

**GWINNETT COUNTY, GEORGIA:**

**FAMILIES, 1818 - 2005**

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**JOHN KING**  
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John KING, a tanner was b in GA and d in Milton Co GA. His marker at Little Union Primitive Baptist Church, Roswell GA reads: "*John KING born March 16 1822, died Nov. 25 1906, married April 9 1839. Baptist Minister. Bless the Lord O my soul and all that is within me. Bless His Holy Name.*"

John KING, age 19, is listed in the 1840 Gwinnett Census. He married Frances Brookfield BURSON (b GA). Her marker at Little Union: "*Come Ye Blessed, Frances B., wife of John KING, born July 24 1821, died Oct 17 1897.*" Fanny BURSON was the daughter of Joseph BURSON and Penelope (?) (\_\_\_) BURSON or Sarah McCORMICK. The mother of Fanny is unclear as both names have been found in tax and other extant records.

John KING m#2, 1898, Milton Co GA, Elizabeth Wade Elnora HEMBREE TINNY ( 30 Jun 1834 - 11 Dec 1915, bur Lebanon Baptist Church, Milton Co). Her first husband was John TINNY (1822 - 1892, bur Lebanon Baptist Church, Milton Co).

There is no proof, but John KING could have been the son of John KING, listed in the 1820 Gwinnett Census. Also a John KING was listed in 1830 and 1840 in Berkshire GMD, near William KING in Berkshire GMD. In the 1821 Land Lottery, John KING of the 1820 Census is listed in the Hog Mountain GMD, Captain Elias DAVIS, Commanding, as receiving land in Monroe Co. The John KING of 1820, 1830, and 1840 could have been the same person. Family information indicates that this John KING is probably John KING, the tanner's father.

His brother, Carter KING (1824 GA - 11 Mar 1871 Warm Springs AR) m Louisa FLANIGAN (c 1849 GA - 31 Aug 1894 Randolph Co AR), dau/Luke FLANIGAN and Elizabeth SHAW of Gwinnett. This family went to Arkansas by way of Tennessee with other FLANIGANS. Carter KING was a Confederate veteran. Both bur Warm Springs Free Will Baptist Cem, Warm Springs AR.

There is evidence that Benjamin KING, listed 1840 Gwinnett Census near Joseph BURSON and John KING, is a brother to John KING. Benjamin KING m Mary Ann BURSON, sis/Frances Brookfield BURSON and dau/Joseph BURSON. Also, there is evidence that Adam B. KING, listed in the 1832 Land Lottery, Jackson Co, is another brother. He m 14 Dec 1843, Jackson Co, Elizabeth Ann WINTERS. The marriage was performed by William L. BRYANT. This family moved to Campbell Co GA.

John KING and his family moved to Shallowford Dist, DeKalb Co GA by the 1870 Census. Family information shows he had a hat factory. His tannery had been destroyed by a skirmish between the South and North, War Between the States, when a contingent of Stoneman's Raiders stopped to rest at the tannery. John KING, a man of conviction, had been "outspoken" against the war; and the Confederates buried a body near his water supply, purposely poisoning his water.

The tannery was located on one side of Hwy 211 and the home on the other side. We do not know the reason he opposed the war. Jackson Co tax records show he paid taxes on two slaves.

By the 1880 Federal Census, he and his family are in Milton Co GA. Church records mention he preached at Little Union Primitive Baptist Church. Issue John KING and Frances Brookfield BURSON:

- I. Thomas Haley KING (30 May 1840 Gwinnett - 24 Nov 1934, bur Little Union Primitive Baptist) m Mary Caroline BURSON (4 Aug 1849 - 26 Jul 1875), dau/Isaac Ethelred "Elred" BURSON and Martha E. SEGARS. Isaac Ethelred BURSON was a son/Francis Brookfield BURSON and Synthia WOOD. Caroline BURSON KING was buried in a family cem near Nazareth Methodist Church (NAZ) and King's Tannery, now Barrow Co. The cemetery can not be found.  
  
Thomas KING m#2, 1876, Gwinnett, Margaret Jane BOYD (b 25 Mar 1843, bur with Thomas KING at Little Union Primitive Baptist), dau/Ebenezer BOYD and Margaret CROMER of Gwinnett. Thomas KING and Margaret Jane BOYD went to Milton Co with his parents but returned to Jackson Co with his brother Adam KING. Thomas and Margaret BOYD KING, in their old age, returned to Milton Co and are bur there.
- II. Adam "Pid" Lew-Allen KING (5 Oct 1841 or 1842 - 13 Nov 1902). He is likely bur where his mother is buried at a family cem near NAZ. However some family members disagree; some placing the site at Segars Family Cem. *The News Herald* reported his death and burial at Midway Methodist Church, now in Barrow Co) m 1860, Gwinnett, Frances COX. Adam KING went to Arkansas after the War Between States but returned to Milton Co and settled in Carl, Jackson Co. Adam KING, an injured Confederate veteran drew a pension.
- III. Mary Ann Elizabeth KING (28 Oct 1843 - 15 Jul 1856).
- IV. Martha Ann Frances KING (b 11 Oct 1845) m#1, 25 May 1861, Jackson Co by James M DAVIS, MG, William Harrison BRIDGES (d in War Between States). Martha Ann Frances KING m#2 Samuel COX.
- V. Nancy Ann Rebecca KING (8 Oct 1847 - 23 Aug 1909) m William Howard ROBBINS.
- VI. Eliza Janet KING (b 16 Oct 1849).
- VII. Sarah Alles Octavia KING (3 May 1852 - 1907, bur NAZ) m John William HELTON (1843 - 1902).
- VIII. John Joseph KING (23 May 1854 - 6 Nov 1923) m Lucy Jannie CHAFIN (16 May 1858 - 24 Jan 1937). Both bur Little Union Primitive Baptist Church.
- IX. William Carter KING (8 Feb 1859 - 3 Feb 1936) m Regina Rainwater CHRISLER (13 Nov 1860 - 13 Dec 1920). Both bur Ebenezer Church, Roswell.
- X. Louisa Angel KING (10 Aug 1860 - 13 Apr 1899) m William Alonzo EVANS (d 30 Jul 1902).
- XI. John Burson KING (b 7 Nov 1865).

#### **"Battle of King's Tanyard"**

*"On July 31, 1864, at the Battle of Sunshine Church (19 miles NE of Macon), Maj. Gen. Geo. Stoneman surrendered with 600 men to Brig. Gen. Alfred Iverson, Jr., after covering the escape of Adams' and Capron's brigades of his cavalry command. Both units retreated via Athens, intending to resupply their troops there, but were stopped early on August 2nd at the river bridge south of Athens by Home Guard units with artillery. Unable to cross, they turned west; Capron on the Hog Mountain road to Jug Tavern (Winder), and Adams on roads farther north by which he reached the Union lines near Marietta without further loss. Late that night, Capron halted briefly at Jug Tavern, fed and watered his horses, then marched to King's Tanyard (about 300 yards E) and halted again for two hours to rest his exhausted command. A large body of runaway negroes, who had followed the column, crowded in between the*