

Box 40, Panama City, Fla.,
23 August 1954.

Mrs. O. F. Campbell,
502 N. Franklin St.,
Sylvester, Georgia.

Mr. William T. Wiggins,
Edison, Georgia.

Mr. Jordan Wiggins,
Sandersville, Georgia.

Mr. Gora McKenzie Peebles,
365 E. Cherry Street,
Jesup, Georgia.

Dear Friends:

Re: Wiggins Family

As some of you know, I made a trip up to Georgia and South Carolina in April, searching for records of the Wiggins, Alexander, Lisenby, Barwick, Stokes, Tiller, Phillips and other ancestral families. I found a good bit of information, but, though I spent two weeks on the trip, had not time enough to complete the search. In fact I never got to North Carolina, or to Kershaw County, South Carolina, from whence the Lisenbys came. Since my return I have been able to look at some of the census records at the State Department of Archives, Montgomery, Ala.

I enclose to each of you a copy of such notes as I made that I think will be of interest to you. I excuse myself for the delay on the ground that we have had a lot of visitors this season and it has been difficult to get down to any lengthy period of work. I have not met Mr. William T. Wiggins, but I have heard my grandmother Marilda Wiggins Alexander, the daughter of Joshua, and Garrett's first cousin, as well as a sister of Emmeline, William's mother, speak of him, as also I have heard my mother Mallie and my Uncle Coleman Alexander. I am sending Mr. William a copy with the thought it may refresh his recollection as to some matters.

One thing is clear - Daniel was the son of Mary. I have an idea Mary was the daughter of Edward Woodham, who died in 1820, because before his death Edward gave property to Mary Wiggins, her son Daniel and her daughter (in law) Susannah. Daniel was Edward's executor. Susannah, Daniel's wife, as per deeds, etc., was a Truitt I am satisfied, as that appeared in his family bible, handed down by his daughter Nancy Wiggins Barwick to her daughter and my grandmother, Susan Barwick Lisenby. There were lots of Truitts in the same neighborhood with the Wiggins, Woodhams, Barwicks, Alexanders, Tillers, Whiddons, Huggins, Stokes, etc. in the adjoining counties of Sumter, Darlington and Kershaw, S. C.

I am also convinced that Daniel came from the Neuse River Community of North Carolina. It appears the Woodham and Barwicks did, from either Dobbs (now Johnston), Lenoir or New Hanover County, North Carolina, when they settled in South Carolina about the time Daniel Wiggins did.

With kind regards to all of you.

Very truly yours,

Cecilia Lisenby

Deed Book 2-page 193 of Sumter County, South Carolina by Deed dated 10 Aug. 1820, Edward Woodham made a gift to "Mary Wiggins, her son Daniel and Susanna Wiggins, her daughter, of "the plantation on which I now live, 12 being land I purchased from Richard Horn on 6 May, 1807" to Mary Wiggins for her natural life, and also a negro named Jacob for her life, and after her death to Daniel and Susanna Wiggins, their heirs and assigns- the plantation I left to their mother Mary. - Also by Deed of Gift recorded in Conveyance Book 2, page 427, under the same date, conveyed to the same parties 13 head of cattle, 17 hogs, mare named Fly and colt named Darby. Witnessed by Nathaniel Banks.

About the same date, Book 2, page 427, Mary Wiggins conveyed to Daniel Wiggins for \$200.00 a tract of 58 acres.

Book 2, page 594 under date of 3 Sept 1822, Daniel Wiggins, Levicy Wiggins (probably Levicy Caton, born Woodham, who later married one of the Wiggins), and Susanna Wiggins conveyed 187 acres to Susannah Woodward and Ann Woodward. Deed signed by Daniel and Levicy, but mark made by Susanna Wiggins.

In Derlington County, Deed Book G, page 24, under date of 28 Jan. 1817, Polly Wiggins and Daniel Wiggins conveyed property to Aris Woodham (the son of Edward Woodham). Signed by Daniel Wiggins, mark made by Polly Wiggins. Witnessed by Athanasius Woodham (Aris' son, and the father of that John Woodham who later married Stephen Wiggins, the son of Daniel), and Kinchon Cooley.

Sumter Co., SC, Will Book A, page 232 (Will itself and related papers in Bundle 100, package 5), will of Edward Woodham, dated 18 August 1820, bequeathed a negro named Kate to Mary Wiggins for life, negro to daughter Polly Alexander, negro to wife for life, daughter Levicy Caton negro for life, after negroes left to wife has two children one to go to grandson Athanasius Woodham. Will witnessed by Susanna Woodward and Abijah Wiggins (Daniel's son). Sole Executors Daniel Wiggins and Ann Woodward. Daniel and Ann resigned as Executors and John Alexander appointed Administrator with the Will annexed. He the father of James Alexander, my great-grandfather. Bond of Administrator in the sum of \$10,000.00

Estate of Mary Wiggins (Daniel's mother), Sumter County, SC, Bundle 95, package 6 - Ann Woodward Administrator. Bond as such in sum of \$15,000.00 filed by Ann Woodward, Andrew Caton and John Jackson. Appraisers Thomas Woodward, William Alexander, John Crosswell and Edward Barnett. In the course of administration realization made to sell perishable property and representation made that "part of the heirs live in the Western States". Sale held on 18th Nov. 1820. At sale Daniel purchased - according to administrators return - 1 pot rack for \$1.31 1/2, 1 case knives and forks for \$2.18-3/4, 2 bottles 25 cents, 1 shovel and tongs \$1.03, 1 feather bed for \$2.75.

Washington County, Georgia, records.

Marriage Record A - page 4 - Hedding Barwick and Nancy Wiggins (Daniel's daughter) married 23d day of December 1826, by N. Williamson, J. P.

Joshua Wiggins (Daniel's son) and Martha Dortch, married 19 Nov. 1829, by N. Williamson, J. P. - same book, page 15.

Nancy Ann B. Dortch (Martha's sister) and Jeremiah B. Willis married 7 December 1826, same book, page 292.

Administrators and Guardians Bonds, Book A - Ordinary Court, Washington County:

P. 275- Walter Dortch, David I Dortch and John I. Long, Bond dated 12 Jan. 1846 for \$2,000.00 covering Walter's liability as Administrator of John Dortch, deceased.

P. 311, Andrew J. Young and Wm. B. Harmon \$1,000 bond for Andrew as guardian of the person and property of Harilda Dortch, minor orphan child of John Dortch (she married Willis)

From "Piney Woods Echoes" - A History of Dale and Coffee Counties, Ala.

Old Richmond, first seat of Henry County, Alabama (Present seat Abbeville); was located at Wiggins Springs, now Wiggins Church (formerly Gawthon's Camps).

Dale County, Ala., (present seat Ozark), created by act of 12-22-24, from Barbour, Covington, Henry and Pike. Line went about a mile East of Old Richmond, but Dale Court continued in old County seat until about 12-8-30. Act directed sale of "Old Court House and Jail." This bought by Daniel Wiggins, reputed to have lived and died in it. But later evidence indicates he lived and died near Cureton's Bridge Community, near his son Abija and his daughter Nancy Wiggins Barwick.

Indian War of 1836-37, Stephen and Israel served in it. (p. 11-13)

Coffee County formed in 1841. (p. 17)

Early settlers in the Sylvan Grove Community (near Wiggins Church, and the earliest settlement in the county), included Benjamin Wiggins. (p. 52).

Amos Wiggins one of the Commissioners named to select the first seat of Coffee County, Alabama, in 1841. (p. 82)

at Ocala, Georgia - April 7, 1954.

Office of Clerk of Superior Court - Deed Records.

George W. Wiggins, Deed to Phillip Brown, dated 12-1-1835, of property in Dist. 1, No. 182, recorded Oct 16, 1837 - Deed Book 3, page 35.

George W. Wiggins, from George Wilcox, same property, Deed Book 3, pages 33 and 34, dated 9-23-1835, 490 acres, 1st Dist Irwin, Lot 182.

(Remember at one time Irwin County comprised about lower 1/3 of state.)

From Grant Book in office of Clerk of Statutory Ordinary Court, at Ocala, Georgia, - the only such Grant Book I have been able to find in any Ordinary's office in Georgia. Data taken on April 7, 1954.

(I give here only the data interesting to the Wiggins and Barwicks)

Washington County- Grant No. 115, Dist 13, to John Barwick, 10 Mar '42.
No. 98, Dist 14, to William Willis Orphanus, Manning District, 21 Dec. 1825. (Jeremiah Willis (who later married Marilda Ann Dortch, the daughter of John Dortch, and the sister of that Martha Dortch who married Joshua Wiggins, sold property in Irwin County on October 26, 1837 to Jacob Young - the Lot No. 55 of District 2. See Deed Book 3, page 47 of Irwin County, - Ocala.)

Baldwin County- Grant No. 178, District 12 - William Willis, Marshall's District, 18 Feb 1822.

Burke County - Grant No. 40 - District 16, Dye's District, 6 Sept. 1827.

Emanuel County- Grant No. 155 - Dist. 2, 49th Dist., to Nathan Barwick, 13 Nov. 1830.

James Wiggins

Grants Cont'd

A. J. Barwick, Washington County, 166 acres, 3d Dist. - 1 March, 1847.

John Barwick - same county

Wayne County - Joseph Wiggins, grant 5 May 1842.

Emanuel County (In addendum) - Eli Whidden - 229 acres in 2nd Dist. or 53 Dist- 12 Nov. 1822 - He married sister of Reddin Barwick, latter husband of Nancy Wiggins, daughter of Daniel. Wiggins- Barwicks- Woodhams- came to Washington County in 1820's from same vicinity of SC, that is Sumter, Darlington and Kershaw.

Jackson County Benjamin Mayo, grant of 19 Mar 39.

M. C. Wiggins - Miscellaneous Index Records, SC Historical Commission, Columbia, commission on 24 Feb. 1817 (as what?)
Book C- page 347.

Dortch - Same place - "Copy of Original Index Book showing the Revolutionary Claims filed in S. C.) -
Dortch, John - Return 40- Entry Book 135
Dortch, William, Returns Nos. 44-84
Dortch, Nathaniel, Return No. 55.

Wiggins - Same reference as next above-
Wiggins- William- Entry Book 102 - No Return
Wiggins- Thomas- Return No. 5
Wiggins- George- Return No. 58

Wigginton- John- Returns Nos. 68-98

Wiggins- No mention of any in "A Compilation of Original Lists of Protestant Immigrants to South Carolina, 1763-1773" in SC Hist. Com.

Dortch or
Dorch-

John- Barnwell Dist- granted 679 acres Oct. 8, 1824
William- Camden Dist- " 445 " Jun. 8, 1784
John TB Barnwell " " 453 " Apr. 26, 1839
(See Index to Plats in SC Hist. Com.)

From Index to County wills of SC - in Hist. Com. of SC.

Dortch, Thomas - of Congaree in County of Craven - dated 27 Dec. 1777- wife Mary, sons Henry and Thomas- Plantation purchased from Careb Doub and stock thereon to sons, wife to use for life and Mother to live thereon.

Dorr - John Senior of St. James Santee, property to Mary, wife, sons John, Thomas, Adam, Jacob, Daniel, William, and daughter not named. Will dated 13 March 1791.

Dorrah - James- Laurens Co., dated Jan. 25, 1840- says sons John and David have their lands already,

Martha Goble

gentle's daughter named Martha and says have seven children. (Note: PA. workers serving county records for South Carolina Historical Commission were not too careful about spelling - nor were historians in 18 days. Was this Martha really Bartch - remember John and David Goble were in Washington County, Georgia in 1820 and 1830, and John's daughter Martha married John Goble, son of Daniel Goble like was John and David. "So Goble's have their land" and have sold out and gone to Georgia.)

Goble, James - will of 3 April 1810 in Laurens County, recorded in Book 2, page 31 (Summers, package 13), given October 2, 1890.

Goble, James - (called himself James Milling, otherwise called James Goble), same county, Book 2, page 288, Subst 129, package 5 - everything to wife Martha.

Wiggins, James - recorded will - date 3 March 1829, property to wife for life and thereafter to daughters Elizabeth and Susan H.

Wiggins, Stephen - Northern County, Book 4, page 133, will recorded 17 Dec. 1836, will dated 26 Dec. 1825. Wife Bechy, daughters, Susan and Jeremiah Wiggins and wing Jane Adams.

Wiggins, Lewis, Marion County, Will Book 1, page 66, recorded August 25, 1809, dated 10 July 1809. Wife Charity, sons Jesse, Lewis and Isaac.

Wiggins, Jesse, Marion County, Will Book 1, page 191, will dated 16 Nov. 1820, recorded June 9, 1829. Wife Mary and her six children - Thomas, Jesse, John, Mary Jane and Sarah.

Wiggins, Robert, Marion County, Will Book 1, page 190, dated 1 April 1829 - sons Mike D, Samuel F and John H, and daughter Sarah Lester and Mary A. Wiggins. Last land to son JOHN - "land where Theophilus Wiggins shot the buck."

Wiggins, Samuel - Pardoned for Horse stealing, 1784, Misc. Records, 80 Hist. Com., Book 00, page 9. Name Wiggins a Regulator - same records - Book 00, page 46.

Wigson, an interpreter with the Indians in early 1700's. See Vol. X, S. C. Hist. Magazine, at Carolinian Library of University of S. C., Columbia.

What follows is from the Federal Census in SC and Ala., 1830 and 1850.
South Carolina

Wiggins- Division, Union Dist., SC- 1830 Males 1 05, 2 5/10, 1 10/15
2 20/30 1 40/50
Females- 3 children and 1 40/50

Wiggins- Stephen- Sumter Co., SC - 1830 - Males 1-40/50, 1-10/15
(page 94) - No females.

Wiggins- Charlotte, Sumter Co., 1830- page 121- No males
Females- 2-40/50
2 under 5, and 1-5/10

Alabama

1850 Census of Dale Co., Ala.

Wiggins, Stephen, 42 years old - Farmer, born in SC,
wife Jane (Woodham, first married Joshua Labony, who died),
age 26, born in SC; children Reuben 7, 8, Melvick 8, 7,
William D. 5, Nathaniel 3, Mary A. 3, 1, John Liscomby 11.

Wiggins, George W., 39, born in Ga., wife Jane 29, born in N. C.
Children all born in Ala.: Evanda J. 9, Catherine C. 7,
Alexander J. 5, Stephen P. 4, George B. 4.

Wiggins, Israel, 41, born in SC - wife Martha, 46 born in SC.
Children Stephen 11, Mary 9, William 7, Nancy 5, Missouri 4,
Jarrerson 7 mos. - all children born in Ala.

Wiggins, Stephen 64, born in Ga., wife Elizabeth 59 born
in Ga. - children Nancy 9, 22, Reuben I 29, Mrs. Samantha
B 16, Sarah 14, all born in Ga.

1850 Census of Henry Co., Ala.

Wiggins, Joshua, 45, b. in SC., wife Martha 45, b. in Ga.
(1870 Census shows her b. in SC), Children John 19, b. in Ga.
and all others following b. in Ala. - Elizabeth 17, Emeline 11,
Marilda 14, Jane 13, Ann 11, Aloy 9, Jacob 7, Solanta 5,
Margaret 4, Melviah H. 3.
(enumerated on schedule 1- No. 056 in Head of Household and
No. 969 in number of Households)

Wiggins, Joel, 25 b. in Ga. - wife Emeline 22, b. in Ga.
Daughter Charley J, b. in Ala.

Wiggins, Wm. C., 27, b. in Ga., wife Sarah 20, b. in Ala.
Gw 2, Wm. P. 11 mos., Martha Holly 18, b. in Ala.

Mayo, Edward 40, b. in SC, wife Rebecca A. 32, b. in Ga.
Nathan 14 and Roland H, b. in Ga., and following in Ala.-
Mary L. 8, Elizabeth P. 3, Gullen I 1.

Wiggins, Elijah (No. 58 on List) and his taken 16 sept. 1850-
age 47, born in SC, Ga. being stricken out and 80 substituted

*Cora's
great-great
grandfather*

1850 Census of Henry County, Alabama, continued-

Wiggins, Elijah, continued- wife Elizabeth 46, born in Ga.
 All children born in Ala., viz- Arnold 21, Hopewell 20,
 Elizabeth 16, Mary 17, Winifred K. 11, Susannah 10, Fereby 8,
 George W. 6, Sarah (looked like Sarah) 5.
 NOTE: THIS WAS EVIDENTLY ABIGAIL INSTEAD OF ELIJAH.

Wiggins, Daniel, age 70, farmer, born in NC - I interpreted it NC
 though that is not right; wife Susannah 68, born in SC. No
 others. Census taken 25 Sept. 1850, as 294th separate Home at
 299th separate household. Name on list preceded by censuses of
 Byrd - Cassady - Colman families and followed immediately by that
 of stills - Gerentine - Smith - Punnels - Willard and Boen families.
 On following day, 26 Sept. 1850, census taken of Abigail's son -
 law - Redden Barwick, who listed 310-323. He born in SC, age 41.
 This confirms what Gaylord Huroby, son of Elroy Wiggins, caught
 of Joshua, told me recently that Daniel lived about a mile east
 and about a mile east of Wiggins Cemetery, in a mile or so east
 of Guroton's bridge community. If he had then lived near Wiggins
 Church, some 18 miles north of Redden Barwick on a straight line
 the census taker couldn't have gotten one on one day and the
 other on the next. Furthermore, shortly afterwards, on and he
 was taken the census, at Center Church, Henry County, of James
 Alexander, he the son of Abner and grandson of John Alexander
 who became administrator of the estate of Edward Woodham upon
 the resignation of Daniel Wiggins and Ann Woodard as executors
 - all in Sumter Co., SC in 1820. Records show Daniel at that
 time owned land in that spot - a mile north his son Joshua -
 a mile farther north his son in law Redden Barwick, and a mile
 farther north-east his son Abigail. The latter had sold his
 original place to Redden Barwick on purchasing from Athanasius
 Woodham (father of Jane who married Lisenby and afterwards
 Stephen Wiggins, and grandson of Edward Woodham), when Athanasius
 Athanasius, then about 50 and grieving the death of his wife
 married in 1846 the 19 year old Nancy Spear and moved over to
 Dale County, just north of Echo, where his son Arius resided.
 question, was this Nancy Spear the daughter of Daniel Wiggins
 second wife, Ann Spear.

Washington County, Ga. - Surveyor's Record-

Book -- and Part, page 18- James Wiggins, warrant for 400 acres
 on Ochopee Creek - dated 6th Nov. and executed 7th Nov. 1786
 by John Watta, District Surveyor.

Book -- 185 part - page -- 7 - William Wiggins, warrant No.
 1399, June 7th 1784, surveyed by James McFarland, 4th Dist.
 267-1/2 acres.

Surveyors Record D - page 27- Wm. Wiggins, 60 acres Island
 in Oconee River, Sept. 27, 1784, advertised July 15, 1790

Surveyor's Record D- p. 78 - Mark Mayo, 350 acres fine land on
 Little Ochopee, May 3, 1790.

All the following from Washington County, Georgia Records-
Records of Ordinary's Office pretty complete, but Deed Records burned
in Civil War.

Book A of Letters of Administration- page 202 - Letters to Lucy J.
Wiggins on 7 sept. 1863 on estate of William E. Wiggins.
(He recently killed in Civil War)

Book A of Division of Estates:

Page 42- 10 Jan. 1843- William Wiggins Estate- Edmund M.
Wiggins drew lot one of Negroes; children of Richard
Wiggins, viz. William Edmond and Dacey Wiggins, drew lot 2,
and Emily Wiggins drew lot 3.

Page 139- Property belonging to minors of Richard L. Wiggins,
distributees under date of 27 Jan. 1855- viz. William Eli
Wiggins, Edmund May Wiggins, and Mary Ann Wiggins, nov Vincent.
Richard Warthen, guardian of all three.

Book A- Administrators and Guardians Bonds-

p. 265 - under date of 7 July 1845- Walter Dortch, Green
Whiddon and David Bailey, \$2,000 covering Walter Dortch's
liability as administrator of effects of David Dortch.

p. 274- Walter Dortch, Green Whiddon and James Smith, \$300.00
liability as guardian of David Dortch, minor orphan child of
David Dortch.

P. 300- Walter Dortch, Edward F. Langmade and Green Whiddon,
\$300.00, covering Walter's liability as guardian of Elizabeth
Ann Dortch, minor orphan child of Russell Dortch, deceased.

P. 275 - George W. Dortch, David I Dortch and John I Long,
for \$2,000, dated 12 Jan. 1846, covering George's liability as
administrator of Estate of John Dortch, deceased. (NOTE- this
John the father of Martha Dortch, who married Joshua Wiggins
and of Harilda Dortch, who married Jeremiah Willis.)

P. 341- Andrew J. Young and Wm. B. Harmon, \$1,000, dated
3 July 1848, covering Andrew's guardianship of person and
property of Harilda Dortch, minor orphan child of John Dortch, dec.

Book A- Appraisements- : P. 14 - appraisement of estate of George Dortch.

P. 15 and 17, appraisement of estate of John Dortch -
Negro named Mram \$500.00 and 235 acres land \$440.00

p. 34- Hopedell Adams appraised Richard L. Wiggins Est.

Book B- Appraisements- p. 29, est. Wm. E. Wiggins appraised Oct. 13,
1863, at \$7,735.00. P. 381 George Wiggins Est. appraised at
\$2,864.78.

Return Book: Pages 136-208-250, Est. David Dortch paid debts to
"B" John Barwick, John Dortch and Polly Dortch, and paid legacy
of \$302.64 to David and Elizabeth Dortch, and p. 282 pd
Polly Dortch \$7.18

P. 308 - Est. John Dortch, paid to Joshua Wiggins (husband
of Martha Dortch), \$12.20 and \$250.00 as distributee.