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OPEN LETTER

Dear Relatives,

With this issue we begin our first publication of the CAIN newsletter. This letter is the joint effort of two people who love genealogy and we wish to learn and share information about the CAIN'S. Our primary interest is to find the descendants of JONATHAN CAIN, who came to Ga. ca. 1827 from N.C. However, we will be happy to print articles for other CAIN families also. The letters will consist of stories about the CAIN FAMILY, where they lived, their life styles, family trees, pleas for missing ancestors and articles that you send to us.

This newsletter is designed so that it will be easily kept in a two or three ring notebook. It will be printed semi-annually (Spring-Fall) and it will be financed by your voluntary contributions.

We know we have a large family, we just need to find them. Please write to us of your interest. We will look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Butt Pain Loftis
Margie Cain Smith



THOMAS EDWARD WATSON CAIN

By Margie C. Smith

THOMAS E. WATSON CAIN was born at Clay County, Georgia, the son of **ELVIRA COLLEY** and **SANDERS G. CAIN**. He was one of nine children. There were eight boys and the ninth child was a girl.

When Tom was four years old, his parents, who were looking for greener pastures, moved from Clay County, Ga. to a farm near Ashford, Ala. In the fall of the year **SANDERS CAIN** cut trees from the land, hauled them by mule and wagon to a saw mill and had them cut. He then hand plane each piece of lumber and built his family a home. In the spring he planted his crops and on this farm Tom grew to young manhood.

When Tom left the farm he came to Columbus, Ga. where he learned the trade of a mechanic. During World War I he served as a master mechanic at the shipyard at Charleston, S.C. At the close of the war he returned to Columbus, Ga., then he moved to Phenix City, Ala. where he made his home the remainder of his life. He was employed by Lummus Industries for a number of years. About 1932 he entered the retail grocery business. His business flourished

IN MEMORIAM

***THOMAS EDWARD WATSON CAIN** - Born May 14, 1893, died July 5, 1982

He was the son of **SANDERS G. CAIN**, grandson of **JOHN P. LEONARD CAIN**, and great grandson of **JONATHAN CAIN**.

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and soon passed his greatest expectations. After renting two buildings, he built his own store on 14th Street. He later built a larger store on an adjacent lot. After he retired, his son Thomas Jr., continued to operate the business.

Tom married first Ethel Faircloth and by this union their daughter Verna was born, May 18, 1911. He married second, Georgia Boss (Boos). They were the parents of three children: Margie Elvira Cain, born June 14, 1922, Thomas E. Watson Cain, Jr., born April 13, 1925 and George Cain, born May 4, 1935.

In 1929 he helped to organize and build the First Congregational Christian Church in Phenix City, Ala. He served this church in many capacities. He was choir director, Sunday School superintendent, played the piano and used his home for social gatherings during the early years. His name is carved on the cornerstone of the church.

I remember on cold winter days my daddy and I were the first to arrive at our church on Sunday morning. Daddy would start the fire in a coal heater and I would nearly freeze until he got it going.

In the entrance of the church was a rope that was lowered from the bell which hang from the Church steeple. I was too small to pull the rope and start the bell ringing, but once daddy started the bell ringing, I could pull the rope and keep it ringing... and ring that bell I did. It was the highlight of my life every Sunday. I would keep the bell ringing until I was made to stop.

I found God early in my life and to my parents, Tom and Georgia Cain, I will ever be grateful for their guidance and love. My father taught me three things to live by before I reached the age of seven. He taught me - "The Lord's Prayer, The Ten Commandments, and The Golden Rule".

JONATHAN CAIN MOVES TO GEORGIA

We have started our FAMILY TREE with our first ancestor, who live in Ga., JONATHAN CAIN, because we believe that he has many descendants in Ga., Fla., and Ala., who will be interested in their CAIN heritage.

JONATHAN CAIN came from Bladen Co. N.C. to Ga. about 1827. It was during this time (1800-1835) that N.C. was called the Rip Van Winkle State. In those first years of the nineteenth century, N.C. had little commerce and industry, and it lacked in seaport and transportation facilities. Many were leaving N.C. for better advantages. Among these emigrants we find three men who later became President of the U.S. - Andrew Jackson, James K. Polk and Andrew Johnson.

This same period in Ga. history was a time that was active with pioneers from the north migrating into the rich virgin Georgia land.

When the Revolutionary War ended in 1782, Ga. was sparsely populated and there was a great need for settlers to help improve the states economy and for protection against the Indians.

In the early history of Ga. the Creek Indians lived in South Ga. and the Cherokee Indians lived in North Ga., but by early 1800 the Federal Government promised to remove the Indians from Ga. By 1827 the Creek Indians had sold

all their land in Ga. to the United States and they had moved to the Arkansas Territory. In 1838, Federal troops rounded up the last of the Cherokee Indians in Ga. and forced them to move to the Indian Territory in the present day Oklahoma. As the Indians left, settlers quickly cleared the former Indian land and planted their crops.

The new immigrants streamed into Ga. from every port and state. Some had only the possessions that they could carry, others came with wagons, furniture, horses, cattle and slaves. Usually they came in family groups, or groups of neighbors would travel together.

We do not know what JONATHAN BROUGHT WITH HIM TO Ga., but we do know that his father left each of his children slaves and we also know that many of his Ga. neighbors had the same surnames as his neighbors in N.C.

JONATHAN must have been well pleased with his new home in Early Co. Ga., because in 1829 he sold his property in N.C. and he and his wife, SARAH lived the rest of their lives in the area. So did some of their children and their grandchildren. Today his known descendants live from the Atlantic to the Pacific coast, but the largest number still remain in Georgia, Alabama, and Florida.

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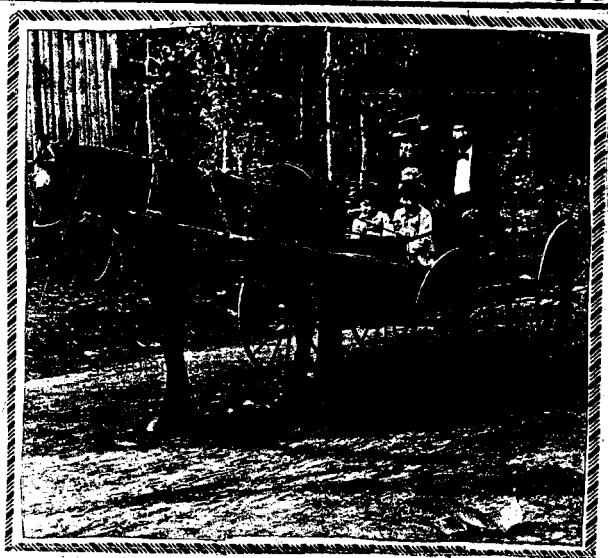
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Betty and Margie



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John Alberne (between his parents), Battie Chancy Robinson
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Continued.... **WYATT CAIN**

positions and the reorganization of the state government. **Georgia State Archives Folder** the southern people. **Wyatt** was too young to recognize these national problems, but at an early age he was soon to have misfortunes of his own. In 1873, when he was only four, his mother died. Then in 1879, his father died.

After **Wyatt's** mother died, his father, **John P. Leonard Cain**, remarried. So when **John P. L.** died, he left eight children by his first wife, a second wife, **Luella Kent Cain**, and her three children. **Wyatt** refused to live with the young widow. Therefore money was set aside from his father's estate for the care of the lad. It is said, that **Wyatt** lived with his older brother, **Algernon Cain**, until he reached manhood.

In the late 1800's **Wyatt** met and fell in love with **Hattie Chancy Robinson**. They were married and they made their home near **Blakely, Ga.** It was there in Early County that their three sons, **Arthur Lee, Wyatt C. and John Albera** were born. In 1898, **Wyatt** acquired some land in **Wilcox County Al.** (now **Houston Co.**). He moved his family there and built a new house just a few blocks away from the main street of **Ashford, AL.** **Wyatt** was a barber and a music teacher. His barber shop was next to his brother's, **Sanders Cain**, grocery store in **Ashford.** **Wyatt** taught music in the **Ashford Methodist Church.**

Wyatt's youngest son, **Albera**, said he remembered well the long buggy rides he used to take with his parents. (Probably from **Blakely** to **Ashford**). He said "the reason he tanned so easily was because he got such a good tan when he was a baby riding in the buggy". There was one day in **Albera's** life that he could never forget. When he was about five, he came in to the house one day to find his mother lying across the bed crying. There was blood all over her and the cloths she was holding. **Albera** was truly upset when he saw his mother. It seems that his mother had had a tooth ache for weeks without relief. So when the traveling dentist came to town, her husband, **Wyatt**, told the dentist to take out the teeth that might hurt **Hattie**, because he did

not want his wife to have a toothache. And that is what the dentist did...he pulled all of **Hattie's** teeth.

In 1900, **Wyatt** had his new home almost completed. We are told that he felt contented and blessed because things were going so well for him. That summer, he took the time to go to **Florida** to visit his brother, **Algernon**. When he returned home his nephew came with him. **Wyatt** had bought new bicycles that year, so he and his nephew rode bicycles to **Blakely** to see relatives. On this biking excursion, they were caught in a summer rain storm. From this outing, **Wyatt** caught a cold, the cold turned into pneumonia, and on the 18 August 1900, he died.

After **Wyatt's** death, his young wife, (age 26) and his three sons, (ages 6-10) found their life very difficult. They mortgaged their home, land and mules, to get enough money to live on and to plant their crops. At harvest time, they would pay off the loan, then the next spring they would make a new mortgage. They also worked for other farmers for 10 and 15¢ a day, picking cotton, shaking peanuts and other jobs. Their life was changed and would never be the same again after **Wyatt** died. However, they had good memories of their father, and of the good old days when he was there.

Even seventy years later, **Albera** would tell how his father used to teach sacred heart singing and shaped note music. He said his fondest memories of his parents were...when they used to go to the "All Day Sings" with dinner on the grounds.

In 1949, **Wyatt's** wife, **Hattie Chancy Robinson Cain**, fell and broke her hip. After that accident, she never regained her strength. On the 21 December 1950, she died. Her sons held a funeral service for her in **Columbus, Ga.** but they buried her with her husband, at the **Bethel Church Cemetery in Clay Co., Georgia.**

FACT- Wm. Cain (1700-1781) d. Bladen Co. N.C.
[Rev. Patriot], wife, **Olive Regan, d. N.C.**
James Cain (?-1826) b. & d. Bladen Co. N.C.
[Rev. soldier] wife, **Elizabeth**
Jonathan Cain (1794-186?) b. N.C., d. Al.
John Purd Leonard Cain (1825-1879) b. N.C., d. Ga.

JAMES CAIN SR.

by Margie C. Smith

James Cain Sr. was born in Bladen Co. North Carolina. Georgia State Archives - Blair Collection
William Cain and Olive Regan. The date of James Cain's birth is unknown but he died March 28, 1826.

On July 8, 1826, James Cain Sr.'s will was probated in Bladen County, N.C. Sons: James, William, Samuel, Jonathan. Daughters: Ann Pierce, Sarah Dunham, Mag, Elizabeth, Mary, Martha McMillian. Grandson: Richard Cain. Executors: Samuel Robeson, James Cain (son). Witness: Thomas Scrivin, Jonathan Allen, Daniel Moore. James does not name a wife. As we know, Elizabeth, -wife of James, and mother of Jonathan, died January 21, 1799. We do not know if James married after Elizabeth's death or remained single.

22 February 1823 *DB 11:255

James Cain Sr. to his three sons: Viz. James Cain, William Cain and Samuel Cain \$100 - 3 tracts of land containing 755 acres on the S.W. side of the N.W. branch of Cape Fear River, etc:

22 February 1823 *DB 11:256

James Cain Sr. to "Jonathan Cain son of said James Cain Sr", both of Bladen Co. N.C. for \$500: 2 parcels of land containing 599 acres: "in a neck known by the name **Cains Neck**". parcel #1 contains 250 acres, it being the half of the 500 acres survey patented in the name of Samuel Cain Sr; "in sight of a settlement made by said James Cain"; ..Black Swamp.. **Wm. Cain's** old plantation. Parcel #2 contains 150 acres on north side of Black Swamp, east side of Great Swamp.. **Faison's** corner. Signed: James Cain Sr. Witness: C. Monroe, Samuel Robeson. Proved at May Court 1824 on the oath of Samuel Robeson.

20 Sept 1823 *DB 3:343

James Cain Sr. to Mary Cain "the daughter of said James; , both of Bladen Co. [margin notation "Jonathan Cain"] for natural love and affection. 60 acres in Burnt Islands. Isaac Davis corner (metes and bounds given in the deed). Signed: James Cain, witness: S. Cain, A. Cain.

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Mr Robert Cain, Bastrop, Louisiana 71221 0034 wants to know: Where did Hugh Cain come from? Hugh left a will in Orange Co. N.C. in 1781.

Mr Harry A. Nelms, 322 Vista Trail, Faragut, Tennessee 37922: Would like information on John Cain, who died in Hall Co. Ga. leaving a will (15 Oct., 1828) naming Magee, Joseph, John, Sally and Nacey Cain as "Orphans of John Cain, deceased, late of Jackson Co." Mr Nelms believes, John Cain was from Newberry Co. S.C.

Dr John C. Birmingham, Jr, 5201 Patterson Ave., Richmond, Va. 23226: Would like to know the maiden name of Prudence (ca 1785 1864) the wife of James Cain Jr. (ca 1780 1852) both of Bladen Co. N.C.. James Cain Jr. is the brother of Jonathan Cain son of James Cain Sr. and grandson of William and Olive Cain, of Bladen Co. N.C. Dr Birmingham would also like the names of Prudence's parents.

Thelma F. Prince, 44 Clemson Rd., Parlin, N.J. 08859. Ms Prince has ancestor from Rutherford Co. N.C. 1st ancestor - John Manning Cain, b. 1779, d. 1875, Gwinnett Co. Alabama.

Mr L.P. Cain, 1535 S. Washington Ave. P.O. Box 6463, Titusville, FL 32780.. Mr Cain's great grandfather was William Cain b. in Ga 1802; Dooly Co. Ga; 1830-36, to Dale Co. AL. (later to Coffee)

Betty Loftin, 6305 Moon Road, Columbus, Ga. 31904. Where did William Cain (1700-1781) of Bladen Co. N.C. come from? Who was his first wife? What was the maiden name of James Cain's (? - 1826 of Bladen Co. N.C.) wife Elizabeth?

Margie Smith, P.O. Box 1124, Phenix City, AL 36867. Would also like the answers to the above questions. . and the maiden name of Jonathan Cain's (Bladen Co. N.C. & Early Co. Ga.) wife Sara.

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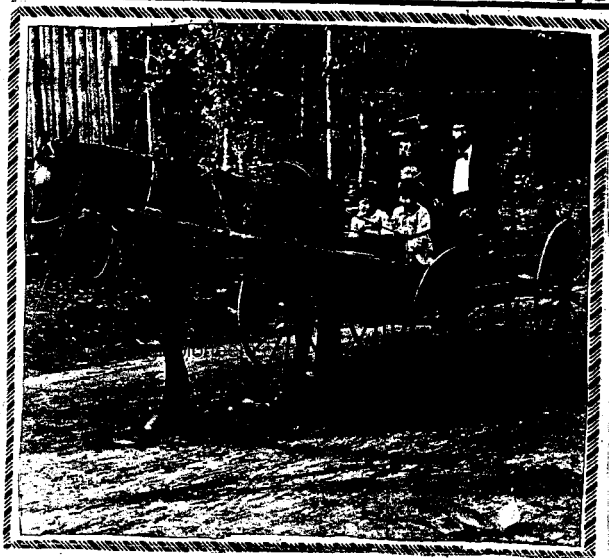
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