

Sanford Hightower Jr. Mrs. Lewis is buried in Wesley Chapel Cemetery.

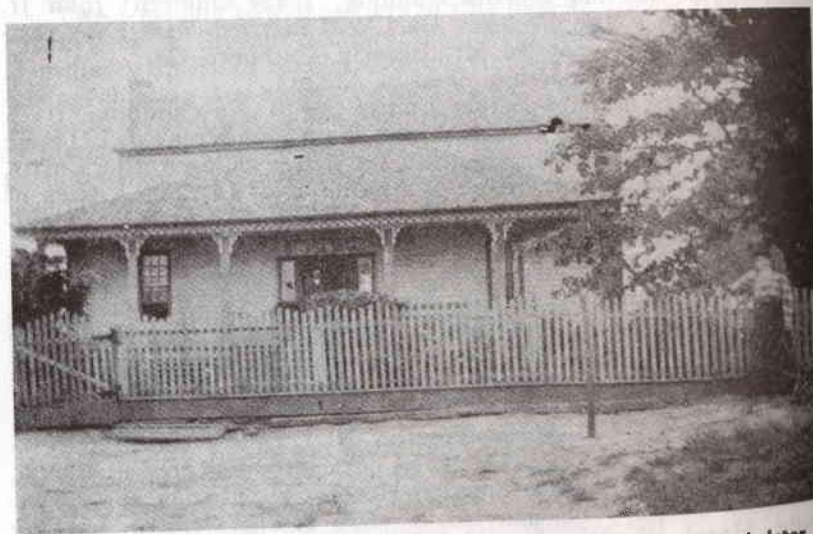
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THE DAVID LOWE FAMILY

The name Lowe is shown in the early Virginia history, about the year 1650. In England the name is traced back to the time when the men were ordered to adopt a surname, 1000 A. D. The original form was, Low. When the "e" was added is not known. History does not give evidence of nobility in this line, but it does give many of prominence and wealth. Sir Hudson Lowe was a Naval Commander, and was Governor of St. Helena when Napoleon was imprisoned there.

North Carolina tradition says that the Lowe family landed at Jamestown. One brother went to West Indies Barbadoes, and it is claimed that his grandson was the largest slave holder under the British flag when the slaves were emancipated. The Key West Lowes were descended from this line.

One brother settled in Virginia and founded a family there,



Home of late W. G. Worthington, built by David Lowe, occupied later by David Moore, later the Humber.

while another went to New York. In an old cemetery between Utica and Syracuse are found the names of many Lowes.

From Virginia the Lowes came to Maryland and North Carolina. The first who settled in North Carolina were at Mecklenburg County in 1700 near the present location of Charlotte. The name of the home was Lowe's Grove.

From that place they went south and west. The first to settle in Georgia was Isaac Lowe Sr., who settled near an Indian Post not far from the city of Augusta. This was before the founding of Savannah. Isaac Lowe and his son were Revolutionary soldiers, and drew land warrants in reward for their service.

George G. Smith, a Georgia historian, says the Lowe family of Warren County furnished more soldiers to the Revolutionary forces than any family on his record. One Major Philip Lowe died at Lowe's Bluff in McIntosh County and is buried there.

The Lowes who came to Stewart County were descended from Isaac Lowe Sr., and Isaac Lowe Jr. A grandson of Isaac Lowe Sr., and son of Isaac Lowe Jr., was David Lowe who married Elizabeth Parker of Warren County. To this couple was born a son, David Lowe, who married Jane Dorsey. Jane Dorsey was a daughter of Matthew Dorsey who married Jane McMichael of Putnam County.

Rev. David Lowe and wife came to that part of Randolph County which later became Stewart County and settled in the section later known as the Providence community. The house that David Lowe built still stands, but much of the land that he owned has eroded into the famous Providence Canyons.

Rev. David Lowe was a citizen of this county for fifteen years only. He was born July 22, 1794, died Sept. 23, 1843. He married Jane Dorsey, born July 13, 1811, died Aug. 5, 1858. They are buried in the family cemetery near the old Lowe house and on the brink of the chasms.

Children:

I. James, the eldest son, who died in the service during the Mexican War. He was a member of the Columbus Guards.

II. Elizabeth who married Laban Owens. Children: John D. W.; James Duncan; Albert Matthew; Kesiah Jane; Mary Elizabeth; George Lowe; Isabelle Rebecca; Minnie Lee and Laban Jr.

John died in young manhood. James Duncan moved to Florida, married and raised a family. Albert Matthew (deceased) married Miss Dona Powers. They moved to Alabama. Kesiah Jane married first, Mr. Cooper. Three children. Married second, W. H. Griffis of Lumpkin. Henry, a resident of Quitman County, married Maggie Hogan. Laban married Susie Maddox and resides in Mobile, Ala. One daughter died in childhood.

Mary Elizabeth Owens (deceased) married Seab Jackson. One child died in infancy.

George Lowe Owens married Julia Jowers. They moved to Americus, Ga. Three children: John, Dovie, and Sadie.

Isabelle Rebecca Owens married Davis Buntin. Three children: John Buntin of Memphis, Tenn., Annie Belle, Mrs.

Andrew Bennett of Quitman County, and Ora Berta, Mrs. Clyde House of Thomasville, Ga.

Minnie Lee and Laban Owens died in childhood.

III. Sarah Jane Lowe, born Nov. 22, 1837, married March 1857 James Myles McGehee. Children:

(1) Ida Jane Bass McGehee, born in Stewart County Jan. 24, 1858. Now Mrs. William Sluder of Happy, Texas.

(2) William David, born June 4, 1859. Deceased.

(3) James Matthew, born Feb. 2, 1861. Now a cattleman in Texas.

(4) Emma Green, born Aug. 5, 1865. Now Mrs. Rogers of Canyon City, Texas.

(5) John Thomas, born Oct. 2, 1868. A citizen of Wayside, Texas.

(6) Mary Agnes, born March 18, 1870. Now Mrs. Jenkins of Wayside, Texas.

(7) Sallie Lovelace, born Dec. 16, 1871. Lives in Canyon City, Texas.

(8) Marvin Lee, born Sept. 25, 1874. Lives in Wayside, Texas.

(9) Bessie Lou who is Mrs. Wesley Lane of Wayside, Texas.

Two other children were born to Sarah Lowe McGehee and James Myles McGehee, named George and Curtis. They died in childhood. They are buried in the Wesley Chapel Cemetery of Stewart County.

This McGehee family moved to Texas in 1881. (See McGehee sketch) and are among the prominent citizens of the Panhandle District.

IV. Rebecca Lowe married Thomas Miller. Children: (1) Mary who married George Boynton of Lumpkin and Atlanta. (2) Thomas D., who died in young manhood. (3) William who moved to Atlanta, married and raised a family. (4) Charlotte Anne (Pollie) married John Whittle Dec. 15, 1874. Died in Hereford, Texas. Five children. (5) Ola who married first, Mr. Donan, and second, Solomon L. Flemming of Marion County.

V. David Lowe married Susan Smith. Two children: David Jr., and Ella. Both died young.

VI. Curtis Mathew Lowe (deceased) married Susan Lewis. Children:

(1) Lewis David who married Fannie Smith. One daughter Lamar who married George Connell.

(2) Jennie, who is Mrs. Frank Gordy.

(3) Ada, who is Mrs. William T. McCullough.

(4) Lawrence, who married Mary Crenshaw.

(5) Julia, who married R. L. McMichael.

(6) Ruth

(7) Curtis Mathew Lowe married Bessie Belcher.

(8) John Dousey Lowe.

(9) Susan died unmarried.

Curtis Mathew Lowe moved to Atlanta. Some of his descendants still live there.

VII. Mary Jane Lowe married Robert Minter of Marion County. Children: Sallie, Curtis and Oliver, all residents of Marion County.

VIII. John Thomas Lowe married Andrewetta Jackson Kirksey of Lumpkin. Two sons: George, of Baxley Ga., a newspaper man and a writer of note, who married Margaret Brown. Children of this couple reside in various sections of Georgia; John, the second son, died in childhood. He and his mother are buried in East Side Cemetery in Lumpkin.

John Thomas Lowe married second, Miss Kate Kirksey. He and his second wife are buried in Baxley, Ga.

The Lowe brothers and the husbands of the Lowe sisters served in the War Between the States.

John Thomas Lowe was a Methodist preacher and an educator. He was severely wounded in the Battle of the Wilderness in 1864. A young surgeon with only one year's experience amputated his leg. Thinking that he would not survive, the surgeon walked away without tying the arteries. W. B. Seay and Jasper Davis of the "Stewart Grays" grasped the arteries and sent a runner for Dr. F. B. Gregory of Lumpkin, a regimental surgeon, who came and tied the arteries and completed the dressing. Mr. Lowe survived and lived to a ripe old age.

The Lowes were outstanding citizens of Stewart County for a number of years, but gradually their descendants moved to other sections. None of them now reside in Stewart County.

THE J. HOLLINGER LOWE FAMILY

The progenitors of J. H. Lowe were grandfather, John Lowe, native of North Carolina and early resident of Jones County, Ga. His father, James P. Lowe, born in Jones Co., in 1800, died in Stewart Co. in 1858. He was married in Jones Co. in 1830 to Amelia Brown, born in Jones County in 1802, died in Stewart Co. in 1888. She was the daughter of Hollinger Brown who became a resident of Stewart County in 1841. J. H. Lowe, son of this couple, was born in 1833. He was one of six children. He came to Stewart County with his parents in 1843 who settled near Richland. He obtained his education in the county schools, studying at night by the light of a tallow candle. In 1855 he married Lucy Haynes, daughter of J. M. Haynes of Stewart County.

At the beginning of the War he enlisted in Co. G, 31 Ga. Regiment as Captain. He made a brilliant record and was promoted several times. He was wounded twice. When hostilities were ended he returned to his farm. He served as County School Superintendent

about ten years. He represented the county in 1872-73. He was a staunch Democrat and frequently filled positions of trust.

Nine children: O. E., Mattie, W. H., Minnie, Sarah, Floyd, James Gordon, W. A., and Thomas H.

In 1884 he moved with his family to Buena Vista, and the rest of the history of this family is a part of other sections, except a short period when he returned to Richland and engaged in warehouse and brokerage business.

Data secured from "Memoirs of Georgia."

THE MABRY FAMILY

Capt. W. J. Mabry, an early pioneer of Stewart County, was born in Warren County in 1820. He was a descendant of Charles Mabry, an Englishman, whose ancestors settled in Virginia in the 1700's. Charles Mabry was a Revolutionary soldier. He married Miss Gibbs of Virginia.

Joshua Mabry, the father of Capt. W. J. Mabry, was born in 1787, died in 1848. He served in the War of 1812. He married Miss Short of Virginia and the children of this family were: Elizabeth, Ann Virginia and W. J.

Capt. Mabry came to Georgia before 1836 and settled in Lincoln County. When there was trouble with the Indians, he took part in the warfare and helped to conduct them to their reservation.

He came to Stewart County in about 1839 and settled on a farm near Richland, where he lived for fifty years. He served in the Mexican War, entering as a private and being promoted to Captain. He was in the Battles of Vera Cruz, Alvarado, Sierra Gorda and Black Pass.

He married in 1851 Miss Mary C. Bowers, daughter of Philommon and Mary Ann Bowers of Stewart County. He served in the War Between the States.

The children of this couple were: W. W., F. J., and Philip; one daughter Mattie, Mrs. Isom Webb, of Richland, Ga.

W. W. became a Baptist preacher and served the churches of Stewart and adjoining counties for many years. He married Miss Cornelia Elizabeth French. Three daughters were born: Minnie, Lutie and Johnnie; one son, Tom French Mabry.

The last years of this pioneer couple and their children were spent in Richland. They are buried in Harmony Cemetery there.

THE MOSES MATHEWS FAMILY

Moses Mathews, born in 1776, died at Roanoke in 1833, and his wife Helen McRee Turner Mathews, born in 1782, died Oct. 22, 1844, came from Houston County, Ga., to Stewart County in 1831, and settled at Roanoke on the Chattahoochee River. Moses Mathews was among the first Methodist preachers in Stewart

County. The date of the marriage of this couple was Aug. 18, 1808. They had five sons: 1. William Asbury, born Feb. 18, 1810. 2. James Purdie, born Nov. 13, 1813. 3. Samuel Roberts, born Nov. 16, 1815. 4. Thomas Coke, born March 24, 1820. 5. Philip Fletcher, born Sept. 1, 1822, died July 28, 1879.

Three of these sons with their father became citizens of Stewart County, Ga., as did John T. B. Turner, a son of Mrs. Mathews by a former marriage.

James Purdie Mathews was a merchant in Roanoke until the town was destroyed by the Indians, when he moved to the Wesley Chapel community, and became a planter. He was one of a building committee to erect Wesley Chapel Church. After the death of his mother he moved with his family to Texas.

Samuel Roberts Mathews was a pioneer physician of Florence for a number of years. He moved to Fort Valley in 1850.

Philip Fletcher Mathews was educated in the schools and academies of the county and settled in Florence, Ga. He married in 1847 Christine McKeithan, born in Bladen County, N. C. April 10, 1829, died Oct. 20, 1871. Two children: An infant daughter, born in 1848, died at birth. Helen Mathews, born Jan. 26, 1850, married Sept. 22, 1870, Isaac R. Waller, born Nov. 6, 1835, died Nov. 11, 1909. Mr. Waller was from Putnam County, and came to Stewart County following the War. This couple with one son are buried in Columbus.

Members of the Mathews family were citizens of the county for more than forty years. The last to move out was Philip Fletcher Mathews who, with his son-in-law, settled at Fort Mitchell, Ala., where he spent the remainder of his life. He and his wife were buried in the cemetery at Florence, Ga., near the old church in which they worshipped so long. His mother, Helen McRae Turner Mathews, following the death of Moses Mathews, married a Mr. Watson, a Methodist preacher. She is buried in the Wesley Chapel Cemetery, and the body of Moses Mathews was moved from Roanoke and buried by her side.

The children of Isaac R. and Helen Waller:

1. Charles Fontaine Waller, born May 31, 1874, died July 15, 1929. Unmarried. He was identified with the Southern Railroad for about thirty years. He was prominent in Masonic Orders. Buried in Columbus, Ga.

2. Arnold Winkleried Waller, born Aug. 13, 1876, married Georgia Pye, Oct. 26, 1898. Resides at McRae, Ga. Four children, twins, Alwin Pye, and Cecil Rhodes, Dorothy, and Helen.

3. Rupert Waller, born Oct. 13, 1878, married Ozella Adams, Dec. 17, 1905. One child, Glover. Residents of Atlanta, Ga.

4. Helen, born Aug. 22, 1881, married R. E. Johnson of Atlanta, May 18, 1907. Three daughters, Katie Helen, Ileen, and Marthena.

5. Samuel Mathews Waller, born Aug. 4, 1883, married Hazel