Williams, Gamble Brown and Mitchell



INTRODUCTION

The maternal line of the client was researched, and records not already provided were gathered, verified and used to create the historical account of her mother's family.

Details were discovered and documents analyzed to establish and write the story of the family.

GEORGE WILLIAMS SAVANNAH AVELINE GAMBLE

FAMILY GROUP

George W Williams was born on 14 Mar 1874 in Atlanta, Fulton, Georgia. He died on 7 Aug 1952 in Waco, McLennan, Texas. He was buried in Rocky Branch Cemetery, Kirvin, Freestone, Texas. George married Savanah Aveline Gamble.

Savanah Aveline Gamble was born on 21 Aug 1876 in Freestone, Texas. She died on 24 May 1940 in Teague, Freestone, Texas. She was buried on 27 May in Rocky Branch Cemetery, Kirvin, Freestone, Texas.

They had the following children.

- i. **Abraham Williams** was born on 19 Aug 1896 in Cotton Gin, Freestone, Texas. He died on 11 Jan 1945 in Worthham, Freestone, Texas. He was buried in Kirvin, Freestone, Texas.¹
- ii. **Malissia Williams** was born on 22 Jan 1897 in Texas. She died on 21 Mar 1973 in Ennis, Ellis, Texas.²
- iii. **Oma W Williams** was born in Jan 1900 in Texas.
- iv. **Rosetta Williams** was born on 7 Jul 1904 in Texas. She died on 11 Jul 1972 in Waco, McLennan, Texas.³
- v. **Lucille Williams** was born about 1905 in Texas. She died 12 Feb 1982 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois.⁴
- vi. Myrtle Williams was born about 1910 in Texas.
- vii. Roberta Williams was born about 1913 in Texas.
- viii. George W Williams was born on 14 Feb 1914. He died on 19 Aug 1996.
- ix. Artesia Williams was born in 1917 in Texas.

On 9 November 1892⁵ George Williams and Savanah (Gamble) Williams were married in Fulton County, Georgia. This is an interesting fact, because Savanah was born in Texas and it brings up a question of how the couple met when he lived in Georgia and she lived in Texas.

¹ Williams, A.B., 1945 (11 Jan) Death Certificate #1862, Wortham, Freestone, Texas, *familysearch.org*. Document 29.

² Washington, Malissia, 1973 (21 Mar) Death Certificate #27920, Ennis, Ellis, Texas, familysearch.org. Document 30.

³ Rosetta (Williams) Reid, 1972 Death Certificate #53538, Waco, McLennan, Texas, ancestry.com. Document 27.

⁴ Lucille A Elliott, 1982 Death, Chicago, Cook, Illinois, familysearch.org. Document 31.

⁵ Williams, George & Savannah Williams, 1892 (9 Nov) Marriage, Fulton, Georgia, *ancestry.com*. Document 12.

Eight years later the couple was enumerated in the 1900⁶ Freestone County, Texas census in a division identified as Cotton Gin of precinct six. The record shows the couple had been married for four years, so it is possible the previous marriage record may not belong to them, or else the census record is incorrect. George was 27 and supported his family by working on a farm he owned. Savanah was 24 and took care of her three children: Abraham, age 3; Malicie (Malissa), age 2; and Oma W. a son who was four months old. One more person lived with them, Louie Jackson, age 10. His relationship to George was "B daughter" which possibly means his brother's daughter.

In 1910⁷ the family was still living in Freestone on Teague Road, part of precinct six. George was 38, farming his own place, and Savanah was 34. She was the mother of seven children, six of whom were living: Abraham, age 13 and employed on the home farm; Malissa, age 12, and Felix age 9 who both attended school; Etta (Rosetta), age 7; Lucy age 5; Murphy, a daughter, age seven months old. Savanah's father also lived with them, and so did James Williams, a nephew age 18. Missing is Oma W., the son born in 1900. It is likely he was the one of the seven children who had died.

The census for 1920⁸ in Freestone, Texas showed the family lived on Mexia and Kirvin Road in precinct six. George was 46 and Savanah was 44. Their children were Rosetta, age 16; Lucy, age 12; Myrtle, age 10 and Roberta, age 7, who all attended school. George was three and Artesia was not quite 2 ½. Savanah's father Henderson Gamble lived in the household and was employed on a home farm, likely the same one as George, who had the same employment. George's mother Rosetta and her husband, George's stepfather Tusky Young lived next door.

George and Savanah Williams lived on Williams and Teague Road in Freestone according to the 1930⁹ census. He was reported to be 55 years old and she was 52. The record showed he was married at age 21 and she at 19, which calculates to a marriage in 1896 or 1897. The children living there were Roberta, age 18; George, age 15; Silvie, age 13 and a granddaughter, Hellen, age 7 who all were attending school except for Roberta. One more grandchild was in the household, Curtis, age one.

⁶ Williams, George (Savan), 1900 U.S. Census, Freestone, Texas, ED 39 Page 12 Lines 81-86 image 24, *ancestry.com*. Document 13

⁷ Williams, Geo W (Savan), 1910 U.S. Census Freestone, Texas, ED 25 Sheet 12B Lines 82-91 image 24, *ancestry.com*. Document 14.

⁸ Williams, George (Savan), 1920 U.S. Census Freestone, Texas, ED 26 Sheet 21B Lines 54-62 image 42, *ancestry.com*. Document 15.

⁹ Williams, George (Savan), 1930 U.S. Census, Freestone, Texas, ED 16 Page 3B Lines 71-77 image 6, *ancestry.com*. Document 16.

The 1940¹⁰ census for Freestone, precinct six, reveals George and Savanah's children had all left home, but one grandson, Curtis Parnell, age 10, still lived with them. George was 65 and still farming; Savanah was 62.

The 1940 census was recorded on April 7th and 8th, and a month later that same year¹¹ Savanah Williams died, on May 24. The death was recorded in precinct number 6, Teague in Freestone, Texas, where she had lived for 47 years. She died from angina pectoris¹², from which she had suffered four days previous. Her son, A.B. (Abraham) Williams provided the information on the death certificate, and he indicated her parents were Henderson Gamble and Lucy Livingston. She was laid to rest at Rocky Branch Cemetery in Freestone, Texas.

In 1952¹³ George Williams died in Waco, Texas at age 78. He died of a stroke. His daughter Lucille A. Edwards was the informant, and she supplied the names of his parents: Wiley Williams and Rosetta Young, both born in Georgia. He was laid to rest in the same cemetery as his wife, Rocky Branch. The *Findagrave* memorial pages¹⁴ for the couple named the cemetery place as Kirvin, Freestone, Texas.

¹⁰ Williams, George (Savan), 1940 U.S. Census, Freestone, Texas, ED 81-17 Page 3a Lines 15-17 image 5, *ancestry.com*. Document 17.

¹¹ Williams, Savanah, 1940 (24 May) Death certificate #23318, Freestone, Texas, ancestry.com. Document 18.

¹² Angina pectoris is the medical term for chest pain or discomfort due to coronary heart disease. It occurs when the heart muscle does not get as much blood as it needs. This usually happens because one or more of the heart's arteries is narrowed or blocked, also called ischemia. From www.heart.org/en/health-topics/heart-attack/angina-chest-pain/angina-pectoris-stable-angina ¹³ Williams, George W. (Sr) 1952 (7 Aug) Death certificate #40336, Waco, McLennan, Texas, ancestry.com. Document 28.

¹⁴ Williams, George W, 1952, Williams & Sayannah Gamble 1940 Findagrave memorial, findagrave.com. Document 20.

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WILEY WILLIAMS ROSETTA YOUNG

FAMILY GROUP

Wiley Williams was born 1845 in Georgia. He died before 1875. Wiley married Rosetta Young.

Rosetta Young was born about 1850 in Georgia. She died 12 Nov 1930 in Freestone County, Texas.

They had the following children.

- i. **Anna Williams (Jackson)** was born 15 Jul 1870 in Georgia. She died 29 Apr 1959 in Mexia, Limestone, Texas.
- ii. **George W Williams** was born on 14 Mar 1874 in Atlanta, Fulton, Georgia. He died on 7 Aug 1952.

Rosetta Young married Tuskin Young in 1875.

The initial search for Wiley Williams was difficult, with few records turning up, and no way to link them to the family. A closer look at his son George on the 1940¹⁵ census revealed some unexpected information. The census taker indicated the family (George and his wife Savanah) had lived in the same house in 1935, which is not surprising, but he listed a place, Stewart, Georgia, in a column reserved for the information of where the family lived in 1935 *if not in the same place*. We believe that is the county in which George was born. As we studied other individuals on the same page, we noticed the identical phenomenon: when an individual's birth was in a state other than Texas, the enumerator wrote a county and state in that column which lined up with the birth state. This was a helpful error.

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A search in Stewart County, Georgia turned up some documents for Wiley Williams. In 1867 Wiley's name was found in a Reconstruction Oath book index. Reconstruction Registration oath books are voter registration oath books of eligible voters created by U.S. military officials stationed in Georgia after the Civil War. Registers typically contain each voters' name, county of

¹⁵ Williams, George (Savan), 1940 U.S. Census, Freestone, Texas, ED 81-17 Page 3a Lines 15-17 image 5, *ancestry.com*. Document 17.

¹⁶ William, Wiley, 1867 Stewart, Georgia Return of Qualified voters ED 12 Index, ancestry.com. Document 38.

residence, date of registration, race, and an oath of allegiance to the United States. The oath of allegiance was required in order to register. Those who registered voted for delegates to the state constitutional convention. ¹⁷

The actual index directs one to a volume and page for the actual oath, plus it gives the date of registry, the race of the individual, and how long they have lived in the state, county and precinct. Wiley registered on July 8th, 1867, was "Col'd", and had lived in the state for 22 years, six of those years in Stewart County, precinct five. From this information it can be assumed Wiley was born in Georgia in 1845, but not in Butler County.

The document found in the Reconstruction Oath book ¹⁸ gave no new information about Wiley Williams, but he did make his mark on the line for his signature. One more interesting document was found in Stewart County with Wiley's name on it, the property tax digest. ¹⁹ There was no personal or real estate owned by Wiley that was listed at that time, according to the digest, but it confirmed he was in Stewart County, and possibly until 1874 when his son George was born. Searches for Wiley in that county in 1860 and 1870 are inconclusive, if his wife was Rosetta or Etta, as she was sometimes known according to the records.

Rosetta Young married Tuskin Young in 1875. This date was determined by the answer to a question on the 1900^{20} census, where it was reported they had been married for 25 years. Another question on the census was how many children were born to Rosetta and how many were still living. The record states she had seven children but only three were living. Records have only been found for two children at this writing.

In 1910²¹ and 1920²² Rosetta lived in Freestone County with her husband Tusky or Tuskin who farmed to support the family. Her daughter Anna lived with her during that time, too, and there is a question whether she was the child of Wiley or Tuskin. Every year in the records Anna's age is recorded a little differently, ranging from 1876 to 1885. Anna's death certificate has 15 July 1870²³ as her birth date, but it is difficult to know which is correct. That date on her certificate was written in the year 1959, much further away timewise from the actual event. Her parents listed on the certificate are Tuskin Young and Rosetta Davis. A woman named Annie B. Smith was the informant, possibly a daughter. If Anna was born before 1875, she was probably Wiley's

 $^{^{17}\} www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Georgia, \underline{Reconstruction_Registration_Oath_Books_-\underline{FamilySearch_Historical_Records}$

¹⁸ Williams, Wiley, 1867 Reconstruction Oath book, Stewart, Georgia ED 12 page142, ancestry.com. Document 36.

¹⁹ Williams, Wiley, 1868 Georgia U.S. Property Tax Digests MDN 25, Stewart, Georgia, ancestry.com. Document 37.

²⁰ Young, Rosetta, 1900 U.S. Census, Freestone, Texas ED 39 Page 12 Lines 70-73 image 24, *ancestry.com*. Document 42.

²¹ Young, Rosetta, 1910 U.S. Census, Freestone, Texas, ED 25 Page 9B Lines 78-85 image 18, ancestry.com. Document 43.

²² Young, Rosetta, 1920 U.S. Census, Freestone, Texas, ED 26 Page 21B Lines 63-67 image 42, *ancestry.com*. Document 44.

²³ Jackson, Anna (Young-Williams), 1959 (29 Apr) Death Cert #28053, Mexia, Limestone, Texas, ancestry.com. Document 46.

daughter; if she was born after that date, she was Tuskin's child. Regardless of who her biological father was, it is certain Anna never knew Wiley and was raised by Tuskin Young. It is also likely George Williams looked up to Tuskin as well.

By 1930²⁴ Rosetta was a widow. Her husband Tuskin died in 1928,²⁵ and Rosetta still lived in Freestone but with her granddaughter Etta Reid and family. George and Savanah Williams lived just a few houses away on Williams and Teague Road.

Rosetta Young died that same year at age 80 on 12 November 1930²⁶ of a disease known today as congestive heart failure. She was laid to rest in the Rocky Branch Cemetery.

²⁴ Young, Rose Etta, 1930 U.S. Census, Freestone, Texas, Ron Reid household, ED 16 page 3B 4A Lines 49-53 p.1 image 6-7, *ancestry.com*. Document 45.

²⁵ Young, T Y, 1928 Death Cert #6603, Freestone, Texas, ancestry.com. Document 47.

²⁶ Young, Rosetta, 1930 (12 Nov) Death certificate #52946 Freestone, Texas, FHL #5145143 image 458, familysearch.org. Document 41.

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HENDERSON GAMBLE **LUCY LIVINGSTONE**

FAMILY GROUP

Henderson Gamble was born in Jul 1843. He died on 4 Jun 1925 in Freestone, Texas. He was buried in Cotton Gin Cemetery, Freestone, Texas. Henderson married Lucy Livingston.

Lucy Livingstone was born about 1850 in Alabama. She died before 1900 in Freestone, Texas.

They had the following children.

- i. Wesley Gamble was born in 1870 in Texas.
- ii. **Aron Gamble** was born in 1871 in Texas.
- iii. Lunsey Gamble was born in 1872 in Texas.
- iv. Malissa Gamble was born in 1873 in Texas.
- v. Savanah Aveline Gamble was born on 21 Aug 1876 in Freestone, Texas. She died on 24 May 1940²⁷ in Teague, Freestone, Texas. She was buried on 27 May in Rocky Branch Cemetery, Kirvin, Freestone, Texas.
- vi. **James Gamble** was born on 4 Mar 1878 in Texas. He died on 26 Jan 1963²⁸ in Worthham, Freestone, Texas.

When Henderson Gamble moved to Freestone County, Texas, it was about 1859. We know this because he was listed on a voter's registration in 1867²⁹ for that county. The information on that document indicated he had lived in that precinct, county and state for eight years. He was about 24 years old at the time.

The next document where his name was found was the 1880³⁰ Freestone, Texas U.S. Census. The name written was "H. S. Gammel" but he is certainly this Henderson and his wife Lucy. She is named along with six of their children: Wesley, 10; Aron, 9; Lunsey (male), 8; Lissey (Malissa), 7; Savanah, 6; and James, age 1. Another child is listed in the household, George Horben or Thorben, who was 18. The enumerator wrote his relationship to the head of the house as a stepson, but it was unlikely he was Lucy's son. It could be he was Henderson's son, which he fathered at age 16, but George's last name would have been Gammel. His blood relationship to the family is unclear.

Another issue with this census was the mention of a Sampson Gammel and his wife Abby, ages

²⁷ Williams, Savanah, 1940 (24 May) Death certificate #23318, Freestone, Texas, ancestry.com. Document 18.

²⁸ Gamble, James, 1963 (26 Jan) Death Record #2326, Worthen, Freestone, Texas, *ancestry.com*. Document 25.

²⁹ Gamble, Henderson, 1867 Voting Registration list, Freestone, Texas, *ancestry.com*. Document 23.

³⁰ Gamble, Henderson, 1880 U.S. Census, Freestone, Texas ED 56 Lines 21-29 image 26, ancestry.com. Document 21.

83 and 73. They lived one dwelling away from Henderson. It was possible these individuals were his parents, but their birth state was reported as South Carolina. Henderson's record said his parents were born in Virginia. Sampson and Abby had a mulatto "son" John who was 19, which was possibly a grandson. It is clear that the census record was riddled with errors, opening the prospect that Sampson and Abby were related to Henderson.

In the 1900³¹ census record for Freestone the name Gamble is clearly written, and Henderson was identified as a 56-year-old widower. Sometime between the years 1880-1900 his wife Lucy died. An exhaustive search was made for a record of her death, but nothing was discovered. In the household, two of his children lived with him, Malissa and James. Malissa's age was given as 23 years and she reported she was the mother of three, all living. There are three grandchildren in the home, Henderson Williams, age 8, Savana Williams, age 6 and Israel Williams, five months old. It is likely these children belonged to Malissa. Both James (21) and his father were employed as farmers, who rented the farms where they lived and worked.

By 1910,³² at age 64, Henderson had moved in with his daughter Savanah and her husband, staying in Freestone County, Texas. George Williams was in the same place in 1920, 33 living with family and still working as a farmer. On this census record his place of birth is recorded as South Carolina.

On Henderson Gamble's 1925³⁴ death certificate, it shows his place of death as Cotton Gin, Freestone, Texas. His son-in-law George Williams was the informant, and he claimed his fatherin-law was 104 years old. With all the varying years of birth on the records and the several different (but not corresponding) ages on the records, we can only speculate his approximate year of birth based on the ages of his children. It is possible he never knew what year he was born, and so the information recorded was his best guess. Henderson was laid to rest in Cotton Gin Cemetery, according to the death record and a *Findagrave* memorial. ³⁵

³¹ Gamble, Henderson, 1900 U.S. Census, Freestone, Texas, ED 38 Sheet 15 Lines 77-82 image 30, ancestry.com. Document 22.

³² Williams, Geo W (Savan), 1910 U.S. Census, Freestone, Texas, ED 25 Sheet 12B Lines 82-91 (father-in-law Henderson Gamble) image 24, ancestry.com. Document 14.

³³ Williams, George (Savan), 1920 U.S. Census, Freestone, Texas, ED 26 Sheet 21B Lines 54-62 (father-in-law Henderson Gamble) image 42, ancestry.com. Document 15.

³⁴ Gamble, Henderson, 1925 (4 Jun) Death Cert. #21814 Cotton Gin, Freestone, Texas, ancestry.com. Document 50.

³⁵ Gamble, Henderson, 1925 Findagrave memorial, findagrave.com. Document 24.

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Henderson & Lucy Gammel (Gamble) 1880 U.S. Census, Freestone, Texas

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BURTON BROWN FRANCIS MITCHELL

FAMILY GROUP

Burton Brown was born in May 1847 in Tennessee. He died before 1920 in Mississippi. Burton married Frances Mitchell on 16 Jul 1868 in DeSoto, Mississippi.

Frances (Arnick) Mitchell was born in Jun 1847 in Mississippi. Her father was Isaac Mitchell. She died on 18 Sep 1932 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois.

They had the following children.

- i. John W. Brown was born in 1870 in Mississippi.
- ii. Mary J. Brown was born in 1872 in Mississippi.
- iii. Calvin Brown was born in 1874 in Mississippi.
- iv. **Harriet G. Brown** was born in 1876 in Mississippi.
- v. **George C. Brown** was born in 1877 in Mississippi.
- vi. William Brown was born in May 1879 in Mississippi.
- vii. Carnelia Brown was born in Jan 1881 in Mississippi.
- viii. **Milton Brown** was born in Sep 1882 in Mississippi.
- ix. **Joseph Brown** was born in Oct 1883 in Mississippi.
- x. **Delsey Brown** was born in Aug 1885 in Mississippi.
- xi. **Ida Brown** was born in Mar 1889 in Mississippi.
- xii. Macon Brown was born on 6 Dec 1892 in Mississippi.
- xiii. **Pearl Snowrilla Brown** was born on 6 Jan 1894. She died on 25 Apr 1947.
- xiv. Walter Brown was born in Feb 1897 in Mississippi.

In 1868³⁶ Burton Brown and Frances Arnick were married in Mississippi. We are fairly certain this was Francis Mitchell, but it is not known where the name Arnick came from. Two years later the family was enumerated on the 1870³⁷ census for DeSoto, Mississippi. Burton, 28 and Frances, 23 were farming, and Burton had \$100 worth of personal property. They had one son, John W., who was age 1.

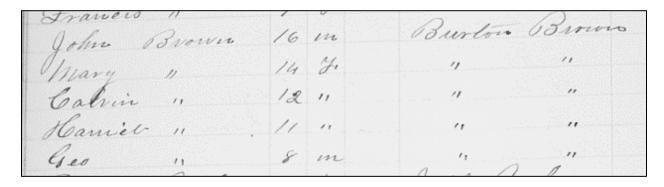
Tate County was created 15 April 1873 from Marshall, Tunica and DeSoto Counties, so without moving, by 1880³⁸ the family lived in Tate, Mississippi and had predictably grown. Burton was 35 and still farming. Frances was 27 and their children were: John, age 10; M.J. (Mary), age 8; Calvin, age 6; H.G.(Harriet), age 4; Geo. C, age 3 and Wm H, age 1. The children were enrolled in school and found on a list for Sherrod, Election District 1 Educable Children of Mississippi

³⁶ Brown, Burton & Francis Arnick, 1868 (16 Jul) Marriage, DeSoto, Mississippi, page 64 FHL #7726275 image 364, familysearch.org. Document 34.

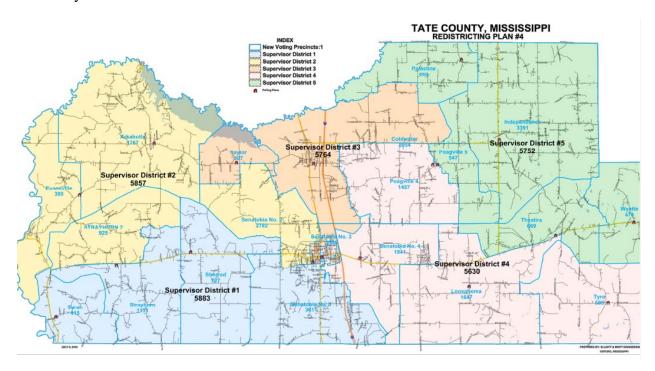
³⁷ Brown, Burton, 1870 U.S. Census, DeSoto, Mississippi, Page 10, Lines 34-37, ancestry.com. Document 1.

³⁸ Brown, Burton, 1880 U.S. Census, Tate, Mississippi Lines 45-50, 1-2 images 30-31, ancestry.com. Document 2.

for 1885.³⁹ This document provided a glimpse of the family in a year when we usually do not see records because of the loss of the 1890 U.S. Census.



The following map shows where District 1 was located in Tate County, and gives an idea where the family lived.



Burt (Burton) and Frances Brown stayed in Tate county and were enumerated in the 1900⁴⁰ census. William was the oldest child at home and was farming, likely with his father. He was 21, Cornelia was 19, Milton, 17 and Joseph 16, both farm laborers, Dilcie was 14, Ida was 11, Macon was 7, Pearlie was 4 and Walter, 3. The three youngest children were not yet able to read or write.

³⁹ Brown, Burton, 1885 Enumeration of Educable Children, Sherrod, Tate, Mississippi-John 16, Mary 14, Calvin 12, Harriet 11, Geo 8, image 20, familysearch.org. Document 3.

⁴⁰ Brown, Burt, 1900 U.S. Census, Tate, Mississippi, ED 90 Sheet 18 Lines 90-100 image 36, ancestry.com. Document 4.

In 1910⁴¹ the Browns had remained on the farm in Tate, Mississippi and their home had become three-generational. Burton was 55, Francis was 45, and their children in the home were as follows: William, age 30 and farming; Hasty (Hazel Cornelia) was 26; Macon, age 17 and farm laborer; Pearl was 16; Walter, age 12; and Callie, a granddaughter was 4 years old. Out of the 15 children Francis had given birth to, 14 were still living.

Burton Brown died sometime between 1910 and 1920, because on the 1920⁴² census Francis was a widow at age 63. (This age is incorrect.) Her son William had married and had his own family living on a farm next to Francis in DeSoto County. Pearl, age 22, lived with her mother and so did her six-year-old granddaughter Valada, Pearl's daughter. Kallie, 14, George, 14 and Mattie, 12, all grandchildren to Francis, lived in the residence. Francis assumed the duties of the farm.

In the 1930⁴³ census record for Francis Brown, we discovered she had moved to Chicago, Illinois and was living in the household of her son Walter Brown. Her age was recorded as 60. Two years later in 1932⁴⁴ the Illinois death index indicated she died in September of that year, and her 1932⁴⁵ death certificate confirmed this. Her death certificate, with family information given by her daughter Pearl Berkley, names Isaac Mitchell as her father, born in Mississippi, and so was her mother, but the mother's name was not known. Francis Brown's place of burial was in Senatobia, Tate, Mississippi.

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Burton and Frances Brown 1870 U.S. Census, DeSoto, Mississippi

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⁴¹ Brown, Burton, 1910 U.S. Census, Tate, Mississippi, ED 83 Sheet 11B Lines 93-100 image 22, *ancestry.com*. Document 5.

⁴² Brown, Francis, 1920 U.S. Census, DeSoto, Mississippi, ED 21 Sheet 1A Lines 43-48, image 1, *ancestry.com*. Document 6.

⁴³ Brown, Francis, 1930 U.S. Census, Chicago, Cook, Illinois Household of Walter Brown, ED2399 Sheet 2A Lines 38-45 image 3, ancestry.com. Document 7

⁴⁴ Brown, Frances, Cook County Illinois Death Index, ancestry.com. Document 8.

⁴⁵ Brown, Frances, 1932 Death Certificate #24474, FHL #1893256 (4405421), familysearch.org. Document 9.

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SLAVE SEARCHES

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1860 Census, Burton Brown about age 13

Searches for Senatobia, Tate, Mississippi: specifically, no hits, but surrounding counties, 39 hits:

Male	Owner	Death	County
Age			
8-17	James Brown	1864	Tunica
(15)			
13, 11	Burnett (Barnard)	1862, wife Susan	Marshall
	Brown	outlived him	
13	W. Brown	After 1870	Marshall
13	Lavina Brown	1873	Lafayette
13, 11	W. A. Brown	After 1870	Marshall
14,15	Agnes Brown	Inconclusive	Marshall
8, 9, 12	John T. Brown	After 1900	Marshall
8, 10,	James Brown	After 1870	Lafayette
12, 14			
9, 16,	R B Brown	After 1870	DeSoto
17			
16, 18	Elizah C Brown	After 1870	Panola
18	J A Brown	Inconclusive	Marshall
9	Levi T Brown	Will 1861, names	DeSoto
		some slaves, no	
		Burton, died 1868	

1850 Census, **Burton Brown** about age 3

Searches for Senatobia, Tate, Mississippi: specifically, no hits, but surrounding counties, 40 hits:

Male	Owner	Death	County
age			
1-7 (15)	Jas Brown	After 1870	Lafayette
3 (4)	James T Brown	A Dr.? 1853 but no	Panola
		slaves	
3/12, 3,	William W Brown	Inconclusive (specific	Tunica
8		to initial or middle	
		name)	
2, 4	William Brown	After 1870	Marshall
1, 7	Wm B Brown	1907	Lafayette

1860 Census, Francis Mitchell about age 13

Searches for Senatobia, Tate, Mississippi: specifically, no hits, but surrounding counties, 16 hits:

Female	Owner	Death	County
age			
10, 14	J C Mitchell	1863, one female	DeSoto
(2), 15		listed in will, not	
		Francis	
8, 12	W B Mitchell	After 1870	DeSoto
9, 18	Jas S Mitchell	1861, no mention of	DeSoto
(2)		slaves by name	
8, 10,	F M Mitchell	After 1870	DeSoto
17			
8, 9	F A Mitchell	After 1870	Marshall
14, 16	Sidney Mitchell	Will 1873	Panola

1850 Census, Francis Mitchell about age 3

Searches for Senatobia, Tate, Mississippi: specifically, no hits, but surrounding counties:

Female age	Owner	Death	County
4	J C Mitchell	1863, one female listed in will, not Francis	DeSoto
5	James Mitchell	1861, no mention of slaves by name	DeSoto

1860 Census, Isaac Mitchell about age 30

Searches for Senatobia, Tate, Mississippi: specifically, no hits (where daughter was born), but surrounding counties:

Male	Owner	Death	County
age			
25, 27	Sidney Mitchell	Will 1873	Panola
35	J C Mitchell	1863, one slave listed	De Soto
		in will, not Isaac	
25	F A Mitchell	After 1870	Marshall
28	W B Mitchell	After 1870	De Soto
30	A S Mitchell	Inconclusive	Marshall

1850 Census, Isaac Mitchell about age 30

Searches for Senatobia, Tate, Mississippi: specifically, no hits (where daughter was born), but surrounding counties:

Male	Owner	Death	County
age			
15, 20	Sidney Mitchell	Will 1873	Panola
(2)			
18 (2)	J C Mitchell	1863, one slave listed	DeSoto
23		in will, not Isaac	

1850 Census, **Henderson Gamble** about age 7

Searches for Alabama:

Male	Owner	Death	County
age			
2-12	James H Gamble	1855, no will, all	Limestone
(18)		fam. Predeceased	
		except one son Ruffin	
		C. d. 1909	
4, 5, 7,	Minor Gamble	After 1870	Wilcox
11			
2-12	William Gamble	After 1870	Talladega
(13)			
4, 6, 10	Wm Gamble	Inconclusive	Henry
2-11(5)	Charles M. Gamble	1854 or 1868, no	Macon
		definitive record to	
		identify as owner	
2, 5, 8	William H. Gamble	1852, will, lists	Wilcox
		Sampson & Abby &	
		others, no Henderson	
		(see will folder)	
2, 4, 9	Nancy Gamble	1893	Macon
2, 9, 11	Jonathan Gamble	Inconclusive	Wilcox

1860 Census, **Henderson Gamble** about age 17

Searches for Freestone, Texas:

Male	Owner	Death	County
age			
12, 20	Sarah A Gamble	Inconclusive, no additional records	Cotton Gin, Freestone

1860 Census, Lucy Livingstone about age 10

Searches for Alabama:

Female	Owner	Death	County
age			
10, 14	W T Livingston	1881	Macon
8, 9, 11	H J Livingston	1907	Autauga
7	George Livingston	1917	Greene

1860 Census, Wiley Williams about age 15, Rosetta Williams about age 10 Searches in Georgia near Stewart County produced 119 hits, so crossed referenced male & female, intersecting 12.

Male age	Female age	Owner	Death	County
12	13	Hing Williams	After 1870	Lumpkin,
				Stewart
10-20 (15)	5-15 (14)	G E Williams	After 1870	Barbour
6, 18 (2)	5-14 (5)	William F Williams	After 1870	Russell
10-18 (8)	5-14 (6)	Stephen Williams	After 1870	Russell
10, 12, 13	8-14 (6)	Samuel M Williams	Likely after	Russell
			1870	
10-20 (8)	9 (2), 11, 13	Gozaway D Williams	After 1870	Barbour
11, 12, 19,	6-14 (7)	Judge S Williams	1878	Clayton,
20(2)				Barbour
11-20 (6)	6, 8 (2)	W Williams	1869	Russell
10, 20	12	Geo W Williams	After 1870	Barbour
11	14	Henry Williams	Likely after	Quitman
			1870	
17	5	H I Williams	After 1864	Chattahoochee
12, 14	15	James H Williams	Inconclusive	Barbour

Unfortunately, the searches did not turn up anything for your ancestors. In the case of Henderson Gamble, we were hoping to somehow connect him with Sampson and Abby Gamble. They are on the same 1880 census record for Freestone, Texas, just one dwelling away from each other. Sampson and Abby are the right age to be Henderson's parents. While looking for Henderson in the slave records, and in the 1852 will of William H. Gamble of Tallapoosa, Georgia, we found Sampson and Abba. ⁴⁶ No ages were listed but Sampson was listed as "head" of the family, and they had children. Even though we have not linked them to Henderson, it seemed worth mentioning.

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1 for named Sampsond	650,00
1 boy Washington	325 00
I boy " Sealed	500,00

(All slaves on the list were identified as boy or girl, not male or female)

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CONCLUSION

We started this research by verifying and then expanding on the documents you had already gathered and connected to your tree on *Ancestry.com*. We were able to add a few more individuals to your collection of ancestors, and we did an exhaustive search for details of these ancestors, hoping to extend their lines.

Maps were added to enrich the stories that emerged from the documents. Your *Ancestry* tree was verified and updated as much as possible.

Family lore provided the hints necessary to find and gather articles for the tragedy surrounding Jessie Williams and his son.

Several searches were performed to hopefully discover which plantation any of your ancestors came from, but the in-depth examination of the records did not turn up any strong leads; most were dead ends. Often the potential owners outlived emancipation, therefore the slaves they had previously owned would not be named in a will as these individuals were no longer owned.



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