

LANIER

The famous Ga. poet, Sidney Lanier, was descended from Sampson Lanier, b. 1795 N. C., hotel keeper in Macon in 1850, owning 16 slaves, called "Lanier House", in which many investors owned shares. He first owned land in Morgan Co. Ga. as early as 1808, later removing to Gwinnett Co., then Bibb Co. Sampson Lanier is descended from an Englishman, Nicholas Lanier b. 1655, removing 1670 to Prince Geo. Co., Va., having grandson, Thomas Sampson Lanier who m. Elizabeth Washington in 1725, dau. of Richard Washington, and cousin to George Washington, father of our country. Issue of Sampson Lanier as follows:

I. Jane E. Lanier m. Abraham P. Watt 1/7/1840 Bibb Co., graduate of Wesleyan Female College in 1839.

II. Wilhelmina Lanier m. Thomas D. Eason 2/27/1847 Bibb Co., Ga.

III. Robert Sampson Lanier, Colonel, b. 1819 Bibb Co., practised law in Macon, m. Mary Anderson, dau. of Major Hezekiel R. and Martha M. Anderson of Nottoway Co., Va., Mary b. 12/14/1822. Col. Lanier practiced law in Macon for 50 yrs. in his own firm of Lanier & Anderson. When he d. 1893, he owned a house in Vineville, Macon suburb, etc.
Issue:

1. Sidney Lanier, the poet, b. 2/3/1842 on High St. in Macon, remembered for his poems, "Song of the Chattahoochee" and the "Marshes of Glynn". In 1890, a bust was unveiled in Macon in his honor, presented by a kinsman, Charles Lanier. Sidney Lanier d. Tryon, N. C., 9/7/1881. He m. 1867 Mary Day, b. 1844, d. 12/31/1931, and had issue: Charles Day, b. Greenwich, Conn.; Sidney m. Elizabeth M. Masson; Henry Wysham, b. 1873 m. Josephine Stevens; Robert Sampson, b. 1880, d. 1912, m. Annie Goldsborough.

2. Clifford Lanier, sweet singer of the South, b. 1844 Macon.

IV. William B. Lanier, b. 1823 S. C. m. Lucy and had issue: Sarah, b. 1847 and Elizabeth, b. 1849 Bibb Co., Ga.

V. Mary Lanier, b. 1822 Ga.

VI. Lucy Lanier, b. 1827 Ga.

John Lanier d. 1837 Bibb Co., leaving his home in Macon to his mother. He owned a grocery business, John I. Lanier & Co., which he left to his dau., Susan, b. 1824 who m. N. B. Beard, b. 1815 Ga, her husband taking charge of grocery business.