Mordecai Benton, first found in Jackson Co., Ga., DB AB, P. 135, 3/5/1789, for 30 pds. Mordecai Benton sells to Wm. George 575 acres on Turkey Creek, on n. s. of Oconee River, formerly in Franklin Co. Various deed transactions continue for him in Jackson Co. thru 1806. Franklin Co. DB C, P. 37, 10/3/1790, Mordecai Benton to Nathan Benton, 300 acres in Franklin Co. on Turkey Crk, waters of n. fork Oconee River, granted to Robt. Middleton 1/1/1777 and conveyed by him to sd Mordecai Benton. Issue as follows:

I. Reason Benton, b. 1773, d. after 1840 Jackson Co., Ga. Listed 1820-40 Jackson Co. Census. Goodspeed's History of Arkansas, states the name

of Reason handed down for generations. Issue: 1. Thomas Benton, b. 1803 Va., d. 1889 Ga. m. Sarah Norman 1/3/1826 Jackson Co., Ga., listed 1850 Jackson Co. Census. Issue: Archibald b. 1827; Stephen, b. 1829; Frances, b. 1830; Sarah A., b. 1832; Joseph, b. 1833; William L., b. 1835, removed to Ark. 1870; Thomas, b. 1836; John, b. 1837; Emilia, b. 1839; Mary, b. 1844; James, b. 1846; and George, b.

2. James A. Benton, b. 1807 Va., Miller, m. 11/3/1843 Jackson Co., 1848, all Jackson Co., Ga. Arraninte McChester, b. 1809 Ga. listed 1840-50 Jackson Co. Census. Issue: Terrel W., b. 1832; Essy I., dau., b. 1834; Nancy E., b. 1838; Elila P., dau., b. 1840; Mary E., b. 1844; Hester H., b. 1847; and James

3. Levi Benton, b. 1808 Ga., farmer m. Paneta S. Bates 2/13/1844, L., b. 1848, all Jackson Co., Ga. Jackson Co., Ga., b. 1818 S. C., and had issue: James A., b. 1840; Sampson, b. 1845; and Susan D., b. 1847, all Jackson Co. Ga.

4. William Benton m. Sarah Nelson 1/31/1822 Jackson Co., Ga.

- 5. John Benton m. Nancy Matthews 3/5/1824 Jackson Co., Ga. Jackson Co. DB IJ, P. 63, 10/25/1828, John Benton of Jackson Co. to Thomas Benton, 60 acres on Hardiman's creek.
- II. James Benton m. Polly Winn 8/22/1816 Jackson Co., Ga., listed 1820 and 1830 Jackson Co., Ga. Census.
- III. Stephen Benton, listed 1820 Jackson Co. Census. Last record of him, Jackson Co. DB K, P. 160, 2/1825, Stephen Benton sells land to James Price in Jackson Co.
- IV. John Benton, b. 1780 Va., listed 1830-40 Monroe Co. Ga. Census.
- 1. William Benton m. Sarah Nelson 1/31/1822 Jackson Co., Sarah. b. 1807 Ga., listed 1850 Monroe Census. Issue: Howard, b. 1827 Ga; and Sarah T., b. 1849 Monroe Co. Ga. Also, John H., b. 1823, farmer, m. Phebe Brantly 11/11/1845 Monroe Co., Ga., and had: Rebecca, b. 1846 and Lenorah, b. 1848 Monroe Co., Ga. Henry O., b. 1825, farmer, m. Elizabeth Amanda Brantley 12/23/1845 Monroe Co., Ga., and had issue: Matilda, b. 1847 and John T., b. 1849 Monroe Co. Ga. George W. Benton, b. 1830 m. Frances Burgay 12/20/1849 Monroe Co., Ga.

Other Bentons in Monroe Co. were: Mordica S., b. 1821 Ga., farmer, m. Mary Ann Howard 1/19/1841 Monroe Co., issue: John,b. 1843; Sarah, b. 1847; Sophia, b. 1846; James, b. 1849, all Monroe Co. Ga.

Thomas Benton, son of Reason Benton, was born 1803 in Virginia, died 1889 in Georgia. The 1880 Jackson County, Georgia Census specifies that his parents were born in Maryland. Issue listed:

- 1. Sarah A. Benton, age 45 GA VA GA
- 2. Millie C. Benton, age 35 GA VA GA
- 3. Mary J. Benton, age 33 GA VA GA
- 4. James H. Street, age 25 GA GA, farm laborer

Ref: District 255, 1880 Jackson County Census.

