

The Thomason family

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(EDITOR'S NOTE: The first part of Mrs. Sybil McRay's history column on the Thomason family was published in Wednesday's Times. Many descendants of John Thomason, born in Virginia and progeny of allied families, still reside in Hall and surrounding counties, Mrs. McRay wrote. Here is the conclusion of that history column).

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Hannah Thomason, fourth child of John Thomason and Hannah Abercrombie Thomason, was born Jan. 14, 1805. She was married Sept. 6, 1820 in Hall County to David Barton, born about 1796, S.C. David and Hannah Barton are listed in the 1820 Hall County Census, Abercrombie District.

Hall County history

In 1827 David Barton drew 202½ acres of land in Capt. Harrison's District, Lee County. David Barton sold land in Murray County in 1836 to his brother, Stephen. David and Hannah were enumerated in the 1840 Census, Murray County, and David Barton was in Rusk County, Tex. in 1850.

It is assumed that Hannah died enroute to Texas. Family tradition says that some members of the family died on the way to Texas when they encountered a cholera epidemic and were buried on the bank of the Mississippi River.

Young John Thomason, fifth child of John and Hannah Thomason, was born Feb. 25, 1807. He died August 29, 1890, in Union County. Y. John was married Nov. 6, 1825, in Hall County to Easter Grindle who was born Nov. 15, 1803, in South Carolina. Easter Grindle was daughter of Capt. James Grin-

Easter Grindle Thomason were enumerated in the 1840 Census of Union County. Their children were: John, Simeon, Susan, Hannah, James, Jane, Zacharias, Zimma (Zemeriah?), Young, and Hiram. A number of the descendants of John and Easter Thomason moved to Oklahoma.

Harmon Thomas, the sixth child of John and Hannah Abercrombie Thomason, was born January 18, 1808. Harmon died Jan. 30, 1876 in Hall County. He was married about 1827 to Matilda Barton who was born in December 1807, in South Carolina, and died Nov. 3, 1891. Matilda Barton may have been a sister to Henry, David and Stephen Barton who married sisters to Harmon.

Children of Harmon and Matilda Thomason were: Zemery V. Thomason, born about 1828, Hall County, married Elizabeth Barrett; Louinda, or Lucinda, born about 1828, married in Hall County, Oct. 7, 1855, Solomon Barrett (Barnett?); Julia Ann, born about 1831, Hall County, married Feb. 4, 1847, Zachariah Collins; Hannah, born about 1833, Hall County, married Aug. 8, 1853, James M. Barton, son of Henry and Mary Thomason Barton; James Allen Thomason, born about 1836, Hall County; Elizabeth Ann (Betty Ann), born about 1837, Hall County, married John Cooper; Zachariah Bailey Thomason, born April 7, 1839, Hall County, married Nancy M. Kelton; Caroline, born 1843, married J.M. Cooper; Sarah Ann Thomason, born 1845, married Wesley Barton, son of Henry and Mary Gambling Barton; William Pinkney Thomason, born Sept. 14, 1848, married Mattie Higgins; Mary Ann Thomason, born about 1852.

Family information indicates that all the children of Harmon and Matilda Barton Thomason moved to Texas with one exception. All the children gave their land to William Pinkney Thomason for staying to take care of the parents. W.P. and Mattie Higgins Thomason are buried in a family plot (Highway 52) from Cleveland Road to Dahlonga.

Elizabeth Thomason, seventh

Rodgers who was born in South Carolina. The 1850 Federal Census of Lumpkin County names the following children: Sarah Ann, Hannah, Robert, Martha, Nancy, Eliza, Young; also living in the home was Mary SMITH (probably another daughter).

Hyrum Thomason, eighth child of John and Hannah, was born April 30, 1812. He was married in Hall County, Feb. 10, 1831, to Rebecca Montgomery, daughter of Aisley Montgomery. Several of their children moved to Arkansas. Their children were: John, Thomas Sanford, Zimry, Jane, Susan, Mary, William H., Washington, James A., Young, Rebecca, Angeline, Hyrum, A.B. and H.S.

Sarah Ann Thomason, or Sally Ann, daughter of John and Hannah, was born March 8, 1814. She married Stephen Barton in Hall County. She died in Mississippi of cholera when the family was enroute to Texas and is buried on bank of Mississippi River. The children of Sally Ann and Stephen Barton

settled in Rusk and Upshur County, Tex.

James Abercrombie Thomason, 10th child of John and Hannah Thomason, was born Feb. 28, 1816. He married Margaret J. Lochman in Hall County, and it is believed the family moved to Boone County, Ark.

Young Thomason, eleventh child of John and Hannah, was born July 1, 1817. He married Eliza D. McDonald May 19, 1838, in Hall County. Young and Eliza Thomason and their children moved to Boone County, Ark.

Henry David Thomas, 12th child of John Thomason and Hannah Abercrombie, was born Nov. 10, 1820. He married Lucretia McDaniel in 1838, in Hall County. The family is enumerated in the 1860 Census of Carroll County, Ark.

John and Hannah Thomason may be buried in unmarked graves in an old burial plot located on Chambers property at Clermont. Someone seems to remember having seen a headstone in this plot with the THOMASON inscription.