

CAIN FAMILY

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JOHN MANNING CAIN, SR., b. 12/5/1779, d. 2/9/1876, first came to Gwinnett County in 1831. His progeny form a cadre of distinguished citizens of the county. An envelope with "My Grate-Grand Parrent History" on its face, containing the following quoted letter, written by Arah Anna Jackson, and found in the safe-deposit box of Preston Anderson Jackson, her brother, at his death in 1955, sparked the research which led to this section of the Cain family history prepared by the author solely for the instruction of her children. Publication in 1980 of a book, "Gwinnett County Families, 1818-1968, by the Gwinnett County Historical Society led to the need for more research, and the combining of information from various branches of the family has broadened and enriched the original typed personal history. The original letter was copied and is included; (1)

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"John Cain Sr. & Miss Prichard (2) were married in Pendleton S.C. in 1804. He was born in Rutherford County N.C. 1779 and moved with his parents to Va. in 1781 & after a residence there 10 years he moved to Greenville S.C. where he lived untill his 24th year. Then went to Pendleton, S.C. in 1803. He there married Miss Prichard in 1804. They had five sones and one daughter His first wife died in 1825, His second marriage was with Miss Edna Pool. They had one son, In 1855 his last wife died and left him alone. He came to Ga in 1828 lived in Hall Co three years, in 1831 went to Gwinnett County. In 1841 he joined the Baptist Church. He died of no disease, but worn by the friction of accumulated years the wheels of life stood still, giving his own emphatic language. I am going soon to that happy happy world." (This is copied as closely as possible to the original, copy of which is included.)

On another sheet, she lists:

"Family Record

| | Birth | Married | Died |
|---------------|--------------|---------|---------------|
| John Cain Sr. | Dec. 5, 1779 | 1804 | Feb'y 9, 1876 |

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| Miss Prichard | | 1804 | |
| Jacob T. Cain | Dec 31, 1810 | | |
| James J. Cain | Dec 31, 1812 | 1829 | |
| J. Toliver L. Cain | April 15, 1814 | 1838 | |
| John Cain, Jr. | Mar 6, 1817 | 1840 | July(?), 1875 |
| Wm. A. Cain | April 26, 1819 | 1838 | |
| Jane C. Cain | Feb 13, 1821 | 1838 | |



Second Marriage

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|----------------|-------------|-------|------|
| Miss Edna Pool | | 1825 | 1855 |
| Manning Cain | May 6, 1826 | 1847" | |

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Unfortunately, this document was neither signed nor dated. Its presence in Mr. Jackson's safe-deposit box and the family's knowledge that she was very interested in her family's history (as her mother, Elizabeth, did not seem to be) led us to believe that she was the author. Found also in the box were deeds*and wills with signatures of both Arah Anna and her mother. These signatures, plus two small "autograph books" which belonged to Arah Anna and her sister Nola, containing writing by them, further corroborated this assumption. Mr. Jackson served as guardian of both of the ladies, caring for them until they died, executing their estates, and seeing to their burials. This is all the evidence that is needed that this was Arah Anna's effort to perpetuate what small amount of knowledge she had of the family history. Our family is grateful that it was preserved.

Research in the Georgia Archives, consultations with Mrs. I.E. (Jewel) Silvey, a descendent of John Cain, Jr., with Mrs. Lauren (Carolyn Vance) Foreman, a descendent of Jane C. Cain, who, she says, is properly named Caroline Jane, with Mrs. Thelma Cain


Prince (who is publishing a book on the Cains in 1985), a descendent of John Francis Marion and James J. Cain, and with Mr. Robert B. Mahaffey, also a descendent of William Anderson Cain (as is the author's husband) have helped to fill in many of the blanks left open in the above account.

The 1790 Census for the State of Virginia lists two James Cains and two John Cains; the 1800 Census for the State of South Carolina shows one James and two John Cains, one of whom could be John Manning, in York County. Another John in Laurens District could be his father. There are none shown in the Anderson County where he is supposed to have been in 1803, according to the letter cited above. However, the 1830 Census for the State of Georgia, Gwinnett County (3) shows John Cain with 5 sons and 1 daughter and 1 wife, all in approximately the right age categories. It is possible that this is the correct John Cain, even though the account written by his great grand-daughter says he arrived in 1831. The memory of an 88 or 90 year old (even tho' we do not know the date of the letter but the handwriting appears to be shakey as if from age) may not have been accurate in all the dates given. Significance may be placed on how many dates she did not know and one may wonder how she knew those she did.

The 1850 Census (4) shows John Cain at age 70, and his wife, Edna, at age 60, living as a farmer with the value of real estate listed at \$1200. In the 1860 Census (5) John Cain, at age 80, is shown as boarding with the John W. Tuggle family, owning real estate in the value of \$1000, and with \$3,365 worth of personal property. His wife died in 1855.

John Manning Cain, Sr. lived to the age of 97. Mrs. Foreman told me that, according to a newspaper account, he and his sons were cutting trees in February, 1876 when one of the trees fell on him, mortally wounding him. As his sons prepared to take him to the doctor, he asked them to take him home instead, for he wanted to die at home. (Mrs. Foreman died in 1982. Perhaps some of her papers will be published which will give the source of this information - at any rate, it is a heart-warming story.) He is buried in the cemetery at Mt. Moriah Baptist Church. This is doubtlessly the church which he was


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reported to have joined in 1841, for his grand-daughter's husband, William B. Jackson is buried there as is her daughter Nola. The stone on the grave of William B. Jackson, bearing the Confederate Flag, was placed by Arah Anna. A drawing of the design with lettering was enclosed with the letter about her "Grate Grand-parents History"! 

J.C. Flanigan (6) lists John Cain as a member of the committee at Mt. Moriah Church to lay off the Campground in August 1846. His son, William Anderson Cain, is also listed on this committee. They resided in Cain's District #562, and are father and grandfather of Elizabeth Malinda Cain.

On the following pages, each of the descendents of John Manning Cain will be listed with as much information as is known to this writer. Sources of information given by others will be acknowleged. The original letter, along with other documents including the "autograph books" mentioned above have been placed in the Georgia Archives, with copies in the genealogy section of the University of Georgia Library listed under the Elizabeth Cain Jackson file. Some pertinent infomation can be found in the Georgia Archives in the Drury Jackson Collection.

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The children of John Manning Cain and Harriett Pritchard, his first wife, are given as: Jacob T., James J., J. Tolliver, John, Jr., William Anderson, and Jane Caroline. Manning Cain was the only child of Cain and Edna Pool. 

Of Jacob T., b. 1810, and his offspring, this author has no information.

The second son, James J. has been thoroughly researched by Thelma Cain Prince and information on this branch of the family will be published in her book, scheduled to appear in 1985. James was born 12/31/1812, married 1/15/1829 to Ester (Hetty) Skelton, both of the Anderson District, S.C. She was born 1811. In the Georgia Archives is a book "Marriage and Death Notices from Pendleton (S.C.) Messenger 1807-1851, 1977 Lucas, S.E., Jr., Southern Historical Press, issue of Jan. 21, 1829, p. 30. In researching, I found this entry: Married on the 15th inst., by James Gunnin, Esq., Mr. James Cain to Miss Hetty Skelton, both of Anderson District." p. 15, issue of March 8, 1823: "Died on Tuesday night, the 25th ult., Mrs. Milly Cain, wife of Mr. John Cain of this district ...about 35 years of age, and left her husband and seven children." (Pendleton). My supposition is that this is James and his wife. Hetty is a nickname for Esther according to a listing given me by one of the librarians at the Archives (reference misplaced). Their children are as follows:(7)

Clinton McDill, b. 1832, m. Mary Avaline House 3/19/1852.

John Francis Marion, b. 1839, appeared on the Confederate Roster for Gwinnett Co., 1861-65 Co. F. 24th Ga. Inf. (8)

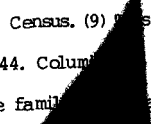

James F., b. 1842

Cicero Columbus, b. 1845 m. Mary G. Wheeler 8/7/1862

William C., b. 1847

Martha, b. 1850 m.— White.

Adam, b. 1852, is added in the 1860 Census. (9) This census lists also as family members, Toliver, b. 1842 and Columbus, b. 1844. Columbus is Cicero's middle name, and Toliver may have been a nephew living with the family. James' next younger brother



was named Tolliver.

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James Cain died before May 20, 1871 on which date letters of Administration were granted by the court to Adam Pool, Temporary Administrator. Adam Pool was James' brother-in-law, the husband of his sister Jane Caroline. James died intestate. On Dec. 1, 1874, the estate was settled in full. (10) The writer can find no record of an inventory and appraisement on his estate. The book in which it should be recorded is not on microfilm at the Archives. It is possible that it was lost in the Courthouse fire of 1871. Mrs. Esther Cain, widow of James Cain, and all of the children are listed on a deed which gives to their youngest son, Adam R. Cain, 85 acres in Gwinnett County. The deed states that James died intestate in the latter part of 1870 before he had given to his youngest son the land he had talked of giving him, consequently, this land is deeded to him and is recorded on March 12, 1872. (11) Also in this book N on page 545, record is made that James Cain deeded to his grandchildren, Elizabeth, George, Mary, Sara, and Alice, because of his natural affection for them, about 45 acres of land in Gwinnett Co. (12) Date of deed was 11/13/1866.

Clinton McDill Cain, b. 1832, married Mary House on 3/19/1852. Their children were: Elizabeth, b. 1854, Easter, b. 1856, Martha A., b. 1858, George, b. 1860, Harry, b. 1862, Mary, b. 1864, Sarah, b. 1866, Alice, b. 1868, and John, b. 1871. Clinton is listed in both the 1850 and 1860 Censuses as a resident of Cain's District, #562, and as a farmer. In the 1870 census (13) he is listed as "teaching school". The amount of research shown on this family is due to the misinformation which caused this rewriting - I falsely assumed that Clinton's daughter Elizabeth was the Elizabeth Cain who was the grandmother of my husband. This is not correct.

The third son of John and Harriett Cain was J. Tolliver. I have no information on him.

John Cain, Jr. was the fourth son. He was born in 1814, died in 1892. Research on this line has been done by Jewel Silvey. Information is found on page 108 in the Gwinnett County Families, cited above.

William Anderson Cain, b. 1821 was the fifth son of this couple. Much research on his

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family has been done by Mr. Robert B. Mahaffey of Camp Hill, PA., a grandson of William Anderson Cain, son of Susan E. Cain Mahaffey. He has generously shared his information which is being used herein combined with research already done by me for family use only. Whether or not he plans to publish it later is not known to me. Because it is vital to this narrative, it is being borrowed with thanks.

William Anderson was born April 26, 1819, in Anderson District, S.C. He died February 15, 1907 in Gwinnett County, Georgia, and is buried in the Mt. Moriah Church Cemetery, in Gwinnett Co. He was married May 3, 1838 to Ann Morgan at this same Church by the Rev. Anselm Anthony. Ann Morgan was born in S.C. Nov. 9, 1817 and died in Gwinnett, being buried next to her husband Jan 23, 1883 after a marriage of 45 years and nine children. This family is shown in the 1850 Census of Gwinnett Co. in the Town District, but W. Anderson is listed as a farmer with 2000 acres; in the 1860 Census, Dist. 562, Cain's, he is listed with 4000 acres, but in 1870, he lists only 2000 acres, certainly an indication that he was a prominent farmer of his day. His obituary in The Gwinnett Journal of February 20, 1907, Lawrenceville, Georgia, states that he died in Buford at age 77, having been a leader in community life in civic, social and religious affairs. It states that he secured his education from newspapers and was well informed, though without formal education. (Copy courtesy of R.B. Mahaffey.) ** See note on page 12.

On Mar 23, 1885, he married again to Mary Ann (Bond) Light, daughter of Andrew E. and Harriet Riley Bond of Hall Co., Georgia. She survived him, and died Feb. 11, 1922, being buried in Buford City Cemetery, Gwinnett Co.

Children of William Anderson and Ann Morgan are:

Mary Jane, 1841-1896, m. 1. J.T. Puckett, had daughter Annie. m.2. Jacob Jacob Marquis Ambrose. Children were: Jefferson Davis, Thomas Lee, Susan Emeline m. William Brown, Benjamin Sampson, Julia Anderson m. Frank O. Loveless, Sally Caroline m. Jackson Sims, Mollie Em(eline), Minnie Jane m. A.W. Moore, Annie Morgan m. John Clay Smith, Robert Alexander, Lewis.

Martha Ann, b. 1843

Susan Emeline, 1845-1911 m. George N.W. Mahaffey. Children were: John John Morgan, Azelea Mae m. Ransom Rogers, Cora Belle m. Philip S. Hoffer, William Anderson, Richard Bright m. Irene Boring Johnson, George Marvin, Robert F., James Alexander.

Joseph Anslum 1846-1929 m. Sarah E. Duncan. Children: Baxter F., Cornelia

Ida m. J.M. Green, Etta m. J. M. Tuggle. A copy of Joseph A.'s obituary was enclosed in his sister's papers and found by this writer. Paper is not shown, nor is date other than Lawrenceville, July 24. "Joseph Anslum Cain, 83, veteran of many important engagements of the Civil War and a pioneer citizen of Bartow county, died at his home near Lawrenceville at 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon following a long illness. Death was not unexpected because of his long illness and advanced age. He was one of the best known citizens of this section, being familiarly known as "Uncle Anse", having for the major portion of his life been a mechanical expert on sawmill and gin machinery. He was a member of one of the oldest families of north Georgia, being born and reared on practically the same spot where his death occurred. Sixty-four years ago he married Sarah Elizabeth Duncan, who came from one of the most prominent social families and pioneers of the district. He was a member of Sardis Methodist Church, a Mason and an Odd Fellow. During the Civil War he served on the gray side and among the notable engagements in which he participated was the memorable battle of Peachtree Creek in defense of Atlanta. He was wounded twice in this battle...."(Copy of this placed in Gwinnett Historical Society file, original in possession of Harold P. and Willathea Jackson.)

Elizabeth Malinda 1849 or 50-1942 m. William B. Jackson. Children were: Arah Anna, Nola Eugenia, William Webster, Preston Anderson, Robert E. Lee, Esa M. See below after listing of John Manning Cain's children, for this family information.

John Webster, 1852-1909, m. Tallulah Melvina Parks. Children were: Sarah Azilee m. Davis Alexander Merritt, Nezzie Mae, Russell Anderson m. Nelly

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Strickland, John Paul, Annie Grace m. Horace Nix, Joseph Matthew, William Hoyt m. Mable Davis.

Caroline Azalee, 1854-1918 m. Richard J. Pentecost. Children were: William Anderson, Sarah, Victoria.

George William, b. 1856



Christina Harriet, 1857-?, m. Jasper Prater, d. Beaumont, TX.

Back to the children of John Manning Cain - the sixth child was Jane Caroline (or Caroline Jane according to her granddaughter, Mrs. Foreman). She was born Feb. 13, 1821, d. 1889 and married in 1838 Adam Pool, a nephew of Edna Pool Cain. They had one child, Manning Cain.

John Cain's last child, a son, was the issue of his second marriage to Miss Edna Pool, and he was named Manning Cain.

Elizabeth Malinda Cain, daughter of William Anderson Cain and granddaughter of John Manning Cain was born October 3, 1849. On her tombstone, located in her family plot at Westview Cemetery in Atlanta, the date is given as 1854. This date came from Bible pages given to me by my mother-in-law, also found in the Jackson's safe-deposit box. The pages are now on file in the Georgia Archives, in the William B. Jackson vertical file collection. The date of her birth had been erased and written over so that it was unreadable. For reasons known to herself, she chose to lose about five years on her records. By her own statement, when she wrote to obtain a widow's pension from the War Between the States, she stated that she had been married to Mr. Jackson at age 13, in 1867, her children and her grandchildren were told this and it went on her tombstone. It was the cause of a great deal of confusion when this writer started doing research on the family. One is taught to take Bible Records and Tombstone Records quite seriously!

However, census records simply do not show what she wanted. In the 1850 Census, her age was given as 1 year; in the 1860 Census, she was 11, and in the 1870 Census she was shown as the wife of William B. Jackson, living in the dwelling next to her father, W.A.

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M. Jackson. His tax return for the previous ten years showed a modest amount of property, 70 to 75 acres of real estate, and other property. His land in the county was in same district as that owned by his father, William, and his half-brother, Hartwell B. Jackson.

After her husband's death, Elizabeth, left a widow with five young children the youngest of which was two years old, Elizabeth remained in the county and environs (in ore near Hoschton, Cedar Hill, Jub Tavern (Monroe) and Auburn, until the 1890's. She is shown in the Atlanta City Directory in 1892. Tax records show that she owned a reasonable amount of property in Atlanta. She became incapacitated and relied on her son Preston to look after her affairs. She died in 1942 at age 93, and is buried at Westview Cemetery in Atlanta.


Preston Anderson Jackson, alone in his generation, had progeny. He met and married Lucy Thompson, a native of England, who was attending nursing school in Atlanta and boarding with his mother in 1907. He and his wife were in business in Atlanta, running a dry cleaning and laundry business. At the time of his death, he was a deputy sheriff for Fulton County. He was active in the Masonic Order and the Shrine. He cared for his mother, sisters and brothers until their deaths. His wife, Lucy, remarried at age 70 and moved to Los Angeles, where she died in 1978 at age 91.

Children of Preston and Lucy Jackson are: Dorothy, b. March 21, 1911, who lives in Los Angeles. She is widow of Morris Nelson, of Birmingham, no children.

Harold P. Jackson, b. September 6, 1916 in Atlanta, now lives in McDonough Georgia where he is active in the Research and Development Division of Snapper Power Equipment Company, Inc. He hold many patents on equipment and is actively developing improvements in the products. He married Willathea Inez Goodman September 1, 1937. They have three children: Valerie Trent, b August 6, 1940 m. William P. McKibben, and has one son, James Harkness McKibben, Patrick Andrew b. July 30, 1943 m. Faith Smith who died in 1983, no issue, Stephen Charles, b. July 18, 1946, m. Patricia Foster, no issue.



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- (2) Correct name, according to records of Carolyn Vance Foreman, was Harriett Malinda Prickett. Robert Mahaffey says Elizabeth was named Malinda for her grandmother.
- (3) Fifth Census, State of Georgia Gwinnett County, page 309.
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- (4) Seventh Census, State of Georgia, Gwinnett Co. 36th Div., page 218, dwelling 1288.
- (5) Eighth Census, State of Georgia, Gwinnett Co., page 13/575.
- (6) Gwinnett Churches, J.C. Flanigan, 1911, page 9. 
- (7) Seventh Census, op. cit., p. 220, dwelling 1324, family 1384.
- (8) Ancestor of Thelma C. Prince - she has further information.
- (9) Eighth Census, op.cit. 17/579, dwelling 121, family 121.
- (10) Estate Records, Gwinnett Co. Accounts and Returns, 1869-74, Drawer 159, roll 53, Georgia Archives.
- (11) Deeds and Mortgages, Book N., 1871-1876, p. 91,92, date of record 3/12/1872.
- (12) Deeds and Mortgages, Book Q, 1881-1882, p. 545, date 10/6/1882.
- (13) Ninth Census, 1870, State of Georgia, Gwinnett Co., p. 17/579, dwelling #121, family # 121, District 562.
- (14) Dates and listing of children are from the 1880 U.S. Census Soundex, C. 500 and from the Wm. B. Jackson Bible Records, Drury Jackson Collection AC # 69-201, Ga. Archives.
- W.B. Jackson*

****** *Note from page 7: William Anderson Cain served as Captain, Co.H., 10th Calvary, Georgia State Guards, 1 August 1863 to 31 January, 1864. Valerie J. McKibben has a Supplemental on his record in the U.D.C.*

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