942, Department of Health, Office of Vital Records and Statistics, Utah State Archives, Salt Lake City. Mary Josephine Morris married Charles Allen Foster.

²⁸² 1880 U.S. census, Apache Co., Ariz., pop. sched., Snowflake, enum. dist. (E.D.) 37, p. 14B (penned), dwell. 130, fam. 137, Elizabeth Morris household, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 1 Apr. 2016); citing NARA microfilm pub. T9, roll 36.

²⁸³ The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (LDS), (Salt Lake City, Utah), "Baptisms for the Dead, 1877-1944; heir indexes 1877-1956," vol. N, Dec 1878-Feb.1882, November 1881, pp. 66-67 and 90-91, George Lumpkin Morris' family proxies, St. George, Utah Temple; FHL film 0170853, Family History Library, Salt Lake City.

and his brother Samuel were proxies for the Morris male family members, extended family, and associates.²⁸⁴ Their sister Mary Josephine Morris Foster²⁸⁵ was the proxy for the females.²⁸⁶

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**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, St. George, Utah, Temple Baptism Records,
November 1881, for the Gad Morris Family – Males**

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (LDS), (Salt Lake City, Utah), "Baptisms for the Dead, 1877-1944; heir indexes 1877-1956," vol. N, Dec 1878-Feb.1882, November 1881, pp. 66-67, George Lumpkin Morris' family proxies, St. George, Utah Temple; FHL film 0170853, Family History Library, Salt Lake City.

²⁸⁴ The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (LDS), (Salt Lake City, Utah), "Baptisms for the Dead, 1877-1944; heir indexes 1877-1956," vol. N, Dec 1878-Feb.1882, November 1881, pp. 66-67, George Lumpkin Morris' family proxies, St. George, Utah Temple; FHL film 0170853, Family History Library, Salt Lake City.

²⁸⁵ "Utah Death and Military Certificates, 1904-1964," images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 14 Jan. 2019), certificate image, Mary Josephine Foster, 24 Sept. 1942, Ogden, Utah, Health Officer's Record Number 490-D, image 137/1707; imaged from Weber Co., Utah Deaths, 1942, Department of Health, Office of Vital Records and Statistics, Utah State Archives, Salt Lake City.

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George Lumpkin Morris	[William] Jackson Morris	Nephew	Born in Miss.	Son
George Lumpkin Morris	Thomas Reeves [Tempy's husband]	Nephew-in-law	"	Son-in-law ²⁸⁸
Samuel Morris	Henderson Reeves	Cousin	Born in Ga.	Grandson ²⁸⁹
Samuel Morris (for Nathan Whiting [sic] Wanslee)	Jacob Leazer	Bro-in-law to Nathan	Born in Va.	None
Mary Josephine Morris Foster	Jane Morris 1 st	Niece	Born in U.S.	Daughter ²⁹⁰
Mary Josephine Morris Foster	Jane Morris 2 nd	Niece	"	Likely Jane Snider, wife of William Jackson Morris ²⁹¹
Mary Josephine Morris Foster	Rebecca Morris	Relative	"	Daughter ²⁹²
Mary Josephine Morris Foster	Nancy Morris 1 st	Relative	"	Possibly Nancy Pearce
Mary Josephine Morris Foster	Nancy Morris 2 nd	Relative	"	Unidentified

²⁸⁸ Tempy testified she was the third child of Nancy Pearce Morris. Testimony of Tempy Reeves, 1876, p. 92; Nancy Morris, Declaration of Widow for Pension (Act of Feb. 14, 1871), service of James Morris (Pvt., Capt. David Gillespie's Co., Booth's 4th Georgia Militia, War of 1812), bounty land warrant file WO 10661 and WC 6939 (Act of 1855, 80 acres); "War of 1812 Pension Files, *Fold3.com* (accessed 20 Dec. 2019) > Georgia > M > Morris > 2nd James Morris.

Also, 1860 U.S. census, Floyd Co., Ga., pop. sched., Barkers Dist., p. 104 (penned) dwell. 694, Thomas Reeves household; images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 10 June 2016); citing NARA microfilm pub. M 653, n.r.

²⁸⁹ 1860 U.S. census, Floyd Co., Ga., pop. sched., Barkers Dist., p. 104 (penned), dwell. 694, Thomas Reeves household; images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 10 June 2016); citing NARA microfilm pub. M 653, n.r.

Also, Henderson Reeves was the son of Tempy Morris and Thomas Reeves and is named in the Temple record. See The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (LDS), (Salt Lake City, Utah), "Baptisms for the Dead, 1877-1944; heir indexes 1877-1956," vol. N, Dec 1878-Feb.1882, November 1881, pp. 90-91, George Lumpkin Morris' family proxies, St. George, Utah Temple, FHL film 0170853, Family History Library, Salt Lake City.

²⁹⁰ Testimonies of John C. Adams and Nancy [Pearce] Adams, 1876, pp. 29, 37; Nancy Morris, Declaration of Widow for Pension (Act of Feb. 14, 1871), service of James Morris (Pvt., Capt. David Gillespie's Co., Booth's 4th Georgia Militia, War of 1812), bounty land warrant file WO 10661 and WC 6939 (Act of 1855, 80 acres); "War of 1812 Pension Files, *Fold3.com* (accessed 20 Dec. 2019) > Georgia > M > Morris > 2nd James Morris.

²⁹¹ "Alabama, County Marriage Records, 1805-1967," images, *Ancestry.com*, (accessed 25 Jan. 2021), W^m. J. Morris and Jane Snider, 5 Aug. 1841, p. 216, image149/184; citing Calhoun Co. Marriages, 1832-1852, Courthouse, Anniston.

Also, Jane Snider probably died prior to William Jackson's second marriage to Sarah Elizabeth Lane on 21 March 1860. See Testimony of Sarah Elizabeth Morris, image 262/343; "Alabama, Texas, and Virginia, Confederate Pensions, 1884-1958," images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 10 June 2019), Widow's Pension Claim, 14 Jan 1913[?], Sarah Elizabeth Morris, widow of W.J. "Jack" Morris "Co. A, 19th Miss. Cavalry. Vols.," app. no. 26404; citing Confederate Pension Applications, 1880-1940, ADAH, Montgomery.

²⁹² Testimony of John C. Adams, and Nancy [Pearce] Adams, 1876, pp. 29, 31; Nancy Morris, Declaration of Widow for Pension (Act of Feb. 14, 1871), service of James Morris (Pvt., Capt. David Gillespie's Co., Booth's 4th Georgia Militia, War of 1812), bounty land warrant file WO 10661 and WC 6939 (Act of 1855, 80 acres); "War of 1812 Pension Files, *Fold3.com* (accessed 20 Dec. 2019) > Georgia > M > Morris > 2nd James Morris.

Mary Josephine Morris Foster	Emily Morris	Relative	"	Likely wife of Sion Morris ²⁹³
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Close examination and analysis of information contained in these Temple records, including the Baptism card above, and follow-up research for each family member and associate were crucial to this project's success. These records provide names, kinships, and clues. Evidence proves that Gad (ca. 1830, probably Jackson or Fayette County, Georgia – bet. 1870-1880,²⁹⁴ Arkansas or Arizona Territory) was the biological son of James Morris and Nancy Pearce who were married in Jackson County, Georgia.²⁹⁵

²⁹³ "Marriage Records, 1805-1911," images, *FamilySearch.org* (accessed 28 April 2020); FHL film 007726174, Sion Morris and Emily Beavers, 16 February 1855, p. 374, image 236/489; citing Noxubee Co., Miss. Marriages, Vol A, 1834-1870, Circuit Clerk Office, Macon.

²⁹⁴ The last year Gad was enumerated was 1870. See 1870 U.S. census, Prairie Co., Ark., pop. sched., White River Township, Des Arc, p. 8 (penned), dwell. 55, fam. 55, G. Morris; images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 10 April 2020); citing NARA microfilm pub. M593, roll 61.

Also, Wife Elizabeth Morris was enumerated as a widow in 1880. See 1880 U.S. census, Apache Co., Ariz., pop. sched., Snowflake, enum. dist. (E.D.) 37, p. 14B (penned), dwell. 130, fam. 137, Elizabeth Morris household, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 1 Apr. 2016); citing NARA microfilm pub. T9, roll 36.

Also, Jackson Co., Ga., was created from Franklin Co., 11 February 1796, Franklin Co. was Gad's reported birthplace. The county boundary line between Jackson and Franklin Counties was "redefined [no change] 25 December 1821. See The Newberry Library, "Atlas of Historical County Boundaries," database online, *Newberry.org* (accessed 11 Jan. 2020) > Genealogy and Local History > Atlas of Historical County Boundaries > State Data > select "Georgia" on map > View Index of Counties and Equivalents > scroll to Jackson County.

²⁹⁵ "Marriage Records, 1805-1911," images, *FamilySearch.org* (accessed 20 Dec. 2019); FHL film 005190908, James Moore [Morris] to Nancy Pearce, 22 Dec [no year], p. 0102, image 110/870; Jackson Co., Ga. Marriages, Books A, B, C, 1805-1861; Court of Ordinary, Jefferson.

BACKGROUND

William Jackson Morris likely was born about 9 May 1814,²⁹⁶ probably in Jackson County, Georgia.²⁹⁷ He first married in Calhoun County, Alabama, to Jane Snider 5 August 1841.²⁹⁸ This marriage took place during the same time as marriages of Annie²⁹⁹ and Rebecca Morris Lane,³⁰⁰ indicating that their parents or other family probably lived in the area. He later resided in Noxubee County, Mississippi,³⁰¹ where his father James Morris,³⁰² and siblings Sion Morris,³⁰³ and Rebecca Morris Lane³⁰⁴ also resided. In 1860, both William Jackson³⁰⁵ and Sion³⁰⁶ lived in Noxubee County as neighbors, along with M.L. Callaway, 2 doors from

²⁹⁶ Ancestry, Find A Grave, image, *FindAGrave.com* (accessed 23 Jan. 2021), memorial13421765, W.J. Morris (1816-1894), Morris Chapel Cemetery, Canton, Van Zandt Co., Tex.; gravestone photograph by David Strickland.

²⁹⁷ James and Nancy Morris probably resided in Jackson Co., Ga. in May 1814. Testimony of Nancy Morris, 1877, p. 18; Nancy Morris, Declaration of Widow for Pension (Act of Feb. 14, 1871), service of James Morris (Pvt., Capt. David Gillespie's Co., Booth's 4th Georgia Militia, War of 1812), bounty land warrant file WO 10661 and WC 6939 (Act of 1855, 80 acres); "War of 1812 Pension Files, *Fold3.com* (accessed 20 Dec. 2019) > Georgia > M > Morris > 2nd James Morris.

²⁹⁸ "Alabama, County Marriage Records, 1805-1967," images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 25 Jan. 2021), Wm. J. Morris and Jane Snider, 5 Aug. 1841, p. 216, image149/184; citing Calhoun Co. Marriages, 1832-1852, Courthouse, Anniston.

²⁹⁹ *Ibid.*, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 16 June 2020); Jacob D. Pruitt and Anny G. Morris, 16 Feb. 1843, p. 259, image 176/184.

³⁰⁰ *Ibid.*, *Ancestry.com*, (accessed 25 Jan. 2021), Jno Lane and Rebecca Morris, 21 Sept. 1843, p. 194, image181/184.

³⁰¹ 1860 U.S. census, Noxubee Co., Miss., pop. sched., Dist. 4, Summerville, p. 14 (penned), dwell. 896, fam. 872, W. J. Morris household, images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 25 May 2020); citing NARA microfilm pub. M653, roll 588.

³⁰² Testimony of M.L. Calloway [*sic*] and Sion Morris, 1877, p. 107; Nancy Morris, Declaration of Widow for Pension (Act of Feb. 14, 1871), service of James Morris (Pvt., Capt. David Gillespie's Co., Booth's 4th Georgia Militia, War of 1812), bounty land warrant file WO 10661 and WC 6939 (Act of 1855, 80 acres); "War of 1812 Pension Files, *Fold3.com* (accessed 20 Dec. 2019) > Georgia > M > Morris > 2nd James Morris.

³⁰³ *Ibid.*

³⁰⁴ 1850 U.S. census, Noxubee Co., Miss., pop. sched., p. 235 (stamped), p. 467 (penned), dwell. 655, fam. 655, John Lane household; images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 1 April 2015); citing NARA microfilm pub. M432, roll 379.

³⁰⁵ 1860 U.S. census, Noxubee Co., Miss., pop. sched., Dist. 4, Summerville, p. 14 (penned), dwell. 896, fam. 872, W. J. Morris household, images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 25 May 2020); citing NARA microfilm pub. M653, n.r.

³⁰⁶ *Ibid.*, p. 16 (penned) dwell. 913, family 888, S Morris household.

Sion.³⁰⁷ Sion and M. L. Callaway testified about James Morris' death for Nancy during her War of 1812 widow's pension application.³⁰⁸

THE TEMPLE RECORDS & A SAME-NAME IDENTITY

Was Jackson Morris, brother of Gad, in the Temple record the same man as DNA tester Stanley Dean Morris' ancestor *William* Jackson Morris? Minor conflicts are easily resolved.

Even though the Temple record provides his birthplace as Mississippi,³⁰⁹ he was not born in Mississippi; he did, however, *live* in Noxubee County, Mississippi.³¹⁰ Daughter Rebecca A. Morris Paasch provided his birthplace as Benton County, Alabama,³¹¹ which was later renamed Calhoun County³¹² where he first married.³¹³ All census records consistently provide his birthplace as Georgia.³¹⁴ At the time of his birth James

³⁰⁷ Ibid., p. 17 (penned), dwell. 915, family 889, M. L. Callaway household.

³⁰⁸ Testimony of M. L. Calloway [sic] and Sion Morris, 1877, p. 107; Nancy Morris, Declaration of Widow for Pension (Act of Feb. 14, 1871), service of James Morris (Pvt., Capt. David Gillespie's Co., Booth's 4th Georgia Militia, War of 1812), bounty land warrant file WO 10661 and WC 6939 (Act of 1855, 80 acres); "War of 1812 Pension Files, Fold3.com (accessed 20 Dec. 2019) > Georgia > M > Morris > 2nd James Morris.

³⁰⁹ The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (LDS), (Salt Lake City, Utah), "Baptisms for the Dead, 1877-1944; heir indexes 1877-1956," vol. N, Dec 1878-Feb. 1882, November 1881, pp. 66-67, George Lumpkin Morris' family proxies, St. George, Utah Temple; FHL film 0170853, Family History Library, Salt Lake City.

³¹⁰ 1860 U.S. census, Noxubee Co., Miss., pop. sched., Dist. 4, Summerville, p. 14 (penned), dwell. 896, fam. 872, W. J. Morris household, images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 25 May 2020); citing NARA microfilm pub. M653, n.r.

³¹¹ Testimony of Rebecca A. Paasch, image 266/343; "Alabama, Texas, and Virginia, Confederate Pensions, 1884-1958," images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 10 June 2019), Widow's Pension Claim, 14 Jan 1913[?], Sarah Elizabeth Morris, widow of W.J. "Jack" Morris "Co. A, 19th Miss. Cavalry. Vols.," app. no. 26404; citing Confederate Pension Applications, 1880-1940, ADAH, Montgomery.

³¹² The Newberry Library, "Atlas of Historical County Boundaries," database online, *Newberry.org* (accessed 11 Jan. 2020) > Genealogy and Local History > Atlas of Historical County Boundaries > State Data > select "Alabama" on map > View Index of Counties and Equivalents > scroll to Calhoun County.

³¹³ "Alabama, County Marriage Records, 1805-1967," images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 25 Jan. 2021), Wm. J. Morris and Jane Snider, 5 Aug. 1841, p. 216, image149/184; citing Calhoun Co. Marriages, 1832-1852, Courthouse, Anniston.

³¹⁴ Ibid.

Also, 1870 U.S. census, Kaufman Co., Tex., pop. sched., Kaufman, p. 95 (penned), p. 71A (stamped), dwell. 619, fam. 636, William Morris [mis-transcribed as Merris] household; *Ancestry.com* (accessed 24 Jan. 2021), citing NARA microfilm pub. M593, roll 1594.

Also, 1880 U.S. census, Fannin Co., Tex., pop. sched., Prec. 3, enum. dist. (ED) 025, p. 67 (penned), p. 409C (stamped), dwell. 579, fam. 590, W. J. Morris household, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 24 Jan. 2021), citing NARA microfilm pub. T9, roll 1302.

and Nancy lived in the Jackson County, Georgia area.³¹⁵ He died in Van Zandt County, Texas, 28 March 1894.³¹⁶

The most likely explanation for these conflicts is that the families lost touch leading them to believe he was deceased, and the family's ancestry and kinships were lost to later generations. He was not deceased at the time the Temple ordinances for the dead were performed in 1881,³¹⁷ but wife Jane Snider likely was one of the reportedly deceased Janes in the Temple record.³¹⁸ William Jackson married his second wife, Sarah Elizabeth Lane on 21 March 1860,³¹⁹ probably after Jane's death which would have prompted Temple ordinances being done on her behalf if the family knew she was deceased.³²⁰ DNA and traditional evidence prove they were the same man.³²¹

DNA

Initial shared atDNA between the author and descendants of Gad Morris and William Jackson Morris sparked initial interest in these lines, but other descendants knew there was some connection between Gad's line and William Jackson's line. Stanley Dean Morris - descendant of Gad Morris, and Donald Butler Morris - descendant of William Jackson Morris had Y-DNA tested, but no in-depth analysis had been done. Like Annie's line, these lineages also had brick walls. These DNA results prompted additional descendency research and DNA target testing to prove kinships between each lineage. As this additional testing and descendency research evolved, unknown kinships also were identified and proven.

Y-DNA

Y-DNA is passed from father to son and includes only the paternal lineage of the male DNA tester. Females do not inherit Y-DNA. Y-DNA can confirm a genetic relationship between two males and in some cases

³¹⁵ "Georgia, Marriage Records from Select Counties, 1828-1978" images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 23 Jan. 2021), James Moore [Morris] to Nancy Pearce, 22 Dec [no year], p. 0102, image 108/323; Jackson County, Georgia, Marriages, Books A, B, C, 1805-1861; Court of Ordinary, Jefferson.

³¹⁶ *Ancestry*, Find A Grave, image, *FindAGrave.com* (accessed 23 Jan. 2021), memorial No. 13421765, W.J. Morris (1816-1894), Morris Chapel Cemetery, Canton, Van Zandt Co., Tex.; gravestone photograph by David Strickland.

³¹⁷ *Ibid.*

³¹⁸ The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (LDS), (Salt Lake City, Utah), "Baptisms for the Dead, 1877-1944; heir indexes 1877-1956," vol. N, Dec 1878-Feb.1882, November 1881, pp. 66-67, George Lumpkin Morris' family proxies, St. George, Utah Temple; FHL film 0170853, Family History Library, Salt Lake City.

³¹⁹ "Alabama, County Marriage Records, 1805-1967," images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 25 Jan. 2021), Wm. J. Morris and Jane Snider, 5 Aug. 1841, p. 216, image149/184; citing Calhoun Co. Marriages, 1832-1852, Courthouse, Anniston. Jane Snider probably died prior to William Jackson's second marriage to Sarah Elizabeth Lane on 21 March 1860. See Testimony of Sarah Elizabeth Morris, image 262/343; Alabama, Texas, and Virginia, Confederate Pensions, 1884-1958," images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 10 June 2019), Widow's Pension Claim, 14 Jan 1913[?], Sarah Elizabeth Morris, widow of W.J. "Jack" Morris "Co. A, 19th Miss. Cavalry. Vol.," application no. 26404; citing Confederate Pension Applications, 1880-1940, Alabama Department of Archives and History, Montgomery.

³²⁰ The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (LDS), (Salt Lake City, Utah), "Baptisms for the Dead, 1877-1944; heir indexes 1877-1956," vol. N, Dec 1878-Feb.1882, November 1881, pp. 66-67, George Lumpkin Morris' family proxies, St. George, Utah Temple; FHL film 0170853, Family History Library, Salt Lake City.

³²¹ See Y-DNA and atDNA analysis and triangulation for William Jackson in section **DNA**.

help identify the generation where the Most Recent Common Ancestor (MRCA) might be found. Gad's descendant Donald Butler Morris Y-DNA tested.³²² His results indicated a Haplogroup of R-M269 and a 0 Genetic Distance (GD) relationship at 67/67 markers with Stanley Dean Morris,³²³ a descendant of *William Jackson Morris*. The kinship between these two lines was unknown before testing. *Family Tree DNA* defines this genetic relationship as "Very Tightly Related" and in this way:

"Statistically, the Most Recent Common Ancestor (MRCA) for males who are related at 0 Genetic Distance at 67/67 markers will probably be found within 3 generations 50% of the time and within 5 generations 90% of the time."³²⁴

The probable statistical explanation of these Y-DNA results is illustrated in the table below. Ancestor James Morris³²⁵ can be placed at the 5th generation in the pedigree of Donald and Stanley, and this placement fits within the 90% statistical probability that James Morris is the 5th-generation MRCA of both men.

Placement of James Morris as the 5th-generation MRCA
Stanley Dean Morris and Donald Butler Morris falls within the Y-DNA statistical explanation³²⁶

Generation 5	MRCA-James Morris	MRCA-James Morris
Generation 4	William Jackson Morris	Gad Morris
Generation 3	Wiley R. Morris	George Lumpkin Morris
Generation 2	William Henry Morris	George Albert Morris
Generation 1	Dorman Houstan [sic] Morris	Gilbert Lavoy Morris
DNA Tester	Stanley Dean Morris	Donald Butler Morris

Additional Morris males who descended from Gad were Y-DNA tested. These results indicate that descendants from both male Morris lineages carry a mutation at marker DYS448 with a modal value of

³²² Family Tree DNA, DNA database, *FamilyTreeDNA.com* (accessed 30 Dec. 2019), "Comparative Y-DNA Matches" and "Standard Y-STR Values" for users B7611 "Donald Butler Morris" and 99559 "Stanley Dean Morris" matching 67 of 67 markers, haplogroup R-M269.

³²³ Stanley Dean Morris later upgraded to 111 markers for further comparison to Donald Butler Morris, who originally tested at 111 markers. No additional significant discoveries have been identified with this upgrade.

³²⁴ Family Tree DNA, "If two men share a surname, how should the genetic distance at 67 Y chromosome STR markers be interpreted," DNA database, *FamilyTreeDNA.com* (accessed 8 July 2019) > Help > Learning Center > Interpret Your Results > Y-DNA Testing, scroll to "If two men share a surname, how should the genetic distance at 67 Y chromosome STR markers be interpreted." This description is paraphrased.

³²⁵ The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (LDS), (Salt Lake City, Utah), "Baptisms for the Dead, 1877-1944; heir indexes 1877-1956," vol. N, Dec 1878-Feb.1882, November 1881, pp. 66-67, George Lumpkin Morris' family proxies, St. George, Utah Temple; FHL film 0170853, Family History Library, Salt Lake City. Gad's father James Morris was identified in this Temple Baptismal record that was part of the prior research Gad descendants had acquired.

³²⁶ Family Tree DNA, "If two men share a surname, how should the genetic distance at 67 Y chromosome STR markers be interpreted," *FamilyTreeDNA.com* (accessed 15 Nov. 2017). **Documentation of Descendant DNA Testers' Lineages and Tree Completeness can be viewed in Addendum 1 and 2, respectively**, at the end of this study.

20.³²⁷ This modal value varies from other Y-DNA testers in this particular haplogroup³²⁸ and help identify and narrow a family branch of the Morris family, indicating these males share a common paternal ancestry. This modal value signature could be significant in identifying other Morris males from this same Morris family and ancestry.

³²⁷ Family Tree DNA, “Comparative Y-DNA Matches” and “Standard Y-STR Values” for users B7611 “Donald Butler Morris” and 99559 “Stanley Dean Morris, haplogroup R-M269,” *FamilyTreeDNA.com* (accessed 15 Nov. 2017).

³²⁸ Family Tree DNA, “Morris DNA Project – Y-DNA Colorized Chart, database, *FamilyTreeDNA.com* (accessed 7 Jan. 2020) > Community > Group Projects > Project Search “Morris,” > Project Website > DNA Results > Colorized, scroll to M24 England section. Also, “Morris Y-DNA,” Morris Family files, Morris Pearce Project, Mashburn Schmidt Research Files; privately held by Yvonne Mashburn Schmidt.

	Lineage	Kit Number	Paternal Ancestor Name	Haplo	DYS393	DYS390	DYS19	DYS391	DYS385	DYS426	DYS388	DYS439	DYS389I	DYS392	DYS389II	DYS458	DYS459	DYS455	DYS454	DYS447	DYS437	DYS448	DYS449	DYS464
Name of Tester		M24 England																						
		MIN			13	24	14	11	11-15	12	12	12	13	13	29	17	9-9	11	11	25	15	19	30	15-16-16-16
		MAX			13	24	14	11	11-15	12	12	12	13	13	29	17	9-9	11	11	25	15	20	30	16-16-16-17
		MODE			13	24	14	11	11-15	12	12	12	13	13	29	17	9-9	11	11	25	15	19	30	15-16-16-16
		130866	John Morris b. 1736 England	R-M269	13	24	14	11	11-15	12	12	12	13	13	29	17	9-9	11	11	25	15	19	30	15-16-16-16
		160358	Alfred W Morris, 1802-1881	R-M269	13	24	14	11	11-15	12	12	12	13	13	29	17	9-9	11	11	25	15	19	30	15-16-16-16
		56519		R-S1051	13	24	14	11	11-15	12	12	12	13	13	29	17	9-9	11	11	25	15	19	30	15-16-16-17
		88159		R-M269	13	24	14	11	11-15	12	12	12	13	13	29	17	9-9	11	11	25	15	19	30	16-16-16-16
Terry Grant Morris	Grant < John Wesley < Gad	512223	James Morris b abt 1780 D 1855	R-M269	13	24	14	11	11-15	12	12	12	13	13	29	17	9-9	11	11	25	15	20	30	15-16-16-16
Donald Butler Morris	Gilbert < Geo < Geo Lumpkin < Gad	B7611	James Morris b abt 1780 D 1855	R-M269	13	24	14	11	11-15	12	12	12	13	13	29	17	9-9	11	11	25	15	20	30	15-16-16-16
Stanley Dean Morris	Dorman < Wm < Wiley R < William Jackson	99559	James Morris b abt 1780 D 1855	R-M269	13	24	14	11	11-15	12	12	12	13	13	29	17	9-9	11	11	25	15	20	30	15-16-16-16
Gregory Warren Morris	Gordon < Carl < John Wesley < Gad	909956	James Morris b abt 1780 D 1855	R-M269	13	24	14	11	11-15	12	12	12	13	13	29	17	9-9	11	11	25	15	20	30	15-16-16-16
Richard Morris	Geo < Geo < George Lumpkin < Gad	909452	James Morris b abt 1780 D 1855	R-M269	13	24	14	11	11-15	12	12	12	13	13	29	17	9-9	11	11	25	15	20	30	15-16-16-16
Dan Morris	Carl < John Wesley < Gad	910468	James Morris b abt 1780 D 1855	R-M269	13	24	14	11	11-15	12	12	12	13	13	29	17	9-9	11	11	25	15	20	30	15-16-16-16
Robert Morris	Rulen < Geo < George Lumpkin < Gad	911031	James Morris b abt 1780 D 1855	R-M269	13	24	14	11	11-15	12	12	12	13	13	29	17	9-9	11	11	25	15	20	30	15-16-16-16
		165814	Alfred William Morris 1821-1866	R-M269	13	24	14	11	12-15	12	12	12	13	13	29	17	9-9	11	11	25	15	19	30	15-16-16-16

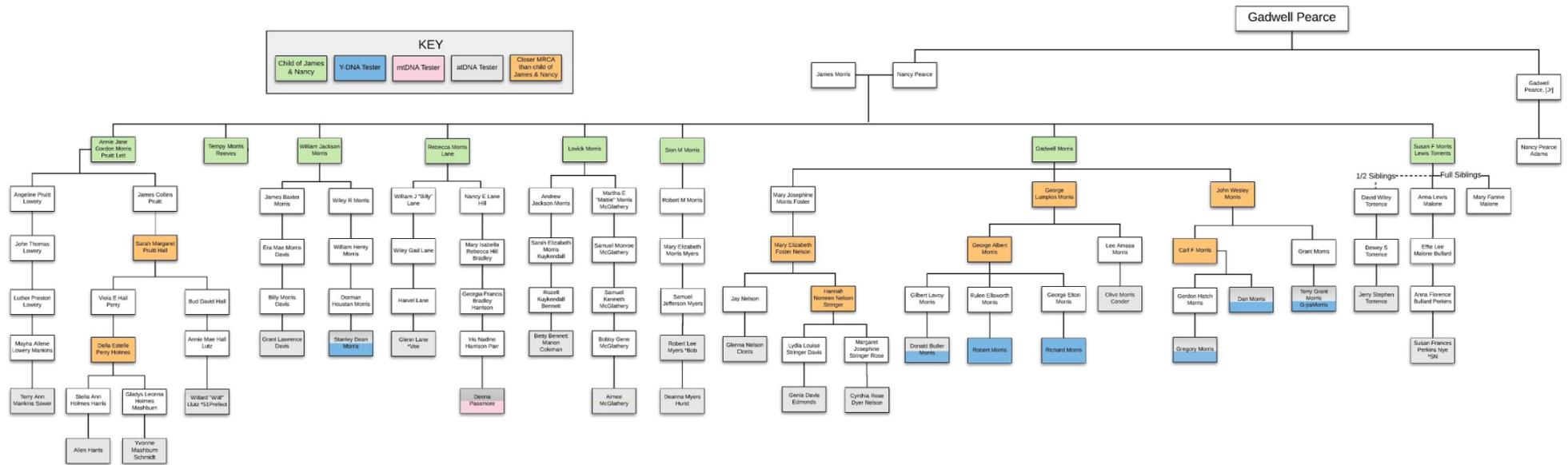
Morris Males Y-DNA STR Analysis Chart

Family Tree DNA, “Comparative Y-DNA Matches” and “Standard Y-STR Values” for users Terry Grant Morris, kit 512223; Donald Butler Morris, kit B7611; Stanley Dean Morris, kit 99559; Gregory Warren Morris, kit 909956; Richard Morris, kit 909452; Dan Morris, kit 910468; Robert Morris kit 911031, matching 67 of 67 markers, haplogroup R-M269, *FamilyTreeDNA.com* (accessed 3 Sept. 2019). These results were reviewed by Roberta Estes. Roberta J Estes, Michigan, [(email for private use),] to Yvonne Mashburn Schmidt, email, 17 Nov. 2019 “Question”; Morris Family File, Morris Pearce Project, Mashburn Schmidt Research Files; privately held by Yvonne Mashburn Schmidt. Also, “Morris Y-DNA,” Morris Family files, Morris Pearce Project, Mashburn Schmidt Research Files; privately held by Yvonne Mashburn Schmidt. Also, *Family Tree DNA*, “Morris DNA Project – Y-DNA Colorized Chart, database, *FamilyTreeDNA.com* (accessed 7 Jan. 2020), scroll to M24 England section, haplogroup R-M269. Lineages for these testers are documented in **Addendum 1** of this study. Tree completeness, documentation for testers’ lineages can be found in **Addendum 2**.

This Y-DNA subclade is clearly defined. All of these Morris males match genetically at 67 Y-DNA markers.³²⁹ These males are closely related members of the same family.

³²⁹ Morris males from other descendant lineages have been identified for testing. To this date, they have not agreed to test.

DNA Testers' pedigrees



AUTOSOMAL DNA (ATDNA)

Potentially, atDNA can be inherited from across all lineages of a tester's genetic pedigree. The amount of atDNA inherited by a tester generally begins to diminish in amounts between the fifth and seventh generations, but some fortunate testers will find shared atDNA beyond these generations.³³⁰ AtDNA's random inheritance pattern, called recombination, can result in siblings and cousins inheriting different amounts of atDNA from different ancestors. Sometimes descendants inherit none at all from some ancestors or such small amounts that current analysis tools cannot detect the minute amounts. Small amounts of shared atDNA between matches in segments less than 7 cMs might or might not be valid.³³¹

			Q B 7 9	A 6 8 9	A 6 8 9	T 4 3 0	A 4 0 5	A 4 0 5	T 2 2 1	A 1 2 6	B E 5 6 3	A 9 1 5	A 2 2 0	A 2 6 3	A 5 7 4	T 2 3 6	Z 8 5 2	A 7 5 0	A 9 0 1	A 2 5 6	N W 3 2	D Y 4 7	A 4 6 8	M 4 6 8	
		✓	G E D C O M	5 4 2	6 6 9	8 9 3	9 3 0	4 7 1	0 5 6	5 7 4	6 3 8	1 5 4	2 0 3	2 6 9	7 5 8	4 6 4	8 5 2	7 0 1	9 5 7	2 6 5	3 2 7	7 4 8	2 3 5	4 1 9	
QB795452C1	Yvonne Mashburn Schmidt	<input type="checkbox"/>	🔗		954.5	57.8	18.3	7.1	15.2	10.4	12.4								29.4				17.9		52.8
A665892	Allen Harris	<input type="checkbox"/>	🔗	954.5		42.4				7.8		8										23	15.2		
A845943	*51Prefect	<input type="checkbox"/>	🔗	57.8	42.4			30.8	19.1	10.7		16.1		12.5			26.2	23.2		27.6	11.6	73.4	24		12.1
T930302	Grant Lawrence Davis	<input type="checkbox"/>	🔗	18.3				30.2	27			22.1	53	11.7					16.6	70.2		65.2	38.6	61	
A407631	Stanley Dean Morris	<input type="checkbox"/>	🔗	7.1		30.8	30.2							9.6	24.2	20.7	25.9		12.5	29.3	43.3	43.9			10.3
A051848	*Vee	<input type="checkbox"/>	🟢	15.2	7.8	19.1	27			44.1	11.7					9.9	20.8		15	14.5	20.1	18.9	49.2	15	14.5
T257833	*Deena	<input type="checkbox"/>	🔗	10.4		10.7			44.1					49.7	7.9	7.6	22.1		20.1	12.6					7.4
A126495	*Betty Bennett Coleman	<input type="checkbox"/>	🟢	12.4					11.7				9.3				31.9	53.6	58.3	43.9	17.4	20.8	8.6		8.6
BE5634811	Aimee McGlathery	<input type="checkbox"/>	🔗		8	16.1	22.1					7		7.9			8.8	30.4		18.2	26.8			18.2	15.8
A912079	Deanna Hurst	<input type="checkbox"/>	🔗				53				9.3	7						13.8	22.1	57.7				3559.9	
A250293	Glenna Clonts	<input type="checkbox"/>	🔗			12.5	11.7	9.6							480.2	570.4	60.5	89	52.7	58.6	38.9	8.6			8.6
A263961	*Genia Davis Edmonds	<input type="checkbox"/>	🔗					24.2	49.7	7.9				480.2		759.1		37.2	34.5	43.6					9.6
A574829	*Cindy Nelson	<input type="checkbox"/>	🔗				20.7	9.9	7.9				570.4	759.1		54.5		74.8	109.7	12.5	14.4	24.6			12.1
T236534	Donald Butler Morris	<input type="checkbox"/>	🔗			26.2		25.9	20.8	7.6	31.9	8.8		60.5		54.5		615.8	47	212	75.6	39.4			21.4
Z852127	Olive Morris Conder	<input type="checkbox"/>	🔗			23.2				22.1	53.6	30.4	13.8	89	37.2		615.8		136.2	228.3	89.5	63.1	31.9	13	21.4
A750792	*Greg Morris	<input type="checkbox"/>	🔗				16.6	12.5	15		58.3		22.1	52.7	34.5	74.8	47	136.2		1723.4	520.5	66.1	31.8	21.5	
A901793	Dan Morris	<input type="checkbox"/>	🔗	29.4		27.6	70.2	29.3	14.5	20.1	43.9	18.2	57.7	58.6	43.6	109.7	212	228.3	1723.4		779	117	16.3	65.1	
A256472	*G-paMorris	<input type="checkbox"/>	🟢			11.6		43.3	20.1	12.6	17.4	26.8		38.9		12.5	75.6	89.5	520.5	779		61.8	19.5		
NW3255887	Jerry S Torrence	<input type="checkbox"/>	🔗		23	73.4	65.2	43.9	18.9	20.8				8.6		14.4	39.4	63.1	66.1	117	61.8		91.7		
DY4733123	*SN	<input type="checkbox"/>	🔗	17.9	15.2	24	38.6		49.2		8.6				7.2	24.6		31.9	31.8	16.3	19.5	91.7		14.8	
A440359	*Bob	<input type="checkbox"/>	🔗				61		15		8.6	18.2	3559.9					13	21.5	65.1					
M468491	Terry Ann Mankins Sower	<input type="checkbox"/>	🔗	52.8		12.1		10.3	14.5	7.4		15.8		8.6	9.6	12.1	21.4	21.4				14.8			

Shared atDNA Between Annie's Descendants and Other Descendants of James Morris and Nancy Pearce

Autosomal DNA Matrix Comparison, V0.1, "Gedmatch.com (accessed 28 Sept. 2020), for kits noted in chart, using cM threshold default 7.0.

These shared atDNA and Y-DNA results provided an opportunity to review prior research related to these two lineages with the hope that using cluster methodology would help resolve their brick walls. The premise of cluster methodology, sometimes called the FANs Club, is that our ancestors' lives were not vacuums.

³³⁰ ISOGG, wiki, *ISOGG.org* (https://isogg.org/wiki/Autosomal_DNA_statistics : accessed 21 June 2020), "Average autosomal DNA shared by pairs of relatives, in percentages and centimorgans" table.

³³¹ Blaine Bettinger (Ph.D., Biochemistry), The Genetic Genealogist, "A Small Segment Roundup," *The Genetic Genealogist*, 29 December 2017, (<https://thegeneticgenealogist.com/2017/12/29/a-small-segment-round-up> : accessed 13 Feb. 2020), re validity of small segments. Segments under 7 cMs have been omitted from these triangulations.

They lived among family, interacted with family, relocated with family and sometimes intermarried the same families through the generations.

Shared atDNA among a group of testers could indicate common ancestry, but this common ancestry might not always be inherited from the same ancestor(s); DNA matches in a group could share more than one lineage. This is often the case in endogamous populations like southern families. Triangulated atDNA between a group of 3 or more DNA testers is an indicator of shared common ancestry from the same ancestor or couple.

“Triangulation is the process of comparing a DNA segment common to three or more people to verify that all share DNA along the same or an overlapping segment of a particular chromosome with all the others. When the segment is of a significant size (usually defined as 7 to 10 centiMorgans or cMs), this shared DNA indicates that all may have inherited that DNA segment from a shared common ancestor.”³³²

Segment Triangulation became an early method to determine common ancestry and was taught in the genealogy community as the gold standard to prove genetic kinships. As the science evolved and more analysis tools were developed, this methodology and its use became debatable.³³³ Genetic Genealogist Debbie Parker Wayne, CG® recognized and addressed these differing opinions:

“Anyone who reads the DNA mailing lists or forums will see periodic discussions on the validity of triangulation. Some say it is not valid, others say it is. Genetic genealogy is still an emerging technology. Many of our DNA matching concepts are based on scientific studies and theoretical probabilities. Until we publish more case studies of the DNA findings for real families, this discussion will not likely be resolved one way or the other. Each of us believes what we have seen in our own family and client projects and may be suspicious of theories that do not match what we have seen.”³³⁴

Parker Wayne and this author agree. When analyzed properly and in the right context, segment triangulation remains one accepted method to prove common ancestry.

“Accurate triangulation requires multiple test-takers who all have deep and accurate family trees. Even when these conditions are met, not all real cousins will triangulate due to random recombination and inheritance factors. We can never forget the random factors affecting DNA inheritance. That randomness may result in some techniques working for some people and not others. Where it works, triangulation is a valid technique.”³³⁵

Roberta Estes of *DNAExplained.com* provided some additional context and opinion:

“...Does every single triangulated match, looking at only 3 people mean they all go back to the presumed ancestor? No, because stuff happens. But, when you have a group of multiple people,

³³² Debbie Parker Wayne, CG, CGL®, “Triangulating Autosomal DNA,” *National Genealogical Society NGS Magazine* 42 (October-December 2016), 39-42. Used with permission.

³³³ Ibid.

³³⁴ Ibid.

³³⁵ Ibid.

through different children of the same ancestor, triangulating on the same segment, that's reasonably sized – I've never, not one time seen anything like that disproven.”³³⁶

AtDNA Triangulations Between Descendants of James Morris and Nancy Pearce³³⁷ (Triangulated Segments for Descendants of Annie are highlighted)

Chr	Kit 1	Kit 1 Name	Descends from this child	Kit 2	Kit 2 Name	Descends from this child	Kit 3	Kit 3 Name	Descends from this child	Start	End	cMs	
1	15	BE5634811	Aimee McGlathery	Lovick	A912079	Deanna Hurst	Sion	A440359	*Bob/Robert Lee Myers	Sion	95309875	97387326	7
2	12	A750792	*Greg Morris	Gad	A901793	Dan Morris	Gad	A256472	*G-paMorris/Terry Morris	Gad	113039943	117007376	7.2
3	13	A263961	*Genia Davis Edmonds	Gad	A574829	*Cindy Nelson	Gad	DY4733123	*SN/Sue Nye	Susan F	45243639	53331553	7.2
4	3	T257833	*Deena Passmore	Rebecca	A263961	*Genia Davis Edmonds	Gad	A574829	*Cindy Nelson	Gad	8646870	13150039	7.5
5	19	A750792	*Greg Morris	Gad	A901793	Dan Morris	Gad	A256472	*G-paMorris/Terry Morris	Gad	17009372	24372210	7.5
6	4	A263961	*Genia Davis Edmonds	Gad	A574829	*Cindy Nelson	Gad	A750792	*Greg Morris	Gad	69126345	77139510	7.7
7	4	A407631	Stanley Dean Morris	William Jackson	A263961	*Genia Davis Edmonds	Gad	A750792	*Greg Morris	Gad	69126345	77139510	7.7
8	9	Z852127	Olive Morris Conder	Gad	A750792	*Greg Morris	Gad	DY4733123	*SN/Sue Nye	Susan F	31108083	39098698	7.7
9	9	A750792	*Greg Morris	Gad	A901793	Dan Morris	Gad	DY4733123	*SN/Sue Nye	Susan F	31108083	39103743	7.7
10	9	Z852127	Olive Morris Conder	Gad	A901793	Dan Morris	Gad	DY4733123	*SN/Sue Nye	Susan F	31108083	39098698	7.7
11	9	A750792	*Greg Morris	Gad	NW3255887	Jerry S Torrence	Susan F	DY4733123	*SN/Sue Nye	Susan F	31108083	39103743	7.7
12	9	A901793	Dan Morris	Gad	NW3255887	Jerry S Torrence	Susan F	DY4733123	*SN/Sue Nye	Susan F	31108083	39103743	7.7
13	9	Z852127	Olive Morris Conder	Gad	NW3255887	Jerry S Torrence	Susan F	DY4733123	*SN/Sue Nye	Susan F	31108083	39098698	7.7
14	14	A665892	Allen Harris	Annie	A051848	*Vee/Glenn Lane	Rebecca	NW3255887	Jerry S Torrence	Susan F	98154512	101123868	7.7
15	15	A750792	*Greg Morris	Gad	A901793	Dan Morris	Gad	A256472	*G-paMorris/Terry Morris	Gad	22755185	26219421	7.7
16	16	BE5634811	Aimee McGlathery	Lovick	T236534	Donald Butler Morris	Gad	A256472	*G-paMorris/Terry Morris	Gad	64290751	74735442	8.3
17	2	A126495	*Betty Bennett Colema	Lovick	A750792	*Greg Morris	Gad	A440359	*Bob/Robert Lee Myers	Sion	148155161	157094848	8.6
18	2	A912079	Deanna Hurst	Sion	A750792	*Greg Morris	Gad	A440359	*Bob/Robert Lee Myers	Sion	148155161	157094848	8.6
19	2	A126495	*Betty Bennett Colema	Lovick	A912079	Deanna Hurst	Sion	A440359	*Bob/Robert Lee Myers	Sion	148155161	157094848	8.6
20	7	A250293	Glenna Clonts	Gad	T236534	Donald Butler Morris	Gad	M468491	Terry Ann Mankins Sower	Annie	62047108	74489889	8.6
21	7	T236534	Donald Butler Morris	Gad	Z852127	Olive Morris Conder	Gad	M468491	Terry Ann Mankins Sower	Annie	62035570	74489889	8.6
22	7	A250293	Glenna Clonts	Gad	Z852127	Olive Morris Conder	Gad	M468491	Terry Ann Mankins Sower	Annie	62047108	74489889	8.6
23	7	A250293	Glenna Clonts	Gad	T236534	Donald Butler Morris	Gad	Z852127	Olive Morris Conder	Gad	62047108	74489889	8.6
24	19	A750792	*Greg Morris	Gad	A901793	Dan Morris	Gad	A256472	*G-paMorris/Terry Morris	Gad	39697974	46142053	8.6
25	9	A750792	*Greg Morris	Gad	A901793	Dan Morris	Gad	DY4733123	*SN/Sue Nye	Susan F	70984372	79467204	8.7

³³⁶ Roberta Estes [(email address for private use),] Michigan, to Yvonne Mashburn Schmidt, email 2 Feb. 2020, “Are you for hire for a project?”, email, Morris Family File, Morris Pearce Project, Mashburn Schmidt Research Files; privately held by Yvonne Mashburn Schmidt, [(GeorgiaGenealogist@hotmail.com) & 1639 Fairway Drive,] Vidalia, Georgia. Used with permission. More descendants have DNA tested, but this study has used those with the closest generationally and best matches from each descendant lineage that has a proven paper trail.

³³⁷ Gedmatch, Multi-Kit Analysis, “Triangulation of Selected Kits,” *Gedmatch.com* (downloaded 30 Dec. 2019), Tag Group included kit names and numbers M468491 (Terry Ann Mankins Sower), A665892 (Allen Harris), QB795452C1 (Yvonne Mashburn Schmidt), A845943 (Willard R. “Will” Lutz/51Prefect), T930302 (Grant Lawrence Davis), A407631 (Stanley Dean Morris), A051848 (Glenn Lane/*Vee), T257833 (Deena Passmore), A126495 (Betty Marion Bennett Coleman), BE5634811 (Aimee McGlathery), A912079 (Donna Myers Hurst), A250293 (Glenna Nelson Clonts), A263961 (Genia Davis Edmonds), A574829 (Cynthia Rose Nelson Dyer), T236534 (Donald Butler Morris), Z852127 (Olive Morris Conder), A750792 (Gregory Morris), A901793 (Dan Morris), A256472 (*G-pa Morris/Terry Grant Morris) NW3255887 (Jerry Stephen Torrence), DY4733123 (Susan Perkins Nye), A440359 (*Bob/Robert Lee Myers) yielding identified triangulated segments on shown chromosomes, with corresponding start and end points and shared cMs shown in the chart. Default settings were used. Duplicate entries were deleted. Triangulations between 3 descendants of the same child were omitted to avoid working with a closer MRCA and also to ensure that at least one independent lineage was included for each triangulation. All DNA testers named in this project have provided written permission and informed consent to use their test results, names, and other identifying information as needed. Written permissions are available. My understanding that Revised Standard 57 does not require written consent and permission be submitted with renewal applications. William Jackson Morris in the chart has been shortened to WJM for space considerations.

26	9	A750792	*Greg Morris	Gad	NW3255887	Jerry S Torrence	Susan F	DY4733123	*SN/Sue Nye	Susan F	70984372	79467204	8.7
27	9	A901793	Dan Morris	Gad	NW3255887	Jerry S Torrence	Susan F	DY4733123	*SN/Sue Nye	Susan F	70984372	79467204	8.7
28	20	A407631	Stanley Dean Morris	William Jackson	A250293	Glenna Clonts	Gad	A263961	*Genia Davis Edmonds	Gad	43034079	47521544	8.8
29	4	A750792	*Greg Morris	Gad	A256472	*G-paMorris/Terry Morris	Gad	NW3255887	Jerry S Torrence	Susan F	14384751	20765867	9.1
30	5	T257833	*Deena Passmore	Rebecca	Z852127	Olive Morris Conder	Gad	A901793	Dan Morris	Gad	120974792	132214330	9.1
31	2	A126495	*Betty Bennett Colema	Lovick	A912079	Deanna Hurst	Sion	A750792	*Greg Morris	Gad	148155161	157878707	9.2
32	9	Z852127	Olive Morris Conder	Gad	A750792	*Greg Morris	Gad	A901793	Dan Morris	Gad	12149367	16841628	9.2
33	13	A250293	Glenna Clonts	Gad	A263961	*Genia Davis Edmonds	Gad	Z852127	Olive Morris Conder	Gad	93646888	99376181	9.3
34	14	A750792	*Greg Morris	Gad	A901793	Dan Morris	Gad	A256472	*G-paMorris/Terry Morris	Gad	23288409	27674609	9.5
35	17	A263961	*Genia Davis Edmonds	Gad	A574829	*Cindy Nelson	Gad	M468491	Terry Ann Mankins Sower	Annie	57582867	66170047	9.5
36	8	A845943	51Prefect/Will Lutz	Annie	A051848	*Vee/Glenn Lane	Rebecca	DY4733123	*SN/Sue Nye	Susan F	24783920	30896151	9.6
37	15	Q8795452C1	Yvonne Mashburn Schmidt	Annie	A845943	*51Prefect/Will Lutz	Annie	T257833	*Deena Passmore	Rebecca	26487224	29426782	9.9
38	17	T257833	*Deena Passmore	Rebecca	A263961	*Genia Davis Edmonds	Gad	A901793	Dan Morris	Gad	77186602	80621427	10.3
39	20	A250293	Glenna Clonts	Gad	A263961	*Genia Davis Edmonds	Gad	A750792	*Greg Morris	Gad	56775131	59570740	10.4
40	16	A845943	51Prefect/Will Lutz	Annie	T236534	Donald Butler Morris	Gad	A256472	*G-paMorris/Terry Morris	Gad	78901140	81971582	11
41	15	A845943	51Prefect/Will Lutz	Annie	Z852127	Olive Morris Conder	Gad	A901793	Dan Morris	Gad	31734436	36327430	11.3
42	18	A250293	Glenna Clonts	Gad	A574829	*Cindy Nelson	Gad	A750792	*Greg Morris	Gad	49220033	58211864	11.3
43	18	A574829	*Cindy Nelson	Gad	A750792	*Greg Morris	Gad	A901793	Dan Morris	Gad	49235051	58211864	11.3
44	18	A250293	Glenna Clonts	Gad	A750792	*Greg Morris	Gad	A901793	Dan Morris	Gad	49235051	58211864	11.3
45	11	A051848	*Vee/Glenn Lane	Rebecca	A126495	*Betty Bennett Coleman	Lovick	A256472	*G-paMorris/Terry Morris	Gad	2920666	9138049	11.7
46	11	A051848	*Vee/Glenn Lane	Rebecca	A126495	*Betty Bennett Coleman	Lovick	T236534	Donald Butler Morris	Gad	2920666	9138049	11.7
47	12	A845943	51Prefect/Will Lutz	Annie	BE5634811	Aimee McGlathery	Lovick	M468491	Terry Ann Mankins Sower	Annie	8089824	13685160	11.9
48	4	A250293	Glenna Clonts	Gad	A263961	*Genia Davis Edmonds	Gad	A574829	*Cindy Nelson	Gad	83638620	96736162	12
49	9	A250293	Glenna Clonts	Gad	A263961	*Genia Davis Edmonds	Gad	A574829	*Cindy Nelson	Gad	3602018	9822286	12.3
50	1	A250293	Glenna Clonts	Gad	A574829	*Cindy Nelson	Gad	A901793	Dan Morris	Gad	768448	4781151	12.5
51	4	A407631	Stanley Dean Morris	William Jackson	A574829	*Cindy Nelson	Gad	A750792	*Greg Morris	Gad	61588040	77139510	12.5
52	3	A750792	*Greg Morris	Gad	A901793	Dan Morris	Gad	A256472	*G-paMorris/Terry Morris	Gad	132941928	144268855	12.9
53	7	T236534	Donald Butler Morris	Gad	Z852127	Olive Morris Conder	Gad	M468491	Terry Ann Mankins Sower	Annie	75067967	87826957	12.9
54	6	A912079	Deanna Hurst	Sion	Z852127	Olive Morris Conder	Gad	A901793	Dan Morris	Gad	111260923	129138471	13
55	6	Z852127	Olive Morris Conder	Gad	A901793	Dan Morris	Gad	A440359	*Bob/Robert Lee Myers	Sion	111260923	129138471	13
56	6	A912079	Deanna Hurst	Sion	Z852127	Olive Morris Conder	Gad	A440359	*Bob/Robert Lee Myers	Sion	111252916	129138471	13
57	14	T930302	Grant Lawrence Davis	William Jackson	A051848	*Vee/Glenn Lane	Rebecca	NW3255887	Jerry S Torrence	Susan F	99476373	106137467	13.4
58	18	A845943	51Prefect/Will Lutz	Annie	A407631	Stanley Dean Morris	William Jackson	T236534	Donald Butler Morris	Gad	22515541	36724197	13.6
59	7	Q8795452C1	Yvonne Mashburn Schmidt	Annie	A665892	Allen Harris	Annie	A845943	*51Prefect/Will Lutz	Annie	38123209	50294856	13.7
60	18	T236534	Donald Butler Morris	Gad	A750792	*Greg Morris	Gad	A901793	Dan Morris	Gad	6406648	9838349	14.2
61	21	A845943	51Prefect/Will Lutz	Annie	NW3255887	Jerry S Torrence	Susan F	DY4733123	*SN/Sue Nye	Susan F	18885898	26207165	14.2
62	5	A250293	Glenna Clonts	Gad	A750792	*Greg Morris	Gad	A901793	Dan Morris	Gad	31228046	40291889	14.3
63	14	A051848	*Vee/Glenn Lane	Rebecca	A750792	*Greg Morris	Gad	A901793	Dan Morris	Gad	91181509	97091592	14.4
64	5	A126495	*Betty Bennett Colema	Lovick	T236534	Donald Butler Morris	Gad	A901793	Dan Morris	Gad	77645784	92636386	14.5
65	4	Q8795452C1	Yvonne Mashburn Schmidt	Annie	A051848	*Vee/Glenn Lane	Rebecca	M468491	Terry Ann Mankins Sower	Annie	5741436	12455185	14.5
66	4	A051848	*Vee/Glenn Lane	Rebecca	DY4733123	*SN/Sue Nye	Susan F	M468491	Terry Ann Mankins Sower	Annie	5741436	12455185	14.5
67	18	A750792	*Greg Morris	Gad	A901793	Dan Morris	Gad	A256472	*G-paMorris/Terry Morris	Gad	1100790	5350886	14.5
68	5	T236534	Donald Butler Morris	Gad	A901793	Dan Morris	Gad	NW3255887	Jerry S Torrence	Susan F	49874330	68828296	14.6
69	13	Z852127	Olive Morris Conder	Gad	A901793	Dan Morris	Gad	A256472	*G-paMorris/Terry Morris	Gad	109271102	114096842	14.7
70	6	Q8795452C1	Yvonne Mashburn Schmidt	Annie	DY4733123	*SN/Sue Nye	Susan F	M468491	Terry Ann Mankins Sower	Annie	5663598	12455185	14.8
71	16	A250293	Glenna Clonts	Gad	T236534	Donald Butler Morris	Gad	A256472	*G-paMorris/Terry Morris	Gad	83146541	86786925	14.8
72	1	A750792	*Greg Morris	Gad	A901793	Dan Morris	Gad	A256472	*G-paMorris/Terry Morris	Gad	102070592	116337217	14.9
73	4	A407631	Stanley Dean Morris	William Jackson	A263961	*Genia Davis Edmonds	Gad	A574829	*Cindy Nelson	Gad	69013001	84282658	15
74	9	Z852127	Olive Morris Conder	Gad	A750792	*Greg Morris	Gad	A901793	Dan Morris	Gad	4462265	12007658	15.1
75	5	A126495	*Betty Bennett Colema	Lovick	T236534	Donald Butler Morris	Gad	Z852127	Olive Morris Conder	Gad	77784738	93899181	15.2
76	6	Q8795452C1	Yvonne Mashburn Schmidt	Annie	A051848	*Vee/Glenn Lane	Rebecca	DY4733123	*SN/Sue Nye	Susan F	5723227	12750933	15.2
77	17	A750792	*Greg Morris	Gad	A901793	Dan Morris	Gad	A256472	*G-paMorris/Terry Morris	Gad	54826992	67017930	15.3
78	11	A126495	*Betty Bennett Colema	Lovick	T236534	Donald Butler Morris	Gad	A256472	*G-paMorris/Terry Morris	Gad	2920666	12013813	16
79	21	A845943	51Prefect/Will Lutz	Annie	A407631	Stanley Dean Morris	William Jackson	NW3255887	Jerry S Torrence	Susan F	25495914	36280376	16.4
80	5	T236534	Donald Butler Morris	Gad	Z852127	Olive Morris Conder	Gad	A901793	Dan Morris	Gad	76224925	92636386	16.7
81	18	A250293	Glenna Clonts	Gad	A574829	*Cindy Nelson	Gad	A901793	Dan Morris	Gad	49235051	61663317	17.4
82	21	Z852127	Olive Morris Conder	Gad	A901793	Dan Morris	Gad	A256472	*G-paMorris/Terry Morris	Gad	14670124	21637719	17.6
83	13	BE5634811	Aimee McGlathery	Lovick	A901793	Dan Morris	Gad	A256472	*G-paMorris/Terry Morris	Gad	74446272	94559524	18.1
84	4	Q8795452C1	Yvonne Mashburn Schmidt	Annie	T930302	Grant Lawrence Davis	William Jackson	A901793	Dan Morris	Gad	134139650	153565838	18.3
85	11	A051848	*Vee/Glenn Lane	Rebecca	T236534	Donald Butler Morris	Gad	A256472	*G-paMorris/Terry Morris	Gad	203788	9138049	20.1
86	21	Z852127	Olive Morris Conder	Gad	A750792	*Greg Morris	Gad	A901793	Dan Morris	Gad	40389724	48077812	20.7
87	16	A250293	Glenna Clonts	Gad	A263961	*Genia Davis Edmonds	Gad	A574829	*Cindy Nelson	Gad	3344618	12153967	21.2
88	9	A750792	*Greg Morris	Gad	A901793	Dan Morris	Gad	NW3255887	Jerry S Torrence	Susan F	70984372	89579576	22.7
89	1	A750792	*Greg Morris	Gad	A901793	Dan Morris	Gad	A256472	*G-paMorris/Terry Morris	Gad	149815536	167487880	24.4
90	5	T236534	Donald Butler Morris	Gad	A901793	Dan Morris	Gad	NW3255887	Jerry S Torrence	Susan F	20564905	45781872	24.9
91	13	A250293	Glenna Clonts	Gad	A263961	*Genia Davis Edmonds	Gad	A574829	*Cindy Nelson	Gad	30015007	45852699	25.3
92	13	A901793	Dan Morris	Gad	A256472	*G-paMorris/Terry Morris	Gad	NW3255887	Jerry S Torrence	Susan F	24880505	37511706	25.8
93	7	A574829	*Cindy Nelson	Gad	T236534	Donald Butler Morris	Gad	A901793	Dan Morris	Gad	9248649	28245295	26
94	9	Z852127	Olive Morris Conder	Gad	A750792	*Greg Morris	Gad	A901793	Dan Morris	Gad	17511064	39098698	26
95	9	Z852127	Olive Morris Conder	Gad	A901793	Dan Morris	Gad	NW3255887	Jerry S Torrence	Susan F	17511064	39098698	26
96	9	Z852127	Olive Morris Conder	Gad	A750792	*Greg Morris	Gad	NW3255887	Jerry S Torrence	Susan F	17486802	39098698	26.1
97	9	A750792	*Greg Morris	Gad	A901793	Dan Morris	Gad	NW3255887	Jerry S Torrence	Susan F	17486802	39103743	26.1
98	1	A750792	*Greg Morris	Gad	A901793	Dan Morris	Gad	A256472	*G-paMorris/Terry Morris	Gad	18605945	42514452	32.4
99	21	A250293	Glenna Clonts	Gad	A263961	*Genia Davis Edmonds	Gad	A574829	*Cindy Nelson	Gad	14670124	34377594	37.1
100	6	T930302	Grant Lawrence Davis	William Jackson	A912079	Deanna Hurst	Sion	A901793	Dan Morris	Gad	123858425	156614278	41.6
101	6	T930302	Grant Lawrence Davis	William Jackson	A901793	Dan Morris	Gad	A440359	*Bob/Robert Lee Myers	Sion	123728539	156614278	41.8
102	5	A126495	*Betty Bennett Colema	Lovick	Z852127	Olive Morris Conder	Gad	A901793	Dan Morris	Gad	77784738	126701190	43.7
103	6	T930302	Grant Lawrence Davis	William Jackson	A912079	Deanna Hurst	Sion	A440359	*Bob/Robert Lee Myers	Sion	123858425	164616757	53
104	6	A912079	Deanna Hurst	Sion	A901793	Dan Morris	Gad	A440359	*Bob/Robert Lee Myers	Sion	104513200	156614278	57.2

Based on the amount of centimorgans of shared DNA between each tester and the placement of James Morris and Nancy Pearce as the MRCAs for these groups, actual cousin relationships for this group have been determined and percentages of shared DNA have been calculated.

Each actual relationship falls within the statistically probable percentages, which are noted on the chart³³⁸ and confirms that the placement for each is accurate in the family pedigree. This group of DNA testers match genealogically and genetically. The sheer number of triangulations among these descendants clearly supports the assertion that they share a common ancestry.

³³⁸ Relationships were determined using The Shared cM Project. See Blaine T. Bettinger, "Shared cM Project 4.0 tool, v4," database, updated March 2020, DNAPainter.com (<https://dnainter.com> : accessed 2 May – 23 Feb. 2021) > Tools > Shared cM Tool, Relationships of DNA testers were determined first by the paper trail. Total shared cMs for all DNA testers were compared to one another to determine predicted vs. actual relationships.

Total Shared atDNA Among Testers with Actual Relationships and Probabilities using DNA Painters' Shared cM Project 4.0 tool v4

			Q8795452C1	A665892	A845943	T930302	A407631	A051848	T257833	A126495	BE5634811	A912079	A250293	A263961	A574829	T236534	Z852127	A750792	A901793	A256472	NW3255887	DY4733123	A440359	M468491
			Yvonne Mashburn Schmidt	Allen Harris	*S1Prefect Willard "Will" Lutz	Grant Lawrence Davis	Stanley Dean Morris	*Vee - Glenn Lane	*Deena	*Betty Bennett Coleman	Aimee McGlathery	Deanna Hurst	Glenna Clonts	*Genia Davis Edmonds	*Cindy Nelson - Cynthia Rose Dyer Nelson	Donald Butler Morris	Olive Morris Conder	*Greg Morris	Dan Morris	*G-paMorris - Terry Grant Morris	Jerry S Torrence	*SN - Susan Frances Perkins Nye	*Bob - Robt. Lee Myers	Terry Ann Mankins Sower
1	Q8795452C1	Yvonne Mashburn Schmidt		954.5 1C	57.8 2C1R	18.3 4C2R	7.1 4C2R	15.2 4C2R	10.4 5C1R	12.4 4C2R									29.4 3C3R			17.9 4C2R		52.8 4C1R
2	A665892	Allen Harris	954.5 1C		42.4 2C1R			7.8 4C2R	62% 61%		8								55%		23	59% 4C2R		24%
3	A845943	*S1Prefect - Willard "Will" Lutz	57.8 2C1R	42.4 2C1R			30.8 4C1R	19.1 4C1R	10.7 5C	16.1 5C		12.5 4C1R				26.2 4C1R	23.2 3C2R		27.6 3C2R	11.6 3C2R	73.4 3C2R	24 4C1R		12.1 4C
4	T930302	Grant Lawrence Davis	18.3 4C2R				30.2 3C	27 4C		22.1 4C1R	11.7 4C1R							16.6 4C	70.2 3C1R		65.2 3C1R	38.6 4C	61 4C	
5	A407631	Stanley Dean Morris	7.1 4C2R		30.8 4C1R	30.2 3C							9.6 4C	24.2 4C1R	20.7 4C1R	25.9 4C		12.5 4C	29.3 3C1R	43.3 3C1R	43.9 3C1R			10.3 4C1R
6	A051848	*Vee - Glenn Lane	15.2 4C2R	7.8 4C2R	19.1 4C1R	27 4C			44.1 3C1R	11.7 4C					9.9 4C1R	20.8 4C		15 4C	14.5 3C1R	20.1 3C1R	18.9 3C1R	49.2 4C	15 4C	14.5 4C1R
7	T257833	*Deena	10.4 5C1R		10.7 5C			44.1 3C1R						49.7 5C	7.9 5C	7.6 4C1R	22.1 3C2R		20.1 3C2R	12.6 3C2R				7.4 5C
8	A126495	*Betty Bennett Coleman	12.4 4C2R					11.7 4C				9.3 4C1R				31.9 4C	53.6 3C1R	58.3 4C	43.9 3C1R	17.4 3C1R	20.8 3C1R	8.6 4C	8.6 4C	
9	BE5634811	Aimee McGlathery		8 5C1R	16.1 5C	22.1 4C1R						7 5C		7.9 5C		8.8 4C1R	30.4 3C2R		18.2 3C2R	26.8 3C2R			18.2 4C1R	15.8 5C
10	A912079	Deanna Hurst				53			9.3 4C1R	7 5C							13.8 3C2R	22.1 4C1R	57.7 3C2R				3559.9 Parent/Child	
11	A250293	Glenna Clonts			12.5 4C1R	11.7 4C	9.6 4C							480.2 1C1R	570.4 1C1R	60.5 3C	89 2C1R	52.7 3C	58.6 2C1R	38.9 2C1R	8.6 3C1R			8.6 4C1R
12	A263961	*Genia Davis Edmonds				24.2 4C1R		49.7 5C		7.9 5C		480.2 1C1R		759.1 1C		37.2 2C2R	34.5 3C1R	43.6 2C2R				7.2 4C1R		9.6 5C
13	A574829	*Cindy Nelson - Cynthia Rose Dyer Nelson				20.7 4C1R	9.9 4C1R	7.9 5C				570.4 1C1R	759.1 1C			54.5 3C1R		74.8 3C1R	109.7 2C2R	12.5 2C2R	14.4 3C2R	24.6 4C1R		12.1 5C
14	T236534	Donald Butler Morris			26.2 4C1R	25.9 4C	20.8 4C	7.6 4C1R	31.9 4C	8.8 4C1R		60.5 3C		54.5 3C1R			615.8 1C1R	47 3C	212 2C1R	75.6 2C1R	39.4 3C1R			21.4 4C1R
15	Z852127	Olive Morris Conder			23.2 3C2R			22.1 3C2R	53.6 3C1R	30.4 3C2R	13.8 3C2R	89 2C1R	37.2 2C2R			615.8 1C1R		136.2 2C1R	228.3 2C	89.5 2C	63.1 3C	31.9 3C1R	13 3C1R	21.4 3C2R
16	A750792	*Greg Morris			16.6 4C	12.5 4C	15 4C		58.3 4C			22.1 4C1R	52.7 3C	34.5 3C1R	74.8 3C1R	47 3C	136.2 2C1R			1723.4 Nep/Unc	520.5 1C1R	66.1 3C1R	31.8 4C	21.5 4C
17	A901793	Dan Morris		29.4 3C3R	27.6 3C2R	70.2 3C1R	29.3 3C1R	14.5 3C1R	43.9 3C2R	20.1 3C1R	18.2 3C2R	57.7 2C1R	58.6 2C1R	43.6 2C2R	109.7 2C1R	212 2C1R	228.3 2C	51% Nep/Unc	1723.4 Nep/Unc		779 1C	117 3C	16.3 3C1R	65.1 3C1R
18	A256472	*G-paMorris - Terry Grant Morris			11.6 3C2R	43.3 3C1R	20.1 3C1R	12.6 3C2R	17.4 3C1R	26.8 3C2R		38.9 2C1R		29.5 2C2R	75.6 2C1R	89.5 2C	54% 1C1R	100% 1C		779 3C	520.5 3C1R	61.8 3C1R	19.5 3C1R	
19	NW3255887	Jerry S Torrence		23 3C3R	73.4 3C2R	65.2 3C1R	43.9 3C1R	18.9 3C1R	20.8 3C1R			8.6 3C1R		14.4 3C1R	39.4 3C1R	63.1 3C	66.1 3C1R	117 3C	61.8 3C			91.7 1/2-2C1R		
20	DY4733123	*SN - Susan Frances Perkins Nye		17.9 4C2R	15.2 4C2R	24 4C1R	38.6 4C		49.2 4C	8.6 4C				7.2 4C1R	24.6 4C1R	31.9 3C1R	31.8 4C	16.3 3C1R	19.5 3C1R	91.7 1/2-2C1R				14.8 4C1R
21	A440359	*Bob - Robt. Lee Myers			61 4C			15 4C	8.6 4C	18.2 4C1R	3559.9 Parent/Child						13 3C1R	21.5 4C	65.1 3C1R					
22	M468491	Terry Ann Mankins Sower		52.8 4C1R	12.1 4C		10.3 4C1R	14.5 4C1R	7.4 5C		15.8 5C		8.6 4C1R	9.6 5C	12.1 5C	21.4 4C1R	21.4 3C2R					14.8 4C1R		

MITOCHONDRIAL DNA (MTDNA)

Mitochondrial DNA can be inherited by children of both sexes through their maternal lines with no intervening males. Males cannot pass mtDNA to their children. If two testers share mtDNA, the results can be used as supporting evidence of proof that they share a common ancestor, but this common ancestor could be distant.

Two descendants of Nancy Pearce were identified for targeted mtDNA testing. The goal was to be certain that both descendants shared mtDNA. Testing kits were mailed to both. Results for one are complete, but exact matches are not descendants of these lineages and have thus far not been useful. The other kit has not yet been submitted, eliminating the opportunity for a comparison of known descendants of Nancy. At least one mtDNA match has been identified with ancestry in the same geographical area as James Morris and Nancy Pearce, but this match has a brick wall and has not provided permission for us to use her mtDNA results.³³⁹ Additional targeted testers have not yet been identified.

PATTERNS

Genealogists look for patterns. They can help constitute proof. Annie's family had several kinds of patterns that help prove kinships.

4TH REGIMENT BOOTH'S GEORGIA MILITIA

During the War of 1812, James Morris served under Captain David Gillespie's Company, Booth's 4th Regiment, Georgia Militia.³⁴⁰ These men also served in Booth's:

- Gadwell Pierce [sic]³⁴¹

³³⁹ This DNA tester has not yet provided permission to use any information about her kit.

³⁴⁰ Nancy Morris, Declaration of Widow for Pension (Act of Feb. 14, 1871), service of James Morris (Pvt., Capt. David Gillespie's Co., Booth's 4th Georgia Militia, War of 1812), bounty land warrant file WO 10661 and WC 6939 (Act of 1855, 80 acres); "War of 1812 Pension Files, *Fold3.com* (accessed 20 Dec. 2019) > Georgia > M > Morris > 2nd James Morris.

³⁴¹ Elizabeth Pearce, Declaration of Widow for Pension (Act of Feb. 14, 1871), service of Gadwell Pearce (Pvt., Capt. David Gillespie's Co., Booth's 4th Georgia Militia, War of 1812), bounty land warrant file WO 8504 and WC 5015 (Act of 1855, 80 acres); "War of 1812 Pension Files, *Fold3.com* (accessed 20 Dec. 2019) > Georgia > M > Pearce > Godwell [sic] Pearce.

- Shadrach Lowery³⁴² - Shadrach Lowery was the inferred father of Thomas S. Lowery³⁴³ who testified for Annie during her Civil War widow's pension application.³⁴⁴

GEOGRAPHIC PATTERNS

Geographic patterns can be important when identifying family members. Often, early families traveled together, settled in the same places, and married neighbors. In 1840, Benton County, Alabama, James Morris was enumerated as the neighbor of future son-in-law Thomas Reeves.³⁴⁵ No marriage record has yet been found for Tempy Morris and Thomas Reeves.

³⁴² "War of 1812 Service Records, 1812-1815," *Ancestry.com* (accessed 27 Jan. 2021) Shadrach Lowery, Pvt, 4th Regiment (Booth's) Ga. Militia; citing National Archives and Records Administration. Index to the Compiled Military Service Records for the Volunteer Soldiers Who Served During the War of 1812. Washington, D.C.: NARA. M602 roll 129.

³⁴³ 1850 U.S. census, Cobb Co., Ga., pop. sched., Merritts Dist., p. 322 (penned), dwell. 971, fam. 971, Shadrack [sic] Lowery household; images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 27 Jan. 2021), citing NARA microfilm pub. M432, roll 66.

³⁴⁴ Testimony of T.S. Lowery, 28 Oct. 1914; "Alabama, Texas, and Virginia, Confederate Pensions, 1884-1958," images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 14 July 2020); Annie Gordon Lett, widow of Pvt. Jonathan David Lett, "Co. H, 10th Reg., Alabama Vols.," app. no. 20224; citing Confederate Pension Applications, 1880-1940, ADAH, Montgomery.

³⁴⁵ 1840 U.S. census, Benton Co., Ala., pop. sched., p. 34 (penned), James Morris and Thomas Reeves, images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 1 Jan 2020); citing NARA microfilm pub. M704, roll 3. Age classifications indicate that Thomas Reeves seemingly had a wife prior to Tempy; the presumed wife's age precludes Tempy. Additionally, children older than Tempy's were enumerated.

Also, 1860 U.S. census, Floyd Co., Ga., pop. sched., Barkers Dist., p. 104 (penned) dwell. 694, Thomas Reeves household; images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 10 June 2016); citing NARA microfilm pub. M 653, n.r.

Also, Testimony of Tempy Reeves, 1876, p. 92; Nancy Morris, Declaration of Widow for Pension (Act of Feb. 14, 1871), service of James Morris (Pvt., Capt. David Gillespie's Co., Booth's 4th Georgia Militia, War of 1812), bounty land warrant file WO 10661 and WC 6939 (Act of 1855, 80 acres); "War of 1812 Pension Files, *Fold3.com* (accessed 20 Dec. 2019) > Georgia > M > Morris > 2nd James Morris.

Comparison of Geographic Patterns by State and County for Children of James Morris and Nancy Pearce

	Georgia				Alabama			Miss.
	Jackson	Fayette	Floyd	Polk	Benton/ Calhoun	Etowah	Cleburne/ Randolph	Noxubee
James (father)	X ³⁴⁶	X ³⁴⁷	X ³⁴⁸		X ³⁴⁹			X ³⁵⁰
Nancy Morris	X ³⁵¹	X ³⁵²	X ³⁵³	X ³⁵⁴	X ³⁵⁵		X ³⁵⁶	X ³⁵⁷

³⁴⁶ Nancy Morris, Declaration of Widow for Pension (Act of Feb. 14, 1871), service of James Morris (Pvt., Capt. David Gillespie's Co., Booth's 4th Georgia Militia, War of 1812), bounty land warrant file WO 10661 and WC 6939 (Act of 1855, 80 acres); "War of 1812 Pension Files, *Fold3.com* (accessed 20 Dec. 2019) > Georgia > M > Morris > 2nd James Morris.

³⁴⁷ Ibid.

³⁴⁸ "Georgia Property Tax Digests 1793-1892," images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 11 June 2019), James Morris, image 49/122; citing 1852 Ware's Dist. 924, Floyd Co., Ga. Tax Digest, Georgia Archives, Morrow.

³⁴⁹ 1840 U.S. census, Benton Co., Ala., pop. sched., p. 34 (penned), James Morris, images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 1 Jan 2020); citing NARA microfilm pub. M704, roll 3.

³⁵⁰ Testimony of Susan F. Torrance, 13 April 1877, p. 104; Nancy Morris, Declaration of Widow for Pension (Act of Feb. 14, 1871), service of James Morris (Pvt., Capt. David Gillespie's Co., Booth's 4th Georgia Militia, War of 1812), bounty land warrant file WO 10661 and WC 6939 (Act of 1855, 80 acres); "War of 1812 Pension Files, *Fold3.com* (accessed 20 Dec. 2019) > Georgia > M > Morris > 2nd James Morris.

³⁵¹ Nancy Morris, Declaration of Widow for Pension (Act of Feb. 14, 1871), service of James Morris (Pvt., Capt. David Gillespie's Co., Booth's 4th Georgia Militia, War of 1812), bounty land warrant file WO 10661 and WC 6939 (Act of 1855, 80 acres); "War of 1812 Pension Files, *Fold3.com* (accessed 20 Dec. 2019) > Georgia > M > Morris > 2nd James Morris.

³⁵² Ibid.

³⁵³ 1860 U.S. census, Floyd Co., Ga., pop. sched., Rome, Chulio, p. 179 (penned), dwell. 1202, Lovick Morris household; images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 31 Jan. 2021); citing NARA microfilm pub. M 653, n.r.

³⁵⁴ 1880 U.S. census, Polk Co., Ga., pop. sched., 1075 G.M. Dist., Cedartown, enum. dist. (ED) 169, p. 262 (stamped), p. 30 (penned), dwell. 241, fam. 241, Lovick Morris household, images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 31 Jan. 2021); citing NARA microfilm pub. T9, 161.

³⁵⁵ Testimony of Nancy Morris, 11 Jan. 1858, p. 24; Nancy Morris, Declaration of Widow for Pension (Act of Feb. 14, 1871), service of James Morris (Pvt., Capt. David Gillespie's Co., Booth's 4th Georgia Militia, War of 1812), bounty land warrant file WO 10661 and WC 6939 (Act of 1855, 80 acres); "War of 1812 Pension Files, *Fold3.com* (accessed 20 Dec. 2019) > Georgia > M > Morris > 2nd James Morris.

³⁵⁶ Ibid., 3 Sept. 1877, p. 18.

³⁵⁷ Ibid., Testimony of Susan F. Torrance, 13 April 1877, p. 104.

Annie					X ³⁵⁸	X ³⁵⁹		
William Jackson					X ³⁶⁰			X ³⁶¹
Tempy			X ³⁶²	X ³⁶³				
Rebecca					X ³⁶⁴			X ³⁶⁵
Lovick			X ³⁶⁶	X ³⁶⁷		X ³⁶⁸		
Gadwell "Gad"			X ³⁶⁹					

³⁵⁸ 1870 U.S. census, Calhoun Co., Ala., pop. sched., Township 16, Carn Grove P.O., p. 40 (penned), dwell. 310, fam. 311, Ann Lett household, images; *Ancestry.com* (accessed 1 April 2020); citing NARA microfilm pub. M593, roll 5.

³⁵⁹ 1880 U.S. census, Etowah Co., Ala., pop. sched., Township 11, R 6E, Beats 10, 17, enum. dist. (ED) 065, p. 4 (penned), dwell. 42, fam. 48, Anna Lett household; *Ancestry.com* (accessed 1 Jan 2020); citing NARA microfilm pub. T9, roll 13.

³⁶⁰ "Alabama, County Marriage Records, 1805-1967," images, *Ancestry.com*, (accessed 25 Jan. 2021), W^m. J. Morris and Jane Snider, 5 Aug. 1841, p. 216, image149/184; citing Calhoun Co. Marriages, 1832-1852, Courthouse, Anniston.

³⁶¹ 1860 U.S. census, Noxubee Co., Miss., pop. sched., Dist. 4, Summerville, p. 14 (penned), dwell. 896, fam. 872, W. J. Morris household, images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 25 May 2020); citing NARA microfilm pub. M653, n.r.

³⁶² 1860 U.S. census, Floyd Co., Ga., pop. sched., Barkers Dist., p. 104 (penned), dwell. 694, Thomas Reaves [mis-transcribed as Beaner] household; images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 10 Nov. 2015); citing NARA microfilm pub. M653, roll 121.

³⁶³ 1870 U.S. census, Polk Co., Ga., pop. sched., Cedartown, n.p., dwell. 1208, fam. 1284, Temperance Reeves household; images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 31 Jan. 2021); NARA microfilm pub. M593, roll 170.

³⁶⁴ "Alabama, County Marriage Records, 1805-1967," images, *Ancestry.com*, (accessed 25 Jan. 2021), Jno Lane and Rebecca Morris, 21 Sept. 1843, p. 194, image181/184; citing Calhoun Co., Marriages, 1832-1852, Courthouse, Anniston.

³⁶⁵ 1850 U.S. census, Noxubee Co., Miss., pop. sched., p. 235 (stamped), p. 467 (penned), dwell. 655, fam. 655, John Lane household; images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 1 April 2015); citing NARA microfilm pub. M432, roll 379.

³⁶⁶ 1860 U.S. census, Floyd Co., Ga., pop. sched., Rome, Chulio, p. 179 (penned), dwell. 1202, Lovick Morris household; images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 31 Jan. 2021); citing NARA microfilm pub. M 653, n.r.

³⁶⁷ 1870 U.S. census, Polk Co., Ga., pop. sched., Cedartown, p. 336 (stamped), dwell. 1304, fam. 1392, Lovick Morris household; images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 10 April 2020); citing NARA microfilm pub. M593, roll 170.

³⁶⁸ 1900 U.S. census, Etowah Co., Ala., pop. sched, Precinct 25, Keysburg, enum. dist. (ED) 150, p. 71A (stamped), dwell. 88, fam. 88, Lovick Morris [mis-stated as Lovet] household, images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 31 Jan. 2021); NARA microfilm pub. T623, n.r.

³⁶⁹ 1860 U.S. census, Floyd Co., Ga., pop. sched., Barkers, Dist., p. 104 (penned), dwell. 695, Gad Morris household, images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 10 Nov. 2015); citing NARA microfilm pub. M653, roll 121.

Sion								X ³⁷⁰
Susan			X ³⁷¹	X ³⁷²			X ³⁷³	X ³⁷⁴
Edmund Pearce					X ³⁷⁵		X ³⁷⁶	

Annie's family lived among one another and relocated to other areas in clusters where they sometimes became and remained neighbors. Alone, this geographic evidence is not sufficient for proof of Annie's family, but used together with other evidence, it helps supports a strong paper trail.

NAMING PATTERNS

Genealogists have been known to curse when younger generations of families use the same given names as ancestors. In this case, most of the generational names were not exactly the same, but they did provide a sufficient pattern to use as supporting indirect evidence of proof for Annie's identity and kinships.

³⁷⁰ Testimony of Sion Morris, 1877, p. 107; Nancy Morris, Declaration of Widow for Pension (Act of Feb. 14, 1871), service of James Morris (Pvt., Capt. David Gillespie's Co., Booth's 4th Georgia Militia, War of 1812), bounty land warrant file WO 10661 and WC 6939 (Act of 1855, 80 acres); "War of 1812 Pension Files, *Fold3.com* (accessed 20 Dec. 2019) > Georgia > M > Morris > 2nd James Morris.

³⁷¹ 1860 U.S. census, Floyd Co., Ga., pop. sched., Barkers Dist., p. 104 (penned), dwell. 691, Charlton Lewis, household; images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 10 Nov. 2015); citing NARA microfilm pub. M653, roll 121.

³⁷² 1870 U.S. census, Polk Co., Ga., pop. sched., Cedartown, p. 161 (penned), p. 326 (stamped) dwell. 1145, fam. 1215, Hugh Torrants household; images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 10 April 2020); citing NARA microfilm pub. M593, roll 170.

³⁷³ 1880 U.S. census, Cleburne Co., Ala., pop. sched., Township 13, Range 11, Beat 1, Borden's, enum. dist. (ED) 41, p. 15 (penned), dwell. 119, fam. 119, Hugh Tarrance household; *Ancestry.com* (accessed 1 Jan 2020); citing NARA microfilm pub. T9, roll 8.

³⁷⁴ Testimony of Susan F. Torrance, 13 April 1877, p. 104; Nancy Morris, Declaration of Widow for Pension (Act of Feb. 14, 1871), service of James Morris (Pvt., Capt. David Gillespie's Co., Booth's 4th Georgia Militia, War of 1812), bounty land warrant file WO 10661 and WC 6939 (Act of 1855, 80 acres); "War of 1812 Pension Files, *Fold3.com* (accessed 20 Dec. 2019) > Georgia > M > Morris > 2nd James Morris.

³⁷⁵ 1840 U.S. census, Benton Co., Ala., pop. sched., p. 13 (penned), p. 17 (stamped), Edmund Pearce household; *Ancestry.com* (accessed 1 Jan 2020); citing NARA microfilm pub. M704, roll 3.

³⁷⁶ 1880 U.S. census, Cleburne Co., Ala., pop. sched., Township 16, R10, enum. dist. (ED) 045, p. 19 (penned), dwell. 89, fam. 89, Edman Pierce household, images; *Ancestry.com* (accessed 14 June 2020); citing NARA microfilm pub. T9, roll 8.

Family Names Perpetuated by Descendant Lineages of James Morris & Nancy Pearce

	Perpetuated Name					
	Jackson	Gadwell	Rebecca	Annie/Anna	James	Nancy
Descendant Lineage						
Annie					James Collins ³⁷⁷	
Annie > James Collins	William Jackson ³⁷⁸					
Tempy	Jackson ³⁷⁹				James M. ³⁸⁰	
Lovick	Andrew Jackson ³⁸¹				James ³⁸²	
Nancy Pearce Adams		Wiley Gadwell ³⁸³				

³⁷⁷ Alabama, Department of Public Health, death certificate no. 2822, (1931), James Collins Pruitt, Bureau of Vital Statistics, Montgomery.

³⁷⁸ "Alabama, Deaths, 1908-1974; index to deaths, 1908-1959," images, *FamilySearch.org* (accessed: 11 January 2021) FHL film 004200207, certificate image, Mattie Emma Bruce, 29 June 1969, No. 16845; citing Etowah Co., Death Certificates, 1908-1959, certificate nos. 16801-19600, 1969, Dept. of Public Health, Montgomery.

Also, see lineage of the author in **Addendum 1: Documentation of Descendant DNA Testers' Lineages to Child of James Morris and Nancy Pearce.**

³⁷⁹ In 1870, Jackson was enumerated as the inferred son of Tempy. 1870 U.S. census, Polk Co., Ga., pop. sched., Cedartown, n.p., dwell. 1208, fam. 1284, Temperance Reeves household; images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 31 Jan. 2021); NARA microfilm pub. M593, roll 170.

³⁸⁰ In 1860, James M. was enumerated as the inferred son of Tempy. 1860 U.S. census, Floyd Co., Ga., pop. sched., Barkers Dist., p. 104 (penned), dwell. 694, Thomas Reaves [mis-transcribed as Beaner] household; images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 10 Nov. 2015); citing NARA microfilm pub. M653, roll 121.

³⁸¹ "Alabama, Deaths, 1908-1974; index to deaths, 1908-1959," images, *FamilySearch.org* (accessed 19 Feb. 2021), FHL film 004198796, certificate image, Andrew Jackson Morris, 24 Nov 1953, No. 22216; citing Etowah Co., Deaths certificates no. 19601-22400, 1953, Dept. of Public Health, Montgomery.

³⁸² 1880 U.S. census, Polk Co., Ga., pop. sched., 1075 G.M. Dist., Cedartown, enum. dist. (ED) 169, p. 262 (stamped), p. 30 (penned), dwell. 241, fam. 241, Lovick Morris household, images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 31 Jan. 2021); citing NARA microfilm pub. T9, 161. James was enumerated as the inferred son of Lovick.

³⁸³ 1850 U.S. census, Randolph Co., Ala., pop. sched., Beat 4, p. 605A (penned), p. 303 (stamped), dwell. 319, fam. 319, John C. Adams household, images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 28 February 2016); citing NARA microfilm pub. M432, roll 14. This name has been mis-transcribed as Gadriell.

Also, Ancestry, Find A Grave, images, *FindAGrave.com* (accessed 24 Jan. 2021) memorial 52771906, Wiley Gadwell Adams (1843-1915), Edgemont Cemetery, Anniston, Calhoun Co., AL; gravestone photograph by Maria Gilliland (Headstone Hunter).

Rebecca				Emily Anna ³⁸⁴		Nancy E. ³⁸⁵
Rebecca > William J. "Billy" Lane		Wiley Gad ³⁸⁶				
William Jackson			Rebecca ³⁸⁷		James Baxter ³⁸⁸	Nancy Elnora ³⁸⁹
Susan				Anna/Annie ³⁹⁰		

³⁸⁴ "Texas, Death Certificates, 1903-1982," certificate images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 12 Feb. 2021), Certificate 33010, Emily A. Hill [mis-transcribed as Emly], 5 Oct. 1920, Rains Co.; imaged from Tex. State Board of Health Death Certificates, Oct.-Dec., 1920, Texas Dept. of State Health Services, Austin., Bureau of Vital Statistics, Austin.

Also, *Ibid.*, no Certificate no., Arrie Avie Thompson, 18 June 1918, Van Zandt Co.; imaged from State of Texas, Death Certificates, April-June, 1918, Texas Dept. of State Health Services, Austin., Bureau of Vital Statistics, Austin.

³⁸⁵ 1850 U.S. census, Noxubee Co., Miss., pop. sched., p. 235 (stamped), p. 467 (penned), dwell. 655, fam/ 655, John Lane household; images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 1 April 2015); citing NARA microfilm pub. M432, roll 379.

³⁸⁶ Social Security Administration, "United States Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936-2017" database, *Ancestry.com*. (accessed 27 Jan. 2021), entry for Wiley Gad Lane (8 March 1880), SS# 445-07-4045, Greenville, Hunt Co., Tex.

³⁸⁷ Testimony of Rebecca A. Paasch, image 266/343; "Alabama, Texas, and Virginia, Confederate Pensions, 1884-1958," images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 10 June 2019), Widow's Pension Claim, 14 Jan 1913[?], Sarah Elizabeth Morris, widow of W.J. "Jack" Morris "Co. A, 19th Miss. Cavalry. Vols.," app. no. 26404; citing Confederate Pension Applications, 1880-1940, ADAH, Montgomery.

³⁸⁸ "Texas, Death Certificates, 1903-1982," certificate images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed: 1 April 2018), Certificate 14863, James Baxter Morris, 9 April 1925, Jones Co.; imaged from State of Texas, Death Certificates, April-June, 1925, Texas Dept. of State Health Services, Austin., Bureau of Vital Statistics, Austin.

³⁸⁹ *Ibid.*, Certificate 63423., Nancy E. Dakan, 27 Nov. 1957, Potter Co.; imaged from State of Texas, Death Certificates, Oct.-Dec., 1957, Texas Dept. of State Health Services, Austin., Bureau of Vital Statistics, Austin.

³⁹⁰ "An Appeal for the Amendment," *The Southern Democrat* (Oneonta, Ala.), 25 Nov. 1909, images, *Newspapers.com* (accessed 20 July 2020); citing print edition, p.1, col. 5, Blountsville.

BURIAL PLACE PATTERNS

Angeline Pruitt Lowery,³⁹¹ Joseph J. Pruitt,³⁹² William Ransom "W.R." a.k.a. "Billy" Lett³⁹³, and John David Willis Lett³⁹⁴ are buried with their mother Annie in the Forrest Home Methodist Church Cemetery in Boaz, Marshall County, Alabama.³⁹⁵

CONCLUSION

Annie was Jane, the biological daughter of James Morris and Nancy Pearce named in the Temple Ordinance records and War of 1812 pension record. The traditional evidence supports this conclusion. AtDNA also supports this paper trail and conclusion. Determination of cousin relationships of tested descendants using the total cMs of shared atDNA fit within the accepted relationship probabilities and make Annie's placement genetically and genealogically correct in the pedigree for James and Nancy Morris descendants.

Y-DNA results support the biological sibling kinship between Gad Morris and William Jackson Morris. Statistically, James Morris' generational placement in the pedigree is correct for descendants Stanley Dean Morris and Donald Butler Morris. All male Morris descendants who Y-DNA tested and descend from this James Morris share the same significant modal value of 20 on marker DYS448. AtDNA results also support the conclusion that Jackson Morris of the Temple record was the same man as William Jackson Morris.

Annie also was the biological sibling of William Jackson Morris, Rebecca Morris Lane, Lovick Morris, Gad Morris, Sion M. Morris, and Susan F. Morris Lewis Torrance, and logically, the biological daughter of James Morris and Nancy Pearce. Even though no DNA evidence has been used in this study to support her sibling kinship with Temperance (Tempy) Morris Reeves, the paper trail also confirms this relationship. Other children of James and Nancy probably exist but have not yet been identified and proven.

GENEALOGICAL SUMMARY

First Generation

1. **James Morris** was born likely between 1781-1792 and died either 6 or 8 March 1855, in Noxubee County, Mississippi. He married **Nancy Pearce**, daughter of Gadwell Pearce, likely between 20-24 December 1811, at the home of her father in Jackson County, Georgia, by Minister of the Gospel, Rev. Meedy White, M.G. Nancy Pearce was born likely between 1782-1798 and died after 4 June 1881, probably in Polk County, Georgia.

James Morris and Nancy Pearce had the following children who have been identified. Proven biological children are noted with an *.

³⁹¹ Ancestry, Find A Grave, images, *FindAGrave.com* (accessed 24 Jan. 2021) memorial 63170910, Angeline Pruitt Lowery (1842-1898), Forrest Home Methodist Church Cemetery, Boaz, Marshall Co., AL; gravestone photograph by Maria Gilliland (Headstone Hunter).

³⁹² *Ibid.*, memorial 43328997, Joseph J. Pruitt (1848-1915); gravestone photograph by G.G.S.

³⁹³ *Ibid.*, memorial 114134952, William R. "Billy" Lett (1861-1940), gravestone photograph by Maria Gilliland (Headstone Hunter).

³⁹⁴ *Ibid.*, memorial 63170900, John David Willis Lett (1863-1922).

³⁹⁵ *Ibid.*, memorial 114846954, Annie J. Gordon Morris Lett (1825-1917); gravestone photograph by Maria Gilliland.

- +2 i. **Annie Jane Gordon Morris***, born 9 August abt. 1812, probably Jackson County, Georgia, and died 16 May 1917, in the Forrest Home Community, Boaz, Marshall County, Alabama. She married 1) Jacob Decatur Pruitt on 16 February 1843, Calhoun County, Alabama, and 2) Jonathan David Lett on 29 November 1858, Calhoun County, Alabama.
- ii. **William Jackson Morris***, born 9 May likely abt. 1814, probably Jackson County, Georgia, and died 28 March 1894, Van Zandt County, Texas. He married 1) Jane Snider on 8 August 1841, Calhoun County, Alabama, and 2) Sarah Elizabeth Lane on 21 March 1860, Noxubee County, Mississippi.
- iii. ***Temperance “Tempy” Morris**, born 10 August 1815, probably Jackson County, Georgia, and died 23 Dec. 1894, Cedartown, Polk County, Georgia.³⁹⁶ She married Thomas Reaves.
- iv. **Rebecca Morris***, born abt. 1817-1825, probably Jackson County, Georgia, and died unknown. She married John Lane on 21 December 1843, Calhoun County, Alabama.
- v. **Lovick Morris***, born March abt. 1826-1830, probably Jackson County, Georgia, and died 9 November 1901, Etowah County, Alabama.³⁹⁷ He married Sarah E. Doig on 7 January 1861, Floyd County, Georgia.
- vi. **Gadwell “Gad” Morris***, born abt. 1826-1830, probably in Jackson or Fayette County, Georgia, and died between 1870 and 1880, either in the Arkansas or Arizona Territory. He married Elizabeth Wansley 6 January 1852, Floyd County, Georgia.
- vii. **Sion M.³⁹⁸ Morris***, born 25 December abt. 1831-1835 in Jackson or Fayette County, Georgia, and probably died 28 Feb. 1905, Noxubee County, Mississippi. He married Emily E.³⁹⁹ Beavers 16 February 1855, Noxubee County, Mississippi.
- vii. **Susan F. Morris***, born October abt. 1831-1835, likely in Jackson or Fayette County, Georgia or Benton or Calhoun County, Alabama. She died after 24 July

³⁹⁶ Ancestry, Find A Grave, image, *FindAGrave.com*, (accessed 12 Feb. 2021) memorial 101999309, Temperance “Tempy” Morris (1811-1894) [1817-1894], New Harmony Cemetery, Cedartown, Polk Co., Ga., gravestone photograph by Eric Brantley. The birth date on this marker is incorrect.

³⁹⁷ “Alabama, Texas, and Virginia, Confederate Pensions, 1884-1958,” images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 12 Feb. 2021); Sarah E. Morris widow of Pvt. Laverick [Lovick] Morris, “Co. G, 1st Ga. Calvary Reg.,” Application no. 11422; citing Confederate Pension Applications, 1880-1940, ADAH, Montgomery.

³⁹⁸ Bureau of Land Management, “Land Patent Search,” database and digital images, *General Land Office Records* (<http://www.glorecord.blm.gov/PatentSearch> : accessed 12 Feb. 2021, Sion M. Morris (Noxubee Co., Miss.), document no. 1373, issued 4 March 1882.

³⁹⁹ “Marriage Records, 1805-1911,” images, *FamilySearch.org* (accessed 28 April 2020); FHL film 007726174, Sion Morris and Emily Beavers, 16 February 1855, p. 374, image 236/489; citing Noxubee Co., Miss. Marriages, Vol A, 1834-1870, Circuit Clerk Office, Macon. The initial “E” is found in the 1880 census. See 1880 U.S. census, Noxubee Co., Miss., pop. sched, West Half of Beat 4, enum. dist. (ED) 160, p. 4D (penned), dwell. 32, fam. 32, S.M Morris household, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 12 Feb. 2021), citing NARA microfilm pub. T9, roll 660.

- 1902, likely in Polk County, Georgia.⁴⁰⁰ She married probably 1) Charlton Lewis and 2) Hugh Torrence 12 January 1868, Polk County, Georgia.
- viii. **James Morris, Jr.**, likely born abt. 1834-1840, Benton or Calhoun County, Alabama, is not yet identified.

Second Generation

2. **Annie Jane Gordon Morris** and **Jacob Decatur Pruitt** had the following identified children. Proven biological children are noted with an *.
- i. **Angeline Pruitt***, born 10 Oct. abt. 1843, Ala. and died 31 May 1923, likely Ala. She married James H. Hall, 7 Nov. 1869, Calhoun Co., Ala.
 - ii. **Margaret Jane Pruitt**, born 27 Aug. 1844, in Heflin, Cleburne Co., Ala., and died 1 June 1930, Walker Co., Ala. She married Josiah T. Putnam 20 Dec. 1866, Calhoun Co., Ala.
 - iii. **James Collins Pruitt***, born abt. Feb. 1846-1847, likely Ala., and died 7 Feb. 1931, Cullman Co., Ala. He married Mary Vaughan, 2 Nov. 1865, Calhoun Co., Ala.
 - iv. **Lucille "Lucy" A. Pruitt**, born 13 March 1848, likely Ala., and died 31 May 1923, DeKalb Co., Ala. She married James H. Hall 7 Nov. 1869, Calhoun Co., Alabama.
 - v. **Joseph J. Pruitt**, born 27 Aug. abt. 1850, likely Ala., and died 25 Dec. 1915, likely Marshall Co., Ala. He married Flora Catherine Rhodes, 2 Aug. 1870, Calhoun Co., Ala.

Annie Jane Gordon Morris and **Jonathan David Lett** had the following identified children.

- vi. **William "W.R." a.k.a. "Billy" Lett** was born 28 Feb. 1861, Heflin, DeKalb County,⁴⁰¹ Alabama, and died 14 March 1930, Boaz, Marshall County, Alabama. He married Martha Jane Vann.
- vii. **John David Willis Lett** was born 10 Oct. 1863, Alabama, and died 27 Dec. 1922, Boaz, Marshall County, Alabama. He married Luther Ann Woodruff.

⁴⁰⁰ "A Word of Praise," *The Cedartown (Georgia) Standard*, 24 July 1902, images, *Newspapers.com* (accessed 12 Feb. 2021); citing print edition, p. 4, col. 4; "Mrs. Susan Torrance of Piedmont, Alabama is spending time with the family of Mr. Warren Green west of town."

⁴⁰¹ "Alabama, Deaths, 1908-1974; index to deaths, 1908-1959," images, *FamilySearch.org* (accessed 19 Feb. 2021), FHL film 004194744, certificate image, William Lett, 14 March 1930, No. 18664; citing Etowah Co., Death Certificates, 1908-1959, certificate nos. 16801-19600, 1930, Dept. of Public Health, Montgomery.

ADDENDUM 1

Documentation of Descendant DNA Testers' Lineages to Child of James Morris and Nancy Pearce

(All of these kinships are proven to be biological. Documentation for each child's kinships to James Morris and Nancy Pearce are not provided in these lineages since they are discussed in this study)

Terry Ann Mankins Sower, daughter of Mayna Allene Lowery: Mother identified by DNA tester.

Mayna Allene Lowery, daughter of Luther Preston Lowery: 1930 U.S. census, Marshall Co., Alabama, pop. sched., Friendship Beat 16, sheet 1B (penned), enum. dist. (ED) 48-19, dwell. 17, fam. 17, Luther P. Lowery household; *Ancestry.com* (accessed 14 June 2020); citing microfilm pub. T626, n.r.

Luther Preston Lowery, son of John Thomas Lowery: 1910 U.S. census, Marshall Co., Ala., pop. sched., Precinct 16, Friendship, enum. dist. (ED) 106, sheet 9A (penned), fam. 149, John T. Lowery household; images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 23 Feb. 2021); citing NARA microfilm pub. T624, roll 25.

John Thomas Lowery, inferred son of Angeline Pruitt: 1880 U.S. census, Haralson Co., Ga., pop. sched., 1078 MD, enum. dist. (ED) 140 p. 8D (penned), dwell. 70, fam. 80, S. Thomas Lowery household, images; *Ancestry.com* (accessed 1 April 2016); citing NARA microfilm pub. T9, roll 151.

Angeline Pruitt, daughter of **Annie**: See section **Annie > Children** and **DNA > Autosomal (atDNA)** results and analysis for Terry Ann Mankins Sower in this study.

Allen Harris, son of Stella Ann Holmes: Mother identified by DNA tester.

Stella Ann Holmes, daughter of Della Estelle Perry: 1940 U.S. census, Bartow, Co., Ga., pop. sched., Cassville, MD 121, enum. dist. (ED) 8-12, sheet 19B (penned), fam. 336, Sanford Holmes household, images; *Ancestry.com* (accessed 1 April 2016), citing NARA microfilm pub. T627, roll 638.

Della Estella Perry, daughter of Viola E. Hall: 1910 U.S. census, Cullman Co., Ala., pop. sched., Joppa, Precinct 21, p. 34 (penned), p. 3364 (penned), enum. dist. (ED) 32, sheet 3A (penned), dwell. 36, fam. 36, Oscar L. Perry household; *Ancestry.com* (accessed 14 June 2020); citing NARA microfilm pub. T624, roll 10.

Viola E. Hall, daughter of Sarah Margaret Pruitt: 1900 U.S. census, Etowah Co., Ala., pop. sched., Precinct 12, Chandler, enum. dist. (ED) 158, p. 196A (stamped), sheet 13A (penned), dwell. 231, fam. 230, Robbert [sic] R. Hall household, images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 14 June 2020); citing NARA microfilm pub. T623, n.r.

Sarah Margaret Pruitt daughter of James Collins Pruitt: **Pruitt** daughter of James Collins Pruitt: Alabama, Department of Public Health, death certificate no. 358, (1962), Margaret S. Hall, Bureau of Vital Statistics, Montgomery. This certificate in possession of the author.

James Collins Pruitt, son of **Annie**: Alabama, Department of Public Health, death certificate no. 2822, (1931), James Collins Pruitt, Bureau of Vital Statistics, Montgomery. This certificate is in the possession of the author.

Yvonne Mashburn Schmidt, daughter of Gladys Leonna Holmes: Mother identified by DNA tester.

Gladys Leonna Holmes, daughter of Della Estelle Perry: Bartow Co., Ga., Delayed Certificate of Birth 411238 (1944) Gladys Leonna Holmes; County Clerk's Office, Bartow Co., Ga. This image copy of the delayed certificate is in the possession of the author.

Della Estella Perry, daughter of Viola E. Hall: 1910 U.S. census, Cullman Co., Ala., pop. sched., Joppa, Precinct 21, p. 34 (penned), p. 3364 (penned), enum. dist. (ED) 32, sheet 3A (penned), dwell. 36, fam. 36, Oscar L. Perry household; *Ancestry.com* (accessed 14 June 2020); citing NARA microfilm pub. T624, roll 10.

Viola E. Hall, daughter of Sarah Margaret Pruitt: 1900 U.S. census, Etowah Co., Ala., pop. sched., Precinct 12, Chandler, enum. dist. (ED) 158, p. 196A (stamped), sheet 13A (penned), dwell. 231, fam. 230, Robbert [sic] R. Hall household, images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 14 June 2020); citing NARA microfilm pub. T623, n.r.

Sarah Margaret Pruitt daughter of James Collins Pruitt: **Pruitt** daughter of James Collins Pruitt: Alabama, Department of Public Health, death certificate no. 358, (1962), Margaret S. Hall, Bureau of Vital Statistics, Montgomery.

James Collins Pruitt, son of **Annie**: Alabama, Department of Public Health, death certificate no. 2822, (1931), James Collins Pruitt, Bureau of Vital Statistics, Montgomery.

Willard "Will" Lutz, son of Annie Mae Hall: Mother identified by DNA tester.

Annie Mae Hall, daughter of Bud David Hall: "Deaths and Funerals," *The Salem (Ohio) News*, 30 Aug. 1965, Mrs. B.D. Hall; images, *Newspapers.com* (accessed 13 July 2020); citing print edition p. 1, col 1.

Bud David Hall, son of Sarah Margaret Pruitt: "Ohio, Deaths, 1908-1953" images, *FamilySearch.org* (accessed 1 April 2020); FHL film 004194737, Bud David Hall, 1945, Columbiana Co., Oh., Certificate 51765, Health Officer's Record No. 63; citing, Columbiana Co., Death Certificates, 1945, Ohio Dept. of Health, Division of Vital Stats., Columbus.

Sarah Margaret Pruitt daughter of James Collins Pruitt: **Pruitt** daughter of James Collins Pruitt: Alabama, Department of Public Health, death certificate no. 358, (1962), Margaret S. Hall, Bureau of Vital Statistics, Montgomery. This certificate in possession of the author.

James Collins Pruitt, son of **Annie**: Alabama, Department of Public Health, death certificate no. 2822, (1931), James Collins Pruitt, Bureau of Vital Statistics, Montgomery.

Grant Lawrence Davis, son of Billy Morris Davis: "Texas, Naturalization Records, 1852-1991," images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 18 July 2020), No. 2562, image339/1769, entry for Constance Davis and Billy Morris Davis, 1945; citing Fort Worth, Texas, Naturalization Petitions, 1945-1952, Northern Dist. of Tex., RG 21, National Archives, Ft. Worth.

Billy Morris Davis, son of Era Mae Morris: New Mexico, Bureau of Public Health, birth cert. no. F, (1923), Morris Davis; Bureau of Vital Records and Health Certificates, Santa Fe. This certificate is in the possession of Grant Lawrence Davis.

Era Mae Morris, daughter of James Baxter Morris: New Mexico, Bureau of Public Health, no Cert. no., (1926), Era May Morris Davis; Bureau of Vital Records and Health Certificates, Santa Fe. This certificate is in the possession of Grant Lawrence Davis.

James Baxter Morris, son of **William Jackson Morris**: "Texas, Death Certificates, 1903-1982," certificate images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed: 1 April 2018), Certificate 13620, James Baxter Morris, 9 April 1925, Jones Co.; imaged from State of Tex. Death Certificates, April-June, 1925, State Board of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics, Austin.

Stanley Dean Morris, son of Dorman Houston Morris: Father identified by DNA tester.

Dorman Houston Morris, son of William Henry Morris: Texas Dept. of State Health Services, Amendment to Certificate of Birth 6530 (1917), Dorman Houston [sic] Morris, formerly "Morris"; Vital Statistics Office, Austin. This certificate is in the possession of the author.

William Henry Morris, son of Wiley R. Morris: Social Security Administration, "United States Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936-2007" database, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 1 May 2020), entry for William Henry Morris (5 Nov 1884), Leonard, Texas.

Wiley R. Morris, son of **William Jackson Morris**: No direct evidence supports this kinship; however, a conclusion can be drawn from indirect traditional evidence in addition to supporting DNA evidence: Wiley was enumerated next door to William Jackson Morris. See 1880 U.S. census, Fannin Co., Tex., pop. sched., Precinct 3, p. 68 (penned), dwell. 580, fam. 591, W.R. Morris and dwell. 579, fam. 590, W.J. Morris, images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 1 May 2020); citing NARA microfilm pub. T9, roll 1302.

- James Baxter Morris, son of William Jackson Morris: "Texas, Death Certificates, 1903-1982," certificate images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed: 1 April 2018), Certificate 13620, James Baxter Morris, 9 April 1925, Jones Co.; imaged from State of Tex. Death Certificates, April-June, 1925, State Board of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics, Austin.
- Also, in 1870, James and Willy [Wiley] were enumerated in the household of William Jackson as inferred sons. See 1870 U.S. census, Kaufman Co., Tex., pop. sched., Kaufman, p. 95 (penned), p. 71 (stamped), dwell. 619, fam. 636, S.E. Morris household, images, *Ancestry.com* (1 May 2020); citing NARA microfilm pub. M593, roll 1594.

Glenn Lane, son of Harvel Lane: Father identified by DNA tester.

Harvel Lane, son of Wiley Gad Lane: 1920 U.S. census, Johnston Co., Okla., pop. sched., Thomas Township, enum. dist. (ED) 97, p. 228A (stamped), dwell. 28, fam. 28, Wyley [sic] G. Lane household; image, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 15 June 2020); citing NARA film pub. T625, roll 1464.

Wiley Gad Lane, son of [William J.] Billy Lane: Social Security Administration, "United States Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936-2007" index, *Ancestry.com* (1 May 2020), entry for Wiley Gad Lane (8 March 1880), Greenville, Hunt, Tex.

William J. "Billy" Lane, inferred son of **Rebecca Morris**: 1850 U.S. census, Noxubee Co., Miss., pop. sched., p. 235 (stamped), p. 467 (penned), dwell. 655, fam. 655, John Lane household; images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 1 May 2020); citing NARA microfilm pub. M432, roll 379.

Deena Passmore, daughter of Irene Nadine Harrison: Mother identified by DNA tester.

Irene Nadine Harrison, daughter of Georgia Frances Bradley: Social Security Administration, "United States Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936-2007" database, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 1 May 2020), entry for Nadine Harrison (17 Oct. 1934), Cheyenne, Rogers, Okla.

Georgia Frances Bradley, daughter of Mary Isabella Hill: "Texas, U.S. Birth Certificates, 1903-1932," certificate images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 16 Feb. 2021), Certificate 21653, Georgia Frances Bradley, 20 July 1914, Van Zandt Co.; imaged from State of Texas, Death Certificates, 1914, 017432-023347, Texas Dept. of State Health Services, Bureau of Vital Statistics, Austin.

Mary Isabella Rebecca Hill, daughter of Nancy E. Lane: 1880 U.S. census, Rains Co., Tex. Pop. sched., Precinct 3, enum. dist. (E.D.) 97, p. 140A (stamped), dwell. 350, fam. 399, Joseph Hill household, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 14 Feb. 2021); citing NARA microfilm pub. T9, roll 1323. M.I.R. Hill was the inferred daughter of Joseph and N.E. Hill.

Nancy E. Lane, daughter of **Rebecca Morris**: 1850 U.S. census, Noxubee Co., Miss., pop. sched., p. 235 (stamped), p. 467 (penned), dwell. 655, fam. 655, John Lane household; images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 1 May 2020); citing NARA microfilm pub. M432, roll 379.

Betty Bennett Marion Coleman, daughter of Rozell Kuykendall: Mother identified by DNA tester.

Rozell Kuykendall, daughter of Sarah Elizabeth Morris: Social Security Administration, "United States Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936-2017" database, *Ancestry.com*. (accessed 14 September 2020), entry for Rozell Bennett (1922), Woodstock, Cherokee Co., Ga.

Sarah Elizabeth Morris, daughter of Andrew Jackson Morris: 1900 U.S. census, Etowah Co., Ala., pop. sched., Precinct 25, Keysburg, enum. dist. (ED) 150, Sheets 5A-5B (penned), pp. 71A-B (stamped), dwell. 89 fam. 89, Andrew Morris household, images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 31 Jan. 2021); NARA microfilm pub. T623, n.r.

Andrew Jackson Morris, son of **Lovick Morris**: "Alabama, County Marriages, 1809-1950," images, *FamilySearch.org* (accessed 18 Feb. 2021), FHL film 007251171, Andrew Jackson Morris and Martha Collins, 7 Dec. 1937, p. 607, image 360/893; citing Etowah Co. Marriages, vol. 20, 1937, Courthouse, Gadsden.

Aimee McGlathery, daughter of Bobby Gene McGlathery: Father identified by DNA tester.

Bobby Gene McGlathery (living), son of Samuel Kenneth McGlathery: "Brock-McGlathery," *The Fort Payne (Alabama) Journal*, 1 Oct. 1950, images, *Newspapers.com* (accessed 13 Feb. 2021); citing print edition p. 4, col. 1.

Samuel Kenneth McGlathery, son of Samuel Monroe McGlathery: 1940 U.S. census, Etowah Co., Ala., pop. sched., Glencoetown, Precinct 25, enum. dist. (ED) 28-68, sheet 5B (penned), fam. 86, S.M. McGlathery household; images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 13 Feb. 2021); citing NARA microfilm pub. T627, roll 31.

Samuel Monroe McGlathery, son of Martha E. Morris: 1910 U.S. census, Etowah Co., Ala. pop. sched., Hokes Bluff, Precinct 4, sheet 2B (penned), dwell. 34, fam. 34, Andrew J. Morris household; images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 13 Feb. 2021); citing NARA microfilm pub. T624, roll 13.

Martha E. Morris, daughter of **Lovick Morris**: "Alabama Deaths, 1908-1974; index to deaths, 1908-1959," images, *FamilySearch.org* (accessed: 19 Feb. 2021), FHL film 004200207, certificate image, Mattie Emma Bruce, 29 June 1969, No. 16845; citing Etowah Co., Death Certificates, 1908-1959, certificate nos. 16801-19600, 1969; Dept. of Public Health, Montgomery.

Robert E. Lee Myers, son of Samuel Jefferson Myers: Father identified by DNA tester.

Samuel Jefferson Myers, son of Elizabeth Morris: "Services Held for H.J. Myers at Louisville," *The Star-Herald* (Kosciusko, Miss), 14 April 1960, images, *Newspapers.com* (accessed 13 Feb. 2021); citing print edition p. 3, col. 3.

Mary Elizabeth Morris, daughter of Robert M. Morris: 1900 U.S. census, Noxubee Co., Miss. pop. sched., Beat 4, enum. dist. (ED) 69, p. 237B (stamped), dwell. 282, fam. 285, Bob Morris household, images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 13 Feb. 2021); NARA microfilm pub. T623, n.r.

Robert M. Morris, son of **Sion M. Morris**: 1870 U.S. census, Noxubee Co., Miss., pop. sched. Township, 13, Shuqualak P.O., p. 8 (penned), dwell. 64, fam. 63, Sion Morris household; images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 31 Jan. 2021); citing NARA microfilm pub. M593, roll 743. Robert was the inferred son of Sion in this census.

Deanna Myers Hurst, daughter of Robert E. Lee Myers: Father identified by DNA tester.

Robert E. Lee Myers (living), son of Samuel Jefferson Myers: Father identified by DNA tester.

Samuel Jefferson Myers, son of Elizabeth Morris: "Services Held for H.J. Myers at Louisville," *The Star-Herald* (Kosciusko, Miss), 14 April 1960, images, *Newspapers.com* (accessed 13 Feb. 2021); citing print edition p. 3, col. 3.

Mary Elizabeth Morris, daughter of Robert M. Morris: 1900 U.S. census, Noxubee Co., Miss. pop. sched., Beat 4, enum. dist. (ED) 69, p. 237B (stamped), dwell. 282, fam. 285, Bob Morris household, images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 13 Feb. 2021); NARA microfilm pub. T623, n.r.

Robert M. Morris, son of **Sion M. Morris**: 1870 U.S. census, Noxubee Co., Miss., pop. sched. Township, 13, Shuqualak, P.O., p. 8 (penned), dwell. 64, fam. 63, Sion Morris household; images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 31 Jan. 2021); citing NARA microfilm pub. M593, roll 743. Robert was the inferred son of Sion in this census.

Glenna Clonts Nelson, daughter of Jay Nelson: Father identified by DNA tester.

Jay Nelson, son of Mary Elizabeth Foster: "Mary E. Nelson Obituary," *Deseret News* (Salt Lake City, Utah), 26 June 1971, images, *Newspapers.com* (accessed 13 Feb. 2021); citing print edition, p. 10, col. 5.

Mary Elizabeth Foster, daughter of Mary Josephine Morris: 1920 U.S. census, Cochise, Ariz., pop. sched., Webb Precinct, enum. dist. (ED) 28, sheet 4B (penned), fam. 84, Price W. Nelson household; images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 31 Jan. 2021); citing NARA microfilm pub. T625, roll 47.

Mary Josephine Morris, daughter of **Gad Morris**: "Utah Death and Military Certificates, 1904-1964," images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 14 Jan. 2019), certificate image, Mary Josephine Foster, 24 Sept. 1942; imaged from Weber Co., Deaths, 1942, Death Certificates, Office of Vital Records & Certificates, Utah State Archives, Salt Lake City.

Genia Davis Edmonds, daughter of Lydia Louise Stringer: Mother identified by DNA tester.

Lydia Louise Stringer, daughter of Hannah Noreen Nelson: 1940 U.S. census, Cochise, Ariz., pop. sched., Lowell, C.S.D. 1, enum. dist. (ED) 2-12, sheet 7B (penned), fam. 150, Ben H. Stringer household, images; *Ancestry.com* (accessed 13 Feb. 2021), citing NARA microfilm pub. T627, roll 100.

Hannah Noreen Nelson, daughter of Mary Elizabeth Foster: "Mary E. Nelson Obituary," *Deseret News* (Salt Lake City, Utah), 26 June 1971, images, *Newspapers.com* (accessed 13 Feb. 2021); citing print edition, p. 10, col. 5.

Mary Elizabeth Foster, daughter of Mary Josephine Morris: 1920 U.S. census, Cochise, Ariz., pop. sched., Webb Precinct, enum. dist. (ED) 28, sheet 4B (penned), fam. 84, Price W. Nelson household; images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 31 Jan. 2021); citing NARA microfilm pub. T625, roll 47.

Mary Josephine Morris, daughter of **Gad Morris**: "Utah Death and Military Certificates, 1904-1964," images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 14 Jan. 2019), certificate image, Mary Josephine Foster, 24 Sept. 1942; imaged from Weber Co., Deaths, 1942, Death Certificates, Office of Vital Records & Certificates, Utah State Archives, Salt Lake City.

Cynthia Rose Dyer Nelson, daughter of Margaret Josephine Stringer: Mother identified by DNA tester.

Margaret Josephine Stringer, daughter of daughter of Hannah Noreen Nelson: 1940 U.S. census, Cochise, Ariz., pop. sched., Lowell, C.S.D. 1, enum. dist. (ED) 2-12, sheet 7B (penned), fam. 150, Ben H. Stringer household, images; *Ancestry.com* (accessed 13 Feb. 2021), citing NARA microfilm pub. T627, roll 100.

Hannah Noreen Nelson, daughter of Mary Elizabeth Foster: "Mary E. Nelson Obituary," *Deseret News* (Salt Lake City, Utah), 26 June 1971, images, *Newspapers.com* (accessed 13 Feb. 2021); citing print edition, p. 10, col. 5.

Mary Elizabeth Foster, daughter of Mary Josephine Morris: 1920 U.S. census, Cochise, Ariz., pop. sched., Webb Precinct, enum. dist. (ED) 28, sheet 4B (penned), fam. 84, Price W. Nelson household; images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 31 Jan. 2021); citing NARA microfilm pub. T625, roll 47.

Mary Josephine Morris, daughter of **Gad Morris**: "Utah Death and Military Certificates, 1904-1964," images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 14 Jan. 2019), certificate image, Mary Josephine Foster, 24 Sept. 1942; imaged from Weber Co., Deaths, 1942, Death Certificates, Office of Vital Records & Certificates, Utah State Archives, Salt Lake City.

Donald Butler Morris, son of Gilbert Lavoy Morris: Father identified by DNA tester.

Gilbert Lavoy Morris, son of George Albert Morris: "Arizona, Birth Records, 1880-1935," images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 1 May 2020), certificate image, Gilbert Lavoy Morris, 14 Dec 1921, Graham Co., Ariz., Health Officer's Record Number 152; Dept. of Health Services, Phoenix.

George Albert Morris, son of George Lumpkin Morris: 1900 U.S. census, Graham Co., Ariz. Terr., pop. sched., Precinct 15, San Jose, enum. dist. (ED) 20, p. 82A (stamped), dwell. 331, fam. 338, George Morris household, n.p.; images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 1 May 2020); citing NARA microfilm pub. T623, n.r.

George Lumpkin Morris, son of **Gad Morris**: "Arizona, Death Records, 1887-1960," images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 1 April 2018), certificate image, George L. Morris, 15 Jan. 1921; imaged from Death Records, Graham Co., Ariz., 1920-1929, State Board of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics, Phoenix.

Robert Morris, son of Rulen Ellsworth Morris: Father identified by DNA tester.

Rulen Ellsworth Morris son of George Albert Morris: "Arizona, Birth Records, 1880-1935," images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 1 May 2020); Rulen Ellsworth Morris, 25 March 1916, Graham Co., Ariz., imaged from Death Records, Department of Health Services, Phoenix.

George Albert Morris, son of George Lumpkin Morris: 1900 U.S. census, Graham Co., Ariz. Terr., pop. sched., Precinct 15, San Jose, enum. dist. (ED) 20, p. 82A (stamped), dwell. 331, fam. 338, George Morris household, n.p.; images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 1 May 2020; citing NARA microfilm pub. T623, n.r.

George Lumpkin Morris, son of **Gad Morris**: "Arizona, Death Records, 1887-1960," images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 1 April 2018), certificate image, George L. Morris, 15 Jan. 1921; imaged from Death Records, Graham Co., Ariz., 1920-1929, State Board of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics, Phoenix.

Richard Morris, son of George Elton Morris: Father identified by DNA tester.

George Elton Morris, son of George Albert Morris. "Arizona, Birth Records, 1880-1935," images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 14 June 2020) George Elton Morris, 6 Dec. 1913; imaged from Death Records, Graham Co., Ariz., 1920-1929, Department of Health Services, Phoenix.

George Albert Morris, son of George Lumpkin Morris: 1900 U.S. census, Graham Co., Ariz. Terr., pop. sched., Precinct 15, San Jose, enum. dist. (ED) 20, p. 82A (stamped), dwell. 331, fam. 338, George Morris household, n.p.; images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 1 May 2020; citing NARA microfilm pub. T623, n.r.

George Lumpkin Morris, son of **Gad Morris**: "Arizona, Death Records, 1887-1960," images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 1 April 2018), certificate image, George L. Morris, 15 Jan. 1921; imaged from Death Records, Graham Co., Ariz., 1920-1929, State Board of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics, Phoenix.

Olive Morris Conder, daughter of Lee Amasa Morris: Mother identified by DNA tester.

Lee Amasa Morris, son of George Lumpkin Morris: 1900 U.S. census, Graham Co., Ariz. Terr., pop. sched., Precinct 15, San Jose, enum. dist. (ED) 20, p. 82A (stamped), dwell. 331, fam. 338, George Morris household, n.p.; images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 1 May 2020; citing NARA microfilm pub. T623, n.r.

George Lumpkin Morris, son of **Gad Morris**: "Arizona, Death Records, 1887-1960," images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 1 April 2018), certificate image, George L. Morris, 15 Jan. 1921, imaged from Death Records, Graham Co., Ariz., 1920-1929, State Board of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics, Phoenix.

Gregory Morris, son of Gordon Hatch Morris: Father identified by DNA tester.

Gordon Hatch Morris, son of Carl F. Morris. "Arizona, Birth Records, 1880-1935," images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 14 June 2020); certificate image, Gordon H. Morris, 2 Oct. 1931, Graham Co., Ariz., State Dept. of Health, Division of Vital Statistics, Phoenix.

Carl F. Morris, son of John Wesley Morris: "Arizona Deaths: John Wesley Morris," *Arizona (Phoenix) Republic*, 6 March 1951, images, *Newspapers.com* (accessed 8 July 2019); citing print edition p. 13, col 2.

John Wesley Morris, son of **Gad Morris**: "Arizona, Death Records, 1887-1960," images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 14 June 2020); certificate image, John W. Morris, 4 March 1951, imaged from Death Records, 1950-1960, Graham Co., Ariz., State Dept. of Health, Division of Vital Statistics, Phoenix.

Dan Morris, son of Carl F. Morris: Father identified by DNA tester.

Carl F. Morris, son of John Wesley Morris: "Arizona Deaths: John Wesley Morris," *Arizona (Phoenix) Republic*, 6 March 1951, images, *Newspapers.com* (accessed 8 July 2019); citing print edition p. 13, col 2.

John Wesley Morris, son of **Gad Morris**: "Arizona, Death Records, 1887-1960," images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 14 June 2020); certificate image, John W. Morris, 4 March 1951, imaged from Death Records, 1950-1960, Graham Co., Ariz., State Dept. of Health, Division of Vital Statistics, Phoenix.

Terry Grant Morris, son of Grant Morris: Father identified by DNA tester.

Grant Morris, son of John Wesley Morris. "Arizona Deaths: John Wesley Morris," *Arizona (Phoenix) Republic*, 6 March 1951, images, *Newspapers.com* (accessed 8 July 2019); citing print edition p. 13, col 2.

John Wesley Morris, son of **Gad Morris**: "Arizona, Death Records, 1887-1960," images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 14 June 2020); certificate image, John W. Morris, 4 March 1951, imaged from Death Records, 1950-1960, Graham Co., Ariz., State Dept. of Health, Division of Vital Statistics, Phoenix.

Jerry Stephen Torrence, son of Dewey Stephen Morris: Father identified by tester.

Dewey Stephen Morris, son of David Wiley Torrence: 1910 U.S. census, Blount Co., Ala., pop. sched., Blountsville, Beat 5, sheet 4B (penned), enum. dist. (ED) 16, dwell. 13, fam. 13, Wylly Tarnc [sic] household; images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 1 April 2016); citing NARA microfilm pub. T624, roll 2.

David Wiley Morris, son of **Susan F. Morris**: 1880 U.S. census, Cleburne, Co., Ala., pop. sched. Township 13, R11, Beat 1, Borden's, enum. dist. (ED) 41, p. 15 (penned), dwell. 119, fam. 119, Hugh Tarrance household; *Ancestry.com* (accessed 1 Jan 2020); citing NARA microfilm pub. T9, roll 8. David was the inferred son of Hugh and Susan Torrance.

Susan Frances Perkins Nye, daughter of Anna Florence Elizabeth Bullard: Mother identified by DNA tester.

Anna Florence Elizabeth Bullard, daughter of Effie Lee Malone: 1930 U.S. census, Jefferson Co., Ala., pop. sched., Tarrant, Precinct 11, enum. dist. (ED) 37-140, sheet 3B (penned), dwell. 53, fam. 58, William J. Bullard household; images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 20 June 2020); citing NARA microfilm pub. T626, n.r.

Effie Lee Malone, daughter of Anna Lewis: 1900 U.S. census, Blount Co., Ala., pop. sched., Blountsville, Precinct 5, enum. dist. (ED) 5, p. 201A (stamped), dwell. 46, fam. 46, John Malone household; images, *Ancestry.com* (accessed 20 June 2020); citing NARA microfilm pub. T623, n.r.

Anna Lewis, daughter of **Susan F. Morris**: Bullard family traditions regarding parentage of Annie Lewis Malone and Mary “Fannie” Lewis Malone (born ca. 1843), Susan Frances Perkins Nye, compiler (privately held by Susan Perkins Nye, [ADDRESS FOR PRIVATE USE,] Ocala, Florida), as reported by Susan, Effie’s granddaughter, 1971 before Effie’s death. Susan’s grandmother Effie Lee Malone Bullard told Sue that Fannie and Annie were “blood sisters” and that they were “inseparable in later years.”. This information was shared in email by Susan Perkins Nye, granddaughter of Effie Lee Malone Bullard [(email for private use),] to Yvonne Mashburn Schmidt, email, 10 Jan. 2020 “Annie and Fannie”; Morris Family File, Morris Pearce Project, Mashburn Schmidt Research Files; privately held by Yvonne Mashburn Schmidt.

ADDENDUM 2

DNA Tester's Tree Completeness⁴⁰²

DNA Tester	Relationship of Tester to James Morris & Nancy Pearce	No. of Possible Ancestors	No. Ancestors Identified	% Tree Completeness	Notes
Terry Ann Mankins Sower	4X GG	64	53	83%	
Allen Harris	5X GG	32	21	66%	Maternal 1C with Yvonne; Paternal line excluded.
Yvonne Mashburn Schmidt	5X GG	32	21	66%	Maternal 1C with Allen; Paternal line excluded.
Willard "Will" R. Lutz	4X GG	32	11	34%	Triangulations along Morris, Pearce lines. Will's paternal lineages are from the northern states.
Grant Lawrence Davis	3X GG	16	9	56%	Mother from England. Maternal line excluded.
Stanley Dean Morris	3X GG	16	16	100%	Paternal Morris line per Y-DNA results w/Gad descendants.
Glenn Lane	3X GG	32	28	88%	
Deena Passmore	4X GG	64	21	33%	
Betty Bennett Marion Coleman	3X GG	32	30	94%	
Aimee McGlathery	4X GG	64	53	83%	
Deanna Myers Hurst	4X GG	32	28	88%	Paternal line: Father Robert Lee Myers also triangulates with some Morris/Pearce lines. Some of these triangulations include Deanna.
Robert Lee Myers	3X GG	32	22	69%	Father of Deanna Myers Hurst.
Glenna Nelson Clonts	3X GG	32	26	81%	
Genia Davis Edmonds	4X GG	64	14	22%	
Cynthia Rose Dyer Nelson	4X GG	64	34	53%	

⁴⁰² Even though southern lineages can be endogamous, the number of triangulations between these DNA testers and other independent Morris/Pearce descendant lineages can help eliminate the possibility of the shared DNA being inherited from lineages other than the Morris or Pearce lines.

Donald Butler Morris	3X GG	16	16	100%	Paternal Morris line per Y-DNA results with William Jackson Morris descendants and the same significant marker modal value.
Robert Morris	3X GG	32	32	100%	Paternal Morris line per Y-DNA results with William Jackson Morris descendants and the same significant marker modal value.
Richard Morris	3X GG	32	32	100%	Paternal Morris line per Y-DNA results with William Jackson Morris descendants and the same significant marker modal value.
Olive Morris Conder	2X GG	16	16	100%	
Gregory Morris	3X GG	16	16	100%	Paternal Morris line per Y-DNA results with William Jackson Morris descendants and the same significant marker modal value.
Dan Morris	2X GG	8	8	100%	Paternal Morris line per Y-DNA results with William Jackson Morris descendants and the same significant marker modal value.
Terry Grant Morris	2X GG	8	8	100%	Paternal Morris line per Y-DNA results with William Jackson Morris descendants and the same significant marker modal value.
Jerry Stephen Torrence	2X GG	16	16	100%	This shared DNA from Jerry's maternal line of Susan F. Lewis Torrence.
Susan Perkins Nye	3X GG	32	19	59%	

ADDENDUM 3

Significant Contributions of Others

Glenna Clonts and her son Kyle Clonts were responsible for locating the Temple Baptismal records used in this study at the Family History Library, Salt Lake City. Glenna kindly searched for or retrieved many records from the FHL that the author requested.

Cynthia Rose Dyer Nelson shared the guardianship record for Lovick and Nancy Morris which helped support the conclusion Gad's parents were correct and place the family in Floyd County, GA. She is considered the family expert on the Gad line and was generous with her research on the lineage.

Susan Perkins Nye shared her family story and one of the guardianship records for her maternal grandmother Effie Lee Malone Bullard with the author. Her family story connected Annie's lineage with Susan's and prompted the request for her to DNA test for the project. Her help and story were invaluable.

To all 200+ cousins who answered the call to DNA test.

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