

1950 to 1955 and chairman of same from 1953 to 1955. He served as Murray County Representative in the General Assembly of Georgia for 12 years (1939-46) (1949-50) (1961-62), State Senator for 5 years (1947-48 (1959-60) (1963) and was the Floor Leader, Georgia Senate in 1963. He served as Judge of the Georgia Court of Appeals from September 5, 1963 to September 1976. (See Georgia Official and Statistical Register.) He attended Young Harris College, Mercer University and graduated from the University of Georgia Law School with an LLB degree in 1937. He practiced law in Murray County for 25 years. He was instrumental in obtaining the Chief Vann House for the Georgia Historical Society and Dalton Junior College.

He married Ruth Ann Loughridge (December 24, 1939) who was the daughter of James P. and Etta Dickey Loughridge. They have three sons: Charles A. Jr. (born January 24, 1946), James L. Pannell (born September 12, 1948) and William A. Pannell (born June 21, 1952.)

Charles A. Jr. graduated from the University of Georgia in 1967 and the University of Georgia Law School in 1970. He was Assistant U.S. District Attorney, Northern District of Georgia (1971-72), District Attorney, Conasauga Judicial Circuit (1977-79) and is presently Judge of Superior Court of the Conasauga Judicial Circuit. He married Kate Williams (born June 14, 1946) of Perry, Florida, daughter of Mason Williams and Ida Stephens. (Ida Stephens is a grandniece of Alexander H. Stephens, Vice President of C.S.A. and the granddaughter of General Clement Evans, C.S.A.) They now reside in Eton. They have two children: Charles A. (Chad) III (born February 29, 1976) and Ruth Ann (born April 23, 1977). He was commissioned as a lieutenant in 1969 and served on active duty in the U.S. Army Military Police Corps. He is presently a major in the U.S. Army Reserves, Judge Advocate General's Corps and graduated from the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College in 1984.

James Loughridge Pannell married Karen Bedingfield (born June 25, 1951) at Millen, Georgia, daughter of Robert Lee Bedingfield and Mary (Johnson) Bedingfield. They have two children: Jonathan Bedingfield (born December 31, 1977) and Mary Jamison (born January 17, 1981). He graduated from the University of Georgia in 1970 and the University of Georgia Law School in 1974. He was inducted into Sphinx at the University of Georgia in 1969. He was a member of U.S. Senator Richard Russell's staff and served on U.S. Senator David Gambrell's staff in 1971. He is now practicing law in Savannah, Georgia. He was president of the Young Lawyer's Section, State Bar of Georgia (1979-80). He was elected Representative to Georgia General Assembly, District 122, Chatham County, in 1984. He was commissioned as a lieutenant in 1970 and served on active duty in the U.S. Army, Combat Engineer Corps.

William A. Pannell married Margaret Reese, daughter of Haskell Reese and Lilly (French) Reese. He is a graduate of Georgia State University and is presently in law school at Georgia State. They have two children: Reese (born August 19, 1980) and Margaret (born March 5, 1984). He has served on the staff of the Alaska Supreme Court (1972) and the Georgia Court of Appeals (1984).

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Jonathan Parsons Family

The Parsons family has been in Murray and Whitfield Counties since 1850 when Jonathan and Nancy Parsons brought their family from Bradley County, Tenn., to an area around Spring Place. By 1860 they had moved back to Bradley County where their oldest son, David, married Sarah Jane Dixon. Sometime after 1881, David, Sarah, and their family which included James, Mary, Daniel C., Laborn Alford, Benjamin, William and Nancy J., moved back to the Spring Place area. After the move at least three sons—Ed, Elmore and Andrew—were born. Many of the descendants of David and Sarah Parsons now live in the Dalton and Chatsworth areas.

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The William Peeples Family

I shall attempt to trace the Peeples family history and direct genealogy to 1751. I cannot trace all the descendants of William and Rebecca Johnson Peeples but all of them are kin people and scores of them live in Murray County. Mt. Zion Cemetery seems to be the heart of their burying ground. A major portion of this data is gleaned from a book entitled *Our Peeples Family*.

No longer in print, this volume was compiled by Rachel Peeples Rogers and published in 1953. My father and mother, the late Mr. and Mrs. W.Z. Latch, helped with the gathering of much of the data concerning allied families. The late Mrs. Rogers was a court reporter who lived in Atlanta. The Peeples' clan says an humble, "thank you, Cousin Rachel Peeples Rogers."

My twice great-grandfather, William Peeples, was born in Va. in 1751 to parents who had lately come from Peebleshire, Scotland. In February of 1795, this same William Peeples secured a marriage license for himself and Rebecca Johnston in Johnston County, Raleigh, N.C. Reported to be a Revolutionary soldier, William Peeples was first listed in the Georgia census in Gwinnett County in 1830. The 1850 census shows him and Rebecca living near their son, Drewry Murrah Peeples, in Gordon County. After Rebecca died, he moved to Murray County to live in the home of his daughter-in-law, Margaret (Peggy) Allred Peeples. He died shortly after arriving in Murray County and was one of the first to be buried in Mt. Zion Cemetery. His years numbered 103.

William Peeples and Rebecca had five children, all born in N.C. (1) Drewry Murrah and (2) John, twins; (3) William; (4) Sarah; and (5) Mary. Mrs. Rogers traces all the descendants of the five children in the book. My direct line goes back to Drewry Murrah Peeples.

My great-grandfather, Drewry Murrah Peeples, married Mary Frances Collier at Lafayette, Walker Co., Ga., in 1835. He was a corporal in Old Hickory Jackson's army and fought in the Creek and Indian War in 1836.

From *Our Peeples Family*: "Murray county was formed on or about 1832 and Drewry Peeples and his brother, William Peeples, were of the very first white settlers. Old Mt. Zion Church was built by Drewry Peeples and the cost of the

structure was paid by his father-in-law, Joab Humphreys . . . This church is still an active one and in its old churchyard are buried 5 or 6 generations of the Peeples family and their allied families."

My grandfather, Drewry Morgan Peeples, was the 5th child of Drewry Murrah Peeples and Mary F. Collier. Born in Murray County in 1853, he married Missouri Leonard, daughter of Alexander and Mildred Jackson Leonard, on Aug. 21, 1875 at the Leonard homestead near Spring Place. He died at his Fort Mountain home on Aug. 2, 1923. His wife died in 1912. Both are buried at Mt. Zion. They had the following children:

(1) Morgan Lee b. Sept. 20, 1876, Murray Co., m. Maud Ballew, Sept. 20, 1900. They had two daughters: (a) Laura May b. Oct. 21, 1905, m. I.N. Clabo of Knoxville, Tenn. They had two children: Helen Ruth Clabo b. July 6, 1925 and Samuel Clabo b. Aug. 18, 1930. (b) Ruby Lee b. Oct. 21, 1911, d. 1912. Both daughters are buried in Mt. Zion Cemetery.

(2) Amanda Coloma b. Mar. 1, 1880, m. William Zachariah Latch, Oct. 1, 1899 at her home at Fort Mountain. Their children were: (a) Roy Edgar b. Aug. 31, 1900, d. 1943, b. Odessa, Texas. (b) Van Carl b. Oct. 12, 1903, d. 1973, b. Cross Plains, Texas. (c) Lela Jane b. Jan. 30, 1906, living in Cisco, Texas. (d) Annie Missouri b. June 27, 1908, living in Cisco, Texas. (e) Paul Jones b. Jan. 18, 1910, living in New Braunfels, Texas. (f) Mary Ella b. April 1, 1913, living in Willow, Alaska. (g) Rex Leonard b. Aug. 13, 1915, d. 1978. (h) Billy Ford b. Dec. 12, 1921 in Cisco, Tx., living in Durango, Col.

(3) William Drewry b. Mar. 6, 1882, m. Tennessee L. Stanford, daughter of Eli and Tennessee Blair Stanford of Murray County, at Spring Place on Feb. 5, 1903. Their children were: (a) Milma b. Feb. 16, 1904, m. Dan Earnest, son of Emory and Ureka Isenhower Earnest, Nov. 24, 1927 at Chatsworth. They have one daughter, Aloe, b. Aug. 13, 1929. Aloe m. Ray Greeson of Chatsworth and they both teach in Atlanta. They have three daughters: Julia and Emilie, twins; and Amelia.

(b) William Otis b. Mar. 3, 1909, d. in Washington, D.C., unmarried.

(c) Eli Stanford b. Jan. 13, 1911, m. Martha Jean Red, daughter of Starling and Golda Mae Adams Red. They have one daughter.

(d) Morgan Enoch b. Dec. 16, 1889, m. Sallie Watts of Murray Co., May 10, 1910. They had four children, three of which still live in or near Chatsworth. They are: Vandivere b. Aug. 6, 1915, m. Owen Harrison, Mar. 2, 1936. Enoch b. Nov. 18, 1918, unmarried. Robert Harold b. Jan. 31, 1922, killed in a car wreck while serving with the U.S. Navy in 1948; m. Evelyn Bunch and had two children, Wanda Faye and Barron Thomas Peeples. Robert's widow lives in Chatsworth.

(e) Virginia b. Aug. 22, 1924, m. Harold Harris, had two children, Mary Ann and Linda.

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The Jesse Pendley History

Jesse Pendley was part Indian and his descendants think it was probably his mother who was full-blooded Indian. He lived in Virginia, then North Carolina, then Georgia to what was then called Long Swamp, north of Lake Lanier. He ran a water grist mill. Many of his relatives lived around Talking Rock, and eventually went to an Indian Reservation out West. Jesse is buried in Pickens County, at Jerusalem Cemetery.

His children: Cassie moved to Texas; Barbara m. Monroe Chamblee who was a brother of Missouri Chamblee (mentioned later); Steve and Rufus both moved to Texas; Sam b. 1852, d. 1926, m. Martha E. (Sis) Bruce b. 1856, d. 1928, lived in Jasper, Ga., both buried Jerusalem Cemetery, Pickens County; and William b. 1854, d. 1937, m. Harriet Missouri Chamblee (mentioned above) b. 1856 in Cherokee County, d. 1939, m. 1874, both buried in Spring Place Cemetery.

William (called Bill) and his wife moved from Hinton, Ga., to Spring Place about 1896. He owned a grist mill, a gin, much land which they tilled with the help of hired hands. He invented some farm equipment, and also a machine for cutting "round" talc pencils for the Chatsworth Talc Company, where he worked in his later years.

William finally sold off his property, intending to retire, but instead invested in a brick mill in Chatsworth where he moved about 1912. The brick mill went broke. However, he made a living for himself and wife until a few years before his death. He built some of the houses in Chatsworth, some of the sidewalks, and he hand-made scissors used for clipping bed spreads. He invented a "spring" on the scissors which made the spreads easier to clip. These scissors at first sold for about 50¢ each, then \$1.00, and still more later.

Zoo's mother, Mary Elizabeth Haley Chamblee, b. Hickory Flats, Ga., lived with the Pendleys after her husband, Robert Chamblee, was killed. (He was running for public office, ambushed, and shot.) She was a first cousin of Margaret Ann Haley Keister, who lived a few doors down the street from the Pendleys in Spring Place.

The Pendleys had 13 children, 10 of whom lived to be grown: Willis Hayes b. 1876, m. Florence Eaton from LaFayette, moved to South Georgia; Willard Lee b. 1878, moved to California; Monie Estelle b. 1880, d. 1916, m. Lewis Thompson who ran a store in Chatsworth, both buried in Spring Place; Virgil Clayton b. 1882, m. Annie Pearman of Sevierville, Tenn., moved to California; Leila Elizabeth b. 1885, d. 1973, m. Claude Anderson of Spring Place, both buried Spring Place; Mamie Belle b. 1887, m. Grover Henry of Spring Place; Georgia Annie b. 1889, d. 1948, m. Ben F. Bates of Murray County, buried Decatur, Ga.; Sarah Addie b. 1890, m. Grover Terry of Hassler's Mill, buried Chatsworth; Rosa Mae b. 1893, d. 1915, m. James Felix (Buck) Carlock of Etowah, Tenn., both buried Spring Place; Dewey Hobson b. 1898, d. 1973, m. Edna Hemphill of Ramhurst, Ga., buried Dalton, Ga.

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