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SUBJECT: 1896 PHOTOGRAPH OF DUNBAR BISLAND WADE (1843-1908) AND FAMILY MEMBERS, INCLUDING WALTER BISLAND WADE (1867-1937), AUTHOR OF A DIARY PREVIOUSLY SENT TO YOU.

We are indebted again to Mary and Carroll D. Bowman, 1301 Taft Street, Lemon Grove, California 92045 for the loan of treasured family objects which in this matter are two photographs taken circa 1896. The photos are of particular interest at this time because Walter Bisland Wade was the author of the diary, portions of which were loaned to us recently by Cousins Mary & Carroll. That manuscript was written during parts of the years between 1884 and 1891.

The original of the photograph is about 6" x 8", is almost purplish-brown in color, and is broken into two pieces length-wise. A number was written on the face of the picture for each person in it, and on the backside of the photo the number and name of each person is listed. It is not known who placed the numbers and information on the front and backside.

Here is a copy of the picture I made of the original:



On the page that follows there will be two columns of information. Under Column 1 there will appear the numbers and names as they are written on the back-side of the photograph. Under Column 2 there will appear a fuller name, taken from page 170 of the Ann Mims Wright book, "...Descendants of Isaac Ross and Jean Brown and the Allied Families...", to better identify those in the photograph. - Bear in mind that the head of this family is a descendant of Judge Isaac Ross Wade (1814- ) and Catherine Dunbar ( ) of Prospect Hill, Jefferson County, Mississippi.

Column 1: Names as written  
on back-side of picture:

1. Battle D. Wade
2. Walter Wade, Papa
3. Dunbar "
4. Sallie S. ", Mama
5. Uncle Jim Wade
6. Catherine W. Ross, Aunt  
Catherine
7. Aunt Lottie W.
8. Uncle Jack W.
9. Uncle Richard W.
10. Uncle Marshall
11. Aunt Sallie W.
12. Mattie W.
13. Louis W.

Column 2:  
Probable true name:

1. Battaile Dunbar Wade, b. 1-27-1876
2. Walter Bisland Wade, b. 2-1-1867
3. Dunbar Bisland Wade, b. 3-18-1843,  
d. ~~1937~~<sup>1968</sup>, husband of Martha Reeves  
Wade
4. Sallie Stowers, wife of Walter  
Bisland Wade
5. James Taylor Wade, b. 1- -1843, son  
of Dr. Walter Ross Wade and his 1st  
wife, Martha Taylor Wade; and brother  
of Martha Reeves Wade; ward of  
Dunbar Bisland Wade during the latter  
part of his life while residing at  
"Old Rosswood".
6. Catherine Dunbar Wade, b. 2-27-83,  
who married Wade Wilson Ross
7. Charlotte Priscilla Wade, b. 8-5-1873
8. Jack Ross Wade, b. 1-9-1881
9. Richard Wade
10. Marshall Wade, b. 1-8-1871, who  
married 6-14-1906 to Estelle Cogan  
McCoy
11. Sallie M. Wade, b. 2-27-1878
12. Martha Bisland Wade, b. 9-13-1894
13. Louis Dunbar Wade, b. 12-6-1895

A guesstimate is that the photograph was taken at "Old Rosswood". That home was once the residence of Dr. Walter Ross Wade and his first wife, Martha Taylor Wade, and became the residence many years later of their daughter Martha Reeves Wade after her marriage to Dunbar Bisland Wade.

The second picture that was loaned was copied and a copy of it will be attached to the next page. On its back-side are written five names, and it is most probable that they are offspring of Dunbar Bisland Wade and his wife Martha Reeves Wade. All appear in the larger group picture as indicated in the columnar listings above.



Standing, left to right: Aunt Salley, Aunt Lottie, Aunt Cathern  
Seated, left to right: Uncle Bat, Uncle Marshall

Most probable true identities:

- Aunt Salley: Sallie M. Wade, number 11 in large photo.
- Aunt Lottie: Charlotte Priscilla Wade, number 7 "
- Aunt Cathern: Catherine Dunbar Wade, number 6 "
- Uncle Bat: Battaile Dunbar Wade, number 1 "
- Uncle Marshall: Marshall Wade, number 10 "

In the interest of obtaining more affirmative identification, a copy of this leaflet with the pictures of attached will be sent to Cozns Mary & Carroll Bowman with a request that it be sent to another kinsperson. Should any change occur, you who will receive a copy of this will be notified.

OBSERVATION: This pair of pictures is of personal interest to me because Walter Bisland Wade and others in the group picture were names appearing in the list of guests at the wedding of our grandparents Eugene Allison Ross and Idella Margaret Wade on September 3, 1890. - Nearly everyone pictured was also a contemporary of our parents.

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