

Chamblees settled here

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At least one family by name of Chamblee had moved to this section of Northeast Georgia about the time of the creation of Hall County.

William Chamblee was enumerated in the 1820 census of Hall. It is believed that William Chamblee moved to Cherokee County around 1834 or 1835. There is an official statement concerning the family deposited in the State Archives, Atlanta.

"Georgia, Cherokee County. Before me, the undersigned officer authorized by law to administer oaths, in person appeared W.F. Chamblee (grandson of William), who, upon oath, deposes and says that there were six Chamblee (Chamblee, Shamblee, Shambly) brothers who came to this country; four settled in Virginia and two in South Carolina near Spartanburg.

"My grandfather was William Chamblee. He had a brother named Washington Chamblee. William Chamblee married Dorcas Sego of South Carolina. They had six boys viz: MARTIN, TILLMAN, JARRETT, ROBERT, BILL (Wm.) and ENOCH. They had four daughters viz: Lucinda and Polly (twins), Janette and Dorcas. He with his family lived in Hall County, Ga. So far as I know, he never owned a farm until after the Cherokee Purchase. He then bought a home near Hickory Flat in Cherokee County, Ga.

"Of the above named brothers TILLMAN CHAMBLEE was my father. He was born Nov. 22, 1800, and died April 30, 1867, in Cherokee County. He married Kindness Breedlove Light, daughter of Obediah Light and Mary Moore. Obediah Light owned a plantation on Flowery Branch Creek in Hall County, Ga. Kindness Breedlove Light was born Sept. 20, 1806, and died March 21, 1862. My father, Tillman, bought of the Cherokee Strip a home near Hickory Flat. All of his brothers each owned a farm in Cherokee County, Ga."

"Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 3rd day, —, 1937. Notary Public Cherokee County, or Georgia State at Large. Signed: W.F. (X his mark) Chamblee."

The marriage of Tillman Chamblee and Kindness Breedlove Light is recorded in Book A, Marriages Hall County courthouse Cert. No. 626, dated Dec. 22, 1830. The children of the couple were: George, William Franklin, Lavinia, Ernestine, Emaline, Anne, Kindness and Caroline.

Native of Scotland

According to other family records Jacob Chamblee, was born in Edinburg, Scotland, and came to America. He settled first in Virginia and then migrated south and owned land in Anderson, S.C. He had at least two sons: George Washington Chamblee, who became a resident of Hall County shortly after 1820. He married Christiana Adeline Tanner. He died in 1866 and is buried on his land known as "Thompson Mill" in lower Hall County. The old homeplace was torn down a few years ago.

George Chamblee was enumerated in the 1800 census of Anderson County, S.C. He and his wife were parents of: Elizabeth who married David Tanner Oct. 30, 1823, Hall County; Lydia, born Aug. 2, 1816; Polly, born Aug. 25, 1819; Lavinia, Crissie and Nysie.

William Chamblee, son of Jacob, was born 1780 in Tennessee. He married Dorcas Sego, or Seay, in 1806. She was born in South Carolina. William Chamblee is enumerated in the 1869 census of Cherokee County, Ga. A son, Enoch, age 26, was living in the home. Also listed was Elaine Seays (?), age 67, born in North Carolina.

Other Chamblee marriage recorded in "Book A Marriages", Hall County:

Cert. no. 519: Martin Chamblee married Polly Guthery, Dec. 11, 1828

Cert. no. 815: Lucinda Shamblee married William Wayne, July 25, 1833

Cert. no. 946: Mary Shamblee (Polly is nickname for Mary) married Henry Wheeler, Dec. 25, 1832.

Some members of the Chamblee family removed to Cherokee County, Ga. and to western states. Many descendants of the Chamblee brothers still are Hall County residents.