

Descendants of Sarah (Sally) F Gray

Generation No. 1

1. SARAH (SALLY) F² GRAY (*JOSEPH*)¹ was born Abt. 1847 in Dooly County, Georgia². She married JAMES MADISON CUMBAA Abt. 1868. He was born 24 Oct 1836 in South Carolina^{3,4}, and died 24 Oct 1901 in Cottondale, Jackson County, Florida⁴.

Notes for SARAH (SALLY) F GRAY:

See notes on Mary Virginia Leddon re: 1974 letter from her daughter Cora mentioning her "Aunt Sallie" and "Uncle John Gray". (Did she mean John Gray's wife, Sarah, or John's sister Sarah?)

Married Matt Cumbie, according to Bobby Hutchins' greatuncle Joseph Levin Gray. Other sources say : James Matt Cumbie. Full name James Madison taken from article on pg 164 of Heritage of Geneva County, by Joyce A Rodgers of Alford, FL.

Lavinia Jordan Helms, in an article on Joseph Gray in The Heritage of Geneva County, Alabama, 2002, pg 189: "These names have been given as children of Sally: Lynn, Pate, Thad, Dora, Lorine and Lee (female)." The three names Thad, Lorine and Dora match up with the families on the census below.

1870 US census, Geneva County, Al, TWP 1, Page 571B, #25:

Cumbaa, James 33 b. SC farms personal property=\$500
Sarah F 22 b. Ga
Lorena 3/12 born in March

1880 US census Soundex entry, Geneva County, Al, ED 78, Sheet 3, line 25 :

Cumbaa, James M 44 b. SC
Sarah 33 b. Ga
Lorena 10, Leon 8, Dora 6, James M Jr 4, Thaddeus 2, Eulalia 8/12 all children b. Al

(Family also indexed in Soundex as Camboa)

Familysearch.org 1880 online census, pg 632, #23:

James M. CUMBOA	Self	M	Male	W	44	SC	Farmer And Mechanic	GA	SC
Sarah F. CUMBOA	Wife	M	Female	W	33	GA	Keeping House	NC	NC
Lorena CUMBOA	Dau	S	Female	W	10	AL		SC	GA
Leon J. CUMBOA	Son	S	Male	W	8	AL		SC	GA
Dora CUMBOA	Dau	S	Female	W	6	AL		SC	GA
James M. CUMBOA	Son	S	Male	W	4	AL		SC	GA
Thaddious J. CUMBOA	Son	S	Male	W	2	AL		SC	GA
Eulalia CUMBOA	Dau	S	Female	W	8M	AL		SC	GA

at #29: James J and Malinda Gilmore and John Stafford (25)

1885 Florida State Census: not found

1900 US Census Soundex Florida: not found

1900-1910-1920-1930 Alabama Soundex: none of this family found

Requested copy of death certificate (#11514) for James M. Cumbie, Jr (died 1940, Houston County, Al) on 26 June 2002 hoping to get mother's maiden name, but it was wrong James M Cumbie, wrong parents.

A James Cumbie received a homestead land patent in 1891 Geneva County S36 T3N R21E, just northeast of Coffee Springs. (This may be the James (J) Cumbie who married Mary Hatton and lived near Coffee Springs.) This is only 3 sections away from land homesteaded by a Joseph C Gray in 1891 and about 4 sections away from land homesteaded by William Beaman, husband of Matilda Gray.

Notes for JAMES MADISON CUMBAA:

Jackson County marriage index has a James M Cumba & Nancy Staley 4 Jan 1891, Bk 1, pg 378. Did Sally die before then, and is this the same man? (J M Junior would have been only 16.)

<http://ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/fl/jackson/vitals/marriages/184800g2.txt> (1848-1900):

CUMBA, J M	app only	MCFARLAN, Bridget	1-327
CUMBA, James M	1/4/1891	STALEY, Nancy	1-378
CUMBAA, Leon J	5/6/1897	COMERFORD, Elizabeth	3-193
CUMBIE, Milton C	6/7/1866	LAWRENCE, Ann C	B-186

No female Cumbaas listed 1848-1900

<http://ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/fl/jackson/vitals/marriages/1900g04.txt> (1900-1973):

CUMBAA, L J	1911 Oct 28	WEB, Nora	9-469
CUMBAA, L J	1925 Sep 26	BARBER, Lucy	14-175
CUMBAST, Henry M	1901 Dec 01	SHEPARD, Mary	4-399
CUMBIA, Alex	1911 Jun 10	WASHINGTON, Lila	9-365
CUMBIE, Ctiss	1917 Mar 11	MEEKS, Lillie	11-198
CUMBIE, J D	1932 Mar 16	DANIELS, Romellie	16-246
CUMBIE, John Hubert	1961 Jun 01	RILEY, Mary Ann	23-435
CUMBUS, John F	1942 Dec 03	HULLETT, Mary Belle	20-275

<http://ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/fl/jackson/vitals/marriages/1900b05.txt> (1900-1973):

BRANNING, Alto	1940 Jan 06	CUMBAA, Ruth	19-187
NELSON, Felix G	1911 Oct 31	CUMBIA, Jenia	9-450
SMITH, Samuel H Jr	1946 Feb 10	CUMBIE, Betty	21-508
COMERFORD, John	1917 Aug 12	CUMBIE, Lugene	11-287
CORNER, Lacy A	1943 Feb 01	CUMBY, Virginia	20-332

There is a deed from J N Staley et al. to a Mary Gray, 1873, Bk E pg 560. Any connection? Are the Jackson County Grays related to Joseph? There were several deeds to a George Gray in the 1850s.

Jackson County deeds: none found except one to Azariah and Ellender Cumbaa 1852, Bk A, pg 642. Also, deed from Azariah J & Ellender Cumbaa to Saml G Shomaker, 1853, Bk B pg 276.

1880 Jackson County, Florida (LDS online familysearch.org):

No Galloway, Cumbaa -oa, Camboa, Cumbie found.

Try Holmes County: **Heart and History of Holmes County** by Anna Paget Wells, no date but probably about 1977: Transcription of 1850 Holmes County, Florida census, pg 147 (original census page numbers not given), lists Ruel and Lucy Cumbaa. Maybe brother to Azariah?

More About JAMES MADISON CUMBAA:

Burial: Cottondale Methodist Church Cemetery, Cottondale, Jackson County, Florida⁴

Children of SARAH GRAY and JAMES CUMBAA are:

- i. LORENA³ CUMBAA, b. 20 Mar 1870^{5,6}.
2. ii. LEONDAUS CUMBAA, b. 16 May 1872.
- iii. DORA CUMBAA, b. 10 Jan 1874^{6,7}.
- iv. JAMES MADISON CUMBAA, JR, b. 20 Dec 1875^{8,9}; d. 13 Oct 1949¹⁰.

Notes for JAMES MADISON CUMBAA, JR:

Are these Jackson County Grays and Cumbies connected to Sally Gray Cumbaa? James M is her son.

Jackson County Florida Tombstone Inscriptions, 1777 - 1960, 2 vols, Published by Genealogy Dept of Church of JC of LDS, Sink Creek Branch (copy in Florida State Archives): from vol. 1:

Cottdale Methodist Church

pg 157:

Cumbaa, James M 20 Dec 1875 - 13 Oct 1949 Fl Pvt 8 Cavalry

pg 261:

Gray, Axie E 10 Feb 1883 - 27 Sep 1919 Husband: Harvey J Gray

Gray, Harvey J 9 Jan 1885 - 30 July 1928 Wife: Axie E Gray

Gray, James M 18 Nov 1858 - 8 Nov 1914 55 yrs, 11 mo, 21 days

(See <http://worldconnect.rootsweb.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?op=GET&db=lafnsu&id=I132> .)

Cemetery (map #N8)

pg 157:

Cumbie, Alton L 17 Sep 1926 - 2 Sep 1935 Father: Edgar Lee Cumbie Mo: Estelle Money

Cumbie, T J 15 Oct 1919 - 17 May 1926 Father: Edgar Lee Cumbie Mo: Estelle Money

(Alton was also the name of a son of Leon Cumbaa. Leon had a brother named Thaddeus Jefferson.)

Cemetery (map #K6)

pg 157:

Cumbaa, Lizzie 5 Sep 1872 - 19 Aug 1907 Husband: L J Cumbaa (Leondaus "Judge")

New Hope Cemetery

pg 261

Gray, Mary E 10 July 1802 (sic) - 10 Dec 1938 age 36 yrs 5 mo.

Gray, Robert A 20 May 1866 - 29 Mar 1947 age 80 yrs 10 mo 9 days

(from **Cemeteries of Jackson County, Florida** by Doris E Pamphilon, pg 205: That cemetery is at New Hope Church, 4 miles east of Two Egg. His name given as Robert Aurealus Gray.)

Episcopal Church Cemetery (map #4-H6) (does not give town)

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Gray, Fanny (no dates)

- v. THADDEUS JEFFERSON CUMBAA, b. 16 Feb 1878^{10,11}.
- vi. EULALIA CUMBAA, b. 02 Oct 1879^{12,13}.

Notes for EULALIA CUMBAA:

She is listed as Beulah in Heritage of Geneva County, pg 164, but is Eulalia on 1880 census.

Generation No. 2

2. LEONDAUS³ CUMBAA (SARAH (SALLY) F² GRAY, JOSEPH¹) was born 16 May 1872^{14,15}. He married (1) ELIZABETH COMERFORD 06 May 1897 in Jackson County, Florida^{16,17}. She died 19 Aug 1907¹⁸. He married (2) NORA DUTTON WEBB¹⁸ 28 Oct 1911 in Jackson County, Florida^{18,19}. He married (3) LUCY BARBER²⁰ 26 Sep 1925 in Jackson County, Florida^{20,21}.

Notes for LEONDAUS CUMBAA:

Reportedly known as "Judge" because he was a Justice of the Peace in Cottondale.

CUMBA, J M	app only	MCFARLAN, Bridget	1	327
CUMBA, James M	1/4/1891	STALEY, Nancy	1	378
CUMBAA, Leon J	5/6/1897	COMERFORD, Elizabeth	3	193
CUMBIE, Milton C	6/7/1866	LAWRENCE, Ann C	B	186

Cemeteries of Jackson County, Florida by Doris E Pamphilon (copy located in Fla. State Archives):

pg 235: Piney Grove Church Cemetery (West of Cottondale on HWY 90 for 1 1/2 miles, turn left on 195 for 2 miles, turn right and go straight to cemetery.)

Leon (Judge) Cumbaa 5/6/1872 - 9/13/1962

(day of birth not equal 5/16/1872 given in book Heritage of Geneva County, pg 164)

Lucy Cumbaa 3/28/1891 - 10/15/1973 (possibly Leon's third wife)

pg 238:

Lucille (Johnson) Cumbaa 7/14/1908 - 8/14/1930 (wife of Leon's son Drew)

Children of LEONDAUS CUMBAA and ELIZABETH COMERFORD are:

- i. LEONDAUS⁴ CUMBAA,JR, b. 11 Nov 1897²²; d. 31 Jan 1981²².

Notes for LEONDAUS CUMBAA,JR:

SSDI (familysearch.org):

Leonous CUMBAA

Birth Date: 11 Nov 1897

Death Date: Jan 1981

Social Security Number: 264-01-4814

State or Territory Where Number Was Issued: Florida

Death Residence Localities

ZIP Code: 32440

Localities: Graceville, Jackson, Florida

Death Benefit Localities

Zip Code: 32446

Localities: Marianna, Jackson, Florida

- ii. ANNIE ELIZA CUMBAA, b. 14 Dec 1899²²; m. ROY SYLVESTER HOLLEY²².

Notes for ANNIE ELIZA CUMBAA:

Reportedly had nine children, and she and husband are buried in Georgia.

SSDI (familysearch.org):

Annie HOLLEY

Birth Date: 14 Dec 1899

Death Date: 14 Mar 1994

Social Security Number: 255-24-4274

State or Territory Where Number Was Issued: Georgia

Death Residence Localities

ZIP Code: 30188

Localities: Highway 5, Cherokee, Georgia

Woodstock, Cherokee, Georgia

Notes for ROY SYLVESTER HOLLEY: Is this Roy?

SSDI (familysearch.org):

Roy HOLLEY

Birth Date: 6 Mar 1900

Death Date: Feb 1964

Social Security Number: 417-05-1181

State or Territory Where Number Was Issued: Alabama

Death Residence Localities

ZIP Code: 30230

Localities: Hogansville, Troup, Georgia

- iii. MARY ESTHER CUMBAA, b. 14 Oct 1902²²; d. 25 Jan 1979²²; m. JAMES JOSEPH MELVIN²².

Notes for MARY ESTHER CUMBAA:

Reportedly had four children.

SSDI (familysearch.org):

Mary MELVIN

Birth Date: 14 Oct 1902

Death Date: Jan 1979

Social Security Number: 265-41-6743

State or Territory Where Number Was Issued: Florida

Death Residence Localities

ZIP Code: 32420

Localities: Alford, Jackson, Florida

- iv. DREW CUMBAA, b. 06 Feb 1905²²; d. 21 Aug 1950²²; m. (1) LUCILLE JOHNSON²²; d. 1930²²; m. (2) DORA BELL ROBERSON²², 1932²².

Notes for DREW CUMBAA:

Reportedly had five children with second wife, Dora.

- v. ALTON CUMBAA, b. 06 Mar 1907²².

Children of LEONDAUS CUMBAA and NORA WEBB are:

- vi. ALMA⁴ CUMBAA, b. 12 Jun 1912²²; m. THEODORE ALEXANDER JOHNSON²².

Notes for ALMA CUMBAA:

Reportedly had five children.

- vii. RUTH CUMBAA, b. 24 Mar 1914²²; m. HENRY ALTO BRANNING²², 06 Jan 1940, Jackson County, Florida²³.

Notes for RUTH CUMBAA:

Reportedly had five children.

Children of LEONDAUS CUMBAA and LUCY BARBER are:

- viii. MARY BLANCH⁴ CUMBAA, b. 18 Feb 1928²⁴; m. BEALTON MEADOWS²⁴.

Notes for MARY BLANCH CUMBAA:

SSDI (familysearch.org):

Mary MEADOWS

Birth Date: 18 Feb 1928

Death Date: Dec 1977

Social Security Number: 262-36-9281

State or Territory Where Number Was Issued: Florida

Death Residence Localities
ZIP Code: 32401
Localities: Panama City, Bay, Florida

Death Benefit Localities
Zip Code: 32401
Localities: Panama City, Bay, Florida

- ix. JEFF CUMBAA, b. 07 Mar 1930²⁴; m. TOMMIE TOMPKINS²⁴.

Notes for JEFF CUMBAA:
Reportedly had one child.

Endnotes

1. US Census 1870 Geneva County, Alabama, TWP 1, pg 571B, #25, middle initial F.
2. US Census 1860 Worth County, Georgia.
3. US Census 1880 Geneva County, Alabama, ED 78, Sht 22 line 34.
4. *Heritage of Geneva County, Alabama*, (Heritage Publishing Consultants, Inc., 2002), pg 164, article by Joyce A Rodgers, PO Box 357, Alford, FL 32420.
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18. *Heritage of Geneva County, Alabama*, (Heritage Publishing Consultants, Inc., 2002), pg 164, article by Joyce A Rodgers, PO Box 357, Alford, FL 32420.
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22. *Heritage of Geneva County, Alabama*, (Heritage Publishing Consultants, Inc., 2002), pg 164, article by Joyce A Rodgers, PO Box 357, Alford, FL 32420.
23. Jackson County, Florida marriage index,
<http://ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/fl/jackson/vitals/marriages/1900b05.txt>.
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