

## Hall County History

# Suddaths moved to Georgia from Virginia

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Newton Suddath was born in Virginia in 1817. It is believed that he removed to Northeast Georgia with his parents, Alexander and Ida Colbert Suddath, sometime after 1820 and settled near Gillsville.

His marriage is recorded in Hall County Courthouse:

"Newton Suddath was married to Mary Ann Waters, December 27, 1840. The marriage was solemnized by Henry J. Norris J.P."

Mary Ann Waters was the daughter of John and Onieda Terrell Waters.

Children of Newton Suddath and Mary Ann Waters were:

1. Ben Franklin Suddath, born Nov. 22, 1840, was married Aug. 6, 1865, in Hall County to Fannie Chapman Boyd, widow of Wiley Boyd and daughter of Joseph L. and Emeline Covington Chapman.

An announcement was published in "The Eagle" in 1880: "The friends of B.F. Suddath announce him as a candidate to represent the 33rd Senatorial District in the next General Assembly of the State." B.F. Suddath was elected as a represen-

tative in the State Legislature.

"The North Georgian" published a character sketch: "Benjamin F. Suddath, the subject of this sketch, was born on a plantation on Grove river, Banks County...He attended school at Carnesville, Ga., for a year under the tutelage of John B. Estes.

"When the war broke out, our hero was in Thomas County, following his adopted calling — farming. He at once volunteered in what was afterwards known as Co. 'C' 28th Regt. of Georgia Volunteers. His regiment was at once ordered to the western army and became a part of the renowned corps commanded by General Hardee. It participated in all the battles of Johnson's army, and young Suddath was present at all times and under all circumstances.

"At the battle of Chicamauga, he was sergeant of his company and when the commissioned officers were disabled in the conflict, he took command...Promotion soon followed and he was elected a Lieutenant.

"Mr. Suddath (or Dock, as he is familiarly called by his

friends) lives on the farm on which he was born...He is a strict and consistent member of the Baptist Church and recently contributed the sum of \$100 to assist in building the Baptist Church at Gillsville...Mr. Suddath is not an orator (neither was old Joe Dunagan, who represented Hall County so successfully as long as he would consent to run)...He knows the value of a dollar, and is truly and emphatically a representative of the great laboring class of Northeast Georgia..."

Children of Benjamin F. and Frances Chapman were: Nellie Melissa, Silas Newton, Benjamin Hill, Lillie, Rose, Minnie, Lottie, and Frances. Frances Suddath died March 31, 1896, and Benjamin married Mrs. Mary E. Brooks, 1897, and his third wife was Mrs. Annie Patterson. Benjamin F. Suddath died in 1923 and is buried in the family burial plot 1.6 miles north of Gillsville Baptist Church off Ga. highway 323.

2. John Alexander Suddath, son of Newton and Mary Ann, was born 1845. He married Elizabeth Suddath. He served two years in the War Between the States and later became Sheriff of Jackson County. He had Civil

Service connection as a mail carrier. He died in 1924 and is buried in Winder, Ga.

3. Zachary Taylor Suddath, was born in 1848 and married as a young man, Miss Belle Winters. He owned large acreages in Hall, Jackson and Banks Counties. He died in 1898 and is buried in Midway Cemetery,

Banks County, Ga.

4. LaFayette Henderson Suddath, son of Newton and Mary Ann, was born 1853. He married Sarah Parks. He died 1922 and is buried in Statesboro, Ga.

5. Boone Suddath, son of Newton and Mary Ann, was born 1860. He married Jessie O'Neal. He moved from Gillsville to

Maysville, Ga. in 1904. He died in 1952 and is buried in the Maysville Cemetery.

6. George Harvey Suddath was born 1868. He married Lena Mullikin. He owned property in Jackson County and hotels in Tampa and Tallahassee, Fla. He died in 1949 and is buried in Tallahassee.

7. Margaret Suddath, daughter of Newton and Mary Ann, was born 1843. She married W.R. Walker and was mother of seven children. She died 1925 and is buried in Alta Vista Cemetery, Gainesville.

8. Angeline Suddath was born 1857. She married John Parks and resided in Clarksville, Ga.

Angeline Parks died 1903 and is buried in Midway Cemetery, Banks County.

9. Laura Suddath was born 1863. She was married to E.M. Osborne, a Methodist Minister, and the family lived in Augusta and Atlanta. Laura died 1935 and is buried in the Augusta Cemetery.