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Thomas Martin Jr., of York County, South Carolina, raised eighteen children. Some of them remained near their natal home. Others were pioneers who spread across antebellum America, settling in Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Illinois, Mississippi, and Texas, with connections to Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma, and Tennessee.

Thomas Martin Jr. was born 12 December 1778 in Chatham County, North Carolina.¹ He died about 28 April 1855 in York County, South Carolina.² His parents were Sabra Wilkie³ and Thomas Martin Sr., a Revolutionary War soldier.⁴ Thomas Martin Sr. moved his family from Chatham County to Lincoln County, North Carolina, in 1781. “Immediately after the close of the war,” about 1783, he moved again, to York County, South Carolina. Thomas Jr. was a boy of about five years old when his family settled in York County.⁵

Thomas Jr.’s first wife was Rhoda Washburn, daughter of Gabriel and Priscilla Washburn (née Jones) of Rutherford County, North Carolina.⁶ Sometimes called “Rodia,” she was born about 1778 and died about 26 January 1808.⁷ They married about 1798 and by 1800 they probably had a daughter.⁸

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1. For birth dates for the children of Thomas Martin [Sr.] see “U.S., Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty-Land Warrant Application Files, 1800-1900”, *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com>) > M > Marshal, Benjamin – Maxwell, William > Martin, Thomas – Martin, Zachariah > image 147, Thomas and Sabra Martin, no. W21740, Bible pages, York District, South Carolina (1833); citing RG 15: Records of the Department of Veterans Affairs, National Archives, Washington, D.C.

2. “Thomas Martin who died April 28 1855 in his 77 year,” F.H. Gettys, T.J. Caldwell and J.E. Hart Jr., “Martin Family Burial Ground,” *The Quarterly Publication of the Piedmont Historical Society*, Vol. I, no. 3, (July 1983); webpage, *Piedmont Historical Society* (<http://www.piedmont-historical-society.org/records/cemeteries.html#martin>); for more on cemetery see Appendix A; also York County, South Carolina, Probate packet Case # 28 File # 1186 Thomas Martin (1855), Will, 6 August 1855.

3. “South Carolina Probate Records, Files and Loose Papers, 1732-1964,” *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org>) > York > Probate Court, Estate records > 1774-1960 > Files 2939-3013 > images 12, 15, heirs Sabra and husband Thomas Martin; also Sabra as widow of Thomas Martin, 1835, “United States Revolutionary War Pension Payment Ledgers, 1818-1872,” images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org>) > 15-vol N > Widow pensions > image 117 of 205.

4. Description of service in pension file, Thomas Martin, no. W21740, declaration, 1833; images, “U.S., Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty-Land Warrant Application Files, 1800-1900”, image 151.

5. For births and description of his migration, see pension and widow’s application files, Thomas and Sabra Martin, no. W21740, Bible pages and declaration, 1833; images, “U.S., Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty-Land Warrant Application Files, 1800-1900”, images 147, 151.

6. “North Carolina Probate Records, 1735-1970,” images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org>) > Rutherford > Wills, 1823-1833 > image 26-7, Thomas Martin’s children in will of Gabriel Washburn, 1826; for background on Gabriel and Priscilla see Miles Philbeck, “Family Feud: The Washburn Family,” *Bulletin of The Genealogical Society of Old Tryon County* – November 2008, (Forest City, North Carolina), 152-153. She was Rhoda in his will, Rodia on her gravestone.

7. Buffalo Baptist Church, “A transcription of the record of the Acts of Buffalo Church from the year 1805 to the Year 1810 inclusive (1860),” *Buffalo Baptist Church Cherokee County, SC 1805-1810, 1858-1917, 1919-1923, 1940-1941, 1945-1960*, microfilm publication, 1 roll (Greenville, South Carolina: Furman University), arranged by page numbers; see pp. 43, 80, “Rhoda Martin deceased January 26th 1808”; also for her birth “Rodia Martin who died Jan. 25 1808 aged 30 years,” Gettys, Caldwell, Hart, “Martin Family Burial Ground”; also Appendix A.

8. Female child under age ten: 1800 United States Federal Census, York District, South Carolina, line 62, Thomas Martin Junr; database with images, “1800 United States Federal Census,” *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com>) South Carolina > York District > Not Stated, image 14; citing NARA M32, roll 49, page 628; FHL 181424.

On 29 October 1798, Gabriel Washburn of Rutherford County deeded one hundred acres of land in York County, South Carolina, to Thomas Martin Sr. of York County, for five pounds.⁹ This was a small price considering land around this time usually sold for a dollar an acre.¹⁰ On 3 February 1809, Thomas Martin Sr. deeded the same one hundred acres to Thomas Martin Jr., again for five pounds.¹¹ The land from Rodia's father was probably a dowry to the Martin family to help establish the young couple.¹²

By 1808 when Rodia died, she and Thomas had four children.¹³ The couple probably named Priscilla, Sabra, Gabriel, and Thomas after their parents, Priscilla Washburn, Sabra Martin, Gabriel Washburn, and Thomas Martin Sr.¹⁴ Rodia's death was noted briefly in the records of the Buffalo Baptist Church, that she and her parents attended.¹⁵ Her father mentioned her death and her four children by Thomas when he wrote his will in 1822. Gabriel bequeathed five pounds each to Thomas and three married daughters, but he gave other children, including other married daughters, larger portions of his estate.¹⁶ Possibly those who received five pounds had received their inheritance before his death.¹⁷

About 1809, Thomas married Elizabeth (maiden name unknown).¹⁸ She was born about 1788 and died 12 September 1868.¹⁹ According to family stories, Thomas fathered twenty children, but only eighteen survived to adulthood.²⁰ He mentioned all eighteen of his children who survived beyond infancy when he wrote his will in 1846. His fourteen children with his second wife were Bird, Berryman, Rhoda, Nancy, Posey, William, Anderson, Henderson, Elizabeth, Mary, Hicks, Absalom, Laquey, and Perry.²¹ Elizabeth's firstborn child, Bird, was born about 1810.²² Her last child, Perry, was born about 1832 when she was about forty-four

9. York County, South Carolina, Register of Deeds, Book E:352, Gabriel Washburn to Thomas Martin, 1798; images, "Conveyances, deeds and bills of sales, 1786-1950," *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QSQ-G9CR-LQV2?i=200&cat=297336>), image 201.

10. York County, South Carolina, Register of Deeds, Book E:349, John Sellers to Archibald Brown, \$200 for 200 acres, 1799, "Conveyances, deeds and bills of sales, 1786-1950," *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org>), image 199.

11. York Co., SC, Register of Deeds, Book H:518, Thomas Martin to Thomas Martin, 1809; images, "Conveyances, deeds and bills of sales, 1786-1950," *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org>), image 275.

12. The Editors, "Dowry," *Encyclopaedia Britannica* (<https://www.britannica.com/topic/dowry>), especially paragraph 3.

13. Will of Gabriel Washburn, 1826, "North Carolina Probate Records, 1735-1970," images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org>) > Rutherford > Wills, 1823-1833, image 26; mention that Thomas and Rhoda had four children.

14. Children from will of Thomas Martin [Jr]: York Co., SC, Will Book 3:341-342; also possibly a child died, named after grandfather Thomas and Thomas M. Martin was named after his father, "Twenty children were born of the two marriages..." in profile of Dr. Hicks Martin: United Daughters of the Confederacy, *United Daughters of the Confederacy: Patriot Ancestor Album* (Paducah, KY: Turner Pub. Co., 1999), 128-129; digital images, *Google Books* (<https://books.google.com>).

15. Buffalo Baptist Church, "Acts of Buffalo Church from 1805," p. 80, "Rhoda Martin deceased January 26th 1808;" also mentioned, Gabriel Washburn.

16. Thomas Martin's four children by Rhoda in will, Gabriel Washburn, 1826, "North Carolina Probate Records, 1735-1970," images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org>) > Rutherford > Wills, 1823-1833, image 26.

17. The Editors, "Dowry," *Encyclopaedia Britannica*, (<https://www.britannica.com/topic/dowry>), paragraph 3.

18. For marriage estimate, first child born about 1810: 1850 U.S. census, York County, South Carolina, population schedule, York, p. 280 (stamped), dwelling 91, family 91, Bird Martin age 40; image, *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com>) South Carolina > York > York, image 231; citing NARA microfilm pub. M432, roll 860; see Appendix B on her maiden name.

19. Elizabeth age 63 in 1850 U.S. census, York Co., SC, pop. sch., York, p. 280 (stamped), dwelling 90, family 90, Thomas Martin household; for her death, "Elizabeth Martin 2 Consort of Thomas Martin who died Sept. 12 1868 aged 80 years," Gettys, Caldwell, Hart, "Martin Family Burial Ground"; also Appendix A.

20. Dr. Hicks Martin: United Daughters of the Confederacy, *United Daughters of the Confederacy: patriot ancestor*, 128-129.

21. York Co., SC, Probate packet Case # 28 File # 1186 Thomas Martin (1855), Will, proved 6 Aug. 1855, image 251.

22. "Bird Martin was born July 1810 & died Nov 1874," Gettys, Caldwell, Hart, "Martin Family Burial Ground"; also Appendix A; and 1850 U.S. census, York Co., SC, pop. sch., York, p. 280 (stamped), dwell. 91, fam. 91, Bird Martin age 40.

years old, ending a probable twenty-two-year span of childbearing years.²³ She and Thomas raised their children in York County, South Carolina, where they lived until his death in 1855.²⁴

After Thomas died, Elizabeth spent her remaining thirteen years on one third of Thomas's estate which included the "Mansion House" he provided for her "during her natural life."²⁵ In 1855 their son Henderson Martin qualified as executor of the estate and sold the other two thirds of his father's estate.²⁶ The land, 392 acres, was divided into four lots and sold. He also arranged an estate sale that was attended by family and neighbors on 23 October 1855.²⁷ There was no mention of slaves in Thomas Martin Jr.'s 1846 will and none listed in the inventory and sales of his estate.²⁸ Henderson was again the executor of his father's estate in 1868 after his mother died. Thomas's will emphasized that the estate he provided for Elizabeth was to be divided between his children.²⁹

On 6 December 1855, Elizabeth's youngest son, Perry, married Sarah Jane Beatty and he brought his bride to his mother's home. Elizabeth's sons, Posey, Henderson, and stepson, Thomas M. lived nearby.³⁰ Many of Thomas's pioneer children had already left York County by 1855, and others followed suit later.

The Alabama Settlers in the 1830s

Priscilla, Sabra, and Gabriel

The strong demand for cotton and the need for fertile land fueled a land rush and period of expansion known as the Alabama Fever.³¹ Newspapers in South Carolina reported that "yield will exceed an average crop" in Alabama.³² Many families left South Carolina for Alabama.³³

23. 1850 U.S. census, York Co., SC, pop. sch., York, p. 280, dwell. 90, fam. 90, Thomas Martin household, image 231; Perry, age nineteen.

24. Deed of 100 acres of land from Washburn 1809 H:519, later sold after widow's death, 1877, deed books Y:19, A-1:282, "known as the Elizabeth Martin tract," in York County, South Carolina, Register of Deeds, Book H:518; images, "Conveyances, deeds and bills of sales, 1786-1950," *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-89CR-7D1C?i=274&cat=297336>), image 275.

25. *Ibid.*; also see, Posey selling interest in his mother's land, described, York Co., SC, Probate packet Case # 68 File #3353 Thomas Martin (1868), contract Posey to Henderson, 23 December 1877; images, "South Carolina Probate Records, Files and Loose Papers, 1732-1964," *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org>) > York > Probate Court, Estate records > 1774-1960 > Files 3320-3380, image 327; county courthouses, South Carolina, Department of Archives and History, Columbia.

26. York Co., SC, Probate packet Case # 28 File # 1186 Thomas Martin (1855), qualified, 6 Aug. 1855, image 252.

27. York Co., SC, Probate packet Case # 28 File # 1186 Thomas Martin (1855), land sale, 5 Nov. 1855, image 256.

28. York Co., SC, Probate Case # 28 File # 1186 Thomas Martin (1855), Will (1846), Inventories, appraisements, sales pages, 27 September 1855 and 23 October 1855, images 251, 254-257. Also, in 1827, no slaves, Robert Jerald L. West, *The York District, South Carolina 1827 tax returns*, (Hickory Grove: Broad River Basin Historical Society, 1996), 24.

29. By the notation "N. B." for "nota bene" meaning mark well or observe, Henry Campbell Black, *Black's Law Dictionary*, 4th edition (St. Paul, West Publishing Co., 1968), 1174; for the will, York Co., SC, Probate Case # 28 File # 1186 Thomas Martin (1855), Will (1846); Thomas may have wanted to ensure Elizabeth wasn't able to devise the land herself.

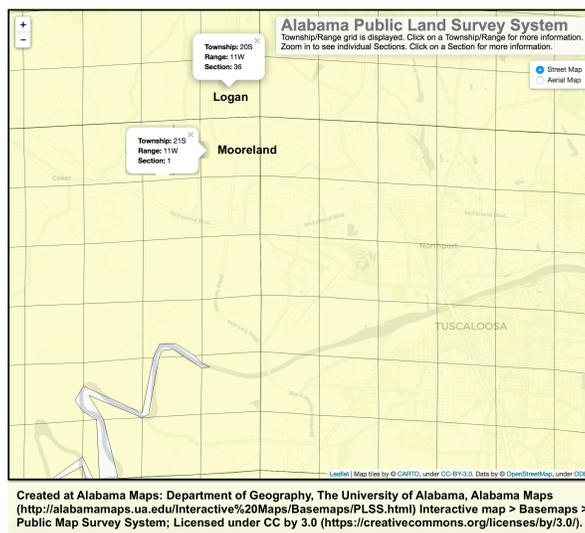
30. Cleveland County, North Carolina, "Record of Marriages, 1851-65," 1855 pages, p.77, Perry Martin and Sarah Jane Beatty; database and images, "North Carolina, Marriage Records, 1741-2011," *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com>) Cleveland > Marriage Records (1851-1866) > image 41; citing NC County Registers of Deeds; also 1860 U.S. census, York County, South Carolina, population schedule, page 226 (handwritten), Post Office: New House, dwelling no. 48, family no. 48, Elizabeth Martin household; image, *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com>), South Carolina > York > Not Stated, image 205.

31. LeeAnna Keith, Collegiate School, "Alabama Fever," *Encyclopedia of Alabama* (<http://www.encyclopediaofalabama.org/article/h-3155>).

32. "Respecting the crops in North Alabama," *Farmer's Gazette and Cheraw Advertiser*, Cheraw, South Carolina, 22 November 1839, page 6, col. 1; images, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/352038459>).

33. Mary Beth Norton, *A People and a nation: a history of the United States Volume I : To 1877*, (Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 1986), 256; digital delivery, *Google Books* (https://books.google.com/books?id=fPPVID_iIN0C&lpg=PA256).

Priscilla Martin’s husband, Alexander Moreland, and Sabra Martin’s husband, Freeman Logan,³⁴ purchased tracts of land from the United States government in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. The tract book for Townships 20 and 21 contains the details of their 1835 purchases, on the same page.³⁵ Their land was less than two miles apart in adjacent townships. Alexander Moreland bought eighty and one quarter acres, for \$100.31, and Freeman Logan bought just under forty acres, for \$49.64. Their land was located about six miles northwest of Northport, Alabama.³⁶



The Logan and Moreland families lived in Tuscaloosa in 1840. Alexander and Priscilla Moreland, ages in their forties, had nine children in the household. Freeman and Sabra Logan, ages in their thirties, had seven children. Neither family owned slaves.³⁷

By 1860, Freeman Logan’s farm had grown from his original forty acres to more than six hundred acres. He owned two horses, two mules, six milk cows, three oxen, twenty-five cattle, twenty sheep, and twenty swine. In addition to raising livestock, he grew corn, ginned cotton, and harvested wool from his sheep.³⁸ Other produce for the year included Irish potatoes, sweet potatoes, three hundred pounds of butter, four tons of hay, beeswax, and two hundred fifty pounds of honey. Impressively, the family managed this enterprise without owning slaves.³⁹

34. “In the Probate Court, York County.”, *Yorkville Enquirer*, York, South Carolina, 08 October 1868, page 3, col. 2, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/339358931>).

35. Tract Books, Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Township 20, Range 11W, Huntsville Meridian, Vol 433, page 156; Bureau of Land Management, “Search,” images, *General Land Office Records* (<https://gloreords.blm.gov>), certificates 14954 and 17065.

36. Alabama Maps, Department of Geography, The University of Alabama, *Alabama Maps* (<http://alabamamaps.ua.edu/Interactive%20Maps/Basemaps/PLSS.html>) Interactive map > Basemaps > Public Map Survey System; Licensed under CC by 3.0 (<https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/3.0/>); for description see “Public Land Survey,” *Alabama Maps* (<http://alabamamaps.ua.edu/contemporarymaps/alabama/basemaps/tnr.pdf>).

37. 1840 U.S. census, Tuscaloosa County, Alabama, p. 223, line 11, Alexr Moreland; for Logan, 1840 U.S. census, Tuscaloosa County, Alabama, p. 219, line 20, Freeman Logan.

38. 1860 U.S. census, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, non-population schedule, Agriculture, page 51 (handwritten), Post office: North River, Freeman Logan, line 10.

39. 1850 Alabama state census, Tuscaloosa County, population schedule, p. 22, Freeman Logan; also 1855 Alabama state census, Tuscaloosa County, population schedule, p. 52, Freeman Logan.

Freeman died about 21 February 1874 at the age of about sixty-eight.⁴⁰ In his will, he named his son, Bird Logan, as executor of his estate.⁴¹ After Freeman's death, Sabra lived with their daughter, Jane, and son-in-law, Isaac Martin, probably until her death in August 1884.⁴² After Sabra's death, Isaac Martin applied and was appointed administrator of the estate.⁴³ The estate was under administration "de bonis non" with the will annexed, meaning he was appointed to finish what an executor had started, in accordance with the will.⁴⁴ Jane purchased her father's land from the estate on 19 January 1885.⁴⁵

In addition to being their son-in-law, Isaac was also a nephew to Sabra.⁴⁶ He was the son of her half-brother, Bird Martin.⁴⁷ In 1902, he was among a group of veterans honored by the R. E. Rodes Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy.⁴⁸

Isaac Martin settled in Alabama after the Civil War, and was husband to two of the Logan daughters. The first was Cornelia, then Rebecca Jane, who also preceded him in death.⁴⁹ He may have met Cornelia while acting with power of attorney for her parents, the appointment dated 31 July 1865. He was "of York County, South Carolina" at the time.⁵⁰

He was also the Reverend Isaac Martin, a member of and licensed to preach by Carroll's Creek Baptist Church. At the time of his death, at Sunday School, 12 July 1908, he was living with his daughter, Florence Turner.⁵¹

Thomas Martin Jr.'s third child, Gabriel Martin,⁵² also lived in Alabama from about 1837 until about 1856.⁵³ He was still in the Carolinas when he signed a petition to the state of South Carolina along with several relatives on 21 October 1834.⁵⁴ He lived in Randolph County,

40. *Find a Grave*, database and images (<https://findagrave.com>), memorial no. 108735626, "Freeman Logan born Aug 13 1806 died Feb 21 1874"; citing Bethel Cemetery, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, gravestone photos by Jerri Harmon.

41. "Alabama, Wills and Probate Records, 1753-1999," *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com>) > Tuscaloosa>Estate Papers, Lancaster, J R – Malone, Janie > image 1794 of 3162, Deposition proving will of Freeman Logan.

42. 1880 U.S. census, Tuscaloosa [sic] County, Alabama, population schedule, Beat 10 Northport, p. 50B (handwritten), enumeration district 154, dwelling 426, family 433, Isaac Martin household, Sabra as mother-in-law; also "Alabama, Wills and Probate Records, 1753-1999," *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com>) Tuscaloosa > Estate Papers, Lancaster, J R – Malone, Janie, image 1770 of 3162, receipt 10 Aug 1884 for "coffin for Mrs Logan."

43. "Alabama, Wills and Probate Records, 1753-1999," *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com>) > Tuscaloosa > Estate Papers, Lancaster, J R – Malone, Janie > image 1825 of 3162, petition to administer estate of Freeman Logan.

44. "Alabama, Wills and Probate Records, 1753-1999," Freeman Logan, image 1825, petition for letters of administration by Isaac Martin, 1884; for "de bonis non" meaning, Black, *Black's Law Dictionary*, 66.

45. *Ibid.*, "Alabama, Wills and Probate Records, 1753-1999," land sold to Jane Martin, image 1845.

46. York Co., SC, Probate Case # 68 File #3353 Thomas Martin, (1868), power of attorney for the Logans, image 343; Bird's probate file: York Co., SC, Probate CASE, #87 File #4329, Bird Martin, (1875), settlement page, 1875, otherwise undated; microfilm copy in Probate Clerk's Office, York; also Isaac at 19 in 1850 U.S. census, York Co., SC, pop. sch., York, p. 280, dwell. 91, fam. 91, Bird Martin household, image 231.

47. *Ibid.*; for siblings, York Co., SC, Probate Case # 28 File # 1186 Thomas Martin, Will (1855), image 251.

48. "An Inspiring Scene", *The Tuscaloosa Gazette*, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, 19 Jan 1902, page 3, col. 2-3; Isaac Martin, veteran; images, *Newspapers.com* (https://www.newspapers.com/clip/30133738/the_tuscaloosa_gazette/?xid=637).

49. "Old Citizen Dies.", *The Tuscaloosa News*, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, 14 July 1908, page 5, col.2; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (https://www.newspapers.com/clip/30133839/the_tuscaloosa_news/?xid=637); obituary of Rev. Isaac Martin.

50. York Co., SC, Probate Case # 68 File #3353 Thomas Martin, (1868), power of attorney, image 343.

51. "Old Citizen Dies.", *The Tuscaloosa News*, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, 14 July 1908, obituary of Rev. Isaac Martin.

52. Thomas Martin's will "South Carolina Probate Records, Bound Volumes, 1671-1977," images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org>) > York > Wills book, 1840-1862, Vol. 03 > image 205 of 275.

53. 1850 U.S. census, Randolph County, Alabama, population schedule, p. 340A (stamped), dwelling 857, family 857, Gabriel Martin household.

54. "Inhabitants Of York District, Petition Against The Proposed Altering Of The State Constitution," 21 October 1834; Petitions to the General Assembly, series S165015, year 1834, item 00074; images, *South Carolina Department of Archives and History* (<http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov>). Petition, signers Gabriel Martin, five brothers and in-laws.

Alabama in 1850 with his wife, Lucinda, and eight children ranging in age from two to twenty.⁵⁵ The first four children born in North Carolina, and the last four born in Alabama. Twelve-year-old Thomas, born in Alabama, would have been born about 1838. Fourteen-year-old Jane, born in North Carolina, would have been born in 1836. The family moved to Alabama from Lincoln County, North Carolina, between their births. Gabriel was about thirty-five years of age by then.⁵⁶ In 1850, Gabriel reported owning real estate worth two hundred dollars and he managed his family's farm.⁵⁷ Gabriel Martin did not own slaves, nor did several of his closest neighbors.⁵⁸

The Morelands Moved On to Mississippi

By 1850, Alexander and Priscilla Moreland had moved to Mississippi. They owned land and lived in Itawamba County.⁵⁹ The couple had four children born in South Carolina, two born in Alabama, and six year old Joseph, born in Mississippi. It is likely that they moved from Alabama to Mississippi between 1840 and 1844 just before Joseph's birth.⁶⁰

On 19 November 1856, Alex Moreland registered his stock mark as a "swallowfork under bit in each year [*sic*]."⁶¹ Not long after, Priscilla and Alexander gave Ralph Wright authority to claim Priscilla's inheritance from her father's estate. Mr. Wright, by power of attorney, signed a receipt on their behalf on 12 January 1858, for one hundred dollars and fifty-six cents.⁶² Priscilla had already received one hundred dollars from her father sometime before 1846 when he wrote his will.⁶³

In April 1870, Alabama formed Prentiss County from Itawamba County.⁶⁴ The Moreland family lived in Booneville.⁶⁵ By 1880, Alexander was an eighty-year-old widower living with his son, Thomas Moreland in Prentiss County, Mississippi.⁶⁶ Priscilla probably died sometime after the census taker visited in August 1870 and before the 1880 census.⁶⁷

55. 1850 U.S. census, Randolph Co., Al., pop. sch., p. 340A, dwelling 857, family 857, Gabriel Martin household, image 15.

56. 1830 U.S. census, Lincoln County, North Carolina, population schedule, p. 162, Gabriel Martin; database with images "1830 United States Federal Census," *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com>) North Carolina > Lincoln > Not Stated > image 21; NARA microfilm publication M19, roll 122, FHL 0018088.

57. 1850 U.S. census, Randolph Co., Al., pop. sch., p. 340A, dwell. 857, fam. 857, Gabriel Martin household, image 15. He was not found on the corresponding agriculture schedule.

58. 1850 Alabama state census, "An Enumeration of the Inhabitants of Randolph County, 1850.", unnumbered, Gabriel Martin, line 8; image, "Alabama State Census, 1820-1866," *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com>) > 1850 > Randolph > image 123 of 145; citing Department of Archives and History, Montgomery, Rolls M2004.0008-M2004.0012, M2004.0036-M2004.0050, and M2008.0124.

59. 1850 U.S. census, Itawamba County, Mississippi, population schedule, District no. 6, p. 314A (stamped), dwelling 168, family 172, Alexr Moreland household; database with images, "1850 United States Federal Census," *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com>) > Mississippi > Itawamba > District 6 > image 25; NARA microfilm publication M432, roll 373.

60. 1850 U.S. census, Itawamba Co., Mississippi, pop. sch., District no. 6, p. 314A (stamped), dwell. 168, fam. 172, Alexr Moreland household, image 25.

61. "Itawamba County Stock Mark Book: 1851-1904", digital images, *Itawamba Historical Society* (<http://www.itawambahistory.org/stockmarks/stock13.jpg>); citing Itawamba county records.

62. York Co., SC, Probate Case # 28 File # 1186 Thomas Martin, Receipt by power of attorney, R. S. Wright for Alexander and Priscilla Moreland, 12 January 1858, image 269.

63. Will of Thomas Martin [Jr], York Co., SC, Will Book 3:341-342.

64. "Itawamba County, Mississippi Genealogy," *FamilySearch Wiki* (https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Itawamba_County,_Mississippi_Genealogy), see "Boundary Changes" for Itawamba land to Prentiss in 1870.

65. 1870 U.S. census, Prentiss County, Mississippi, page 2 (handwritten), line 20, family 11, Alexander Moreland household.

66. 1880 U.S. census, Prentiss County, Mississippi, page 231A (stamped), line 37, family 9, T. Moreland household; also York Co., SC, Probate Case # 68 File #3353 Thomas Martin (1868), power of attorney for Priscilla's heirs (1889), image 333.

67. 1880 U.S. census, Prentiss County, Mississippi, page 231A; 1870 U.S. census, Prentiss Co., MS, page 2 (handwritten), line 20, fam. 11, Alexander Moreland household; Priscilla was not found on the 1880 census.

The Georgia Migration of the 1840s

Rhoda, Nancy, Anderson, Hicks, and Gabriel

During the early 1800s, politicians, lawmakers, and citizens campaigned for taking over Indian lands in the southern states.⁶⁸ After negotiations and betrayals, state and federal authorities forced the Cherokee to leave the southeastern states, including those who lived in northwest Georgia. This journey of a thousand miles began in 1838-39.⁶⁹ South Carolina newspapers reported that the military was engaged in moving Indian populations across the Mississippi.⁷⁰ This removal is now known as the Trail of Tears, because of the deplorable conditions and great loss of life during the journey.⁷¹ An 1846 treaty included provisions for giving up the Cherokee rights to land east of the Mississippi River.⁷²

Cherokee Indian Territory in Georgia, which became Cherokee County in 1831, was the parent county of Cass (later renamed Bartow), Cobb, Floyd, Forsyth, Gilmer, Lumpkin, Murray, Paulding, Union, and Pickens.⁷³

On 6 July 1885, The Atlanta Constitution newspaper published a story titled “The Collinses.”⁷⁴ The reporter interviewed William J. Collins, who was at the time the superintendent of the Bartow County “pauper farm.” He told the story of how, forty-one years prior, his father James Collins had led a wagon train with fifty-one people to Gilmer County, Georgia, from Cleveland County, North Carolina.⁷⁵ Several children of Thomas Martin Jr. migrated with them.

Rhoda Martin and Ransom Collins started married life in Lincoln County, North Carolina.⁷⁶ By the time the family settled in Gilmer County, Georgia, about 1844, the couple had six children.⁷⁷ In the summer of 1859, Ransom and Rhoda made a trip back to York County to receive part of Rhoda’s inheritance from her father’s estate.⁷⁸ Ransom also collected inheritance monies for two of his nieces, Elvy Moss and Dulcena Martin.⁷⁹ Elvy was the daughter of Wiley

68. Tim A. Garrison, “Cherokee Removal,” *New Georgia Encyclopedia*, 23 July 2018; webpage, *New Georgia Encyclopedia* (<https://www.georgiaencyclopedia.org/articles/history-archaeology/cherokee-removal>).

69. Ibid.; “Military Order Beginning the Trail of Tears,” *NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources* (<https://www.ncdcr.gov/blog/2015/05/10/military-order-beginning-the-trail-of-tears>).

70. “A letter dated Union City...,” *Farmer’s Gazette and Cheraw Advertiser*, Cheraw, SC, 4 Nov. 1840, p. 6, col. 1; images, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/352041461>).

71. “A Soldier Recalls the Trail of Tears,” *ANCHOR/NCpedia* (<https://www.ncpedia.org/anchor/soldier-recalls-trail-tears>), paragraph 3; stories such as this likely contained truth with embellishment, especially decades after the event.

72. “The Cherokee Treaty,” *Commercial Advertiser*, New York, NY, 25 August 1846, page 1; images, *GenealogyBank* (<https://www.genealogybank.com>).

73. Mary Ellen Johnson, “Cherokee County,” *New Georgia Encyclopedia*, 9 July 2018; webpage, *New Georgia Encyclopedia* (<https://www.georgiaencyclopedia.org/articles/counties-cities-neighborhoods/cherokee-county>), paragraph 1.

74. “The Collinses,” *The Atlanta Constitution*, Atlanta, Georgia, 6 Jul 1885, p. 44, col. 5; database and images, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/26771329>).

75. “The Collinses,” *The Atlanta Constitution*, Atlanta, Georgia, 6 Jul 1885; William J. Collins was eight years old when he came to Gilmer County, therefore the story should be considered family legend subject to error and embellishment.

76. 1830 U.S. census, Lincoln County, North Carolina, population schedule, p. 161, Ransom Collins; also 1840 U.S. census, Lincoln County, North Carolina, population schedule, p. 65, Ransom Collins; and “In the Probate Court, York County,” *Yorkville Enquirer*, York, SC, 08 Oct. 1868, p. 3, col. 2, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/339358931>).

77. 1850 U.S. census, Gilmer County, Georgia, population schedule, Subdivision 33, p. 422 (stamped), dwellings 1052, families 1052, Ransom Collins household; database and images, “1850 United States Federal Census,” *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com>) > Georgia > Gilmer > Subdivision 33 > image 149. The family moved between births of Elizabeth and Berry.

78. York Co., SC, Probate Case # 28 File # 1186 Thomas Martin, Ransom and Rhoda Collins, receipt for inheritance money, 12 August 1859, image 270. Both signed by marks.

79. York Co., SC, Probate Case # 28 File # 1186 Thomas Martin, power of attorney and receipts for Elvy (22 July 1859, 13 Aug 1859) and Dulcena (15 July 1859, 13 Aug 1859), images 266, 267.

Collins and Nancy Martin, and Dulcena was the daughter of Susan Collins and Berryman Martin.⁸⁰ They both inherited from Thomas Martin Jr. through their deceased Martin parents.⁸¹

By 1860, Ransom and Rhoda lived on a farm of a hundred and sixty acres where they raised livestock consisting of thirty sheep, forty swine, a few milch (milk) cows, as well as wheat, and Indian corn.⁸² Three of their children lived on their own, and seven still lived at home.⁸³

During the Civil War, Ransom, age 54, enlisted in July 1863 with the Cherokee Legion of the 107th Regiment of the Georgia Militia, organized for home defense.⁸⁴ While their son, Miller, was away fighting with the 23rd Infantry Regiment,⁸⁵ Ransom was involved in a conflict at home with “Raskels that fools with him.” Miller desperately wanted to help his father, saying he would give everything he had for a furlough.⁸⁶ This may have been connected to a feud that ended in the deaths of Ransom’s sons, Berry and Fielding, and the injury of Julia Ann at her wedding in 1865.⁸⁷ Around 1867, possibly because of that tragedy and the lawless state of the area during Reconstruction,⁸⁸ Rhoda, Ransom, and others set out intending to go to Texas. Their son, Miller, and his family stayed behind in Georgia.⁸⁹

80. York Co., SC, Probate Case # 28 File # 1186 Thomas Martin, power of attorney 15 July 1859, images 266 ,267; also see Elvy’s POA same image; and daughter Elvy in: 1850 U.S. census, Gilmer County, Georgia, population schedule, Subdivision 33, p. 378 (stamped), dwellings 424, families 424, William H. Collins household; database and images, “1850 United States Federal Census,” *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com>) Georgia > Gilmer > Subdivision 33 > image 62.

81. *Ibid.*; see profiles of their parents.

82. 1860 U.S. census, Pickens County, Georgia, non-population, agriculture, Tucks, p.1, Ransom Collins, line 22; database and images, “U.S., Selected Federal Census Non-Population Schedules, 1850-1880,” *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com>) > Georgia > Agriculture > 1860 > Pickens > Tucks, image 1; Archive collection number T1137, roll 6.

83. 1850 U.S. census, Gilmer Co., GA, pop. sch., Subdivision 33, p. 422 (stamped), dwells. 1052, fams. 1052, Ransom Collins household; and 1860 U.S. census, Pickens County, Georgia, population schedule, Truckwheel, p. 906, Ransom Collins; seven at home, “1860 United States Federal Census,” *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com>) > Georgia > Pickens > Truckwheel > image 8, Ransom Collins; NARA microfilm publication M653, roll 133, FHL 803133; NOTE: Part of Gilmer County became Pickens in 1853, “Pickens County, Georgia,” *RAOGK* (<https://www.raogk.org/georgia/pickens-county/>).

84. “Georgia, Civil War Muster Rolls, 1860-1864,” *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com>), image 14 of 22; citing “Muster Rolls—Men Subject to Military Duty from 1860–1864,” Georgia State Archives, Morrow. See numbered list, Pickens Co., Ransom Collins 25, Gabriel Martin 58, B.H. Martin 59.

85. “Camp 23rd Ga Regt,” Miller’s letter to his wife, 19 January 1864, “Miller Collins Collection of Confederate Letters”, Microfilm Collection, drawer 32, box 65, Georgia Archives, Morrow Ga; also Miller Collins in database, “U.S., Civil War Soldier Records and Profiles, 1861-1865,” *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com>); citing Georgia and Lillian Henderson, *Roster of Confederate Soldiers of Georgia 1861-1865*, (Bethesda, 1990).

86. Miller’s letter from Florida to his wife, 7 April 1864, “Miller Collins Collection of Confederate Letters”, Microfilm Collection, drawer 32, box 65, Georgia Archives, Morrow Ga.

87. Ted Smith, “The Scared Corn Ryo MURDERS,” *The Best of the North Georgia Mountains*, issue 34, 2 May 2018, 24-25; digital publication, *issuu* (<https://issuu.com/thebestofthenorthgeorgiamountains>); also “The Collinses,” *The Atlanta Constitution*, Atlanta, Georgia, 6 Jul 1885, p. 44, col. 5; images, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/26771329>); the story by Smith offers no sources and might be based on the newspaper account.

88. I. W. Avery, *The History of the State of Georgia from 1850 to 1881: embracing the three important epochs ; the decade before the war of 1861-5, the war, the period of Reconstruction*, (New York: Brown & Derby: 1900), 320; on North Georgia as a hiding place for guerillas of both armies, outside of any government protection.

89. Letter from Ransom and Rhody Collins to son, Miller, dated 1 December 1867, Benton Co., Arkansas, “Miller Collins Collection of Confederate Letters”, Microfilm Collection, drawer 32, box 65, Georgia Archives, Morrow Ga.; also “Death of Mrs. Sallie Dodgen,” *The Standard-Sentinel*, Stilwell, Oklahoma, 11 August 1921, page 1, col. 3; images, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/6715630/>); informs that Sallie Dodgen née Collins born SC 1839, moved to Benton county, Arkansas with her husband W. M. Dodgen in 1868 from Georgia.

Nancy Martin and Wiley Collins moved to Gilmer County, Georgia about 1844.⁹⁰ By 1850, the couple had seven children. The youngest, Roxanna, born in June, had a twin that didn't survive.⁹¹

Nancy Martin Collins was born about 1814.⁹² No record explicitly mentions her death, but she likely died in February 1851.⁹³ Wiley probably died shortly after, in March, since a receipt in his name shows he paid for "dry hides" on 1 March 1851.⁹⁴ Wiley's estate paid for two sets of funeral materials. The first was February 1851, the second set was dated 22 March 1851.⁹⁵ Twenty-four-year old Dr. Robert W. Foster attended to Nancy or Wiley, or both, and charged the estate for medicine, visits, mileage, and attention.⁹⁶ A nurse, Emeranday D. Moreland, charged for one week of work.⁹⁷ In addition to caring for the sick, she probably helped care for baby Roxanna and the other young children. Before the Civil War, families handled burial preparations themselves.⁹⁸ Local carpenter, Stephen Bradley, built the Collins's coffins.⁹⁹ Someone in the family, or the carpenter, probably lined the coffins with the cambric and white flannel, and dressed the outside with the black calico, then trimmed it with braid held in place with tacks and screws.¹⁰⁰

Davis Collins paid fees to the probate court for granting his administration of the estate of Wiley H. Collins on 5 July 1851. On voucher number three, he paid for two coffins at \$2.50 each.¹⁰¹ Since all seven of their children listed on the 1850 census were still living in 1860, the two coffins would have been for Wiley and Nancy.¹⁰² By 1860, the youngest Collins children lived with Nancy's and Wiley's siblings. Mary Elizabeth and Susan Roxanna lived with Nancy's

90. 1850 U.S. census, Gilmer County, Georgia, population schedule, Subdivision 33, p. 378 (stamped), dwellings 424, families 424, William H. Collins household.

91. 1850 U.S. census, Gilmer Co., Ga., pop. sch., div. 33, p. 378 (stamp), dwell. 424, fam. 424, William H. Collins household; also "Georgia Probate Records, 1742-1990," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org>) > Gilmer > Vouchers 1851-1911 > image 53 of 580; see Bill for coffin 50cts, 1850, also a bill for two coffins, \$2.50 each, 1851, image 23.

92. 1850 U.S. census, Gilmer Co., GA, pop. sch., Subdivision 33, p. 378 (stamped), dwell. 424, fam. 424, William H. Collins household, Nancy Collins, age 36.

93. "Georgia Probate Records, 1742-1990," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org>) > Gilmer > Vouchers 1851-1911 > image 52 of 580, mentions fabric and supplies for burial preparations, 17 Feb 1851.

94. "Georgia Probate Records, 1742-1990," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org>) > Gilmer > Vouchers 1851-1911 > image 24 of 580, bill for 14 lbs. dry hides, 1 March 1851.

95. "Georgia Probate Records, 1742-1990," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org>) > Gilmer > Vouchers 1851-1911 > image 52, fabric and supplies for burial preparations.

96. 1850 U.S. census, Gilmer County, Georgia, population schedule, Subdivision 33, p. 380A (stamped), dwellings 441, families 441, Robert W Foster, doctor; "Georgia Probate Records, 1742-1990," images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org>) > Gilmer > Vouchers 1851-1911 > image 24, Doctor's bill.

97. "Georgia Probate Records, 1742-1990," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org>) > Gilmer > Vouchers 1851-1911 > image 24, Voucher no. 2, Emeranday Moreland; and "Georgia Probate Records, 1742-1990," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org>) > Gilmer > Returns 1848-1904 > image 37, to nurse, voucher no. 2.

98. Mildred J. Miller and Pam M. Crooks, *Time is, time was: gravestone art, burial customs and history*, (Statesville: Genealogical Society of Iredell County, 1990), 18; also "Burial Customs," *NCPedia* (<https://www.ncpedia.org/burial-customs>), para. 4, shrouds, para 7; and Hope Thompson, "Sitting Up With the Dead," *CandidSlice* (<http://www.candidslice.com/sitting-up-with-the-dead-lost-appalachian-burial-customs/>), para. 6.

99. 1850 U.S. census, Gilmer County, Georgia, population schedule, Subdivision 33, p. 421B, dwelling 1047, family 1047, Stephen Bradley, carpenter; also "Georgia Probate Records, 1742-1990," images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org>) > Gilmer > Vouchers 1851-1911 > image 23, Voucher 2 coffins.

100. "Georgia Probate Records, 1742-1990," images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org>) > Gilmer > Vouchers 1851-1911 > image 52, Burial fabric and supplies.

101. "Georgia Probate Records, 1742-1990," images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org>) > Gilmer > Vouchers 1851-1911 > image 23 of 580, probate court fees.

102. York Co., SC, Probate Case # 68 File #3353 Thomas Martin (1868), power of attorney, image 341, six children, heirs of Nancy Collins from Pickens, Ga.; also York Co., SC, Probate Case # 28 File # 1186 Thomas Martin (1855), Elvy Moss's power of attorney, 22 July 1859, image 266.

brother, Anderson Martin.¹⁰³ Anna J. and Martha lived with Nancy's sister, Rhoda, and Ransom Collins.¹⁰⁴ Martin, still single, worked as a carpenter in Whitfield County,¹⁰⁵ and Emaline lived with her married sister, Elvy Moss, in Pickens County.¹⁰⁶

Another Martin Collins lived in Pickens County in 1860, also a carpenter, but he was married to Derinda and was six years older.¹⁰⁷ The Martin Collins who was Thomas Martin Jr.'s grandson by his daughter Nancy lived in Whitfield County,¹⁰⁸ and married Sarah Batson there on 26 December 1866.¹⁰⁹

Anderson Martin married Susan Martin on 23 January 1848 in Gilmer County, Georgia.¹¹⁰ Two years later, they lived in Cherokee County, along with two children, Dulcena, age thirteen, and Lincy, age twelve.¹¹¹ These were Susan's children by a previous marriage.¹¹²

Susan Martin, who married Anderson, was the widow of Berryman Martin, Anderson's elder brother, based on the following:

- She was the apparent mother of Dulcena Martin in a census record.¹¹³
- She was the mother-in-law of Dulcena's husband Spencer Yancey.¹¹⁴
- Anderson referred to Dulcena as his niece in a letter to his brother.¹¹⁵
- Dulcena Martin was the only remaining heir of Berryman Martin, and she received her father's share of Thomas Martin Jr.'s estate.¹¹⁶

Susan was probably Susannah Collins, born August 1814.¹¹⁷ Susannah's daughter, Dulcena, assigned power of attorney to Ransom Collins in 1859 so he could collect her

103. 1860 U.S. census, Pickens County, Georgia, population schedule, Truckwheel, p. 909, dwelling 255, family 212, Anderson Martin household.

104. 1860 U.S. census, Pickens Co., GA, pop. sch., Truckwheel, p. 906, dwell. 236, fam. 194, Ransom Collins, image 8.

105. York Co., SC, Probate Case # 68 File #3353 Thomas Martin (1868), power of attorney, image 341, Martin's residence from POA; also 1860 U.S. census, Whitfield County, Georgia, population schedule, Dalton, p. 961, dwelling 691, family 688, line 6, Martin Collins.

106. 1860 U.S. census, Pickens County, Georgia, population schedule, Grassy Knob, p. 961, dwelling 690, family 592, Green Moss household.

107. 1860 U.S. census, Pickens Co., GA, pop. sch., Truckwheel, p. 903, dwell. 216, fam. 178, Martin Collins household, image 5, Martin and Derinda Collins.

108. York Co., SC, Probate Case #68 File #3353 Thomas Martin (1868), power of attorney by heirs of Nancy Collins, image 341; "Martin Collins of Whitfield County."

109. 1860 U.S. census, Whitfield County, Georgia, population schedule, Dalton, p. 961, dwelling 691, family 688, line 6, Martin Collins, Martin Collins image 62, Sarah Batson image 77; also Whitfield County, Georgia, Court of Ordinary, Record of Marriages, Book B; images, *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com>) > Whitfield > Record of Marriages, Book B, 1866-1875 > image 36, Martin Collins and Sarah J. Batson marriage; and *Find A Grave*, images (<https://www.findagrave.com>), memorial page for Martin Collins (7 Nov 1835–20 Dec 1922), Memorial no. 36187444; citing Oak Hill Cemetery, Cartersville, Bartow County, Georgia, gravestone images by Shanks Gavin and Evening Blues. Martin's gravestone names his parents; see also his wife, Sarah Jane Batson Collins, no. 99901701, same contributors.

110. "Georgia, Marriage Records from Select Counties, 1828-1978," *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com>) > Gilmer > Marriage Records > Book > 1835-1852 > image 72, Anderson Martin and Susan Martin; citing County Marriage Records, 1828–1978, Georgia Archives, Morrow, Ga.

111. 1850 U.S. census, Cherokee County, Georgia, population schedule, Division 15, p. 520A (stamped), dwelling 1659, family 1673, Anderson Martin household.

112. Daughter Dulcena as "only heir of Berry Martin", York Co., SC, Probate Case # 28 File # 1186 Thomas Martin (1855), power of attorney, 15 July 1859, image 266.

113. 1850 U.S. census, Cherokee Co., Ga., pop. sch., Div. 15, p. 520A, dwell. 1659, fam. 1673, Anderson Martin household.

114. 1900 U.S. census, Bartow County, Georgia, population schedule, page 304A (stamped), Wolf Pen, enumeration district 13, dwelling 2, family 2, Spencer B Yancy household, as mother-in-law to Dulcena's widowed husband.

115. York Co., SC, Probate Case # 68 File #3353 Thomas Martin (1868), letter from Anderson to Henderson, 30 January 1872, image 351; regarding power of attorney, refers to "my niece & her husband"; power of attorney, image 329.

116. York Co., SC, Probate Case # 28 File # 1186 Thomas Martin (1855), power of attorney, 15 July 1859, image 266; Dulcena's power of attorney to Ransom Collins as "only heir" of Berry Martin.

inheritance from her grandfather's estate.¹¹⁸ In a January 1872 letter to his brother, after Elizabeth Martin's death, Anderson referred to Dulcena as his niece. The letter included a second power of attorney assigned to her uncle, Henderson Martin. She was Dulcena Yancey by this time.¹¹⁹

In 1870, Anderson and Susannah lived in Pickens County next to Dulcena and her husband, Spencer Yancey.¹²⁰ Their niece, Susan, lived with them, age twenty, and she worked as their housekeeper.¹²¹ Their modest farm produced wheat, corn, oats, wool, sweet potatoes, butter, and molasses.¹²² By 1872 the couple had moved to Cartersville, Bartow County.¹²³ The Yancey's also moved at about the same time.¹²⁴ Anderson treated Dulcena as if she were his own child. In the will he wrote in 1881, he left all remaining property to her, after providing for his widow.¹²⁵

Anderson died 20 April 1884 and was buried in the Oak Hill Cemetery, Cartersville, Georgia. The Oak Hill Cemetery was originally associated with the Ebenezer Methodist Church.¹²⁶ Almost twenty years later, Susannah was buried beside him after her death, 4 July 1903.¹²⁷ She outlived her two husbands and all three of her children.¹²⁸

Hicks Martin was born in York County, South Carolina, 10 March 1822. By the time he was twenty-two, he was in Forsyth County, Georgia, where he married Margaret Casey.¹²⁹ He was probably part of the Collins extended family group that included his siblings, Rhoda, Nancy, William, and Anderson.

By 1850, he and Margaret had four children, William H., Rhoda E., Frances M. and James A., all born in Georgia. He and Margaret were both born in South Carolina. Hicks farmed

117. "A summary of the data," *Collins in North Carolina and Georgia* (<http://nc-ga-collins.weebly.com/a-summary-of-the-data.html>). See "The children of William Collins and Susannah Hardin", "viii. Susannah Collins"

118. York Co., SC, Probate Case # 28 File # 1186 Thomas Martin (1855), power of atty., 15 July 1859, image 266.

119. York Co., SC, Probate Case # 68 File #3353 Thomas Martin (1868), letter from Anderson to Henderson, 30 January 1872, image 351; regarding power of attorney, refers to "our portion of mother's estate"; power of attorney, image 329.

120. 1870 U.S. census, Pickens County, Georgia, population schedule, Jasper, p. 51A (stamped), dwelling 804, family 804, Anderson Martin household; database and images, "1870 United States Federal Census," *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com>) > Georgia > Pickens > Not Stated > image 103; NARA microfilm publication M593, roll 169, FHL 545668; also Spencer Yancy household, dwelling 805.

121. 1850 U.S. census, Gilmer Co., Ga., pop. sch., Subdivision 33, p. 378 (stamped), dwell. 424, fam. 424, William H. Collins household; also see profile for Nancy Martin above.

122. 1870 U.S. census, Pickens, Georgia, non-population schedule, Agriculture, page 15 (handwritten), Anderson Martin, line 32; database and images, *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com>) > Georgia > Agriculture > 1870 > Pickens > Not Stated > image 3 of 8; T1137, roll 8; also next to stepson-in-law, Spencer Yancey on agriculture schedule.

123. York Co., SC, Probate Case # 68 File #3353 Thomas Martin (1868), letter Anderson to Henderson, 30 Jan. 1872, image 351; also 1880 U.S. census, Bartow County, Georgia, population schedule, page 55 (handwritten), Cartersville, enum. district 2, dwelling 465, family 486, Anderson Martin; database and images, "1880 United States Federal Census," *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com>) > Georgia > Bartow > Cartersville > 002 > image 55; NARA microfilm pub. T9, roll 134.

124. 1880 U.S. census, Bartow County, Georgia, population schedule, page 556A (stamped), Wolf Pen, enumeration district 9, dwelling 369, family 369, Spencer B Yancy household; images, "1880 United States Federal Census," *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com>) > Georgia > Bartow > Wolf Pen > 009 > image 11; NARA microfilm publication T9, roll 134.

125. "Georgia, Wills and Probate Records, 1742-1992," *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com>) > Bartow > Wills, 1836-1922 > image 436; Court of Ordinary, Bartow, Georgia. Will book B:154, will (clerks copy) of Anderson Martin, written 15 Dec 1881, proved 4 June 1894.

126. Arlene Woody, "Bartow County, GA – Cemetery Oak Hill," *USGenWeb Archives* (<http://files.usgwarchives.net/ga/bartow/cemeteries/oakhill.txt>).

127. Arlene Woody and Jane B. Thompson, "Oak Hill Cemetery – Section 4," *Bartow County GenWeb* (http://www.gabartow.org/Cem/cem.OakHill_04.shtml); photo (http://www.gabartow.org/Images/Cemetery/oakHill/sect.04/IMG_3885.JPG).

128. 1900 U.S. census, Bartow Co., GA, pop. sch., page 304A (stamped), Wolf Pen, ED 13, dwell. 2, fam. 2, Spencer B Yancy household; she was a mother of three, none living.

129. "Georgia, Marriage Records From Select Counties, 1828-1978," *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com>) Forsyth > Record of Marriages, Book A, 1833-1848, image 112, Marriage 7 January 1844.

land he owned, worth about one hundred dollars.¹³⁰ Their small farm of forty acres supported two milk cows, two cattle, fifteen swine, and produced ten bushels of wheat, a hundred and fifty bushels of corn, ten bushels of oats, three bushels of peas, ten of Irish potatoes, thirty bushels of sweet potatoes, and fifty pounds of butter during the year.¹³¹

Hicks Martin became a physician in the 1850s and was enumerated as such beginning with the 1860 census.¹³² The 1864 Militia Enrollment list for Carroll County, District 1152, described Hicks as 42 years 10 months of age, with an occupation of physician.¹³³ In 1881, Georgia law required physicians to have a license from the licensing board and that it be recorded with the Clerk of Courts in the county of residence. The Register [of] Medical Practitioners lists Hicks Martin of Mt. Zion, Ga., born York District, South Carolina with a diploma from Reform Medical College of Macon, Georgia, registered 29 November 1881.¹³⁴

In a book by Jenny Martin Fagg, a descendant of Hicks Martin,¹³⁵ she published a copy of an agreement dated 12 August 1902 between three children of Hicks and Margaret for their care in their old age.¹³⁶ The agreement stated that J. A. Entrekin, husband of Margaret Cordelia,¹³⁷ would take his wife's parents into his home and provide for them for the rest of their lives. J. A. Martin and F. A. Martin agreed to pay twenty dollars from their future shares of the estate. In 1910, Hicks was living with daughter, Rhoda Entrekin and her husband, Eli.¹³⁸ The agreement apparently didn't last since Hicks's obituary stated that he was living with his youngest son, Dr. F. A. Martin at the time of his death, 4 June 1914.¹³⁹

Hicks Martin's wife Margaret died 24 February 1903.¹⁴⁰ Hicks died in Carroll County, Georgia, leaving real estate valued at about four thousand dollars.¹⁴¹ He and Margaret were buried at Mount Zion United Methodist Cemetery.¹⁴² His obituary described his interests. Dr. H. Martin joined the Zion Masonic Lodge No. 508 in the 1860's. He helped found the Methodist Episcopal Church at Mt. Zion, organized the Sunday School in 1858, and served as a minister.¹⁴³

130. 1850 U.S. census, Forsyth County, Georgia, population schedule, District 31, p. 203B (stamped), dwelling 819, family 819, Hix Martin household.

131. 1850 U.S. census, Forsyth County, Georgia, agricultural schedule, p. 355, Hix Martin.

132. 1860 U.S. census, Carroll County, Georgia, Bowdon, population schedule, p. 573 (stamped), dwelling 6, family 6, Hicks Martin household; also 1880 US Census, Carroll County, Georgia, population schedule, Turkey Creek District 1240, page 7, dwelling 59, family 59, Hicks Martin.

133. Transcribed list, "Adjutant General's Office Militia Enrollment List for Carroll County, Georgia," *Carroll County Genealogical Quarterly*, Spring 1985, (<http://www.ccfsga.org>), 15.

134. Jenny Martin Fagg (compiler), *Register Medical Practitioners*, Carroll County, Georgia (Houston: JMF Publications, 1987), 2, introduction explains law change.

135. Jenny Martin Fagg, *A Family History of Thomas Martin Sr., a North Carolinian American Revolutionary Soldier* (Fort Worth: Arrow/Curtis Print. Co. 1976), attached family chart.

141. *Ibid.*, 106.

137. "Georgia, Marriage Records From Select Counties, 1828-1978," *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com>) > Carroll > Record of Marriages, Book E, 1877-1882 > image 41, Margaret C. Martin and James A. Entrekin, 13, Dec 1877.

138. 1910 U.S. census, Carroll County, Georgia, population schedule, sheet 7A, Turkey Creek, enumeration district 17, dwelling 119, family 130, Elea A Entrekin household.

139. "In Memory of DR H Martin," *Carroll County Times*, 18 June 1914; images (fee), *Carroll County Genealogical Society*, (<http://www.ccgsga.org/obits/martin-h-06041914/>).

140. *Find A Grave*, database and images (<https://www.findagrave.com>), memorial no. 14874510, Margaret Martin; citing Mount Zion United Methodist Cemetery, Mount Zion, Carroll County, Georgia, gravestone images by Robin Knowles Miner (contributor 47614397).

141. "Georgia, Wills and Probate Records, 1742-1992," *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com>) > Carroll > Estate Records, 1800-1950, Marlow, R R S-McClung, Reubin H > image 390, application for letters, Hicks Martin estate.

142. *Find A Grave*, (<https://www.findagrave.com>), memorial no. 14874453, Hicks Martin, Mount Zion United Methodist Cemetery, Carroll County, Georgia; gravestone photographs by Robin Knowles Miner.

143. "In Memory of DR H Martin," *Carroll County Times*.

Gabriel Martin stated on his pension application of 1 January 1894, that he had lived near Jasper, Pickens County, Georgia, for fifty years, which would be since about 1844.¹⁴⁴ However, he and his family lived in Alabama in 1850.¹⁴⁵ He probably lost track of what year he moved from Alabama to Georgia, and on other questions he couldn't answer he explained that he was old and helpless and that his mind was feeble due to being old, at ninety-two years of age.¹⁴⁶

Gabriel applied for a pension against his service in the Georgia Militia from July 1863 to January 1864 when he was discharged at Rome, Georgia. He would have been sixty years old at his enlistment, possibly an early recruit as one of "Joe Brown's Pets."¹⁴⁷ Governor Brown lost his state army to Confederate conscription and built his replacement militia by recruiting men older and younger than draft ages, which was between 17 and 50 by 1864.¹⁴⁸ The county enumerated Gabriel on "a list of Infantry from Pickens Co. under the Govenors [*sic*] Proclamation for Volunteers for Home defence [*sic*] for Six months."¹⁴⁹ On the same list of sixty-three recruits, the county listed his son, B.H. Martin, and brother-in-law, Ransom Collins.

Chart of the family with ages and places of birth as reported to the census takers:

Name	1850 Alabama ¹⁵⁰	1860 [Pickens Ga.]	1870 Pickens Ga. ¹⁵¹
Gabriel	48 NC	(not found)	65, SC
Lucinda	39 NC		58, SC
George	20 NC		
Katy	18 NC		
William	16 NC		
Jane	14 NC (1836)	[22, Ga] ¹⁵²	
Thomas	12 Ala (1838)		
Martha	10 Ala		
Berry	5 Ala	[12, Ga] ¹⁵³	21, GA
Gabriel	2 Ala		19, GA
Samuel J			14, GA (1856)

Gabriel may have left Alabama when he learned of his father's death. He was probably in York County, South Carolina, when he sold his interest in his father's estate to his brother, Bird

144. "Georgia, Confederate Pension Applications, 1879-1960," *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com>) > Pickens > M > image 51 of 191, Gabriel Martin, pension application, Pickens County, 1895.

145. 1850 Alabama state census, "An Enumeration of the Inhabitants of Randolph County, 1850," Gabriel Martin, line 8.

146. Gabriel Martin, pension application, Pickens County, 1895.

147. Edward G. Longacre, "Georgia Militia," within Patricia Faust, editor, *Historical Times Illustrated Encyclopedia of the Civil War*, (New York, 1986), 305; "by recruiting men above and below draft age."

148. "conscription", Faust, editor, *Historical Times Illustrated Encyclopedia of the Civil War*, (New York, 1986), 161.

149. Numbered list, Pickens Co., Ransom Collins no. 25, Gabriel Martin no. 58, B.H. Martin no. 59, "Georgia, Civil War Muster Rolls, 1860-1864," *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com>), image 14 of 22; citing "Muster Rolls—Men Subject to Military Duty from 1860–1864," Georgia State Archives, Morrow.

150. 1850 U.S. census, Randolph Co., AL., pop. sch., p. 340A (stamped), dwell. 857, fam. 857, Gabriel Martin household.

151. 1870 U.S. census, Pickens County, Georgia, population schedule, Jasper, p. 31A (stamped), dwelling 494, family 494, Gabriel Martin household; database and images, "1870 United States Federal Census," *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com>) > Georgia > Pickens > Not Stated > image 63; NARA microfilm publication M593, roll 169, FHL 545668.

152. 1860 U.S. census, Pickens County, Georgia, population schedule, Jerusalem, p. 916 (handwritten), dwelling 311, family 262, Francis Pedigou [*sic*] household; database and images, "1860 United States Federal Census," *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com>) > Georgia > Pickens > Jerusalem > image 1; NARA microfilm publication M653, roll 133, FHL 803133; also Caroline J Martin and Francis M Petigrew, 5 Dec 1858, "Georgia, Marriage Records From Select Counties, 1828-1978," *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com>) Pickens > Record of Marriages, 1854-1878 > image 64; citing "County Marriage Records, 1828–1978," Georgia Archives, Morrow.

153. *Ibid.*, "Berriman" in "Pedigou" household.

Martin, on 8 October 1856.¹⁵⁴ Afterwards, he was probably in the neighborhood of Pickens County, Georgia, before 1858 since his daughter Caroline J. Martin was married there.¹⁵⁵ She was enumerated with her new family, Francis Pettigrew and baby William. Her brother, Berryman Martin, age twelve, was also in her home in Jerusalem township.¹⁵⁶

As he later explained in his pension application, he lived with his son Berryman Martin. The census taker enumerated them as two families in the same house on the 1880 census. Gabriel, age seventy-six, Lucinda, age sixty-nine, and Berryman, age thirty-five lived in Truckwheel, Pickens County.¹⁵⁷ At age ninety-two, Gabriel applied for a pension for his Militia service. He stated that his children supported him and that his wife had died five or six years earlier.¹⁵⁸

The Arkansas Settlers Before and After the War

Laquey and Rhoda

The newspapers in York County, South Carolina, and probably other places, published stories about the opportunities and way of life in Arkansas.¹⁵⁹ In a diary of the time, Mary Davis Brown named many people in her social circles who left York County for Arkansas because of land for sale there.¹⁶⁰

Laquey Martin and William Neal may have married about 1850.¹⁶¹ She was enumerated as “Laky M. Neal, 19” in a household by herself, between William Neal’s family and several Rippy families on the 1850 census in Cleveland County, North Carolina.¹⁶² A possible explanation could be that on the 6th of September the census taker visited the neighborhood and asked for “The Name of every Person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1850, was in this family.”¹⁶³ If William wasn’t yet married on the first of June, his parents would have included him in their list of family members, and the enumerator may not have wanted to count him twice by listing him with Laquey, too.

154. York County, South Carolina, Book of Deeds, S:267; images, “Conveyances, deeds and bills of sales, 1786-1950,” *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org>), deed of assignment, statement “he did see Gabriel Martin assign the within deed”; also York Co., SC, Probate Case # 68 File #3353 Thomas Martin (1868), deed, witness statement, image 347.

155. “Georgia, Marriage Records From Select Counties, 1828-1978,” *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com>) > Pickens > Record of Marriages, 1854-1878 > image 64, Caroline J Martin and Francis M Pettigrew, 5 Dec 1858.

156. 1860 U.S. census, Pickens County, Georgia, population schedule, Jerusalem, p. 916 (handwritten), dwelling 311, family 262, Francis Pedigou [sic] household, Jane and “Beriman” Martin.

157. 1880 U.S. census, Pickens County, Georgia, population schedule, Truckwheel, page 499A (stamped), enumeration district 162, dwelling 114, family 114, Gabriel Martin household.

158. “Georgia, Confederate Pension Applications, 1879-1960,” *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com>) > Pickens > M > image 51 of 191, Gabriel Martin, Pickens County, 1895.

159. “Miscellaneous Reading: Arkansas,” *Yorkville Enquirer*, York, South Carolina, 06 August 1857, p. 1, col. 5, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/339363806>); and “From Arkansas,” *Yorkville Enquirer*, York, South Carolina, 25 June 1857, p. 2, col. 6, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/339363515>).

160. Mary Davis Brown and Catherine Brown Michael, *Oil in our lamps: the journals of Mary Davis Brown from the Beersheba Presbyterian Church Community, York, S.C., 1854-1901*, ([not specified]: The descendants of Mary Davis Brown, 2010), 46, 47, 81, 105; entry dated 14 October 1857; this book is a transcription (derivative) of her journals from 1800s.

161. 1860 U.S. census, Sebastian County, Arkansas, population schedule, Sugar Loaf, p. 40 (handwritten), dwelling 279, family 267, William Neal household.

162. 1850 U.S. census, Cleveland County, North Carolina, population schedule, [none stated], p. 322-23 (handwritten), dwellings 647 and 648, families 647 and 648, households for James Neal and Laky M. Neal.

163. 1850 U.S. census, Cleveland Co., NC, pop. sch., p. 322-23, dwells. 647, 648, fams. 647, 648, households for James Neal and Laky M. Neal; images 89-90; col. 3 heading “The Name of every Person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1850, was in this family.”

On 23 October 1855, William Neal was among the buyers at the estate sale of Thomas Martin's property.¹⁶⁴ He bought five pounds of tobacco, two lard kettles, a small trunk, and a spinning wheel. Around this time, local newspapers reported on the conditions in Arkansas, describing "the most beautiful and productive farms in the Southwest" with clear water and an abundance of minerals.¹⁶⁵ Locals who had moved to Arkansas wrote back and described the benefits of modern travel on river boats and railroads, as well as the "truly grand" scenery and fertile land.¹⁶⁶ York County resident, Mary Davis Brown, wrote in her diary of "the great stir in this country about going to arkances" and her many neighbors who were going there.¹⁶⁷

On 7 September 1857, William Neal received Laquey's inheritance from her father's estate from Henderson Martin, executor, in York County, South Carolina.¹⁶⁸ Laquey's nephew, Isaac Martin, signed as a witness.¹⁶⁹ About three years after, Laquey and William and their three children moved to Sugarloaf Township in Sebastian County, Arkansas. Their fourth child, William, was born there about May or early June of 1860.¹⁷⁰

When Ransom and Rhoda Collins left Georgia in 1867, they intended to move to Texas. In a letter to their son Miller, they told him that people coming back from there told of hard times "and their looks proved it." They decided to change course from Little Rock, Arkansas, and headed north. By December 1867, they had settled in Benton County, in the northwest corner of the state, partly because it was friendly to "rebels."¹⁷¹ Their newlywed daughter, Sallie and son-in-law, William Dodgen moved with them.¹⁷² Their eldest son Miller, a deputy sheriff, stayed in Georgia.¹⁷³

Rhoda and Ransom were buried in the Hico Cemetery of Siloam Springs, Arkansas. Ransom died 21 October, 1890 and Rhoda died 21 January 1897.¹⁷⁴

164. York Co., SC, Probate Case # 28 File # 1186 Thomas Martin, sale bill for estate (1855), image 257.

165. "Miscellaneous Reading: Arkansas," *Yorkville Enquirer*.

166. "From Arkansas," *Yorkville Enquirer*.

167. Brown, *Oil in our lamps*, 47; entry dated 14 October 1857.

168. York Co., SC, Probate Case # 28 File # 1186 Thomas Martin, receipt by Robert Lacky (1856), image 270.

169. *Ibid.*; also 1850 U.S. census, York Co., SC, pop. sch., York, p. 280 (stamped), dwell. 91, fam. 91, Bird Martin household; Isaac at 19, image 231; as heir, Isaac received one of seven equal shares, see York Co., SC, Probate CASE, #87 File #4329, Bird Martin, (1875), settlement pages and receipts, 1875-76. Isaac was son of her brother, Bird Martin.

170. 1860 U.S. census, Sebastian Co., AR, pop. sch., Sugar Loaf, p. 40 (handwritten), dwell. 279, fam. 267, William Neal household; infant William was one month old, possibly as of 1 June, per instructions, or as of census visit on 29 June.

171. Letter from Ransom and Rhody Collins to son, Miller, dated 1 December 1867, Benton Co., Arkansas, "Miller Collins Collection of Confederate Letters"; Microfilm Collection, drawer 32, box 65, Georgia Archives, Morrow Ga.

172. "Georgia, Marriage Records From Select Counties, 1828-1978," *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com>) Bartow > Marriages > Book E > 1853-1869 > image 196, p. 325, W M Dodgen and Sallie Collins, 26 August 1866, certified by John Kennedy; also "Death of Mrs. Sallie Dodgen," *The Standard-Sentinel*, Stilwell, Oklahoma, 11 August 1921, page 1, col. 3; images, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com>/image/6715630/); reporting: Sallie Dodgen nee Collins born SC 1839, moved to Benton county, Arkansas with her husband W. M. Dodgen in 1868 from Georgia.

173. Letter from Ransom and Rhody Collins to Miller, 1 December 1867, "Miller Collins Collection of Confederate Letters." Also, 1870 U.S. census, Bartow County, Georgia, population schedule, Cartersville, page 345B (stamped), enumeration district 14, dwelling 14, family 114, Miller Collins household; database and images, *Ancestry.com* (<http://ancestry.com>) > Georgia > Bartow > Cartersville > image 2; citing NARA microfilm publication M593, roll 135.

174. J Roger Huff, George and Nadine Wolfe, and Northwest Arkansas Genealogical Society, "HICO CEMETERY," *Rootsweb* (<http://sites.rootsweb.com/~arnwags/cem/AR/benton/Hico%20Cemetery.html>); citing Northwest Arkansas Genealogical Society, *The CEMETERIES of BENTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS*, Volume 6, (Bentonville, 1974), 105.

Oklahoma Indian Territory

Laquey

Oklahoma became a state on November 16, 1907.¹⁷⁵ Laquey Martin Neal was buried in Muldrow, Sequoyah County, Oklahoma, her date of death inscribed as 10 July 1886.¹⁷⁶ Her son, Jacob Henderson Neal,¹⁷⁷ had lived in the Sequoyah District of the Oklahoma Indian Territory, as an “intruder,” since 1876.¹⁷⁸ On his 1906 marriage license in Sebastian County, Arkansas, he and his intended reported that they lived in Muldrow, Cherokee Nation Indian Territory.¹⁷⁹ Laquey’s eldest son, Alvin Hicks Neal,¹⁸⁰ was married in Pottawatomie County, Territory of Oklahoma, in 1901 and listed his parents as “W^m Neal” and “L. Martin,” and his place of birth as South Carolina.¹⁸¹ Also of note, Laquey apparently honored her brothers, Henderson and Hicks, when she named these two sons.

Illinois, Wisconsin, Nebraska

Absalom

Absalom Martin was born about 1828 in York District, South Carolina.¹⁸² In October 1855, at the estate sale after his father’s death, he purchased a sorrel colt, fodder, two lots of oats, and various farm tools.¹⁸³ On 17 December 1857, he signed a receipt for his inheritance of \$148.54. He also witnessed the receipt for Alexander and Priscilla Moreland by their representative, Ralph Wright, on 12 January 1858, along with his brother, Perry.¹⁸⁴

Fifteen years later, when he was about age forty-five, he was a farm laborer living in the McHenry County, Illinois, household of Geo H Stewart.¹⁸⁵ He was apparently unmarried.¹⁸⁶ On 16 September 1871, he went to a notary office in Richmond township, McHenry County, Illinois, to write a power of attorney assignment to his brother, Henderson Martin, who was the executor

175. The Center for Legislative Archives, “Oklahoma Statehood, November 16, 1907,” *National Archives* (<https://www.archives.gov/legislative/features/oklahoma>).

176. *Find A Grave*, database and images (<https://www.findagrave.com>), memorial for Laquey Martin Neal (30 Jan 1830–10 Jul 1886), Memorial no. 42538006, citing Lees Chapel Cemetery, Muldrow, Sequoyah County, Oklahoma, USA.

177. *Find A Grave*, database and images (<https://www.findagrave.com>), memorial for Jacob Henderson Neal (26 Jun 1852–29 Oct 1922), Memorial no. 41486201; citing Upper Camp Creek Cemetery, Muldrow, Sequoyah County, Oklahoma, USA; photo by Frances Allen Titsworth (contributor 46972611).

178. Jacob H Neal, “Intruder Census of Sequoyah District, Cherokee Nation, 1893.”; database and images, “Oklahoma and Indian Territory, Indian Censuses and Rolls, 1851-1959,” *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com>) > Cherokee Census of Intruders, 1893 > 1, line 10; citing Selected Tribal Records, National Archives, Fort Worth, Texas.

179. “Arkansas, County Marriages, 1837-1957,” images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org>), image 35, Jacob H Neal, 13 Sep 1906; citing FHL 1,034,046.

180. 1860 U.S. census, Sebastian Co., AR, pop. sch., Sugar Loaf, p. 40 (handwritten), dwell. 279, fam. 267, William Neal household, he was “Alvin H Neal,”; and 1900 US census, Pottawatomie, Oklahoma, population schedule, Moore township, page 11, enumeration district 200, dwelling 195, family 195, Hicks Neal household.

181. “Oklahoma, County Marriages, 1890-1995,” images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org>), image 702, A H Neal and Lizzie Davis, 04 Sep 1901.

182. 1850 U.S. census, York Co., SC, pop. sch., York, p. 280 (stamped), dwell. 90, fam. 90, Thomas Martin household, image 231, Absalom Martin, age 22.

183. York Co., SC, Probate Case # 28 File # 1186 Thomas Martin, Absalom on list of buyers on sale bill, image 256.

184. York Co., SC, Probate Case # 28 File # 1186 Thomas Martin, receipts for distributions, image 269.

185. 1870 U.S. census, McHenry County, Illinois, population schedule, Richmond, p. 458B (stamped), dwelling 249, family 245, Geo H Stewart household; images, “1870 United States Federal Census,” *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com>) Illinois > McHenry > Richmond > image 31; NARA microfilm publication M593, roll 257, FHL film 545756.

186. *Ibid.*

of their parents' estate.¹⁸⁷ A few years later, on 9 May 1875, he wrote a letter to Henderson thanking him for sending fifty dollars by express.¹⁸⁸ The money was part of his inheritance after their mother died. He said the winter had been very hard and the spring quite cold, with snow on the first of May.¹⁸⁹ Notably, he did not mention family or a sweetheart, only his horse.

"... I did not think I would write but a few lines when I commenced as you did but I have made quite an epistle of it though I must close it soon hoping to hear from you often I am busy with my horse now for a while let this do for the present love to all dont forget to write yours as ever

*A. Martin*¹⁹⁰

The following year Absalom married Mercy Bent on 4 June 1876 in her home town of Kenosha, Wisconsin.¹⁹¹ On the marriage application he gave his parents' names as Thomas and Elizabeth Martin, and Mercy's parents' names, Enoch and Johanna Bent.¹⁹² Absalom was forty-seven and Mercy was twenty-two when they married.¹⁹³ The couple probably lived in Absalom's neighborhood in McHenry County for about two years. By 1880, the family lived in Greeley County, Nebraska, on their own farm. They gave their children's information as Dora, age three, Eva, age two, and Clemmie, age eight months. Dora and Eva were born in Illinois, but Clemmie was born in Nebraska.¹⁹⁴

They only stayed a few years then moved to Clarke County, Iowa. A daughter, May, was born there about 1883, but she apparently did not survive to adulthood.¹⁹⁵

On 6 October 1893, the state of Wisconsin granted a divorce to Mercy from Absalom and she reverted back to her maiden name. The divorce decree named only three children, Clemmie, age fourteen, and two adult daughters, Dora and Eva.¹⁹⁶

Absalom moved back to Richmond, Illinois, and continued making a living with horses until he died on 20 June 1904 at 2 p.m. The doctor reported his death and the county clerk

187. York Co., SC, Probate Case # 68 File #3353 Thomas Martin, (1868), power of atty., 16 Sept. 1871; image 346.

188. York Co., SC, Probate Case # 68 File #3353 Thomas Martin (1868), letter to Henderson, 9 May 1875; image 352.

189. Ibid.

190. Ibid.; there was very little punctuation in the letter and the words "epistle", "present", and "dont" are shown as written.

191. Kenosha County, Wisconsin; index: "Pre-1907 Vital Records," *Wisconsin Historical Society* (<https://www.wisconsinhistory.org/Records/Marriage/MR1538228>), vol. 2, page 1859; Registration of Marriage for "Absolm" Martin, Wisconsin Historical Society Library, 2nd floor, Madison; Mercy, born Wisconsin [uncertified copy (fee) in author's files]; also 1880 U.S. census, Greeley County, Nebraska, population schedule, Adell Precinct, page 178A (stamped), enumeration district 142, dwelling 125, family 128, Absalom Martin household.

192. Registration of Marriage for "Absolm" Martin, Kenosha County, Wisconsin; copy and index from: "Pre-1907 Vital Records," Wisconsin Historical Society (<https://www.wisconsinhistory.org/Records/Marriage/MR1538228>), vol. 2, page 1859; Wisconsin Historical Society Library, 2nd floor, Madison; also see "Wisconsin, County Marriages, 1836-1911," database, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org>), Absalnu [sic] Martin and Mercy Bunt, 04 Mar 1876; FHL microfilm 1,276,051.

193. Ibid. for marriage date; for ages see 1880 U.S. census, Greeley Co., NE, pop. sch., Adell Precinct, page 178A (stamped), ED 142, dwell. 125, fam. 128, Absalom Martin household.

194. Ibid., two daughters, born Illinois.

195. "Iowa State Census, 1885," images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org>) > Clarke > Green Bay > image 7 of 21, May, age 1, born Clarke. May was not an heir in probate records, McHenry County, Illinois, Probate packet no. 4645, Absalom Martin, Recapitulation; images, "Illinois, Wills and Probate Records, 1772-1999," *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com>) McHenry > Probate Packets, No. 4621-4655, 4668 1904 > image 1216.

196. Milwaukee County, Wisconsin, Superior Court, File no. 2879, Record book 15, page 190, Mercy Martin vs. Absalom Martin, Judgement entered, divorce granted, 6 Oct 1893; Milwaukee County Historical Society.

recorded his death details with place of birth, South Carolina, age seventy-four, marital status as divorced, occupation as horseman, and place of death as Richmond Village.¹⁹⁷

His small estate consisted of a book of accounts, a stallion, road wagon, harness and a garden. The appraisers valued his horse services account at three hundred ten dollars.¹⁹⁸ The undertaker, P. K. Wright, was paid one hundred dollars for the funeral, casket, and flowers. The Reverend Mr. Lumsden, of the M. E. [Methodist Episcopal] Church,¹⁹⁹ was paid five dollars.

After the administrator collected and paid debts, and sold the horse, he divided the proceeds between three heirs: Mrs. Dora Korah of Grand Crossing, Illinois, Mrs. Eva Hampton of Chicago, Illinois, and Miss Clemmie Martin of Independence, Missouri. They each received sixty-eight dollars.²⁰⁰

The Texas Settlers

Elizabeth and William

In his will written in 1846, Thomas Martin Jr. listed Elizabeth Goforth as one of his daughters.²⁰¹ Probate of his will began in 1855 and spanned more than fifteen years.²⁰² Although she was mentioned with her husband as “George W Goforth and Elizabeth his wife” in the probate records and newspaper notices, no documents gave her location. Power of attorney documents, letters, and receipts for their inheritance distributions linked her siblings back to their family, even as they moved over the years.

George Goforth and Elizabeth lived in Union County, South Carolina in 1850.²⁰³ Union County is just south of York County.²⁰⁴ George worked as a miller and the census taker recorded his birth state as North Carolina. His age was thirty-three and Elizabeth was twenty-six, born in South Carolina. The enumerator listed them with five children, presumably their own. The first two children were born in North Carolina, the other three in South Carolina; Reuben, Emily, Sarah, John, and Caroline.²⁰⁵

On 2 September 1857 in York County, South Carolina, G. W. Goforth signed a receipt to Henderson Martin, executor, for his wife’s inheritance.²⁰⁶ On the same day, he sold a property called Taylor’s Mill Shoal on Buffalo creek to his brother-in-law, Thomas M. Martin.²⁰⁷ Two

197. McHenry County, Illinois, Clerk, “Register of Deaths,” no. 2124, report 30 July 1904, Absalom Martin; “Horse service acct 1903”: McHenry Co., IL, Probate pckt no. 4645, Absalom Martin, Appraisalment; images, “Illinois, Wills and Probate Records, 1772-1999,” *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com>) McHenry > Probate Packets, No. 4621-4655 > image 1208.

198. “Illinois, Wills and Probate Records, 1772-1999,” *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com>) McHenry > Probate Packets, No. 4621-4655, 4668 1904, image 1208, packet no. 4645, Absalom Martin, Appraisalment, Horse service account 1903-1904.

199. “Rev. E. C. Lumsden, pastor of the M. E. church,” *Richmond Gazette*, Richmond, IL, 21 April 1904, page 2, col. 1, (middle); “Digital Newspaper Collection,” *McHenry County Historical Society*, (<https://newspapers.mchenrycountyhistory.org>).

200. “Illinois, Wills and Probate Records, 1772-1999,” *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com>) McHenry > Probate Packets, No. 4621-4655, 4668 1904 > image 1216, Recapitulation packet 4645, Absalom Martin.

201. York Co., SC, Probate Case # 28 File #1186 Thomas Martin, Will of Thomas Martin, image 251.

202. York Co., SC, Probate Case # 28 File #1186 Thomas Martin (1855), image 251; #68 File #3353, image 324.

203. 1850 U.S. census, Union County, South Carolina, population schedule, p. 67B [see next page], family 995, George Goforth household.

204. “York County, South Carolina,” *Wikipedia* (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/York_County,_South_Carolina#Adjacent_counties).

205. 1850 U.S. census, Union Co., SC, pop. sch., p. 67B [see next page], fam. 995, George Goforth household.

206. York Co., SC, Probate Case # 28 File # 1186 Thomas Martin, receipt from G.W. Goforth, 1857; image 270.

207. York County, South Carolina, Register of Deeds, Deed Book S:262, Washington Goforth to T M Martin, 1857; images, “Conveyances, deeds and bills of sales, 1786-1950,” images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-89CR-QGD4?i=139&cat=297336>), image 140.

other brothers-in-law witnessed the transaction, Posey Martin and Henderson Martin. Between September 1857 and the 1860 census enumeration, the George W. Goforth family moved from South Carolina to Rusk County, Texas.

In 1860, G. W. Goforth, forty-two, a farmer born North Carolina, lived in Rusk County, Texas. He lived with Elizabeth, thirty-seven, born in South Carolina, Reuben and Emily, born North Carolina, Sarah E., John A., C. A., Mary L., Newton C., and G. W., all born South Carolina. The youngest, G.W. Goforth, a child of three, was born about 1857, probably just before the family set off for Texas.²⁰⁸

By 1870, the Goforth's Texas farm consisted of 327 acres of land with seven cows for milk, ten cattle, and twenty swine. They also grew corn producing about 400 bushels that year.²⁰⁹

The 1870 census for Rusk, Texas, lists Geo W Goforth, age fifty-five, born North Carolina. His wife, Elizabeth, is not listed. Caroline Alice, age twenty, born South Carolina, is the second member of the household. Mary L, Newton C, and Geo W, were all born in South Carolina, and all about ten years older than the same names on the 1860 census. Thomas H., age 8 and Charles J., age 4, were born in Texas.

Elizabeth was not listed on the 1870 mortality schedule for Rusk County, so she probably died between 1866, when Charles was born, and 1869, prior to the census year. Descendants gave her death date as 12 November 1868.²¹⁰ George Goforth was not enumerated on the 1880 census, but sons Reuben and Charles lived in Gregg County.²¹¹ They probably did not move. A northern section of Rusk County was added to Gregg in 1874.²¹²

A descendant of Elizabeth and George, John Truman Smith, was an honoree of the Family Land Heritage Program of the Texas Department of Agriculture in 1975.²¹³ The program recognized pioneer families with farms and ranches having continuous production in the same family for one hundred years.²¹⁴ In the profile of "Goforth Angus Farm – 1872", George Washington Goforth Sr., of Kings Mountain, North Carolina, was described as the founder. His wife was given as Elizabeth Martin Goforth who died 1870, and George Sr. was said to have died about 1872.²¹⁵

208. 1860 U.S. census, Rusk County, Texas, population schedule, Beat 9, New Danville, p. 132 (handwritten), 286 (stamped, next), dwelling 850, family 868, G W Goforth household.

209. "U.S., Selected Federal Census Non-Population Schedules, 1850- 1880," *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com>) > Texas > Agriculture > 1870 > Rusk > Precinct 2 > image 3, George W Goforth, line 34.

210. National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, "Descendant Database," *DAR Library* (http://services.dar.org/Public/DAR_Research/search_descendants/?action=list&MyPrimary_Seqn=117115), Betty Goforth Singletary, member no. 516703, ancestor no. A046093; purchased record copies did not contain supporting evidence.

211. "1880 United States Federal Census," *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com>) > Texas > Gregg > Precinct 6 > 040 > image 13, family 103, Reub Goforth household.

212. Suzanne Perry, "GREGG COUNTY," *Texas State Historical Association, TSHA* (<https://tshaonline.org/handbook/online/articles/hcg10>), paragraph 4.

213. Texas Department of Agriculture, *Family Land Heritage Registry Volume 2*, (Austin, Texas, 1975), 62.

214. Texas Department of Agriculture, *Family Land Heritage Registry Volume 2*, (Austin, Texas, 1975), iii.

215. Texas Department of Agriculture, *Family Land Heritage Registry Volume 2*, (Austin, Texas, 1975), 62.

Censuses for Elizabeth Martin and George W Goforth family

Where names are different they are noted across the row.

Names	1850, Union ²¹⁶	1860 Rusk, TX ²¹⁷	1870, Rusk ²¹⁸	Approx. birth year
George Goforth	George, 33, miller, NC	G.W., 42, farmer, NC	Geo W, 55, farmer, carpenter, NC	1817
Elizabeth	26, SC	37, SC		1824
Reuben	8, NC	18, NC		1842
Emily	8, NC	Emily J, 16, NC		1844
Sarah	4, SC	Sarah E, 14, SC		1846
John	2, SC	John A, 12, SC		1848
Caroline	4/12, SC	C A, 10, SC	Caroline Alice, 20, SC	1850
Mary L		8, SC	18, SC	1852
Newton C		5, SC	15, SC	1855
G W		3, SC	Geo W, 13, SC	1857
Thomas H			Thomas H, 8, Texas	1862
Charles J			Charles J, 4, Texas	1866

William

Before he lived in Texas, William Martin probably migrated to Georgia with his siblings and Collins in-laws in 1844. He worked as a farmer in Gilmer County, Georgia, in 1850, age thirty-two, born in South Carolina. His wife, Elizabeth, age twenty-five, was born in North Carolina. Their three youngest children were born in Georgia, but the eldest, eight-year-old Nancy, was born in North Carolina. Their first child born in Georgia was five-year-old Henderson, likely named after his uncle. William and Elizabeth probably married before Nancy's 1842 birth, and the family migrated about 1844, as did William's siblings who settled in the same area of Georgia.²¹⁹

William's household was enumerated twice on the 1850 census, by the same census taker, Coke A. Ellington. The first interview was made 5 October 1850 and the second was almost two months later, on 29 November, both in Gilmer County.²²⁰ The ages reported were slightly different, probably due to a different respondent. The individuals were the same except that the second enumeration included Anna Collins, age seventy-five, who was born in South Carolina.²²¹ It is likely that she was Elizabeth's mother and the family was there to take care of her.²²² Sometime after 1853, the family moved to Marshall County, Alabama, but just for a few years.²²³

On 14 February 1857, William signed a receipt to Henderson Martin for one hundred forty-seven dollars and thirty-four cents, his share of his father's estate. His brother, Absalom,

216. 1850 U.S. census, Union Co., SC, pop. sch., p. 67B [see next page], fam. 995, George Goforth household.

217. 1860 U.S. census, Rusk Co., TX, pop. sch., Beat 9, New Danville, p. 132, dwell. 850, fam. 868, G W Goforth household.

218. 1870 U.S. census, Rusk Co., TX, pop. sch., Henderson post off., p. 65, dwell. 461, fam. 463, Geo W Goforth household.

219. 1850 U.S. census, Gilmer County, Georgia, population schedule, Subdivision 33, p. 388A (stamped), dwelling 555, families 555, William Martin household.

220. Ibid.; and with Anna Collins, 1850 U.S. census, Gilmer Co., GA, pop. sch., Subdivision 33, p. 388A (stamped), dwell. 1158, fam. 1158, William Martin household, image 166.

221. Ibid.

222. See "The children of William Collins and Susannah Hardin", "x. Elizabeth Collins" in "A summary of the data," *Collins in North Carolina and Georgia* (<http://nc-ga-collins.weebly.com/a-summary-of-the-data.html>).

223. 1860 U.S. census, Marshall County, Alabama, population schedule, Eastern Division, Aurora, p. 843 (stamped), dwelling 374, family 374, William Martin household; after Joseph's 1853 birth they left Georgia.

witnessed the receipt.²²⁴ The next record for him in his father's probate file was on 27 February 1871, when William assigned power of attorney authority to his brother, Perry Martin, of York County, South Carolina, for the purpose of collecting his inheritance from his mother's dower. This time he lived in Lincoln County, Tennessee, near the Alabama state line.²²⁵

Next, the family moved to Jack County, Texas, between 1871 and 5 November 1879 when William bought land there.²²⁶ William and Elizabeth apparently still worked their farm when he was in his sixties.²²⁷ Their farm had fifteen acres of tilled land and ninety-two acres of woodland. Their livestock consisted of four cows for milking, a few cattle to sell, twenty swine, and twenty chickens, from which they also made butter and gathered eggs.²²⁸ On 31 December 1880, William and Elizabeth sold part of their land to their son, Joseph, for one hundred dollars. Both Elizabeth and William appeared before the county clerk that day.²²⁹ The transaction is reflected in the 1882 tax roll where W. M. Martin had fifty-seven acres of the original Ahrenbeck tract and J. L. Martin had fifty acres of the one hundred seven that William purchased in 1879.²³⁰

In 1906, a published profile of George P. Whitaker mentioned his marriage to a daughter of William Martin, the widow Mrs. Martha Jones, in 1894. The profile also stated that the Martin family came to Jack County from Lincoln County, Tennessee.²³¹

William and Elizabeth died between 1881 and 10 October 1883. Their children described them as deceased in a deed between heirs.²³² The deed transferred the fifty-seven acres to eldest son, Henderson Martin. The grantors were J. M. Martin (James M.), J. L. Martin (Joseph), Martha Martin Jones,²³³ and the heirs of Nancy Martin Graves.²³⁴ William's name appeared on tax rolls for several years after his death, probably because the deed was not recorded until 1899 after all parties had appeared in front of a notary to acknowledge the deed.²³⁵

224. York Co., SC, Probate Case # 28 File # 1186 Thomas Martin (1855), receipt from W. Martin, 14 February 1857, image 270; also see image 269; Absalom signed by "A. Martin" on his own receipt and as witness to William's, whereas Anderson signed his full name.

225. York Co., SC, Probate Case # 68 File #3353 Thomas Martin (1868), power of attorney, 27 Feb. 1871, image 326.

226. Jack County, Texas, Deed Records B3:509, J M West to William Martin, 1878; images, *CountyRecords.com* (<https://www.countyrecords.com>).

227. 1880 U.S. census, Jack County, Texas, population schedule, page 24 (handwritten), Precinct 3, enumeration district 160, dwelling 207, house 207, William Martin household.

228. 1880 U.S. census, Jack County, Texas, non-population schedule, Agriculture, page 19C (handwritten), Precinct 3, enumeration district 160, William Martin, line 2.

229. Jack County, Texas, Deed Records B4:138, W Martin and Elizabeth Martin to J L Martin, 1880; images, *CountyRecords.com* (<https://www.countyrecords.com>). William and Elizabeth "personally appeared" 31 December 1880.

230. "Texas, County Tax Rolls, 1837-1910," images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org>) > Jack county > 1882 > image 53 of 132, William Martin and J. L. Martin, originally Ahrenbeck, on 1882 tax roll. Note: it is possible that the record should have been "Wm" but became "W. M." by a copying error. William does not appear as W. M. anywhere else.

231. B. B. Paddock, *History and Biographical Record of North and West Texas, Vol. I* (Chicago: Lewis Publishing Co., 1906), 656, Martha Martin, daughter of William, married first Thomas Jones, second George P. Whitaker.

232. Jack County, Texas, Deed Records 26:242, J M Martin, J L Martin, J W Nichols [and others] to H Martin, 1883, "heirs of Wm and Elizabeth Martin, deceased."

233. *Ibid.*; also Paddock, *History and Biographical Record of North and West Texas, Vol. I*, 656.

234. "Alabama, County Marriage Records, 1805-1967," *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com>) > Marshall > 1853-1876 > image 341, Nancy Martin marriage to James Graves; for children see 1880 U.S. census, Jack County, Texas, population schedule, sheet 7B (stamped), Precinct 1, enumeration district 158, dwelling 126, house 126, James Graves household, line 13; Texas State Department of Health, Standard Certificate of Death, cert. no. 35266, Moller Nichols (1920); also Paddock, *History and Biographical Record of North and West Texas, Vol. II*, 307, profile of Miles A. Graves.

235. Jack County, Texas, Deed Records 26:242-245, J M Martin, J L Martin, J W Nichols [and others] to H Martin, 1883, Filed and recorded 1 June 1899.

Correlation of Census Data for William Martin's Family

A table comparing census data across four decades captures their migration. The first three censuses are linked with James M Martin's data along with his parents. Joseph adds to the connection between 1860 and 1870, and Martha links them from 1870 to 1880.

Names	1850 Gilmer, GA ²³⁶	1860 Marshall, AL ²³⁷	1870 Lincoln TN ²³⁸	1880 Jack, TX ²³⁹
William	32/35, farmer, 100, SC	43, farmer, 420, SC	W, 53, GA	63, farmer, SC
Elizabeth	25/27, NC	36, NC	E, 46, GA	53, NC
Nancy	8/9, NC	18, NC		
Henderson	5/6, GA	15, GA		
George E	3/4, GA	12, GA		
James M	8 mos/7 mos, GA	10, GA	J.M, 21, GA	
Joseph		7, GA	18, GA	
Martha			8, AL	19, AL
Anna Collins	75, SC (second enum.)			

Only one child's death certificate correctly named William and Elizabeth. Joseph L. Martin's informant, his wife, gave his parents' birth place as Georgia, probably because Joseph was born there.²⁴⁰

Conclusion

Most of the children of Thomas and Elizabeth remained connected to the Methodist denomination, some as founders and leaders in their respective churches. Thomas's first wife and parents attended the Buffalo Baptist Church, therefore the strong Methodist influence probably came from Elizabeth. She and Thomas raised their children to be independent and adventurous adults.

Also of interest, neither Thomas Martin Jr., nor his children, owned slaves during the antebellum period even though all of them were of legal age between 1825 and 1855. Neighbors and associates, and the Washburn family, for example, owned slaves. Apart from Dr. Hicks Martin, physician, and Absalom Martin, the horseman, the rest of the family made their living at farming.

236. 1850 U.S. census, Gilmer Co., Ga., pop. sch., Subdivision 33, p. 388A (stamped), dwell. 555, fam. 555, William Martin.

237. 1860 U.S. census, Marshall Co., AL, pop. sch., Eastern Division, Aurora, p. 843 (stamped), dwell. 374, fam. 374, William Martin household.

238. 1870 U.S. census, Lincoln County, Tennessee, population schedule, Millville, p. 389A (stamped), dwelling 30, family 28, W. Martin household.

239. 1880 U.S. census, Jack Co., TX, pop. sch., page 24 (handwritten), Precinct 3, ED 160, dwell, 207, house 207, William Martin household.

240. "Texas, Death Certificates, 1903-1982," *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com>) > Lubbock > 1934 > Oct-Dec > image 11, cert. no. 46021, Joe L. Martin (1934).

One Line of Descent from Thomas Martin Jr.

Generation One

1. Thomas² Martin (Thomas¹), born 12 December 1778 in Chatham County, North Carolina.²⁴¹ He died about 28 April 1855 in York County, South Carolina.²⁴² Thomas married first Rhoda Washburn,²⁴³ about 1799.²⁴⁴ Rhoda was born about 1778 and died about 26 January 1808.²⁴⁵ Thomas next married Elizabeth (maiden name unknown), probably about 1809.²⁴⁶ Elizabeth was born about 1788 and died 12 September 1868.²⁴⁷

Thomas and Elizabeth lived on about 470 acres of farmland that straddled the North and South Carolina state line in what is now Cherokee County, South Carolina and Cleveland County, North Carolina.²⁴⁸ The parcel of land that holds the Martin Family Burial Ground was probably part of their land, and it lies on both sides of the state line.²⁴⁹ The township address for its current owner is Blacksburg, South Carolina.²⁵⁰ The back half of the parcel is in Cleveland County and adjoins a property with a township address of Grover, North Carolina.²⁵¹

In 1850, their farm consisted of 80 acres of improved land and 390 acres unimproved. Their livestock consisted of three horses, three cows for milk, four oxen, seventeen cattle, twenty-two sheep, and two hundred sixty-six swine. They produced four hundred fifty bushels of corn, twenty bushels of oats, ten pounds of wool, twenty pounds of sweet potatoes, one hundred fifty pounds of butter, thirty pounds of beeswax. Their orchard produce was worth thirty dollars.²⁵²

241. "U.S., Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty-Land Warrant Application Files, 1800-1900", *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com>) M > Marshal, Benjamin – Maxwell, William > Martin, Thomas – Martin, Zachariah > image 147, pension and widow's application files, Thomas Martin [Sr], York Dist., SC, 16 Oct. 1832. Thomas [Sr] described his migration from Brunswick County, Virginia, to Chatham County, North Carolina, then Lincoln County adjoining York County, South Carolina. He also gave birth dates for his children.

242. Gettys, Caldwell, Hart, "Martin Family Burial Ground," "Thomas Martin who died April 28 1855 in his 77 year,;" also Appendix A; and York Co., SC, Will Book 3:341-342; Thomas wrote his will in 1846, it was proved 6 August 1855. The line "Qualified Henderson Martin as Executor Augt 6th 1853" may have been a copying error by the clerk.

243. "North Carolina Probate Records, 1735-1970," images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org>) > Rutherford > Wills, 1823-1833 > image 26 of 90, Gabriel Washburn's will mentions Thomas Martin's four children by his daughter Rhoda.

244. York County, South Carolina, Register of Deeds, Book E:352, Washburn to Martin, probable dowry; also Thomas Sr to Jr., H:518; also 1800 U.S. census, York Distr., SC, line 62, Thomas Martin Junr, image 14, a female child presumably Priscilla, under age ten.

245. Buffalo Baptist Church, "Acts of Buffalo Church from 1805," p. 80, "Rhoda Martin deceased January 26th 1808"; also Gettys, Caldwell, and Hart, "Martin Family Burial Ground," inscription "Rodia Martin who died Jan. 25 1808 aged 30 years,;" also see Appendix A.

246. 1850 U.S. census, York Co., SC, pop. sch., York, p. 280, dwelling 91, family 91, Bird Martin age 40, image 231, for marriage, Elizabeth's first child, born about 1810. See Appendix B on maiden name.

247. 1850 U.S. census, York Co., SC, pop. sch., York, p. 280, dwelling 90, family 90, Thomas Martin household, image 231, Elizabeth, age 63; for her death, see Gettys, Caldwell, Hart, "Martin Family Burial Ground," "Elizabeth Martin 2 Consort of Thomas Martin who died Sept. 12 1868 aged 80 years"; also Appendix A.

248. 1850 U.S. census, York, South Carolina, non-population schedule, Agriculture, page 869, Thomas Martin, line 15.

249. Cleveland Co., NC, Register of Deeds, "Record of Deeds," Book OO:233, Henderson Martin to Runyan, 1878, description: "lying and situated in York County, South Carolina, and Cleveland County, North Carolina on or near the waters of Buffalo Creek," transcribed copies of York County deed in Cleveland County Deed Books; also see Appendix A, paragraph 6.

250. Cleveland County, *NC Geographic Information System* (<https://www.webgis.net/nc/cleveland>), parcel 48265.

251. Cleveland County, *NC Geographic Information System* (<https://www.webgis.net/nc/cleveland>), parcel 48068, on Rippy Rd., Grover, NC; also see the map in Appendix A.

252. 1850 U.S. census, York, SC, non-pop. sch., Agriculture, page 869, Thomas Martin, line 15.

In addition to the food produced on their land, the family likely harvested fish from the nearby waterways. Buffalo Creek, mentioned in their deeds, is a branch off the Broad River.²⁵³ Sometime before 1855, Thomas and his sons, Perry, Henderson, Thomas M., Posey, and grandson, Washington Martin, and their neighbors signed a petition to the state of South Carolina. The petition requested the appointment of commissioners of fish sluices for a section of the Upper Broad River beginning from an area called Ninety-nine Islands to the North Carolina state line.²⁵⁴ Commissioners of fish sluices had the responsibility to see that no one blocked the waterways so that fish could freely move up the river.²⁵⁵

In a diary entry of 16 May 1857, Mary Davis Brown mentioned “a great fishing party” that her family attended. The Martin family likely did the same. Mary Brown’s family lived about seventeen miles southeast of the state line, in the Beersheba community of York County.²⁵⁶

The children of Thomas and Rhoda (Washburn) Martin were:

- 2 i. PRISCILLA MARTIN, born before 4 August 1800,²⁵⁷ died between 1870 and 1880, probably in Prentiss, Mississippi.²⁵⁸ She married Alexander Moreland, probably before 1828.²⁵⁹ They moved several times and their children were born in South Carolina, Alabama, and Mississippi.²⁶⁰ Her life is described in *The Alabama Settlers in the 1830s* and *The Morelands Moved On to Mississippi* sections above.
- 3 ii. SABRA MARTIN, born about 1802,²⁶¹ died probably early August 1884.²⁶² She married Freeman Logan, born about 1807, died 1874.²⁶³ They moved to

253. Cleveland Co., SC, Register of Deeds, “Record of Deeds,” Book OO: 233, Henderson Martin to John Runyan, 1878, “lying and situated in York County, South Carolina, and Cleveland County, North Carolina on or near the waters of Buffalo Creek.”

254. “Citizens Of York District, Petition For The Appointment Of Certain Commissioners Of Fish Sluices For York And Spartanburg District On The Upper Broad River To Keep Fish Sluices,” *South Carolina Department of Archives and History Record and Image Search* (<http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/ArchivesImages/S165015/S165015ND0002881000/images/S165015ND0002881000a.jpg>); also next image, (S165015ND0002881000b.jpg.); the description says circa 1859, but since Thomas Martin Jr. signed, it had to have been before he died in 1855.

255. South Carolina, David McCord, *The Statutes at Large of South Carolina* (Columbia, S.C.: A.S. Johnston, 1839), 340; digital version, *Google Books* (https://books.google.com/books?id=v_tKAAAYAAJ).

256. Mary Davis Brown and Catherine Brown Michael, *Oil in our lamps: the journals of Mary Davis Brown from the Beersheba Presbyterian Church community, York, S.C., 1854-1901*, ([not specified]: The descendants of Mary Davis Brown [self-published], 2010), 42.

257. 1800 U. S. Federal Census, York District, South Carolina, line 62, Thomas Martin Junr, Priscilla would be the female under 10 likely born before the census date, 4 August; also Priscilla Moreland, age 70: 1870 U.S. census, Prentiss County, Mississippi, page 2 (handwritten), line 20, family 11, Alexander Moreland household. She was not found on the 1880 census.

258. 1880 U.S. census, Prentiss Co., MS, page 231A (stamped), line 37, family 9, T. Moreland household; Alexander, 80, as widower; also heirs of Priscilla in York Co., SC, Probate Case #68 File #3353 Thomas Martin (1868), power of attorney by heirs, 27 February 1889, image 333.

259. 1850 U.S. census, Itawamba Co., MS, page 314A, line 14, dwell. 168, fam. 172, Alexander Moreland household, image 25; first child, Sabra, born about 1828.

260. 1850 U.S. census, Itawamba Co., MS, page 314, line 14, dwell. 168, fam. 172, Alexander Moreland household, image 25.

261. 1870 U.S. census, Tuscaloosa County, Alabama, page 42 (handwritten), line 10, dwelling 349, family 336, Freeman Logan household, Sabra, 68.

262. “Alabama, Wills and Probate Records, 1753-1999 for Logan Freeman [sic],” *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com>) > Tuscaloosa > Estate Papers, Lancaster, J R – Malone, Janie > image 1770 of 3162, Receipt, “coffin for Mrs [sic] Logan” purchased 10 August 1884.

263. York Co., SC, Probate Case # 68 File #3353 Thomas Martin (1868), power of attorney, 31 July 1865, image 343, for evidence of marriage, “his wife”; for Freeman’s approx. birth year see 1870 U.S. census, Tuscaloosa Co., AL, page 42 (handwritten), line 10, dwell. 349, fam. 336, Freeman Logan household; for Freeman Logan’s death, see “Alabama, Wills and Probate Records, 1753-1999 for Logan Freeman,” *Ancestry.com*, images 1825, 1778.

- Tuscaloosa, Alabama about 1835.²⁶⁴ Their lives are described above in *The Alabama Settlers in the 1830s* section.
- 4 iii. GABRIEL MARTIN, born in York District, South Carolina, in 1803, died after 1895, probably in Pickens County, Georgia.²⁶⁵ He married Lucinda (unknown) born about 1811, and died about 1889.²⁶⁶ Gabriel's sketch appears in *The Alabama Settlers in the 1830s* and *The Georgia Migration of the 1840s* sections above.
- 5 iv. THOMAS M. MARTIN, born about February 1806, and died 21 May 1861.²⁶⁷ He married Sarah "Sallie" Rippy,²⁶⁸ born about 26 May 1811 and died 24 April 1887.²⁶⁹

The children of Thomas and Elizabeth Martin were

- 6 i. BIRD MARTIN, born July 1810, died November 1874.²⁷⁰ He married Rebecca Spurlin probably about 1829.²⁷¹ She was born about 1811 and died 1895.²⁷²
- 7 ii. BERRYMAN MARTIN, born about 1811, died 13 October 1843.²⁷³ He married Susannah Collins about 1836.²⁷⁴ She was likely born 26 August 1814 and died 4 July 1903.²⁷⁵ By 1840, Berryman and Susannah apparently had three daughters

264. 1850 U.S. census, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, population schedule, Tuscaloosa, p. 445 (handwritten), p.223 (stamped), dwelling 456, family 456, Freeman Logan household, two children born NC, first child born in Alabama about 1836; also see *Bureau of Land Management* (http://glorerecords.blm.gov/details/patent/default.aspx?accession=AL0930__077&docClass=STA&sid=3fp5g2fq.aw5), for land in Tuscaloosa purchased by Freeman Logan from US General Land Office, 1 April 1837.

265. "Georgia, Confederate Pension Applications, 1879-1960," *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com>) > Pickens > M > image 51 of 191, Gabriel Martin, Pickens County, 1895.

266. *Ibid.*, for her death, Question 24, "my" [wife] "died 5 or six years ago," Gabriel Martin, pension application, Pickens County, 1895; for her approximate birth year see 1850 U.S. census, Randolph Co., AL., pop. sch., p. 340A (stamped), dwell. 857, fam. 857, Gabriel Martin household.

267. Gettys, Caldwell, Hart, "Martin Family Burial Ground," "Thomas M Martin who died May 21 1861 aged 55 years & 3 months,"; also Appendix A; and York Co., SC, Probate Case # 68 File #3353 Thomas Martin (1868), appointment, 22 Dec. 1868, image 349, Henderson Martin was appointed Guardian Ad Litem for Thomas M Martin's children.

268. "South Carolina, Death Records, 1821-1965," *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com>) > 1900-1924 > 1916 > Cherokee > image 182 of 346, John Martin's parents, Thos. M. Martin and Sallie Rippy, Cherokee County, South Carolina, Death Records, John Martin, file no. 36236, registered no. 27.

269. Gettys, Caldwell, Hart, "Martin Family Burial Ground," "Sarah wife of T.H. [sic, probably error, should be M] Martin Born May 26, 1811 Died Apr 24, 1887"; also Appendix A; also 1860 U.S. census, York County, South Carolina, population schedule, page 226 (handwritten), Post Office: New House, dwelling no. 46, family no. 46, Thos M Martin, line 15.

270. Gettys, Caldwell, and Hart, "Martin Family Burial Ground," "Bird Martin was born July 1810 & died Nov 1874,"; also Appendix A; also York County, South Carolina, Administrator Bond Book 1871-1889, page 76, bond Thomas Martin, H. Martin, G. L. Moore, 4 Jan 1875; images, "South Carolina Probate Records, Bound Volumes, 1671-1977," *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org>) > York > Administration bonds, 1871-1889 > image 107 of 270.

271. "South Carolina, Death Records, 1821-1965," *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com>) > 1925-1949 > 1927 > Spartanburg, image 12, J. M. Martin, file no. 1282, registered no. 11, parents Bird Martin and Rebecca Spurlin; also 1850 U.S. census, York Co., SC, pop. sch., York, p. 280 (stamped), dwell. 91, fam. 91, Bird Martin household, image 231, for marriage year, first child Isaac born about 1830; York Co., SC, Probate CASE, #87 File #4329, Bird Martin, (1875), settlement page, receipt of 10 Feb. 1876, Rebecca Martin.

272. Gettys, Caldwell, Hart, "Martin Family Burial Ground," "Rebecca wife of Bird Martin born 1811 died 1895,"; also Appendix A. [Records are consistent with birth year about 1811 for Rebecca except 1850 census.]

273. Gettys, Caldwell, Hart, "Martin Family Burial Ground," "Berryman Martin who died Oct 13th 1843 aged 32 years,"; also Appendix A.

274. 1850 U.S. census, Cherokee County, Georgia, population schedule, Division 15, p. 520A (stamped), dwelling 1659, family 1673, Anderson Martin household, his heir, Dulcena, with her mother and stepfather, Anderson; also see "The children of William Collins and Susannah Hardin", "viii. Susannah Collins" in "A summary of the data," *Collins in North Carolina and Georgia* (<http://nc-ga-collins.weebly.com/a-summary-of-the-data.html>).

275. "Oak Hill Cemetery – Section 4," *Bartow County GenWeb* (http://www.gabartow.org/Cem/cem.OakHill_04.shtml); Photos by Arlene Woody and Jane B. Thompson.

- under age five.²⁷⁶ By the time Berry's father's estate was distributed, only one of their children, Dulcena, was still living.²⁷⁷ A few years after Berry's death, Susannah married his brother Anderson Martin.²⁷⁸
- 8 iii. RHODA MARTIN, born about 20 July 1812, died 21 January 1897.²⁷⁹ She married Ransom Collins, probably about 1829.²⁸⁰ Their sons died in violent circumstances after surviving the Civil War.²⁸¹ Their lives are described above in *The Georgia Migration of the 1840s* and *Arkansas Settlers Before and After the War* sections.
- 9 iv. NANCY MARTIN, born about 1814,²⁸² died about 1851.²⁸³ She married Wylie Harris Collins, probably about 1835.²⁸⁴ He was born about 1812, and died about the Spring of 1851.²⁸⁵ Their lives are described in *The Georgia Migration of the 1840s* above.
- 10 v. POSEY MARTIN, born 1816 in South Carolina, died between 1870 and 1880.²⁸⁶ He married Lucinda Rippy,²⁸⁷ born 1816 in North Carolina, and died in her nineties, possibly 26 July 1912.²⁸⁸

276. 1840 U.S. census, York County, South Carolina, population schedule, p. 262 (stamped), line 26, Berry Martin household, with 3 daughters under five; 1900 U.S. census, Bartow Co., GA, pop. sch., page 304A (stamped), Wolf Pen, ED 13, dwell. 2, fam. 2, Spencer B Yancy household, Susannah had 3 children, none living.

277. York Co., SC, Probate Case # 28 File # 1186 Thomas Martin (1855), power of attorney, 15 July 1859, image 266, "only heir".

278. Ibid.; "Georgia, County Marriages, 1785-1950," images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org>), Anderson Martin and Susan Martin, 23 Jan 1848; also 1900 U.S. census, Bartow Co., GA, pop. sch., page 304A (stamped), Wolf Pen, ED 13, dwell. 2, fam. 2, Spencer B Yancy household, Susan as mother-in-law of Dulcena's widowed husband; and "Georgia, County Marriages, 1785-1950," images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org>), Spencer B. Yancy and Duleena Martin, 08 Sep 1859. Dulcena was Berry's daughter and Susan was Dulcena's mother, then married Anderson.

279. Northwest Arkansas Genealogical Society, Hico Cemetery, Benton Co., transcription by J Roger Huff, George and Nadine Wolfe at *Rootsweb* (<http://sites.rootsweb.com/~arnwags/cem/AR/benton/Hico%20Cemetery.html>), grave details for Roda and Ransom Collins.

280. 1850 U.S. census, Gilmer Co., GA, pop. sch., Subdivision no. 33, page 422A (stamped), dwell. 1052, fam. 1052, Ransom Collins household, first son Miller, born about 1829.

281. "The Record," *The Cedartown Record*, Cedartown, Ga., 31 July 1875, page 2, col. 2, *Georgia Historic Newspapers* (<https://gahistoricnewspapers.galileo.usg.edu/lccn/sn85027038/1875-07-31/ed-1/seq-2/>), image 2, "We learn of a fatal shooting..." about the death of Miller Collins; also Robert S. Davis Jr., "THE LAST OF A CIVIL WAR: THE SCARECORN MASSACRE", *Virtual Goshen – The Collins Family Reunion* (<http://virtualgoshen.blogspot.com/2007/09/some-context-for-latest-version-of.html> : posted 11 September 2007).

282. 1850 US census, Gilmer County, Georgia, population schedule, Subdivision 33, page 378B, family 424, line 15, William H Collins household, Nancy, age 36, born SC.

283. "Georgia Probate Records, 1742-1990," images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org>) > Gilmer > Vouchers 1851-1911 > image 24, vouchers, estate of Wylie H. Collins, for 2 coffins, nurse, doctor, between March and 5 July 1851; also York Co., SC, Probate Case # 68 File #3353 Thomas Martin, heirs power of attorney (1872), image 341.

284. "Georgia Deaths, 1914-1927", images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org>), Martin Collins, 1922, parents Nancy Martin and Wylie Harris Collins; also "In the Probate Court, York County," *Yorkville Enquirer*, York, South Carolina, 22 October 1868, page 4, col. 5, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/339358931/?terms=martin#>), heirs of Thomas Martin, "Martin Collins and six other children of Nancy Collins deceased."

285. 1850 US census, Gilmer Co., GA, pop. sch., Subdivision 33, page 378B, family 424, line 15, William H Collins household; also "Georgia Probate Records, 1742-1990," images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org>) > Gilmer > Vouchers 1851-1911 > image 24, for approximate death, see vouchers for 2 coffins, nurse, doctor, and fees for granting administration, between March and 5 July 1851.

286. 1870 U.S. census, Polk County, North Carolina, population schedule, Township 3, page 6 (handwritten), Post Office: Columbus, dwelling 37, family 40, Posey Martin household, Posey, age 55 in 1870, but in 1880, Lucinda was a widow living with daughter Stacy; and 1880 U.S. census, Spartanburg County, South Carolina, population schedule, Campobello, page 125D (stamped), dwelling 601, family 601, Lucinda Martin household.

287. "North Carolina, Death Certificates, 1909-1976," *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com>) Cleveland > 1938 > June, image 24 of 31, Zenuth L Martin, no 191, cert no. 17, parents Posey Martin and Lucinda Rippy; also "South Carolina, Death Records, 1821-1965," *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com>) > 1925-1949 > 1938 > Cherokee > image 63 of 328, Mrs. Sarah Jane Ellis, no. 3392, 1 March 1938, parents Posey Martin and Lucinda Rippey, deceased spouse Miles Ellis.

- 11 vi. WILLIAM MARTIN, born about 1817, died between 1881 and 1883.²⁸⁹ He likely married Elizabeth Collins about 1841.²⁹⁰ A sketch of his migration path is described in *The Texas Settlers* sketch above.
- 12 vii. ANDERSON MARTIN, born 2 June 1818, died 20 April 1884.²⁹¹ He married Susan Martin on 23 January 1848.²⁹² Susan was Berryman Martin's widow of five years.²⁹³ Anderson's will devised everything to Berryman's daughter, Dulcena, and her heirs, after providing for Susan.²⁹⁴ Their lives are described in *The Georgia Migration of the 1840s* sketch above.
- 13 viii. HENDERSON MARTIN, born about 5 July 1820, and died 12 May 1906.²⁹⁵ He married Elizabeth Emaline Starnes,²⁹⁶ born about 1826, died 12 October 1891.²⁹⁷ On 21 December 1896, he married Mary J. Cooper.²⁹⁸ He served as the executor of his parents' estate, and caring uncle to nieces and nephews.²⁹⁹
- 14 ix. HICKS MARTIN, born 10 March 1822 in York District, South Carolina, died 4 June 1914 in Carroll County, Georgia.³⁰⁰ He married Margaret Casey in Forsyth

288. 1860 U.S. census, York Co., SC, pop. sch., page 226 (handwritten), Post Office: New House, dwell. 47, fam. 47, Posey Martin household, line 26, Lucinda, age 44; also 1910 U.S. census, Spartanburg County, South Carolina, population schedule, Campobello, District 73, page 177 (stamped), enumeration district 73, sheet 21A, dwelling 381, family 383, Zenus L. Martin household, Lucinda, age 95, his mother; and for possible death date, "Edward Rippy III," Cleveland County Historical Association, *The Heritage of Cleveland County*, (Winston-Salem: Hunter Publishing, 1982), 490; digital book, *Internet Archive* (<http://archive.org/details/heritageofclevel01clev>).

289. Jack County, Texas, Deed Records B4:138, W Martin and Elizabeth Martin to J L Martin, 1880, "personally appeared" 31 December 1880; and Jack County, Texas, Deed Records 26:242, J M Martin, J L Martin, J W Nichols [and others] to H Martin, 1883, "heirs of Wm and Elizabeth Martin, deceased."

290. 1850 U.S. census, Gilmer Co., GA, pop. sch., Subdivision 33, p. 388A, dwell. 1158, fam. 1158, William Martin household, image 166, Anna Collins; also see "The children of William Collins and Susannah Hardin", "x. Elizabeth Collins" in "A summary of the data," *Collins in North Carolina and Georgia* (<http://nc-ga-collins.weebly.com/a-summary-of-the-data.html>).

291. "Oak Hill Cemetery – Section 4," *Bartow County GenWeb* (http://www.gabartow.org/Cem/cem.OakHill_04.shtml), photo of shared gravestone for Anderson and Susannah Martin by Arlene Woody and Jane B. Thompson.

292. "Georgia, County Marriages, 1785-1950," images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org>), Anderson Martin and Susan Martin, 23 Jan 1848, Gilmer.

293. York Co., SC, Probate Case # 28 File # 1186 Thomas Martin, Dulcena's power of attorney, 15 July 1859, image 266, Susan was Dulcena's mother and Dulcena was Berryman's only heir; "Georgia, County Marriages, 1785-1950," Anderson Martin and Susan Martin, 23 Jan 1848; also 1900 U.S. census, Bartow Co., GA., pop. sch., page 304A (stamped), Wolf Pen, ED 13, dwell. 2, fam. 2, Spencer B Yancy household, Susan as mother-in-law of Dulcena's widowed husband; and "Georgia, County Marriages, 1785-1950," Spencer B. Yancy and Duleena [sic, Dulcena] Martin, 08 Sep 1859.

294. "Georgia Probate Records, 1742-1990," images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/>) > Bartow > Wills 1836-1922 > image 436 of 653, will.

295. Gettys, Caldwell, Hart, "Martin Family Burial Ground," "Henderson Martin July 5, 1820 May 12, 1906 aged 85 yrs 10 ms 7dys.;" also Appendix A.

296. "South Carolina Probate Records, Bound Volumes, 1671-1977," images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/>) > York > Wills book, 1840-1862, Vol. 03 > image 177 of 275, Will of Jacob Starnes names daughter E. E. Martin, proved by Henderson Martin; also Cleveland County, North Carolina, Register of Deeds, Book OO:233, Henderson Martin to Runyan, 1878, release of dower, E. E. Martin.

297. Gettys, Caldwell, Hart, "Martin Family Burial Ground," "Elizabeth E. wife of Henderson Martin died Oct 12, 1891 Aged 65 years"; also Appendix A.

298. "North Carolina, Marriage Records, 1741-2011," *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com/>) > Rutherford > Marriage Register (1782-1996) > image 741, Henderson Martin to M. J. Cooper, 21 Dec. 1896; also 1900 U.S. census, Cherokee County, South Carolina, Cherokee, population schedule, Enumeration District (ED) 2, sheet 15-B, dwelling 213, family 218, Henderson Martin household.

299. York County, South Carolina, Ordinary's journal, 7 April 1870, Henderson Martin applied and appointed as guardian for Sarah E Lackey, bond: "South Carolina Probate Records, Bound Volumes, 1671-1977," images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/>) > York > Journal, 1862-1874, Vol. 03 > image 154 of 504; and York Co., SC, Probate Case # 68 File #3353 Thomas Martin, Guardian Ad Litem for Thomas M Martin's children, image 349.

300. Georgia Wills and Probate Records, 1742-1992, *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com/>) > Carroll > Estate Records, 1800-1950, Marlow, R R S-McClung, Reubin H > image 390, petition; also "Dr. Hicks Martin, Mount Zion," *The Atlanta Constitution*, Atlanta, Ga., 8 June 1914, page 2, col. 4, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/> image/26820183).

- County, Georgia, 7 January 1844.³⁰¹ He worked as a physician from the 1850's, and earned a diploma from Reform Medical College of Macon, Georgia, in 1871.³⁰² His life is described in *The Georgia Migration of the 1840s* above.
- 15 x. ELIZABETH MARTIN, born about 1824,³⁰³ probably died in 1868.³⁰⁴ She married George W. Goforth.³⁰⁵ They moved to Texas between 1857 and 1860.³⁰⁶ George, born about 1817 and died about 1872.³⁰⁷ Elizabeth's life is described in the *The Texas Settlers* sketch of the family.
- 16 xi. MARY MARTIN, born about 1826, died August 1856.³⁰⁸ She married Robert Lackey probably about 1855.³⁰⁹ After Mary's death, her daughter lived with Mary's brother Henderson.³¹⁰ He became guardian for Sarah Elizabeth Lackey on 7 April 1870.³¹¹ Mary may have been the mother of an illegitimate child, Green Tolliver Martin, born about 1846, almost a decade before her marriage.³¹²
- In Thomas Martin's household of 1850,³¹³ Thomas was age 73, and his wife Elizabeth was 63, and extremely unlikely to be four-year-old Green's parents. Also, if Green had been their child, he would have inherited from their estate but did not.

301. "Georgia, Marriage Records From Select Counties, 1828-1978" *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com>) > Forsyth > Record of Marriages, Book A, 1833-1848, page 190, image 112 of 175, Hix [sic] Martin and Margret Cazezy [sic].

302. 1880 US Census, Carroll County, Georgia, population schedule, Turkey Creek District 1240, page 7, dwelling 59, family 59, Hicks Martin; also Jenny Martin Fagg (compiler), *Register medical practitioners, Carroll County, Georgia* (Houston: JMF Publications, 1987), 2; introduction explains law requiring certification of education.

303. 1850 U.S. census, Union Co., SC, pop. sch., p. 67B [see next page], fam. 995, George Goforth household, Elizabeth, age 26; also 1860 U.S. census, Rusk Co., TX, pop. sch., Beat 9, New Danville, p. 132, dwell. 850, fam. 868, G W Goforth household.

304. 1870 U.S. census, Rusk Co., TX, pop. sch., Henderson post office, p. 65 (handwritten), dwell. 461, fam. 473, Geo W Goforth household; Charles Johnson Goforth, born 1866 in Texas; Elizabeth was not in the household; also, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, "Descendant Database," *DAR Library* (http://services.dar.org/Public/DAR_Research/search_descendants/?action=list&MyPrimary_Seqn=117115), Betty Goforth Singletary, member no. 516703, ancestor no. A046093; gives 1868, but purchased record copies did not contain supporting evidence for it.

305. "In the Probate Court, York County," *Yorkville Enquirer*, York, South Carolina, 08 October 1868, page 3, col. 2, George W Goforth and Elizabeth his wife; images *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/339358931>); also "Texas Deaths, 1890-1976," *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org>) > Death certificates > 1943 > Vol 022, certificates 010501-011000, Mar, Bexar-Cameron counties > image 389 of 515, Death cert. no. 10878, Mrs. Alice Palmer, parents Geo W. Goforth, born SC, and Mary E. Martin, born SC.

306. 1860 U.S. census, Rusk Co., TX, pop. sch., New Danville, p. 132 (handwritten), dwell. 850, fam. 868, G W Goforth household; child, G W Goforth, born 1857 in South Carolina.

307. 1850 U.S. census, Union Co., SC, pop. sch., p. 67B, fam. 995, George Goforth household, George age 33; Texas Department of Agriculture, *Family Land Heritage Registry Volume 2*, (Austin, Texas, 1975), 62, death approximation. He was missing from the 1880 census.

308. Gettys, Caldwell, Hart, "Martin Family Burial Ground," "Mary Lackey died Aug. 1856 aged 30 years"; also Appendix A; and York Co., SC, Probate Case # 68 File #3353 Thomas Martin (1868), petition, 1 October 1868, images 335-337; "Mary Leckie has also died."

309. York Co., SC, Probate Case # 68 File #3353 Thomas Martin (1868), Henderson Martin's petition, 1 October 1868, images 335-337, "Mary afterwards married to Robert Leckie"; also York Co., SC, Probate Case # 28 File # 1186 Thomas Martin, heirs account page, [undated], image 261, and receipt, 28 November 1856, image 270, "husband's share."

310. 1860 census 1860 U.S. census, York County, South Carolina, population schedule, page 222 (handwritten), Post Office: Harmony, dwelling 12, family 12, Henderson Martin household, line 24.

311. "South Carolina Probate Records, Bound Volumes, 1671-1977," images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org>) > York > Cash book, 1841-1902 > image 159 of 483, Receipt to Clerk, "Sarah E Lackey ward of Henderson Martin"; also Ordinary's journal, 7 April 1870, Henderson Martin applied and appointed as guardian for Sarah E Lackey, bond: "South Carolina Probate Records, Bound Volumes, 1671-1977," images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org>) > York > Journal, 1862-1874, Vol. 03 > image 154 of 504.

312. 1850 U.S. census, York Co., SC, pop. sch., York, p. 280 (stamped), dwell. 90, fam. 90, Thomas Martin household, image 231, Green Martin, age 4.

313. *Ibid.*

- Mary was almost thirty years old at the time of her first marriage.³¹⁴ Her sisters all married at much younger ages.
 - Green Martin did not inherit after Mary's death, although he bought from Thomas Martin's estate in 1868.³¹⁵ The law did not allow illegitimate children to inherit.³¹⁶
 - After Mary's death, Green lived with Mary's brother Henderson, as did her legitimate child, Sarah Elizabeth Lackey.³¹⁷ Neither inherited from Henderson's estate.³¹⁸
 - Green's death certificate did not name his parents, except the surname "Martin" on the blank for father and "don't know" on the other blanks for parent information. The informant was his son, B.L. Martin, Byrd Lee.³¹⁹ Green did not inherit from Bird Martin's estate.³²⁰
- 17 xii. ABSALOM MARTIN, born 1828, in York District, South Carolina,³²¹ and died 20 June 1904 in Richmond Village, McHenry County, Illinois.³²² His life is described in the *Illinois, Wisconsin, Nebraska* sketch above.
- 18 xiii. LAQUEY MARTIN, born 30 January 1830, died 10 July 1886.³²³ She married William Neal, probably about 1850.³²⁴ Her life is described in the *The Arkansas Settlers Before and After the War* sketch.
- + 19 xiv. PERRY MARTIN, born about 25 April 1832, died 18 January 1920.³²⁵ On 6 December 1855 he married Sarah Jane Beatty of Cleveland County, North Carolina.³²⁶ Sarah Jane "Sallie" Beattie, born 1830, died 16 April 1915.³²⁷

314. 1850 U.S. census, York Co., SC, pop. sch., York, p. 280 (stamped), dwell. 90, fam. 90, Thomas Martin household, image 231; Unmarried in 1850; also for marriage about 1855 see York Co., SC, Probate Case # 68 File #3353 Thomas Martin (1868), Henderson Martin's petition, 1 October 1868, images 335-337, "Mary afterwards married to Robert Leckie."

315. York Co., SC, Probate Case # 28 File # 1186 Thomas Martin (1855), Sale Bill, 15 October 1868, image 258.

316. Judy G. Russell, "The natural son," *The Legal Genealogist* (<https://www.legalgenealogist.com/2012/03/28/the-natural-son/>), paragraphs 8-11; citing William Blackstone, *Commentaries on the Laws of England, Book the First: Of the Rights of Persons* (Oxford : Clarendon Press, 1765), 442-443; also Carole Shammas, "English Inheritance Law and Its Transfer to the Colonies." *The American Journal of Legal History* Vol. 31, no. 2 (1987), 155; digital delivery, *JSTOR* (<https://www.jstor.org/stable/845880>).

317. 1860 U.S. census, York County, South Carolina, population schedule, page 222 (handwritten), Post Office: Harmony, dwelling 12, family 12, Henderson Martin household, line 24.

318. Cherokee, South Carolina, Will Book I 1897-1915, Henderson Martin, I:210, undated, proved 19 May 1906; images, "South Carolina, Wills and Probate Records, 1670-1980", images, *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com>) > Cherokee > Wills, Book I, 1897-1915 > image 248-249.

319. "Texas, Death Certificates, 1903-1982," *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com>) > Taylor > 1933 > Apr-Jun > image 129, death cert. no. 29895, G. T. Martin, (1933); also "Alabama, Texas and Virginia, Confederate Pensions, 1884-1958," *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com>) > Texas > Pension Files Nos. 32021 to 33030 > Pension File Nos. 32931 to 32950, Application Years 1912 to 1916, image 92, pension application stating birthplace of York, South Carolina.

320. York Co., SC, Probate CASE, #87 File #4329, Bird Martin, (1875), settlement pages and receipts, 1875-76, seven equal shares to Isaac Martin, J. M. Martin, C. C. Wilson, Mary W. Turner, Sylvia Pruitt, E. J. Martin, Thomas Martin.

321. 1850 U.S. census, York Co., SC, pop. sch., York, p. 280 (stamped), dwell. 90, fam. 90, Thomas Martin household.

322. McHenry County, Illinois, Register of Deaths, no. 2124, 30 July 1904, Absalom Martin; County Clerk, Woodstock.

323. *Find A Grave*, database and images (<https://www.findagrave.com>), gravestone image for Laquey Martin Neal (30 Jan 1830–10 Jul 1886), Memorial no. 42538006, citing Lees Chapel Cemetery, Muldrow, Sequoyah County, Oklahoma, USA; Gravestone photo by Frances Allen Titworth.

324. 1860 U.S. census, Sebastian Co., AR, pop. sch., page 40 (handwritten), Sugarloaf, dwell. 279, fam. 267, William Neal household, line 30, first child born about 1851; also York Co., SC, Probate Case # 68 File #3353 Thomas Martin (1868), petition, 1 October 1868, images 335-337, "Lakey Neal wife of Wm Neal"; also she and her sisters are treated as feme covert in their father's probate, their inheritances paid to their husbands.

325. Obituary "Perry Martin," *The State*, Columbia, SC, 21 Jan 1920, p. 2, col. 4; images, *GenealogyBank* (<https://www.genealogybank.com>); also *Find A Grave*, images (<https://www.findagrave.com>), Perry Martin (25 Apr 1832–18 Jan 1920), memorial no. 26180618; citing Ebenezer Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Rock Hill, York County, South Carolina, USA; photo by Betty Vaughn.

Generation Two

19. Perry³ Martin (Thomas², Thomas¹), born about 5 August 1832, died 18 January 1920 in York County, South Carolina.³²⁸ On 6 December 1855 he married Sarah Jane Beatty of Cleveland County, North Carolina.³²⁹ Of their five children, all daughters, only two survived to adulthood.³³⁰

Perry Martin, the youngest son of Thomas and Elizabeth, spent his life farming in York County. During the Civil War, he served as a Sergeant with the Carolina Rifles of the 17th Regiment, S. C. V.³³¹ He participated in reunions with his fellow soldiers throughout his life, and collected donations for the reunion in Charleston in 1899.³³² In October 1919, his Confederate pension application was approved.³³³

After the deaths of his parents, he and his family lived in the Tirzah section, near York, South Carolina, on a farm of seventy acres.³³⁴ Like others in his family, he and Sallie raised livestock for meat, milk, and butter. They also grew wheat, corn, oats, and a small amount of cotton.³³⁵

Perry also worked in politics, as did his brother, Henderson. In October 1868 they represented their local Democratic clubs and invited the community around Buffalo and neighboring towns to hear speakers at their meetings.³³⁶ Although the Ku Klux Klan was rampant in York County at this time, Perry and Henderson managed to avoid that trouble. Henderson's name appears only once in West's book on the Klan in York County, as a representative from the Buffalo club during the early days of Klan campaigning.³³⁷

326. "North Carolina, Marriage Records, 1741-2011," *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com>) > Cleveland > Marriage Records (1851-1866) > image 41, Perry Martin & Sarah Jane Beatty marriage 6 Dec 1855 certified by Jos Holmes.

327. "Mrs. Perry Martin," *Southern Christian Advocate*, Anderson, SC, 17 June 1915, page 2, clipping provided by *Wofford College* (<http://www.wofford.edu/library/archives/archiveobituary.aspx>); also "Mrs. Perry Martin Dead," *Yorkville Enquirer*, York, SC, 16 April 1915, page 3, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/339382618>).

328. Although records conflict, he gave his date of birth on his pension application as 5th August 1832: "Martin, Perry Of Tirzah, York County Application For Pension For Service In Company F, Seventeenth Infantry Regiment. Date: 10/14/1919," South Carolina Department of Archives and History, Series: Confederate Pension Applications (York County) (L46117), Year: 1919, Item: 00097; images, *Record and Image Search* (<https://archivesindexsc.gov>); also Obituary "Perry Martin," *The State*, Columbia, SC, 21 Jan 1920, p. 2, col. 4; images, *GenealogyBank* (<https://www.genealogybank.com>); also *Find A Grave*, images (<https://www.findagrave.com>), Perry Martin (25 Apr 1832–18 Jan 1920), memorial no. 26180618; citing Ebenezer Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Rock Hill, York County, South Carolina, USA; photo by Betty Vaughn.

329. "North Carolina, Marriage Records, 1741-2011," *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com>) > Cleveland > Marriage Records (1851-1866) > image 41, Perry Martin & Sarah Jane Beatty marriage 6 Dec 1855 certified by Jos Holmes.

330. "Mrs. Perry Martin. 1830-1915.," *Southern Christian Advocate*, Anderson, SC, 17 June 1915, page 16, col. 1; images in PDF (fee), *Wofford College* (<http://www.wofford.edu/library/archives/obit-request.aspx>).

331. "Roll of the Carolina Rifles of the 17th Regiment, SC V.," *Yorkville Enquirer*, York S.C., 3 April 1862, page 2, col. 4; images, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/339375924>).

332. "Confederate Reunion," *Yorkville Enquirer*, York, South Carolina, 4 Feb 1899, page 3, col. 7; images, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/339411696>); "The Seventeenth Regiment.," *Yorkville Enquirer*, York, SC, 21 Aug 1879, page 3, col. 4; images, *GenealogyBank* (<https://www.genealogybank.com/nbshare/AC01170319141044271711559402950>).

333. "Meeting of Pension Board," *Yorkville Enquirer*, York, SC, 17 Oct 1919, p. 4, col. 5; images, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/339451887>).

334. 1870 U.S. census, York, South Carolina, non-population schedule, Agriculture, page 7, Perry Martin, line 8.

335. *Ibid.*

336. "Buffalo and King's Creek.," *Yorkville Enquirer*, York, SC, 15 October 1868, page 3, col. 3; images, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/339358859>).

337. Jerry Lee West, *The Reconstruction Ku Klux Klan in York County, South Carolina, 1865-1877*, (Jefferson, N.C.: McFarland & Co, 2010), 27.

Perry got into a spot of trouble when he and others apparently intervened in a street fight. Mr. J. B. Johnson attempted “to cowhide” the Rev. E. G. Price, a Methodist minister, for slandering Johnson’s sister.³³⁸ The town fined Perry five dollars for his part in the disturbance.³³⁹

As a well-known member of the community, the local papers often mentioned Perry. In 1892, at a meeting on “the question of Prohibition,” Perry attended as one of the representatives from Rock Hill and his brother, Henderson Martin, attended from Blacksburg.³⁴⁰ Perry served as a juror on several occasions, also.³⁴¹ In 1879, the newspaper noted it when he bought land to move to Ebenezer from Tirzah.³⁴² A few years later “fearful storms” damaged his property.³⁴³ And again, as a “champion snake killer”, after he killed twenty-seven snakes under a pile of hay.³⁴⁴

Apart from his community activities and farm work, Perry and Sallie actively served their church. The Methodist Circuit Conference, 20 February 1886, recognized Perry’s work with Sunday Schools.³⁴⁵ The membership roll of Adnah Methodist Church for 1896 listed Perry and S. J. Martin along with their daughter, Lula Moore.³⁴⁶ Perry and Sallie kept a room in their home for circuit riders and visiting ministers.³⁴⁷ The *History of Adnah United Methodist Church* featured a photo of the Perry Martin family.³⁴⁸

His brother, Henderson, described Perry as a “jolly fellow” after a two week visit to his home in Ebenezer.³⁴⁹ In 1905, his cow gave Perry a serious injury when it threw him against a tree and dislocated his shoulder.³⁵⁰ That same year he and Sally celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary, on 6 December.³⁵¹

Perry’s wife, Sarah Jane “Sallie” Beattie, born 1830, died 16 April 1915.³⁵²

The children of Perry Martin and Sarah Jane Beatty were:

338. “Letter from Rock Hill,” *Yorkville Enquirer*, York, SC, 14 September 1887, page 2, col. 5; images, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/339398236>).

339. “Letter from Rock Hill,” *Yorkville Enquirer*, York, SC, 21 September 1887, page 2, col. 5; images, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/339398403>). Perry Martin fined \$5.

340. “Prohibition Executive Committee,” *Yorkville Enquirer*, York, SC, 3 August 1892, page 3, col. 1; images, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/339358532>).

341. “Circuit Court,” *Yorkville Enquirer*, York, SC, 20 October 1886, page 2, col. 3; images, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/339379299>).

342. “Transfers of Real Estate” *Yorkville Enquirer*, York, SC, 4 Sep 1879, Vol. 25, page 3, col. 4; images, *GenealogyBank* (<https://www.genealogybank.com/nbshare/AC01170319141044271711559403400>); also in Ebenezer, “Fearful Storm in York,” *The Abbeville Messenger*, Abbeville, SC, 24 November 1885, page 1, col. 5; images, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/174785646>).

343. “Fearful Storm in York,” *The Abbeville Messenger*, Abbeville, SC, 24 November 1885, page 1, col. 5.

344. “Letter from Rock Hill,” *Yorkville Enquirer*, York, SC, 11 September 1889, page 2, col. 7; images, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/339368108>).

345. Addie Howell, *History of Adnah United Methodist Church 1880-1894*, (Rock Hill), 19-20; Historical Center of York County, York, S.C.

346. *Ibid.*, 30.

347. *Ibid.*, 18; also Clipping from *The Evening Herald*, 3 September 1960, col. 3, “Homecoming Sunday at Adnah Church”; PDF document, *YCHistory.org* and *York County Library Digital Collections* (<http://hdl.handle.net/11030/69009>).

348. Howell, *History of Adnah United Methodist Church*, 20. The photo was not very clear, but noted.

349. “Blacksburg Budget,” *The Gaffney Ledger*, Gaffney, SC, 26 Aug 1897, page 6, col. 5; images, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/78043942>).

350. “The News In Brief,” *The Lancaster News*, 7 Oct 1905, page 8, col. 4; images, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/325602607>).

351. “Mr. and Mrs. Perry Martin” in “Rock Hill and Vicinity.[sic],” *Yorkville Enquirer*, York, SC, 12 December 1905, page 2, col. 3; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/339340545>).

352. “Mrs. Perry Martin,” *Southern Christian Advocate*, Anderson, SC, 17 June 1915, page 2, clipping provided by *Wofford College* (<http://www.wofford.edu/library/archives/archiveobituary.aspx>); also “Mrs. Perry Martin Dead,” *Yorkville Enquirer*, York, SC, 16 April 1915, page 3, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/339382618>).

- 20 i. MARGARET MARTIN born probably about 1855, died after 1870.³⁵³
- 31 ii. ALICE MARTIN born about 5 February 1860, died 26 February 1860.³⁵⁴
- 22 iii. LULA MARTIN born 1866, died 5 Dec 1941.³⁵⁵ She married Bishop Moore, 25 November 1891, at her father's home.³⁵⁶ Bishop Moore was born 25 Nov 1859, and died 21 July 1915.³⁵⁷
- 23 iv. ELIZABETH "LIZZIE" MARTIN born 1867, died after 1880.³⁵⁸
- + 24 v. MINNIE MARTIN born about 1871, died 21 February 1951.³⁵⁹ She married John S. Sadler, 21 February 1894.³⁶⁰

Generation Three

24. Minnie⁴ Martin (Perry³, Thomas², Thomas¹) was born about 29 August 1870 in York County, South Carolina.³⁶¹ She married John S. Sadler on 21 February 1894 at her father's home in Ebenezer township.³⁶² Her husband preceded her in death, 5 September 1941 at their home in Tirzah.³⁶³ Minnie died 21 February 1951, also at home in Tirzah.³⁶⁴

Minnie's date of birth is probably correct, although there are discrepancies in the records. The informant gave her age as seven in 1880.³⁶⁵ In 1870, she was not enumerated when the census taker visited on the 24th of June, so she was likely born after that, in August, as recorded on her death certificate.³⁶⁶

353. *Ibid.*, "three daughters died in childhood" in obituary, therefore since Lula and Minnie survived, Margaret died; see Margaret, age six in 1860 U.S. census, York Co., SC, pop. sch., page 226 (handwritten), Post Office: New House, dwell. 48, fam. 48, Elizabeth Martin household, line 37. image 205; see also age 14 in 1870 U.S. census, York County, South Carolina, Yorkville, population schedule, p. 59, dwelling 392, family 399, Perry Martin household.

354. "Obituary," *Yorkville Enquirer*, York, South Carolina, 8 Mar 1860, page 3, col. 2; images, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/339341763>); also Martin Burial Ground.

355. "Mrs. Lula Moore Called Beyond," *The Evening Herald*, Rock Hill, SC, 5 Dec 1940, page 1, col. 1; images, *GenealogyBank* (<https://www.genealogybank.com>).

356. *Ibid.*, and "Hymeneal," *Yorkville Enquirer*, York, South Carolina, 2 Dec 1891, page 3, col. 1; images, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/339371676>).

357. Death certificate, South Carolina, York County, cert. no.15088, Frank Bishop Moore (1915); images, "South Carolina, Death Records, 1821-1965," *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com>) > 1900-1924 > 1915 > York > image 419.

358. "Mrs. Perry Martin," *Southern Christian Advocate*; for Elizabeth's est. birth see 1870 U.S. census, York Co., SC, Yorkville, pop. sch., p. 59, dwell. 392, fam. 399, Perry Martin household; also Elizabeth, living in 1880 U.S. census, York County, South Carolina, Ebenezer, population schedule, Enumeration District (ED) 168, p. 513C, dwelling 15, family 15, Perry Martin household. Her death date is unknown, but after 1880, "three daughters died in childhood."

359. "Mrs. Minnie Martin Sadler," *The State*, Columbia, SC, 22 Feb 1951, p. 27, col. 4; images, *GenealogyBank* (<https://www.genealogybank.com>).

360. "Hymeneal.," *Yorkville Enquirer*, York, South Carolina, 28 Feb 1894, page 3, col 3, Minnie Martin and John Sadler, bride's father, Perry Martin; images, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/339398206>).

361. "South Carolina, Death Records, 1821-1965," *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com>) > 1950-1961 > 1951 > York > image 112, cert. no. 51-003875, Minnie Martin Sadler.

362. "Hymeneal.," *Yorkville Enquirer*, York, SC, 28 Feb 1894.

363. "John S. Sadler Dies at Tirzah," *The State*, Columbia, SC, 6 September 1941, page 13, col 2; images, *GenealogyBank* (<https://www.genealogybank.com>).

364. "Mrs. Minnie Martin Sadler," *The State*, Columbia, SC, 22 Feb 1951, p. 27, col. 4; images, *GenealogyBank* (<https://www.genealogybank.com>).

365. 1880 U.S. census, York Co., SC, Ebenezer, pop. sch., ED 168, p. 513C, dwell. 15, fam. 15, Perry Martin household.

366. 1870 U.S. census, York Co., SC, Yorkville, pop. sch., p. 59, dwell. 392, fam. 399, Perry Martin household, image 59.

John and Minnie Sadler worked as farmers,³⁶⁷ and John Sadler was described as “prominent” in their obituaries.³⁶⁸ John was a landlord and owned real estate for investment.³⁶⁹ When members organized a new Presbyterian church at Tirzah, they elected John as a deacon.³⁷⁰ On the political side, the town elected him Manager of Elections for Tirzah in 1918.³⁷¹ He was also well-known as a fisherman and the newspaper quoted his advice against eating carp.³⁷²

Minnie, a homemaker, “spent her entire life” in Tirzah.³⁷³ She and her family witnessed the devastation caused by the Great Flood of 1916.³⁷⁴ She was forty-five with children still at home when her community became isolated from the world.³⁷⁵ Communications and travel in and out of York County stopped when the Catawba River flooded, broke dams, destroyed railroad bridges, roads, and downed telegraph wires.³⁷⁶ Thousands in several states lost their homes.³⁷⁷

She and her family also witnessed both World Wars. Her sons, Roy and John, registered for the WWI draft in 1917.³⁷⁸ Her son, Ben, served during World War II and was stationed in the Panama Canal Zone.³⁷⁹

During Minnie’s life, her family participated in the shift away from farm life as more people went to work in factories, particularly the textile mills around York County.³⁸⁰ Two of her

367. 1930 U.S. census, York County, South Carolina, York, population schedule, Enumeration District (ED) 43, sheet 12-B, dwelling 207, family 207, John S Sadler household; and 1940 U.S. census, York County, South Carolina, York, population schedule, Enumeration District (ED) 46-58, sheet 12A, household 170, John S Sadler household.

368. “Mrs. Minnie Martin Sadler,” *The State*, Columbia, SC, 22 Feb 1951, p. 27, col. 4; images, *GenealogyBank* (<https://www.genealogybank.com>); also see “John S. Sadler Dies at Tirzah,” *The State*, Columbia, SC, 6 September 1941, page 13, col 2; images, *GenealogyBank* (<https://www.genealogybank.com>).

369. “For Rent,” *Yorkville Enquirer*, York, South Carolina, 11 Feb 1915, page 3, col 3, House and lot in Tirzah, J. S. Sadler; images, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/339383247>); also 1940 U.S. census, York County, South Carolina, York, pop. sch., ED 46-58, sheet 12A, house. 170, John S Sadler household, “other income” was checked.

370. “New Church at Tirzah,” *Yorkville Enquirer*, York, South Carolina, 6 July 1915, page 2, col 4; images, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/339384284>).

371. “Election Managers,” *Yorkville Enquirer*, York, South Carolina, 29 October 1918, page 4, col 8; images, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/339450161>).

372. “Won’t Eat Carp,” *Yorkville Enquirer*, York, South Carolina, 25 July 1922, page 1, col 4; images, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/339354878>).

373. 1930 U.S. census, York Co., SC, York, pop. sch., ED 43, sheet 12-B, dwell. 207, fam. 207, John S Sadler household, worked in the home; and 1940 U.S. census, York Co., SC, York, pop. sch., ED 46-58, sheet 12A, house. 170, John S Sadler household; also “Mrs. Minnie Martin Sadler,” *The State*, Columbia, SC, 22 Feb 1951, p. 27, col. 4.

374. “The Great Flood of 1916,” *Lake Wylie* (<https://www.lakewylie.com/history/great-flood-1916/>); and “Rock Hill Almost Completely Isolated From The Remainder Of Country Today As Result of High Water,” *The Herald*, 17 July 1916, p. 1, col. 1; *The Herald Archives* (<https://heraldonline.newsbank.com>).

375. *Ibid.*; also “Waters in Catawba Are Subsiding in York County...,” *The Evening Herald*, 18 July 1916, p. 1, all columns; *The Herald Archives* (<https://heraldonline.newsbank.com>); also, her three youngest under age 15, 1910 U.S. census, York County, South Carolina, York, population schedule, Enumeration District (ED) 113, p. X (stamped), sheet 5-B, dwelling 77, family 78, John S Sadler household.

376. “Rock Hill ... Isolated,” *The Herald*, 17 July 1916, p. 1, col. 1; *The Herald Archives* (<https://heraldonline.newsbank.com>).

377. “Hundreds Perish in West Va. Flood,” *The Herald*, 10 August 1916, p. 1, col. 5, fifteen thousand homeless; *The Herald Archives* (<https://heraldonline.newsbank.com>).

378. *Fold3* (<https://www.fold3.com>) > WWI Draft Registration Cards > South Carolina > S > Sa > Sad > Sadler, R, Draft registration card, Roy Martin Sadler, No. 60, Tirzah Precinct, York County; citing “World War I Selective Service System Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918,” NARA publication M1509, RG 163; and *Fold3* (<https://www.fold3.com>) > WWI Draft Registration Cards > South Carolina > S > Sa > Sad > Sadler, J., Draft registration card, John Lindsley Sadler, Serial no. 939, Division 2, York County.

379. “Cpl. Ben C. Sadler Visits Home At York,” *The Herald*, Rock Hill, SC, 6 December 1944, p. 8, col. 6; images, *The Herald Archives* (<https://heraldonline.newsbank.com>).

380. 1940 U.S. census, York Co., SC, York, pop. sch., ED 46-58, sheet 12A, household 170, John S Sadler household, sons working in cloth bleachery, textile mills.

sons worked in the Bleachery in the 1940s.³⁸¹ Her son, Robert Perry Sadler, retired from The Rock Hill Printing and Finishing Company, now part of history itself.³⁸²

The Sadler family enjoyed making music. Minnie played the organ at her seventy-sixth birthday party, and her nephew Perry played while the family sang songs after her birthday dinner.³⁸³ Six of her seven children attended the party, as well as grandchildren and nieces and nephews.³⁸⁴

The children of Minnie Martin and John Sadler were:

- 25 i. ROY MARTIN SADLER born 25 September 1895, died 13 May 1966 in Charlotte, North Carolina.³⁸⁵ He married Frances Rebecca Jackson, born 16 September 1899, died 6 October 1981.³⁸⁶ He last worked at Winthrop College in security.³⁸⁷ She worked as a seamstress.³⁸⁸
- 26 ii. ANNIE MAE SADLER born 13 September 1897, died 15 November 1939.³⁸⁹ She married Harry L. Dunlap.³⁹⁰ She taught school in York County, South Carolina.³⁹¹
- 27 iii. JOHN LINDSLEY SADLER born 22 September 1899, died 19 February 1961.³⁹² He married Emma Blanche Brown.³⁹³ John worked as a farmer in York County, South Carolina.³⁹⁴
- 28 iv. CLYDE MOORE SADLER born 7 October 1901 in York County, South Carolina, died 23 February 1952 in Alexandria, Virginia.³⁹⁵ He married first

381. *Ibid.*; also article (archived) about The Rock Hill Printing and Finishing Company in David Lawrence, "Knowledge Park Properties Added to National Register," *Knowledge Park Rock Hill, SC* (<https://web.archive.org/web/20140903111328/http://www.knowledgeparkrockhill.com/knowledge-park-properties-added-to-national-register/>)

382. "Robert Sadler," *Obituary Central* (<http://www.obitcentral.com/obitsearch/obits/sc/sc-york1.htm>).

383. "Mrs. Sadler Honored On Her 76th Birthday," *The Herald*, Rock Hill, South Carolina, 2 September 1946, p. 5, col. 7; images, *The Herald Archives* (<https://heraldonline.newsbank.com>).

384. *Ibid.*

385. "South Carolina, Delayed Birth Records, 1766-1900," *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com>) > Delayed Birth Records > BC_27 1895-1896 > image 1446, Roy Martin Sadler, 1895; and "North Carolina, Death Certificates, 1909-1976," *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com>) Mecklenburg > 1966 > May, image 85, no. 16685, Roy Martin Sadler (1966).

386. "Virginia, Death Records, 1912-2014" *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com>) > 1981 > 32000-32499 > image 151, no. 81-032150, Frances Jackson Sadler (1981); also, "Virginia, Marriage Records, 1936-2014," *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com>) > 1958 > 13837-14192 > image 46; Virginia Dept. of Health; Richmond.

387. "North Carolina, Death Certificates, 1909-1976," *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com>) > Mecklenburg > 1966 > May > image 85, Frances Rebecca Jackson, mother of John David Sadler, marriage 5 July 1958.

388. "Virginia, Death Records, 1912-2014" *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com>) > 1981 > 32000-32499 > image 151, no. 81-032150, Frances Jackson Sadler (1981).

389. "South Carolina, Death Records, 1821-1965," *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com>) > 1925-1049 > 1939 > York > image 502, no. 16651, Annie Dunlap, (1939).

390. *Ibid.* and "Mrs. Harry L. Dunlap," *The Greenville News*, Greenville, South Carolina, 16 Nov. 1939, p. 6, col. 5; images, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/187967932>).

391. "Mrs. Harry L. Dunlap," *The Greenville News*, Greenville, South Carolina, 16 Nov. 1939, p. 6, col. 5; images, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/187967932>).

392. "South Carolina, Death Records, 1821-1965," *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com>) > 1950-1961 > 1961 > York > image 81, no. 61-002913, John Lindsley Sadler (1961); also "John L. Sadler," *The State*, Columbia, SC, 20 Feb 1961, p. 16, col. 1; image, *GenealogyBank* (<https://www.genealogybank.com>).

393. "John L. Sadler," *The State*, Columbia, SC, 20 Feb 1961, p. 16, col. 1; image, *GenealogyBank* (<https://www.genealogybank.com>); for first name see Emma Sadler in "U.S., Social Security Death Index, 1935-2014," *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com>).

394. *Ibid.*; also "South Carolina, Death Records, 1821-1965," *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com>) > 1950-1961 > 1961 > York > image 81, no. 61-002913, John Lindsley Sadler (1961).

- Beulah Howell,³⁹⁶ second Edith Violet Walton.³⁹⁷ He worked as a painter for the United States government.³⁹⁸
- 29 v. BEN C SADLER born 5 July 1904, died 12 November 1965.³⁹⁹ He served in World War II and died at the Veterans Hospital in Columbia, South Carolina.⁴⁰⁰ He married Flois Burnette Broughton in 1960.⁴⁰¹ She was born 6 Aug 1936 and died 6 Nov 2004.⁴⁰²
- 30 vi. ROBERT PERRY SADLER born 1909 in York County, South Carolina, died 7 January 1998.⁴⁰³ He retired from Rock Hill Printing & Finishing Company and held a membership in Tirzah Presbyterian Church and was a deacon, elder and Sunday school teacher. He served in the Army during World War II.⁴⁰⁴
- 31 vii. MARY ELIZABETH SADLER born 11 February 1911, died 11 March 1999 in Monroe, Union County, North Carolina.⁴⁰⁵ She married Hugh Harper 5 October 1940 in Tirzah, South Carolina.⁴⁰⁶

395. "Virginia, Death Records, 1912-2014" *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com>) > 1952 > 02466-02822 > image 39, no. 2500, Clyde Moore Sadler (1952; also "Clyde M. Sadler," *Richmond Times Dispatch*, Richmond, VA, 27 Feb 1952, page 10, col. 1; images, *GenealogyBank* (<https://www.genealogybank.com>)).

396. "U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936-2007" *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com>), John William Sadler (b. 1929); also 1940 U.S. census, Alexandria County, Virginia, Alexandria, population schedule, Enumeration District (ED) 101-9, sheet 11B, household 119, Violet Hughes household, Clyde M Sadler, divorced.

397. "Virginia, Marriage Records, 1785-1940," *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com>) 1966 > 21000-21499, (database, no images), Edith Violet Walton, first marriage 12 May 1928; also "Virginia, Marriage Records, 1936-2014," *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com>) > 1966 > 21000-21499 > image 223, Violet Edith Walton, mother of Jesse Hughes, marriage 15 July 1966; also stepsons Hughes in "Clyde M. Sadler," *Richmond Times Dispatch*, Richmond, VA, 27 Feb 1952, page 10, col. 1; images, *GenealogyBank* (<https://www.genealogybank.com>)).

398. "Virginia, Death Records, 1912-2014" *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com>) > 1952 > 02466-02822 > image 39, no. 2500, Clyde Moore Sadler (1952).

399. "South Carolina, Death Records, 1821-1965," *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com>) > 1962-1965 > 1965 > 016618-018501 > image 1697, no. 65-018224, Ben C. Sadler (1965); also "Ben C. Sadler," *The Columbia Record*, Columbia, SC, 13 Nov. 1965, p. 2, col. 1; images, *GenealogyBank* (<https://www.genealogybank.com>)).

400. *Ibid.*

401. "South Carolina, County Marriage Records, 1907-2000," *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com>) > Chester > 1960 > Marriage License > image 3856, Ben Sadler and Flois Burnette Broughton marriage 26 Nov 1960.

402. Obituary, "Flois Burnette Jordan," *The Charlotte Observer*, Charlotte, NC, 9 Nov 2004; images, *GenealogyBank* (<https://www.genealogybank.com>); also name changes (Meranian, Sadler, Bryan, Jordan) listed in "U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936-2007," *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com>), entry for Flois Atlas Broughton, (1936-2004), Lancaster, South Carolina.

403. "Robert Sadler," *Obituary Central* (<http://www.obitcentral.com/obitsearch/obits/sc/sc-york1.htm>), Robert Perry Sadler survived by sister Mary Elizabeth Harper.

404. *Ibid.*

405. "North Carolina, Death Indexes, 1908-2004," *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com>), Mary Elizabeth Harper.

406. "Miss Mary Elizabeth Sadler Weds Hugh Milton Harper," *The Evening Herald*, Rock Hill, SC, 7 Oct 1940, p. 4, col. 1; image, *GenealogyBank* (<https://www.genealogybank.com>)).

APPENDIX A

The Martin Family Burial Ground Also Called Little Bethel Methodist Cemetery

In 1980, members of the Piedmont Historical Society transcribed the inscriptions of gravestones in the Martin Family Burial Ground.⁴⁰⁷ This derivative record is the best source available for burial records for some children of Thomas Martin Jr., as explained below.

The transcribers described the burial ground as being “off State Road 11-65, near the SC-NC state line.”⁴⁰⁸ Many of the individuals listed are connected to Thomas Martin Jr. (1778-1855).⁴⁰⁹ The individuals and cemetery described do not appear in the cemetery survey created by the WPA in 1937.⁴¹⁰

Information for The Wrong Cemetery

In the *Find A Grave* memorial for Thomas Martin, (1778-1855),⁴¹¹ the entry is incorrectly associated with a cemetery labeled “Martin Cemetery” with GPS coordinates that identify a location near Web Blanton Court in Cherokee County, South Carolina.⁴¹² A small half-acre parcel near this location holds a Martin grave yard, handed down through the family of Revolutionary War patriot, Martin Martin, as follows:

- Ernest Gerald Martin owned the parcel and the deed referenced an earlier deed of “Misnair and Drusilla Martin” from O. Martin.⁴¹³
- “Misnair” and Drusilla were sisters.⁴¹⁴
- Drusilla was a daughter of Robert Martin.⁴¹⁵
- Robert Martin was a son of Martin Martin.⁴¹⁶

407. Gettys, Caldwell, Hart, “Martin Family Burial Ground.”

408. Ibid.

409. York Co., SC, Will Book 3:341-342, Children named in will of Thomas Martin [Jr].

410. U.S. Works Projects Administration, Historical Records Survey, Tombstone Transcription Project, *Cleveland County Cemetery Survey Records, 1937*; pdf, “Cleveland_WPA_cemetery.pdf,” *North Carolina Digital Collections* (<http://digital.ncdcr.gov/cdm/ref/collection/p15012coll1/id/36296>); also see *The Columbia Encyclopedia, 6th ed.*, “Work Projects Administration,” *Encyclopedia.com* (<https://www.encyclopedia.com/reference/encyclopedias-almanacs-transcripts-and-maps/work-projects-administration>).

411. *Find A Grave*, database and images (<https://www.findagrave.com>), memorial page for Thomas Martin (12 Dec 1778–28 Mar 1855), memorial no. 32187685, citing Martin Cemetery, Cherokee County, South Carolina, USA; photo by Jerry Scott (contributor 46927461).

412. Martin Cemetery, Cherokee County, South Carolina, (GPS 35.1264000, -81.7908020); database and images, *Find A Grave* (<https://www.findagrave.com/cemetery/70603/martin-cemetery/map>), cemetery no. 70603.

413. Cherokee County, South Carolina, Deed Book 25:965-967, Ernest Gerald Martin Est to Betty Helton Martin, 2009. See Exhibit A of the deed in book 25:967 containing a description of Martin Grave Yard; this page mentions a deed from O. Martin to Misnair and Drusilla Martin, 1889, L:294.

414. 1880 U.S. census, Spartanburg County, South Carolina, population schedule, Limestone Springs, sheet 26B, ED 144, dwelling 253, family 254, William Johnson household, “Misnair” and Drusilla.

415. “South Carolina, Death Records, 1821-1965,” *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com>) > 1900-1924 > 1916 > Cherokee > image 57, no. 26834 (1916), Drewsillar Johnson.

416. National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, “Ancestor Database,” *DAR Library* (http://services.dar.org/public/dar_research/search_adb/?action=full&p_id=A074413), Martin Martin entry, ancestor no. A074413, children.

The author visited the cemetery nearest the GPS coordinates (35.1264000, -81.7908020) and photographed gravestones there on 26 May 2019. None of the inscribed names appear on the 1980 survey by the Piedmont Historical Society. The names are connected to the records for relatives of patriot Martin Martin: R. W. Martin (Robert Martin),⁴¹⁷ O. Martin (deed: O. Martin),⁴¹⁸ Othello Martin (O. Martin).⁴¹⁹

Directions to the Correct Cemetery – Little Bethel Methodist Cemetery

In the text description of a Thomas Martin memorial,⁴²⁰ driving directions to a different location reference a cemetery on private property in Cleveland County, North Carolina, on the state line near Blacksburg, Cherokee County, South Carolina. The author followed the directions given, but no cemetery was visible from the road. The author sent a written query for permission to visit the cemetery with no reply, to date.⁴²¹ In a telephone conversation with the photo contributor, he referred to the text description as being the correct location.⁴²²

The Cleveland County GIS map shows the cemetery on a property that is consistent with the text description. In this record, the cemetery is called Little Bethel Methodist cemetery.⁴²³

417. 1860 U.S. census, Spartanburg County, South Carolina, population schedule, Cowpens, page 194 (handwritten), dwelling 1347, family 1347, Robt Martin household, and surrounding households.

418. Ibid.; also description of Martin Grave Yard, *South Carolina Land Records* (<https://www.sclandrecords.com/sclr/>), Cherokee County, South Carolina, Register of Deeds, deed book 25:965-967, specifically page 967 of a deed from Ernest Gerald Martin to Betty H Martin. This page mentions a deed from O. Martin to Misnair and Drusilla Martin, 1889, L:294.

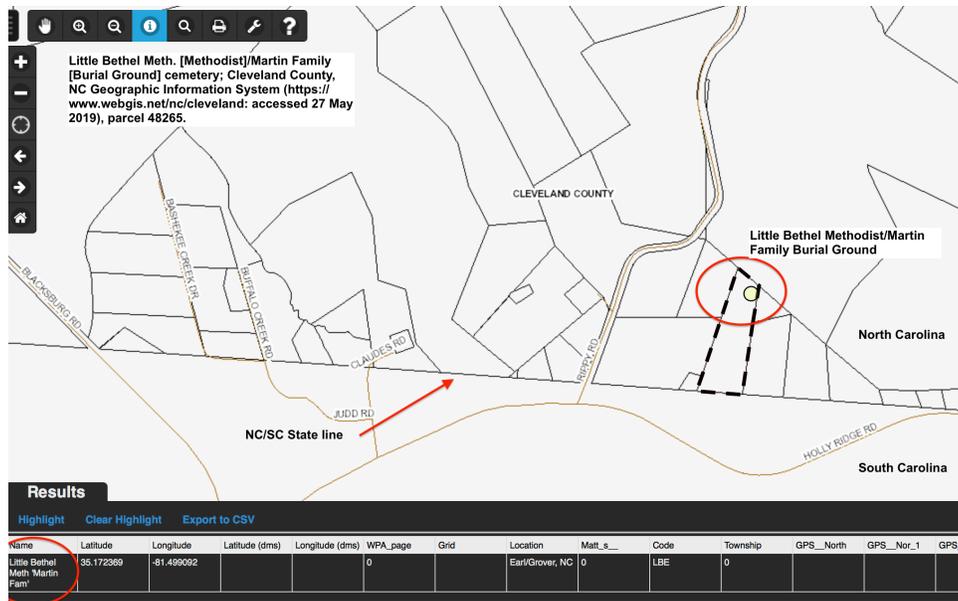
419. 1860 U.S. census, Spartanburg County, South Carolina, population schedule, Cowpens, page 194 (handwritten), dwelling 1348, family 1348, Othello Martin household; image, *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com>) > South Carolina > Spartanburg > Northern Division > image 197; NARA microfilm publication.

420. *Find A Grave*, database and images (<https://www.findagrave.com>), memorial page for Thomas Martin (12 Dec 1778–28 Mar 1855), memorial no. 32187685, text portion, “To find Little Bethel (Martin) Cemetery”; citing Martin Cemetery, Cherokee County, South Carolina, photo by Jerry Scott (contributor 46927461).

421. Letter to [property owner] from Cathy Finnie, requesting permission to visit Little Bethel/Martin cemetery, 28 May 2019; copy in author’s files. No reply as of 24 August 2019.

422. The author contacted contributor on 26 May 2019, in: *Find A Grave*, database and images (<https://www.findagrave.com>), memorial page for Thomas Martin (12 Dec 1778–28 Mar 1855), memorial no. 32187685; citing Martin Cemetery, Cherokee County, South Carolina, photo by Jerry Scott (contributor 46927461).

423. Cleveland County, *NC Geographic Information System* (<https://www.webgis.net/nc/cleveland>), parcel 48265. The cemetery layer of the GIS mapping tool for Cleveland County, North Carolina, near the state line shows the location of the Little Bethel Meth. [Methodist]/Martin Family [Burial Ground] cemetery.



The parcel containing the Martin Burial Ground is connected to a Cleveland County, North Carolina, deed in book 1157:2187.⁴²⁴ That deed describes the land as part of a larger parcel described in book 1109:1404, which is a Deed of Distribution from the estate of Sudie Foster Putnam.⁴²⁵ People mentioned in that deed are connected to James Woodrow Martin,⁴²⁶ a great grandson of Bird Martin who bought land from Thomas Martin's estate.⁴²⁷ From his obituary, James Woodrow Martin also lived on Holly Ridge Rd. in Blacksburg, S. C.⁴²⁸

Better proof could be made with a study of the chain of deeds from Thomas Martin's land. At his death his land was divided into five lots, four to sell and one for the widow. Those and the later deeds will probably be in four counties: York and Cherokee in South Carolina and Lincoln and Cleveland in North Carolina.

424. Cleveland County, North Carolina, Register of Deeds, Book 1157:2187, Greene to Greene, 1995; images, Cleveland County, North Carolina, "Online Public Records," *Land Records, Betsy S. Harnage Register of Deeds, Cleveland County, NC* (https://www.clevelandcounty.com/main/government/online_public_records/index.php).

425. Cleveland County, North Carolina, Register of Deeds, Book 1109:1404, Deed of Distribution Sudie Foster Putnam; images, Cleveland County, North Carolina, "Online Public Records," *Land Records, Betsy S. Harnage Register of Deeds, Cleveland County, NC* (https://www.clevelandcounty.com/main/government/online_public_records/index.php);

426. "James Woodrow Martin," *The Charlotte Observer*, 23 September 2004; images, *GenealogyBank* (https://www.genealogybank.com/doc/obituaries/obit/1055BF42B36E6424-1055BF42B36E6424). In obituary, his father was Greely Martin.

427. 1880 U.S. census, York County, South Carolina, Cherokee, population schedule, Enumeration District (ED) 167, p. 513C, dwelling 311, family 311, Thomas Martin household, David G. Martin; also 1860 U.S. census, York County, South Carolina, population schedule, New House, p. 476 (stamped), dwelling 16, family 16, Bird Martin household, Thomas Martin.

428. "James Woodrow Martin," *The Charlotte Observer*, 23 September 2004.

APPENDIX B

Clues to Finding the Birth Family of Elizabeth Martin

The maiden name of Elizabeth Martin, Thomas Martin Jr.'s second wife, has not been proven. She has been attributed with various surnames in descendant family trees.⁴²⁹ The solution needs to be developed and proven in a separate research project and case study. This appendix might serve as a starting point for future research by the author, or another researcher.

Two surnames appear frequently in family trees on Ancestry and FamilySearch, with one easily disproved and the other not supported with sufficient evidence. Naming patterns may be relevant to the problem and should be considered in future research.

1. Many researchers say Elizabeth was the daughter of Gabriel and Priscilla Jones Washburn, but Gabriel's 1826 will and a court case don't support that theory.⁴³⁰
 - a. Only Thomas Martin's four children by Rhoda were involved in the will and court depositions as heirs of Gabriel.⁴³¹
 - b. Gabriel referred to his daughter Elizabeth as Elizabeth Morris in 1822/1823 when Thomas Martin and second wife Elizabeth already had several children together after Rhoda's death.⁴³²
 - c. Elizabeth Washburn Morris died in Georgia before 1850.⁴³³ Elizabeth Martin lived until about 1868 in York County, South Carolina.⁴³⁴
 - d. It is possible she was a Washburn, but not Gabriel Washburn's daughter.
2. Some give her surname as Morris.⁴³⁵
 - a. This theory is possibly based on Nancy Morris being in Thomas Martin's household on the 1850 census when Elizabeth was 63 and Nancy was 83.⁴³⁶

429. "Malcomson-Martin, (notebook 28)," undated; genealogies, Thomas Martin Jr.; RG-6 Hart Family Papers, ca. 1770-1990 (notebooks of Joe E. Hart Jr.); Historical Center of York County, York, South Carolina; also Hart was unable to prove Elizabeth Martin's maiden name was Morris, Joseph E. Hart Jr., letter dated 5 May 1980, Martin, vertical files; Historical Center of York County, York, South Carolina.

430. "North Carolina Probate Records, 1735-1970," images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org>) > Rutherford > Wills, 1823-1833 > image 26, Gabriel Washburn will; also "Family Feud: The Washburn Family," *Bulletin of The Genealogical Society of Old Tryon County – November 2008*, (Forest City, North Carolina), 152-153.

431. *Ibid.*

432. Will, York Co., SC, Will Book 3:341-342; also 1850 U.S. census, York Co., SC, pop. sch., York, p. 280, dwell. 91, fam. 91, Bird Martin age 40, Elizabeth's first child born about 1810.

433. Philbeck, "Family Feud," *Genealogical Society of Old Tryon County – November 2008*, 176, entry dated 7 March 1850, "Elizabeth Morris formerly Eliz. Washburn dec'd of Georgia."

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- b. Just before November 1848, the poor records of Cleveland County showed expenses for Nancy and Haton Morris, and the wardens of the poor paid for Haton’s burial expenses. The wardens reimbursed John McSwain.⁴³⁷
- c. It is possible Nancy was a sister or other relative and/or the Martin family were housing her as a charitable act. More evidence is needed to determine the relationship.

Applying Traditional Naming Patterns (English) to Thomas Martin’s Family

The chart below shows how Thomas Martin’s family fits an English traditional naming pattern.⁴³⁸ Considering the following:

- Family tradition that Thomas fathered twenty children, and two did not survive to adulthood.⁴³⁹
- Rhoda’s children fit the naming pattern well.
- It was common practice to name the first daughter of a second marriage after the first wife. Elizabeth’s first daughter was Rhoda.
- Paternal uncles: **William**, John, Valentine, Josiah, **Absalom**, Joab, Josiah⁴⁴⁰

Scenario 1 – Morris

- The first daughter born after Rhoda was Nancy. She could have been named after Nancy Morris, who was in the household in 1850.⁴⁴¹

Scenario 1- Bird/Byrd

- Elizabeth may have used her birth surname for her first son’s name.
- Marcus and Washington Bird lived near the Martin family in York County.⁴⁴²
- Bird Martin named one of his sons Washington.⁴⁴³
- Marcus Bird of Rutherford County had connections to Grover, North Carolina, and York County, South Carolina. He worked in the Iron industry.⁴⁴⁴
- Absalom Martin may have worked as a puddler (metal/iron worker) during the Civil War.⁴⁴⁵

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Birth order and traditional name source	Rhoda's children	Elizabeth's children
Sons		
first son: paternal grandfather	Thomas Sr. (possibly died)	Bird
second son: maternal grandfather	Gabriel	Berryman
third son: the father	Thomas (M.)	Skip (already used)
	Rhoda died	
fourth son: oldest paternal uncle		Posey
fifth son: second oldest paternal or maternal uncle		William
Sixth son: paternal or maternal uncle, and so on.		Anderson, Henderson, Hicks, Absalom (paternal), Perry
Daughters		
Deceased wife		Rhoda (first daughter)
first daughter: maternal grandmother	Priscilla	Nancy (order resumes)
second daughter: paternal grandmother	Sabra	Skip, (already used)
third daughter: the mother		Elizabeth
fourth daughter: oldest maternal aunt		Mary
fifth daughter: second oldest maternal or paternal aunt		Laquey

A case study to explore Morris, Bird, Wood, and other families is needed for identifying Elizabeth Martin's birth family. Elizabeth's strong Methodist influence on her children should be considered as well.

A Note to Researchers and Relatives

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All my best,
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