

DR. ISAAC WILLIAM STOKES
Stewart County, Ga.

Dr. Stokes was born in Greenville, South Carolina, March 15, 1807, to John Jacob Stokes (born: 2/12/1777, Frederick, Md. died: 8/27/1854, Greenville, S.C.) and Lucy Wickliff (born: 5/20/1784 Franquier County, Va. - died: 9/22/1875, Greenville, S.C.).

Parents of John Jacob Stokes:

Jeremiah Stokes (born: 1736, Frederick, Md.
died: 1824, Greenville, S.C.)

-and-

Elizabeth Hughes (born: 1738, Md., died: ?, S.C.).

Parents of Jeremiah Stokes:

Peter de Stokes (family from "Staushaw" Gloustershire,
England).

Parents of Lucy Wickliff:

Wife of John J. Stokes

Isaac Wickliff (born: 1752, Westmoreland Co., Va.
died: 1797, Greenville County, S.C.)

-and-

Frankey Edwards (born: 1757, Westmoreland Co., Va.
died: 1828, Greenville Co., S.C.)

(Mrs. Isaac Wickliff owned a hotel in Greenville, S.C.)

As a young man, John Jacob Stokes, moved with his parents to Greenville, S.C. He married Lucy Wickliff around 1797, and they made their home on Augusta Road, approximately four miles south of Greenville, S.C.

Dr. Isaac William Stokes graduated from Pennsylvania University, Philadelphia in 1831 and moved to Jones County, Ga. the same year. Afterwards he moved to Cool Springs, Wilkinson County, Ga. He was a highly successful doctor and surgeon. He married Miss Angelina E. Hopson of Laurens County, Ga. in 1837 and moved to Stewart County in 1839. To this union was born the following children:

Willie (Died in early life.)

Melita (Resident of Macon, Ga. later in life)

Ina (Died in early life.)

Anna (Married first - Samuel Johnston, Jr. 5/15/1867, and he died shortly afterwards. Second - McRoy Coburn, Third - _____ Williams of Americus, Ga.)

Children of Dr. Isaac William Stokes continued -

Felicia (Married Capt. Kimbrough of Lumpkin, Ga. and later moved to Mississippi. Attended school in Marietta, Ga. prior to Civil War.)

Frances (Married Col. Hezekiah Bussey of Columbus, Ga. and also attended school in Marietta, Ga. prior to the Civil War.)

Lucy (Married Mal Thomas of Louvale, and later moved to Sumter County, Ga.)

John Hopson (Married Evelyn R. West of Lumpkin, Ga.)

William Wycliff (Wickliff) (Married Mattie Feagin of Lumpkin, Ga. and later moved to Atlanta, Ga. One son was born to this couple - William Jr.)

Due to declining health, Dr. Stokes was forced to retire from his profession, and he and his three sons became prominent planters as well as merchants in Lumpkin, Ga. prior to the Civil War. In 1845 he was elected from Stewart County to serve in the Legislature. He was politically a "Whig" and favored seceding.

In 1899, at the age of ninety-two, he passed away and was buried in East Side Cemetery in Lumpkin, Ga. His wife, three of his children and one granddaughter are buried there also.

The above information taken from
Family records, Stewart County
History, and Goldsmith Stokes
Genealogical Records, Ga. Dept. of
Archives and History, Atlanta, Ga.
30334.

DR. ISAAC WILLIAM STOKES
COLLECTION

In Possession of: Mrs. Evie Chancey
2011 Connally Drive
East Point, Georgia

STOKES FAMILY

1. Stokes family data contained in letter dated 2/14/1924, Atlanta, Ga. to Mrs. Annie Williams, Americus, Ga. from J.W. Goldsmith.

STOKES & EDWARDS FAMILIES

2. Letter dated 1/19/24, to Mrs. Williams from W.T. Edwards, President South Carolina Edwards Heirs Association, Abbeville, S.C., regarding meeting to be held, and assuring her of the records he possessed.
3. Notification of meeting of South Carolina Edwards Heirs Association, to be held 7/1/1924.

STOKES, ANGELINA E. (Wife of Dr. Isaac William Stokes)

4. Quit Claim Deed dated 2/1/1876, Stewart County, Ga. between John H. Stokes and Angelina E. Stokes, both of Stewart County, Ga. to that tract containing 680 acres in the 23rd. G.M. District originally in Lee County, now Stewart County. Witnesses: H.B. Everett and E.F. Kirksey, J.P. Recorded Superior Court Clerk's Office, Book DD, page 370, Stewart County, Ga.
5. Quit Claim Deed dated 4/6/1876, Stewart County, Ga. between John H. Stokes and Angelina E. Stokes, both of Stewart County, Ga., to that tract containing 3 acres with house, located in Lumpkin, Stewart Co. Ga. Witnesses: L.W. Battle, and E.F. Kirksey, J.P. Recorded Superior Court Clerk's Office, Book DD, pages 371 & 372, Stewart Co. Ga.
6. Listing of taxable property to be given in for A.E. Stokes, dated 4/27/1881, and included therein farm workers and their property.
7. List of purchases made by Mrs. A.E. Stokes and Mrs. Estelle West, Lumpkin, Ga. from W.W. Stokes, dated 1/19/1885. Receipt for payment dated 1/19/1885 and signed by W.W. Stokes.
8. Tax Receipt for Mrs. A.E. Stokes for State, County and Poll Taxes for 1889.

STOKES, ANNIE

Stokes - Shierling

9. Note dated 8/2/1885, to Miss Annie Stokes from I.D. Shierling asking permission to call.
10. Note dated 8/22/1885, to Miss Annie from Isham D. Shierling asking permission to call.

STOKES, ANNIE (continued) -

Stokes - Johnston

11. Note dated 5/11/1887, to Miss Anna from S.J. Johnston, asking permission to call.
12. Note dated 5/15/1887, to Mr. Johnston from Annie Stokes accepting his company.
13. Note dated 3/7/1889, to Pa from S.J. Johnston regarding a loan.

Stokes - Coburn

14. Letter dated 12/2/91, to Mrs. Johns(t)on from McR.S. Coburn requesting permission to call.
15. Letter dated 12/11/1891, Macon, Ga. to Mrs. Johns(t)on from McRoy S. Coburn, requesting permission to call.
16. Letter dated 4/27/1892, Macon, Ga. (Georgia Southern and Florida Railroad letterhead) to Mrs. Annie Johns(t)on, from Roy (Coburn) assuring her of his intentions and character.
17. Letter dated 5/25/92, Macon, Ga. to Mrs. Johns(t)on from M.S. Coburn seeking permission to call.
18. Letter dated 5/27/92, Macon, Ga. (Georgia Southern and Florida Railroad letterhead) to Dear Friend from McR.S. Coburn, regarding his forthcoming visit.
19. Note and envelope dated 6/4/92, to Dear Friend, from McRoy S. Coburn asking permission to call.
20. Letter dated 6/11/92, Macon, Ga. (Georgia Southern and Florida Railroad letterhead) to My Dearest Friend from McR. S.C.
21. Letter dated 6/17/92, Macon, to Dear Friend from M.S. Coburn.
22. Letter dated 7/3/92, Macon to Dear Annie, asking permission to call.
23. Note dated 7/8/1892, Macon, Ga. to Mrs. Johnston from McR.S. Coburn asking permission to call.
24. Note dated 7/11/92, to Dear Annie from Roy, asking permission to call and carry her to Crump's Park.
25. Letter (no date), to Dearest Annie from Roy regarding his melancholy state of mind during his sickness.

STOKES, ANNIE (continued) -

Stokes - Coburn

26. Letter dated 7/20/92, to Annie from M.S.C. Very despondent over her failure to answer his letter (Item 25).
27. Note dated 8/3/1892 (written on Western Union Telegraph Company form) to Dear Annie from Roy.
28. Letter dated 8/11/92, to Love, from Roy regarding sickness of Mr. Bloodworth, his assistant. Envelope addressed to Mrs. Annie Johnston.
29. Letter dated 8/14/92, Macon, to Dearest Annie from Roy. Note from Annie dated 10/29/1899(?), expressing her thoughts.
30. Note from Roy to Dearest Annie, not dated, asking permission to call.
31. Letter dated 8/15/92, Macon, to My Only Love, from Roy, asking permission to call.
32. Note and envelope dated 8/18/92, Macon, Ga. to My Own Annie from Roy, asking permission to call. -and- Note back to him from Annie dated 8/19.
33. Letter and envelope dated 8/21/92, to Darling Annie from Roy, asking permission to go to Church with her.
34. Letter dated 8/25/92, Macon, Ga. to Darling One from Roy.
35. Letter dated 9/10/?, Valdosta, Ga. to Darling Annie from Roy, asking she direct her letters in care of Mr. S.F. Manson, Agent Georgia Southern and Florida Railroad, Valdosta, Ga.
36. Letter dated 9/11/92, Valdosta, Ga. to My Darling Anne from Roy.
37. Letter and envelope dated 9/18/1892, Valdosta, Ga. Station (written on Georgia Southern and Florida Railroad letterhead) to Darling Annie, from Roy, asking if she knew of a man by the name of J.G. Smith of Lumpkin, Ga. Mentions one drunken man causing a disturbance in the waiting room with a pistol.
38. Letter dated 9/25/1892, Valdosta, Ga. Station (Georgia Southern and Florida Railroad letterhead), to Darling Annie from Roy.
39. Note dated 1/10/1893, Macon, Ga. to My Darling Annie from Roy, asking permission to call.
40. Letter (not dated) to Darling Annie from Roy, begging forgiveness in oversleeping (and possibly not calling when he was supposed to).

STOKES, ANNIE (continued) -

Stokes - Coburn

41. Statement dated 7/1/1896, Macon, Ga. addressed to Mrs. Annie Coburn for medical services rendered from 6/5/1896 to 6/8/1896 by firm of Drs. K. & J. Moore.
42. Receipt signed by R.B. Heath, Secretary, Order of Railway Telegraphers, dated 5/28/1892, Macon, Ga. to M.S. Coburn for initiation fee.
43. Registry Receipt dated 5/31/1892, for letter of M.S. Coburn addressed to R.W. Tindall, Dales Mill, Ga. R.D. Locke, P.M.
44. Registry Receipt dated 7/2/1892, Macon, Ga., for letter of M.S. Coburn, addressed to R.W. Tindale, Dales Mill, Ga. R.D. Locke, P.M.
45. Receipt signed by R.B. Heath, Secretary, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, dated 10/21/1892, Macon, Ga. to M.S. Coburn for local dues.
46. Domestic Bill of Lading, dated 1/30/1893, Macon, Ga., Southern Express Co. Receipt made to M.S. Coburn for trunk valued at \$20.00, marked: D.Y. Bloodworth, Gadsden, Ala. Signed by M.C. Wellen.
47. Receipt from Julia(?) S. Rosser (?) dated 7/8/1893, Macon, Ga. to M.S. Coburn.
48. Statement dated 2/1/1894, Macon, Ga. to Mr. M.S. Coburn estate from D.A. Keating, General Undertaker. Account dated 10/27/1893.
- and- Statement dated 8/1/1897, Macon, Ga. to Mrs. M.S. Coburn from D.A. Keating, General Undertaker, for remainder of payment.
49. Receipt dated 5/31/1898, Richland, Ga. from D.W. Nicholson to Mrs. Coburn for rent of house for May.

Stokes - Williams

50. Envelope addressed to Mrs. E.A. Williams, Americus, Ga. Postmarked 6/19/1924.
51. Receipt from Edwards Heirs Association by Artie Wilson, Secretary Treasurer, dated 8/7/1924, Greenville, S.C. to Mrs. Annie Williams Americus, Ga. for one share of stock. Envelope addressed to Mrs. Annie Williams, 1006 McGorrat St., Americus, Ga.

STOKES, ANNIE (continued) -

52. Account of Mr. E.A. Williams with Howell's Pharmacy, Americus, Ga.

STOKES, FELICIA

53. Letter dated 12/10/1885, Lumpkin, to My Dear Felicia from Your Pa (Dr. I.W. Stokes), regarding receiving oil painting of Little Floy, their granddaughter. Mentions their plantation, and the improvement of Lumpkin with approach of the railroad.

STOKES, ISAAC WILLIAM

54. Autobiography of Isaac William Stokes, no date.
55. Letter dated 11/8/1829, Lexington, Ky. to Dear Father from Isaac Wm. Stokes concerning his arrival in that place and visiting Mr. Hitt. Mentions attending lectures and that about 160 students had enrolled.
56. Indenture dated 12/5/1868, Stewart County, Ga., between Alice Walker and I.W. Stokes, both of Stewart County, Ga. to a certain house and lot in Lumpkin, Stewart County, Ga. Bounded on west by Masonic Female College grounds and on the north by lands belonging to heirs of Thos. H. Everett at that time occupied by D.P. Hurley, containing 3 acres. Witnesses: J.R. Rockwell and R.F. Watts, Ordinary. Recorded Superior Court Clerk's Office, Book W, page 120.
57. Invoice dated 12/16/1886, for items bought from M.A. Stokes (Dealer in Family Groceries and Plantation supplies), Lumpkin, Ga., by Dr. I.W. Stokes.
58. Invoice for casket bought by estate of I.W. Stokes, dated 10/29/1889 from Lewis & Thompson, Lumpkin, Ga.

STOKES, JOHN C.

59. Indenture dated 4/10/1851, Yalohusha County, Mississippi, from John C. Stokes, same county and state, and John L. Anderson, Wilkes County, Ga. to house and lot formerly owned and occupied by Benjamin Smith in Danburg (Wilkes County, Ga.) containing one acre, more or less. Witnesses: N.L. Snider and R.D. McLean, J.P. Recorded Superior Court Clerk's Office, Book RRR, page 94, Wilkes County, Ga.

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STOKES, JOHN W.

60. Letter dated 2/10/1874, Greenville (?), to Dear Brother William, advising of their sister's death (Frances E. Benson, aged 73 yrs.). Mentions this death bringing back memories of the deaths of their brother Jerry and sisters Elizabeth and Caroline. He stated that their aged mother was very feeble.

-and- I.W.S. replies to above letter on the same letter.

STOKES, W.W.

61. Sheriff's deed, dated 10/2/1894, Stewart County, Ga. between J.T. Holder, Sheriff and Militia Stokes and Ira Stokes to a certain town lot, property of W.W. Stokes, sold to satisfy claim of McCormich and Richardson. Witnesses: R.F. Watts, and B.F. Hawes, Superior Court Clerk. Recorded Office of Superior Court Clerk, Book KK, pages 530, Stewart County, Ga.

Atlanta Ga Feb 14th 1924.
Mrs Annie Wilcocks,

Americus Ga
My Dear Cousin:

I received your
letter of the 9th inst and was ple-
ased to hear from you. When I
was a boy, a long back in the fifties
(50) when I was in my teens
your father Dr William Stokes
and his sister, Cousin Felicia
and Francesa visited our home
in Barton Ga (then Cass Co, near Cor-
tersville. They were beautiful girls
and attended school at Marietta.
The war came on and I never
saw them afterwards although we
had greatly enjoyed their visits.

2
In my early childhood I frequently visited my ancestors at their homes in Greenville S.C. I remember both my maternal grandparents John and Lucy Wickliffe Stokes. They were old and highly respected people and their home was on the Augusta road 4 miles South of Greenville S.C. They were the parents of your father and my mother and told me much of their ancestors and in my ~~and in my~~ childhood and early manhood I had recorded much of it, and my oldest brother, William had written quite a history of the family, but both of us had at various times

3
I loaned much of it to our relatives, on both sides of the house until there is but little of it left.
My father Turner Goldsmith, born in 1802. married Maria Louisa Stokes. who was born Oct 11th 1812.
Mother's parents were Lucy Wickliffe Stokes and John Stokes.
I am sorry I have lost the dates of their births and marriage but I think both of them were born while the revolutionary war was in progress.
My mother's mother, Lucy Wickliffe was the daughter of Frankie Edwards, and Frankie I heard was the daughter or niece of the Edwards who owned

Trinity Church and other valuable
Land on Broadway New York,
which was under Lease.

My health has not been
good for more than two
years and I have been
in the hands of the doctors
greater part of the time.

Respectfully Yours

J. W. Goedschick

W. T. EDWARDS,
President.

W. T. EDWARDS,
Sec. and

South Carolina Edwards Heirs Association

Abbeville, S. C. - Jan 19/24

Dear Mrs William

Since 94
years of inquiry about the Edwards
Estate I beg to say that I have Records
show that Robert Edwards was married
I have Records to show that he was born
and had three children James Reuben James
and Rebecca I wish I had time to tell
more fully about the Edwards but
if your people to come to the meeting
at Greenville SC Judge Hixon told
that he will be there and I want
to come and all the rest that will
your state must be about covered
I am sending you some boxes
Will show you what we are doing
I think that Judge Hixon will join
with us I'd like to see you
and lets all come to gather in the
light yrs Respectfully W T Edwards

State of Georgia: This indenture made at
Stewart County, the first day of February
eighteen hundred and seventy six, between
John H. Stokes of the one part, and Ang
C. Stokes of the other part, both of the said
County and State. Witness that the said
John H. Stokes for and in consideration of
sum of Eight hundred dollars cash in he
paid. the Receipt whereof is hereby acknow
hath bargained and sold, and by these presen
doth remise, release and forever quit cla
to the said Angelina C. Stokes. Her heirs a
assigns all the right title interest, claim
claims or demand, the said John H. Stokes
or may have had, in and to the following
or parcels of land To wit, one hundred and
nine. one hundred ~~one hundred~~ eighty six,
hundred eighty seven, West half of one hun
dred six, lot one hundred sixty seven except
thirty acres off of the north east corner of
lot, all lying and being in the twenty third
of original Lee now Stewart County, con
sight hundred and eighty acres more or less
with all the rights, members and appurtenan
to said lots of land in any wise appertaining
belongings, To have and to hold, the said lots
to the said Angelina C. Stokes her heirs and

heirs nor any other person or person
claiming under him, shall at any time
after, by any way or means, have, claim
demand, any right title or interest in or
the aforesaid lots of land or its appurtenances
or any part thereof.

In testimony whereof the
John H. Stokes hath hereunto set his
hand and affixed his seal the day and
above written.

Signed Sealed and delivered }
in presence of }

H. B. Carruth

E. H. Kirksey J. P.

John H. Stokes

Received
in book 200
on page 1370
in the log of the
Office of the
Superior Court
of the Territory of
Idaho
this 30th day of
August 1884
J. H. Stewart
Clerk

Wm. A. C. Stewart

State of Georgia } This the 1st of April
Stewart County }
thousand eight hundred and seventy six
between John H. Stokes of the one part, and
- E. Stokes of the other part, and both of said
and State. Witnesseth that the said John
for and in consideration of four hundred
cash in hand paid, the receipt whereof
as acknowledged, hath bargained and sold, and
these presents, doth demise, release and for-
quit-claim, to the said Angelina C. Stokes
heirs and assigns, all the right, title, and
claim or demand, the said John H. Stokes
have had, in and to, the following tract or parcel
land (To wit) One house and lot, situated in the
of Lumpkin Stewart County, Ga., containing
acres more or less, and bounded as follows
M. L. Everett land, East by street, South by
and west, by Masonic Female College Ground
To have and to hold, all and singular, the re-
title and appurtenances to said lot, in any way
appertaining or belonging. To have, and to hold
said lot or parcel of land, to the said Angelina C.
her heirs, and assigns, so that neither the said
Stokes nor heirs, nor any other person or person
-ing under him, shall at any time hereafter

... or any part thereof, or its appurtenances.
In testimony whereof the said John H. Stokes hath hereunto
his hand and affixed his seal, the
above written.

Signed sealed and delivered

John H. Stokes

Witness my hand and seal this 22nd day of December 1894.

dry fork to

186 - 187 - 199 - 144 - 1/2 of lot 166 - 180 acres of 1
1090 acres 3 dollars per acre or 3

5 mules 975.

Hogs 25.00

Cows 75.00

Farming Utensils 100.

Household & Kitchen fur 100.

Down property 400.

John A Crawford (white) 1 mule 100 dollars

Thos Darby do 1 horse 40 do

Jeff Tinsley do

Peter Lagan colored Hogs 25 Cattle 5

Thos Harris do

Fred Porter do

Antony Jones do

Pleas Jackson do 18 working ho

Wm Forrest do

The household and kitchen property of
of each hand ~~is~~ worth about 200
except Fred Porter, and his is worth 200.

Above I hand you the taxable property
given in. I hope I have made it plain
Give in as agent of W.C. Stokes I am
still improving, I begin to hope I will
do well, I am keeping close to my re
Rain is still falling very heavy, w
slow, Jeff Tinsley has ran away
left his wife and child -
Affectionate

Lumpkin Ga
 Mrs A. E. Stokes & Mrs Estelle West.

1883
 Jan 19 Bot of W. W. Stokes;
 1 Bbl Flour 6.00
 62^{lb} Meat 8 4.20
 40# Sugar 4.00
 26^{lb} Lard 4.00
 26# Coffee 4.00
 6# Soda 50
 2 Box Snuff 1.0
 Garden Seed 1.15
 Jar to Put Lard in 50
 No Cash Loaned 55
 25.25

Ant of acct on Book \$ 330
 Total \$ 28.55

\$28.55 Recd of Mrs A. E. Stokes
 Mrs Estelle West, Twenty Eight
 & Fifty five cents, which pays their
 in full & all demands I have again
 them up to date, W. W. Stokes
 Lumpkin Ga
 Jan 19th 1883;

Mr. A. C. Stokes (and)

Mr. E. L. M. Mott

\$28.55
each

Amt. Paid, \$ 7260

Tax Collector's Office, Stewart Co., Ga.

Received of

State Tax.....

Capital Tax.....

County Tax.....

Poll Tax.....

W. H. Stokes
6.14 Three Dollars,
his State, County and Poll Tax, for
the year 1889.

\$ 3.322

W. H. Stokes Tax Collector

THOMAS GREENE, PRINTER, GEORGETOWN, GA.

Miss Annie S. Stokes.

Compliments:—

May I have the pleasure
of calling ^{this} evening at
three o'clock.

Your friend S. D. Shierling
Aug 2nd. 1885.

Miss Annie Stokes.
City.

Mr. & Anne

Cornwall

I have the pleasure
of calling this Eve at
your house - at 6 o'clock?

Your Friend

William D. Stirling

Aug. 22, 1855

M. S. Anna.

If agreeable I would be
pleased to call at 7 1/2 o'clock this eve

Yours friend

S. J. Johnston

Recd May 11/89

Miss Anna White
Cuba

Nov 7th 1889

Wd.

If you please
loan me $\$15$ you dollars until
next week. I am obliged
to have it to day. And you
will oblige

S. H. Johnson

Mrs. Johnson:

Please pardon
my presumption in taking
this liberty, but, fearing much
you I am desirous of cultivating
your acquaintance. Will you
permit me to call, if so I
would be happy to do so. If
not kindly destroy this and
we will act as if it had
never been written.

Very Respectfully

W. R. D. Brown

Dec 2nd 91

1537 2nd St

Georgia Southern & Florida Railroad.

Macon, Ga. April 27th 1892Mrs Annie Johnson,
Esteemed Friend }

You no doubt, will be very much surprised getting a letter from me. I have tried my utmost not to, but at last concluded to do so, as I, you are a lady of too much judgement to get offended with a gentleman who perfectly honest in what he says. I guess you thought it very strange that I should call once, and not again. I must tell you the truth even if you get vex with me. (but I sincerely hope that you will not) Mrs Johnson I am a man that has very little to say now. it comes to a subject of this kind, for I have been few women that I have ever said very much about, but I assure you that I first met you I have never forgotten & my reasons for not calling again is that I was under the impression that

the promise of trying to care for me if as you will be the means of making me for
 happier than I have ever been. Again best night with true sincerity & best wishes I
 am your most
 true friend
 Wm. R. R. R.

Georgia Southern & Florida R.R.

of your answer
 direct to J. M.
 to man
 G. P. R. R.
 Macon Ga.
 Reminds the
 letter is for
 your office
 may
 May Macon, Ga.

was not wanted while there was
 to call & guess it is so yet, but I
 you in feeble words my feelings &
 have been since meeting you and
 attempt to do so without your
 mission, as to my character I can
 the best references in my native
 South Carolina, my father was
 dist. minister in the South Carolina
 and I assure you that not the slight
 touch on one of the names. I will
 another thing which I know
 price you, & that is it was on
 that I quit boarding in that loc
 not see you, & feel that you cared
 else - I should be happy to call on
 you freely permit it. You will be
 writing material as I am in my
 now other kind of paper here. It
 two o'clock at night & am alone &
 of you & made up my mind to
 you will pardon me, if you find me

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 happier than I have been here. Again best night with true anxiety & best wishes

you will pardon me if you find my
 of you & made up my mind to write
 two weeks at night & am alone & no
 me other kind of paper here. It is no
 minding material as I am in my office
 you freely permit it. You will kindly
 the - I should be happy to call on you
 not be you. Just that you could for
 that I quit boarding in that locality.
 Jones you & that is it was in you
 another thing which I know will
 make on one of the main. I will tell
 and I assure you that not the slightest
 that minister in the South Carolina
 South Carolina, my father was a
 the best references in my native
 mission, as to my character I can go
 attempt to do so with out your full
 have been since meeting you and will
 you are full of my feelings & work
 to call & give it so as yet but can
 was not wanted while there was

are your most
 true friend
 M. J. S. S. S.
 of your account
 about 40 yrs
 Sherman
 4/17/74
 Mission Pa.
 Remondelle
 letter is for
 your wife
 may
 Roy
 Mission, Pa.
 Georgia Southern & Florida Bank

unwelcome. Please kind friend if you do not see fit to answer this, for the sake of the motive in which I write it, & the true and honest feeling expressed therein, to immediately destroy it, & never never let any one else see it. I know you are too kind to refuse this last request. If my letter is any way repulsive I will give you my word & honor as a gentleman not to disturb you again. I also ask not only ask but beg that you be candid with me, & if you think that bearing anything in the future for me will prove an impossibility, for both of our sakes speak plain, if otherwise I will be made as happy as a mortal being can expect to be in this unhappy world of ours. I have had much trouble in my life, & I pray you to be positive, for should I receive any encouragement, & after awhile to have my hopes blighted. I really do not think that even time, would heal the wound that you would inflict. You see I am plain & desire you to be so. If you favor me with a reply your letter will be as sacred as the stars. no eye but mine will ever rest on it. you are the only living being who knows I have written this, & without your divulge it, will always be the only one. I am nearly alone in this world, and I want some one to love, & be loved in return. I have lost father, mother, a brother and two sisters within the last few years. so you may know my dear friend, how I long to have some one with whom there can be a congenial feeling existing. If you could care for me, I would do all in my power to please you. your every wish would be my law. For God sake dear friend, be sure that you right in your belief before giving me any hope. I cannot expect you to say that you love me now for our acquaintance is too short. we have seen so little of each other, but will you try, just say that will you try. & I will be satisfied for the present. Goodnight. May God's chosen angels honor over you, and may you see fit to make me

Georgia Southern & Florida Railroad.

Macon, Ga. May 27th 1892

Dear Friend:-

Your note to hand this afternoon. Thank you I will be happy to call on Monday afternoon. If agreeable we will ride out to Crumps' Park, if the weather permits. You may decide upon that until I call. I am thankful for the privilege of calling, and appreciate it very much. Were it not for my illness I would have made the request earlier. Oh! how I wish you could think more of me than a friend, I could be so devoted to you. I do want some one to love & be loved in return. of course there are plenty of girls, with whom I could cultivate a congenial feeling, but I am not that near where my heart lags, it must stay, but if you request it, I will not mention love to you. I have a high regard for your wishes - but I sincerely hope you will at least

allow me to speak my feelings. My dear friend I can only hope against hope. Now that I had continued calling I then as you say may have been loved. What a pleasure it would be to me, to move & win you. I would then have something to live for, I could go to my work cheerful, feeling that I had a true and noble person to care for me, I am very backward in talking. I have not that flow of language that becomes natural with any one. Will you give me the privilege to try and win you? I will try ever so hard & you can look upon me, as a man who loves you with all of his heart, at the same time if annoying to you would not mention it. If you will ride with me to the Park I will look upon it as a special favor. Please excuse writing material, as I am at my office & no other but R.R. material here. I think you might have time to answer before Monday. If I get a chance will send this by special messenger.

Your Devoted Friend

W. R. Johnson

Mrs. Johnson

Dear Friend:-

I am glad to hear
and the weather permits
I would be pleased to
call this afternoon. I
know it is not a very
customary afternoon
for visiting, but I have
to pick my chances

Kindly reply by return

Your Friend

McKay Slattery

By mail

GEORGIA SOUTHERN & FLORIDA RAILROAD

OFFICE OF MASTER MECHANIC

Macon, Ga., *Saturday night*
June 11 1892

My Dearest Friend:-

I guess you the
stranger of my not calling again
this week after telling you what
did, but really I have been so over
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to sleep during the day. I was compelled
to go down town once or twice, and
assure I did not like that much. Remember
my sweet friend I did not stay away
on my own desire, for I feel as if I haven't
seen you in a month. You have been
on my mind. I thought I would be able
to call tomorrow (Sunday) but I find
a lot of work again tonight. but guess
I will have an easy time tomorrow
night and will try and call on
Monday afternoon. The watermelon
season has started in and I as
you I have my hands full at night,
that I have to fight mosquitoes, they are
fearfully bad. I have had more telegrams
to do this week than I have had the last

GEORGIA SOUTHERN & FLORIDA RAILROAD

OFFICE OF MASTER MECHANIC

Macon, Ga., *Saturday night*
June 11 1892 ✓

My Dearest Friend:

I guess you think strange of my not calling again this week after telling you what I did, but really I have been so very busy at night that I was compelled to sleep during the day. I was compelled to go down town once or twice, and I assure I did not like that much. Remember my sweet friend I did not stay away of my own desire, for I feel as if I haven't seen you in a month. You have been continually on my mind. I thought I would be able to call to-morrow (Sunday) but I find a lot of work again tonight, but guess I will have an easy time to-morrow night and will try and call on Monday afternoon. The watermelon season has started in and I assure you I have my hands full at night, besides that I have to fight mosquitoes, they are fearfully bad. I have had more telegraph to do this week than I have had the last

two months. but enough of that. I want
you to keep your promise and tell me what
I asked you, when I see you again. Oh my
sweet friend I have been living in such hopes
since I saw you last. you looked so sweet
that afternoon, I felt as if any man in the
world would be proud of your love. I know
one that will be (providing he possesses it) I love
you so much, that I feel as if I couldn't
stand it, if you were to tell me, my bright
hopes for the last week have been vain ones.
Oh I feel you could not be so cruel as to give
me such hopes and then blight them. for my dearest
(excuse me for being so impulsive) you possess my
whole heart, it is now in your keeping. it is in
your power to make it glad, or shatter it, you
would not do that, would you love? I want
got some Lilies for you & some of those RR men
shall them out of my office. but I will try
and get you some more. Excuse material
& this scribbling as I am pressed for time. Please
answer this just as soon as you get it. Don't put
it off thinking I won't get it in time, if I have
a chance will send by special messenger.
Good bye, my only love, until I see you which I
hope will be at an early date. With all of my
love, and best wishes I am Yours Sincerely,
McRae

Dear Friend:-

If agreeable I would
be pleased to call this evening after
Tea. I managed to get some one in
my place tonight at the office. I got
your pond Lilies but they look too bad
to carry around, after being picked
early this morning & the day so fearful
warm.

Your Friend

M. S. Osburn

Macon June 17th 92

Dear Annie:

If agreeable I
would be pleased to call
this afternoon. Mr Spier
is in town to day, I don't
know but what he may happen
around also, if you are expecting
him don't let me interfere, though
if he is not going to call I would
like to, kindly answer by beared

Lovingly
"Roy"

Macon July 3/92

GEORGIA SOUTHERN & FLORIDA R. R.
MACON & BIRMINGHAM RAILROAD.

Macon Ga Station, July 8 1892

Mrs Johnston.

If convenient for you
to "accept my company", I would
be pleased to call this afternoon
I have been unusually busy this week
Kindly answer by header.

Your Friend
M. R. Johnson

Excuse RR writing material, as I am at office.

Lumpkin Decm 10- 1885.

My Dear Felicia Your letter of the 27 ult has been recd and be assured how glad I am to hear from you. I regret that the family have been so unmindful in not acknowledging the reception of Floy's Oil painting. It came to hand all right, and to say we are pleased does not express our feelings, it is a beautiful painting, showing culture, taste and refinement, combined with patience and toil. The picture on its reception was immediately unboxed in the dining room and there temporarily set up for the family to look at and admire, and many were the compliments bestowed on the picture and our little Floy on that occasion, also many very pleasant and interesting reminiscence were brought to mind about Floy's childhood days in Lumpkin. One of them was, when Floy was only four years old introducing two young ladies correctly and gracefully. The picture was then placed upon the mantle piece in the

parlor and is admired and praised
by all that see it. This Oil painting
of Floy is a worthy and acceptable gift
to her aged grand parents who receives
it with the warmest prayerful feelings
of their hearts for the giver.

Ellice do not think for
one moment that we would accept pay
for the express charges on the picture.

I have spent the last seven years
of my life striving hard for one of my
age in trying to make a living for self
and family on the plantation. but when
go to Lumbkin our town has been greatly
improved by the near approach of the
Rail Road. I am anxious to see you and
Floy. come and look upon your aged pa-
rents once more, we have changed very
much since you saw us. We will not
be here long. May God bless you & Floy.

affectionately
Your Pa-

Greenville

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intricate surgical operations with skill and ability for which he had quite a talent. As a man of integrity and as a physician he was greatly admired & beloved. His bearing and kind deportment towards his patients at once inspired ^{confidence} ~~confidence~~.

The Dr. had quite a talent for imparting information, and during his professional career as preceptor, he was instrumental in laying the foundation, and giving the impulse to a number of young men as his students, that distinguished themselves in the profession of medicine. The Dr. ^{as a man of culture} ~~as a man of culture~~ ^{was quite familiar with} ~~was quite familiar with~~ ^{the history of our government from its inception} ~~the history of our government from its inception~~ ^{down to the present. He is also conversant} ~~down to the present. He is also conversant~~ ^{with the history of all of the prominent} ~~with the history of all of the prominent~~ ^{and men that have figured in our government} ~~and men that have figured in our government~~ ^{and the general and first} ~~and the general and first~~ ^{of our government.} ~~of our government.~~ He married Miss

Angelina C. Thompson of Laurens county in 1827 in 1839 he removed to Stewart county.

Then Dr was compelled to give up his pro-
fession to which he was greatly attached
owing to continued bad health and he
became a farmer and a merchant
which he prosecuted with ~~the same~~ ^{the same} ~~the same~~
to the same.

This career
industry and energy with success up
to the war. Before the war Dr Stokes was
an old line Whig, but since the war

He was in favor of Secession. He has
aspired to become a politician, and has
never sought office. He was elected to the
Legislature in 1845 but did not that year
again to become a candidate. As an honest,
upright, industrious gentleman he is
greatly to be admired and imitated
a man without reproach.

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Inclosed I send you my photograph and
a short sketch of myself any alteration
you may deem proper to make will be all
right and acceptable. Please let me know
the cost it will cost me, and I will at once
fill the blank and forward to you with
city acceptance if required. I refer you
to the Comptroller general, W. A. Rawson,
Chamberlain Bogniton & Co.

Lexington Ky.
November 8th 1829

Dear Father

I take my pen once
more to address you with a few lines
as no doubt you will be glad to hear
from me ~~at any~~ time and I am in
hopes you will not delay to answer my
letters as it will afford me a very
great satisfaction to hear from you
all often — I wrote to you immedi-
ately on my arrival at this place
and that ~~disinterested~~ ~~friend~~ ~~of mine~~
which I did the next day after I
wrote to you, he received me very cord-
ially and Mrs. Witt treated me very
kindly indeed — Mr. Witt lives in a splendid
brick house and appears to abound in
plenty Mrs. Witt is a very smart lively
and familiar woman — I left my
horse there but I expect to pay for
his keeping Mr. Witt is in very good
health and stood his journey exceedingly
well — Last week was consumed in
the introductory lectures which were

very fine and animating - I purchased
my tickets last week they cost me one
hundred and twenty dollars, including
a private ticket of Dr Dudley -
I am very much pleased with Lexington
it is a fine town and a beautiful view of
August 4th I wrote to you that the young
men who accompanied me to this place
had gone on to Cincinnati - one of them has
returned and is now rooming with me
he is by the name of Burns from Sparta
and is a fine strong and religious
young man and expects to graduate
next Spring - there is about a hundred
and sixty students in the school at
present and it is thought that it will
increase a good deal ^{course of a} in a few days -
Mr and Mrs Pitt wishes to be kindly
remembered to you - give my respects
to my brother-in-laws and Sisters and also
to the family and accept for your self the
best wishes of your affectionate and
dutiful son -

Dear Mr Pitt

August 10. I wrote to
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Mr and Mrs Pitt wish

Alice Walker to D. W. Stokes

12/5/1868

State of Georgia }
Stewart County. } This Indenture, made and entered
into this the fifth day of December
in the year of our Lord one Thousand eight hundred
and sixty-eight, between Alice Walker and D. W.
Stokes, both of the County and State aforesaid, witnesseth;
That the said Alice Walker, for and in consideration
of Eight hundred Dollars (\$800⁰⁰) to her in hand
paid by said Stokes, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowl-
edged, hath granted, bargained and sold, and by these
present, doth grant, bargain and sell unto the said
D. W. Stokes, his heirs and assigns, a certain
House and Lot, or parcel of Land situate, lying and
being in the Town of Lumpkin, in the County of Stewart
and State aforesaid, bounded and described as follows:
to wit: - Bounded on the East by the road leading
from Lumpkin aforesaid to Columbus, Georgia; on
the South, by the Lot of Mrs Richardson; on the
West, by the Masonic Female College Grounds, and
on the North by the Land belonging to the heirs of
the late Thomas H. Everett deceased, being the
House and Lot now occupied by one D. P. Hawley,
containing there were more or less.

To have and to hold the said conveyed premises
with all the rights and appurtenances thereunto

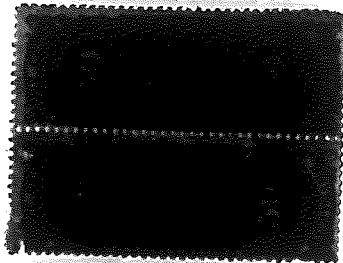
belonging unto the said J. W. Stokes, his heirs
and assigns forever in fee simple. And I, the
said Alice Walker, for myself, my heirs, executors,
and administrators, the rights and title to the said
bargained premises, unto the said Stokes
his heirs and assigns with warrant and defend
against the lawful claims of all other persons.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my
hand and affixed my seal, the day and year
first above written.

Signed, sealed & delivered
in presence of

Alice Walker (Seal)

J. R. Rockwell
W. F. Watts, Ordinary
Stewart County



Mr. J. W. Stokes Lumphin, Ga., Dec 16th, 1886

Bought of *W. W. Stokes*,
DEALER IN FAMILY GROCERIES
 AND PLANTATION SUPPLIES.

1886	Nov 6	12 ⁰⁰ lbs Shelling 1 ¹ / ₂	70	
		4 ⁰⁰ lbs Tobacco	1 ⁰⁰	
		15 ⁰⁰ lbs Meat 1 ¹ / ₂	97	
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B. L. LEWIS.

J. J. THOMPSON.

Mr. Est. J. W. Stokes Lumphin, Ga. Oct. 29 1889

Bought of **LEWIS & THOMPSON,**
LIVERY, SALE AND FEED STABLES.

DEALERS IN
 Buggies, Wagons, Harness, Fine Burial Caskets, Robes, Undertakers' Goods, Etc.

Oct 29	50	Casket	65 ⁰⁰
Recd Payment.			
Lewis & Thompson.			

This Indenture made the
 14th day of June 1854 in the
 year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred
 and Fifty four between John C. Stokes of
 the State of Virginia and County of Galveston
 of the one part and John L. Anderson
 of the County of Wilkes and State of Virginia
 of the other part Witnesseth that the said
 John C. Stokes for and in consideration of
 the sum of Two hundred and fifty dollars
 in hand paid by the said John L. Anderson
 the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged
 hath bargained granted and sold and
 doth by these presents grant bargain and
 sell and convey unto the said John L.
 Anderson his heirs and assigns the House
 and Lot formerly owned and now in
 the occupancy of Benjamin Smith in
 the village of Leaburg adjoining Land
 of E. R. Anderson and a Lot formerly owned
 by A. D. Stattham on the Muckley ferry road
 leading from said Village to the Augustaville
 containing ^{or} more or less.
 To have and to hold said Lot of Land
 unto him the said John L. Anderson his
 heirs and assigns together with all and
 singular the rights Members and appurtenances
 thereof to the said in any manner
 belonging to him and their own proper
 use benefit and behoof forever in fee
 simple and the said John C. Stokes for
 himself his executors and administrators
 the said bargained premises unto the said
 John L. Anderson his heirs and assigns with
 warrant and forever defend the right
 and title thereof against himself and

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10/2/1894

SHERIFF'S DEED.

Published by THE LUMPKIN INDEPENDENT, Lumpkin, Ga.,

State of Georgia, *Stewart* County.

This Indenture, Made this the *2nd* day of *October*
in the year Eighteen Hundred and *ninety four* between *J. T. Holder*

Sheriff of said County of the first part, and *Melita Stokes and*
Ina Stokes
of *Stewart* County, of the second part: WITNESSETH, that whereas the said
J. T. Holder Sheriff as aforesaid,

did, on the *March 15* 1893 levy upon and afterwards expose
to sale, a certain *town lot* hereinafter more fully described, before the Court
House door in said County, between the legal hours of sale, and after advertising the same
according to law, in the "*Lumpkin Independent*"
for the space of thirty days thereafter, did sell the said lot or lots on the *2nd*
of this present month, said land being levied on and sold as the property of
W. W. Stokes

under and by virtue of an execution issued from the *Superior* Court of said
County of *Stewart* in favor of *McCormick*
Richardson
against said *W. W. Stokes*
and the said *Melita and Ina Stokes*

having been the highest bidder for the same, and it being knocked off to him as the pur-
chaser at the sum hereinafter named: Now the said *J. T. Holder*

Sheriff as aforesaid, in consideration of the premises and
of the sum of *One Hundred & twenty four* Dollars,
to him in hand paid, at and before the signing and delivery of these presents, the receipt
whereof is hereby acknowledged, has granted, bargained, sold, aliened and conveyed, and

by these presents does grant, bargain, sell, ~~alien~~ and convey, unto the said *Melita*
and Ina Stokes their
heirs and assigns, the aforesaid *lot* lying in the *town*

of this present month, said land being levied on and sold as the property of

W. W. Stokes

under and by virtue of an execution issued from the *Superior* Court of said

County of *Stewart* in favor of *McCormick*

& Richardson

against said

W. W. Stokes

and the said

Melita and Anna Stokes

having been the highest bidder for the same, and it being knocked off to him as the purchaser at the sum hereinafter named: Now the said

J. T. Halder

Sheriff as aforesaid, in consideration of the premises and

of the sum of

One Hundred & twenty four

Dollars,

to him in hand paid, at and before the signing and delivery of these presents, the receipt

whereof is hereby acknowledged, has granted, bargained, sold, aliened and conveyed, and

by these presents does grant, bargain, sell, ~~and~~ and convey, unto the said

Melita

and Anna Stokes their

his heirs and assigns, the aforesaid

lot

lying in the

town

of Lumberton

and in the said County and State, and known in the plan of

said

town

as

"the tract or parcel of land"

in the town of Lumberton, County of Stewart

containing one & one-half acres, now occupied by

said Melita Stokes as a residence lot & bounded as

follows, north by Mrs. M. A. Stokes East & South

10/2/1894

SHERIFF'S DEED.

Published by THE LUMPKIN INDEPENDENT. Lumpkin, Ga.,

State of Georgia, Stewart County.

This Indenture, Made this the 2nd day of October
in the year Eighteen Hundred and ninety-four between J. T. Holder

Sheriff of said County of the first part, and Milite Stokes and
Ina Stokes
of Stewart County, of the second part: WITNESSETH, that whereas the said

J. T. Holder Sheriff as aforesaid,
did, on the April 15 1893 levy upon and afterwards expose
to sale, a certain town lot hereinafter more fully described, before the Court
House door in said County, between the legal hours of sale, and after advertising the same
according to law, in the "Lumpkin Independent"
for the space of thirty days thereafter, did sell the said lot or lots on the 2nd
of this present month, said land being levied on and sold as the property of W. W. Stokes

under and by virtue of an execution issued from the Superior Court of said
County of Stewart in favor of McCormick
& Richardson
against said W. W. Stokes

Sheriff of said County of the first part, and Melita Stokes and Ina Stokes
of Stewart County, of the second part: WITNESSETH, that whereas the said
J. T. Halder Sheriff as aforesaid,
did, on the April 15 1893 levy upon and afterwards expose
to sale, a certain town lot hereinafter more fully described, before the Court
House door in said County, between the legal hours of sale, and after advertising the same
according to law, in the "Lumpkin Independent"
for the space of thirty days thereafter, did sell the said lot or lots on the 2nd
of this present month, said land being levied on and sold as the property of
W. W. Stokes

under and by virtue of an execution issued from the Superior Court of said
County of Stewart in favor of McCormick
& Richardson
against said W. W. Stokes
and the said Melita and Ina Stokes
having been the highest bidder for the same, and it being knocked off to him as the pur-
chaser at the sum hereinafter named: Now the said J. T. Halder

Sheriff as aforesaid, in consideration of the premises and
of the sum of One Hundred & twenty four Dollars,
to him in hand paid, at and before the signing and delivery of these presents, the receipt
whereof is hereby acknowledged, has granted, bargained, sold, aliened and conveyed, and
by these presents does grant, bargain, sell, ~~and convey~~ unto the said Melita
and Ina Stokes their

~~his~~ heirs and assigns, the aforesaid lot lying in the Town
of Lumpkin and in the said County and State, and known in the plan of
said Town as "the tract or parcel of land"
in the town of Lumpkin, County of Stewart
a certain piece of land

in said property above described being the
property sold and thereby conveyed to the
said Milita and Ina Stokes

To Have and to Hold the said foregoing premises
to the said Milita and Ina Stokes their
~~his~~ heirs and assigns, in as full and ample a manner as the said Mr W Stokes
the defendant in said case might have done.

In Testimony Whereof, the said Sheriff has hereto set his hand and seal, the day and
year above written,

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in Presence of:

R. F. Watts
B. F. Hawes
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J. T. Hoelder
Sheriff

L.S.

SHERIFF'S DEED.

From J. T. Hoelder Sheriff,

To Milita Stokes,

and
Ina Stokes

GEORGIA, Newton County.

Clerk's Office, Superior Court.

Recorded in Book, "X" 530

1894

Oct 22
B. F. Hawes
clerk