

Hall history column

First Hudgins in county was a native Virginian

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Beverly Hudgins, the progenitor of the Hall County families by name of Hudgins or Huggins, was a Virginian by birth. He evidently left his native state at an early age and emigrated to northeast Georgia prior to the creation of the county of Hall.

Deed Book "A", Hall County courthouse, page 47, gives a record of the signatures of Beverly Hudgins and George W. Bell, a brother-in-law, as witnesses to a business transaction. "I, Nancy Cain do appoint E.T. Harper my lawful attorney for the special purpose to take out the grant for a tract of land drawn to my name in the 3rd district in Appling County (lot) No. 511...Nov. 20, 1820: (signed) Nancy X (her mark) Cain". It is not known as to the relationship. Nancy Cain may have been a friend or a relative.

Beverly Hudgins was born 1778, Virginia, and died 1856, Hall County. He is buried in the Old Liberty Church Cemetery located near Chestnut Mt. and now on property owned by Marell Farms. Beverly Hudgins was married to Jane Bell, daughter of Francis Bell and Ester Montgomery, in 1801. Jane Bell was born Aug. 27, 1780, North Carolina, and died 1864. Jane Bell Hudgins left a will recorded in Hall County in which she names Francis B. Hudgins as her heir. MISC. "D", page 6, gives the record of Jane Hudgins' request for twelve month's support as widow of

Beverly Hudgins, deceased. The request is dated Oct. 20, 1856 and the appraisers appointed were: David Tanner, D.M. Eberhart, and Jesse Lott. Jane Bell Hudgins is buried alongside her husband in the Old Liberty Church Cemetery. Beverly and Jane Bell Hudgins were parents of ten children:

— Mary "Polly" Ann Hudgins was born Oct. 14, 1801 and died Nov. 24, 1885. She is buried in the cemetery with her parents, Old Liberty Church. Mary, or Polly, Hudgins was first married to James Kidd and family records state that James was scalped by Indians in Coweta County Ga. Mary Hudgins was married to Stephen Brown Oct. 11, 1838 and the marriage is recorded in Hall County.

— Beverly Hudgins, Jr. (no further records)

— Zachariah Hudgins was born 1804 and died Nov. 20, 1877. He is buried in the Hopewell Baptist Church Cemetery near Candler. Zachariah Hudgins was married to Margaret "Peggy" Majors Mar. 16, 1825. Peggy Hudgins was born Mar. 20, 1808 and died July 8, 1876 and is also buried at Hopewell. Zachariah and Peggy Hudgins were parents of the following children: Margaret M., who married John I. Pirkle; Mary Jane married Jacob Martin; E.L.; Nancy E. married Cornelius M.C. Blackstock; Lucinda "Cindy" R. married James W. Lancaster; Cleo E. married William L. Lewis;

J.W.; Rebecca Emaline married Hugh C. Martin; and James Andrew Jackson Hudgins was married to Elizabeth Blackstock. Zachariah Hudgins was married to second wife, Emily E. Whitworth Sexton, Aug. 30, 1876. Emily E. Whitworth Sexton Hudgins was born Oct. 6, 1840 and died July 26, 1920. She is buried in Oakgrove Baptist Church Cemetery, Athens Highway. Zachariah and Emily Hudgins were parents to one son: Zachareus Frances Hampton Hudgins born Dec. 24, 1877. Zachareus F.H. Hudgins was married to Ava White.

— Holder Hudgins was born Oct. 6, 1806 and died in Dallas, Ark. the 31st of January, 1861. He was married Dec. 20, 1835 to Tramiliza Caroline Albright. Tramiliza Caroline was born Jan. 11, 1817 and died Apr. 1, 1874. Holder and Tramiliza Caroline Hudgins were parents to nine children: Joseph Gregory; Jane, married a Randolph; Martha Ann, married a Cooper; Tramiliza Caroline, married H. Hillary Randolph; Beverly; Harvey Mashburn; Emma, married Rufus Beane; Jackson Whorton, married Ida R. Dengler; and Harrison Lazarus Hudgins.

Ester Hudgins was married Jan. 13, 1831 in Hall County to William D. Lumpkin.

— Virginis B. Hudgins was married Nov. 14, 1832 in Hall County to William J. Prichard. The history of the Hudgins family will be continued next week.