

DeLaPerriere came from France to settle in Hall Co

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Many pioneer couples with marriages recorded in the Hall County Courthouse only lived in this section of Georgia for a short period of time. Some moved a few months after their marriage, seeking free land and a new home. Others moved a few years thereafter, and some few waited many years and then joined a married son or daughter elsewhere. Most of these wayfarers left relatives in Hall County — grandparents, parents, brothers, sisters, or other kin.

Numbers of these people, married in Hall County during the first 20 years of the county's creation, have been found mentioned in other state and county histories, courthouse records, and their graves have been located in cemeteries in other Georgia counties and in many western states. Almost always the migration moved westward.

County Line Changes

Many people from Jackson County moved into Hall County when this area was opening for settlement while others were living in the territory that on one day was Jackson County and the next day was Hall County. This, of course, was due to the change in the county line. Therefore, records are found in both county courthouses in regard to wills and business transactions of these early settlers.

In Book "A" Marriages 1815-1839, Hall County, certificate number 330 is a record of one such family. Descendants of this couple are in Hall County to his present time.

"Ange DeLaPerriere and Mary Ann Thurmond were united in marriage Nov. 14, 1835 by Joseph Johnston, J.P."

A year or two ago someone told of an old burial plot in Jackson County where an army officer was buried. The search began. Approximate location: Highway 60, two and two-tenths miles left from dead end of Braselton Road, then Jefferson Highway 124, in back of house in a wooded section where C.B. Wilson then lived. After going through several pastures and a few gates, the automobile had to be parked near a wheat field. Then the walk through the wheat field following a hedge and to the top of a wooded knoll.

Clump of Trees

The cemetery was situated in the midst of a clump of very large and very old trees and the entire area had a park-like appearance. The trees surrounding the burial plot must have been well tended at one time. Now the once cultivated plant life was growing in all directions; the over-sized boxwoods were untrimmed, vines were growing helter-skelter, tree limbs were scattered about on the ground and a long period of neglect was very visible. This small acreage of trees had been enclosed along with surrounding pastureland and this spot was a shelter for the cattle. They sought this heaven of leafage coverture during the heat of the day, or during a rain storm.

Data Legible

Luckily, the gravestones were large and the carved data legible though few stones remained upright. Most of them were easily spotted since they had been carved from some dark pink marble which had possible been imported and more than likely been costly. Several large pink marble stands with their attendant urns were in pieces on the ground.

Some headstones had to have vines and silt removed before the inscriptions could be deciphered. There were a few graves with only field stones for markers. In a few years hence, one will have to search diligently for these stones with the important biological information carved thereon. These massive, fully carved, pink marble tombstones told the story of a former affluent day — now they were talebearers of a neglected, forgotten and forsaken plot.

MAJOR GENERAL ANGE DeLaPERRIERE

(With a Masonic Emblem), born in Paris, May 3, 1797, died Nov. 3, 1864. (also on this marker is information about his wife; however, she has a separate headstone.)

MARY ANN THURMOND DeLaPERRIERE

Born 1814, died Jan. 13, 1867.

Information from other markers:

Woodie Pearl D., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. DeLaPerriere, died Aug. 13, 1876, age 14 months and 20 days.

Mrs. Maggie R., wife of A.A. DeLaPerriere (Jr., no doubt), died June 30, 1877, age 27 years, 10 months 13 days.

Major James Cochran who departed this life June 2, 1835 in the 72nd year of his life.

The 1850 Federal Census, Jackson County, Ga. gives the following information:

Ange DeLaPerriere, age 51, Doctor, born in France, Mary A. DeLaPerriere, age 25, born in Georgia, Children: (all born in Ga.), Rebecca J. age 20; Antoinette, age 18; James C., age 17; Harrison B., age 15; Angeline, age 12; Celesta C., age 10; Ange

A., age 6; and Emma, age 4. Living in the home with the DeLaPerriere's were three students: Jesse M. Osborn, A. Eades, Augustus Thurmond (believed to be brother to Mary A. DeLaPerriere).

A will recorded in Jackson County reveals Mary Ann Thurmond DeLaPerriere's family: dated Oct. 28, 1843, probated March 2, 1846. Harrison Thurmond names wife, Jane B. Thurmond; sons: James C., of Tishomingo County, Miss.; Thomas Jefferson; Harrison Montgomery; George McIntosh Troup; Christopher Columbus Augustus Gilpin; Jesse Marcus; and

Mandoline Thurmond. Daughters: Mary Ann DeLaPerriere; Sarah Ann and Angeline Anthony Thurmond. Executors: William Henry Thurmond, Thos. Jefferson Thurmond and wife Jane B. Thurmond. Witnesses: Perry D., Gustavious and Jacob Braselton.

Questions Arise

Many questions could be asked concerning this couple with their marriage recorded in Hall County in 1835 and, probably, much historical data could be gleaned from the answers. Why did Ange DeLaPerriere come from Paris, France to this section

of Georgia? How did he become a m... meet Mary Ann Thurmond? How long in Hall County? Who was Major James C...

DeLaPerriere descendants have m... Hall County and Jackson County. At l... doctors. Dr. Angel A. DeLaPerriere buried in Zion Baptist Church Cemetery, Hall County line in Jackson County, DeLaPerriere, born Jan. 1, 1856. Cemetery, Jackson County.