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To this union were born the following children:

Mrs. (J.P.L.) Essie Jennings Mathews, Robert M. Jennings, Robert L. Jennings, Belton E. Jennings, James W. (J. B.) Jennings, Mrs. (C. C.) Leila Jennings Webb, George D. Jennings, Henry S. Jennings, Mrs. (V. F.) Marian Jennings Agan, Mansfield I. Jennings, Rufus Floyd Jennings, Carey Griggs Jennings.

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The Johnston Family of Terrell County, Georgia

This story begins with Larkin Chew of Caroline County, Virginia, who was born in 1676, and his wife Hannah Ray. They had five children.

Their daughter, Ann Chew m. William Johnston, b. 1697 in Scotland. They had eleven children.

Their son, Larkin Johnston b. May 1, 1727, d. 1816, m. Mary Rogers, 1727 – 1800.

Their son, Littleton Johnston I, 1761 – 1842, m. Lucy Childs, 1756 – 1817. Littleton was a Revolutionary War soldier and was a sergeant in the Company of Capt. Childs. Born in Granville County, N. C. He received a large grant of land for his Revolutionary War service and in 1830 he moved to Jasper County, Georgia, where he is buried. They had eleven children.

Their son, James Johnston, 1795 – 1863, b. Persons County, N. C., d. Jasper County, Georgia, m. 1816, Jane Gaines, 1800 – 1874.

Their son, Littleton S. Johnston II, b. 1825, received a special order from the Governor of Georgia in 1864 to guard and patrol the slaves and farming interests on the home front (Herod and Dover). He was too old and infirm for active duty. His war record states that "He had a shot gun in good condition and a saddle and bridle in good condition." (Georgia Archives). A family member says there is a creek known as Johnston Creek between Herod and Dover named for this family. The old Johnston cemetery is somewhere near Herod. Littleton and his brother James were appointed Administrators at the February term of Court 1863 on Estate of James W. Johnston — father.

Their son, James Zachariah Taylor Johnston, 1848 – 1918, married Unicy Loutitia Huckabee 1856 – 1907. She was the daughter of Charles Pinkney Huckabee and Eunicy Loutitia Jones Huckaby, of Stewart and Randolph Counties. James Taylor Johnston lived on what is now called the Leesburg road. He was a man of sterling qualities, a successful farmer and a Primitive Baptist. J. Taylor Johnston was too young for service when the Civil War broke but soon after he made his way by buggy to Thomasville to get with the Rebels, but the surrender came and he was sent home on foot, walking all the way back to his father's home in Terrell County, when just a mere lad. His wife was affectionately called "Miss Lou" by friends and neighbors. She was very generous with her talent of nursing the sick and was often on call. She provided a most hospitable home, and their latch string was always out. She was a member of Macedonia Primitive Baptist Church.

Their descendants:

- Alma Earl Johnston 1880-1938, farmer, warehouseman, County commissioner, m. Clara Ann McLendon b. 1880.
 - (a) Corrye Eunice Johnston, b. 1900 m. Z. O. Marshall, b. 1897, d. 1960, WWI Veteran, dau. Claire Jeanette Marshall, b. 1925, m. 1946 to C. C. Sapp, Jr. DVM, Albany, Georgia.
 - (b) Joseph Leon Johnston, b. 1903 1953, DVM.
 m. 1 Myrtle Tipton, 1906-1948, Sylvester, Ga.
 m. 2 Carmen Brown (widow)

Children: Patricia. Joan and Alice Kay.

(c) Eva Pearl Johnston, 1907-1934, m. A. D. Green, b. 1907.

- (d) Catherine Eliza Johnston, b. 1911, Terrell County, m. W. E. Grubbs, 1907-1968, Sylvester, Ga. dau. Alma Johnston Grubbs, b. 1940, m. Braughton Williams.
- 2. Roberta Estelle Johnston, 1878-1946, m. R. A. Cannon.

3 Emmie Frank Johnston, b. 1882, m. Ed T. Jordan, d. 1941.

- 4. Lillie Loutitia Johnston, 1876-1939, m. John Henry Davis, Sr., d. 1925, b. 1871, merchant and businessman.
 - (a) Allie Irene Davis, b. 1895, Terrell County, m. Henry Grady Stephens, 1891-1964, Camilla, Ga.
 - (b) William Nathan Davis, 1897-1964, WWI veteran, warehouseman, m. Tena Edwards, b. 1901, m. 1924, Clarke County. Son, Leonard Henry Davis, M.D., WWII Veteran.
 - (c) Essie Lee Davis, b. 1900, Terrell County, m. Asbury W. Quillian, 1890-1950, Methodist minister. Son, Asbury W. Quillian, Civil Engineer, m. Floride Hill, b. 1924, Tennessee. Son, John Davis Quillian, b. 1929, Methodist Minister, m. 1956, Jerri Robinson, b. 1928, Blakely, Ga.

(d) Birdie Davis, b. 1904, m. Ralph Girtman, 1934, Valdosta, Ga.

- (e) Mattie Jewel Davis, b. 1909, Sasser, Ga., m. 1931, Robert Bradford Burnette, 1907-1970, Valdosta, Ga. Son, R. Bradford Burnette, Jr. b. 1939, Quitman, Ga. Executive Vice President of Parke Avenue Bank, Valdosta, Ga. m. Ann Bradley, Atlanta, Ga.
- (f) Nena Pearl Davis, b. 1901, Sasser, Ga. m. E. A. Reed, one dau. Shirley, m. Chas. Polytinski, Jacksonville, Fla.
- (g) John Henry Davis, Jr., b. 1913, Sasser, Ga., President of Farmers Bank of Tifton, m. 1, Jane Smith, 1944, Cochran, Ga., d. 1952, m. 2. Audrey H. Lever, 1954 (widow) Anderson, S. C. Son, John M. Davis, b. 1945, m. Jerri Young; dau. Marguerite L. Davis, b. 1950, Tifton, Ga., m. Jack Griffin, Jr. 1970, Tifton, Ga.
- (h) Fred Earl Davis, b. 1898-1959, m. Florine Smith, b. 1904, Macon County, Farmer, business, Chairman County Board of Education. Son, Harold Earl Davis, b. 1927, Sasser, Ga. Associate Vice President of Georgia State University, WWII veteran, m. Priscilla Arnold, Cobb County, b. 1934. Dau., Claire Jeannette Davis, b. 1933 Laboratory Technician, Albany, Ga.

 Charles Pinkney Johnston, b. 1886-1964, master Farmer, m. Lucy Marshall, b. 1896. Dau. Mildred Marshall Johnston, retired teacher, m. Perry Stewart, WWII Veteran.

George Washington Johnston, Master Farmer, b. 1891, County Commissioner.
 m. 1. Eula Chapman, 1880-1957, DAR, b. Houston County. m. 2. Audrey Lorraine Hayes, b. 1906, Rochester, N.Y. Son, Donald Chapman Johnston, b. 1916, Sasser, Ga. Vice President J. P. Stevens & Co., Inc., Milledgeville, Ga. WWII Veteran, m. Ann Austin, Atlanta. Their children are Louise Johnston, b. 1944, m. Jack Mimbs, 1968, Donald Chapman Johnston, Jr., b. 1947, Judy Ann Johnston, b. 1950.

Wiley H. Johnston, b. 1895, Terrell County, retired Postmaster, Cordele, m. Irma Lee Varner, b. 1901. Dau. Peggy Joyce Johnston, b. 1932, Cordele, m. 1951, Richard Conrad Barry, b. 1930. Their children are as follows: Patty Dawn Barry, b. 1954, Crisp Co., Ga. Terri Eve Barry, b. 1956, Crisp Co., Ga. Twila Lee Barry, b. 1959, Crisp Co., Ga. Richard Barry, Jr., b. -

There is an ancient Bible given by William Johnston to his son Larkin Johnston and then to Littleton, son of Larkin. An inscription inside follows, verbatim: "This book given to me by my father, Larkin Johnston, February 19, 1801, on

Hico, Persons Co. N.C. This book 196 years old now." (1957)

The information on this book was published by a DAR magazine December 1940: "Imprinted at London by Robert Barker, printer to the Kings most Ex-

cellent Majestic anno 1605."

The Bible which contains extensive Johnston information is now in possession of George Porter Wilthies, Jr. of Rt. 3, Minden, La. The first five generations are from the book "Johnston of Caroline" by Dr. E. F. Johnston, Ph.D., Hanceville, Ala. The remaining information was furnished by Mrs. Fred Davis.

Submitted by Mrs. Fred Davis

Talley Dozier Joiner

Talley Dozier Joiner, born March 14, 1896, in Sasser, Ga., son of James Clinton Joiner and Susan Wiggins Joiner; attended grammar and high school of Sasser, Ga.; entered Gordon Military Institute, Barnesville, Ga. in 1915, graduated in 1917; entered the first military training camp at Fort McPherson, Ga., May 1917; commissioned a Second Lieutenant of Infantry, United States Army, Aug. 15, 1917; on same date assigned to the Seventeenth United States Infantry; served with this regiment at Fort McPherson, Ga., Chickamauga Park, Ga., Tampa, Fla., and Camp Meade, Maryland; 1918, assigned to the Seventy First Infantry, Eleventh, Division, Camp Meade, Maryland; 1919, attended the School of Arms, Camp Benning, Ga.; upon finishing the course, was assigned to the Fifty Infantry and went with this regiment to join the American Army of Occupation in Germany; 1919, promoted to First Lt.; 1920, promoted to Captain; returned from Germany in 1922; assigned to and served with the Sixteenth Infantry at Camp Dix, New Jersey, and Governors Island, New York; 1923, was ordered to duty at the United States Military Academy, West Point, New York; 1924, was married to Gertrude Elizabeth Moore, daughter of James E. and Elizabeth McQuire Moore of Yonkers, New York; Gertrude died two years later, leaving a daughter, Therese Elizabeth. 1927-1928, attended the Company Officers Course, at Infantry School, Fort Benning, Ga.; 1928-1931, served with the Twenty Ninth Infantry, Fort Benning, Ga.; 1931-1932, attended the Advanced Course, at same place; 1932, June 1, married Etta Clarice Whittle, daughter of William A. and Angie Bush Whittle, Thomaston, Ga.; one daughter Lucy Jean born June 22, 1933. 1932-1934, served with Special Troops Second Division, Fort Sam Houston, Texas; 1934, ordered to duty for a two years' tour with the Thirty First Infantry, Philippine Islands; was promoted to the grade of Major on August 1, 1935.

Submitted by Mrs. Ella C. Melton