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THE SUSAN SILLERS DARDEN DIARY

January 16, 1854 - December 31, 1861
May 22, 1865 - September 2, 1877

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The Susan Sillers Darden Diary

(This Key to the diary was written by Caleb F. Darden, son of Thomas L. Darden, Jr. and Maggie McGinty).

Children of the writer of the Diary:

John Buckner Darden; lived at Milliken's Bend, Louisiana, died in the Confederate States Army.
Martha married Dr. Patrick Henry "Pat" Wade.
Olivia married Dr. Uriah Overton Tate; lived near Natchez.
Laura married (1) Winfield Bridewell; m. (2) Edward Short.
Irene married Dr. Thomas Gage "Tommie" West - killed by negroes (Ku Klux Klan raid).
Jesse Blount Darden married Sallie Killingsworth.
George Young Darden married Rosa M. Jones.

Brothers and sisters of Jesse Harper Darden - husband of the writer of the diary:

"Betsy" (Elizabeth) called "Sister Betsy" married (1) Samuel Hornsby and (2) Benjamin F. Sibley; lived near Natchez.
Samuel W. Darden or "Brother Sam" married Anna McKeown; lived near Ebenezer Church, east of Fayette.
Buckner Madison Darden or "Brother Buckner" married Sarah Annette Torrey; lived near Ebenezer Church.
Mariah Lanier or "Sister Mariah" married Prosper King Montgomery; lived east of Fayette 4 miles.
Drusilla Caroline married George Guilford Torrey; lived east of Port Gibson near Pattison.
George Wynn married Susan Bolls; lived Pattison.
Sarah Annette "Anne" married William Jefferson "Jeff" Broscoe; lived at St. Joseph, Louisiana. (1)
Mary Jane married Thomas B. Scott; lived Tennessee.
Virginia "Jennie" Darden married Dr. Alfred L. Green.
Andrew Jackson "Jack" married Kate Vernon Mayberry; lived near Stampley.
Had son, Henry Mayberry Darden married 1st coz. Catherine Virginia "Kate" Darden, and he was killed near Fayette in KKK raid.

Children of Prosper King Montgomery and Maria Lanier Darden:

Jefferson Darden "Jeff" Montgomery married Martha Wade.
Samuel Swayze "Sam" married Laura Herrington.
Mary married John Bondurant.
Prosper King, Jr. "Pros. Jr." married (1) Ruth S. Chambliss, m. (2) Margaret Cooke.
Frank E. married Theresa Kennison.
'Tip' (must be Harrison Prentiss Montgomery) married (1) Minerva Herrington, m. (2) Mollie Forsett.
Clara Ann married Austin Williams Smith.
Virginia "Jennie" married Thomas Percy.

Ellen Maria married J. S. Goode.
Three other children died in infancy.
Prosper King Montgomery married (2) Mrs. Clotilde Ligon
Seymour - Two children.

Children of Buckner Madison Darden and Sarah Annette Torrey.

Mary Jane married Samuel B. Chamberlain.
Madison Alexander died in C. S. A..
George Everette, accidentally killed by his own gun, aged 13.
Rosalie Elizabeth "Rosie" married Brown A. Stewart.
Sarah Annette married Garfield Stewart McMillian.
James Torrey "Jimmie" married Mrs. Henrietta Perry Finn.
Marion Eloise married John Parks Suber.
Catherine Virginia "Kate" Darden married Henry Mayberry
Darden (1st cousins).
Minerva Oliva married Judge William Peake.
Buckner Eugene Darden - not to be confused with his uncle or
coz.

Other persons frequently mentioned:

John Pendleton Darden and wife, Margaret F. Fleming, "Coz.
John and Coz. Margaret."
Thomas Landrum "Tommy" Darden; (my grandfather) married
(1) Sophie McCaleb, (2) Clara Dorroh.
Putman "Put" Darden (bro. of my grandfather) married
(1) Carolyn Roach "Carrie" McCaleb, (2) Ellen Griffin,
married (3) Mary Lou Harper, (4) Kate Aby.

Other sisters of my grandfather:

Sarah Cunningham married Charles Westley "Wes" Whitney.
Josephine married Jefferson J. "Jeff" Whitney.
Susannah "Sue" married J. R. Armistead.

Others:

Bob McGinty, my grandfather; Anne Sillers Stuart, a sister to
writer of diary and her brothers: Joseph Sillers and wife
Matilda; Robert Sillers. Blount Stuart, husband of
Anne. "Ma" (Mariah Harper Darden,) mother of Jesse Harper
Darden. She married Buckner Darden, and both are buried
Old Salem cemetery near Stampley.

Ebenezer Church - Presbyterian - was located 7-8 miles east
of Fayette adjacent to Fayette-McNair highway, also in close
proximity to the Torrey and Currie graveyards. Villines,
a nearby restaurant located in Fayette on Rodney Road.

Spring Hill, an early settlement between Fayette and Stampley.

Wildwood Springs, a pleasure resort owned by my great-grand-
father, John Pendleton Darden, also miles. Am not sure but
think it was SW of Fayette, probably Adams-Franklin Co.

The residence of John P. Darden and wife, called "Coz John and Coz. Margaret" in diary, was built by Susan Sillers Darden's father, Walter Sillers. Family graveyard near.

Torrey graveyard E of Fayette (Scotch Settlement). Also buried here Rev. William Montgomery, Buckner Darden. Near by the Buckles - McPhersons and Currie or Curry graveyards. Closer to Fayette on Union Church road is private cemetery of Prosper King "P. K." Montgomery.

(End of Key written by Caleb F. Darden).