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REYNOLDS (RUNNELS)

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Preface

One of the fallacies of youth is disinterest in family history. I was no exception. The bad thing is that by the time one reaches the age of realization of the importance of history and knowledge relative to his or her ancestry, so many of the sources are no longer available. When I was growing up there was no escaping the history of my mother's family. I not only heard it over and over, and it indeed was worth it, but I lived among so many of my maternal relatives. My father seldom mentioned his family and, even if he had, I was not particularly interested at that time in the genealogy of either of my parents or anyone else. There was so much he could have told me if only I had been interested and had listened to him. Now he has been gone for nearly twenty-six years, as I write this, and acquiring the information of his family has been most frustrating due to the fact that the only relatives I know of on that side of my family, outside of my immediate family, are deceased, with the exception of one very distant cousin who never replied to my letter of inquiry. So, in spite of the many, many hours of research and hard work and the many, many letters of request, the data on the Reynolds family is limited and most incomplete. I suppose the biggest obstacle to my research of this family was courthouse fires that destroyed the records I needed.

One will hardly do all that is necessary to obtain the needed information unless there is a genuine desire for it and a love of both history and genealogy. I was one of those who used to say that I was not interested in such "nonsense" because I was more involved in really living in the NOW. However, I have come to realize that much of our living in the NOW evolves from our family background and genetics.

I'm sure that after this book is in print I will continue my research and, hopefully, the time will come when some of the puzzles fall into place and I can add addenda to this work. I don't suppose there is any family history without some errors and for those that appear herein I apologize. However, I honestly believe that the facts I have recorded herein are basically true and accurate so far as possible according to the research I have done.

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1983

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Date 1981

Date of Birth
Place of Birth
Date of Marriage
Date of Death
Place of Death

4 George Washington Reynolds

(Father of No. 2)

b. 27 January 1832
p.b. McDonough, Georgia
m. 6 January 1853
d. 29 December 1904
p.d. Holly Grove, Louisiana

2 James Monroe Reynolds

(Father of No. 1)

b. 18 July 1875
p.b. Holly Grove, Louisiana
m. 22 October 1898
d. 2 April 1957
p.d. El Dorado, Arkansas

5 Elizabeth Massey

(Mother of No. 2)

b. 1834
p.b. Mississippi
d. 1887
p.d. Holly Grove, Louisiana

1 Mary Louise Reynolds

p. El Dorado, Arkansas
p.b. 5 September 1918
m. 18 July 1936
d.
p.d.

6 Watson Eldridge Lacy

(Father of No. 3)

b. 30 December 1839
p.b. Somerville, Tennessee
m. 23 May 1865
d. 3 July 1924
p.d. El Dorado, Arkansas

3 Annie James Lacy

(Mother of No. 1)

b. 26 March 1879
p.b. El Dorado, Arkansas
d. 11 November 1974
p.d. El Dorado, Arkansas

7 Sarah Caroline Holcombe

(Mother of No. 3)

b. 30 April 1841
p.b. Ripley, Mississippi
d. 7 June 1889
p.d. El Dorado, Arkansas

John Peter Bailey III

(Spouse of No. 1)

b. 12 Oct. 1917 d.
p.b. Sebree, Ky. p.d.

8 William Levi Reynolds

(Father of No. 4)

b. 10 February 1785
p.b. Caswell County, N. C.
m. 13 October 1811
d. 24 July 1851
p.d. Holly Grove, La.
Elizabeth Moore

(Mother of No. 4)

b. 14 September 1790
p.b. Prob. in Georgia
d. 19 March 1865
p.d. Holly Grove, La.

10 Thomas Massey

(Father of No. 5)

b. 1801
p.b. South Carolina
m.
d. 1878
p.d. Hope, Arkansas

(Mother of No. 5)

b.
p.b.
d. 1834 or 1835
p.d. Mississippi

12 William Sterling Lacy

(Father of No. 6)

b. 8 April 1791
p.b. Virginia
m. 26 August 1833
d. 20 November 1880
p.d. El Dorado, Arkansas

13 Julia Anna Eldridge

(Mother of No. 6)

b. 6 January 1810
p.b. Lebanon, New Hampshire
d. 4 July 1894
p.d. El Dorado, Arkansas

14 Levi Stokes Holcombe

(Father of No. 7)

b. 17 September 1810
p.b. Columbia, South Carolina
m. 1833
d. 1885
p.d. Pine Bluff, Arkansas

15 Sarah Whitlow

(Mother of No. 7)

b. 1 October 1813
p.b. South Carolina
d. 1857-November 6
p.d. Ripley, Mississippi

b. ca. 1750

(Father of No. 8,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

m. 1771

d. ca. 1798 in Georgia
Fannie Hubert

b. 1 Nov. 1754

(Mother of No. 8,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

d. ca. 1816 in Georgia

b.
m.

(Father of No. 9,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

d.

b.

(Mother of No. 9,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

d.

20 William Massey

b. ca. 1765-Va.

(Father of No. 10,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

m. 179?

d. 1804-Tennessee

Elizabeth Marshall

b.

(Mother of No. 10,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

d. ca. 1840-Mississippi

b.

(Father of No. 11,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

m.

d.

b.

(Mother of No. 11,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

d.

24 Rev. Drury Lacy

b. 5 Oct. 1758

(Father of No. 12,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

m. 25 December 1789

d. 6 December 1815

25 Anne Smith

b. 6 Apr. 1760

(Mother of No. 12,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

d. 8 November 1815

26 Zuah Eldridge

b. 6/16/1760

(Father of No. 13,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

m.

d. New Hampshire - 1812 ca.
Folly Brown

b.

(Mother of No. 13,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

d.

28 David B. Holcombe

b. 1789

(Father of No. 14,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

m. 1809

d. 28 October 1867

Elizabeth Stokes

29 Elizabeth Stokes

b. 1790

(Mother of No. 14,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

d. bet. 1830-1837

b.

(Father of No. 15,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

m.

d.

b.

(Mother of No. 15,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

d.

City, State No. Little Rock, Ar. 72116

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Date of Birth
b. Place of Birth
d. Date of Marriage
d. Date of Death
d. Place of Death

4 Thomas Lacy II

(Father of No. 2)

b. ca. 1684
p.b. Hanover Co., Va.
m. ca. 1705
d.
p.d. Virginia

2 William Lacy

(Father of No. 1)

b. 26 February 1713
p.b. New Kent Co., Va.
m. 1738
d. 28 February 1775
p.d. Chesterfield Co., Va.

5 Anne Burnley

(Mother of No. 2)

b.
p.b.
d.
p.d.

1 Drury Lacy

b. 5 October 1758
p.b. Chesterfield Co., Virginia
m. 25 December 1789
d. 6 December 1815
p.d. Philadelphia, Pa.

6 James Rice

(Father of No. 3)

b. Hanover Co., Va.
p.b.
m.
d.
p.d.

3 Elizabeth Rice

(Mother of No. 1)

b. 17 November 1715
p.b.
d. 21 May 1770 (?)
p.d.

7 Margaret House

(Mother of No. 3)

b.
p.b.
d.
p.d.

Anne Smith

(Spouse of No. 1)

b. 6 April 1760 d. 8 Nov. 1815
p.b. Virginia p.d. Virginia
Cumberland Co. Prince Edward Co.

8 Thomas Lacy I

(Father of No. 4)

b. ca. 1650
p.b. England (York Co.)
m.
d. After 1732
p.d. Va.

9 Phoebe Rice

(Mother of No. 4)

b.
p.b.
d.
p.d.

10

(Father of No. 5)

b.
p.b.
m.
d.
p.d.

11

(Mother of No. 5)

b.
p.b.
d.
p.d.

12 Thomas Rice

(Father of No. 6)

b. Wales
p.b.
m.
d.
p.d.

13

(Mother of No. 6)

b.
p.b.
d.
p.d.

14

(Father of No. 7)

b.
p.b.
m.
d.
p.d.

15

(Mother of No. 7)

b.
p.b.
d.
p.d.

m.

d.

17

b.

d.

18

Thomas Rice

b. Wales

(Father of No. 9,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

m.

d.

19

Mary

(Mother of No. 9,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

b.

d.

20

b.

(Father of No. 10,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

m.

d.

21

b.

(Mother of No. 10,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

d.

22

b.

(Father of No. 11,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

m.

d.

23

b.

(Mother of No. 11,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

d.

24

b.

(Father of No. 12,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

m.

d.

25

b.

(Mother of No. 12,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

d.

26

b.

(Father of No. 13,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

m.

d.

27

b.

(Mother of No. 13,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

d.

28

b.

(Father of No. 14,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

m.

d.

29

b.

(Mother of No. 14,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

d.

30

b.

(Father of No. 15,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

m.

d.

31

b.

(Mother of No. 15,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

d.

Name of Compiler Reynolds BaileyAddress 5413 Cedar StreetCity, State No. Little Rock, Ar. 72116Date 1981Person No. 1 on this chart is the same
person as No. 25 on chart No. 1Capt. Jno. Smith Chart No. 16
Francis Smithb. Date of Birth
p.b. Place of Birth
m. Date of Marriage
d. Date of Death
p.d. Place of Death4 Robert Smith
(Father of No. 2)b.
p.b. Gloucester, Va.
m.
d.
p.d.2 William Smith
(Father of No. 1)b. 18 November 1720
p.b. Gloucester, Powhatan Co., Va.
m. 18 February 1742
d. 15 January 1790
p.d. Montrose, Powhatan Co., Va.5 Mary Ax
(Mother of No. 2)b.
p.b.
d.
p.d.

1 Anne Smith

b. 6 April 1760
p.b. Montrose, Powhatan Co., Va.
m. 25 December 1789
d. 8 November 1815
p.d. Powhatan Co., Va.6 Obadiah Smith
(Father of No. 3)b.
p.b.
m.
d. 1748 or 1746
p.d.3 Mary Smith
(Mother of No. 1)b. 6 October 1726
p.b. Olney, Henrico Co., Va.
d. 17 November 1804
p.d. Powhatan Co., Va.7 Mary Cocke
(Mother of No. 3)b. 1690
p.b.
d. 1754
p.d.

Drury Lacy

(Spouse of No. 1)

b. 5 Oct 1758
p.b. Virginiad. 6 Dec 1815
p.d. Philadelphia, Pa.8 William Robert Smith
(Father of No. 4)

b. England

p.b.

m.

d.

p.d. Gloucester, Va.

9 Lady Anne Sterling

(Mother of No. 4)

b. England

p.b.

d.

p.d. Gloucester, Va.

10
(Father of No. 5)

b.

p.b.

m.

d.

p.d.

11
(Mother of No. 5)

b.

p.b.

d.

p.d.

12 John Smith

(Father of No. 6)

b.

p.b.

m.

d.

p.d.

13 Anne Darff ?

(Mother of No. 6)

b.

p.b.

d.

p.d.

14 William Cocke

(Father of No. 7)

b. 1655

p.b. Henrico Co., Va.

m. 1689 (2)

d. 1693

p.d. Virginia

15 Sarah Flower

(Mother of No. 7)

b.

p.b.

d.

p.d.

b. Son of (Father of No. 1)

m. George Smith of (Cont. on chart)

d. Willoughby, Lincolnshire

England (Mother of No. 1)

(Cont. on chart)

b.

d.

18
(Father of No. 1)

b.

m.

d.

19 (Mother of No. 1)

b.

d.

20
(Father of No. 1)

b.

m.

d.

21 (Mother of No. 1)

b.

d.

22
(Father of No. 1)

b.

m.

d.

23 (Mother of No. 1)

b.

d.

24
(Father of No. 1)

b.

m.

d.

25 (Mother of No. 1)

b.

d.

26
(Father of No. 1)

b.

m.

d.

27 (Mother of No. 1)

b.

d.

28 Sir Richard Cocke

b.c. 1600 (Father of No. 1)

m. (2) ca. 1632 (Cont. on chart)

d. 1665

29 Mary Aston (Mother of No. 1)

b.

d.

30 Jeffery Flower

(Father of No. 1)

b.

m.

d.

31 (Mother of No. 1)

b.

d.

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Person No. 1 on this chart is the same person as No. 28 on chart No. 1.

16 William Holcombe
(Father of No. 8,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

b. Pembrokeshire
m. Wales
d. Virginia

17 b. _____
d. _____
(Mother of No. 8,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

18 b. _____
m. _____
d. _____
(Father of No. 9,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

19 b. _____
d. _____
(Mother of No. 9,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

20 b. _____
m. _____
d. _____
(Father of No. 10,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

21 b. _____
d. _____
(Mother of No. 10,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

22 b. _____
m. _____
d. _____
(Father of No. 11,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

23 b. _____
d. _____
(Mother of No. 11,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

24 b. _____
m. _____
d. _____
(Father of No. 12,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

25 b. _____
d. _____
(Mother of No. 12,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

26 b. _____
m. _____
d. _____
(Father of No. 13,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

27 b. _____
d. _____
(Mother of No. 13,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

28 b. _____
m. _____
d. _____
(Father of No. 14,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

29 b. _____
d. _____
(Mother of No. 14,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

30 b. _____
m. _____
d. _____
(Father of No. 15,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

31 b. _____
d. _____
(Mother of No. 15,
Cont. on chart No. _____)

4 Benjamin Holcombe
(Father of No. 2)

b. 17--
p.b. Prince Edward Co., Va.
m. _____
d. Will probated 4 Oct. 1798
p.d. Union Dist., So. Car.

2 Philip Holcombe
(Father of No. 1)

b. ca. 1756
p.b. Granville Co., No. Carolina
m. ca. 1787
d. 20 March 1820
p.d. Union Dist., So. Carolina

5 Alcy Bogan
(Mother of No. 2)

b. _____
p.b. Virginia
d. _____
p.d. Union Dist., So. Car.

1 David B. Holcombe

b. 1790
p.b. Columbia, So. Carolina
m. 1809
d. 28 October 1867
p.d. Spartenburgh, So. Carolina

6 David Farmer Sr.
(Father of No. 3)

b. _____
p.b. _____
m. _____
d. _____
p.d. Prob. Jefferson Co., Ga.

3 Sarah Farmer
(Mother of No. 1)

b. ca. 1758
p.b. Union Dist., So. Carolina
d. After 1834
p.d. Union Dist., So. Carolina

7 _____
(Mother of No. 3)

b. _____
p.b. _____
d. _____
p.d. _____

Elizabeth Stokes

(Spouse of No. 1)

b. 1790
p.b. Union Dist., S.C.
d. after 1830
p.d. Union Dist., S.C.

8 Richard Holcombe II
(Father of No. 4)

b. before 1683
p.b. King William Co., Va.
m. _____
d. King William Co., Va.
p.d. _____

9 Miss Neville or Noville
(Mother of No. 4)

b. _____
p.b. King William Co., Va.
d. _____
p.d. King William Co., Va.

10 _____
(Father of No. 5)

b. _____
p.b. _____
m. _____
d. _____
p.d. _____

11 _____
(Mother of No. 5)

b. _____
p.b. _____
d. _____
p.d. _____

12 _____
(Father of No. 6)

b. _____
p.b. _____
m. _____
d. _____
p.d. _____

13 _____
(Mother of No. 6)

b. _____
p.b. _____
d. _____
p.d. _____

14 _____
(Father of No. 7)

b. _____
p.b. _____
m. _____
d. _____
p.d. _____

15 _____
(Mother of No. 7)

b. _____
p.b. _____
d. _____

INTRODUCTION

The name Reynolds is of Norman Origin and comes from the family of Renard. The family is of great antiquity, claiming descent from Reynolds, son of Grethferth, the Dane King of Northumberland. Grethferth and his two sons were driven from England around 944 and took shelter in Normandy. His descendant Fitzreynolds, meaning son of, returned to England with William the Conqueror.¹

The Reynolds family is among the forty-nine "best families" selected by the American Historical Genealogical Society for whom the Society has published family histories during the past few years. The Reynolds family has been prominent in the British Empire and in the United States, its members having played important roles in war and in peace. Family pride is a commendable trait and should be cultivated. All Reynolds have just cause to be proud of their family history and traditions.²

Mr. Seaver, quoted above, also states that there are numerous coats of arms for the Reynolds Family. The most widely used is Arms of the Reynolds of London and has been in existence for many centuries. It is described in Burke's General Armory, The Encyclopaedia Londonensis, Liber Heraldica and other reliable works on heraldry, in some cases accompanied by illustrations. It has been used for generations by many American branches of the Reynolds family.

1. Stephen Frederick Tillman, Rennolds-Reynolds Family of England and Virginia 1530-1948, (Edwards Bros. Inc., Ann Arbor, Michigan, 1948)
2. J. Montgomery Seaver, Reynolds Family History, (American Historical Genealogical Society, Philadelphia, Pa., 1929 pp. 5,6.)

PART I
REYNOLDS (RUNNELS)
With Allied Families
MASSEY and HUBERT

THE REYNOLDS/RUNNELS FAMILY

Somewhere in my research I have read that the name "Reynolds" has more variations of spelling than any name in the English language - - forty-nine in all. Needless to say, this makes it hard for a genealogist to trace families of this name. In my own family I have found among early records several variations, but the most prevalent were the two listed above.

This Compiler was fortunate enough to obtain a copy of a book long out of print entitled: Rev. M. T. Runnels, A.M., A Genealogy of Runnels and Reynolds Families in America, (Boston: Alfred Mudge & Son, Printers, No. 34 School Street, 1873). Rev. Runnels states that "Reynolds" was derived from the old German "Reginald" and that "Runnels" could be an English corruption of the name or it could be an independent Scotch derivation (he favors the latter). The word 'Runnel' is the Scotch term for a small brook or rivulet. It is found in the poetry of Sir Walter Scott and the works of Hugh Miller, L.L.D. Rev. Runnels states also: "The conclusion to which this writer has arrived is this, that Runnels is, for the most part, Scotch, while Reynolds is English and Irish." In the earliest records that I have been able to find of my family the name was spelled "Runnels" until they lived in Georgia in the latter part of the 18th Century and early part of the 19th Century.

I have no knowledge whatsoever of the first immigrant of my Reynolds/Runnels line to America. I can only surmise and speculate on a statement made by this same Rev. Runnels. He tells of Samuel Runels of Bradford, Massachusetts, and three brothers, one unnamed and two by the names of Job and John who settled in New Hampshire. He states that tradition gave these brothers a Scotch descent by way of Nova Scotia (New Scotland). A common legend was that Samuel and his older brother (unnamed) escaped from their father's residence near Halifax from pirates and came in an open boat either to a British Ship or "all the way to Salem." The grandfather of these brothers may have been among those Scotch settlers who came to Nova Scotia with La Tour, a French Protestant in 1628. Sir William Phips of Massachusetts captured Port Royal (where La Tour built a Fort called "Scotch Fort") in 1690. Later, according to Haliburton, History of Nova Scotia, Vol. I, p. 72, the Arcadians there were attacked by pirates. Samuel and his older brother probably then made their escape as noted before. Then Rev. Runnels states:

Of the older brother nothing is known except, traditionally, that he "settled in the South," and that grandsons of both the brothers were associated together, at West Point, as fellow-soldiers in the old French war. He is supposed to have been the ancestor of those more recently bearing the name of Runnels in the Southwest, among whom were Col. Harmon Runnels, of the Revolutionary war; his son HIRAM^{AM} Gov. Runnels, of Mississippi, who died Dec. 15, 1857, in Houston, Texas; and his grandson, the present Ex-Gov. Runnels, of Texas, after whom a county in that State is named.

The Reynolds/Runnels Family continued:

Now this paragraph is what caught my eye and made the expensive purchase of this rare old book worthwhile to this Compiler. The reason is this: Col. Harmon Runnels and my second great grandfather, Dudley Runnels/Reynolds lived in close proximity in Georgia at the same time. They married sisters in North Carolina before migrating to Georgia in the 1780's as did Benjamin B. Hubert and Family. Dudley married Fannie Hubert, daughter of Benjamin Hubert and Harmon married her sister Hester. These families lived in the same general area in Georgia (Clarke and Wilkes Counties). Harmon and family moved to Mississippi ca. 1812, He had a son named Hardin Dudley Runnels. His son Hiram was the fourth Governor of Mississippi and his grandson Hardin Richard, son of Hardin Dudley, became Governor of Texas. There was a Dudley Runnels in Clarke County, Georgia, who died ca. 1807 and left a Will. I find that one Spencer Reynolds/Runnels is connected somehow with this Dudley and I also find a Spencer in Wilkes County at times. These men were from North Carolina also, in fact they were from Caswell County as my Dudley Reynolds/Runnels was from. I believe they are all related but just how is a mystery. The fact that Georgia's census records before 1820 were destroyed has hindered greatly in the research of this family but some day I hope to find a key to it all.

DUDLEY F. REYNOLDS

According to one set of DAR papers on file in Washington by a descendant of Dudley F. Reynolds, he was born in Virginia ca. 1750. I wish this dear lady were alive so that I might find out where she obtained her information for this. After several rather frustrating years of research on this second great-grandfather of mine, I still have not found out just where he was born nor who his parents were. There are other descendants in the United States who have also worked on this and I have had correspondence with several of them.

As mentioned above, there were two Dudley Reynolds/Runnels in both North Carolina and Georgia. They lived in old Orange County, North Carolina - - the part that became Caswell County. I find a land grant in North Carolina that states "Dudley Runnels of Guildford County." This grant was issued 13 October 1783 for 200 acres of land on Wolf Island Creek in Caswell County. I believe this was my Dudley's grant for his military service in the Revolutionary War. Spencer Runnels name was on the bottom of this grant. I'm not sure if he was a witness or a chain carrier as it is on a surveyor's plat. Spencer Runnels is later in Clarke County, Georgia where the Dudley Runnels who died in 1807 lived and, also, a Spencer Runnels/Reynolds lived at some time in Wilkes County, where my ancestor Dudley Runnels lived.

In 1754 Dudley Reynolds/Runnels was a defendant in a court suit in North Carolina and this was too early a date for my Dudley. That Dudley signed his name with an "X" while my Dudley signed his name "Dudley F. Reynolds"

Dudley F. Reynolds continued:

on the marriage bond of his sister-in-law Polly Hubert to Col. John Rutherford. So, this differentiates between these two men. The Dudley of Clarke County Georgia, who I feel is the older Dudley, had a wife by the name of Sophia. Her name also appears on legal papers of his in North Carolina. The original minute book of the Mars Hill Baptist Church of Oconee County, Georgia (formerly Clarke County) show that Sophia was a member there two different times between 1811 and 1818. After my ancestor Dudley Reynolds died in Wilkes County ca. 1798 his wife Fanny's name appears in the early 1800's on the roll of Long Creek Baptist Church in Warren County, Georgia where the Huberts belonged. Harmon Runnels name appears at different times on the rolls of both of these churches.

I'm inclined to think that the Dudley who was the Grantor of a deed for 300 acres of land that he had acquired in 1763 or 1765 from the Earl of Granville (the land was in North Carolina and the land there was at that time still a Province of England) was the Dudley with wife Sophia. The Grantee in this transaction was one Robert King. This land was located on a Moore or Morris Creek (papers very dim) and was surveyed or measured according to a certain Oak or Hickory tree, etc. Another deed was made the same day to a Charles Colwell.

In 1771 my great-grandfather Dudley F. Runnels married Fannie Hubert of Caswell County, which was still a part of Orange County then. As noted before, Fannie was the daughter of Benjamin B. and Mary Williams Hubert, whose genealogy follows this one in this book. Fannie was born November 1, 1754 in Virginia and died ca. 1816 in Georgia.

Chronological dates of the births of their children and what information I have on each of them is as follows:

February 24, 1772 - First child, a son, Johnson Runnels (Reynolds) was born. March 13, 1799 Johnson married Anna Nobles, Warren County, Georgia.

April 12, 1774 - Son Elijah born. Elijah's name appears as a testator to his grandfather Hubert's Will and is found in the Will Book of Warren County, Georgia, 1793-1810, page 1. This Will was made July 26, 1793. Elijah's family bible stated he was born 1774 and I believe it correct although the year 1775 was given in the Genealogy of Benjamin Hubert, his grandfather. He married Nancy Jones, daughter of an English school teacher in Augusta, Georgia on 19 November 1801. He died before 1850. His son, Hubert H. Reynolds, lived in Wilkes County, Georgia at one time and then moved to Monroe County and later to Upson County. The 1850 Census shows his mother living with him there. This Compiler has corresponded a good bit with a descendant of Elijah Reynolds.

February 20, 1778 - Hubert Reynolds was born (third son). He is the only grandchild of the many that Benjamin Hubert had that was mentioned in his Will and he is mentioned twice as follows: "...my grandson Hubert Runnels should have at the death of my beloved wife one likely young cow and calf

Dudley F. Reynolds continued:

one small shot gun now in my possession also one hundred acres of land at the lower end of a certain tract known by the name of Brewer tract . . . My Will is that if my daughter Fanny Runnels should die before my wife then her legacy to fall to my grandson Hubert Runnels..." There are many references in Georgia History to Hubert Reynolds, many which I have but I will quote only the following: "From Georgia Journal, October 12, 1814. Deaths - In Milledgeville last Monday night, Hubert Reynolds, Esq. one of our most respectable citizens."

February 8, 1780 - Daughter Sarah born.

February 10, 1785 - William Levi Reynolds was born. He was the great grandfather of this writer and his genealogy follows that of Benjamin Hubert in this book.

Other children of Dudley and Fannie Reynolds were: Mary, who married William Bagley and is buried in Putnam County, Georgia; James, who in 1806 was trustee for Orpan Levi in the Georgia Land Allotment drawing; Giles; Nancy, who married Captain Sherrod Malone. Not all of the children of this family were included in the Hubert Genealogy as the Compiler of it obtained her information from the Hubert Family Bible and not all were listed, which she noted.

Dudley Reynolds was a Captain in Col. John Cunningham's Company in the Revolutionary War, Salisbury District, North Carolina.

In Volume I of Some Georgia County Records, p. 267 (by Lucas) there is an item dated December 13, 1785 that states: "Dudley Runnels of Caswell County, North Carolina for 50 pounds sells to Benjamin Hubert one yellow Negro boy ...By Runnels (LS) Witness: M. Hubert, Jno. Talbert; Recorded August 31, 1802." Of interest here is that although the date of this transaction was December 13, 1785 it was not recorded until after Dudley Reynolds was dead as he was deceased by 1799. Now Levi was born in February 1785 (family bible states birthdate) and this shows that the family was still in Caswell County, North Carolina then. The Louisiana 1850 Census has Levi born in Georgia and Elizabeth (his wife) born in North Carolina. As was so often the case with the census takers, this one made an error and reversed the birthplace of these two. My grandfather George said on the 1880 Louisiana Census his father was born in South Carolina and his mother in Georgia. I feel sure Levi was born in North Carolina.

Dudley Runnels (this was the way he signed) signed apprentice papers for his son James Runnels on the 14 day of August, 1798. The Minutes of Inferior Court of Wilkes County states that "Levi Reynolds, orphan of Dudley Reynolds..." under date of July 10, 1799. So Dudley Reynolds died sometimes between those two dates.

In January 1787 Dudley Runnels sold the land in North Carolina that he had obtained from his father-in-law two years earlier and moved to Georgia. In 1793 he is on the roll of the Wilkes County, Georgia Militia

Dudley F. Reynolds continued:

listed as a Private in 1st Co. (Capt. Wm. Spruce), 1st Batt., 2d Regiment.

In 1794 Dudley is on the Tax roll of Wilkes County, Georgia, No. 104, Capt. Bailey's Regiment.

Wilkes County Superior Court Minutes of 1794-1797, page 311 show that on May 22, 1797 Dudley Runnels and Wife are involved in a court suit with one John Rory. The copy of the proceedings showed that Rory had sued Dudley for derogatory remarks he had made against Rory's wife. However, the case was later dismissed and no damages awarded to either side. Dudley and wife had counter-sued in the case. This shows that Dudley F. Runnels (Reynolds) was still alive in May 1797.

Due to all the above evidence I use the date ca. 1798 for the date of Dudley F. Runnels' (Reynolds) death.

Dudley Reynolds had many namesakes. Many of these were and are in Georgia for he had many grandchildren. As late as 1962 a Dudley Reynolds of Washington County, Georgia died and his father was also named Dudley Reynolds. A Dr. Dudley Sharpe Reynolds was living in Louisville, Kentucky in 1948 but whether he is connected with this family I have no idea. The 1850 Census shows a Dudley Reynolds in Surry County, North Carolina.

FAMILY GROUP No. 16 Husband's Full Name DUDLEY F. REYNOLDS (RUNNELS)

This Information Obtained From: Research in Crange and Caswell Cos. of North Carolina; DAR Papers and Index; Genealogy of Benjamin Hubert; Research in Georgia Records and Georgia Genealogical Magazines.

Husband's Data: Birth ca. 1750, Chr'nd, Mar. 1771, Death Between 8/14/1798 & 7/10/1799-Wilkes Co., Ga., Burial Georgia.

Places of Residence: Possibly Va.; Definitely No. Carolina and Georgia.

Occupation: Planter? Church Affiliation: Military Rec. Captain in Revolutionary War.

Other wives, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.

His Father

Mother's Maiden Name

Wife's Full Maiden Name Fannie Hubert

Wife's Data: Birth 1 11 1754, Chr'nd, Death Early 1800s, Burial Georgia.

Places of Residence: Virginia, North Carolina and Georgia.

Occupation if other than Housewife: Church Affiliation Baptist.

Other husbands, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.

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Her Father Benjamin B. Hubert

Mother's Maiden Name Mary ? Williams (Widow)

Sex	Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Children
M	1 Johnson	Birth	24	2	1772	Probably Caswell County, N. Carolina			
	Full Name of Spouse* Anna Nobles	Mar.	13	3	1799	Warren County, Ga.			
		Death							
		Burial							
M	2 Elijah	Birth	12	4	1775	Probably Caswell Co., N. Carolina			8 children.
	Full Name of Spouse* Nancy Jones	Mar.	19	11	1801	Richmond Co., Georgia			4 Male and 4 female.
		Death			Before 1850				
		Burial							
M	3 Benjamin Hubert	Birth	20	2	1778	Probably Caswell Co., No. Carolina			Several incl
	Full Name of Spouse* Elizabeth Freeney	Mar.	ca.		1798				3 dau.; one
		Death			Oct. 1814	Milledgeville, Ga.			named Emily.
		Burial							
F	4 Sarah	Birth	9	2	1780	Probably Caswell Co., No. Carolina			
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
F	5 Mary (Polly)	Birth				"	"	"	
	Full Name of Spouse* William Bagley	Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial				Putnam County, Georgia			
M	6 James	Birth				Probably Caswell Co., No. Carolina			
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
M	7 Giles	Birth				"	"	"	
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
F	8 Nancy	Birth				"	"	"	
	Full Name of Spouse* Sherod Malone	Mar.				Wilkes County, Georgia			
		Death							
		Burial							
M	9 William Levi	Birth	10	2	1785	Probably Caswell Co., No. Carolina			Ten children
	Full Name of Spouse* Betsy Moore	Mar.	13	10	1811	Green Co., Georgia			See Chart.
		Death	24	7	1851	Holly Grove, Claiborne Parish, La.			
		Burial		7	1851	"	"	"	"
	10	Birth							
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							

*If married more than once No. each mar. (1) (2) etc. and list in "Add. info. on children" column. Use reverse side for additional children, other notes, references or information.

BENJAMIN B. HUBERT

In regard to this third great grandfather of mine, I refer first of all to Baron Joist Hite, a Huguenot from Alsace, who came to this Country in 1710. He was a most picturesque character, an adventurous man as well as a man of means. He came from Pennsylvania down into the Shenandoah Valley and found refuge in Frederick County, Virginia. I cannot help but wonder if his influence had anything to do with my ancestor Benjamin B. Hubert having also come from Alsace and settling in Frederick County, Virginia, where he met his wife. What year he came and on what ship he sailed, I do not know. I do know that he came prior to 1748. In October of 1741 some Palatines by the name of Hubert came into Philadelphia on the Ship "Friendship." Whether Benjamin Hubert was on that voyage I do not know. The first knowledge I have of him in the United States was his marriage to Mary Williams, Widow of Rev. Paul Williams. The Estate Papers I have on Paul Williams are dated 1747 and the Genealogy of Benjamin B. Hubert states that he married Mary Williams in 1748.

The Huguenot Magazine, Pub. No. 19, p. 138, 1959-1961 states that on August 30, 1777 Benjamin B. Hubert took the Oath of Allegiance in Virginia and was on the Committee of Safety in Caroline County, Virginia in 1774. Either the date is wrong or the whole thing is an error. I believe that whoever wrote that confused Benjamin Hubbard who lived in Caroline County, Virginia many years with Benjamin B. Hubbert. The Hubert name was adulterated to Hubbard many times and on down through the Hubert Family, especially those in Texas in later years took the name "Hubbard." As proof of my belief on this is the fact that by 1762 Benjamin Hubert was living in North Carolina when his daughter Hester was born. This is stated in the Genealogy of Benjamin B. Hubert on page 8.¹

After living for a number of years in Virginia he moved to Caswell County, North Carolina, where he served in the American Revolution, in the Original Line, under Colonel John Cunningham.

Some genealogists state that Col Benjamin Hubert moved to Georgia in 1788 where he settled in Wilkes County, later Warren County. I disagree with this date as land grants in Wilkes County, Georgia show in Book HHH, page 340 that Benjamin Hubert received a land grant for 200 acres of land in 1785. Also, Lucas shows in Volume I of Some Georgia County Records, p. 267, that in 1785 Dudley Runnels of Caswell County, North Carolina sold a Negro boy, a slave, to Benjamin Hubert. This transaction in Wilkes County records was not recorded until 1802 after both Runnels and Hubert were deceased, which oftentimes occurred in those days. This shows that Hubert was in Georgia in 1785. The plantation upon which Benjamin Hubert first settled in Georgia remained in the Hubert Family for over a hundred years.

The Will of Benjamin B. Hubert was the first Will ever to be recorded

Genealogy is referred to in the Bibliography.

BENJAMIN B. HUBERT continued:

in Warren County and copies of it appear in many genealogical books in America.

In religion he was a Presbyterian.

Benjamin Hubert and his wife, Mary Williams Hubert, reared seven children: Fanny, married Capt. Dudley Reynolds (Runnels) who was of Col. John Cunningham's Company during the American Revolution. William was born in Virginia and married Easter _____. William remained in Virginia when the family moved to Georgia. Matthew was born in Virginia in 1757, married Martha Wallace and was quite prominent in Georgia and his name appears in much of Georgia's history. Hester married Col Harmon Runnels and from this marriage came several children, one was Governor of Mississippi and a grandson was Governor of Texas. This family moved from Georgia to Mississippi in the early 1800's and later to Texas (part of the family) and much has been written about them. Mary (Polly) married Col. John Rutherford of South Carolina, moved to Washington, Georgia. They were ancestors of Miss Mildred Rutherford, Historian General of U.D.C. Gabriel Hubert was born in 1769 in North Carolina. His wife was Betsey _____ and this family migrated to Mississippi and later to Texas. David Hubert was born in North Carolina in 1771, married in Georgia, moved to Mississippi in 1815, as most of the Hubert Family seems to have done.

Benjamin B. Hubert was low in stature, of dark complexion, dark eyes, rather stout, very active and strong, systematic and orderly in all his work. He was a farmer.

The descendants of Benjamin B. Hubert are like the descendants of Abraham - - innumerable. The genealogy of this family is on file in the Library of Congress. It was compiled in 1897 by Miss Sarah Donelson Hubert of Barnett, Warren County, Georgia. Another source of information on this family is The Huguenot Magazine, which has more than once written on this man, his family, his Will, and describes him as a "Prominent Huguenot."

COPY OF
THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF BENJAMIN B. HUBERT

In the name of God Amen. I Benjamin B. Hubert of the State of Georgia and County of Wilkes being in perfect mind and memory and calling to mind it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last will and testament; First of all I do give my wife Mary Hubert all my estate both real and personal for the support of herself - - my just debts being first paid and at her death my will is that my youngest son David Hubert should have one hundred acres of land including the plantation where I now live also one negro boy named Rob only at the time he takes the said negro into his possession he is to pay nine pounds fifteen S Sterling to be equally divided between my three daughters namely, Fanny Runnels, Poly Rutherford and Hester Runnels as a legacy. Secondly, my will is that my grandson Hubert Runnels should have at the death of my beloved wife one likely young cow and calf one small shot gun now in my possession also one hundred acres of land at the lower end of a certain tract known by the name of Brewer tract when ever the same land is carried through the office and _____ into a grant by David Hubert. Thirdly, my will is that at the death of my beloved wife Mary Hubert all the East part of my property both real and Personal should be divided into eight lots as near as my Executors can divide it, then my Son William Hubert to draw the first lot, My Son Mathew Hubert to draw the next two lots, Polly Runnels, next Hester Runnels, the fifth Gabriel Hubert, the Sixth David Hubert, the seventh and Jacob Williams the Eighth Lot. Fourthly, My will is that if my daughter Fanny Runnels should die before my wife then her legacy to fall to my grandson Hubert Runnels. Last of all I do constitute and appoint John Rutherford, Mathew Hubert and David Hubert my true and lawfull Executors of this my last will and testament in Witness where I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal this 26th day of July 1793.

His Mark

Benjamin B. Hubert

Test: Mathew Hubert, Elijah Runnels, Gibson Florenoy.

STATE OF GEORGIA, WARREN COUNTY

Personally appeared before me Septimus Weatherby, R. P. Mathews, Hubert and Gibson Florenoy and being by me duly sworn by the Holy Evangelist and Almighty God deposeth and saith that they saw the within Benjamin Hubert Sign seal publish and declare the within Instrument of writing to be his Last Will and Testament and that at the time of his so doing he was of sound mind and memory and that at his Request and in his presence and in the presence of each other they subscribed their names as witness to the same.

Sworn to before me this 25th day of April 1794.

Septimus Weatherby

Mathew Hubert
Gibson Florenoy

Hubert Will continued:

STATE OF GEORGIA, WARREN COUNTY
Ordinary's Office — ss.

I, Jewell Johnson, Clerk of the Court of Ordinary of said County, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of Will of Benjamin B. Hubert recorded in Will Book 1793-1810, page 1, with the original record thereof, now remaining in this office, and the same is a correct transcript therefrom, and of the whole of such original record.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Court of Ordinary this the 22nd day of January, 1947.

JEWELL JOHNSON

Clerk of the Court of Ordinary
Warren County, Georgia

(Compiler's note: Warren County was created from Wilkes County in 1793, apparently right after my third great grandfather Benjamin Hubert made his Will. This Will was the first Will ever recorded in Warren County. I also believe that the Dudley Runnels/Reynolds family lived in that area too not too far from the Hubert family. I know that Dudley was involved in a court suit in 1797 in Washington County; Fannie, his wife, belonged to Long Creek Baptist Church in Warrenton after his death; much of the family lived in Hancock County also. These three counties now converge. Next to Hancock is Greene County where my great grandfather Levi lived and married. Wilkes County was a large county then and these counties were created from Wilkes and Washington Counties.)

FAMILY GROUP No.

Husband's Full Name BENJAMIN B. HUBERT

This Information Obtained From:

Genealogy of Benjamin B. Hubert by Sarah D. Hubert, 1897. (In Library of Congress.) Also, "The Huguenot Magazine" 1959-1961, Pub. 19, p. 138 and pp. 143, 144 of another issue of same Magazine.

Husband's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Husband
Birth	In	1700's		Alsace Loraine, France			He was a Huguenot.
Chr'nd							
Mar.	1748			Frederick County, Virginia			
Death	Betw: July 1793-4/25/1794,			Warren County, Georgia			
Burial				Warren County, Ga. (near Warrenton)			
Places of Residence				France, Virginia, No. Carolina, Georgia.			
Occupation	Planter			Church Affiliation	Presbyterian	Military Rec. A Colonel in Revolutionary War.	
Other wives, if any. No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.							
His Father				Mother's Maiden Name			

Wife's Full Maiden Name Mary ? Williams (Widow Rev/Williams)

Wife's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Wife
Birth	17			Probably Virginia			
Chr'nd							
Death				Probably Warren Co., Georgia			
Burial				" " "			

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Children's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Children
Birth	15	2	1749			Virginia	
Mar.	1770's						
Death							
Burial							

Sex	Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Children
M	1 William	Birth	15	2	1749			Virginia	
	Full Name of Spouse* Easter	Mar.	1770's						
		Death							
		Burial							
F	2 Fanny	Birth	1	11	1754			Virginia	
	Full Name of Spouse* Dudley F. Reynolds	Mar.	1771						
		Death	Early 1800's					Georgia	
		Burial							
M	3 Matthew	Birth	22	2	1757			Virginia	
	Full Name of Spouse* Martha Wallace	Mar.	1775						
		Death							
		Burial							
F	4 Mary (Polly)	Birth	16	5	1759	Virginia or No. Carolina			
	Full Name of Spouse* Col. John Rutherford	Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
F	5 Hester	Birth	19	11	1762			No. Carolina	5 Sons & 3 daughters
	Full Name of Spouse* Harmon Runnels	Mar.	1779						
		Death				She d. in either Miss. or Texas			Son - Gov. Miss.
		Burial				I Believe Mississippi. - Grandson -			Gov. Texas
M	6 Gabriel	Birth	22	2	1769			No. Carolina	
	Full Name of Spouse* Betsy - -	Mar.	1790						
		Death							
		Burial							
M	7 David	Birth	15	6	1771			No. Carolina	
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
	8	Birth							
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
	9	Birth							
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
	10	Birth							
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							

*If married more than once No. each mar. (1) (2) etc. and list in "Add. info. on children" column. Use reverse side for additional children, other notes, references or information.

WILLIAM LEVI REYNOLDS

William Levi Reynolds (hereinafter referred to as Levi) was born February 10, 1785. The 1850 Louisiana Census states that he was born in Georgia and, if so, it was in Wilkes County. However, as noted in the sketch on his father Dudley Reynolds, Volume I of Some Georgia County Records by Lucas states on page 267 in an item dated December 13, 1785 that: "Dudley Runnels of Caswell County, North Carolina for 50 pounds sells to Benjamin Hubert one yellow Negro boy ..." So, this leaves his birthplace in question as to whether it was indeed Georgia or North Carolina. However, as this writer stated before, the County Records and dates therein had many discrepancies in them and I am inclined to believe that Levi was born in North Carolina for the following reason: According to a letter written by Mrs. Henry Mashburn, Regent of the General David Blackshear Chapter, N. S. D. A. R., Rochelle, Georgia dated May 9, 1940, on file in Washington and sent to me by the Office of the Registrar General of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Mrs. Mashburn states that she made a trip to Caswell County, North Carolina and found that Benjamin B. Hubert "sold land to (or deeded it) to Dudley Runnels December 24, 1785. Two years later Dudley Runnels, January 29, 1787 sold that land, evidently joining his wife's father in Georgia."

Minutes of Inferior Court for Wilkes County Georgia dated July 10, 1799 state the following: "Levi Reynolds, orphan of Dudley Reynolds, bound to Phillip Henry to learn Carpenters trade." Levi was fourteen years of age when this took place.

In the Georgia Land Lottery of 1806 when Levi was twenty-one years of age he drew 202½ acres of Land in Baldwin County that later became part of Greene County: "Capt. Sherrod Malone's District: Reynolds, Levy (not paid tax)...draws 1." An item of interest here is that Captain Malone was the husband of Levi's sister Nancy.

Also, appearing on the next line of the reference where the above notation was found: "Jas. Reynolds, trustee for orphan of Dudley Reynolds, dec'd...draws 1." James Reynolds was Levi's older brother.

On July 13, 1811 Levi Reynolds was granted a deed to 202½ acres of land in Morgan County, Georgia which he purchased from one Willy Newton for \$500.00. This was just three months prior to his marriage.

October 13, 1811 Levi and Elizabeth (Betsy) Moore were married in Greene County, Georgia. The only information found on Betsey is that her birthdate appears in the family bible as September 14, 1790 and her death March 19, 1865.

Levi Runnels (Reynolds) was included on the Muster Roll of Georgia, 1808-1812. He was in the 29th Regiment of the Georgia Militia, Major Hogges Batt., Capt. Bonner's District.

The Commission Book for Morgan County, Georgia 1813-1817 shows that Levi received a commission as a Justice of the Peace for the 283rd District. As a Justice of the Peace he performed marriages as part of his duties and two of these marriages are found in Volume 57 of the Georgia Genealogical Magazine. One was performed 19 January 1818 and the other 7 February 1818.

LEVI REYNOLDS continued:

The Georgia Census for 1820 shows Levi in Morgan County, Georgia. He and Betsy have two sons under ten years of age and three daughters under ten years of age. His occupation is agriculture and he has two slaves.

On 18 February 1822 Levi witnessed a deed of one Abraham Eason to Jonathon Dover, 25 acres on the waters of Deep Creek. In the family bible the writing is very dim but faintly shows that Levi's daughter Betsey (Elizabeth Ann) married in 1838 a man by the name of Isaac Eason. This could very well be the son of Abraham Eason, but is only speculation. This was in Morgan County, Georgia.

The Georgia Census for 1830 shows that Levi and family have moved to Henry County, Georgia. My grandfather, George W., shows on his pension application many years later that McDonough in Henry County, Georgia was where he was born. In 1830 Levi was forty-five years old and his wife, Betsey, was forty. Eight of their ten children were born prior to 1830. The names and statistical information of this family all appear in the old family bible and this writer has spent much time attempting to read and get the correct birth, marriage and death dates as it is extremely dim and some completely illegible. However, most of it has finally been read and reasoned out and appears on the family chart following this sketch. George W. Reynolds was born on January 27, 1832 and Sarah Ann Rebecca, the youngest child, was born in October 1833.

Levi's property in Henry County, Georgia was put up for sale by the Sheriff of that County on October 6, 1834. A lawsuit brought against Levi by a man in Morgan County resulted in this in order to satisfy the judgment. The highest bidder for this property in Henry County was George W. Sims, Levi's son-in-law who was married to Polly (Mary Ann), Levi's oldest child. Polly and George W. Sims were married in Henry County in 1833. The deed of sale of the property in Henry County, Georgia was not recorded until February 19, 1839. It is possible that at the time the property was put up for sale in 1834 that Levi Reynolds might have moved to Mobile, Alabama. I have heard since I was a small child that he owned property in Mobile. However, both the Levi Reynolds' and George W. Sims' families are on the 1840 Louisiana Census.

On November 16, 1838 Levi sold his property in Greene County to a man named Perkins. This deed was recorded December 17, 1838.

When the 1840 Louisiana Census was taken all Levi's children have left home except James, Serena, George and Sarah. On the same page of the Census on the line below Levi is William, his son, and his wife and two sons under five years. William Dudley was the oldest son. Little Bary (Littleberry?) had died when he was about twenty-two years old in Georgia in July 1838 and this could have had a bearing on this family's moving from Georgia to

LEVI REYNOLDS continued:

Louisiana - - who knows? This family had already lost the two young sons Augustus Levi and Vincin in 1826 and 1830 in Georgia. Their two oldest daughters were married and had their own homes by 1840. Elizabeth Ann had married in May 1838 several months before Littleberry died. I believe Elizabeth Ann and husband remained in Georgia and that all the rest of the family went on to Louisiana. This included William Dudley, James B., Serena, George W. and Sarah Ann Rebecca as well as daughter Polly Sims and family and, of course, Levi and wife Betsey. Polly's name on her marriage certificate in Georgia was Mary Ann and this makes three of the daughters that had the name Ann as their middle name.

I also believe that William Dudley and family later moved to Texas. James B. had a daughter named Frances and a son Charles who was a physician and lived in Minden, Louisiana. Serena married William Foster and later moved to Texas. She had many children and died in 1902. There was speculation by one relative that Sarah Ann Rebecca, the youngest child, married a man by the name of Holly or Holley and lived in Cushatta, Louisiana, but I do not believe this is correct. The family bible records the marriage but it is too dim to read except the first name "Bigamon" which is probably a misspelling of the name "Benjamin." Her death date is, also, illegible and reads July 28, 18___. George Washington Reynolds was the grandfather of the writer and the sketch of his life follows this one.

On 24 July 1851 Levi Reynolds died in Claiborne Parish, Louisiana and both he and his wife Elizabeth are buried in Holly Grove Cemetery, a little country church and community about ten miles from Junction City, a small town that is located partly in Arkansas and partly in Louisiana.

FAMILY GROUP No. 8		Husband's Full Name		WILLIAM LEVI REYNOLDS					
This Information Obtained From:		Husband's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Husband
History Greene Co., Ga;		Birth	10	2	1785	Caswell County, No. Carolina			
Family Bible; Georgia		Chr'nd							
Genealogical Magazine;		Mar.	13	10	1811	Greene County, Georgia			
Vital Records Claiborne		Death	24	7	1851	Holly Grove, Claiborne Parish, La.			
Parish, La.; Census		Burial	7	1851	Holly Grove Cemetery, Louisiana				
Records; Military		Places of Residence No. Carolina, Georgia, Louisiana							
Records of Levi and		Occupation	Planter		Church Affiliation	Baptist		Military Rec. War of 1812	
George W. Reynolds;		Other wives, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.							
Early Records of Ga.,		His Father		Dudley F. Reynolds		Mother's Maiden Name		Fannie Hubert	
Wilkes County; Deeds.									
		Wife's Full Maiden Name		Elizabeth Moore (Betsy)					
		Wife's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Wife
		Birth	14	9	1790				
		Chr'nd							
		Death	19	3	1865	Louisiana			
		Burial	March 1865		Holly Grove Cemetery, Louisiana				
Compiler M. L. Bailey		Places of Residence							
Address 5413 Cedar St.		Occupation if other than Housewife				Church Affiliation			
City, State V. Little Rock, Ar.		Other husbands, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.							
Date 1978-1980		Her Father		Mother's Maiden Name					
Sex	Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Children
F	1 Polly (Mary)	Birth	26	2	1814	Morgan County, Georgia			3 children
	Full Name of Spouse* George W. Sims	Mar.	24	4	1833	Georgia			listed in
		Death				Probably in Louisiana (lived there)			family bibl
		Burial							
M	2 William Dudley	Birth	31	12	1815	Morgan County, Georgia			
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.	31	12	1836				
		Death				Probably in La. or Texas			
		Burial							
M	3 Little Bery (Littleberry ?)	Birth	25	7	1816	Morgan County, Georgia			
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death	30	7	1838	Probably in Georgia			
		Burial							
F	4 Elizabeth Ann (Betsy)	Birth			1817	Morgan County, Georgia			
	Full Name of Spouse* Isaac Eason	Mar.	10	5	1838	Georgia			
		Death				Believe she remained in Georgia			
		Burial							
M	5 James B.	Birth	18	4	1818	Morgan County, Georgia			Son: Dr. Chas
	Full Name of Spouse* Mary A. Hobbs (d. 1870)	Mar.	1	2	1853	Louisiana			Reynolds
		Death				Lived in Minden, Louisiana			daughters Frances
		Burial							
F	6 Serenea	Birth	28	4	1823	Georgia			Large fami
	Full Name of Spouse* William Foster	Mar.	7	3	1844	Union County, Arkansas			of children
		Death	1	3	1902	Texas			Lived in S
		Burial							Texas
M	7 Augustus A. Levi	Birth	20	3	18__	Georgia			
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death	15	11	1826	Georgia			
		Burial							
M	8 Vincin E.	Birth	22	12	18__	Georgia			
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death	16	12	1830	Georgia			
		Burial							
M	9 George Washington	Birth	27	1	1832	McDonough, Henry County, Georgia			
	Full Name of Spouse* Elizabeth Massey	Mar.	6	1	1853	Holly Grove, Claiborne Parish, La.			
		Death	29	12	1904	" " " "			
		Burial				Holly Grove Cemetery, Louisiana			
F	10 Sarah Ann Rebecca	Birth	Oct. 1833		McDonough, Henry Co., Georgia				
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.	23	12	1852/6	Louisiana			
		Death	28	7	18__				
		Burial							

GEORGE WASHINGTON REYNOLDS

George Washington Reynolds was born January 27, 1832 at McDonough, Henry County, Georgia. When he was a lad about seven years of age, the family moved to Claiborne Parish, Louisiana.

The 1850 Louisiana Census shows that only George and his younger sister Sarah were living at home with his parents Levi and Elizabeth. His older brother, James B., who didn't marry until 1853, was living with their oldest sister, Mary or Polly Sims, when this Census was taken. This 1850 Census shows George's age as twenty but the 1860 Louisiana Census gave his age as twenty-seven, which comes nearer the birthdate George gave on his pension application many years later. His mother's age was also given wrong on the 1850 Census.

In July of 1851 George's father Levi died. On January 6, 1853 George married Elizabeth Massey, daughter of Thomas Massey of Claiborne Parish, Louisiana. Elizabeth Massey was born in 1834 in Mississippi, probably Simpson County, and died June 4, 1887 in Claiborne Parish, Louisiana. The writer was always told that she was like her grandmother Elizabeth Massey Reynolds in many ways and that she looked a great deal like her. A lock of her hair in the old family bible disclosed that she had black hair.

On August 17, 1854, a son, William Levi, was born. This man had a sad life. He was a successful grocer at Summerfield, Louisiana, married to a lady by the name of Cassie Smith. They had five children, I believe, two of whom died as infants. Their little son named Guy was shot accidentally when he was only seven years old. The little girl, affectionately called Trudie, died as a child also. Their son Ross was the only one to live to maturity. He married Ella Kinard and died as a young man in 1922. He had no children. I do not know when Uncle Bill's wife Cassie died but it was many years before he did. The last of his family was Ross and after his death in 1922 Uncle Bill seemed to give up on life - - all of his family had died and he was left alone. He spent the remainder of his life withdrawn to some extent and lonely. He died at the home of my parents ca. November 1933. He is buried in Holly Grove Cemetery in Louisiana where his parents and grandparents, and perhaps his wife and most of his children are buried.

Another son, Thomas Louis, was born on November 24, 1856. He apparently died as an infant. This son could have been named for Elizabeth's father, Thomas Massey.

Mary Louisa, the third child and only daughter of George and Elizabeth, was born March 31, 1858. I was named for her when I was born sixty years later. She died as a little girl. My mother said she thought she was around eight years of age and died of diptheria.

An infant son was born and died in 1860. I believe his name was Marshall but have no proof except word of mouth from my family.

GEORGE WASHINGTON REYNOLDS continued:

When the War Between the States began, George and Elizabeth had only the two children living, William Levi and Mary Louisa. George enlisted at Vernon, Louisiana on 13 February 1862, according to his pension application. The Louisiana Civil War Roll Book, on page 292, states that he enlisted January 16, 1863 at Vienna, Louisiana, which was in Claiborne Parish. George was listed as "Fvt. Sergt., Co. G, 28th (Gray's) La. Inf. Roll Jan. and Feb. 1863. Remarks: Present transfed. to Co. _____. Feb. 4, 1863." George also stated on his pension application many years later that at the time of surrender he was "on furlough my command at Alexander, La." He also stated on this same application that he had been a resident of Claiborne Parish, Louisiana since 1842. However, this family is on the 1840 Census in Louisiana when George was eight years old.

On August 27, 1863, son Robert Cortez was born. Uncle Bob was so very dear to all of us. He married Vista Grey and they had four children, now all dead. Their names were Anna Lou (always called "Tot"), twin sons Frank and Fred, and Phylis. "Tot" married Mr. Claude Tanner. They had two sons, Edwin and William Robert (called Bill). Edwin is deceased. Bill lives in Oakdale, Louisiana, and as I write this in the summer of 1983, I have only last week received a telephone call from Bill. We have not seen each other in 50 years and it was so nice to talk to him. His mother "Tot" was struck and killed by a car in Oakdale ca. 1975. Both Frank and Fred Reynolds died when I was a child and left no descendants. Phylis married Otis Goodwin and they lived to be rather old in Junction City, Arkansas, a small town on the Arkansas-Louisiana line just ten miles from the Holly Grove Community where the Levi Reynolds and George W. Reynolds families lived. Also, this was where Bob and Vista made their home and reared their children. Phylis passed away around 1972 and Otis in 1976. They left no children. Uncle Bob was a handsome man. My sister Jean wrote when he died July 13, 1932 that "he was one of the most dearly beloved of the family. A straight-forward, gentle, kindhearted man. . . ." This was the first death that deeply touched my life. I was only thirteen years of age at the time and can still remember my sorrow. Uncle Bob and Aunt Vista are buried in the large cemetery on the outskirts of Junction City.

On July 18, 1875 my beloved father, James Monroe Reynolds, was born. The history of his life and his family follows this.

After Elizabeth's death in 1887, when my father Jim was only twelve years old, George married a widow, Mrs. Maggie Hollingsworth. All I know about her is that she filed an application for a pension benefit in 1918 and I have a copy of a letter written by her son at that time from Junction City, Arkansas. This was sent to me along with the copy of George's pension application by the Secretary of State's Office in Louisiana. George filed this application in 1899 and I believe it was denied. He owned property and there was some question concerning his furlough - matters of which I have no knowledge. He stated in 1899 that he was old and sick with rheumatism and could no longer operate his farm.

GEORGE WASHINGTON REYNOLDS continued:

On the 29th day of December 1904 George died. He is buried in Holly Grove Cemetery, Claiborne Parish, Louisiana, alongside his wife Elizabeth, the mother of his children who he was married to for thirty-four years before her death.

FAMILY GROUP No. 4 Husband's Full Name GEORGE WASHINGTON REYNOLDS

This Information Obtained From: Personal knowledge from Jas. M Reynolds, my father and son of Geo. W. Reynolds. Also Family Bible, Census Records, G. W. Reynolds' Pension Application and Tombstone Inscriptions

Husband's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Husband
Birth	27	1	1832	McDonough	Henry County	Georgia	
Chr'nd							
Mar.	6	1	1853		Claiborne Parish,	Louisiana	
Death	29	12	1904	Holly Grove,	Claiborne,	Louisiana	
Burial				Holly Grove Cemetery,	Louisiana		
Places of Residence Georgia and Louisiana							
Occupation Farmer Church Affiliation Baptist Military Rec. CSA Veteran							
Other wives, if any. No. (1) (2) etc. (1) Elizabeth Massey (2) Mrs. Maggie Hollingsworth							
His Father William Levi Reynolds Mother's Maiden Name Elizabeth Moore							

Wife's Full Maiden Name ELIZABETH MASSEY

Wife's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Wife
Birth			1834	(Probably Simpson Co)		Mississippi	
Chr'nd							
Death			1887	Holly Grove,	Claiborne,	Louisiana	
Burial			1887	Holly Grove Cemetery,	Louisiana		

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Compiler's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Compiler
Birth							
Mar.							
Death							
Burial							
Places of Residence Mississippi and Louisiana							
Occupation if other than Housewife Church Affiliation							
Other husbands, if any. No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.							
Her Father Thomas Massey Mother's Maiden Name							

Sex	Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Children
M	1 William Levi	Birth	7	8	1854	Holly Grove, Claiborne,	Louisiana		Ross, Trudie and Guy.
	Full Name of Spouse* N. Cassie Smith	Mar.							
		Death	ca. 11	1933		El Dorado, Union Co.,	Arkansas		
		Burial				Holly Grove Cemetery,	Louisiana		
M	2 Thomas Louis	Birth	24	11	1856	Holly Grove, Claiborne,	Louisiana		
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death				Died as an infant			
		Burial							
F	3 Mary Louisa	Birth	31	3	1858	Holly Grove, Claiborne,	Louisiana		
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death	ca. 1866			(Compiler is her namesake)			
		Burial							
M	4 Marshall (Little Buddy)	Birth			1860	Holly Grove, Claiborne,	Louisiana		
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death			1860	(Could have died at birth)			
		Burial							
M	5 Robert Cortez	Birth	27	8	1865	Holly Grove, Claiborne,	Louisiana		Frank & Fre (twins), To
	Full Name of Spouse* Vista Gray	Mar.							and Phylis
		Death	13	7	1932	Shreveport, Caddo Parish,	Louisiana		
		Burial		7	1932	Junction City, Union Co.,	Arkansas		
M	6 James Monroe	Birth	18	7	1875	Holly Grove, Claiborne,	Louisiana		See Chart
	Full Name of Spouse* Annie James Lacy	Mar.	22	10	1898	El Dorado, Union County,	Arkansas		
		Death	2	4	1957	" " " "			
		Burial	3	4	1957	Woodlawn Cemetery, El Dorado,	Arkansas		
	7	Birth							
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
	8	Birth							
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
	9	Birth							
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
	10	Birth							
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							

*If married more than once, each mar. (1) (2) etc. and list in "Add. info. on children" column. Use reverse side for additional children, other notes, references or information.

THE MASSEY FAMILY

Both the European and American ancestry of this family can be found in Judge Frank Massey's two books My Massey Family in England and Massey Families in America, (Ft. Worth, Texas: King and Massey, 1974). Judge Massey states that Baron Hamon de Macei (Masey-Massey) of Cheshire, England came from La Ferte Macé, a small town in Normandy, France. He believes Hamon was a member of the Bellême family of France and that he was related to William the Conqueror. It appears that when the latter conquered England, Hamon accompanied him and later was made a Baron called de Macei (Masey-Massey). Judge Massey gives quite a bit of European history of this Baron and his family in both France and England. He traces the family on into America and many of the tangled American branches are straightened out including the family from whom this Compiler descends.

In the early 1600's John Massey and his wife Sarah Birde lived in Isle of Ely, England. Their son John was born there in 1616 and was baptized in St. Mary's Church there. Oliver Cromwell was a member of this Church while John was in his teens. When John was a young man he heard of his cousins John and Alexander Massey, who lived in London, emigrating to America in 1635. He wanted to go to America also. So, he went to London to seek the aid of his relatives in this matter. The Masseys of London had moved from Cheshire during the reign of King Henry VIII. There happened to be some neighbors of these relatives by the name of Aston. It is quite a coincidence that this writer is also descended from Walter Aston, (Data on him appears later on in this book), the man who brought John Massey to America in 1636.

Walter Aston had lived for several years in Virginia and had represented Shirley Hundred Island at Jamestown in 1629 and 1630, at the age of 22 or 23 years. Aston had returned to London to transport some bond-servants back to Virginia. John Massey was not a casual recruit as his family and the Astons were friends and neighbors. John probably served Aston along with nine others who accompanied Aston back to Virginia. For their transport Aston was granted 590 acres of land in the Shirley Hundred. (Massey's Book I, pp. 30,31). Shirley Hundred became Charles City County, Virginia. John Massey was probably one of the men to garrison Old Ft. Henry (now Petersburg, Virginia). His son John was born there in 1645. John II lived until after 1720 (Judge Massey notes this as very unusual for that time). His name is on the Brunswick Poll List of 1720 where he is at that time living with his oldest son Hezekiah.

This Compiler is descended from the youngest son of John II by the name of Joseph. Joseph's name appears also on the Brunswick County Poll List of 1720. He was born between 1705 and 1710. He was considered prosperous when he died and his Will in Brunswick-Greenville County, Virginia was dated 19 August 1760. He and his wife Elizabeth (some said she was of the Washington Family of Virginia, but Judge Massey doubts it) had fourteen children.

Joseph's oldest child was his son William. Much has been written of William and his family. The York County Library of Rock Hill, South Carolina has a genealogy of this family entitled "The Massey Family of the Waxhaws, Lancaster County, South Carolina." William I married the widow of his brother

THE MASSEY FAMILY continued:

James, Elizabeth Rives. Elizabeth had three children by James. James died in 1763 and ca. 1764 William married her. About 1772 William and Elizabeth moved from Brunswick-Greenville County, Virginia to the Waxhaw Settlement of Lancaster County, South Carolina. William Massey was a Member of the Second Provincial Congress, District East of the Wateree River, South Carolina, November 1775 to March 26, 1776. Lt. Colonel William Massey was Deputy Muster Master General in the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War. He was taken a prisoner of War when Charleston was occupied and reportedly was kept on a British Ship in Charleston Harbor until the end of the War. He and Elizabeth had nine other children besides the three children by James and William loved them all as his own.

The oldest child of William and Elizabeth Rives Massey was his son William. William married Betsy Marshall and they appear on the York County, South Carolina Census of 1800 with two young sons. These sons were John and William, both under ten years of age. According to the 1850 census of Mississippi, William was born ca. 1799 or 1800. Thomas was born in 1801 according to Goodspeed, Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Southern Arkansas, p. 852. Another son, Henry, was an infant when his father died ca. 1804 in Montgomery County, Tennessee (later Stewart County). William II left a Will (Stewart County Minute Docket Vol. I, 1804-1807) in which he named his four sons and wife Elizabeth.

Widow Elizabeth Massey and sons William and Thomas and a male under ten years (a son of John?) appear on the 1820 Wayne County, Mississippi Census. The writer descends from Thomas. Masonic records show Thomas in Winchester, Wayne County, Mississippi in 1826 and from 1833-1840 he belonged to a Masonic Lodge in Georgetown, Copiah County, Mississippi (now defunct). In the late 1820's Elizabeth and her son William and his wife, Elizabeth Patton, moved to Simpson County. Whether Thomas went at that time or later I do not know but he does not appear on the 1830 census there and the courthouse burned in 1844 and again in 1872. Georgetown in Copiah County was just across the Pearl River from Simpson County. Massey Springs was near a small community named Osceola (both are gone long ago) and just a few miles from Georgetown. Here the Masseys lived. Thomas' first wife died here ca. 1834 and this writer wonders if her great grandmother (name unknown) is not buried in the cemetery on the grounds of a large plantation once owned by William Massey, Thomas' brother. It is said the entire place is covered in underbrush and practically inaccessible. This writer also wonders if Thomas' wife died when her daughter Elizabeth (my grandmother) was born in 1834. Thomas married Mary Moore in Mississippi in 1834 or 1835. The 1840 census of Simpson County, Mississippi shows the family with three more sons. About that same year the family moved to Claiborne Parish, Louisiana, where the census reports show Thomas from 1850-1870. He had several more children born in Louisiana. His second wife died in the 1860's. In 1871 Thomas sold his Louisiana property to George W. Reynolds, Elizabeth's husband and grandfather of the Writer, and moved with his son J. C. and wife Melvina to a small community in Union County, Arkansas called New London, taking the minor children of his son George W.

THE MASSEY FAMILY continued:

Massey (he and his wife were deceased) with him as he had been made their Guardian. Not long afterward, however, he took the children and they went to live with his daughter Matilda Massey Short in Hope, Arkansas. Thomas died there in 1878 according to Goodspeed.

Elizabeth Massey and her brother William were Thomas' children by his first wife. William was killed as a young man when he fell from a horse and his death date is in the Reynolds Family Bible but the year is too dim to make out except 185___. Elizabeth married George W. Reynolds, also of Holly Grove Community, Claiborne Parish, Louisiana, on 6 January 1853 when she was nineteen years old. They had sons William Levi, Thomas Louis (died as a young child), Marshall (died apparently when born), Robert C., and James Monroe, who was over twenty years younger than William Levi. There was one girl, Mary Louisa (for whom the writer was named) who died when she was only eight years of age. Elizabeth died in 1887 and is buried in Holly Grove Cemetery, a small country churchyard between Junction City and Summerfield, Louisiana. Her son James Monroe Reynolds (1875-1957) was forty-three years old when the Writer, his youngest child, was born. A sketch of his life is in this book.

In the name of God Amen. I William Massey of the State of Tennessee, and County of Montgomery, being sick and weak in body, but blessed be God of sound memory, and calling into mind, the transitory things of this life, and knowing it is appointed for all men to die, do make and ordain this, to be my last Will and Testament (IE) It is my will and pleasure, that first of all my lawful and just debts paid after which, I give, demise, and dispose of all the estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with in the following manner and form - - I give and bequeath to my well beloved wife Elizabeth Massey, all my personal and real estate, also household and kitchen furniture, plantation tools and stock of every kind, during her widowhood or while my eldest son John Massey should arrive at the age of twenty one, at which time, or at the death, or, intermarriage of my wife E. Massey. It is my will and pleasure that the whole of my estate with all its increase, should be valued by disinterested men, and be equally divided between my wife E. Massey and four sons, to wit: John Massey, William Massey, Thomas Massey, and Henry Massey, and the part which will fall to my wife E. Massey, shall at her death desend to my aforementioned heirs and be equally divided amongst them, it is my will and pleasure that the stock of cattle and hogs, and twenty dollars in cash now in my possession, the property of John Massey should be given him, over and above his proportionable part. It is my will that the money due me in the State of South Carolina, should be appropriated for the uce of purchasing or securing lands for the use of my heirs. It is my will and desire that my children be educated and taught in a Christian like manner at the discretion of my executors - - My wagon and one horse to be sold, the money thence arising be appropriated to the use of my family discretionary with my executors. I do make, ordain and appoint my beloved wife, Elizabeth Massey and Daniel Peoples, Henry Massey's executrix and executor to this my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 6th day of October in the year of our Lord, 1804.

his mark

William X Massey (Seal)

Test: Phillip Hornberger
Nath'l Denson

(The following Proof of Will was copied from the Stewart County Minute Docket Vol. I, 1804-1807, as was the above Will. There is an error in dates someplace as the above Will was made 6 October 1804 and the date on the Proof of Will is given as March 12, 1804. I believe the Proof should be dated 1805. Please note that Daniel Peoples was a co-executor with wife Elizabeth. William Massey's younger sister Polly married (2) Benjamin Peeples (Peoples).)

"Will of William Massey proven in open Court by Philip Homberger (?), and Nathaniel Denson. Elizabeth Massey came into Court and took the necessary oath as executrix."

FAMILY GROUP NO. 10		Husband's Data		Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Husband
This Information Obtained From:		Information from Jas. M. Reynolds, Massey's grandson; Goodspeed's Southern Arkansas; Census Records; La. records; Masonic Records; Will of William Massey; Massey Genealogy (Judge F. Massey of Ft. Worth and that in York Co. Library of South Carolina).		Birth		1801	York County, S. Carolina		(Census)	(Birthdate & State in Goodspeed. Lived in La.
Census: Miss., La. and Arkansas.		Death		1878	Hope, Hempstead County, Arkansas					
Compiler M. L. Bailey		Burial								
Address 5413 Cedar St.		Places of Residence		S. Carolina, Tenn., Miss., La., Ark.						Mostly
City, State No. Little Rock, Ark.		Occupation Farmer		Church Affiliation						Military Rec.
Date 1978-1982		Other wives, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.		(1) ?		(2) Mary Moore				
		His Father William Massey		Mother's Maiden Name		Elizabeth Marshall				
		Wife's Full Maiden Name								
		Wife's Data		Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Wife
		Birth								Believe she died when
		Chr'nd								
		Death		ca. 1834	(Probably Simpson Co)		Miss.			dau. Elizabeth born.
		Burial		Pro. Massey Fam. Cem., "		" " "				
		Places of Residence		Mississippi						
		Occupation if other than Housewife		Church Affiliation						
		Other husbands, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.								
		Her Father		Mother's Maiden Name						
Sex	Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Children	
M	1 William A. Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	ca.	1830	Believe he was born in Mississippi				First two children,	
		Mar.			as stated on Census Records.					
		Death	18	3	186	Claiborne Parish, La.		William and Elizabeth by		
		Burial			(Accidental Death when young man)					
F	2 Elizabeth Full Name of Spouse* Geo. W. Reynolds	Birth		1834	Probably Simpson County, Mississippi				first wife.	
		Mar.	6	1	1853	Holly Grove, Claiborne, Louisiana		Rest by 2d wife.		
		Death		1887	" " " "					
		Burial			Holly Grove Cemetery, Louisiana					
M	3 Quitman Full Name of Spouse*	Birth								
		Mar.								
		Death								
		Burial								
M	4 Francis Marion Full Name of Spouse* Louisa C. (later divorced)	Birth	ca.	1836	Simpson County, Mississippi				dau. Ella m. Ed Gaston lived Summer field, La.	
		Mar.								
		Death								
		Burial								
M	5 George W. Full Name of Spouse* Matilda J. Short	Birth		1838	Mississippi				chil: Tom T. G. M., Alli	
		Mar.	21	11	1858	Union County, Arkansas				
		Death								
		Burial								
M	6 Alex Full Name of Spouse* M. M. Lowry	Birth		1840	Louisiana				Mrs. Mae Lloyd, Ann	
		Mar.	5	12	1867	Texas		John		
		Death								
		Burial								
M	7 Marshall Full Name of Spouse*	Birth								
		Mar.								
		Death								
		Burial								
M	8 Thomas L. Full Name of Spouse*	Birth		1846	Louisiana					
		Mar.								
		Death								
		Burial								
M	9 Jabeth C. Full Name of Spouse* Melvina Perry	Birth	ca.	1842	Louisiana				See	
		Mar.	13	12	1869	Union County, Arkansas		Goodspeed this man's family.		
		Death			Probably New London, Arkansas					
		Burial								
F	10 Matilda Full Name of Spouse* Catlett Short	Birth		1849	Louisiana				dau. Mrs. Inez Thoma lived in Arkadelphia	
		Mar.								
		Death			Probably Hope, Hempstead, Arkansas					
		Burial								

Information from Jas. M. Reynolds, Massey's grandson; Goodspeed's Southern Arkansas; Census Records; La. records; Masonic Records; Will of William Massey; Massey Genealogy (Judge F. Massey of Ft. Worth and that in York Co. Library of South Carolina).
Census; Miss., La. and Arkansas.

Birth 1801 York County, S. Carolina (Census)
Chr'nd
Mar.
Death 1878 Hope, Hempstead County, Arkansas
Burial
State in Goodspeed.
Lived in La.
Places of Residence S. Carolina, Tenn., Miss., La., Ark.
Occupation Farmer Church Affiliation Military Rec.
Other wives, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. (1) ? (2) Mary Moore
Make separate sheet for each mar.
His Father William Massey Mother's Maiden Name Elizabeth Marshall

Wife's Full Maiden Name

Wife's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Wife
Birth							Believe she
Chr'nd							died when
Death	ca.	1834		(Probably Simpson Co)	Miss.		dau. Elizabeth
Burial	Pro. Massey Fam. Cem.,	"	"	"	"	"	born.

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Places of Residence Mississippi
Occupation if other than Housewife Church Affiliation
Other husbands, if any, No. (1) (2) etc.
Make separate sheet for each mar.
Her Father Mother's Maiden Name

Sex	Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Children
M	1 William A. Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	ca.	1830		Believe he was born in Mississippi			First two children.
		Mar.				as stated on Census Records.			William and
		Death	18	3	186	Claiborne Parish, La.			Elizabeth b
		Burial				(Accidental Death when young man)			
F	2 Elizabeth Full Name of Spouse* Geo. W. Reynolds	Birth		1834		Probably Simpson County, Mississippi			first wife.
		Mar.	6	1	1853	Holly Grove, Claiborne, Louisiana			Rest by 2d
		Death		1887		" " " "			wife.
		Burial				Holly Grove Cemetery, Louisiana			
M	3 Quitman Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
M	4 Francis Marion Full Name of Spouse* Louisa C. (later divorced)	Birth	ca.	1836		Simpson County, Mississippi			dau. Ella
		Mar.							m. Ed Gaston
		Death							lived Summe
		Burial							field, La.
M	5 George W. Full Name of Spouse* Matilda J. Short	Birth		1838		Mississippi			chil: Tom T
		Mar.	21	11	1858	Union County, Arkansas			G. M., Alli
		Death							
		Burial							
M	6 Alex Full Name of Spouse* M. M. Lowry	Birth		1840		Louisiana			Mrs. Mae
		Mar.	5	12	1867				Lloyd, Ann
		Death				Texas			John
		Burial							
M	7 Marshall Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
M	8 Thomas L. Full Name of Spouse*	Birth		1846		Louisiana			
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
M	9 Jabeth C. Full Name of Spouse* Melvina Perry	Birth	ca.	1842		Louisiana			See
		Mar.	13	12	1869	Union County, Arkansas			Goodspeed
		Death				Probably New London, Arkansas			this man
		Burial							family.
F	10 Matilda Full Name of Spouse* Catlett Short	Birth		1849		Louisiana			dau. Mrs.
		Mar.							Inez Thome
		Death				Probably Hope, Hempstead, Arkansas			lived in
		Burial							Arkadelphia

*If married more than once No. each mar. (1) (2) etc. and list in "Add. info. on children" column. Use reverse side for additional children, other notes, references or information.

JAMES MONROE REYNOLDS

James Monroe Reynolds, known to all as Jim Reynolds, was born ninety years after his grandfather Levi was born. Jim was born July 18, 1875 and, had he lived two and one-half months longer, he would have been eighty-two years of age when he died. He died April 2, 1957.

Jim Reynolds was a loving husband and father, an honest and upright Christian man. He was indeed a gentle man who was respected by all and loved greatly by his family.

Jim was born and reared at Holly Grove, Claiborne Parish, Louisiana. This is a rural community around ten miles from Junction City, Arkansas and around fifteen or twenty miles from El Dorado, Arkansas. His father was a prosperous farmer and Jim received a good education for that area and time. He attended Spearsville Academy as a young man and wanted to be an attorney and indeed did read some law there at the Academy. However, his father wanted him to come home and take over the family farm and operate it.

Jim's mother died when he was twelve years old. This was a great blow to him. Elizabeth Massey Reynolds was fifty-three years old when she died. Jim was her youngest child. He had two brothers living but Bill was twenty-one years old when Jim was born and Bob was ten years old. So, when Jim's mother died in 1887 he found out what it was to be lonely.

When Jim was a young man he met a beautiful black haired girl with blue eyes named Annie Lacy and fell in love with her. Jim, also, had black hair and blue eyes and was very handsome. He was tall and straight and was intelligent, well read and musically inclined. Annie lived two miles from El Dorado, Arkansas and the two met at Three Creeks at a dance. Three Creeks was, in those days, a lively little community located between El Dorado and the Holly Grove, Louisiana Community. Annie was reared in the Presbyterian Church but, after she was grown, became a Baptist. Jim was also a Baptist. Annie Lacy was from a prominent family and had a noble lineage. Annie and Jim were married 26 October 1898 at Annie's childhood home. She was the daughter of Captain Watson Eldridge and Caroline Holcombe Lacy. A history of her family follows in this book.

Annie and Jim lived in the old Reynolds home at Holly Grove for a number of years. Their oldest child, a son named Watson Eldridge, was born there 21 July 1904. He married Marie Oates in 1930 and a son, James Eldridge, was born ca. 1931. This first marriage ended in divorce and Eldridge married Raby Steed ca. 1939. Eldridge, Raby and James live in New London, Texas. James was wounded several times ca. 1951 in the Korean War and will never marry. Thus, the descendants of George W. Reynolds do not carry the Reynolds name except for this one man, James Eldridge Reynolds, who will never have any descendants.

Ca. 1905 Jim and Annie moved from Holly Grove, Louisiana to Urbans, Arkansas, a small town about fifteen miles southeast of El Dorado. Here their daughters Edith Massey and Leila Eugenia, named for her mother's two sisters, were born.

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Edith Reynolds was born October 23, 1906. She was a very pretty baby and Jim was very proud of her. She grew up and married Thomas Stewart Blake, who died in 1971. They had no children. Edith lives in El Dorado at the time of this writing.

Eugenia Reynolds was born June 8, 1914. Eugenia, called Jean by all, married first W. G. Clark in 1935. From this marriage came a son, W. G. Clark, Jr., who lives in Houston, Texas. Bill has two sons, Bill, Jr. and Mike. Jean's marriage to Clark ended in divorce and she then married Curtis G. Briscoe, who died October 6, 1981. Jean lives in Corpus Christi, Texas. She earned her PHD Degree in History and is known as Dr. Eugenia Briscoe.

When Jean was very young Jim and Annie moved to El Dorado, Arkansas. Annie's father, Captain Lacy, deeded some land to Jim there for a favor of great degree that Jim had done for him. There the writer, Mary Louise, was born September 5, 1918. The oil boom came to El Dorado ca. 1921 and Jim and Annie lived in the very middle of it. Their home was surrounded by the Standard-Lacy Camp, the employees homes of the Standard Oil Company, the Reynolds Warehouse, the stores, clubhouse, etc. of a busy oil field community. Their home was full of young men on whom Annie took pity who had come to work in the oil fields and had no place to live or to eat. Therefore, Annie hired a cook and took one of Jim's rent houses and put beds in it and provided a boarding house for these men for several years. During these years there were several servants, some in the kitchen and some to help with other chores. It was a lively place with much laughter and music and excitement as the oil was flowing and it was the roaring twenties. Such was the atmosphere in which I grew up until the great depression came. The oil business was hit so severely in 1932 that the impact extended on down to even me - - a young teenager. The noisy, busy atmosphere was no more. The people moved away and we knew hard times. It was a time of anxiety for the entire Nation and we were no exception. Our oil wells were still pumping but the price of oil dropped to the lowest point in history and would be unbelievable now. My playmates moved away and I was lonely. The hurt of the depression was felt by most everyone.

I'll never forget the great pride my father Jim felt when his children did any meaningful to merit it. I remember my piano recitals, my school plays, my high school graduation and the love and pride my father always manifested in me and my trivial accomplishments. I remember so well the day I left to go to college and the day a year later when I told him I had eloped and married John Bailey on his (Jim's) birthday. It was the first time I ever saw him cry. I remember as a child when I was cold in the night I could feel his putting extra cover over me. When I was in high school he always fixed my breakfast, lighted the gas stove in my bedroom and woke me by saying, "Baby, it's time to get up." I think often of times he came to my "rescue" when I was in trouble through the years. And then I remember the morning of March 16, 1957 when I received the call from my sister Edith

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telling me to come that Papa was very ill. It was the only times in my life I ever drove to El Dorado from my home in North Little Rock, Arkansas in one hour and forty-five minutes. There are so many memories of that day that come crowding back but I remember so clearly seeing my father hand his little old fashioned pouch purse to my sister Edith, who was riding beside him in the ambulance on the way to the hospital for the first and last times in his life. I was in my car following them and wondered about it. I found out later he told her to take money from his purse and have a tombstone put at the head of each of his parents graves in Holly Grove Cemetery in Louisiana. I saw these stones in 1978 in this little country churchyard and have never ceased to wish that stones were at the head of my great grandparents graves there also. Perhaps there will be yet! Jim lived two weeks after he entered the hospital and died on April 2, 1957. The doctor said he had emphysema and pneumonia. My father also suffered from low blood sugar and some heart problems.

Annie, my wonderful mother of whom I could write volumes, lived to a very old age. A sketch of her life follows in the Lacy Section of this book.

Jim and Annie had four children and four grandchildren. The writer has two children, Marianne Bailey Wilcox and John Paul Bailey. Marianne and Frank Wilcox live in Monroe, Louisiana and have two children, Blake and Mary Melissa. Paul and Lyla Taylor Bailey live in North Little Rock and have two children, Mary Kate and John Taylor. When Taylor was born, he was my fourth grandchild and the sixth great grandchild for Jim and Annie and I just wish they could see them all and that the children could have known their loving great grandparents.

This Information Obtained From: My personal Knowledge and memorabilia collected in my lifetime as this is my father's family. MLB
 Husband's Data: Birth 18 7 1875 City, Town or Place Holly Grove, Claiborne, Louisiana State or Country A GOOD Man
 Chr'nd He was a Baptist.
 Mar. 22 10 1898 City, Town or Place El Dorado, Union County, Arkansas
 Death 2 4 1957 " " " "
 Burial 2 5 1957 Woodlawn Cemetery, El Dorado, Ar.
 Places of Residence Louisiana and Arkansas
 Occupation Farmer & Grocer Church Affiliation Baptist Military Rec. None
 Other wives, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.
 His Father George W. Reynolds Mother's Maiden Name Elizabeth Massey

Wife's Full Maiden Name ANNIE JAMES LACY

Wife's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Wife
Birth	26	3	1879	El Dorado, Union County, Arkansas			A GOOD Wife and mother
Chr'nd	In Presbyterian Church, later became a Baptist.						
Death	11	11	1974	El Dorado, Union County, Arkansas			
Burial	13	11	1974	Woodlawn Cemetery, El Dorado, Ar.			

Compiler M. L. Bailey Places of Residence Arkansas (lived temporarily in Texas for short time)
 Address 5413 Cedar Occupation if other than Housewife Church Affiliation
 City, State N. Little Rock, Ar. Other husbands, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. Sarah
 Date 1983 Her Father Watson Eldridge Lacy Mother's Maiden Name Caroline Holcombe

Sex	Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Children
M	1 Watson Eldridge	Birth	21	7	1904	Holly Grove, Claiborne, Louisiana			(1) Marie
	Full Name of Spouse* <u>Raby Steed (2)</u>	Mar.	1930 and 1939			Union County, Arkansas			Oates was mother of son James.
		Death							
		Burial							
F	2 Edith Mae	Birth	23	10	1906	Urbana, Union County, Arkansas			No children
	Full Name of Spouse* <u>Thomas Stewart Blake</u>	Mar.		12	1926	El Dorado, Union County, Arkansas			
		Death							
		Burial							
F	3 Leila Eugenia	Birth	8	6	1914	Urbana, Union County, Arkansas			Son: Bill
	Full Name of Spouse* <u>Curtis Briscoe</u>	Mar.	1935 & 1941			Curtis Briscoe d. Oct. 6, 1981.			Clark by Husband.
		Death							
		Burial							
F	4 Mary Louise	Birth	5	9	1918	El Dorado, Union County, Arkansas			See Chart
	Full Name of Spouse* <u>John Peter Bailey III</u>	Mar.	18	7	1936	Dardanelle, Yell County, Arkansas			my family- MLB.
		Death							
		Burial							
	5	Birth							
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
	6	Birth							
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
	7	Birth							
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
	8	Birth							
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
	9	Birth							
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
	10	Birth							
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							

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