

October 15, 1978

Querido Nieto Kevin

Damos un gran placer
enviarle este libro.

Susan Sillers Warden was
your Cousin-by-marriage. Her
son-in-law, Dr. Patrick Henry
Wade, was your first cousin
about 6th removed. The Ross,
Wades, Briscoes, Bass Killingsworth,
Trumble, Logan & others were
anything from Coy to a direct-
in-blood-line ancestor, but some
kinfolk are mentioned on nearly
every page.

I enjoy this insightful diary
for what it is - a tale of life
that we might have experienced
it had we been born 150 years
ago.

Amor y besitos,

Nana & Papa Ross & R.

25 September 1978

TO: The Members of The Allied Families Who Will Receive
A Copy of This Typescript Copy of The Darden Diary

FROM: Jewell & Ginger Ross
8416 Briarwood Lane
Dublin, California 94566

SUBJECT: THE DIARY OF SUSAN SILLERS DARDEN
January 16, 1854 - December 31, 1861
May 22, 1865 - September 2, 1877

Mrs. Susan Sillers Darden was born September 20, 1816; married Jesse Harper Darden (1811-1895) in July 1832; and passed away February 25, 1880. The couple lived south of Fayette, Jefferson County, Mississippi near what is now called the Stampley Community, or neighborhood. Two of their daughters married members of the Wade and Killingsworth families. Other Darden clan marriages link most all of our families in ancestral relationships in Jefferson County, dating back to the times when the area was under British, French and Spanish Dominion.

The owner's name on the cover of the book, of which a typescript copy has been made and will follow, is "ADINE WADE FULTON". To You, Adine, and your Honorable Husband, Cousin John Rivers Fulton, we are deeply indebted for the very generous loan of your bound volume of a typescript of the Diary of Susan Sillers Darden. Adine and John's address is Box 342, Fayette, Mississippi 39069. As Coz. Adine explained, she obtained her copy through the cooperation of Mrs. Greathouse, emeritus Librarian of the Fayette Branch, Copiah-Jefferson Region Library when the transcript was available in loose-leaf form in 1975. It had reportedly been typed by college students.

There are many people to whom we are indebted for guarding the safety of the original Diaries over the past century and more. To everyone who contributed to its preservation and publication in The Fayette Chronicle, our earnest thanks are given.

Special Appreciation is expressed to:

Mr. Caleb F. Darden, Route 2, Box 687, Lumberton, Texas 77656, a descendant of the Diary's author, who donated the original two volumes to the Mississippi Department of Archives & History, and permitted Mrs. Marie Farr Walker, Editor of The Fayette Chronicle to publish it in serial form in that newspaper, 1970-1975.

Mrs. Mary Campbell Bryan, 431 Clinton Heights Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43202, a native of Jefferson County and descendant of many of the families named in the Diary. She once typed a copy of the handwritten diary that (the copy) is now in the Mississippi Department of Archives & History. (She is a magnificent cooperater in family history research).

Mrs. Aileen Eck (Robert A.) Ross, 13415 Doolittle Drive, San Leandro, California, our sister-in-law, without whose

most generous cooperation this project would have been impossible to accomplish.

To each of you, my deeply sincere thanks.

This typescript copy was made between May 27 and September 10, 1978. I wore out the "E" key, and had it repaired; used two bottles of "Liquid Paper Correction Fluid" to erase typographical errors; and endeavored to copy Cousin Adine & John's material exactly as it was written. Without a doubt, some minor misspellings were repeated, and some new ones created in the process. Apology.

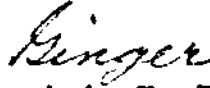
As an assist to you close family members with whom I have been in personal touch or through correspondence, a very brief Table of Contents and a page or two of comments will be attached.

It has been a fascinating experience to read, type, assemble and disseminate this information to you.

With the affection of kinship, sincerely,



Jewell L. Ross



& Virginia E. Ross

INTRODUCTION

Mr. Caleb F. Darden has generously provided the information that he obtained the originals from Lottie Wade of Red Lick, Mississippi and Jeanne & Anon K. Darden. His letter follows.

It is an assumption of mine that Miss Lottie Wade was the resident of Old Rosswood and a descendant of Dr. Walter Ross Wade and Mrs. Mabella Jane Duncan Chamberlain.

Mrs. Mary Campbell Bryan has most generously, for the hundredth or more time, provided a statement that is also attached, following Mr. Darden's letter.

She has also provided several sheets of genealogical data concerning the Darden family and the Ebenezer Church. These data will follow her letter of 5 IX 78, (that's September 5 of this year). (Thanks, again, Coz.).

The map of a portion of Jefferson County will follow it, and two locations are marked as being the probable location of the homesite of Susan Sillers & Jesse Harper Darden at the time the Diary was recorded. The northernmost, nearest Fayette, is a "Guesstimate" provided by Cousin Mary Campbell Bryan; the southernmost was provided by the Rural Route Mail Carrier for the Stampley community, whose name I do not know. Should the exact location be learned, with certainty, at a later date, you will be advised by a supplemental memo.

Following that is a current map of ^{a part of} the State of Mississippi, included primarily to permit one to look up the location of places that are mentioned in the diary, like "Boliver County", Lake Providence, and others.

After that, on the page preceding the Library Copy title page, there will be a Table of Contents page just to show where each year begins.

And, for you Cousins & Kinfolk who have shared this ancestor-hunting adventure with me over these past five years, there is a xerox copy of the original last page of the diary, in the handwriting of Susan Sillers Darden. It was obtained from the Mississippi Department of Archives & History, and has been cut and pasted to fit an 8½ x 11 sheet, two pages.

HOW DO WE FIT INTO THE PICTURE? ARE WE 'DARDEN COUSINS'?

Like the leaves off of a single tree, each of us is unique and will have to study the available information and narrative of the diary to arrive at the factual answers to those questions. The author was the mother-in-law of Dr. Patrick Henry Wade, who was a first cousin of Dr. Walter Ross Wade of Rosswood Plantation, and nephew of our great-great-grandmother, Mrs. Jane Brown Ross Wade (Daniel) Ross (J. I. W. R. Sr.). The author's son married Sallie Killingsworth, whose grandfather was Michael Woods Trimble.

Introduction, page two:

Everyone of you with whom I have corresponded about family history will find something in the diary that relates to your ancestors or kinfolk. A few entries, that had special significance to me, were:

September 24, 1860: Robert Trimble and wife demitted from Ebenezer Presbyterian Church to join the Methodist Church. (They were our maternal great-grandparents.)

August 17, 1861: Allison Wade and Ellen Cogan were married. (Great-grandparents, and they were also the parents of Willie Jeff Wade, David Wade, Aunt Minnie Aurelia Wade Killingsworth, Daniel Brown (Uncle Brown, also later called Isaac) Wade, Uncle Beulard Wade and other children. Ellen Cogan was the sister of our grandfather, Cicero Jefferson Cogan.

August 23, 1861: Allison Wade departed for service in the Confederate Army, one week after marriage. - The dates of this and the immediately preceding entry are evidence that great-grandfather Allison R. Wade is the same man listed in the official Confederate Army files as "A. R. Wade". He served in Captain Put Darden's Company L, Artillery, also commanded at other times by Captain W. L. Harper as the Jefferson County Horse Artillery, Mississippi Volunteers.

October 10, 1870: Mr. Darden reported by his wife to have seen Adalade Trimble in Fayette, and she said her youngest daughter had recently died. - This was most likely Mrs. Elizabeth Adelaide Wade Trimble, widow of Robert Curran Trimble, our maternal great-grandparents, and the child who had passed away was most likely Matilda Adelaide Trimble, age 13.

June 16, 1872: Jack Ross was ordained Deacon of the Red Lick Church. This was John Isaac Wayne Ross, Jr., our great-grandfather; husband of Helen Beatty Green Ross.

August 18:1873: Jeff Chamberlain and Eugene Ross, son of Mr. Jack Ross, joined the Presbyterian Church yesterday, said the entry. Eugene Allison Ross, Sr. was our grandfather.

December 16, 1873. Dr. Patrick Henry Wade and his wife, Martha Darden Wade, named their newborn child Hellen Ross Wade after Mrs. Jack Ross. Hellen (Helen) was our great-grandmother.

January 27, 1876: Mr. Trimble (very old), Mrs. K's father, is confined to his bed. - This refers to Michael Woods Trimble and his daughter, Matilda Trimble (Mrs. Anapias, Sr.) Killingsworth; our great-great-grandfather, Mike Trimble,

Introduction, page three:

apparently lived the last years of his life at Holly Grove Plantation, ancestral home of the Killingsworth Family, founded by Noel Killingsworth on land purchased from John I. W. Ross, Sr.

March 12, 1876: Mr. Trimble died and was to be buried at the Killingsworth Family Cemetery, according to Noel Killingsworth. - This indicates that Michael Woods Trimble (1788-1876) lived to be 88 years of age.

March 17, 1876: Mrs. Laura Darden Bridewell, daughter of the author of the diary, agreed to teach "Mr. Wade and Mr. Jack Ross' children."

February 18, 1877: Reported the death of Mrs. Mabella Wade. This corroborates the date of passing of Mrs. Mabella Jane Duncan Chamberlain Wade, widow of Dr. Walter Ross Wade, of Rosswood.

As you will observe, the Diary of Susan Sillers Darden is a treasury of information concerning the births, marriages and deaths of many families living in Jefferson County. - The preceding observations and comments are only a small part of the facts involving ancestors of the Allied Families.

Finally, it will be of particular interest to you who have read the Journals of Dr. Walter R. Wade of Ross Wood Plantation, Jefferson County, Mississippi, particularly the one covering the last years of his life (1855-1862).

It is a pleasure to send this copy of the Diary to you as a gift.

Jewell L. & Virginia E. Ross
Jewell L. & Virginia E. Ross

Route 2, Box 687
Lumberton, Texas 77656
11 September 1978

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The original diary of SUSAN SILLERS DARDEN is now deposited in the Department of Archives and History, Jackson, Mississippi.

The oldest part of this diary (1854-1861) was obtained by me from Lottie Wade of Red Lick, Mississippi. The other part (1865-1877) was obtained from Jeanne Darden and her brother, Anon K. Darden, grandchildren of SUSAN SILLERS DARDEN. I was unable to obtain any records for the years 1862 thru 1864.

Caleb F. Darden

Caleb F. Darden



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Just

Whittling

By Marie Farr Walker

Last week we had a note from Mr. Robert Darden of Houston, Texas, sending us an article about his grandson. He also mentioned that his brother and our friend, Caleb Darden of Rt. 2, Box 687, Silsbee, Texas 77656 had lost his eyesight. Robert Darden stated the doctors didn't seem to know what caused it. It was Mr. Caleb Darden who let us reprint the Susan Sillers Darden diary in the Chronicle and we are sorry to hear this because he loved to read and especially to write.

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THURSDAY, JULY 6, 1978

431 Clinton Heights Ave.
Columbus, Ohio 43202
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Dear Jewell:

To answer your request that I tell you about my part in typing the SUSAN SILLERS DARDEN Diary is like trying to catch a feather in a blizzard!

'Twas in the early 1960's I agreed to make 1 original & 1 carbon of the Diary from a handwritten copy of the original, which Caleb J. DARDEN had placed in the Miss. Dept. of Archives, Jackson, Miss.

James W. Woolridge, Archivist at the Dept., sent Caleb a letter on 9 Oct 1968 confirming receipt from me of the 2 copies of Part II of the Diary. While typing same, I realized there were many people mentioned therein, whose genealogical data was in my files. Thus, all parenthetical data was inserted by me. Some of it may be inaccurate due to faulty data, at that time, in my files.

'Twas ~~April~~ before the Dept. "found" those two "lost" copies and had them bound and on 4 Sept 1969 they sent one bound copy to Caleb as per their promise, stating that my tribute to SUSAN SILLERS DARDEN and a list of the genealogical data of the children of Jesse Harper DARDEN and SUSAN would be included in the binding.

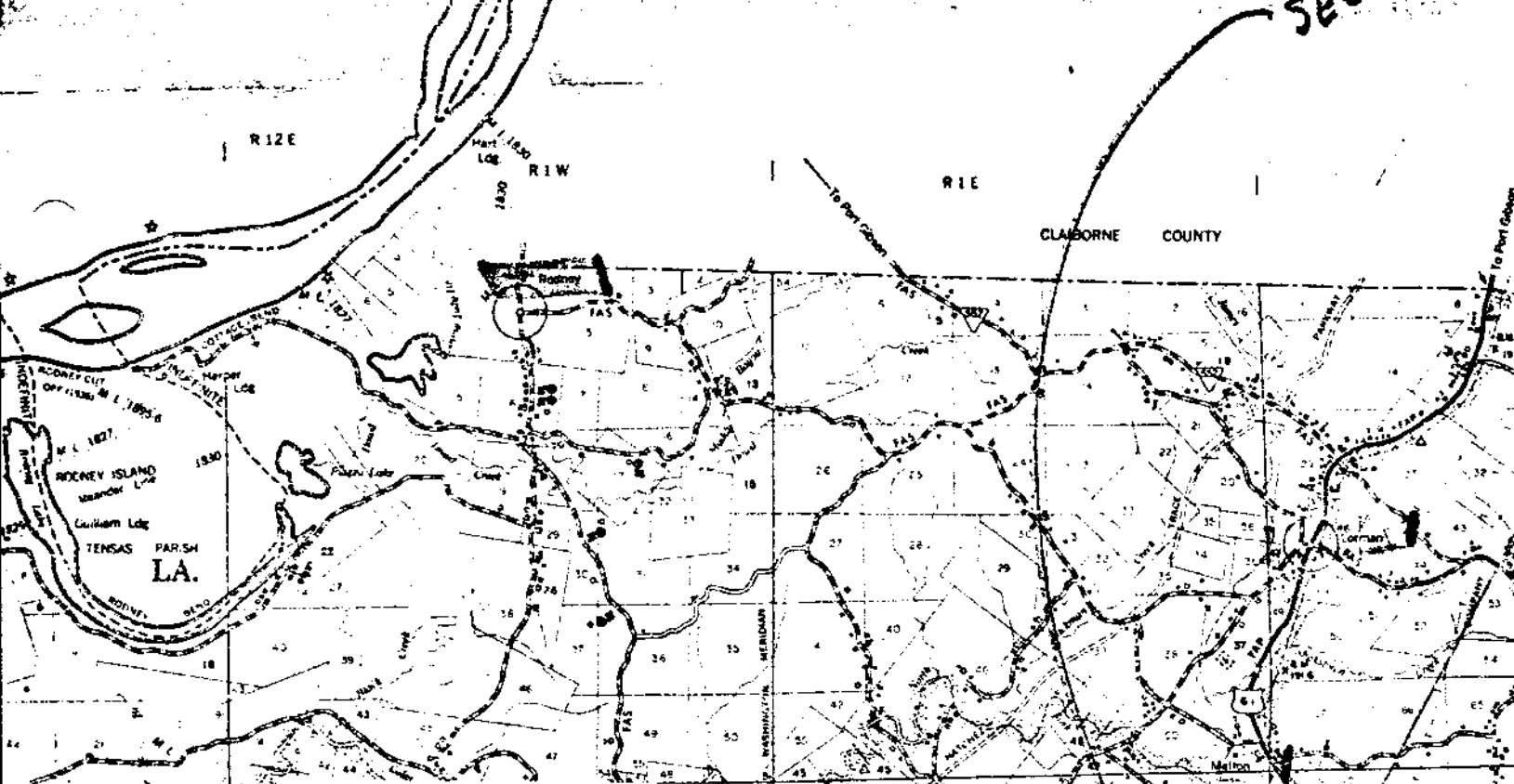
As to how the copies of the Diary (in serial form) came to be printed in "The Fayette Chronicle" I know little. I assume, in Caleb F. DARDEN'S CORRESPONDENCE with Mrs. MARIE F. WALKER, Editor, he suggested she print it and she agreed. However, he must have sent her typed copies of his handwritten copy, as none of my inserted parenthetical matter of Part II was printed.

I do not have the dates on when my copies of Part I of the Diary reached the Dept of Archives; they were sent by me to Caleb and he mailed them to the Dept.

The Diary is filled with much history of a farm family's life in EARLY Mississippi and should be preserved.

EVER,

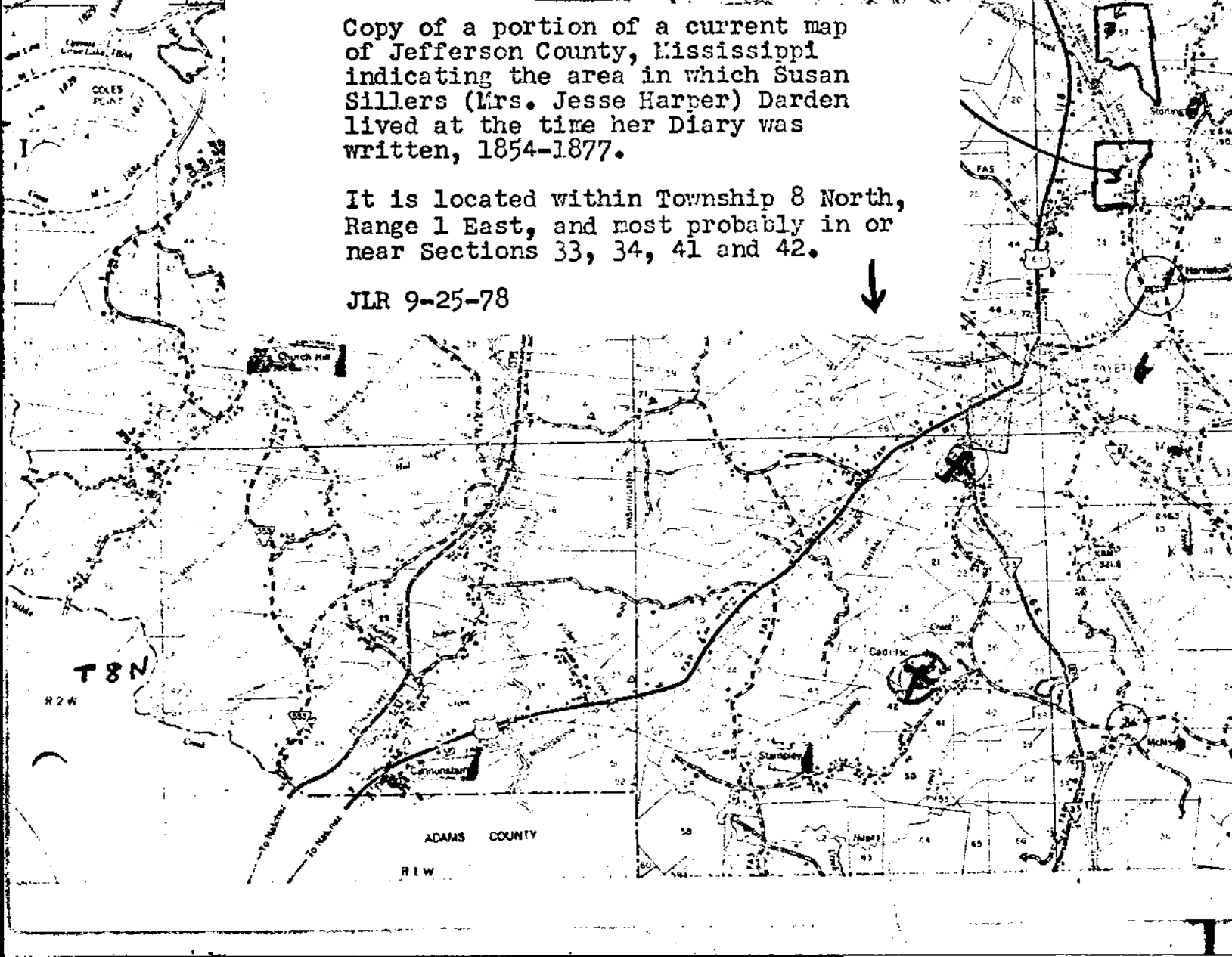
Mary Campbell Bryan

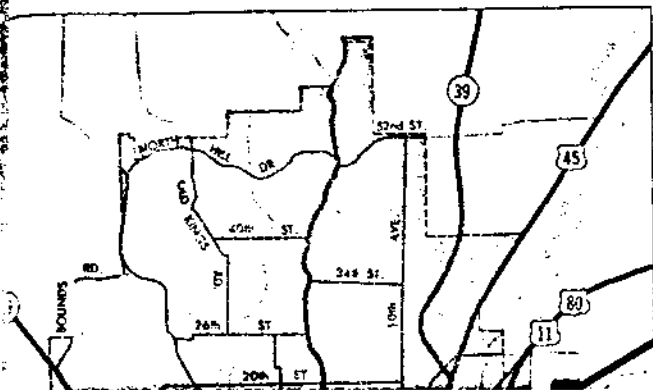
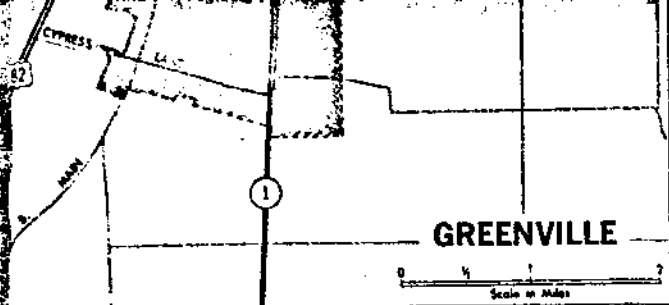


Copy of a portion of a current map of Jefferson County, Mississippi indicating the area in which Susan Sillers (Mrs. Jesse Harper) Darden lived at the time her Diary was written, 1854-1877.

It is located within Township 8 North, Range 1 East, and most probably in or near Sections 33, 34, 41 and 42.

JLR 9-25-78

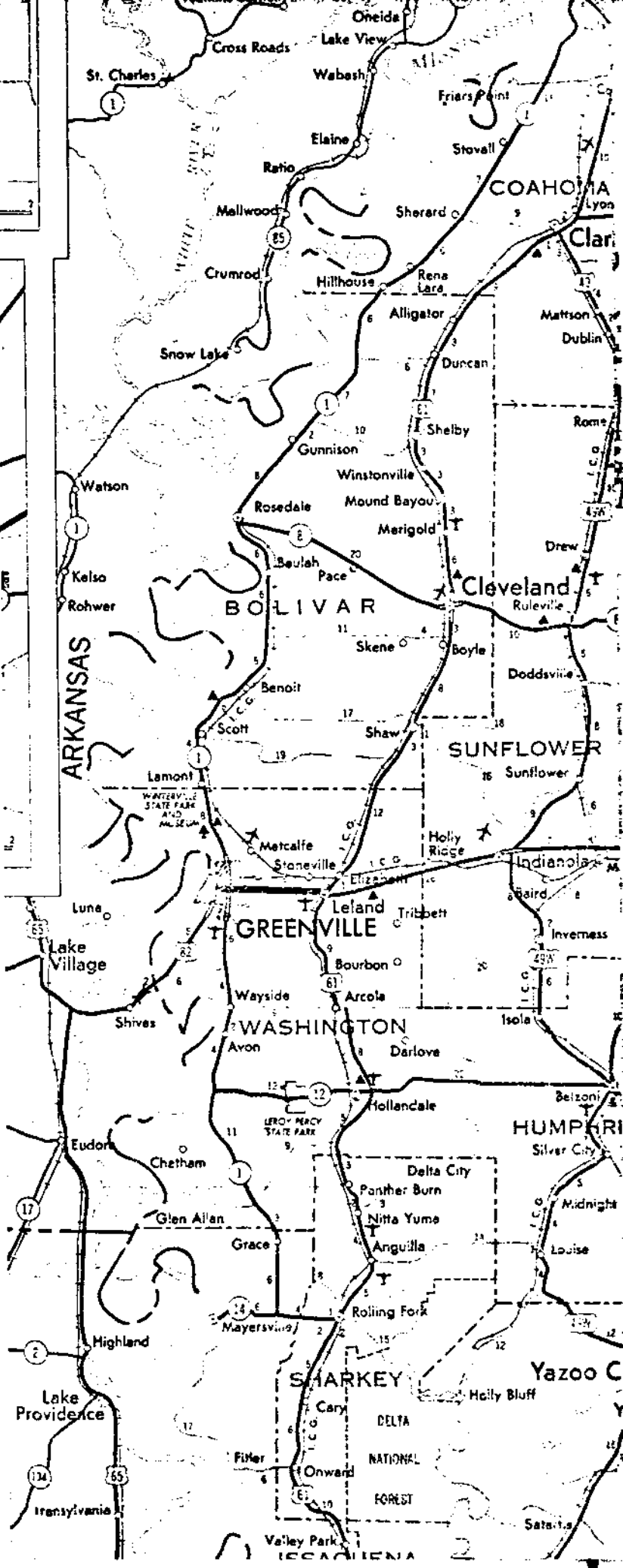




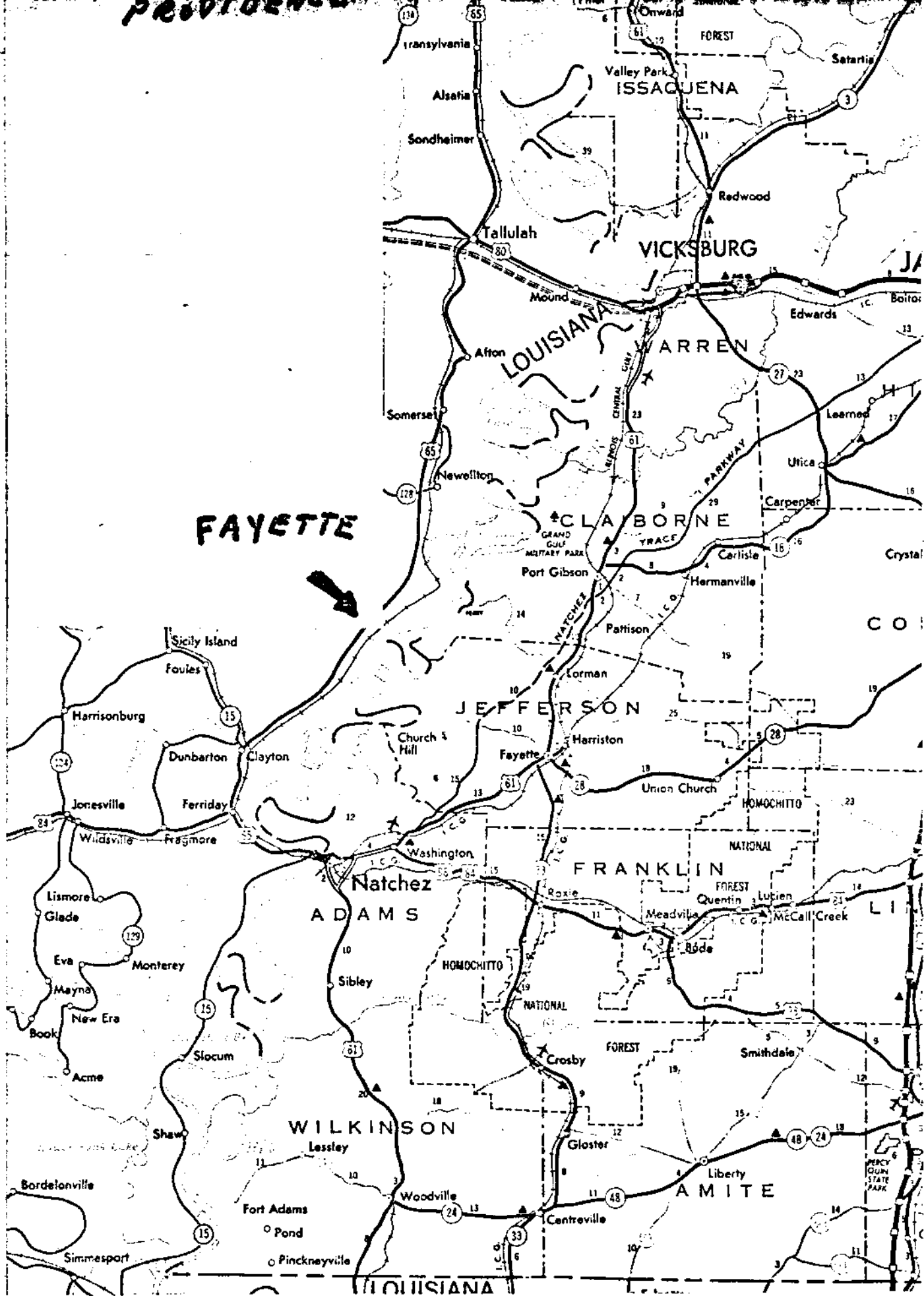
PLACES
FREQUENTLY
MENTIONED
IN DIARY

BOLIVAR
COUNTY

LAKE
PROVIDENCE



PROVIDENCE



25 September 1978

SUBJECT: DARDEN FAMILY GENEALOGICAL INFORMATION

Our Cousin, Mrs. Mary Campbell (Mrs. Joseph Dunble) Bryan, 431 Clinton Heights Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43202, has been collecting genealogical and historical information concerning Jefferson County inhabitants for nearly a half century. A native of the County, she has pursued her research in the major centers where personal history facts are preserved, such as the Adams County Court Records Library, Natchez; Jefferson County Court House, and other record centers too numerous to list. She has most generously shared her information and has been the primary resource person for authors of many published articles in this subject matter area. Her "Allied Families" in Mississippi and the precedent Natchez District include the surnames of Campbell, Cooke, Girault, Davenport, Pettitt, Yancy, McCaleb, Spain, Holt, Truly, Green, Smith and others.

Her character as a researcher is described by one colleague as "careful, thorough, demonstrating penetrating insight and respect for the truth."

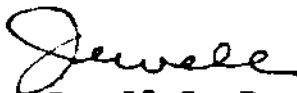
She has most generously permitted me to include the attached five pages on the

Genealogy of the Darden Family, and

Notes Concerning Presbyterian Church
History, including Reference to
Ebenezer and Union Churches in
Jefferson County.

Since this is a private report, prepared for the edification of a limited number of family members, it will be sent to only those of you who have indicated an interest in the peripheral matters relating to the history of the Allied Families.

To Coz Mary Campbell Bryan: Thank you very much, again.


Jewell L. Ross

P.S. This is the final piece of paper that will be a part of the package that includes the Diary of Susan Sillers Darden and all supplementary sheets. As a minor note of passing history, similar to the events included in Susan Darden's Diary, this is the date when the worst commercial airplane disaster occurred in the history of the United States; the PSA-private plane crash in San Diego where 147 people died.
JLR

Research by
(McB)

"The Warden Court Records"

1767-1805
May Wilson McFee Collected Vol # 2 -
Nov 1953

p. 521

* 696 - Claimant - Buckner Warden 19 March 1804
witness - James Chaney -
Certificate # A - 171 - issued - 16 Dec 1806

Buckner Warden claims a pre-emption right to 300 acres
in Jefferson Co. (Miss) on both sides of
Travis's Fork of Coles Creek, settled by
him in 1801 and inhabited and cultivated
by him ever since, being at the time of
settling said land, the head of a family.

lands adjoining: Bailey, E. Chaney - 300 acres
James Bales (Balls, Bowles) 240 acres
by will from Christopher Butler
"was a settler - 27 Oct 1795"
Wilson Bales (Balls, Bowles) 240 acres

* James Chaney's land (196 acres - in Jefferson Co. (Miss.)
on PLATNER'S Fork of Coles Creek

adjoined by land of: David Warden } p. 521
John Gaskins
Daniel Haccigill

"The Warden Family History" - 1957
Edited, Revised, & Enlarged by Henry W. Tilted
Literary Trustee & Executor
of the Estate of
Warden Jasper Warden
Compiled: 1953
p. 49

David Warden b. 1770 Halifax Co. Va - d. 9 Feb 1820 (age 50) - tombstone data from
son of George Warden + Martha Burch - family cemetery

The farm on which this cemetery is located is adjacent to a highway
locally known as the M^o White Road - about 1/2 miles south of the
Zayette (Miss) Court House.

This farm land had been owned in succession by David Warden +
his 2nd wife (Mrs. Elizabeth (Truly) Payne) until his death (1820);
thereafter by his son, John Pendleton Warden, until 1845; it then
passed to his son, Thomas Sandrum Warden until 1927 who left
the land to his widow who sold the land to Judge Jeff Truly
(Zayette, Miss) whose widow (Martha Bishard Whitney) in 1939
held title to the land and the cemetery -

(Parenthetical data added by McBryne)

* 6. David Warden b 1790 Va d 8 Feb 1820 Jefferson Co. Miss -

md ① 1 May 1800 Jefferson Co. Miss -

Eleanor (Eleanor) Spain b --- d --- 1803 Jefferson Co. Miss

Miss line
of

Thos L. Darden

The "Warden Family History" says; daunt. of Francis Spain
another record "states" she was the widow of
Francis Spain who "dusted" her + went back to Virginia!

Issue: 1 daunt. who md - John S. Chambliss.

md ② 14 July 1805

Mrs Elizabeth (Truly) Payne b 16 June 1782 d 14 Nov 1851

daunt. of James Truly and Mrs Elizabeth (Nelt) Burch
she was the widow of Silas Payne d. c 1808-1804

Issue: 6

7. Buckner Warden b --- 1792 Va d 30 June 1830 Jefferson Co. Miss -

md 17 April 1800 Jefferson Co. Miss -

Susan S. Darden
line

Maria ("Polly") Harper b 20 Aug 1786 Wilkes Co. Ga
d. 31 May 1869 Mississippi
daunt. of Jesse Harper and Martha Jones

Issue: 15 (1848: only 11 represented as heirs)

8. James Warden b c 1794 d 1801-1802 Wilkes Co. Ga.

md c 1794

Susannah Heard b 8 May 1778 d 23 June 1862 Heard Co. Ga.

daunt. of John Heard + Bridget Carroll

Issue: 3 Warden children -

Susannah (Heard) Warden md ② c 1804 George RAIN

Issue: 2 (perhaps more)

9. Richard Warden b c 1777 Ga d. 19 Oct 1822 Jefferson Co. Miss -
never married

10. Washington Lee Warden b 1781 Ga d 15 March 1830 Madison Co. Miss -

md 10 Oct 1805 Jefferson Co. Miss -

Ann Shirley (Shirley) b 1 Sept 1786 Augusta Co. Va d 4 Feb 1833

daunt. of John Shirley living 1805 Jefferson Co. Madison Co. Miss -

Issue: 9 all born in Jefferson Co. Miss -

11. Martha B ("Patsy") Warden b 22 Oct 1784 d. Sept 1867 Bowie Co. Texas -

md --- 1814

Hardin Dudley Runnels b 13 May 1789 d 29 June 1839

son of Harmon Runnels and --- Howell

Issue: 5 - (4 sons survived - daunt died in infant -

After 1842 the widow moved to Bowie Co. Texas where
her son Hardin Richard Runnels was the 5th Gov of Texas 1859 -
+ her son Hiram G. Runnels was the 4th Gov of Miss -

12. Ann Warner ("Nancy") Warden b 1789 d 2 June 1844 - interred Fayette

md ① --- 1805 James G. Heard b --- d 1811 Jeff Co. Miss -

Issue: 1 James G. Heard Feb --- d 1898 Texas

md ② --- 1813 Hiram Baldwin b 24 Feb 1881 d 15 Sept 1851
(lawyer) Cincinnati, Ohio

Issue: 0

George Harden, Sr - b 1734 Brunswick, Co. Va - moved to Halifax Co. Va -
(DEARDEN) d. 1807 Lexington, Kentucky -
Autumn 1791
interred: Tuscaloosa, Alabama -

lived: northeast Georgia - near the Savannah River on Beaverdam Creek
in Wilkes Co. Ga - (later known as Elbert Co. Ga)

married: 25 April 1759

Martha Burch b 1743 d Wilkes Co. Ga (Elbert Co.) 1803
dau. of John Burch and Elizabeth HARRIS
(She was a sister of Samuel Burch who mtd. Elizabeth Holt
who, as a widow, married James Truly -
She was also a niece of Nibbel Holt who married Sarah Truly -

They had 13 children:

Rev. War Service of George Harden:
Georgia Military under Col. Elijah Clark (bro. of Gibson
Clark who settled in Port Gibson) and Col. John Rooley -
References: Wilkes Co. Ga. Soldiers: Ordinary's office Washington, Ga
Land Grants - by State of Ga. for Rev. War Service
Sec of State's Office - Atlanta, Ga
Smith: "Story of Georgia + Georgia People 1732-1860"
p. 572-615 - Appendix -
Lucian Haman Knight: "Georgia's Foster of the Rev."
pp. 71, 257, 303, 379, 449

Children:

1. George Harden Jr. b 21 ^{Bible} Jan'y 1762 (Tombstone = 5 mi S.E. of Tuscaloosa, Ala -
md 30 July 1783 - (Pension record gives 1763) d 30 May 1844
Elizabeth STROZIER (Stawshure, Stawshure) b Sept 1766 d 1842
dau. of PETER STROZIER and Margaret DOZIER
Issue: 12
2. John Harden b c 1764 d pneumonia March 1811 near Greensboro Ga -
md 1794 - Elizabeth HARPER b - - - - - 1840-50 Jasper Co. Ga -
dau. of Edward or Edmund Harper and Anne Ruckler -
Issue: 6 all sons
3. Elizabeth (Betty) Harden b 1765-66 d 5 June 1848
md 25 Aug 1785
Stephen HEARD b c 1741 Hanover Co. Va d 15 Nov 1815 Elbert Co. Ga -
son of John Heard Jr and Bridget Carrall
Issue: 9
4. Mary (Jane?) "Polly" Harden b c 176? Va d after 1827 Ga -
md ① - - - - John Williams
md ② - - - - John Wynn b Washington, Ga d - - - -
Issue: 2 (by Wynn)
5. Samuel Harden b 1767-69 d - - - - - Washington 27 Aug 1790
No further information -

By Generations -

1. George Warden Sr md 25 April 1759 Martha Burch
2. Buckner Warden md 17 April 1800 Maria Harper
3. Jessie Harper Warden b 24 March 1811 d 20 May 1895
md 19 July 1832
Susan Sillers b 20 Sept 1816 d 25 Feb 1880
daught. of Walter Sillers and Mary Mowring Kame

By Generations -

1. George Warden Sr md 25 April 1759 Martha Burch
2. David Warden md (2) Mrs. Elizabeth (Truly) Payne
3. John Pendleton Warden b 7 Aug 1808 d 4 Sept 1865
md 15 April 1830 bk 5 p 253 Adams Co. Miss -
Margaret J. Fleming b 28 April 1811 d 7 July 1869
daught. of David Fleming and Dinah Sillers
4. Thomas Lardrum Warden b 20-29 Jan 1823 d 28 July 1929
md (1) 29 Nov 1872 Jefferson Co. Miss
Sophie Moore (M^{rs} Cabb b 6 Feb 1853 d 21 April 1896
daught. of James Duobart M^{rs} Caleb + Mary Eliz. M^{rs} Cabb
(first cousins)
5. Thomas Lardrum Warden Jr b 30 Dec 1876 d 6 June 1957
md 30 Sept 1896 Jefferson Co. Miss
Margaret (Maggie) E. M^{rs} Ginty b 29 Oct 1876 d 27 Oct 1954
daught. of Robt. Gulted M^{rs} Ginty + Mary Louise Bistand.
6. Caleb Franklin Warden b 9 Dec 1901 d - - - living 1978
md (2) 1 July 1962 Texas S/see Tel -
Mrs. Uella Mae (Fatchoff) Woodcock
b 2 June 1919

No issue

Presbyterian Settlements.

There were parties of Scotch Presbyterians who settled in Jefferson & Osborne Cos. This was adjoining the district already known as New Scotland, & the region already known as New Scotland, & the region retained a distinctly Scotch character to a late date. Gaelic dialect was long spoken among these people -

* The southeastern portion of Jefferson Co. was known as the Scotch Settlement, as you will readily infer from the names of families who lived there, Torrey, Fairly & Fairley, Berdoes, etc. - (William)

2. Messrs. ^(James) & Montgomery were sent in 1800 by the Presbyterian Assembly and the Synod of the Carolinas to examine into the religious condition of the Miss. settlements. After a primitive stay of a few months in the Dutchess District they returned to Carolina to make a report. Later Montgomery came back & entered upon a regular ministry at Natchez.

Reprint of Miss. Hist. Society, 1878 p. 52 by Mr. Hall of a report of his observations makes history reading interesting

The Newcomers built (Scots) built the Steeple houses of EBENEZER and Union Church, about which communities grew. (Emphasis) (Joseph B. ...)

"Mississippi" History John K. Patterson - Stock Co. Austin 1959 Tex

By 1812 there were 8 Presbyterian churches in Jefferson & Osborne Counties (Miss.) and 4 ministers in the Territory - 1816 - Miss. Presbytery was formally organized under the auspices of the Kentucky Presbytery - By this time plans were made to take missionary work into the Indian settlements & shortly after creation of the state (1817) a number of mission posts were set up. Ministers: James Hall, William Montgomery, James Smythe, Joseph B. ...

"Over Mississippi" Pearl W. ... 1959 Stock Co. Austin Tex

During the time when Spain governed Southern Miss. most of the settlers were Catholics. (1765-1778) - Then England or English immigrants of Protestant faith came by land & by sea & the majority faiths were Protestant - The Spaniards were next (1778) under Calhoun to occupy Natchez Territory (West Florida) & Catholicism again was the predominant religion - yet - the Spaniards Gov. freely permitted & even encouraged the holding of Protestant church meetings in order to attract settlers.

Also see:

John G. Jones - "Protestantism in Miss" 1908 which I do not own! (initials)

Sat. Aug. 25 Clear & warm. All come in bed, but better. All study is very
sick with fever. Mine finished Laura's blue striped dress, nearly done &
green striped. I have been all day mending Johnnie's mattress. Laura finished
her back, capico dress. George went to see the Henry Scott promised to come
home with him. Finished Johnnie's check linen suit. We had rain & wind
Clear & warm. Think Sid & Andy is dying at 90. He was better at 10.
Pack went on Dr. Elliot's, he is still speechless. Henry Scott & George
went to Elko while calling to dinner. There was a sprinkling of rain
this evening. Aug. 27. Clear & warm. Andy is much better. Mr. Brown
will want to see if he could get in with 20 man. I go to see
he did not want a clerk now. George came back with the Bridgman
he stayed at Henry Scott's clothes. Mrs. West, last night. Elda & Francis
washed & ironed part the clothes. Had a shower at 4 P.M. I sewed some
on a night in all alone. Laura making them. Dinner family
all sick with fever but smiling & her babe. Richards are picking
cotton. The pulling father in pigeon. Sun. Aug. 28 Clear & warm
Andy is able to sit up. Francis & Elda finished ironing. Had a rain
at 6 P.M. enough. George went to Fayette went to the Campbell store
went to dinner with Cousin Joe Whittier. Dinner wife Hattie is here.
on a visit. Elda & Darden got home at sundown. Left the Camp store
at 12 P.M. yesterday. Stayed at Elda's. Simpson's last night. Elda & Darden
stayed at Mrs. All Gearson's tent he married a daughter of Cousin
Charlotte Allaloo. There was a large number of persons there. Mrs. Hunt
about 1000's daughter. Elda was there. Fannie Stewart & Darden
had a daughter. I am suffering so with my leg this evening. Have
my sister to the sick hard hill. Wed. Aug. 29 Clear & warm. The
baked burrito in garden. Mine finished Laura's blue striped dress.
Laura making another capico suit for Malcom. Elda Darden went
to Fayette to get up his last payment in the Allaloo Insurance Co.
George went to see for all days to work on his toes with 20 of the
misters at Campbell's church. Then home with Willie Whittier.
Francis & Elda picking cotton in Orchard. Sun. Aug. 30 Clear
& warm. Darden put out & put coal oil on for red bugs. George went
to Fayette to night for the Campbell Church. Sent out two
bun, bread dresses for Howard. Cloud passed round, 4 P.M.
Clear & warm. Elda Darden went to Fayette got the paper.
Harrison brought barrel meal, Lemuel John of Coal oil, salicyl, sugar
Mine making Howard's blue striped dress. I worked the cotton
now in garden. Mine finished Howard's blue striped dress. Elda Darden saw Clara Allaloo
with she looks so bad, lost her babe, she has been at my house
four weeks, was going to see me in my carriage. Elda & Francis
picked cotton in Orchard. Hard rain after 4 P.M. with rain up
carnips. The ranch in his fodder from Ferguson two loads Sat.
Aug. 31. Clear & warm. The worms are eating the cotton, one load
& one child called for water. Mine finished Howard's blue striped
dress. Henry hauled 4 loads wood. Went for a load fodder that Mr.
Wells sold to Elda Darden for meat. George got home at 10 P.M. to night he had
been to Campbell's church by Fayette. He joined that church
that night before with Willie & Hattie Whittier. Jesse had fever
when George left here this evening. Sun. Sep. 2. Raining at 10
has sun cloudy all day. George took his clothes to be bap-
tized, with Willie & Hattie Whittier in Hollis Creek. Darden
Malcom eat dinner & went to see him baptized. Elda Darden went
to church would call at 10 P.M. Darden Darden
Darden for Hattie's children they all have fever.