

Descendants of Martha Ann Owens

Generation No. 1

1. MARTHA ANN² OWENS (*HOLLEY*¹) was born 05 Oct 1858 in Alabama^{1,2}, and died 24 Oct 1930³. She married (1) JOHN GAINOUS⁴ Bef. 1880⁵. He was born Abt. 1857⁶, and died Bef. Jun 1900⁷. She married (2) W H FARMER Bet. Jun 1900 - May 1906. She married (3) MATTHEW RUSSELL⁸ 09 May 1909 in Geneva County, Alabama⁹. She married (4) REV. J N SORRELLS 09 Oct 1911 in Holmes County, Florida^{10,11,12}.

Notes for MARTHA ANN OWENS:

Marriages:

John Gainous and Martha Ann Owens	before 1880 census - no record, but on census
W H Farmer and Martha Ann Gainous	between Jun 1900 - May 1909 - no record, but descendant report
Matthew Russell and Martha Ann Farmer	9 May 1909, Geneva County, Alabama Bk 7 pg 213
Rev J N Sorrels and Mrs M A Russell	9 Oct 1911, Holmes County, Florida, Bk 2, pg 201
Paul Marlow and Leila Farmer	13 May 1906, Geneva County, Alabama Bk 6, pg 187

Dates (except for birth year) and middle name Ann from tombstone in Hurricane Creek Cem, Holmes Co., Fl. in Stafford plot. Sisters Elizabeth A. Stafford and Samantha E. Pope, mother Martha Jane and daughter Leila Benton also buried in Stafford plot.

Sorrells, Martha Ann 5 Oct 1864 24 Oct 1930

Tombstone gives birth year 1864, but Martha was listed as 2 years old on 1860 census Coffee Co, Alabama. Did not see stone for Sorrells husband at Hurricane Creek Cemetery.

No John, Joseph or Leila Gainous/Gaynous/Ganus found on worldconnect.rootsweb.com.

1880 US census, Geneva County, Alabama, 17 June, pg #642B:

#203 Owens, Martha J	50 farmer Al	Her mother
Elizabeth	25	
#204 Gaynous, John	23 farmer Al	
Martha A	21 Al	Sure looks like Martha Ann Owens
Joseph H	2 Al	
#205 Owen, Daniel	27 farm hand	Her brother
Nettie	25	
John R 6, William H 3, Angus 14/12		
#206 Powell, Daniel	49 farmer	Her uncle
Nancy C	39	
(+ many children)		

Note: No one on this page is marked as being unable to R/W except one black servant. A few, including Daniel Owen and Daniel & Nancy Powell, are marked as not being able to write.

1885 Florida census, Holmes County: No Gainous (of any spelling) found

1900 US Census, Holmes County, Florida, 16 June 1900, Pct 9, Hurricane Creek, pg 84A, #271:

Gainos, Martha A	45 (Mar 1855) widow, 3 ch/3 living, farmer, owns farm free, cannot R/W	Al Al Al
John (son)	18 (Sep 1881) sgl, farm laborer, can R/not W	Al Al Al
Leila J (dau)	10 (May 1890) not in school, cannot R/W	Al Al Al

also:

Owens, Martha J 73 (Jan 1827) widow, mother, 1 child/1 living (sic), cannot R/W Al Al Al (sic)

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1910: not found as Martha Gainous in Holmes County, Florida, or in Geneva County.

1910 US Census, Holmes County, Florida, 22-23 Apr, Pct 9, Hurricane Creek, pg 38A, #62:

Russell, Martha Head 52 wd, farmer, owns farm free, 4 ch/3 living Al Al Al can R/W
Russell, Lela J dau 19 wd Fl Al Al cannot R/W
Russell, Dora grdau 9/12 Fl Fl Fl

At #63 & 65: her nephew Archie Pope and his mother, her sister Samantha (Elafair) Pope

At #52: her sister Elizabeth Stafford

At #55 & 57: Lizzie Russell and Amanda J Gilman, probably daughters of her sister Samantha (Elafair) Pope

At #59: her son John Gainous

Holmes County, Florida marriage records, Book 2, pg 201:

Rev J N Sorrels and Mrs M A Russell, 9 Oct 1911, by J A J Hathaway, county judge;

witnesses: J M Register, Isom Hagan and Arch Pope.

(Arch Pope is Martha Ann Owens' nephew and lived next door.)

No Russell and MA Gainous (or any other MA) found in **Holmes County Marriages, Book 1, 1902-1909** or Walton County Marriage Index (Books 2-4) 1899-1912 (<http://www.rootsweb.com/~flwalton/Marriages.htm>).

There is a Geneva Co marriage record of a Matthew Russell and Martha Ann Farmer 05/09/1909 Bk 7, pg 213, but no Matthew Russell with wife Martha found in Alabama or Florida 1910 or 1920.

31 Oct 2005: Mona Carter Spears, descendant of Elizabeth Owens Stafford, reports that many years ago, an elderly descendant of Martha Ann's (Donnie Heath, Mona's neighbor) said that Martha was married to W H Farmer; no other data given. Mona's family report had Martha married to John Sorrells (b. July 1862 in Alabama), but she could not remember the source of that item. I suspect the July 1862 birthdate came from the 1900 census, but I have not found him for that year. The only person near that description is a Judg (sic) Sarrels, b July 1862 (Al Ga Ga), with wife Martha E in Pate's Crossroads. He is still there in 1910, in Dundee, as Joseph C, and in 1920 as Judge C, still with wife Martha E. Perhaps someone thought at one time this might be the same person as the one who married Martha Ann.

Holmes County, Florida marriage records, Book 1, pg 48:

Gainous, H C and Covington, Moxel 1 Feb 1903 by W D Gillman, JP;

wit: Geo Griffin & Archie Pope

*** (Was H C Gainous another son of Martha's? 1900 census said she had only 3 children (John J, Joseph H & Lela known). 1910 census said 4 children born, 3 living. Is he the same as Joseph H from 1880 census?)

1920 US Census, Holmes County, Florida, 16-17 Jan 1920, Pct 9, Hurricane Creek, pg 167B, #176/177:

Benton, Lela 27 widow, (head of household), laborer at anything, can R/W Fl Al Fl
Marlow, Donnie 12 dau Fl Fl Fl
Marlow, Bessie 5 dau Fl Fl Fl
Marlow, Jewel 2 dau Fl Fl Fl

also

(same dwelling #176, separate household #178):

Sorels, Marthie Ann 65 widow, (head of household), can R/W Fl Fl Fl (sic)

No mark in the "rent or own" column for Lela. That column for Martha Ann has some kind of illegible mark.

At #171: William H Stafford (son of Elizabeth Owens and John S Stafford) family.

At #172: John S Stafford and new wife Mandy. (Both Elizabeth and Samantha Owens died in 1918).

At #178: John J Gainous (Martha Ann's son) family.

At #179: John C Stafford (son of Elizabeth Owens and John S Stafford) family.

(Note: on 1900 census, Martha Ann's closest white neighbors on one side were the family of George W Marlow, with a 17 yr-old son William - - same as Paul? - - father of Donnie? In 1910, that same family is in Hacoda, Geneva County, just north of Hurricane Creek, but no William or Paul.)

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1930 US Census, Holmes County, Florida, 7 April, Pct 2, Sandy Creek, pg 115B, #44/48:

Saurls, Martha A	73 wid., farmer, 1st mar@20, can R/W	Al Al Ga
Benton, Lelia J (dau)	40 div, 1st mar@21, cannot R/W	Al US Al
Benton, Bessie M	16 sgl, grdau, farm laborer	Fl Fl Fl
Benton, Jewell A	12 sgl, grdau, farm laborer	Fl Fl Fl

More About MARTHA ANN OWENS:

Burial: Hurricane Creek Cemetery, Holmes County, Florida

Notes for JOHN GAINOUS:

Is this John Sr's family? Are they related to Mary Piety Ganus who married Alfred Leddon (Sr)?

1850 US Census, Coffee County, Alabama, 11 Oct, pg 272, #106:

Gainus, Frederick	28 farmer NC cannot R/W	
Charity	38 Ga cannot R/W	
Elizabeth J? 8, Mary J? 5, Elizabeth 3, Sarah A 9/12 all born Al (should 2nd Eliz be Elijah?)		

1860 US Census, Coffee County, Alabama, 8 June, Pct 1, P.O. Geneva, pg 757-758, #62:

Gaines, Frederick	40 farmer \$ - - \$50 NC	
Gaines, Charity	48 Ga	
Elijah 12, Sarah A 10, Margaret 9, John 4 all born Al ***Where is Annie Elizabeth, b. 1843?		

At #60&61: Bryant and John Spears

At #64: Solomon Newsom

At #66: Decatur & Emeline Powell

At #67&68: Jacob Kelly (Sr & Jr) ***They are in the Marl-Leddon area

At #74&75: John J Cumbie (Sr & Jr) ***They are in the Coffee Springs area

1870 US Census, Geneva County, Alabama, 4 Jul 1870, Township 1, pg 578A, #121:

GAINUS, Fredrick	52 MW F \$40/\$235 NC	***indexed as Greinus by ancestry.com
, Charity	65 FW KH GA	
, Sarah A.	20 FW AL	
, John	13 MW AL	

At #118: James J Gilmore ***Marl-Samson south area, where Owenses and Powells lived

At #119: Mary Barker & Permelia Stafford, reported to be mother of John S Stafford

At #130: Archibald Clemmons

These are the only two Gainous families found on LDS 1880 search (using soundex for "Gainous") - - did not find Martha Owens Gainous (have to search for "Gaynous"). Ancestry.com search finds all.

1880 US Census, Geneva County, Alabama, Page 644C (LDS online), #229:

Fred GAINOUS	Self M Male W 61 NC Farming	NC NC
Charity GAINOUS	Wife M Female W 68 GA Keeping House	SC VA
Sarah A. GAINOUS	Dau S Female W 30 AL	NC GA

At #230: widow Gatsy Weeks family. At #226: Richard R Alford, whose son Richard McDaniel would marry Mary Emma Owens, dau of William W and Sarah Amanda Ann Cope.

1880 US Census, Geneva County, Alabama, East Half, Page 664D (LDS online), #748/750:

Mary GAINOUS	Self W Female W 35 AL Keeps Hous	GA GA
James GAINOUS	Son S Male W 20 AL Farmer	FL AL
Elizabeth GAINOUS	Dau S Female W 17 FL	FL AL
Walton GAINOUS	Son S Male W 14 AL Laborer	FL AL
Eliza GAINOUS	Dau S Female W 8 AL	FL AL
Nora GAINOUS	Dau S Female W 2 AL	FL AL ***

Who are these? Neighboring names not familiar. This family not found 1860-70 Al-Fl.

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<http://ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/al/geneva/cemetery/antioch.txt>:

ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH CEMETERY, GENEVA, ALABAMA (located on US Highway 52 East, in the Oak Grove Community of Geneva County, Alabama, between Hartford and Geneva.)

***GANUS, Nora Lee; 26 Oct 1879-12 Aug 1931; Wife of Charlie Willard Smith

- - same person as above?

<http://www.trackingyourroots.com/gulfrangers.htm>

Gulf Rangers" of 1861--Company "D", 4th Confederate Infantry--1st Regiment Alabama, Tennessee & Mississippi Infantry--Captain Henry Wesley Laird's "Gulf Rangers" . Served at Island #10 in Tennessee and surrendered there in April, 1862. Men taken prisoners, but exchanged In Sept. 1862. Alphabetical list of soldiers, age at time of enlistment, and a little other information if known.

Fredrick Gainous, pvt - age 41

(A J and Daniel J Gray, G W Leddon and James Neal McDuffie, as well as other Geneva and Holmes County people, were also in same company of rangers.)

<http://ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/al/geneva/cemeteries/wesleymeth.txt> :

Wesley Methodist Church Cemetery - Geneva Co., AL

Baby of Jim & Sarah Gainous

Sarah Jane Guanous March 13, 1862 - May 24 1950 (wrm note: Should be Gainous.)

Jim M. Guanous July 20, 1860 - March 18, 1941

1930 US Census, Geneva County, Alabama, Precinct 10, Geneva-Post Oak Rd, pg 207B, #296/306:

Ganus, James M 75 1st mar@23, farmer, rents AI AI AI

Sarah 70 1st mar@18, cannot R/W AI AI AI

1930 US Census, Geneva County, Alabama, St Paul Precinct, pg 128A, #246:

Ganus, Ruby 6 stepdau in household of

Simmons, Hosea R (41) and Florence (24) and dau Autince 2/12 all AI AI AI

See **Heritage of Geneva County, pg 361-363** for info on Annie Elizabeth Gainous, dau of Frederick. (Holmes Co, FL **Confederate Pension Application A04729** YARBOROUGH, Columbus S. Alabama: Annie (Gainous). See below for worldconnect listing.)

<http://worldconnect.rootsweb.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?op=GET&db=:945094&id=I44484082> :

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ID: I44484082

Name: Ann E. GAINOUS

Birth: 28 April, 1843 in Andalusia, Covington, AL.

Death: 4 Dec. 1935 in Holmes County, FL.

Marriage 1 Columbus Smith YARBROUGH b: 1837

Children

James Spencer YARBROUGH b: 1867

William Fredrick YARBROUGH b: 1869

Samual S. YARBROUGH b: 1871

Thomas H. YARBROUGH LLL b: 1873

Rosa YARBROUGH b: 1874

Fannie YARBROUGH b: 1875

Betty YARBROUGH b: 1877

Ann YARBROUGH b: 1880

Chester Allen Arthur YARBROUGH b: 13 Dec. 1884

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Notes for MATTHEW RUSSELL:

Is Matthew Russell the same one who married Josephine Summerlin, dau of Ichabod and Rhody, and sister of I Quitman Summerlin who married Dan Powell's dau Lottie Ann? See 1880 census Holmes County Pct 3, pg 456B, #42. Sinclair Farmer and mother Nancy lived at #48. Hershall and Eugenia Owens lived at #51 (New Hope area). In 1900, Madison and Josephine Russell were enumerated in Precinct 9, Hurricane Creek.

<http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Bluffs/3010/holm-17w.htm> :

S/SW 32 7N 17W RUSSELL MATTHEY 11964 H 1896/01/03

N/NW 5 6N 17W RUSSELL MATTHEY 11964 H 1896/01/03

John S Stafford had land in 17W 6N S6. This is in the Hurricane Creek area. Thecolier Summerlin also received patent to land in that section in 1890.

1860 US Census, Coffee County, Alabama, 24 July, Precinct 6, PO Elba, pg 849, #673:

James Russel 35 laborer, \$--, \$50, cannot R/W AI

Elizabeth 35 cannot R/W AI

Frances E 9 AI

George W 6 AI

Matthew R 3 AI

Martha 3 AI

1870: There is a Matherson Russell, 31, in Geneva County, but no 13-yr-old son. No Russells indexed in Holmes.

1880 US Census, Holmes County, Florida, Pct 3, pg 556B, #42:

RUSSELL Mathew W M 23 Self M Farmer AL AL AL

RUSSELL Josephine W F 26 Wife M Keep Hse AL SC SC

RUSSELL Gillis W M 3M Son S AL AL AL

SUMMERLIN Henry W M 21 Not rpt. S Laborer AL SC AL

At #43: John A and Angeline (Summerlin?) Vaughan

Same person?

1900 US Census, Holmes County, Florida, Pct 9, Hurricane Creek, pg 87B, #324/327:

Russel, Madison head w m Aug 1851 48 m 20 AI AI AI farmer

Russel, Josephine wife w f May 1851 49 m 4/3 AI SC SC

Russel, James G son w m Apr 1890 10 s Fl AI AI at school

Thecolier Summerlin was at #319.

BLM 1896 land patent for Matthey Russell in S32 7N 17W near Quitman and Rody Summerlin, Zach Commander and Asa Royals, Hurricane Creek area; Thecolier Summerlin in same section.

1910: only 3 Russells indexed - all in Hurricane Creek:

W J - married to Frances E Stafford

Martha Ann Owens Gainous Farmer Russell

James, 20, adj John S, Elizabeth and J C Stafford and W D and Amanda Pope Gillman. Probably son of Matthew and Josephine.

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Notes for REV. J N SORRELLS:

There is a John F Sorrells, age 58, wife Mandy, in Slocomb, 1920, pg 12B, #223. Related? Also Dalton A Sorrells, 30, and wife N, 27, at #226.

Same person?

1880 US Census, Crenshaw County, Alabama, Beat #8, from familysearch.org (ancestry.com classifies this as Leon; page is illegible on ancestry.com):

James SORRILLS	Self	M	Male	W	46	GA	Farmer	GA	GA
Rachel SORRILLS	Wife	M	Female	W	35	SC	Keeps House	SC	SC
?? John A. SORRILLS	Son	S	Male	W	17	AL		GA	SC
Mary SORRILLS	Dau	S	Female	W	15	AL		GA	SC
Marion SORRILLS	Dau	S	Female	W	13	AL		GA	SC
Anner SORRILLS	Dau	S	Female	W	10	AL	At Home	GA	SC
Martha SORRILLS	Dau	S	Female	W	7	AL	At Home	GA	SC
William SORRILLS	Son	S	Male	W	5	AL	At Home	GA	SC
Oscar SORRILLS	Son	S	Male	W	4	AL	At Home	GA	SC
Ezeakal SORRILLS	Son	S	Male	W	1	AL	At Home	GA	SC

1910 Conecuh County, Alabama, Oldtown: There is a John N Sorrells in the household of

Worthington, Julious B	36	m1, 9 yrs, farmer	Al SC Al
Viola S	26	m1, 2 ch/1 living	Tx Tx Tx
Mary F (dau)	8/12?		Al Al Tx
Mary J (mother)	69	widow, 4 ch/3 living	Al NC SC
Sorrells, John N	65	m1, half-bro/law, no occ	SC SC NC
Sorrells, Manda Ann	54	m1, 18 yrs, half-sister	Ga SC Ga

No John or Manda Sorrell(s) of right age found in 1920 Alabama or Florida.

Some of his family? Altogether, not many Sorrells families found.

Holmes County Marriage Records:

Book 1, pg 235:

Sorrells, Alice to White, John married 25 Dec 1905 by W R Dixon, JP;
witnesses: J M Corbett and W W Williams

Pg 237:

Sorrells, A E and Braxton, Mattie married 31 Dec 1905 by W R Dixon, JP;
witnesses: J W Pearce and T H Calloway

Note: Holley and Martha's daughter Martha Ann married **Rev. J N Sorrells** 09 Oct 1911 in Holmes County, Florida.

Are these Sorrells related to him? Note: 1870 numbering seems to start over at 1 after each 100 households, with no hundreds indicator.

1870 US Census, Coffee County, Alabama, 27 August, TWP 5 R19 (just west of Elba), P.O. Elba, page 417A (orig pg 122, T5 R19), #(8)16/16: Martha J Powell Owens family

The only other Owen(s) in Coffee County in index besides Martha Jane's family in T5 R19:

1870 US Census, Coffee County, Alabama, 27 August, P.O. Elba, T6 R19, pg 419A (orig pg 135), #(-)87 (number is on the woman's name, as it is in preceding 2 households):

Brice Owens	23	miller, \$40, \$100, cannot R/W	Al	***Indexed as Owen
Elizabeth	21		Al	
Polly Sorrels	65	Al		***maybe should be only 55?
Marshal Sorrels	17	cannot R/W	Al	
George W Sorrels	15	cannot R/W	Al	

***No Brice and Elizabeth Owens found 1880. No Brice found 1850 or 1860.

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Tracking this Sorrels family, we find (no John N):

1860 US Census, Covington Co, Alabama, PO Williams Mills, pg 440, #674:

John Sorrels 49 farmer, \$640, \$300 Ga ***indexed as Sowels
Mary Ann 45 domestic, cannot R/W Ga
David W H 18 farm laborer Ga
John S 16 farm laborer Ga

***See 1900 Coffee Co, Alabama, Pct 10, Victoria, for John S Sorrels - no age, but had 20-yr-old dau.

Elizabeth 13 Al ***married Brice Owens?

Marshal 11 Al

George W 7 Al

***This family not found in 1850.

1870 Crenshaw County, Alabama, TWP 7, Rutledge, pg 11A, #42:

David Sarls 25 farmer, cannot R/W Ga Ga Ga

Elisabeth 23

Marshall 3

Martha 1

Mary Merrell 23, and a Merrell family adjacent.

1870 Dale County, Alabama, Beat #10, PO Clapton, pg 232A, #20/21:

John Sorrels 23 farm laborer, cannot R/W, Ga ***Same as John S in 1860 Covington?

Betty 20

Molly 4

R B (male) 2

Eddie 1

1880 Crenshaw County, Alabama, 2 July, Beat 6, Rutledge, pg 420D, #209/212:

Sorrells, Elizabeth 57 widow SC - -

William 12 son Al SC SC

At #210/213:

Sorrells, John 21 farmer Al SC SC cannot R/W

Mary 23 Al Al Al cannot R/W

***These may not be same people. Three James Sorrellses in Crenshaw County.

1880 Coffee County, Alabama, Simon's (ancestry.com calls it Simmons) Mill Beat #11, pg 336A, #321:

John Sorrols 35 farmer Ga Ga Ga

Bittie 27 cannot R/W Al Ga Ga

Molly 12 all children born Alabama

Reason 10 ***See 1900 Coffee Co, Al, Pct 10, Victoria, and 1910 Covington, Beat 3, Opp, for him.

Eddie 8

Franklin 6

William 4

Thomas 2 ***See 1900 Coffee Co, Al, Precinct 10, Victoria, for him (almost illegible)

1880 Santa Rosa County, Florida, pg 199A, #125:

Marshall Sarrells 23 farmer Ga Ga Ga

Mary 23

Adjacent at #126:

George Sarrels 22 logger Ga Ga Ga

Polly (his mother) 55 Ga Ga Ga. Same people?

1900 US Census, Walton County, Florida, Crestview Precinct 15, pg 133A, #419:

Sorrells, Marshall 51 (Oct 1848) mechneest (sic), owns house free, can R/W Al Ga Ga

Nancy 37 (Feb 1863) mar 18 yrs, 9 ch/9 living Al Al Al

Ida 16 (Feb 1886), James 15 (May 1885), Malcolm 14 (Mar 1886), Minnie 12 (Oct 1887), Willie (son) 10 (Feb 1890),

Dessie (dau) 8 (Jun 1891), Carrie 6 (Jan 1894), Johnnie 5 (Sep 1894), Jessie (son) 3 (Jul 1896) all children born Florida

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1900 US Census, Coffee County, Alabama, Precinct 10, Victoria, pg 155B, #291/292:

Sorrels, John S	unknown age	farmer, owns farm free	Al Al Al	cannot R/W
Millie A	unknown age	mar. 5 yrs, 6 ch/5 living	Al SC SC	cannot R/W
Versey (dau)	20 (- 1880)		Al Al Al	cannot R/W

also some Moore stepchildren ages 9-20

1910 US Census, Santa Rosa County, Florida, Precinct 4, Pine Level, pg 44A, #322/323:

Sorrels, David	71	widowed, farmer, owns mtg farm	Ga Ga Ga	***same person?
James M	24	teamster, ox team	Fl Ga Al	
Charles	21	farm laborer	Fl Ga Al	
Maggie (grdau)	16	farm laborer	Fl Fl Fl	
Ida? (grdau)	14	farm laborer	Fl Fl Fl	

1910 US Census, Covington County, Alabama, 29 Apr, Beat #3, Opp, pg 89A, #342:

Sorrells, John S	61	m2, farmer, cannot R/W	Al US US	
Millie A	52	m2, 13 yrs, 5 ch/4 living	Al Al Al	
Moore, Herbert	19	stepson, public works, odd jobs	Al Al Al	
Moore, William	24	stepson, farm laborer	Al Al Al	

Children of MARTHA OWENS and JOHN GAINOUS are:

- i. JOSEPH H³ GAINOUS, b. Abt. 1878, Alabama¹³.

Notes for JOSEPH H GAINOUS:

1900-1910-1920: using Ancestry.com indexing, no Joseph H (or Joe or J) Gainous found in Florida or Alabama. No Gainouses indexed in Geneva County.

I did find (1910-20-30) the Henry C Gainous (see his notes) who married Mozel Covington in Holmes County in 1903 with Archie Pope as witness. This Henry is the same age as Joseph H Gainous and obviously knew the Popes. Is it possible they are the same person?

Notes for HENRY C. GAINOUS:

Middle name could be Chessel or Chesser. (Chesser is a family name.)

*** None of this family found on rootsweb.worldconnect.com as of 2 Nov 2005. ***

Henry C Gainous is about the same age as Martha Owens Gainous' son **Joseph H** (b. abt 1878). Could they be the same person? H C appears to have been friendly with Martha's nephew, Holley Archie Pope. He was in Hurricane Creek area but moved to Washington/Bay County by 1910.

Holly Pope (son of Samantha Owens and Owen Thomas Pope) was witness to these marriages, from Holmes Co. Book 1:

pg 27: Sims, J M and Summerlin, Pennie, 2 Sep 1902 by W D Gillman, JP;
witnesses: **A H Pope** and J T Marlow

(note: John T Marlow lived adjacent to Holly A Pope on 1900 Holmes Co census.)

pg 48: **Gainous, H C & Covington, Mozel**, 1 Feb 1903 by W D Gillman, JP;
witnesses: Geo Griffin & **Archie Pope**

In 1880, Holmes Co, pg 462B, #153: John and Alice Covington and dau Martha (Mozelle), 2 mo, who married H C Gainous. At #152 are William Huggins and Drucilla, and at #151 are Joseph and Mary Huggins with son Joseph 15. Joseph H Gainous' 1st cousin Mary Ann Pope was married to Joseph H Huggins. I'm trying to determine if H C and Joseph H are the same person.

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<http://ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/fl/bay/cemetery/evergreena-1.txt> :

EVERGREEN MEMORIAL GARDENS, Panama City, Bay County, Florida

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GAINOUS, Henry Chessel, b. 1879 d. 1962, "Ss/w Martha Mozellee Gainous"
GAINOUS, Henry H., b. 1906 d. 1978, "s/s Henry Chessel & Martha Mozellee Gainous"
GAINOUS, Martha Mozellee, b. 1880 d. 1980, "Ss/w Henry Chessel Gainous"

Bay County, Florida - 1917-18 Civilian Draft Registration, Surnames G-O

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Only Gainous on the list:

Gainous, Henry Chesser 11 Mar 1879 W

1910 US Census, Washington County, Florida, Pct 21, Ebro, ED 122, pg 46B, #19:

Gainus, Henry 31 m1, 7 yrs, farmer, owns farm free Al Ga Al
Mosi - - -illegible 30 m1, 4 children/4 living FI FI Al
Etta 6 all children born in FI
Henry 3
Ruby 2
Alma 1

At #15: W F (38) and Arvonja (33) Commander with Annie Lee 17 and Cora 14

No other familiar names nearby.

1920 US Census, Bay County, Florida, 2 Jan, Pct 20, West Bay, Phillips Inlet, ED 11, pg 177A, #3/3:

Gainus, Henry C 40 fisherman in Gulf of Mexico, rents house Al Al Al (All in household can R/W.)
Martha M 39 FI La Al
Etta M 15 all children born in FI
Henry H 13
Ruby A 11
Alma L 10
Woodrow 6
Unnamed son 1/12

No familiar names nearby.

1930 US Census, Bay County, Florida, 7 April, Pct 20, T2S R17W, West Bay, pg 16a, #87/88:

Gainous, Henry C 51 mar@24, fishing? and farming?, individual, can R/W Al Al Al
Mozel M 50 mar@23 FI Al Al
Henry H 22 sgl, convict guard FI
Ruby A 20
Alma 19
Woodroe (son) 15
Rube? A (son) 10 name almost illegible, all children born FI
Lenzie, Etta M 24 married, mar@19, daughter

Next entry at #86/87: (is he one of the Holmes Co Huggins family that Mary Ann Pope married into?)

Huggons, R D 69 mar@44, turpentine laborer, cannot R/W FI SC SC
Mary M 43 mar@18, cannot R/W Al Al Al
Dezzie (dau) 16 FI FI Al
Bonnie (son) 14 FI FI Al
Gracie (dau) 12 FI FI Al
Alva (son) 8 FI FI Al
Alma L (dau) 6 FI FI Al
Dorie/Davis?, Ben 22 boarder, turpentine laborer, cannot R/W FI FI FI

(not on Holmes Co Hurricane Creek census 1900-1920; not found in Florida or Alabama 1870-1920)
(No Huggins found on 1917-1918 Draft Registration for Bay County.)

2. ii. JOHN JEFFERSON GAINOUS, b. 27 Sep 1881, Alabama; d. 30 Apr 1934.
3. iii. LELA J GAINOUS, b. 14 May 1890, Alabama; d. 28 Mar 1934.

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2. JOHN JEFFERSON³ GAINOUS (*MARTHA ANN² OWENS, HOLLEY¹*)^{14,15} was born 27 Sep 1881 in Alabama^{16,17}, and died 30 Apr 1934¹⁸. He married REBECCA PRESCOTT¹⁹ 06 May 1906 in Holmes County, Florida^{20,21}. She was born 19 Aug 1881 in Florida^{22,23}, and died 14 Oct 1950.

Notes for JOHN JEFFERSON GAINOUS:

Tombstone birth year of 1882 conflicts with 1900 census and with the WWI Holmes draft registration.

Hurricane Creek Cemetery in Holmes County, Florida

Buried at the feet of Martha Sorrells, Samantha Owens and Martha J Powell Owens:

John J Gainous	27 Sep 1882	30 Apr 1934	"Father"	(Martha's son)
Lula Gainous	19 Mar 1908	15 May 1921		
Gay Gainous	27 Nov 1915	4 Oct 1916		
Infant Gainous	11 June 1912	11 June 1912		
John A Gainous	5 Sep 1911	12 Jan 1912		
Beulah Gainous	6 Feb 1907	2 June 1910		
Etta Gainous	14 Oct 1909	30 Sep 191		

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~flholmes/campgrou.htm> :

Campground Cemetery, Cerrogoro (Westville), Florida

(My hardcopy survey obtained from residents in Westville in 1996 has the spelling **Gainous** and has middle initial C for Gerald.)

GANIOUS: Cleo G dob November 22, 1918 dod none dbl with Gerald

GANIOUS: Gerald dob December 25, 1918 dod October 29, 1960 dbl with Cleo

GANIOUS: Rebecca dob August 19, 1881 dod October 14, 1950

Holmes County, Florida marriage records, Book 1, pg 264:

J J Gainous and Miss **Rebecca Prescott**, 6 May 1906 by T R McDonald, Notary Public;
witnesses: Miss **Leama** (sic) **Prescott** and H E Stidham.

(Note: 1900 census Hurricane Creek precinct has Rebecca, born Aug 1881, and Lena M Prescott, born Feb 1889, daughters of Zachariah and Joanna Prescott at #292, 3 entries away from John S and Elizabeth A Owens Stafford and adjacent to Samantha A Owens Pope.)

There is also a Holmes County, Florida marriage record for **H C Gainous** and **Mozel Covington**, 1 Feb 1903, married by a JP; witnesses: Geo. Griffin and **Archie Pope**. (Archie Pope was son of Samantha Owens Pope and first cousin to John J Gainous.) (HC Gainous found in Washington and Bay counties, census 1910-1930. See his notes.)

1880: No Gainouses found in Holmes Co on 1880 census, using "Ga(i-y)n(o)us".

1910 US Census, Holmes County, Florida, 22-23 Apr, Pct 9, Hurricane Creek, pg 1109, #59:

Gainous, John	24	m1	4 yrs, farmer, owns mtg farm, can R/not W	Al	Al	Al
Bessie	24	m1	3 children/3 living, can R/not W	Fl	Fl	Fl
Bulah	3	Fl				
Lula	2	Fl				
Baby	5/12	Fl				

1920 US Census, Holmes County, Florida, 16-17 Jan 1920, Pct 9, Hurricane Creek, pg 167B, #178/180:

Gainous, John J	38	farmer, rents, can R/W	Al	Al	Al	
Rebecca	39	can R/W	Fl	Al	Al	(Rebecca same as Bessie)
Lula	9	Fl				
Gerald	1 1/12	Fl				

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1930 US Census, Holmes County, Florida, 7 Apr 1930, - - -? & Leonia Church, pg 123, #40/40:

Gainous, Rebecca	49	1st mar@25, rents farm, can R/W	FI AI FI
John J	48	1st mar@24, farmer, cannot R/W	FI FI FI
Jearld (sic) (son)	11	in school	FI
Anna R (dau)	9	in school	FI

Rebecca's name was written first as head of household and John's name next, as "husband". Then the word "head" was scratched out by her name and written over "husband" on his line and "wife" written by her name with an arrow pointing from his line to hers. Was he disabled or something and maybe she ran the place?

<http://ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/fl/holmes/military/1917e-k.txt>

Holmes County, Fl 1917-18 draft registration index

1ST COLUMN: NAME

2ND COLUMN: BIRTH DATE

3RD COLUMN: ETHNIC GROUP

4TH COLUMN: BIRTH LOCATION OR OTHER INFO (spelling unreliable)

OTHER COLUMNS: LOCATION OF REGISTRATION

Gainous, John Jefferson	27 Sep 1881	W	-----	Holmes FL
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More About JOHN JEFFERSON GAINOUS:

Burial: Hurricane Creek Cemetery, Holmes County, Florida

Notes for REBECCA PRESCOTT:

1900 US Census, Holmes County, Florida, 19 June, Pct 9, Hurricane Creek, pg 86A, #292:

Prescott, Zachariah	48	(Jan 1852) m 25 yrs, farmer	AI SC Ga
Prescott, Joanna	wife 46	(Apr 1854) 9 children/8 living	AI Ga Ga
Summerlin, Penny	dau 23	(Apr 1877) wd, farm laborer, 1child/1living	FI AI AI
Prescott, Columbus	son 21	(Apr 1879) sgl, farm laborer	AI AI AI
Prescott, Rebecca	dau 18	(Aug 1881) sgl, farm laborer	FI AI AI
Prescott, Robert W	son 16	(Mar 1884) sgl, farm laborer	AI AI AI
Prescott, Nancy A	dau 13	(Nov 1886)	AI AI AI
Prescott, Lena M	dau 11	(Feb 1889)	AI AI AI
Prescott, Callie V	dau 7	(June 1892)	FI AI AI
Summerlin, Ida I	grdau 1	(Nov 1898)	FI AI FI

More About REBECCA PRESCOTT:

Burial: Campground Cemetery, Westville, Holmes County, Florida

Children of JOHN GAINOUS and REBECCA PRESCOTT are:

- i. BEULAH⁴ GAINOUS, b. Abt. 1907, Florida²⁴.
- ii. LULA GAINOUS, b. 19 Mar 1908, Florida^{25,26}; d. 15 May 1921²⁷.

More About LULA GAINOUS:

Burial: Hurricane Creek Cemetery, Holmes County, Florida

- iii. DAUGHTER GAINOUS, b. Abt. Nov 1909, Florida²⁸.

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- iv. GERALD GAINOUS, b. 25 Dec 1918^{29,30}; d. 29 Oct 1960³⁰; m. CLEO G UNKNOWN³⁰; b. 22 Nov 1918³¹.

Notes for GERALD GAINOUS:

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~flholmes/campgrou.htm> :

Campground Cemetery, Cerrogordo (Westville), Florida

(My hardcopy survey obtained from residents in Westville in 1996 has the spelling Gainous and has middle initial C for Gerald.)

GANIOUS: Cleo G	dob November 22, 1918	dod none	dbl with Gerald
GANIOUS: Gerald	dob December 25, 1918	dod October 29, 1960	dbl with Cleo
GANIOUS: Rebecca	dob August 19, 1881	dod October 14, 1950	

3. LELA J³ GAINOUS (*MARTHA ANN² OWENS, HOLLEY¹*)³³ was born 14 May 1890 in Alabama^{34,35}, and died 28 Mar 1934³⁵. She married (1) PAUL MARLOW³⁶ 13 May 1906 in Geneva County, Alabama^{37,38}. She married (2) JOHN JEFFERSON BENTON³⁹ 29 Aug 1912 in Holmes County, Florida⁴⁰, son of JAMES BENTON and ELIZABETH PRESCOTT. He was born 11 Feb 1888 in Holmes County, Florida^{41,42}, and died 17 Nov 1974⁴³.

Notes for LELA J GAINOUS:

NOT PROVEN that Leila Gainous is the same person as Leila Farmer, but it fits perfectly with Martha Ann's history of marriage to Farmer and it fits with the time of Leila's marriage to Marlow. Have not found marriage record for Leila Gainous and any Marlow in Holmes, Walton, Geneva, Washington or Jackson counties. No Paul Marlow found in 1900 or 1910 Geneva or Holmes. Did he die or were they divorced?

Geneva County Marriages, 1898-1930, by Warrine Sheppard Hathaway, pg 48:

Paul Marlow and Leila Farmer, 13 May 1906, Bk 6 pg 187.

Holmes County marriage records, Bk 2, pg 283:

John Benton and Lealer Marlow 29 Aug 1912, by Rev J N Sorrels;

wit: A G Birge and G N Griffin

Hurricane Creek Cemetery, Holmes County, Florida

Stafford plot, next to Martha Sorrells:

Benton, Lealer J 14 May 1890 - 28 Mar 1934

1910 US Census, Holmes County, Florida, 22-23 Apr, Pct 9, Hurricane Creek, pg 38A, #62:

Russell, Martha Head 52 wd, farmer, 4 ch./3 living Al Al Al

Russell, Lela J dau 19 wd Fl Al Al

Russell, Dora grdau 9/12 Fl Fl Fl

(Definitely "r", not "n" on Dora, probably same as Donnie in 1920. Lela and Donnie were actually Marlows.)

1920 US Census, Holmes County, Florida, 16-17 Jan 1920, Pct 9, Hurricane Creek, pg 167B, #176/177:

Benton, Lela 27 widow, (head of household), laborer at anything, can R/W Fl Al Fl

Marlow, Donnie 12 dau Fl Fl Fl

Marlow, Bessie 5 dau Fl Fl Fl

Marlow, Jewel 2 dau Fl Fl Fl

(These children are not Marlows, as she married Benton in 1912. Bessie and Jewel are Bentons, and Donnie was the Marlow.)

Also (at #176/178 same dwelling, separate household #):

Sorels, Martha Ann 65 widow, (2nd head of household), can R/W Fl Fl Fl (sic)

There is no mark in the "rent or own" column for Lela. That column for Martha Ann has some kind of illegible mark. (Note: see John J Benton's notes. He was in household of his brother-in-law George Stafford in Leonia in 1920)

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At #171: William H Stafford (son of Elizabeth Owens and John S Stafford) family.
At #172: John S Stafford and new wife Mandy. (Both Elizabeth and Samantha Owens died in 1918).
At #178: John J Gainous (Lela's brother) family.
At #179: John C Stafford (son of Elizabeth Owens and John S Stafford) family.

(Note: on 1900 census, Martha Ann's closest white neighbors on one side were the family of George W Marlow, with a 17 yr-old son William - - father of Donnie?)

1930 US Census, Holmes County, Florida, 7 April, Pct 2, Sandy Creek, pg 115B, #44/48:

Saurls, Martha A	73 wid., mar@20, farmer, can R/W	Al Al Ga
Benton, Lelia J (dau)	40 div, mar@21, cannot R/W	Al US Al
Benton, Bessie M	16 sgl, grdau, farm laborer	Fl Fl Fl
Benton, Jewell A	12 sgl, grdau, farm laborer	Fl Fl Fl

1930 US Census, Holmes County, Florida, 14 April, Pct 1, Hickory Hill, pg 108B-109A, #99:

Benton, John	42 mar@25, farmer, rents, can R/W, WW vet	Fl Al Al
Rosie L	38 mar@33, cannot R/W	Fl Al Al new wife
Bessie M(dau)	15 in school, can R/W	Fl Fl Fl
Jewell A (dau)	12 in school, can R/W	Fl Fl Fl
Martha E (dau)	4 (she is on line 1 of pg 109A)	Fl Fl Fl

At #12 in Hickory Hill: Lela's cousin Frances Stafford Russell, widow

From Holmes Co rootsweb site <http://www.rootsweb.com/~flholmes/BENTONI.TXT> :

Published in the **Holmes County Advertiser, Bonifay, Florida**, Saturday, October 26, 1912 (Transcribed by Mona Spears),

Prosperity. The infant of Mr. and Mrs. John Benton died last Saturday night and was buried at the camp ground cemetery Sunday evening. (wrm note: "last Saturday" would have been 19 October.)

***Unknown to which John Benton this referred. John F Benton's wife, Catherine was about 50, so she was too old. John J and Lela had been married only a couple of months, but John Perry Benton and Ida had been married about a year. They are the most likely parents.

More About LELA J GAINOUS:

Burial: Hurricane Creek Cemetery, Holmes County, Florida

Notes for JOHN JEFFERSON BENTON:

It appears that it was John Jefferson Benton who married Lela Gainous Marlow. He is the right age on 1930 census, with Bessie & Jewel in household. Wife then was Rosa Lee. Rosa Lee and John J are buried together at Campground Cemetery.

Florida State Archives Microfilm

Holmes County marriage records, Reel 2 of 5, Book 2 (1909-1914), pg 283:

John Benton to Lealer Marlow 29 Aug 1912, by Rev J N Sorrels;
wit: A G Birge and G N Griffin

Walton County Marriage records, Reel 8 of 10, Bk 10 (1926-1929), pg 313:

Benton, John (age 36) and **Rosa Lee Powell** (23): 14 Jun 1925 by John M Brownell, NP

Wit: **Ransom Powell** and ? Henderson

(affidavits and license 14 Jun 1925 at Defuniak Springs)

***Ransom Powell was probably her brother. Rosa's brother (1893 - aft 1930), uncle (1864 -1943) and grandfather (c1825 - 1904) were all named Ransom Powell.

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These Bentons are unidentified - - may be from family of John F and Catherine Benton:

Holmes County marriage records, Reel 1 of 5, Book 1 (1902-1909), pg 208:

Brownell, O T and Benton, Annie Lou m. 18 Sep 1905 by W D Lukers, MG;
wit: Gus Benton and A A Lukers

Holmes County marriage records, Reel 3 of 5, Book 3 (1920-26), pg 325:

Benton, L A and Pearl Mims: 26 Apr 1923 by T L Belser, Co Jdg

Wit: T V? Johnson and W W Scott

(Same woman here?)

Walton County Marriage records, Reel 8 of 10, Bk 10 (1926-1929), pg 317:

Benton, Mrs Pearl (age 21) and Arthur Thomas McEwain (age 21):

27 Jun 1925 by A R Campbell, Co Jdg

Wit: Versia Gavins and Burt Engeles)

Holmes County marriage records, Reel 5 of 5, Book 5 (1927-34), pg 264:

Benton, Joe and Ellafair Herring: 8 Oct 1932 by D T Arrant, MG, near Dady

Wit: H M Herring and Jodie Carroll

1920 US Census, Holmes County, Florida, 5 Jan, Pct 4, Leonia Church, pg 149B, #28 :

Stafford, George	53	farm	Al US US	
Cathern	29		Fl Al Al	
Oscar	22	laborer, farm	Fl Al Fl sic	(son of first wife, Louisa, b. Al according to 1900 census)
Dona	16	(dau)	Fl Al Al	(dau of first wife, Louisa, b. Al according to 1900 census)
Gypsie	13	(dau)	Fl Al Al	(next 3 ch. of 2nd wife, Nancy, b. Fl, acc. to 1910 census))
Roy	12	(son)	Fl Al Al	
Hattie	9	(dau)	Fl Al Al	
Milburn	5	(son)	Fl Al Fl sic	
Lizzie	1 3?/12	(dau)	Fl Al Fl sic	(child of 3rd wife, Catherine, b. Fl)
Benton, John	31	brother-in-law, can R/W, laborer naval stores	Fl Al Al	

This is John J Benton who married Rosie L (see 1930 below).

According to Gale Stafford Wall, g-granddaughter of George W and Catherine Stafford, George's first wife was Louisa Commander and his second wife was her first cousin Nancy - their fathers were brothers.

Louisa was also first cousin to the third wife, Catherine, as their mothers were sisters. The 1920 census birthplace of Milburn's mother indicates that Catherine was his mother, but George and Catherine were not married until 1917 and Milburn was five years old in 1920. His mother was Nancy.

1930 US Census, Holmes County, Florida, 14 April, Pct 1, Hickory Hill, pg 108B-109A, #99:

Benton, John	42	mar@25, farmer, rents, can R/W, WW vet	Fl Al Al
Rosie L	38	mar@33, cannot R/W	Fl Al Al new wife
Bessie M(dau)	15	in school, can R/W	Fl Fl Fl
Jewell A (dau)	12	in school, can R/W	Fl Fl Fl
Martha E (dau)	4	(she is on line 1 of pg 109A)	Fl Fl Fl

At #12 in Hickory Hill: Lela's cousin Frances Stafford Russell, widow

***Bessie and Jewell were also enumerated with their mother Leila J Gainous Benton in 1930, Sandy Creek precinct.

*** Crocket Benton is a son of John F and Catherine Brownell Benton, but Roy W Stafford is son of John J Benton's brother-in-law George W Stafford:

1930 US Census, Holmes County, Florida, 14 April, Pct 1, Hickory Hill, pg 107B, #78:

Benton, Crocket M	36	mar@30, owns farm, engineer in log camp	Fl Al Fl
Pearl	35	mar@29	Fl Fl Fl
Roma Clara (dau)	13	***Roma Clare See Hickory cemetery listing.	

also:

Brownell, Edward D 70 sgl, uncle

***brother to Catherine Brownell, Crocket's mother

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At #79: Lewis Smith family including:

Roy (or Ray) W Stafford (son-in-law) 27 or 22? (Roy, according to Gale Stafford Wall)

***This Roy is son of George W Stafford b. 1908 (see 1910-1920)

McGlawn Stafford (grson, 5), Louise Stafford (grdau, 2 5/12) and Cortez Stafford (son(sic) 2/12)

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~flholmes/campgrou.htm> :

Campground Cemetery, Westville, Holmes County, Florida

(All of these Bentons are buried in the section west of the HWY.)

Benton, John J. (Jefferson) 2/11/1888 - 11/17/1974 Pvt. US Army WWI

Benton, Rosa Lee 2/18/1896 - 4/17/1964 Wife of John J.

***dau of John Q A Powell

Benton, Marvin M. 1/31/1933 - 3/15/1933 Son of John/Rosa

Stafford, Catherine R. 9/20/1890 - 6/6/1947 Maiden - Benton

***wife of George W Stafford

Benton, William Wesley 8/1/1886 - 9/12/1929 (WWI vet) MG Co 312th Inf

***son of John F and Catherine

(several versions of list on this web page)

BENTON: Ann Lou dob March 21, 1884 dod July 7, 1977 dbl with Gus

BENTON: Gus dob October 19, 1882 dod July 10, 1936 dbl with Anna

BENTON: Ida Mae dob January 5, 1919 dod January 12, 1933 s/o unmarked

BENTON: Infant daughter of J F no dates

BENTON: J F died July 13, 1923 s/o Kate

BENTON: John Jefferson dob February 11, 1888 dod November 17, 1974 Pvt US Army WWII

BENTON: Kate died October 25, 1925

BENTON: Martha Marti E dob August 14, 1925 dod October 28, 1999 dbl with Henry Cotton

BENTON: Marvin M dob January 31, 1933 dod March 15, 1933 child of JJ and Rose Lee

BENTON: Minnie Mae dob June 24, 1900 dod June 28, 1900 s/o J F

BENTON: Rosa Lee dob February 18, 1896 dod April 17, 1964 dbl with John

BENTON: Thomas dob May 8, 1915 dod February 19, 1967

BENTON: William dob August 1, 1886 dod September 12, 1929 Pvt US Army WWI

From hardcopy compilation of cemetery obtained in 1996 from local residents at Cerrogoro area. No author, publisher or date of survey indicated on title page:

Benton, Bell H 12 Mar 1900 - no death date

***Belle Hewett, wife of John P

Benton, Fannie no dates

Benton, John P 25 Sep 1884 - 27 July 1962

Benton, Minnie Mae 24 Jun 1900 - 23 Jun 1901 dau of J F and C D Benton

***date discrepancy

Benton, William W 1 Aug 1886 - 12 Sep 1929

***son of John F and Catherine

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~flholmes/constabl.htm> :

Constables of Holmes County

Benton, W W: Districts 1, 2 and 3; residence: Westville; term begin Jan 2 1917

Benton, W W: District 3; residence: Westville; term begin Dec 12 1914

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<http://ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/fl/holmes/military/1917a-d.txt> :

World War I Draft Registration Cards

Benton, Angues D.	26 Nov 1895	W	Westville FL	Holmes FL
Benton, Angus	25 Aug 1895	W	Holmes Co. FL	Holmes FL
Benton, Crocket	11 Feb 1894	W	Westville FL	Santa Rosa FL
Benton, Daniel Gustus	19 Oct 1882	W		Holmes FL
Benton, James Earvin	22 Sep 1882	W		Holmes FL
Benton, John Jefferson	11 Feb 1888	W	Holmes Co. FL	Holmes FL
Benton, John Perry	25 Sep 1884	W		Holmes FL
Benton, Leander	15 Oct 1875	W		Holmes FL
Benton, Pete	28 Jan 1892	W	Westville FL	Bay FL
Benton, William Wesley (Wesely)	25 Jul 1886	W	Westville FL	Holmes FL

Florida State Archives at <http://www.floridamemory.com/Collections/WWI/index.cfm> :

WWI Service (induction) Cards

John Jefferson Benton army serial #3871717
Residence: RFD #1, Darlington, Walton Co, FL
Inducted Bonifay, FL, 16 July 1918
Born in Holmes Co, FL, 11 Feb 1888
Co D, 152 Inf to 11 Oct 1918, Co B Cas Bn to discharge, PVT
Did not serve overseas; honorable discharge 4 Jan 1919

More About JOHN JEFFERSON BENTON:

Burial: Campground Cemetery, Westville, Holmes County, Florida

Child of LELA GAINOUS and PAUL MARLOW is:

4. i. DONNIE E⁴ MARLOW, b. 08 Jul 1909; d. 18 Jul 1994.

Children of LELA GAINOUS and JOHN BENTON are:

- ii. BESSIE⁴ BENTON⁴⁴, b. Abt. 1914.
- iii. JEWEL BENTON⁴⁴, b. Abt. 1917.

Generation No. 3

4. DONNIE E⁴ MARLOW (*LELA J³ GAINOUS, MARTHA ANN² OWENS, HOLLEY¹*)⁴⁵ was born 08 Jul 1909^{46,47}, and died 18 Jul 1994⁴⁷. She married A J HEATH⁴⁸ 11 Nov 1928 in Geneva County, Alabama⁴⁸. He was born 07 Mar 1905⁴⁹, and died 13 Jan 1986⁴⁹.

Notes for DONNIE E MARLOW:

Email from Mona Carter Spears to Wilda Murphy, 1 Nov 2005:

They are buried at Leonia Cemetery, Holmes County, FL

Heath, A. J., 7 March 1905 13 January 1986 - Father - Husband of Donnie E. Heath

Heath, Donnie E., 8 July 1909 18 July 1994 - Mother - Wife of A. J. Heath

Heath, A. J. Jr., 13 September 1943 30 November 1972 - Son of A. J. & Donnie Heath

Mona says she was playmates with Donnie Heath's children when she was growing up. She did not know that Marlow was Donnie's maiden name. It was Donnie who gave her the information that Martha Ann Gainous was married to W H Farmer, but no dates were given. That explains the Geneva County marriage record for Matthew Russell and Martha Ann Farmer in 1909. Also, Leila J used the name Farmer when she married Paul Marlow in 1906.

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1930 US Census, Holmes County, Alabama, 3 Apr, Precinct 4, Leonia Church, pg 121B, #10 (farm):

Heath, A J	25	mar@24, laborer in naval stores (turpentine), rents, can R/W, not a vet	Al Al Al
Donie (wife)	20	mar@19, can R/W	Fl Fl Fl
Etta N (dau)	6/12	Fl Al Fl	

19 Oct 2004:

Wilda,

I'm sending this just in case you want to add to your data. As I looked through my notes I found where I wrote down Donie Marlow married a Heath. This info came from her stepsister's [Martha] daughter. Donie and A. J. Heath married 11/11/1928 in Geneva County and are in the 1930 Leonia, Holmes County census. A daughter Etta is listed with them. I also know Donie had a daughter Hazel too and she died in 2002. I don't know her married name though.

Thanks,

Gale Stafford-Wall

From: Gale Stafford-Wall

Date: Tue, 19 Oct 2004 17:48:52 EDT

Subject: Re: Donnie Marlow

To: Wilda Murphy

After reviewing my interview notes I located the following:

Name: Donnie E. MARLOW
Birth: 8 Jul 1909 Florida
Death: 18 Jul 1994
Burial: Leonia Cemetery, Holmes County, Florida
Father: Unknown MARLOW
Mother: Lealer J. GAINOUS (1890-1934)

Spouses:

1: A. J. HEATH
Birth: 7 Mar 1905 Alabama
Death: 13 Jan 1986
Burial: Leonia Cemetery, Holmes County, Florida
Marriage: 11 Nov 1928 Geneva County, Alabama
Children: Etta (ca1929-)
Hazel (-2002)
A. J. (1943-1972)

Bessie Benton married a Leffler. She lived in Jacksonville. I did find a DOD for a Bessie Leffler but need to verify it's the correct one. I know of one daughter of Bessie, Ruth Anne. She married a Thomas at one time, although she was married several times.

Jewell Benton lived in the Alachua area. I know of one daughter, Vernell.

I sent an email to my cousin to see if she could help fill in some more gaps since she was around this part of the family. I can only remember seeing my GG Uncle John Benton one time and I was a small child.

Gale

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<http://www.rootsweb.com/~flholmes/cemeteries/leonia.htm> :

Leonia Baptist Cemetery

Surveyed by Lucretia Collins, Sunday, January 17, 1999

A J Heath, Jr.	09/13/1943 - 11/30/1972	
Albert Heath	11/11/1935 - 01/22/1936	
W E (Ell) Heath	1868 - 1937	
Albert Heath	11/11/1935 - 01/22/1936	(Albert listed twice)
Talmadge Heath (Pe-Lo)	11/11/1917	
Onnie Arrant Heath	04/22/1922 - 09/09/1939	
Infant son of Talmadge & Onnie Heath	09/05/1939	

No listing found here for Donnie Heath or A J.

More About DONNIE E MARLOW:

Burial: Leonia Cemetery, Holmes County, Florida

More About A J HEATH:

Burial: Leonia Cemetery, Holmes County, Florida

Children of DONNIE MARLOW and A HEATH are:

- i. ETTA N⁵ HEATH, b. Abt. 1929⁵⁰.
- ii. HAZEL HEATH⁵¹, d. 2002⁵¹.
- iii. A J HEATH, JR, b. 13 Sep 1943; d. 30 Nov 1972.

Endnotes

1. Tombstone.
2. US Census 1860 Coffee County, Alabama, P.O. Elba, page 830-831 #549.
3. Tombstone.
4. US Census 1880 Geneva County, Alabama, pg 642B, #204.
5. US Census 1880 Geneva County, Alabama, pg #642B, #204.
6. US Census 1880 Geneva County, Alabama, pg 642B, #204.
7. US Census 1900 Holmes County, Florida, Pct 9, Hurricane Creek, pg 84A, #271, Martha listed as widow.
8. US Census 1910 Holmes County, Florida, Pct 9, Hurricane Creek, pg 1109, #62.
9. Hathaway, Warrine Sheppard, *Geneva County, Alabama Marriage Records 1898 - 1930*, (1996), pg 67, Bk 7, pg 213: Russell, Matthew to Martha Ann Farmer.
10. Holmes County, Florida marriage records, Book 2, pg 201, Rev J N Sorrels and Mrs M A Russell, 9 Oct 1911, by J A J Hathaway, county judge; witnesses: J M Register, Isom Hagan and Arch Pope.
11. US Census 1910 Holmes County, Florida, Pct 9, Hurricane Creek, pg 1109, #62, Martha Russell head of household, with dau Lela J, next door to nephew Archie Pope.
12. Holmes County, Florida marriage records, Book 2, pg 201, Rev J N Sorrels and Mrs M A Russell, 9 Oct 1911; witness Arch Pope.
13. US Census 1880 Geneva County, Alabama, pg 642B, #204.
14. Tombstone, middle initial J.

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15. *WWI Draft Registration, Holmes County, Florida*, (<http://ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/fl/holmes/military/>), "Electronic," middle name Jefferson.
16. US Census 1900 Holmes County, Florida, Pct 9, Hurricane Creek, pg 84A, #271, gives Sep 1881, although tombstone has 27 Sep 1882.
17. *WWI Draft Registration, Holmes County, Florida*, (<http://ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/fl/holmes/military/>), "Electronic," also gives Sep 1881, although tombstone has 27 Sep 1882.
18. Tombstone.
19. US Census 1910 Holmes County, Florida, Pct 9, Hurricane Creek, pg 1109, #59.
20. US Census 1910 Holmes County, Florida, Pct 9, Hurricane Creek, pg 1108, #59.
21. Holmes County, Florida marriage records, Book 1, pg 264.
22. US Census 1900 Holmes County, Florida, Pct 9, Hurricane Creek, pg 86A, #292.
23. US Census 1920 Holmes County, Florida, Pct 9, Hurricane Creek, pg 167B, #178/180.
24. US Census 1910 Holmes County, Florida, Pct 9, Hurricane Creek, pg 1109, #59.
25. Tombstone.
26. US Census 1910 Holmes County, Florida, Pct 9, Hurricane Creek, pg 1108, #59.
27. Tombstone.
28. US Census 1910 Holmes County, Florida, Pct 9, Hurricane Creek, pg 1109, #59.
29. US Census 1920 Holmes County, Florida, Pct 9, Hurricane Creek, pg 167B, #178/180.
30. Online cemetery listing, <http://www.rootsweb.com/~flholmes/campgrou.htm>.
31. Online cemetery listing, <http://www.rootsweb.com/~flholmes/campgrou.htm>, no death date as of survey date, 7 Sep 2002.
32. Online cemetery listing, <http://www.rootsweb.com/~flholmes/campgrou.htm>.
33. US Census 1900 Holmes County, Florida, Pct 9, Hurricane Creek, pg 84A, #271.
34. US Census 1900 Holmes County, Florida, Pct 9, Hurricane Creek, pg 84A, #271, although 1910 and 1920 censuses say born in Florida.
35. Tombstone.
36. US Census 1920 Holmes County, Florida, Pct 9, Hurricane Creek, pg 167B, #176/177, listed with Marlow children.
37. US Census 1920 Holmes County, Florida, Pct 9, Hurricane Creek, pg 167B, #176/177, had Donnie Marlow abt 1908.
38. Hathaway, Warrine Sheppard, *Geneva County, Alabama Marriage Records 1898 - 1930*, (1996), pg 48, Bk 6 pg 187.
39. Tombstone, full name.
40. Holmes County, Florida marriage records, Bk 2, pg 283.
41. *WWI Draft Registration, Holmes County, Florida*, (<http://ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/fl/holmes/military/>), "Electronic," also middle name Jefferson.
42. "Campground Cemetery Survey," obtained from local Westville residents in 1996, no date or author on title page, pg 27, also middle name Jefferson.
43. Tombstone.
44. US Census 1930 Holmes County, Florida, Pct 1, Hickory Hill, pg 108B-109A, #99, in household of father and wife Rosa Lee.
45. Spears, Mona Carter, of Orange Park, Florida, granddaughter of William Hamilton Stafford, email to Wilda Murphy on 1 Nov 2005 containing cemetery listings for A J and Donnie Heath and their son A J, Jr, included Donnie's middle initial E.
46. US Census 1910 Holmes County, Florida, Pct 9, Hurricane Creek, pg 1109, #62, age 9 months.
47. Spears, Mona Carter, of Orange Park, Florida, granddaughter of William Hamilton Stafford, email to Wilda Murphy on 1 Nov 2005 containing cemetery listings at Leona Cemetery for A J and Donnie Heath and their son A J, Jr.
48. Hathaway, Warrine Sheppard, *Geneva County, Alabama Marriage Records 1898 - 1930*, (1996), pg 137.
49. Spears, Mona Carter, of Orange Park, Florida, granddaughter of William Hamilton Stafford, email to Wilda Murphy on 1 Nov 2005 containing cemetery listings at Leona Cemetery for A J and Donnie Heath and their son A J, Jr.
50. US Census 1930 Holmes County, Florida, Precinct 4, Leona Church, pg 121B, #10, age 6 months.
51. Stafford-Wall, Gale, Holmes County, Florida, researcher and g-grdaughter of George Washington Stafford, email to Wilda Murphy on 19 Oct 2004.