

Camera Man's *Journey*

JULIAN DIMOCK'S SOUTH

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MATT JONES

TOP BADGE -
NEXT

CORP BADGE
BASIC GAR MEMBERSHIP
BADGE - RANK & FILE

BOTTOM -

OFFICIAL BADGE
ABRAHAM LINCOLN
POST 12
HILTON HEAD, ISLAND

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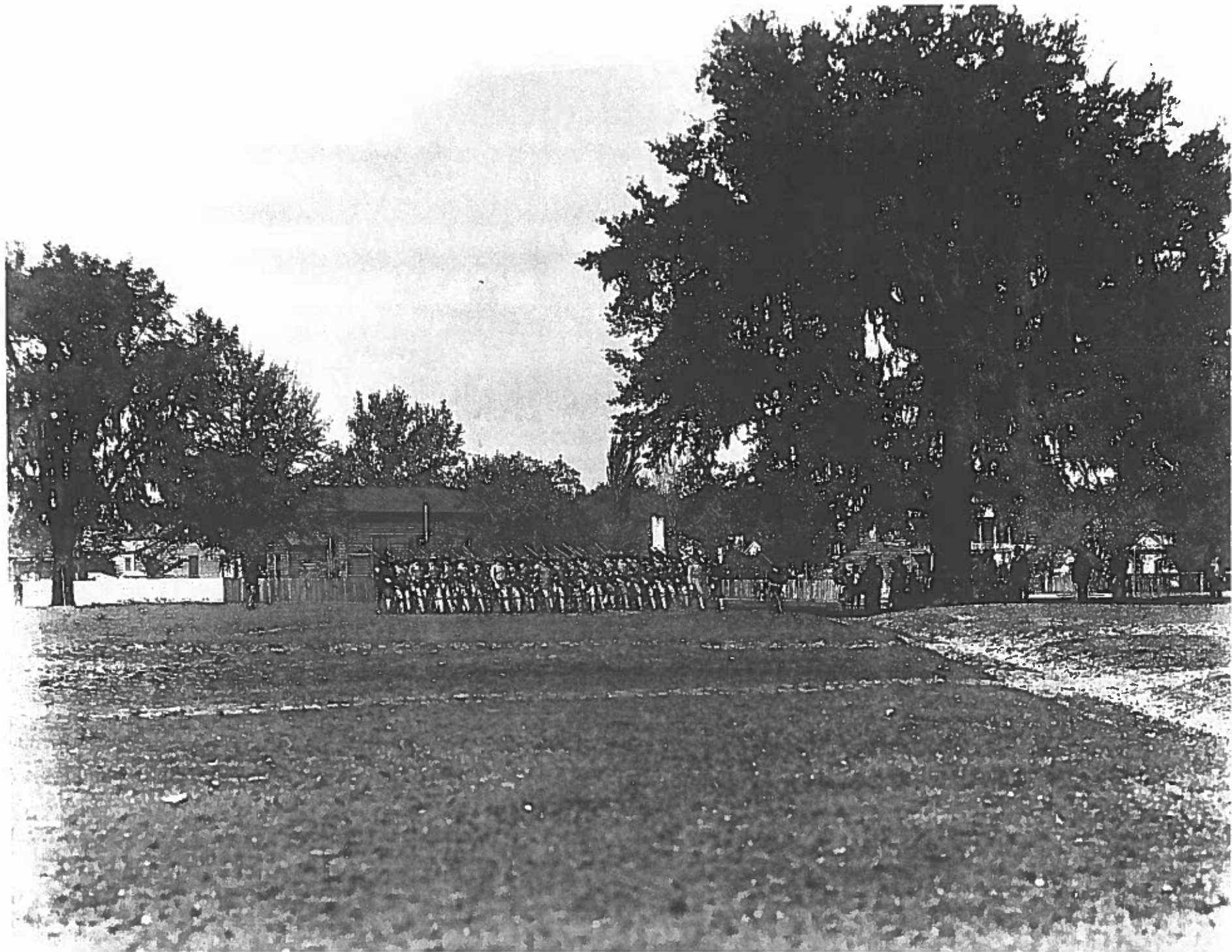
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[Matt Jones] in regimentals. Hilton Head, April 6, 1904. (AMNH 47860)



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PROTECTING LAND RIGHTS



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Heirs are working to protect land in Charleston County that has been in their family for generations. Pictured are Roslin Sumter, Juanita Smalls, Carolyn Dover, Jallyn Myers and J. Herman Blake.

Law to give heirs first opportunity to buy property

BY RODDIE A. BURRIS
THE (COLUMBIA) STATE

Monday morning. On the steps of the county courthouse.

There, black people in South Carolina have lost one of the greatest symbols of their heritage: land.

For generations, sheriff's sales have been a tool of developers to gain control of coastal property, primarily from black people, where ownership is not clear. The price paid for heirs property often is a pittance of its fair-market value.

A new state law is designed to change that. It grants families a right of first refusal to buy land if another family member — who alone can force a sale — wants out. It also guarantees families a window of time to do so.

There is much at stake.

"If 70 percent of (black) heirs took the necessary steps to protect their land, it could change the entire economic face of the Southeast," said Willie Heyward, managing attorney for the Center for Heirs' Property Preservation in North Charleston. "It's a giant problem in South Carolina."



Jonathan Dyer/The Island Packet

Adolph Dupree Brown stands with a model of the condominiums he plans to construct on family land in the Squire Pope area.

Man stakes claim to family land

BY TIM DONNELLY
THE ISLAND PACKET

owned for more than 100 years.

Brown planned to reconnect with his South Carolina heritage — where his great-great-great-great-grandfather first bought land after being a slave in Richland County in the 1850s — and build a house.

About 20 years ago, Adolph Dupree Brown asked his grandfather for an acre of the Hilton Head Island land his family has

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But his grandfather couldn't give away a piece of the property — not even a small chunk for himself — because ownership was split across 180 descendants who were spread from New York to Los Angeles.

It was only years later when the family got in a dispute over a subdivision on its property that Brown, now 45, understood the full complexities of the troubles with heirs property and why many of the families with the oldest ties to land on Hilton Head have been unable to capitalize on the area's development boom.

Clearing up issues with heirs property has led to frustrating situations for many native-island families that often just want to build homes for themselves on family property. Many end up settling for mobile homes on the land.

A new South Carolina law has

“What most people want to do is really just subdivide the land to give their heirs pieces so they can actually have a homesite.”

— James Mitchell, president and CEO of the Native Island Business and Community Affairs Association

helped ease some of the complications with heirs properties by giving families the right of first refusal to purchase land if a family member decides to sell, thereby preventing an outside developer from butting into family business. But even with the law in place, clearing up title issues on heirs property and trying to turn the land into something profitable remains a complex problem for many families.

The turning point for Brown came when the family fight over whether to sell or develop land in its Wild Horse Road subdivision

ended in the courthouse.

“I thought it was a travesty,” said Brown, better known as A.D. “I thought family should have been able to get together.”

After that, Brown took the lead on managing the family's 21-acre tract, which crosses William Hilton Parkway near Squire Pope Road and is one of the largest undeveloped parcels on the island. He created a limited liability company, the Matthew and Tina Jones Family LLC, and began the long process of tracking down the 180 heirs to make sure the family didn't miss a

lucrative opportunity to develop a prime piece of real estate.

The company still is fighting with one family member in New Jersey who Brown said wants more for his stake than the share is worth, but they've drawn up plans for a massive five-story, 26-unit condominium complex and have received a \$14 million loan from Carolina First Bank. The family stands to make \$4 million from the project right away and more money down the road, Brown said, something that should satisfy all the heirs who want to cash out their holdings.

The company works toward the same means as the new law: It prevents an outside interest from essentially buying into a family.

Creating a company to do so is one of the methods the Native Island Business and Community Affairs Association encourages families to pursue to develop their

Heirs

It's unclear how effective the changes will be in keeping lands within families.

While the law creates a clearer opportunity to buy out willing family members, coming up with the required dollars in a tight time period can be a challenge. Additionally, blacks historically have been slower to use wills as a means of passing possessions to future generations.

Still, hopes are high the new law might help stem the flood of valuable, black-owned heirs property moving away from traditional owners. And the increased attention on the issue has given rise to other options for families.

For example, some hope the creation of family-owned limited liability companies, a more solid option to keep land within families, will take off.

Lowcountry lawmakers, for some years, have aimed to limit the historic vulnerability of poorer families trying to hold on to what many say is a birthright. A few earlier attempts at legal change stalled, primarily over concerns that well-intentioned language could have negative ramifications for family members who had the right to access their share of an inheritance.

This year, South Carolina lawmakers modeled change on legislation in North Carolina that

How the new law works

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changes in state law to give joint owners of property a right of first refusal to purchase land from other owners before it is sold or leased. • When a member files an action to sell, other joint owners have 10 days to notify the court | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> that they wish to purchase the interest of those wishing to sell. • If the joint owners cannot reach agreement on price, the court appoints one or more appraisers to establish the value. • That's due within 30 days. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parties have up to 10 days to appeal the results. • After the value of the property is established and approved by the court, those wanting to keep the property have 45 days to pay the court for the interest's share. |
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has been on the books for several years. The S.C. change was crafted by Sens. Clementa Pinckney, D-Ridgeland, and Robert Ford, D-Charleston.

HISTORY OF CONFUSION

Nearly 14 million acres of heirs property has been lost nationwide since the end of the Civil War, according to published reports. About 1.3 million acres of such land, bought by former slaves, remains in the hands of their families.

Ex-slaves bought property as a way to establish and anchor their freedom during Reconstruction, the center said — a feat in the 1870s, given the numerous obstacles blacks faced.

Freed slaves began to come into property possession after Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman issued Special Field Orders No. 15 in January 1865. It awarded huge portions of unwanted, “worthless” land to black families along the South Carolina and Georgia coasts,

set aside in 40-acre plots.

Generations passed down the land without wills. That created nightmares for families in preserving or extracting value. Without clear ownership, for example, banks won't make loans on the property.

Also, family disputes have resulted in land being sold to developers at a fraction of its worth.

Under S.C. law, land that is passed on without a will legally is owned by all the heirs in common. Therefore any heir, regardless of how small his or her stake, can request a buyout.

Developers have used this provision to buy a family member's stake for pennies on the dollar, then forced a complete sale through the courts. When such suits are brought, the court can divide the land, allow one or more family members to buy out the disgruntled heir, or force the sale of all the land.

None of those options might be optimal for blacks, said Columbia civil and real-estate attorney H. Ronald Stanley, who cautioned that blacks no longer can afford to sit on their acres of heirs property as if it were “safe” agricultural land.

“It's a tremendous problem in South Carolina,” Stanley said, “particularly among African-Americans.”

In some cases, the uncertainty has opened the door for unscrupulous developers, cheating attorneys and even conspiring county employees to wrest land away from blacks.

“County (offices) have taken a lot of land from people,” Ford said.

CLEARING IT UP

Land that doesn't have clear ownership, as is the case with much heirs property, sits outside the stream of commerce and can't be used to its best economic potential, said Stanley, who for 10 years worked on clearing titles

land and keep it in the family, said James Mitchell, the group's president and CEO. The association also offers a loan program and suggests families enter into joint ventures to develop their property.

"(These are) some of the things we have encouraged so that the native land owners can hold onto their land," he said.

But family politics can be just as complicated as the politics in the Statehouse, and some say buying out family members under the new law can be practically impossible for families without a lot of money.

Not all native-island families are plagued with the problems of disparate ownership. Eddie Days and his family lucked out because their generations-old land is in a trust, so they were able to move forward with plans to subdivide their 2.8 acres on Squire Pope Road into

19 lots without having to settle heirs concerns.

"We have a pretty unique family and we all have the same vision," Days said. "The timing was right for us to do it and we just got together and did it."

Most families don't want to turn their land into a massive development, Mitchell said. But they get frustrated at how difficult it is just to cut off a piece to build a home for themselves.

"What most people want to do is really just subdivide the land to give their heirs pieces so they can actually have a homesite," Mitchell said.

The association plans to work with town officials soon to come up with a way to make that easier, he said.

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to heirs property.

He quit because the work is so tedious, but he has returned to it because the need is so great.

"Often you have heirs living up North, with no intention of returning, and who might only have one one-thousandth of an interest forcing a partition action," he said. "With this new statute, it will require that heir living in New York to offer that property to a family member first."

Settling land-title claims among family members, some of whom might not know each other, can be a big emotional issue that requires time, openness and trust-building.

The new law gives family members 10 days to tell a court they want to buy out a disgruntled family member. It sets up a system of appraisal and gives families 45 days to pay the fair-market value of the share. It also gives family members time to reach an agreement on a sales price prior to court intervention.

This process gives families a chance to buy before a court-ordered sale puts land on the open market. In such cases, property heirs have found themselves on the courthouse steps bidding against deep-pocketed developers who stand to make millions once land is acquired.

Though there are problems statewide, blacks in the Palmetto State have taken their biggest land losses

in the Lowcountry, said Heyward, of the Charleston preservation center.

The center conducts programs in Beaufort, Berkeley, Charleston, Dorchester and Georgetown counties, educating black landowners about the pitfalls of heirs property and helping secure clear ownership to their lands.

Through that, Heyward recommends heirs take an additional new step: limited liability companies.

Such companies are formed by existing family members. Approved by a court, the company is the clear owner of the land, and the family is the clear owner of the company. Those who want out can sell at any time, but only to a family member or the company.

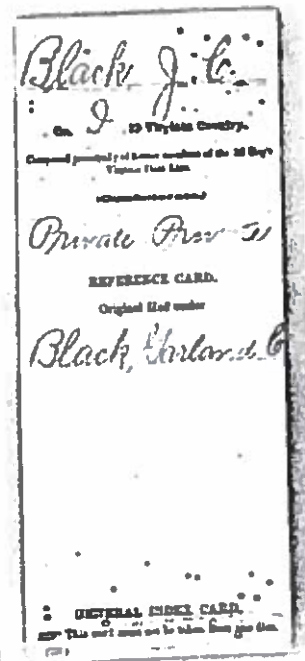
Adolph Dupree Brown of Hilton Head Island and his family took steps through the preservation center to protect their land. They ended up forming a company that specializes in protecting property through limited liability companies. Brown's partner in the LLC business venture, Gateway Development, is a black tax attorney in Rock Hill, Horace Jones. He said 90 percent of his business involves traveling around the state meeting with heirs property owners who want to protect their land.

"It is vastly important for blacks to know that, not only can they protect their property, they can develop it, too," Jones said.

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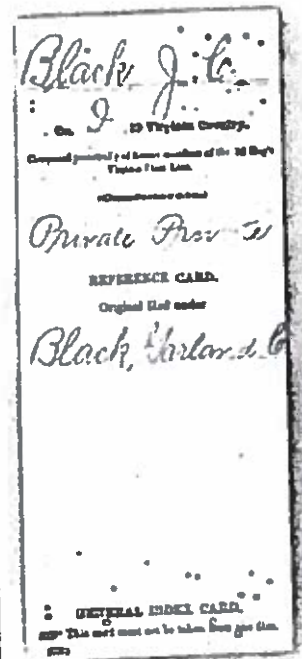
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History of the County

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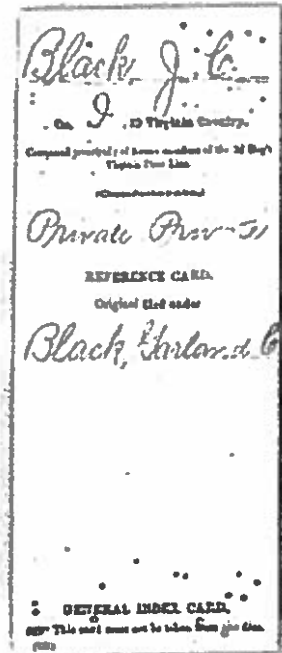
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| . | Jackson George | |
| . | Jenkins Isaac | |
| . | Jones Paris | |
| . | Jones Thomas | |
| . | Jones Matthew | |
| . | Jenkins Charles | |
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| . | Johnson John | |
| . | Jamison Caesar | |
| . | Jenkins Tom | |
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| . | Jones Oscar | |
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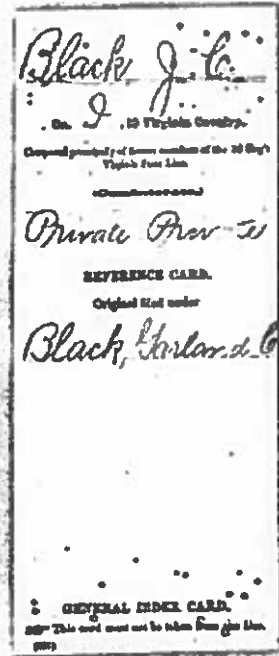


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| ATTORNEY | | | | |

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 1890 - Mathew - Pension
 1900 - Mathew & Tena - Census
 1904 - Mathew & Tena - Census
 1910 - Mathew & FLORA - Census
 1920 - FLORA PENSION - 1913 - get pension application
 1920 Census no Mathew or FLORA -

NO LISTING ANCESTRY - Service Records
 Mathew & Tena MARRY - 1867
 Tena Jones dies - 1900 - 1905
 Mathew MARRIES FLORA - 1905
 Mathew dies between 1910 - 1920 - check death certificate after 1915
 FLORA - UNABLE LOCATE IN 1920

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ROLL OF CITIZENS

of Milton Head Township, in the County of Beaufort between the ages of 21 and 30 years.

| No. | NAME | Age | OCCUPATION | RESIDENCE | COLGE W C | REMARKS |
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| 119 | Jewings Alfred | 28 | Farmer | Milton Head | | |
| 120 | Jenkins, Jacob | 22 | Farmer | Milton Head | | |
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| 137 | Knights, John | 21 | Farmer | Milton Head | | |
| 138 | Knights, Isaac | 18 | " | " | | |
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| 140 | Kimberly, George | 19 | " | " | | |
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Husband: **Matthew JONES (#351338)**

Notes for Matthew JONES:

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Family Group Record for Mathew JONES

Husband: **Mathew JONES (#151825)**

Father: **Perry JONES (#151823)**

Mother: **Janie P. JONES (#151822)**

Notes for Mathew JONES:

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UNITED STATES COLORED TROOPS

21st Regiment, United States Colored Infantry

Organized from 3rd and 4th Regiments, South Carolina Colored Infantry, March 14, 1864. Attached to 3rd Brigade, Vogdes' Division, District of Florida, Dept. of the South, to April, 1864. Morris Island, S. C., Northern District, Dept. of the South, to October, 1864. 1st Separate Brigade, Dept. of the South, to February, 1865. Garrison of Charleston, S. C., Dept. of the South, to August, 1865. Dept. of the South, to October, 1866. SERVICE.-Duty at Jacksonville, Fla., till April, 1864. Moved to Hilton Head, S. C., thence to Folly Island, S. C., April 18. Duty on Folly Island, Morris Island and Coles Island operating against Charleston, S. C., till February, 1865. Expedition to James Island, S. C., June 30-July 10. Action on James Island July 2. Occupation of Charleston February 18. Garrison duty at Charleston and Mt. Pleasant, S. C., till August, 1865, and at various points in South Carolina and Georgia till October, 1866. Mustered out October 7, 1866.

Predecessor unit:

**SOUTH CAROLINA VOLUNTEERS.
5th REGIMENT INFANTRY (AFRICAN DESCENT).**

Organization of Regiment not completed. Transferred to 3rd and 4th South Carolina Infantry.

**SOUTH CAROLINA VOLUNTEERS.
3rd REGIMENT INFANTRY (AFRICAN DESCENT).**

Organized at Hilton Head, S. C., June, 1863. Attached to District of Hilton Head, S. C., 10th Army Corps, Dept. South, to January, 1864. Barton's Brigade, District Hilton Head, S. C., to February, 1864. 3rd Brigade, Vogdes' Division, District of Florida, to March, 1864.

SERVICE.-Post duty at Hilton Head, S. C., till February, 1864. Moved to Jacksonville, Fla., February 6-8, and duty there till March. Designation of Regiment changed to 21st U. S. Colored Troops March 14, 1864, which see.

**SOUTH CAROLINA VOLUNTEERS.
4th REGIMENT INFANTRY (AFRICAN DESCENT).**

Organized at Fernandina, Fla., July, 1863. Attached to Post of Fernandina, Fla., Dept. South, to January, 1864. Barton's Brigade, District of Hilton Head, S. C., to February, 1864. 3rd Brigade, Vogdes' Division, District of Florida, to March, 1864. SERVICE.-Duty at Fernandina, Fla., till January, 1864. At Hilton Head, S. C., till February, 1864. Moved to Jacksonville, Fla., February 6-8, and duty there till March. Regiment consolidated with 3rd South Carolina Infantry to form 21st U. S. Colored Troops March 14, 1864.

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21st Regiment, United States Colored Infantry

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| Jack | Akins | D | Private | Private |
| John | Alfords | F | Private | Corporal |
| John | Alfred | F | Private | Corporal |
| Charles S. | Allen | F | First Lieutenant | First Lieutenant |
| Elijah | Allen | | | |
| Kit | Allen | C | Corporal | Sergeant |
| Lot | Allen | E | Private | Private |
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| William | Alliston | I | Private | Private |
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| Fortune E. | Anderson | H | Private | First Sergeant |
| James | Anderson | E | Second Lieutenant | Corporal |
| Joe | Anderson | A | Private | Private |
| Aron | Antisper | B | Private | Private |
| John | April | F | Private | Private |
| Aaron | Arterpee | B | Private | Private |
| Aron | Artisper | B | Private | Private |
| Albert B. | Ashley | A | First Sergeant | Second Lieutenant |
| John | Austin | F | Private | Corporal |
| Tony | Austin | F | Private | Private |
| Scott | Bagley | K | Private | Private |

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This undated photo, provided by the Jones Family, shows Matthew Jones, who was born into slavery...

Heirs Defy History of Blacks Losing Land

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By BRUCE SMITH

Heirs Property

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The Hilton Head property, if sold outright, could fetch \$4.5 million.

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MATHEW JONES, DEVELOPER,
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The Jones parcel is heirs' property — land that has passed down through a family for years without a will. After generations, dozens or scores of descendants may have a claim to it.

With no clear title, any heir can seek his or her share of the value of the property. Since the land can't be split into dozens of pieces, judges often order the sale of the entire parcel and split the proceeds. Sometimes third parties such as developers buy an interest from a single heir and then take the others to court to force such a sale.

Blacks have been especially victimized by the process, because they have been less likely to file wills. And as blacks migrated, many lost ties to the land and to family they left behind, and were willing to collect a few dollars for tracts they'd never seen.

Several states — Alabama, North Carolina and Georgia, among them — have instituted laws to protect heirs from losing their land. South Carolina has passed a new law that gives family members the right of first refusal to buy out their relatives' interests if they are pressing to sell. The land is appraised, and they are given 45 days to pay fair market value.

Gateway is promoting another solution — limited liability companies. Family members form corporations that own the land, and become shareholders; any relative who wants to sell must do so to another family member or to the company itself.

That's the path chosen by the heirs of Matthew Jones.

Adolph Brown was born and raised in New York, but his mother is from South Carolina. He recalls how, many years ago, another parcel of family land on Hilton Head Island — handed down through his grandmother's side of the family — sold at a partition sale for pennies on the dollar. Then, he heard that the Jones' land was in peril.

"I got word that some of the heirs were restless and wanted to sell," Brown said. "But I said, 'I'm not going to let happen to this piece what happened to the last piece.'"

Some of the family members had approached attorney Horace Jones to help them clear title to the property so it could be sold. Brown suggested that instead of selling, the family consolidate the title and form a limited liability corporation to develop the tract.

The effort involved tracking down descendants across the country.

"The good thing is the family was large but they kept in touch with each other" through reunions, said Jones.

Brown knew this was probably the last chance for the Jones heirs to come together and keep their property. In the future, he said, there would be too many descendants to agree.

"If we miss this shot, I estimate in the next generation there will be 500 people, and it will never fly," he said. "It was unbelievable at 180 people. If we miss this chance and it goes to the next generation, it will end up sold on the courthouse steps."

Gateway was formed as a result of Brown's discussions with Jones regarding the family land, with Jones becoming the company's vice president for business and legal affairs. The company works largely with blacks on development projects.

While other owners of heirs' property have formed limited liability corporations, Jennie Stephens, executive director of the Center for Heirs' Property Preservation, says she knows of no other development firms working with heirs as does Gateway.

The company has helped create similar corporations for about eight other heirs' families, Jones said. Among the developments that have resulted are a 36-unit condo complex on Hilton Head and a planned 49-unit single-family subdivision in nearby Bluffton.

Many heirs think "let's do nothing and we'll hold onto the property," Brown said.

But as coastal real estate becomes more valuable, the likelihood of a partition sale grows as people want to pull their money out of the land. Not only will the Jones family retain their land, they expect to have an ongoing income from the development of the property.

And Brown said the development model to preserve heirs' property along the South Carolina coast might also help New Orleans recover from the ravages of Hurricane Katrina.

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If property owners formed limited liability corporations encompassing, say, a city block in New Orleans, there would be more incentive for developers to get involved in the massive work of rebuilding, he said.

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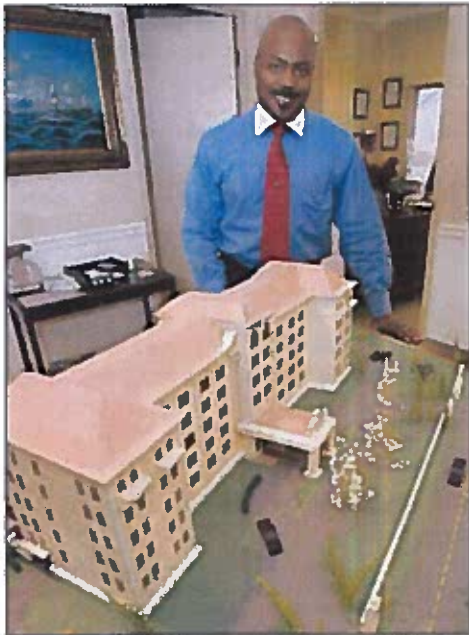
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MATHEW JONES (heirs-180)



Heirs defy history of blacks losing land

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By Mary Ann Chastain, AP

Adolph "A D" Brown, a developer and president of the Jones Family LLC, poses beside the model of a 26-unit condominium complex that is planned for the property belonging to the heirs of former slave Matthew Jones on Hilton Head Island, S.C.

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 Matthew Jones Department of the Interior,
 Co. H 21 Reg'y 1456 Vol 7 BUREAU OF PENSIONS,
 Washington, D. C., Dec 5, 1896

Sir:
 Will you kindly answer, at your earliest convenience, the questions enumerated below? The information is requested for future use, and it may be of great value to your family.

Very respectfully,

Matthew Jones

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Commissioner.

No. 1. Are you a married man? If so, please state your wife's full name, and her maiden name.

Answer: Yes James Jones James Middleton

No. 2. When, where, and by whom were you married? Answer: 1867

at Hilton Head, S.C. by Rev. J. Murchison

No. 3. What record of marriage exists? Answer: certificate but

was burnt up

No. 4. Were you previously married? If so, please state the name of your former wife and the

date and place of her death or divorce. Answer: No

No. 5. Have you any children living? If so, please state their names and the dates of their

birth. Answer: Emma Jones born 1887

Edward Jones born 1890

Frederick Jones born 1892

Sylvialla Jones born 1894

Pleasant Jones born 1868 Ellen Jones born 1876

William Jones born 1879 Hannah born 1878

Date of reply, Dec 18th, 1896.

Matthew Jones

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Name, Matthew Jones

Department of the Interior,
BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Washington, D. C., January 15, 1898.

SIR:

In forwarding to the pension agent the executed voucher for your next quarterly payment please favor me by returning this circular to him with replies to the questions enumerated below.

Very respectfully,

McClay Grand

Commissioner.

First. Are you married? If so, please state your wife's full name and her maiden name.

Answer. *Lena Jones, Lena Middleton*

Second. When, where, and by whom were you married?

Answer. *1867 Hilton Head S.C. Rev A. Murchison*

Third. What record of marriage exists?

Answer. *None*

Fourth. Were you previously married? If so, please state the name of your former wife and the date and place of her death or divorce.

Answer. *No*

Fifth. Have you any children living? If so, please state their names and the dates of their birth.

Answer. *Fred 1892 Sylvia 1894*

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Matthew Jones
(Signature)

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WASHINGTON, D. C., January 2, 1915.

SIR: Please answer, at your earliest convenience, the questions enumerated below. The information is requested for future use, and it may be of great value to your widow or children. Use the inclosed envelope, which requires no stamp.

Very respectfully,

G. M. Saenger

Commissioner.

MATTHEW JONES,
HILTON HEAD, S. C.
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No. 1. Date and place of birth? Answer. *Jan - 1843 Hilton head*
 The name of organizations in which you served? Answer. *U. S. Col'd. troop*
1. Co. H - 21 reg.

No. 2. What was your post office at enlistment? Answer. *Hilton head S.C.*

No. 3. State your wife's full name and her maiden name. Answer. *Flora Jones*

No. 4. When, where, and by whom were you married? Answer. *April 16 - 1905*
on Pinkney's Isl'd S.C. Rev. B. W. Williams

No. 5. Is there any official or church record of your marriage?
 If so, where? Answer. *yes at my home*

No. 6. Were you previously married? If so, state the name of your former wife, the date of the marriage, and the date and place of her death or divorce. If there was more than one previous marriage, let your answer include all former wives. Answer. *yes*
Tener Jones Jan (1867)
June 16th 1904 Hilton head S.C.

No. 7. If your present wife was married before her marriage to you, state the name of her former husband, the date of such marriage, and the date and place of his death or divorce, and state whether he ever rendered any military or naval service, and, if so, give name of the organization in which he served. If she was married more than once before her marriage to you, let your answer include all former husbands. Answer. *yes, Cuffy Williams*
Feb. 1880 Nov 17th 1898
Pinkney Isl'd S.C. no name

No. 8. Are you now living with your wife, or has there been a separation? Answer. *Morried only (1) time together*
yes living together

No. 9. State the names and dates of birth of all your children, living or dead. Answer.

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| <i>Pleasant</i> | <i>Drayton</i> | <i>Jan - 1868</i> |
| <i>Hellen</i> | <i>Grunt</i> | <i>1874</i> |
| <i>Wm</i> | <i>Jones</i> | <i>1876</i> |
| <i>Hannah</i> | <i>Bryson</i> | <i>1880</i> |
| <i>Emma</i> | <i>Jones</i> | <i>1874</i> |
| <i>Edward</i> | <i>Jones</i> | <i>July 1887</i> |
| <i>Fred</i> | <i>Jones</i> | <i>1880</i> |

Date *Apr. 8. 1915*

(Signature) *Matthew Jones*