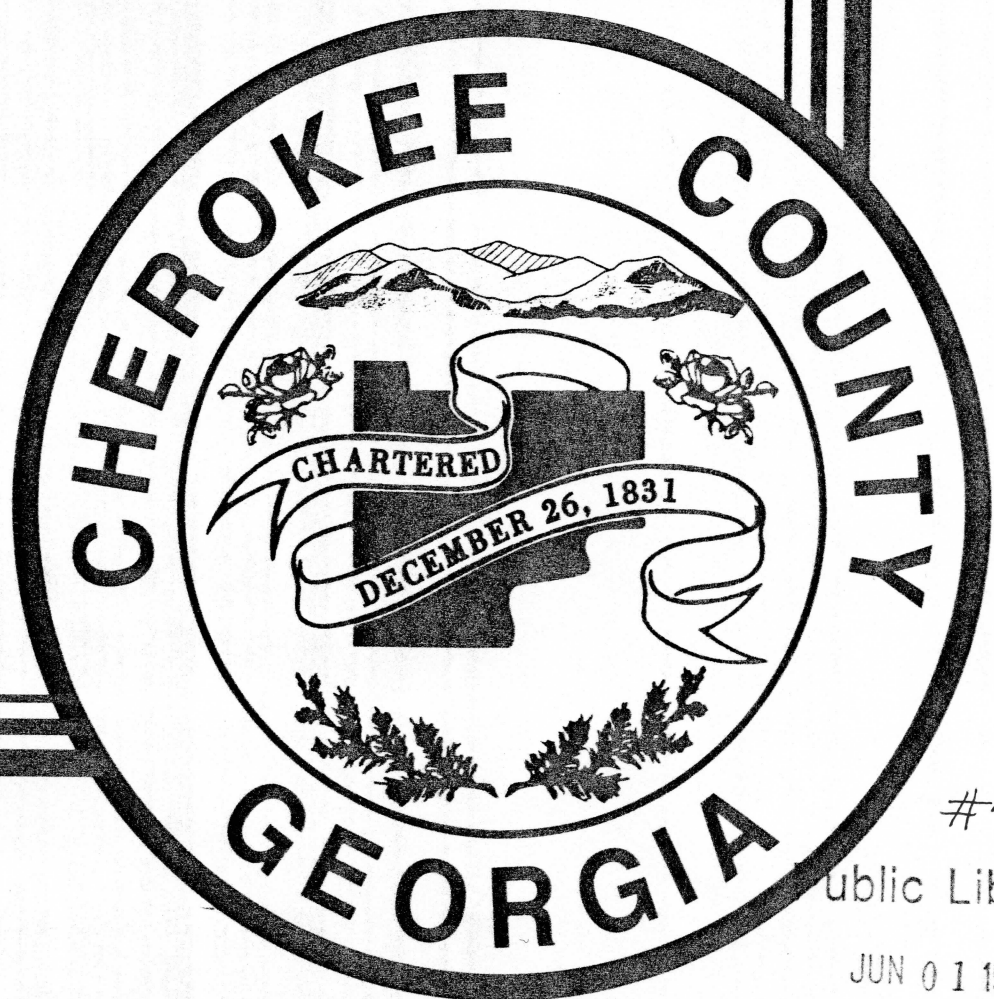


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★ THE JAMESON FAMILY

About 1841, a Wagon Train traveled from Pickens Co., S.C. to Cherokee Co., Ga. Three brothers and one sister from the Jameson Family were traveling together: Frances Jameson Perry with her husband William H. Perry; Madison Jameson with his wife Mary Ann Elizabeth Ruth Bradley; Wilkenson Jameson with his wife Nancy A. Perry; and Wesley Jameson.

When the Wagon Train stopped in Georgia to trade with the Indians, my husband's Great, Great, Grandfather, Thomas Jefferson Jameson, who was a very young child at the time, got out of a wagon without anyone's knowledge and was left behind. After discovering him missing, his father, Wilkenson Jameson, searched for 3 days by horseback until he found him being cared for by the Indians.

The area of Cherokee Co. in which they settled was south of the Little River. In 1857, this area became Milton Co. and then Fulton Co. in 1932.

Their Parents were William Jameson, Jr. born Oct. 12, 1786, died April 4, 1850, and Rebecca Flower, daughter of Joshua Fowler and granddaughter of Richard Fowler, Sr. of Laurens Co., S.C. Rebecca was born in 1787, and died Aug. 13, 1851.

Their grandfather, William Jameson, Sr., was born Dec. 17, 1737 in Ireland and died Dec. 23, 1818. He married Margaret Westmorland born April 11, 1743 and died June 22, 1823. William is said to have come to America with his brother around 1780 and settled in Orange Co., Virginia before getting a Land Grant in 1785 in the Ninety Six district, S.C. In the 1790 U.S. Census, he was in the Pendleton District, S.C. This area is north of Easley, S.C. on Jameson Rd. where the Jameson Cemetery is located, and where there are still Family living on some of the original land owned by William Jameson, Sr.

Frances "Frankie" Jameson was born Dec. 12, 1812 in the Pendleton District, S.C. and died Oct. 3, 1870. She married William H. Perry, son of Jesse Perry and Jo Hannah Cooper. William was born Aug. 18, 1804. He was the brother of Nancy A. Perry who married Wilkenson Jameson. Frankie and William had the following children: William J. born about 1834, died June 2, 1864, married Martha Nix Feb. 17, 1853; Jesse L. born about 1836, married Jane McDonald Oct. 8, 1857; Rebecca born about 1839, married J.N. Nix Dec. 24, 1857; Mary Frances born Jan. 4, 1843, died July 18, 1916, married George Washington Ezzard Jan. 3, 1867; Martha born Nov. 30, 1846, died March 14, 1915; George W. born Jan. 3, 1850, died April 1, 1923, married Levira V. Anderson; and Ben born about 1852, married Frances Arbelia Reavie.

Madison Jameson was born Oct. 13, 1813 in the Pendleton District, S.C., died May 28, 1895, married Mary Ann Elizabeth Ruth Bradley Dec. 20, 1838. They had the following children: Mary

Jane born April 6, 1840, married Ambrose Phillips in 1858; William Thomas born June 17, 1842, died Sept. 21, 1862 in the Civil War; George Washington born April 21, 1844, died Aug. 13, 1863 in the Civil War; James Madison born Jan. 22, 1844, died April 2, 1926, married Rebecca Walker in 1871; Rebecca Ann born Dec. 12, 1847, died May 19, 1888 in Texas, married William J. Bell; Susan Calista born Sept. 21, 1848, died in Texas Feb. 11, 1933, married 1st Mason, 2nd W.H. Mansell, 3rd Sam Worley; John M. born June 15, 1851, died April 9, 1929, married Virginia Ashton Jan. 26, 1892; Amanda Frances born April 22, 1853, died Aug. 21, 1900, married Lewis M. Ball Oct. 11, 1871; Sophronia Elizabeth born Aug. 1, 1857, died Dec. 22, 1922, married William Harrison Rainwater Feb. 27, 1876; and Cornelia Samatha born Oct. 22, 1862, died Nov. 11, 1935, Married Joseph B. Martin.

Wilkenson Jameson, my husband's Great, Great, Great Grandfather, was born Feb. 21, 1816, died Feb. 16, 1858, married Nancy A. Perry born about 1814, died about 1880. They had the following children: William Perry born about 1837, died in Civil War, Married Nancy Phillips; Thomas Jefferson born about 1838, captured July 2, 1863 at Gettysburg but never returned home, married Sarah Catherine Hembree; Francis born May 16, 1843, died May 25, 1886, married Thomas B. Newton; John S. born about 1844, died July 13, 1863 in the Civil War; Nancy J. born June 5, 1847, died Dec. 25, 1909, married Issac J. Strickland; Carroll Wilkenson born Nov. 21, 1849, died Dec. 26, 1898, married 1st Susan E. Bridwell born Nov. 21, 1849, died Feb. 27, 1890, 2nd Louella Cook born Feb. 29, 1860, died 1898, 3rd Mary Moore born 1858 died 1937; and Laura J. born about 1857, died before 1878, married William H. Hagood Dec. 14, 1871.

Wesley Jameson was born June 24, 1821. He died in a skirmish near Kennesaw Mt., Ga. during the Civil War. Wesley moved from Cherokee Co. to Gilmer Co. in 1848. Wesley and his wife Nancy had the following children: Lucinda born 1847, Frances E. born 1849; Pleasant born 1852; Charles McElroy born 1854; George M. born 1856; Robert J. born 1858; Bartow born 1862; and Mary I. born 1864.

Thomas Jefferson, Sr. was born about 1839. He married Sarah Catherine Hembree, daughter of E.M. and Susan Hembree about 1861. They had only one child Thomas Jefferson

Jameson, Jr. Sarah married John Rucker when her husband did not return from the Civil War.

Thomas Jefferson, Jr. my husband's Great, Grandfather, was born June 5, 1862, died July 27, 1949, married Nancy Ann P. Dorris born Aug. 26, 1865, died Sept. 2, 1945. She was the daughter of Newton and Mary J. Dorris. She married Thomas about 1882 and they had the following children: Forest D. born Oct. 1882; John M. born March 1885; William Robert born Sept. 1887; Clyde M. born July 1892; Carl Luther born August 1895; Nettie born March 1897; Sarah F. born June 1899; Charles Rusk born about 1909; and Lillian F. born about 1910.

Carl Luther Jameson, my husband's grandfather, was born Aug. 1895, died in 1975, married Little Nellie Stephens, daughter of Daniel Webster Stephens and Martha Jane Phillips, granddaughter of Ephriam Stephens and Nellie Elizabeth Estes. Carl and Nellie had two children: Hazel born June 24, 1917, died April 21, 1993, married W.G. Puckett; Harvey Jefferson born Nov. 5, 1919, died May 23, 1992, married Martha Jeanette Lummus, daughter of Tarpley Lummus and Ruby Puckett.

Harvey Jefferson Jameson, my husband's father was born Nov. 5, 1919, died May 23, 1992, married Martha Jeanette Lummus born April 15, 1925. They had the following children: James Calvin born Oct. 26, 1942; John Micheal born Nov. 13, 1946; Jerry Lynn born March 8, 1951; Mary Jeanette born Feb. 6, 1957; and Judy Martha born Feb. 20, 1968.

James Calvin Jameson, my husband, was born Oct. 26, 1942, married Alecia Arlene Adams, daughter of Dr. Charles Clyde Adams and Amma Pauline Ingram. We married Feb. 10, 1968 and have the following children: Janice Joanna born Dec. 15, 1969, married William Damon Jones Jan. 20, 1990; and James Jefferson born Aug. 18, 1972. Submitted by: Alecia Adams Jameson, 4564 Forest Green Dr., Buford, GA 30518

JAMES EDWARD JARRETT

All funerals are sad, but the funeral of Mrs. Jarrett in Gainesville, GA many years ago was especially sad because she was leaving behind five little children (three boys and two girls) with no one to look after them. At the cemetery that day, different white families took the children. Some of them moved to different states.

One of the children was James Edward

* REV. WILLIAM DANNY PARKER
FAMILY

William Danny Parker, minister of Stone Mountain First Baptist Church, is a descendant of the Chapman family of Cherokee County. He is the great-grandson of John Wesley and Narcissus Caroline Chapman. Three generations of his ancestors are buried at Shiloh Cemetery, as well as two infant brothers who are buried next to his grandparents, Jackson and Beulah Chapman. His parents were Mary Chapman and Major McKinley Parker.

From 1968 to 1975 he served as pastor of Woodstock First Baptist Church. He attended Baylor University and received a Master of Divinity degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1963. He is frequently asked to return to Cherokee County to perform weddings and funerals for his former parishioners. He maintains close ties to his Chapman relatives, especially his remaining uncle,

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Jackson Chapman and his wife, Rachel, of Covington, GA.

Dan was born in Atlanta August 29, 1937. He married on June 5, 1959 Carol Jean Rainwater, born August 25, 1938. They are parents of four children. His youngest child, Rance Kinley Parker was born Dec. 1, 1972 and married Dec. 10, 1994 in Ball Ground, Cherokee County, to Staci Delane Wheeler. They live in Cherokee County.

The oldest child is Timothy Randall born April 21, 1962 in Vance Co. NC. He married June 5, 1993 in Austin, TX to Deanna Risener. The second child is Christopher Darrin born April 13, 1965. Third is Dana Jeanay Parker, born April 29, 1969 in Cobb Co., GA. She married Stephen John Post April 7, 1989 in Cobb Co.

The older brothers of Dan are Winston McKinley Parker, who married Hubian Lee and lived in Doraville before his death in 1996, and Jackson Pierce Parker, who married Ruby Jean Herring. Jackson lives in Scottsdale, Arizona in 1998. Submitted by: Rev. Dan Parker, 488 Allana Court, Stone Mountain, GA 30087.

✱ RAINWATER

Wilkes Berrywine Rainwater was born May 10, 1812 in or near Spartanburg, SC. Apparently he was the first child of William (b: 1776 SC) and Lydia (b: 7/1782 SC). Wilkes is listed on the 1820 Spartanburg, SC census at 8 years old living with his parents and two younger siblings. Wilkes shows up still with his parents on the 1830 Spartanburg at age 18.

According to older surviving family members, Wilkes married his first wife after the 1830 census was taken. Wilkes is reported to have had 4 daughters with this first spouse. Her name is known. However she was a full-blooded Cherokee Indian.

Wilkes, his wife and daughters were on the Trail of Tears death march to Arkansas/Oklahoma Indian Territory about the year 1838. No Indian muster record has been found to pinpoint the exact date they started west. An elderly nephew of Wilkes says the Indian wife died while en route in a wagon train. Somehow, Wilkes found a way to elude the army escort and smuggled the four young girls back to

North Carolina, possibly to Greensboro. Apparently the daughters were given to the wife's relatives to raise. Nothing more is known about the daughters — no birth dates, no names.

No documentation has been found confirming the whereabouts of Wilkes between the years 1830 and 1845. It is in the 1850 Cherokee Co. Georgia census where Wilkes next is found. He apparently has married a second time. According to the census record, she was Ruth J. (her maiden name has never been determined). Eventually the "J" became known to stand for "Jane". The only son of the Wilkes and Rutha's marriage, John Daniel Rainwater (b: Nov. 18, 1836 probably Cherokee Co. GA) named his first daughter Rutha Jane Rainwater.

Listed in the 1850 Cherokee County, GA census was Wilkes aged 33, spouse Rutha age 34 (born about 1814 in SC), daughter Cynthia S. (born about 1845 in SC), John D., and Martha A. (born about April 1848 also probably in Cherokee Co., GA) No marriage record has been found for Wilkes and Rutha. No birth records have been found for these three children.

The next record for Wilkes is the August 6, 1860 census of Cherokee Co., Alabama. Wilkes is listed age 45, a farmer, and is living on land belonging to Cornelius Fortenberry (born about 1822 SC). Cornelius married Mary Rainwater (born about 1829 Spartanburg) sister of Wilkes.

Also living with Wilkes in 1860 (Alabama census) is his widowed mother Lydia, and his son John. It is interesting to note that in 1860, the two daughters of Wilkes, Cynthia S. and Martha A., were living with a Martha Tillerson (farmer and head of household) in Milton Co. GA. The girls' relationship to Martha Tillerson has not been proven. Martha's parents and siblings are unknown.

The mystery of Martha Tillerson becomes more interesting. The death certificate of Wilke's son, John Daniel (d: January 1, 1923, Anniston, Calhoun Co. AL), names Martha Tillerson as his mother.

John's sister Martha A. (known as Marthie) preceded John in death on January 15, 1915 also in Anniston, AL. Martha apparently never married and her death record cannot be found, even though the location of her plot at the Edgemont Cemetery has been identified.

Wilkes Rainwater married a third time about 1863 in Cherokee Co. Alabama to Martha Ann Collins, the step daughter of Solomon Gowers, of DeKalb Co. Georgia. Martha Collins had been widowed twice before her marriage to Wilkes. Wilkes fathered 8 more children with Martha Collins-Jordan-Lowe, the last born when he was 67 years old.

Wilkes Berrywine Rainwater died April 3, 1883 and is buried in the Warrenton Cemetery, Guntersville, Marshall Co. AL.

NOTE #1: Wilkes B. Rainwater was just one of many of the Rainwater clan moving west through the Cherokee Co. GA area. Several Rainwater families are indexed in Milton, Cobb, Paulding, Cherokee and Forsyth counties.

NOTE #2: William, Wilkes' father, had a brother named Burrell (Burwell) Rainwater. Burrell's son Allen Terry (b: 1814 Spartanburg, SC) also named his first son "John Daniel" (b. Nov. 14, 1842 Paulding Co. GA) as did his uncle Wilkes.

NOTE #3: A John Daniel Tillerson was born in Georgia (date unknown) and died on February 14, 1894 in Birmingham, Jefferson Co. AL. He married Louisa Harriet Watkins.

NOTE #4: William M. Tillerson, born in SC about 1827, married Noressa E. Rogers (b: about 1828 in GA) on February 18, 1849 in Cherokee Co. GA. It is thought William is a brother of Martha Tillerson, guardian of Wilkes Rainwater's two daughters as listed in the 1860 Milton Co. GA census.

NOTE #5: David Tillotson Rainwater (b: Oct. 30, 1810 in SC) was the son of Rev. Job Rainwater

and Didama Hembree. Job was born about August 1784 in Surry Co. NC. He died in 1863 in Milton County GA. Didama Hembree, daughter of James Hembree, Sr., was born in 1788 in SC. Her death date is unknown, however it was after the June 26, 1860 Milton Co. GA census. It also has not been documented she expired while still living in Milton County. Submitted by: Robert B. Schimmel: P.O. Box 715, Cottonwood, AZ 86326. E-mail: Schimmel @ Northlink.com