

WILL PROBATE OF ELIJAH WILLIAMS DECEMBER 1, 1879

STATE OF GEORGIA
MADISON COUNTY

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PERMELIA TOLBERT, ELIZABATH P. CHEATHAM, ANNE C. STRICKLAND, MARY A. POWERS, BIRDEY C. WILLIAMS, and JOHN F WILLIAMS of said County, SALLIE H. SANDERS of Floyd County, NANCY C. WILLIAMS LANE (MRS. JAMES C. LANE), HULDAL G. BAXTER, and NANCY C. MASSEY of Paulding County, MARTINER A. THOMAS, and ELIZA MASSEY of Banks County, heirs in law of ELIJAH WILLIAMS deceased.

You are hereby notified that we as executors of ELIJAH WILLIAMS late of Madison County Georgia will on Monday the First day of December in the year of 1879 will move in the Court of the Ordinary of Madison County to be held in the Court House in Danielsville of the State of Georgia in said County to probate the ten last wills and testaments of the said ELIJAH WILLIAMS deceased.

By the attesting witnesses thereto and on solemn form to with one said will dated the fifth of Feb. in the year of 1872 and attested by J. W. Gunnells, Henry Smith, and Gabriel Nash, and the other nine wills dated on Feb. 14, 1879 and attested by John F. Kirk, Gabriel Nash and John F. Williams and to have said wills admitted to record and you are satisfied to be present and file objections you may have to same. This 7th Day of Oct., 1879.

BIRDEY C. WILLIAMS
JOHN F. WILLIAMS
EXECUTORS OF

ELIJAH WILLIAMS , Deceased

THIS IS TO CERTIFY

September 24, 1984

Mrs. Dorothy Herring
6754 Tara Blvd
Jonesboro, Georgia 30236

Dear Dorothy,

It was a surprise to find that we are "cousins." I had no idea that you are a gggranddaughter of James Clayton Lane. I had wondered just why you were interested in Laban Lane - now I know.

I don't have much to write about - just tidbits:

Someone said we should read "The History (?) of Pennsylvania County, Virginia" by Clements, printed 1929 and reprinted in 1981. A Lane line is outlined on pages 125 and 126. They came from Maryland and on to the Carolinas. I could not make notes when I was told this - I believe she mentioned a Dutton Lane. Do you think Laban's father was a William "D" Lane?

I have been trying to contact one of Berry Tilman Lane's descendants. If you remember, he was the oldest brother of George and Carrie - and the others. I have enclosed some documents about Uncle Tilman. He died "fairly well off" in Texas 1928. He had many descendants. I talked to an old man in Claredon, Texas who knew Uncle Tilman but lost contact with the family over the years.

I believe that the family of James Lane had some "hard feelings" whenever the Estate was settled and this led to losing contact with each other. This was especially true with Uncle Tilman. He believed that their mother (Nancy) was not treated correctly - I fully believe that she was and Uncle Tilman was wrong in that assumption. Anyway, he visited Georgia a few years before he died and maybe they "made up." George and the sisters were always fairly close.

William B. Williams (I suppose a son of Elijah) married Minerva Lane in 1835. He died in 1853 and she in 1956. I have inclosed "a" will of Elijah Williams that list the children of this couple. They are Eliza Massey of Banks County, Huldal G. Baxter and Nancy C. Massey of Paulding County. I believe that this Huldal Baxter was the Mother of "Lou" Baxter who married my Uncle Billy (William F.) Hawkins. If Minerva Lane was a daughter of Laban Lane then this would make Aunt Lou Baxter Hawkins a great-granddaughter of Laban Lane and also of Elijah William - right?

The records of Union Baptist Church in Madison County show that Elijah Williams died September 3, 1879. He helped institute this Church and was the first Moderator - I believe this was near 1845. He moved from Mt Moriah Baptist Church - a few miles south of Union. He was a Deacon there too. If the Mt Moriah Church Records are still around, I bet they would be interesting to us. James and Nancy were members of a church before they moved to Paulding. However, they were not members of Union - a complete membership list is included in the minutes.

Take Care,

Horace Lane
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