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Hulsey families came before 1820

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Several families by name of Hulsey probably moved to this section of Georgia prior to the creation of Hall County. The relationship of these families is not known, but in all likelihood, there is kinship — brothers and sons, father and sons, or cousins.

The 1820 federal census of Hall county enumerates: Hulsey (last), Adley Hulsey, Adonijah Hulsey, Adonijah Hulsey Sr., two by name of Charles Hulsey, Dewey Hulsey, Elijah Hulsey, Hiram Hulsey, James Hulsey, Jesse Hulsey, Joel Hulsey, Micajah Hulsey and William Hulsey.

William J. Stewart writes in the publication *Gone to Georgia*, "In 1790, Charles, James, Doney (Dewey) and Audiler, all spelled Hulsa or Hulsea, were living in Greenville District, S.C.. Others of the family listed in the 1827 lottery were James and Jesse of Hall County, both veterans of the Revolution, who drew respectively land in Carroll and Troup Counties granted Feb. 18, 1833 and Jan. 12, 1829 Elijah Jr. of Hall.. The names Hulce and Hulse, found in Virginia, appear to be the same as Hulsea or Hulsey."

There is possibility that Jennings Hulsey may have lived in Hall County for a short period of time. In the 1820 Hall County Land Lottery, Jennings Hulsey, a Revolutionary soldier living Jackson County, drew Lot No. 107 in 12th district, and this fortunate draw was granted him Nov. 5, 1822. "A Jennings Hulsa was living in Greenville District, S.C., in 1790. He had moved to Henry County, Ga., by 1827, when he drew Lee County land granted Aug. 22, 1834. However, between 1827 and 1830, Jennings moved to DeKalb County, Ga. He had sons William, Eli and Green, and several daughters."

Franklin Garrett gives some information as the move to Dekalb County in one of the publications *Atlanta and Environs*, "buried on bank of South River, Land Lot No. 48, 16th District, Dekalb County, Ga. Rebecca Hulsey wife of Jennings Hulsey who died Aug. 31, 1827, aged 39 years."

Many members of Hulsey families are buried in the Holly Springs Baptist Church Cemetery located just off Highway 52 in the northern section of Hall. There is one headstone with an inscription that adds the history of Jennings Hulsey:

"Jennings Hulsey born 1809, died March 31, 1899" This Jennings Hulsey could be a son of Rebecca and Jennings

Hulsey, the Revolutionary Nov. 4, 1822. Misc. "A", p-27 Soldier.

One of the first records pertaining to one of these pioneer families that is recorded in Hall County courthouse is that of William Hulsey Sr. James Hulsey Senr. and James Jordan were appointed to make an inventory. Appraisers of estate named were: David Say, Pleasant Hulsey, M.A. Keith, James Galley, John Miller Jr. This is for the estate of William Hulsey, Sr., deceased, dated

The recorded report of the public sale of the estate March 7, 1823, is interesting and informative. The custom in that day was to allow the family first preference in selecting any part of the estate they wished to redeem. Therefore, usually the widow, sons, and other relatives will be among those making a purchase when the estate is sold, as well as neighbors and close friends of the deceased.

A partial report of the sale of

the estate is herein given because of some purchasers of estate items and also the prices that were paid for these articles. It is most informative as to the value placed upon land in the 1820s and that placed a slave.

Public Sale Mar. 7, 1823

Misc. "A", Hall County, Ga. Sarah Hulsey — 1 bay mare \$45.00, 1 lot household furniture \$21.00, 1 lot household furniture .62½, 1 lot plantation tools .62½;

John Miller — 1 tract of land

200 acres \$25.50; Sarah Hulsey — 1 cow \$11.75; Pleasant Hulsey — 2 cows \$14.50; Joel Leathers—2 kids \$1.62½; William Hulsey — 1 wagon & gear \$60.00; James Jordan—1 Hogg \$1.75.

"This is to certify that the above and foregoing is a true Inventory on the sale of the estate as far as has been sold of the estate of William Hulsey, deceased.

James X Hulsey
(his mark)

