

Three of the children of the second set of the Lemuel Morton family now live in Stewart County.

VI. Thomas Dick Morton married Annis Market (deceased). One daughter, Mary.

VII. Alice Virginia Morton makes her home with T. Dick Morton in the Pleasant Valley community.

VIII. Leila Morton married Mr. Daniel. No children.

IX. Ella Jerome Morton married Mr. Bowers. Five children. Moved to south Georgia.

X. Mollie Morton married S. A. Chatman of Worth County.

XI. Horace Everett Morton married Florence Dowd (deceased). Four children, Florence, Edward, Katherine, and Paul. Katherine married Blanchard Chambliss. Florence Morton married Claude Cook of Weston, Ga. Edward Morton is a vocational teacher in the public schools of Georgia. Paul Morton married Mary Harris. Two children. Live at Parrott, Ga.

Horace Morton is a farmer in the Pleasant Valley community and is a most worthy citizen.

XII. Katherine Morton died in young ladyhood.

XIII. Isaac Morton died in childhood.

XIV. Henry Morton made his home in middle Georgia.

XV. Julius Morton. No data.

Four generations of the Morton family have been factors in the agricultural, civil, educational, and religious life of Stewart County.

Lemuel B. Morton served as Judge of the Inferior Court of the county. He was one of the founders of the Pleasant Valley Academy and the Methodist Church there, giving the land on which they are built. His first wife and five children are buried in the Harris Cemetery, which was formerly the cemetery of Antioch Church. He and his second and third wives and several children and grandchildren are buried in the Pleasant Valley Cemetery.

Twenty-eight descendants of this pioneer settler still live in Stewart County. Many others are found in different sections of Georgia and of other states. The members of the Morton family as a whole have always been people of culture—progressive, and desirable citizens.

The following is copied from the Bible record:

Children of L. B. Morton and his first wife, Sarah Feagin:

Nathan D. Morton, born Sept. 22, 1833, died Aug. 17, 1855.

Ann B. Morton, born Dec. 26, 1834, died April 15, 1849.

James C. Morton, born Oct. 20, 1836, died July 1880. 5 children. 2 living.

Oliver Samuel Morton, born March 30, 1838, died Oct. 1924.

Thomas L. Morton, born April 8, 1847. 13 children. 8 living.

Martha C. Morton, born Jan. 1, 1840, died Nov. 1840.

Nancy R. Morton, born Jan. 23, 1842. No children.

Zachary T. Morton, born July 8, 1846. 9 children.

Sarah E. Morton, born Oct. 8, 1848, died Oct. 10, 1851.

George J. Morton, born Nov. 3, 1850. 6 children.

Sarah F. Morton, born Jan. 8, 1853, died May 15, 1884. 2 children.

Everetta Jerry Morton, born June 8, 1855, died Oct. 1856.

Children of L. B. Morton and his second wife, Martha Elizabeth Peed:

Thomas Dick Morton, born March 10, 1857. 1 child.

Alice Virginia Morton, born April 12, 1858.

Julius Caesar Morton, born Sept. 9, 1859.

Henry H. Morton, born April 20, 1861. 5 children.

Leila Morton, born Aug. 12, 1865, died 1895.

Ella Jerome Morton, born Aug. 25, 1867. 3 children.

Mollie Morton, born Sept. 12, 1869.

Horace Everett Morton, born Nov. 15, 1871. 3 children.

Katherine Morton, born 1873, died Sept. 20, 1898.

Isaac Morton, born April 10, 1875, died May 1880.

### ALADDIN THOMAS NEWSOM

By James Newsom, Grandson

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According to tradition, the Newsom family is of English and Scotch ancestry, and the first emigrants of the family to the U.S.A. landed in Virginia, and moved at intervals from Virginia to Northampton County, N. C., Hancock County, Ga., Troup County, Ga., Stewart County, Ga., and Muscogee County, Ga. In those days, it appears, the spelling of proper names was not considered of much importance, as the name "Newsom" was spelled "Neusum," "Neusom," "Newsum," "Newsome" and "Newsom." However, tradition is that all those who spelled the last syllable of the name without the "e" are of the same branch of the family.

The first authentic record that has been found, so far, is a will, dated Northampton County, N. C., January 10, 1751, of Joel Newsom, naming as beneficiaries his seven children, viz, Hosea, John, David, Joel, William, Isaac and Mary Newsom; his wife not mentioned. Isaac Newsom d. Nov. 22, 1817, son of Joel Newsom of Northampton County, N. C., married Molly Dortch (d. Sept. 6, 1827), of Nash County, N. C. Six children, viz:

Rebecca Newsom, born April 20, 1773,

William Newsom, born July 8, 1775,

John Newsom, born March 7, 1780, died 1855,

Polly Newsom, born Nov. 1, 1782,

Isaac Newsom, Jr., born June 29, 1786,



**Aladdin Thomas Newsom**

Aladdin Thomas Newsom, son of Joel Dortch Newsom and Martha Moody Waller, was born in Troup County, Georgia, May 9, 1817. He married Susan Elizabeth Bryan of Stewart County, Georgia on October 7, 1846. He died February 11, 1901 and is buried in the John Thomas Cooper lot in Linwood Cemetery in Columbus, Georgia.

Joel Dortch Newsom, born Nov. 4, 1789, died Dec. 5, 1864.

In about the year 1796, Isaac Newsom Sr. and his family moved to Hancock County, Ga., near Sparta, bought land and a home and became prominent and prosperous. There Joel Dortch Newsom, youngest son of Isaac Newsom, Sr. met, won and on July 25, 1816 married in Hancock County, Martha Moody Waller, daughter of James Waller and Elizabeth Ellis, his wife. From this union, one child, a son, Aladdin Thomas Newsom, the subject of this sketch, was born May 9, 1817.

About the year 1830, Joel Dortch Newsom, his wife, Martha



**Mrs. Aladdin Thomas Newsom**

(nee: Susan Elizabeth Bryan)

Susan Elizabeth Bryan; daughter of Judge Loverd Bryan and Elizabeth Wyche, was born in Stewart County, Georgia, December 28, 1830. She married Aladdin Thomas Newsom, of Troup County, Georgia, October 7, 1846. She died May 11, 1915 in Columbus, Georgia.

Moody Waller Newsom and son, Aladdin Thomas Newsom, moved to Troup County, Ga., and bought a large tract of land containing the original forests, about four miles from LaGrange, and there cleared a space in the forest and built a home. A few years later, he built on the same site, a beautiful Colonial type, two story residence that, although it is now about 100 years old, is in a good state of preservation. In this home Aladdin Thomas Newsom lived until about the year 1846.

Aladdin Thomas Newsom married twice, first, Susan R. Womack, of Troup County, on July 12, 1838, by Rev. Otis Smith. She



died a short time after their marriage, without issue. Second, Susan Elizabeth Bryan, daughter of Loverd Bryan and Elizabeth Wyche, his wife, of Providence, Stewart County, near Lumpkin, on Wednesday, Oct. 7, 1846, by Rev. Noah Smith.

Susan Elizabeth Bryan (b. Dec. 28, 1830) was a daughter of Loverd Bryan (b. Oct. 13, 1804, d. Aug. 15, 1887) and Elizabeth Wyche (b. Dec. 2, 1809, d. Nov. 29, 1877), his wife, pioneer residents of Stewart Co. The Bryans are of English and Irish descent, dating back to William Bryan, Marquis of Thomond (1665-1742), Governor of a Province in Ulster, Ireland, who, in 1689, married Alice Needham (1656-1729), daughter of Lord Needham, Viscount of Kilmorey. Their son, Needham Bryan, I, (b. Feb. 11, 1690, d. 1770), came to the U.S.A. and settled in Bertie Co., N. C. He married three times. However, he and his first wife, Annie Rambeau, were the progenitors of this branch of the Bryan family in America. A more complete history of the Bryan family is given under Loverd Bryan in this book.

The Wyche family show an unbroken line of descent from Richard de la Wyche, A. D. 1200, Seat of Alderly, Cheshire, England. The first of the line to emigrate to America was Henry Wyche, eldest son of Rev. Henry Wyche, Rector of Sutton, England, who came to Virginia in 1679, and in 1687, settled in Surry County, south of James River, Virginia. The Wyches were Gentlemen, Councilors, Ambassadors, Rectors, soldiers, and leaders in all branches of the Government.

To Aladdin Thomas Newsom and Susan Elizabeth Bryan his wife were born five children:

Willard Hamilton Newsom, b. March 29, 1848, d. Oct. 27, 1917.  
Martha Ella Newsom, b. Oct. 28, 1850, d. Jan. 10, 1854.  
Infant son, b. Feb. 27, 1852, d. May 27, 1852.

Charlie Ridley Newsom, b. July 29, 1855, d. June 11, 1926.  
Lenora Flowers Newsom, b. Aug. 19, 1857, d. Oct. 6, 1926.

Willard Hamilton Newsom was married three times, first, on Sept. 15, 1875, in Troup County, to Joan McGee of Troup County.

Issue:

James Newsom, md. Carrie Fendall Daniel, of Columbus, Ga.  
Willard Newsom, md. Florence Gregory of Montgomery, Ala.

John Hubert Newsom, b. Sept. 10, 1883, d. Feb. 10, 1884.  
Second: on Sept 3, 1884, in Troup Co., to Mrs. Jane Polk Dunson

Williams, of Troup Co. No issue.

Third: on April 29, 1908, in Troup Co., to Mattie Tatum, of Troup Co. Issue:

Seth Aladdin Tatum Newsom, md. Susie Gilreath of Cartersville, Ga., sister of James Wofford Gilreath who married Susan Elizabeth Newsom.

Susan Elizabeth Newsom, md. James Wofford Gilreath of Cartersville, Ga.

Sledge Tatum Newsom, md. Theo Gunter Elmore, of Pensacola, Fla.

Charles Ridley Newsom, md. Mattie Watt, of Columbus, Ga. Issue: Charles Ridley, Jr. One son died in infancy.

Lenora Flowers Newsom, md. on Oct. 27, 1880, in Troup Co. at the residence of James M. Flowers, John Thomas Cooper of Columbus, Ga. Issue,

Newsom Cooper, md. Mary George Fleming, of LaGrange, Ga.  
Willard Cooper, md. Mary Bradley, of Columbus, Ga.

John Thomas Cooper, Jr., md. Lucile Smith of Columbus, Ga.

Charles Hadley Cooper, never married.

Susie Cooper, b. May 15, 1884, d. June 10, 1885.

After his marriage to Susan Elizabeth Bryan in 1846, Aladdin Thomas Newsom and wife moved to Stewart County, Ga., and in 1851, bought land and established a home about four miles east of Florence, Ga., near Lumpkin, Ga., where two of their three surviving children were born, and the three surviving children were reared.

Aladdin Thomas Newsom was a Southern Rebel and a Confederate veteran who strongly believed in the Southern cause. Although he was too old to enlist in the regular Confederate States of America Army, he gave freely of his services in other ways. He was appointed a member of the Food Purchasing Commission for the C. S. A. Army, with the head office in Lumpkin, Stewart Co., which commission was composed of the following men: Samuel Lee Terrill (father of Miss Helen E. Terrill of Lumpkin, Ga.), Drew M. Davidson, James Fitzgerald, Philip Fletcher Matthews, Aladdin Thomas Newsom, all of Stewart Co. and others.

Aladdin Thomas Newsom was also Agent in Stewart Co., for the purchase of supplies for the C. S. A. Army under the control of Major A. M. Allen, District Commissary, 2nd District, Georgia.

It is thought that about 1864, the demand for men for the C. S. A. Army became so great that men, over-age for the Regular Army, were called into service, and in November, 1864, Samuel Lee Terrill, Drew M. Davidson and Aladdin Thomas Newsom were called into service from Stewart Co. and were ordered to report to the C. S. A. Army in the vicinity of Macon, Ga. The three men left Stewart County on horseback, together, but enroute, were overtaken by a C. S. A. Army supply wagon, so they sent their horses back to Stewart Co. and finished the trip on the supply wagon. The three men were mustered into service promptly, and fought in the Battle of Griswoldville, Ga. (near Macon, Ga.), which battle was fought between 2:00 P. M. and dark on November 22, 1864. Aladdin Thomas Newsom was wounded in this battle, a minnie ball having passed through both wrists and both legs, near his groin, perforating him in nine places. He was carried from the battlefield by Lieut. Charles Christian Humber of Co. K, 2nd Ga.



Regiment, and Aladdin Thomas Newsom's servant, John Davis, colored, nicknamed "Shamrock." Prentiss Stanley Bryan, brother of Mrs. Aladdin Thomas Newsom, was killed in this battle. Aladdin Thomas Newsom and the body of Prentiss Stanley Bryan were brought back to Stewart County by Lieut. Charles Christian Humber.

Frank Philip Peek, of Lumpkin, related the following amusing incident that occurred in court in Lumpkin, some time after Aladdin Thomas Newsom was brought back to Stewart Co. wounded. Mr. Duke Davis was present in court and heard the trial, and related it to Mr. Peek:—John Davis, colored, nicknamed "Shamrock," the servant of Aladdin Thomas Newsom while in the C. S. A. Army, also a well digger and general handy man about Lumpkin, Ga., was charged with, and was being prosecuted for, being a bootlegger, thief and coward, and was being defended by Frank Watts, a lawyer of Lumpkin. In his speech of defense, Mr. Watts stated that "Shamrock," while cooking meals behind the battle lines during the Battle of Griswoldville, was told that Aladdin Thomas Newsom had been wounded, and although the battle was raging and the bullets flying, and, although the soldiers tried to stop him, "Shamrock" rushed into the battle lines, found Aladdin Thomas Newsom, and helped bring him to the rear; that a man who was brave enough to do that, and to go down into a well, was not a coward, and that he denied the charge. "Shamrock" was acquitted.

In 1866, Aladdin Thomas Newsom was Justice of Inferior Court of Stewart County, Ga.

Their children having reached maturity, married and established homes of their own elsewhere, leaving them alone in the old homestead in Stewart Co., and after about forty years of joys and sorrows, hopes and disappointments, successes and failures, but withal, forty years, happy, successful, triumphant years in the old homestead, increasing years and declining strength made it expedient that Mr. and Mrs. Aladdin Thomas Newsom move and live with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas Cooper, 931 Third Avenue, Columbus, Ga.

Tiring of city life, Mr. and Mrs. Newsom returned to the old homestead and lived a few years, but, although Father Time dealt gently with them, he dealt relentlessly and inexorably, and in 1895, they again moved to the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Cooper, where they lived until they passed into the Great Beyond, he on Feb. 11, 1901, and she on May 11, 1915, both interred in the J. T. Cooper lot in Linwood Cemetery, Columbus, Ga.

Aladdin Thomas Newsom and Susan Elizabeth Bryan, his wife, were honorable, upright, law-abiding, stalwart patriots, revered by their family, honored by their contemporaries; typical examples of the old ante-bellum, Southern gentleman and lady.

Surely our Heavenly Father, in His infinite goodness, said,

"Well done thou good and faithful servant: Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

(In writing this sketch, the assistance of Mr. Charles Hadley Cooper, grandson, Columbus, Ga., Miss Helen E. Terrill, Historian, Lumpkin, Ga., and Mrs. Maymie Lewis Humber (Mrs. Charles Herbert Humber), Lumpkin, Ga., is gratefully acknowledged.)

### MR. AND MRS. JOHN THOMAS COOPER AND FAMILY



John Thomas Cooper



Mrs. Lenora Flowers Newsom Cooper

John Thomas Cooper, son of Hadley Cooper and Adeline Morris, was born in Russell County, Alabama, March 20, 1853; married Lenora Flowers Newsom, (daughter of Aladdin Thomas Newsom and Susan Elizabeth Bryan) of Stewart County, Georgia, on October 27, 1880. He and his bride went to Columbus, Georgia to live, where he was engaged in the wholesale and retail merchandise business until 1892, when he sold out this business and went into the real estate business and was also sole proprietor of the large and important business conducted under the title of the "Cooper Lumber Company." He died in Columbus, Ga., April 10, 1917.

Mrs. John Thomas Cooper, (nee Lenora Flowers Newsom) was born August 19, 1857, in Stewart County, Ga. She died October 6, 1926 and is buried by the side of her husband in the J. T. Cooper lot in Linwood Cemetery in Columbus, Ga.