

## *Descendants of Sarah (Sally) Murphy*

### *Generation No. 1*

1. SARAH (SALLY)<sup>3</sup> MURPHY (*WILSON*<sup>2</sup>, *JOHN*<sup>1</sup>) was born Jan 1834 in Butler County, Alabama<sup>1,2</sup>, and died Aft. 1910<sup>3</sup>. She married (1) AUGUSTUS CHARLES WATTS<sup>4,5</sup> 02 Mar 1855 in Butler County, Alabama<sup>6</sup>, son of JOHN WATTS and CATHERINE HILL. He was born 1836 in Butler County, Alabama, and died Dec 1858. She married (2) WILLIAM J WATTS<sup>7</sup> 11 Jan 1868 in Butler County, Alabama<sup>8</sup>. He was born Abt. 1828<sup>9,10</sup>, and died 24 Oct 1899<sup>11</sup>.

Notes for SARAH (SALLY) MURPHY:

<http://www.frontiernet.net/~cmcco/cemetery/AWIN.htm> (copied 11 Nov 2002):

? WATTS                   no dates  
Sallie WATTS            Jan. 6, 1834 - Dec. 16, 1911  
William J. WATTS      Co. F. 18th AL Inf CSA

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1860 US Census, Butler County, Butler Springs, Precinct 11, 31 July, pg 206, #1475:

Watts, S (fem.) 26, seamstress, pers prop \$3700 Al  
J W Watts (m) 4, T M Watts (m) 2/12

Her house sequence number appears on the line with her son J W Watts, making it appear that she is in Wilson Murphy's household, the entry prior to hers, at house sequence #1474: Murphy, W Sr.

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1870 US Census, Monroe County, Alabama, 15 August, Precinct 11, Dennard's Bluff, pg 568, #2381:

Watts, W J 42 farmer \$920 \$510 Al  
Sarah        35 Al  
John 14, Theodore 12, William (female!) 2

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1880 US Census, Monroe County, Alabama, 10 June, Beat 11, Old Texas, pg 427 #43:

Watts, William J 51 farmer Al Ga Ga  
Sallie            46            Al Ga SC  
William W (dau!) 11, Annie P 9  
Watts, Theodore H 22 (stepson) farmer

At #36 is her son John W Watts and his family; at #21, 32, 33 are more Watts families; at #69 is Jackson G Booker, and at #75 is William E Coleman, both of whom on 31 May 1899 attested to her husband's Confederate service on his pension application.

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1900 & 1910 US Census, Monroe County, Alabama: she lived with son John W. - see his notes.

1920 US Census: not found on Soundex or Ancestry.com index. Not in Monroe Co. (Note: Joe Sanders data has her living with son John W in Monroe County 1920. I have not found them there, although they were there in 1910 (her age 76). His note is probably a typo for 1900, as the only census data he references is from that year, but he calls it 1920.)

1930 US Census: not found on Ancestry.com index. No Wm, John or Sallie Watts found in Monroe Co.

**Wilson Murphy's estate papers**, 1878, refer to her as Sally Watts, wife of William Watts.  
**Butler County Marriage Records Index** page 436: Wm J Watts m. Sarah Watts 11 Jan 1868

Vincent and Prudence Watts had a son William, age 21 on the 1850 census on pg 224b, #689. Joe Sanders' family data at worldconnect.rootsweb has Sarah married to this William. The other Prudence Hill Watts and her children, Augustus(14) and Amanda (16) lived at #690.

Middle names of Sarah's children with William came from Joe Sanders data. He has her death date "aft 1920", so I assume he found her on that census, although I have yet to locate her in 1920. (See note above about 1900 census.) He also has J H Watts name as John Hughes (not Henry) Watts. (His data on Gencircles: <http://www.gencircles.com/users/joecanders/1/data/4969>, says Sally was living with son John on 1920 Monroe County census, but I have not found him in 1920.)

Posting from <http://genforum.genealogy.com/al/monroe/messages/62.html> by Joe Sanders, Jr. copied 3/4/2001:

<...I have Augustus Charles Watts (b. 3/16/1836 d. 12/7/1858, son of J H Watts and Catherine Prudence Hill) married 3/2/1855 to Sarah Murphy ...1834 in AL). She is the daughter of Wilson Murphy and Anne Unknown... > (wrm note: 1860 Wilcox Co, pg 1083, #475: Permelia Seale Watts Steen had daughter named Henry Catherine Watts, grandchild of Catherine Prudence)

More About SARAH (SALLY) MURPHY:

Burial: Awin Community Church Cemetery, Wilcox County, Alabama<sup>12</sup>

Notes for AUGUSTUS CHARLES WATTS:

Wilson Murphy was executor of estate of Augustus C. Watts -- many probate records exist on his reports.

Notes for WILLIAM J WATTS:

Confederate Pension Application by William J Watts, Pvt Co F, 18th Al, of Monroe County, 10 June 1899: enlisted 1st? July 1861 at Butler Springs; cannot make a living on account of old age and disease; age 71, P.O. Awin, Al. Property: 76 acres in Monroe Co., (Sect 24 TWP 10 R11) value \$100 and 1 house, value \$25; no personal property listed. Service attested to by W E Coleman and J G Booker on 31 May 1899. He signed his x mark.

His age was 71 on 10 June 1899, but on 10 June 1880 census, he was 51.

His widow Sallie filed application 20 Apr 1903; he died 24 Oct 1899. J G Booker and W E Coleman attested to her state as widow. She owned no property real or personal.

More About WILLIAM J WATTS:

Burial: Awin Community Church Cemetery, Wilcox County, Alabama<sup>12</sup>

Children of SARAH MURPHY and AUGUSTUS WATTS are:

2. i. JOHN WILSON<sup>4</sup> WATTS, b. 12 Mar 1856, Butler County, Alabama; d. 15 Jan 1927.
3. ii. THEODORE H. WATTS, b. Feb 1858, Butler County, Alabama; d. May 1931.

Children of SARAH MURPHY and WILLIAM WATTS are:

- iii. WILLIAM WILTIE<sup>4</sup> WATTS, b. Abt. 1869<sup>13,14,15</sup>.

Notes for WILLIAM WILTIE WATTS:

Middle name is from Joe Sanders webpage data - don't know original source. 1880 census has middle initial W only and clearly states this person is daughter. 1870 indicates this is a female. 'Wiltie' could be short for 'Wilson'.

4. iv. ANNIE PRUDENCE WATTS, b. May 1872; d. 1911.

**Generation No. 2**

2. JOHN WILSON<sup>4</sup> WATTS (SARAH (SALLY)<sup>3</sup> MURPHY, WILSON<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>)<sup>16,17</sup> was born 12 Mar 1856 in Butler County, Alabama<sup>18,19</sup>, and died 15 Jan 1927<sup>19</sup>. He married (1) M FLORENCE UNKNOWN<sup>20</sup>. She was born 09 Aug 1856<sup>21,22</sup>, and died 02 Jun 1894. He married (2) ELLA F BOOKER<sup>23,24</sup> 08 Jul 1895 in Monroe County, Alabama<sup>25,26,27</sup>, daughter of JOHN BOOKER and JEFFALONA UNKNOWN. She was born 14 Apr 1873<sup>28,29</sup>, and died 19 Dec 1957<sup>29</sup>.

Notes for JOHN WILSON WATTS:

<http://www.frontiernet.net/~cmccoy/cemetery/AWIN.htm> (copied 11 Nov 2002):

Awin Community Church, Wilcox County, Al:

Ella B. WATTS	April 14, 1873 -	Dec. 19, 1957	
John W. WATTS	March 12, 1856 -	Jan. 15, 1927	
M.F. WATTS	Aug. 9, 1856 -	June 2, 1894	
J.G. BOOKER			Co. F 18th AL Inf CSA
???, wife of S. BOOKER	Nov. 6, 1853 -	Sept. 5, 1881	
Jeffie BOOKER	Oct. 9, 1865 -	Oct. 3, 1961	

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Possibility for first wife:

<http://www.womacknet.net/marriages/almarriages.htm>:

WATTS, J. W. Age: 22 years

Wife: Florence WOMACK Age: 21 years

Marriage Date: 7 Dec 1877

Recorded in: Butler, Alabama

Source: FHL Number 1290251 Dates: 1871-1878

WATSON, J. W.

Wife: M. C. WOMAC \*\*\*Could this be the widowed mother-in-law in 1880 census entry below?

Marriage Date: 24 Jan 1878

Recorded in: Monroe, Alabama

Source: FHL Number 1289610 Dates: 1833-1895

1880 US Census, Monroe County, Alabama, 9 June, Precinct 11, Old Texas, Frame 426, #36:

Watts, John W 24 farmer Al Al Al

M Florence 23 Al Ga Al

also:

Watson, Eliza 65 widow, mother-in-law Ga NC Sc cannot R/W

Next entry, at #37:

Watson, Geo W 27 farmer Fl Al Ga cannot R/W

Rosetta 22 Al - - Al cannot R/W

Nancy E 2, Wm 1

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1900 US Census, Monroe County, Alabama, 12 June, Precinct 11, Old Texas, Frame 212, #151:

Watts, John 44 (Mar 1856) married 5 years, owns farm free of mtg, #102 on farm sched Al Al Al

Slor/Flor? 27 (Apr 1873) 3 children born/3 living Al Al Al

Burnett 3 (Aug 1896), Booker 1 (Oct 1898), Bryant 3/12 (Feb 1900)

also:

Watts, Sallie 66 (Jan 1834), widow, mother Al Al Al

(in column 'mother of how many children', there is a '1' and no entry in column 'how many living'.)

\*\*\*Wife's name on census is clearly 'Slor' but I suspect it is error on part of census taker, and the S should

be an F. (Maybe he forgot to put the "F" crossmark on the letter that looked like "S".) She is probably Ella F Booker, daughter of Jackson G Booker who attested to William's Confederate service on his pension application 1899. They lived nearby on 1880 and 1900 census.

<http://ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/al/monroe/vitals/marriages/monroemar.txt>:

J.E. WATTS TO ELLA F. BOOKER JULY 8,1895 JOEL HARDEE J.P. (Is his middle initial a typo? I have not seen original - wrm)

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1910 US Census, Monroe County, Alabama, 28 April, Precinct 11, (Old Texas scratched out and Simpkinsville written in over it), Frame 127, #141:

Watts, John Wilson 54, second marriage, married 14 yrs, farmer owns farm no mtg Al Al Al  
Ella F 37, (does not indicate 1st or 2nd mar.), 4 ch born/4 living Al Al Al  
Burn- -? 13, Booker 11, Bryan 10 all born Al; all can R/W; none in sch; all work on home farm.

also:

Watts, Sallie (mother) 76 Al Ga Ga

At #139: brother Theodore H Watts.

At #135: sister Annie P 39 and Benj F McCrory 43.

At #118: John G Booker 81 and daughters Susan 58 and Jeffie 44.

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1930 US Census, Monroe County, Alabama, 7 April, Precinct 11, Simpkinsville, pg 216B-217A, #46:

Wright, Jno R 32 mar@24, owns farm Al Al Al  
Dottie 28 mar@20 Al Al Al  
Ozala? (dau) 7, Delsoe? Kelsoe? (son) 6, Leon 4, Arnold (son) age illegible

also:

Watts, Mrs. Ella 56 widow, mar@22 (crossed out) Al Al Al

(What relationship are these people?)

More About JOHN WILSON WATTS:

Burial: Awin Community Church Cemetery, Wilcox County, Alabama

More About M FLORENCE UNKNOWN:

Burial: Awin Community Church Cemetery, Wilcox County, Alabama

Notes for ELLA F BOOKER:

<http://www.frontiernet.net/~cmccoy/cemetery/AWIN.htm> (copied 11 Nov 2002):

Awin Community Church, Wilcox County, Al:

Ella B. WATTS April 14, 1873 - Dec. 19, 1957

J.G. BOOKER Co. F 18th AL Inf CSA

Jeffie BOOKER Oct. 9, 1865 - Oct. 3, 1961

1880 Monroe County, Alabama, no date, Beat 11, Old Texas, pg 428:

#69 Booker, Jackson G 49 farmer Al SC Al

Jeffylona 43 + 7 children

Sarah E 25, William M 22, Eliza A 20, Jeffylona 16 (she is Jessie 44 in 1910, Jeffie 54 in 1920),

Basheba 14, Emma M 10, Ella F 7 (is this Slor-Flor? see 1900 #151 John Watts)

Zinger, William 85 friend SC

More About ELLA F BOOKER:

Burial: Awin Community Church Cemetery, Wilcox County, Alabama

Children of JOHN WATTS and ELLA BOOKER are:

- i. BURNETT<sup>5</sup> WATTS<sup>30</sup>, b. Aug 1896.
- ii. BOOKER WATTS<sup>30</sup>, b. 22 Oct 1898<sup>31</sup>; d. 26 Mar 1917<sup>31</sup>.

Notes for BOOKER WATTS:

<http://www.frontiernet.net/~cmccoy/cemetery/AWIN.htm> (copied 11 Nov 2002):

Awin Community Church, Wilcox County, Al:

Booker WATTS Oct. 22, 1898 - March 26, 1917

More About BOOKER WATTS:

Burial: Awin Community Church Cemetery, Wilcox County, Alabama

- iii. BRYANT WATTS<sup>32</sup>, b. Feb 1900.

3. THEODORE H.<sup>4</sup> WATTS (*SARAH (SALLY)<sup>3</sup> MURPHY, WILSON<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>*)<sup>33</sup> was born Feb 1858 in Butler County, Alabama<sup>34,35</sup>, and died May 1931<sup>35</sup>. He married ALICE UNKNOWN Abt. 1887. She was born 1860 in Alabama<sup>36</sup>, and died Aft. 1920<sup>37</sup>.

Notes for THEODORE H. WATTS:

<http://www.frontiernet.net/~cmccoy/cemetery/AWIN.htm> (copied 11 Nov 2002):

Awin Community Church, Wilcox County, Al:

Sidney WATTS no dates

T.H. WATTS Feb. 1858 - May 1931

Joe Sanders data on Gencircles (<http://www.gencircles.com/users/joecsanders/1/data/9967>) has his wife's name as Alice Eddins, married 15 FEB 1887. He also has son's full name as Augustus Charles Watts and Theodore's middle name as Hamlin.

1880 US Census: lived with his mother and stepfather

1900 US Census, Monroe County, Alabama, 12 June, Precinct 11, Old Texas, pg 212, #153:

Watts, T H 42 (Feb 1858) m 13 yrs, farmer, owns farm no mtg Al Al Al

Alice 40 (- - - 1860) 4 children born/4 living

Maude 12 (- - - 1888), A C (son) 9 (- - - 1891), Clide (dau!) 5 (July 1894),

Sidney (son) 2 (Aug 1897)

At #151 are brother John and mother.

1910 US Census, Monroe County, Alabama, 28 April, Precinct 11, (Old Texas scratched out and Simpkinsville written in over it), Frame 127, #139:

Watts, Theodore H 54 m 23 yrs, owns mtgd farm Al Al Al

Alice 57 4 children born/4 living Al Al Al

Augustus C (son) 18 farmer (has separate farm # on farm schedule),

Clyde (dau) 15, Sidney W A (son) 10 both work on home farm

At #141 are brother John and mother.

At #135 are sister Annie P and Benjamin F McCrory

1920 US Census, Monroe County, Alabama, 21 Jan, Precinct 11, Simpkinsville, Frame 185, #117:

Watts, Theodore H 61 farmer Al

Alice 60 Al

Augustus C 27, Clyde (dau!) 24, Sidney 22

At #100: family friend Jack Booker 90? and single dau Jeffie 54?

More About THEODORE H. WATTS:

Burial: Awin Community Church Cemetery, Wilcox County, Alabama

Children of THEODORE WATTS and ALICE UNKNOWN are:

- i. MAUDE<sup>5</sup> WATTS<sup>38</sup>, b. 1888.
- ii. AUGUSTUS C WATTS<sup>39</sup>, b. 1891; d. Aft. 1920<sup>40</sup>.
- iii. CLYDE WATTS<sup>41</sup>, b. Jul 1894; d. Aft. 1920<sup>42</sup>.
- iv. SIDNEY W A WATTS<sup>43</sup>, b. Aug 1897; d. Aft. 1920<sup>44</sup>.

Notes for SIDNEY W A WATTS:

<http://www.frontiernet.net/~cmccoy/cemetery/AWIN.htm> (copied 11 Nov 2002):

Awin Community Church, Wilcox County, Al:

Sidney WATTS no dates (adj. T H Watts)

More About SIDNEY W A WATTS:

Burial: Awin Community Church Cemetery, Wilcox County, Alabama

4. ANNIE PRUDENCE<sup>4</sup> WATTS (*SARAH (SALLY)<sup>3</sup> MURPHY, WILSON<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>*) was born May 1872<sup>45,46</sup>, and died 1911. She married BENJAMIN FRANKLIN MCCRORY, son of WILLIAM MCCRORY and SUSAN JACKSON. He was born Abt. 1866, and died 1911.

Notes for ANNIE PRUDENCE WATTS:

Her full name, her husband's name and children's middle names from Joe Sanders' family data at worldconnect.rootsweb.com. I have not seen marriage record, but did locate them on 1910 census not far from her mother and brothers John Wilson and Theodore.

1910 US Census, Monroe County, Alabama, 28 April, Precinct 11, (Old Texas scratched out and Simpkinsville written in over it), Frame 126, #135:

McCrorry, Benjamin F 43, married 21 years

Annie P 39, 7 ch born/7 living

Benjamin W 20, Claude (son) 18, Wattie (dau) 15, Henry S J 14, Sallie 11, Perry 9, Alex H 6

Notes for BENJAMIN FRANKLIN MCCRORY:

Parents' names from Joe Sanders' family data at worldconnect.rootsweb.com.

Children of ANNIE WATTS and BENJAMIN MCCRORY are:

- i. BEN<sup>5</sup> MCCRORY, b. Jan 1889, Alabama.
- ii. CLAUDE C MCCRORY, b. May 1891, Alabama.
- iii. WATTIE MCCRORY, b. Apr 1893, Alabama; m. GROVER BRITTINGHAM; b. Abt. 1888.

Notes for WATTIE MCCRORY:

Husband's name is according to Joe Sanders data.

From <http://ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/al/monroe/cemetery/newhome1.txt>

New Home Primitive Baptist Church, Excel, Monroe, Alabama:

Grover C. Brittingham	1888	1958
Mattie McCrory Brittingham	1894	1966 (Typo in name?)
Ruth Elebash Brittingham	1920	1969

- iv. HENRY C MCCRORY, b. Aug 1895, Alabama.
- v. SALLIE MCCRORY, b. May 1898, Alabama.
- vi. WILLIAM PERRY MCCRORY, b. Abt. 1901.
- vii. ALEX HOOD MCCRORY, b. Abt. 1904.

## *Endnotes*

1. US Census 1900 Monroe County, Alabama.
2. Tombstone, <http://www.frontiernet.net/~cmccoy/cemetery/AWIN.htm>.
3. US Census 1910 Monroe County, Alabama.
4. Butler County, Alabama probate records, Book B-1, Pg. 582-3, many records refer to Wilson Murphy, administrator of estate of Augustus C. Watts.
5. Online family group sheets, <http://ccwf.cc.utexas.edu/~banks/gene/D0060/I6162.html> (copied 24 Nov 2002), original source cited: Some Descendants of Thomas Watts, Jr. and Hannah Rust Boggess, by Fred A Rutledge, no publication info.; gives full name Augustus Charles Watts.
6. *Butler County, Alabama marriage records.*
7. Wilson Murphy Estate papers.
8. *Butler County, Alabama marriage records.*
9. US Census 1880 Monroe County, Alabama.
10. US Census 1870 Monroe County, Alabama.
11. *Confederate Pension Application.*
12. Tombstone, <http://www.frontiernet.net/~cmccoy/cemetery/AWIN.htm> .
13. US Census 1880 Monroe County, Alabama, Old Texas, Frame 427 #43, age 11.
14. US Census 1870 Monroe County, Alabama.
15. Sanders, Joe, *Sanders family history data*, (<http://worldconnect.rootsweb.com> ), "Electronic," middle name Wiltie.
16. US Census 1910 Monroe County, Alabama, Middle name given as Wilson.
17. US Census 1860 Butler County, Alabama.
18. US Census 1900 Monroe County, Alabama, Old Texas, Frame 212, #151.
19. Tombstone, <http://www.frontiernet.net/~cmccoy/cemetery/AWIN.htm> .
20. US Census 1880 Monroe County, Alabama, Old Texas, pg 426, #36, last name possibly Watson, as widowed mother Eliza Watson lived her and John W., or possibly Womack (see 7 Dec 1877 marriage of Florence Womack, age 21, and J W Watts, age 22).
21. Tombstone, <http://www.frontiernet.net/~cmccoy/cemetery/AWIN.htm> .
22. US Census 1880 Monroe County, Alabama, Old Texas, Frame 426, #36.
23. US Census 1880 Monroe County, Alabama, Old Texas, page 428, #69.
24. US Census 1910 Monroe County, Alabama, frame 127, #141.
25. US Census 1900 Monroe County, Alabama, Old Texas, Frame 212, #151.
26. US Census 1910 Monroe County, Alabama, frame 127, #141.
27. Monroe County marriage records, online listing, <http://ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/al/monroe/vitals/marriages/monroemar.txt> .
28. US Census 1900 Monroe County, Alabama, Old Texas, Frame 212, #151.
29. Tombstone, <http://www.frontiernet.net/~cmccoy/cemetery/AWIN.htm>.
30. US Census 1900 Monroe County, Alabama.
31. Tombstone.
32. US Census 1900 Monroe County, Alabama.
33. US Census 1860 Butler County, Alabama.
34. US Census 1900 Monroe County, Alabama.
35. Tombstone, <http://www.frontiernet.net/~cmccoy/cemetery/AWIN.htm>.
36. US Census 1900 Monroe County, Alabama, Old Texas, pg 212, #153.
37. US Census 1920 Monroe County, Alabama, Simpkinsville, pg 185, #117, age 60.
38. US Census 1900 Monroe County, Alabama, Old Texas, pg 212, #153.
39. US Census 1910 Monroe County, Alabama, Old Texas, pg 212, #153.
40. US Census 1920 Monroe County, Alabama, Simpkinsville, pg 185, #117, age 27.
41. US Census 1900 Monroe County, Alabama, Old Texas, pg 212, #153.
42. US Census 1920 Monroe County, Alabama, Simpkinsville, pg 185, #117, age 24.
43. US Census 1900 Monroe County, Alabama, Old Texas, pg 212, #153.
44. US Census 1920 Monroe County, Alabama, Simpkinsville, pg 185, #117, age 22.
45. Sanders, Joe, *Sanders family history data*, (<http://worldconnect.rootsweb.com> ), "Electronic," middle name Prudence.
46. US Census 1880 Monroe County, Alabama, Old Texas, Frame 427 #43, age 9.