Haralson County, Georgia

A History

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Ayers

Martin Ayers Sr was born in 1796. He married Sarah Simmons on 13 July 1817. Sarah Simmons was born in 1799. She died ca 1850; Martin died in 1875.

Martin Ayers of Gwinnett County drew Land Lot #752 in the First District, Fourth Section of resent Haralson County in the 1832 Gold Lottery of Georgia 16 Feb 1836. He is listed in the 1837 Paulding County State Census with himself and ten other members of his household. He is also listed in the 1840 and the 1850 Census of Paulding County. The children of Martin and Sarah Ayers were:

Mary Ann Ayers, b. 10 Jul 1820, mar William W. Johnston;

Austin Ayers, b. 18 Jul 1822, mar Susan Gann;

Emmilie Ayers, b. 13 May 1824, mar Newton Goggans;

Emily Ayers, b. 1 Apr 1826, mar Andrew J. Stewart;

Martin Ayers Jr., b. 6 Jul 1828, mar Betsey Ann Goggans, daughter of Andrew J. Goggans, died in Civil War;

Nancy E. Ayers, b. 20 Dec 1831, mar Jim Gann;

Julian (Julie Ann) Ayers, b. 20 Apr 1834, mar Thomas Lasseter;

Harriett A. Ayers, b. 20 Jan 1836, mar William A. Haynes;

Reubin Ayers, b. 3 Mar 1838, mar Frances Rainwater, daughter of Joshua Rainwater, died in Civil War;

William Ayers, b. 28 Apr 1840, mar Sarah Frances Barry, daughter of Walton Barry;

Hiram Ayers, b. 28 Feb 1842, died in Civil War;

Sarah J. Ayers, b. 10 Nov 1846, mar William Bradley.

Martin Ayers Sr. married 2) Sarah Elinar Barry, widow of Walton Barry. Both are buried in the cemetery at Bethlehem Baptist Church in Haralson County, as are some of their children. They were married 8 Oct 1857.

Austin Ayers purchased Land Lot #885 from the US Government. Martin Ayers Jr. purchased Lot #619 and 666, all in the First District, Fourth Section of present Haralson County. Winners of these lots had defaulted or otherwise had failed to take up their grant.

The following copy of the Bible record of Reubin Ayres of Gilmer County, Georgia, was taken from a record submitted to *The Georgia Genealogical Quarterly* by E. R. Perry, 6835 Cowles Mountain Boulevard, San Diego CA 92119. A copy is on file in the Georgia Archives.

Reubin Ayres, borned March 11, 1795;
Mary Roberts, borned March 10, 1794;
Mahaly Ayres, borned Jan. 4, 1820;
Caroline Ayres, borned Feb. 5, 1821;
Washington Ayres, borned Sep. 1, 1822;
Jackson Ayres, borned Feb. 5, 1823;

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Jessy Ayres, borned Dec. 25, 1824;
Sarah Ayres, borned Oct. 5, 1825;
Marshall Ayres, borned June 30, 1826;
Catherone Ayres, borned Jan. 8, 1827;
Milison Ayres, borned April 15, 1830;
Martin Ayres, borned Oct. 5, 1835;
Reubin Ayres, (Jr.) borned July 17, 1836;
James F. Ayres was borned September 20, 1842;
Reubin Ayres married to Miss Mary Roberts, Feb. 22, 1816;
Reubin Ayres, Decest. 28 Aug. 1857;
Mary Ayres, Decest, June 23, 1869;
Reubin Ayres, son, Decest, June 12, 1868;
Martin Ayres, son, Decest April 14, 1868.

The Ayres in this Bible record may, or may not be connected to the Haralson County Ayers, but the similarity of names indicate there may be a connection. Both Reubin and Martin Ayers were in Paulding County, then Polk County and eventually in Haralson County, possibly without moving. Were they the same men as the sons of old Reubin in Gilmer County? The slight difference in spelling is of little importance. This is only a small part of the Bible record.

Sources: 1837 State census of Paulding County; 1840 and 1850 Paulding County Census; 1832 Gold Lottery of Georgia; Names, birthdates and some marriages of children from *History of Haralson County; Georgia Genealogical Quarterly.*

BARNWELL

The earliest Barnwell to come to what is now Haralson County was David, who purchased Land Lot #249 from Zacheriah Darden on 27 December 1827. Darden had drawn the lot on 19 December in the 1827 Lottery of Georgia. David bought Lot #274 on 12 Jan 1829 the day it was drawn by William B. Fox. On 4 Aug 1829 he bought Lot #223 from Adrian Flemming. These lots were all in the Eighth District west of Tallapoosa. David Barnwell sold Lots 248 and 274 to Robert G. Kilgore 20 Feb 1841, and David and James Barnwell sold all or part of Lot #223 to David Robertson 20 Feb 1831.

It is not known whether Thomas and William Barnwell were sons of David Barnwell but they probably were, as well as James who sold land jointly with David. Carroll County marriage records show that William Barnwell married Mariah Rainwater 21 Dec 1843. She was a daughter of Joshua Rainwater who lived near Bethany church. William and Mariah, as well as Joshua and family, were early members at Bethany Church.

John Thomas Barnwell was born ca 1832 in GA. He married Emily Backus who was born ca 1835. Emily was a daughter of James Backus and his first wife. In the 1880 Census of Haralson County John is listed as a merchant. Children are listed with notes by this writer:

Joseph Barnwell b. ca 1853, mar 23 Oct 1837 to L. J. West;

Nancy M. Barnwell b. 1855;

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Rosa (Rosanna) Barnwell b. 1857;
Laura Barnwell b. 1859;
Betty L. Barnwell b. 1860;
Mary T. Barnwell b. 1862;
Sarah L. Barnwell b. 1864, conveyed land in 1890;
John T. Barnwell b. 1867;
Fannie E. Barnwell b. 1872, married J. W. Hall on 19 May 1887;
Charles D. Barnwell b. 1875.

Sarah Warden b. 1805 in SC is also listed on the 1880 census in the home of John Thomas and Emily Barnwell. She was Thomas Barnwell's aunt. Sarah's father, a Revolutionary Soldier, is listed on a monument to Revolutionary Soldiers in AL when a census was taken, located on the median of Gureny Ave in Anniston AL. Thomas Barnwell and family are also listed in the 1870 census of Haralson County.

On 4 Sep 1891 John Thomas Barnwell and wife Emily sold to James Scott for $800.00 property lying and being in the City of Tallapoosa, Haralson County, Eighth District:

> Beginning at a point on Alewine Street, 70 ft. north of the corner of Alewine and Ann Street, thence east 100 ft. thence north 30 ft., thence west 100 ft., thence south 30 ft. to place of beginning and having thereon one store house known as Barnwell Hall. To have and to hold etc. . .

The Thomas Barnwell family moved to Calhoun then Etowah County AL and eventually to Oklahoma. In a book, *Official Register of the United States Officers and Employees in the Civil and Military and Naval Service, Vol. II, Post Office Department and Postal Service* pp 94-441. John Thomas Barnwell and John Thomas Barnwell Jr were listed Postmaster and Clerk of the postoffice in District 21, Indian Territory, now in Love County OK. The town was called Overbrook.

A son of Fannie D. Barnwell and J. W. Hall was living in Bronx NY in the 1960s.

Rosanna Barnwell married Dr. Whitmill Freeman Robertson 1 Oct 1876. Dr. Robertson was a son of W. F. and Susan Bonner Robertson of Edwardsville AL. Rosanna must have died without issue and probably quite young for no descendants have been located. Her grave has not been found, but she is probably buried in an unmarked grave at Bethany Baptist Church. Dr. Robertson remarried to Miss Bessie Higdon 25 May 1884. A son, Leslie is buried at Bethany, b. 2 Dec 1895, d. 27 Nov 1897. Another son Whitmill Freeman Robertson Jr and members of his family are buried in Hollywood Cemetery, Tallapoosa. Robertson Avenue is named for Dr. Robertson.

Sources: Carroll and Haralson Counties Land, Marriage, and Census records; research by Gordon R. Huff of Clinton, Maryland and Hawaii.

* JOSHUA RAINWATER

Joshua Rainwater bought Land Lot #157 in the Eighth District of Carroll County from Abner Carter 5 Jan 1832. Carter had drawn the lot in the 1827 Land Lottery of Georgia. Joshua is listed in the 1840 and 1850 Census of Carroll County. He returned all of Lot #157 for tax purposes in 1842. Unlike many of the early settlers of the area, Joshua did not deal in land. He settled on the property he bought and stayed there. It is not known by the author where he died or where he is buried but probably in an unmarked grave at Bethany Baptist Church where he and others of his family were members.

In the 1850 Carroll County Census Joshua is listed age 60 born in GA; wife Mary age 56 born in SC; Matilda age 25; Olivia age 23, born in SC; Frances age 16; John age 18; Abner age 23, these last born in GA. Ages and places of birth do not make it clear how many of the children were Joshua's.

The Rainwater property, Lot #157, lies along the Tallapoosa River, and it is on this lot that the well known Rainwater Ford is located. The Ford is still in use (1990). The property is now better known as "The Charlie Lipham Place."

Joshua and Mary Rainwater are on early membership lists of Bethany Baptist Church. Mariah Rainwater married William Barnwell and both were members at Bethany. Abner Rainwater married Louisa Moore in 1852. She was probably a daughter of Wyatt Moore. Matilda married Josiah Goggans. She was his second wife. She was a member at Bethany and is buried in the church cemetery. Frances Rainwater married Reubin Ayers.

A. Rainwater was a member of Buchanan Lodge, #113, F & A M in 1866.

Sources: shown in text; personal knowledge.

Groom/Bride	Date
Glaze, William H. M. R. Simpson	14 Apr 1881
Glower, Tim Nancy J. Rutledge	16 Dec 1857
Gober, G. N. Onie Watts	18 Feb 1900
Gober, John R. Emaline Gann	25 Oct 1874
Gober, R. E. Lular Smith (Mixon)	9 Sep 1887
Godwin, H. H. Martha E. Hughes	22 Apr 1897
Goggans, A. N. C. Waldrop	27 Oct 1878
Goggans, A. Mrs. M. F. McClung	16 Feb 1887
Goggans, B. F. Mary E. Aldrige	24 Dec 1895
Goggans, G. M. M. V. Trentham	27 Mar1881
Goggans, G. W. M. E. White	22 Jun 1882
Goggans, H. N. Udora Smith	31 Jul 1890
Goggans, Josiah Matilda Rainwater	14 Jun 1860
Goggans, W. R. C. A. White	11 Feb 1900
Goldin, J. A. Elizabeth Brice	13 Dec 1869
Goldin, James J. Dellar V. Strickland	25 Jan 1883
Goldin, James T. Viola Agan	26 Nov 1893
Goldin, John Mandie Morgan	20 Mar 1897

Groom/Bride	Date
Goldin, O. F. M. R. Smith	9 Jan 1898
Goldin, R. Y. Viola Hunt	14 Jan 1900
Goldin, Richard Mahala Lowery	19 Dec 1879
Goldin, Seaborn R. Malinda E. Waddell	11 Aug 1878
Goldin, Sidney M. J. Wilson	18 Dec 1899
Goldin, W. F. S. S. Hutcheson	22 Jun 1879
Goldin, William I.(J.?) A. Whitton	25 Jul 1875
Goldin, William A. Sarah Sewell	1 Nov 1873
Goode, N. D. M. E. Newman	29 Nov 1885
Goodwin, John Amanda Cooper	6 Apr 1884
Gore, Tom Estella Pool	22 Oct 1899
Graham, Will (C) Silla Smith	4 Apr 1897
Green, A. S. Clem Reed	15 Dec 1896
Green, C. R. Arbella Kitchens	27 Jul 1897
Green, J. H. Aris A. Kilgore	25 Aug 1881
Green, J. M. S. E. Little	21 Dec 1888
Green, R. M. S. M. Canamore	22 Sep 1889
Green, Reubin M. M. A. Bishop	17 Nov 1885

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