

# Descendants of James Riley Powell

## Generation No. 1

1. JAMES RILEY<sup>1</sup> POWELL was born Bet. 1842 - 1846 in Pike County, Alabama<sup>1</sup>, and died Aft. Apr 1910<sup>2</sup>. He married (1) MARY J CUTTS<sup>3</sup>. She was born Dec 1841 in Florida<sup>4,5</sup>, and died Bef. May 1910<sup>6</sup>. He married (2) LUCINDA MOORE<sup>7</sup> Bet. 1909 - 1910<sup>8</sup>. She was born Abt. 1852 in Alabama<sup>9</sup>.

Notes for JAMES RILEY POWELL:

Does he belong to Coleman, who was in Walton Co 1870 with son William Jackson? Pension appl. says born 16 May 1837 in Pike County. Census records of 1880-85 indicate this James Riley to be born c1845-46; 1910 says c1842; 1900 says Apr 1844. Coleman had a son Riley, b. c1842, in 1850 Pike Co. Benjamin and Matilda Powell also had a son Riley J, b. c1843, in 1860 Dale Co, Alabama, but he appears to be Jordan from 1850 (Riley Jordan).

Not found (or identified) in 1860-70. Coleman's family not found in 1860-70, either.

**1880 US Census, Santa Rosa County, Florida, 26 Jun, Dist 1, pg 170D, #256/256:**

Powell, James R	34	farm? laborer, no R/W	Ga Ga Ga	None of this family found in 1870.
Mary J	38		Fl Ga Fl	
Thomas J	18	laborer	Fl Ga Fl	
Eveline? (dau)	17		Fl Ga Fl	
Alonzo	11		Fl Ga Fl	
Sarah	9		Fl Ga Fl	
Richard	5		Fl Ga Fl	
Laura	1 1/2		Fl Ga Fl	

**1885 Florida State Census, Santa Rosa County, pg 60, no household nbrs:**

Powell, J R	39	farmer	Al Al Al	
Mary	40		Fl Fl Fl	
Alonzo	15		Fl Al Fl	
Sarah	14		Fl Al Fl	
Richd	8		Fl Al Fl	
Laura	6		Fl Al Fl	
Cutts, Jeff	23	bro/law	Fl Al Fl	Ellafair (53) and Marion (7) Cutts nearby.

Jefferson Cutts, age 8, was in Skipperville, Pct 11, Dale Co, Al, in 1870 with apparent mother N E, 27.

Ellefare was also in Dale Co, in Ozark, Pct 1, but her age was 27. In 1880, Jeff Cutts, age 18, was with his mother Nancy, age 35, in Pike Co, Dixon's Precinct.

No familiar names nearby.

**1900 US Census, Escambia County, Florida, 2 Jun, Precinct 17, Brents, pg 192? (blurred - SD 1, ED 13), #231/244:**

Powell, James R	56	(Apr 1844) day laborer, rents house, no R/W	Al NC NC	
Mary (wife)	58	(Dec 1841) m 29 yrs, 9 ch/5 living	Fl NC Fl	
Laura (dau)	22	(Mar 1878) sgl	Fl Al Fl	
Anna (dau)	14	(Dec 1885)		

Adj at #232/245:

Powel, Richard	25	(Dec 1874) R R laborer	Fl Al Fl	See Richard's notes.
Rosa	24	(Apr 1876) m 1 1/2 yr, 0ch	Fl Al Al	

**1910 US Census, Santa Rosa County, Florida, 3 May, Precinct 9, pg 103B, #200/203:**

Powell, James R	68?	m2, farmer, owns free	Al SC Al	
Lousinda	58	m3, m0yrs, 1 ch/0 living	Al US Al	
Bishop, William	9	hired orphan	Fl Fl Fl	

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**Confederate Pension Application**, <http://www.floridamemory.com/fmp/fpr/A04530/007.pdf> , filed under Escambia County, Florida, although many of the documents indicate he lived in Bagdad, Santa Rosa County, Florida. Stated that he was born 16 May 1837 in Pike County, Alabama, and enlisted in Andalusia in Co E, 42nd Al Reg't. File header says wife's name was **Lucinda Moore**.

Enlisted at Andalusia, Alabama, in May 1861 in Co E, 42nd Reg't. Age 72 on appl of 18 Jul 1909. Signed appl as **James Riley Powell** (his "x" mark), PO Holt, Santa Rosa Co, 28 Jul 1909, witnessed by Geo W Smith and J D Sanders, of Santa Rosa Co, who also attested to the fact that he did not own property worth more than \$5000.

Appl of 25 May 1903 (<http://www.floridamemory.com/fmp/fpr/A04530/011.pdf> ) states that he was "injured by explosion of powder lost my eyes also have had rheumatism ever since. . ."

<http://www.floridamemory.com/fmp/fpr/A04530/012.pdf> : 15 May 1903, PO address: Olive, Florida. Civil War service attested to by E Gandy of Pensacola and Aron D Penton (his x mark) of Cantonment, both of Co E, 42nd Reg't.

<http://www.floridamemory.com/fmp/fpr/A04530/018.pdf> :

There is a statement from the War Dept, Adjutant General's Office to the Comptroller, State of Florida, Tallahassee, dated 14 Jan 1910:

"The name J R Powell has not been found on the rolls on file in this office, of any company of the 37th Al Inf, CSA.

The prisoners of war records show, however, that one J R Powell, of Co I of that regiment, was paroled at Greensboro, NC, 1 May 1865. Nothing further relative to him has been found."

<http://www.floridamemory.com/fmp/fpr/A04530/019.pdf>

Handwritten note dated 8 Jan 1910, Milligan, Florida, to Secretary to Pension Board:

"I'd like to state in regard to my service subsequent to the battle of Vicksburg I served in the same regiment (42nd Al) till after the battle of Atlanta. Soon after that battle the 42nd and 37th Al were consolidated and I was then in the 37th Al and surrendered with that regiment at Greensboro NC. . . Signed J R Powell"

<http://www.floridamemory.com/fmp/fpr/A04530/021.pdf>

Typed letter from War Dept to Hon. D H Mays, House of Representatives:

". . . It is shown by the records that \_ Riley Powell enlisted 31 Mar 1862 at Andalusia, Alabama, as a private in Co E, 42nd Al Inf, CSA, to serve three years. On the muster roll of that company dated 31 Oct 1862, the last on file in this office, he is reported as present. None of the names mentioned has been found on the rolls, on file in this office, of Co I, 37th Al Inf, CSA. . ."

<http://www.floridamemory.com/fmp/fpr/A04530/022.pdf>

Handwritten letter:

"No 15992. State of Florida. Santa Rosa County.

Personally came before me J R Powell, who being sworn, says that he is the same J R Powell of Co E, 42 Al Inf - who was captured at Vicksburg, Mississippi, and paroled 4 Jul 1863, and exchanged at Demopolis, Al, on or about the latter part of Oct 1863, when he immediately entered into the Mississippi campaign in the Western army and served till the close of the war, or until after the battle of Bentonville, NC, from which place he was marched back to Greensborough (sic), NC, where he stacked arms. He further states that he was the only J R Powell in Co E, 42 Al Inf, but that he afterwards found another J R Powell in the city of Pensacola who had applied for a pension but was not drawing because of a lack of two years of age. That J R Powell is now dead, but his widow is a pensioner. Signed J R Powell (his x mark). Sworn to and subscribed before me this 16th day of Nov AD 1909, J T Mapoles, Justice of the Peace."

File contains several handwritten notes (one at <http://www.floridamemory.com/fmp/fpr/A04530/025.pdf> ) signed J R Powell, with no indication that it was not he, himself, who wrote and signed them.

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<http://www.floridamemory.com/fmp/fpr/A04530/026.pdf>

Handwritten letter dated 28 Jul 1909, Holt, Florida, to H W Thompson, Milton, Florida:

"Mr J R Powell filed his first application for pension in Escambia County and now wants to be transferred (sic) to this as he is making his home with his sister near Holt and has been in this county over six months. . . signed J W Armstrong"

Children of JAMES POWELL and MARY CUTTS? are:

- i. THOMAS J<sup>2</sup> POWELL, b. Abt. 1862, Florida<sup>10</sup>.
- ii. EVELINE? POWELL, b. Abt. 1863, Florida<sup>10</sup>.
- iii. ALONZO POWELL, b. Abt. 1869, Florida<sup>10</sup>.
- iv. SARAH POWELL, b. Abt. 1871, Florida<sup>10</sup>.
2. v. RICHARD POWELL, b. Dec 1874, Florida.
- vi. LAURA POWELL, b. Mar 1878, Florida<sup>10,11</sup>.
- vii. ANNA POWELL, b. Dec 1885, Florida<sup>11</sup>.

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### *Generation No. 2*

2. RICHARD<sup>2</sup> POWELL (*JAMES RILEY*<sup>1</sup>) was born Dec 1874 in Florida<sup>12,13</sup>. He married ROSA ST MARYS 21 Nov 1898 in Santa Rosa County, Florida<sup>14</sup>. She was born Apr 1876 in Florida<sup>15</sup>, and died Abt. 1906<sup>16</sup>.

Notes for RICHARD POWELL:

Santa Rosa County USGenWeb site at <http://www.db229.com/marriages.htm> (race not indicated):

#### **Santa Rosa County Marriage Index - Grooms**

Powell, Richard St.Marys, Rosa Nov 21, 1898 In Escambia Co, Fl, in 1900. In 1910, their two children were in St Marys household in Bagdad in Santa Rosa Co, only seven entries from Chasey Powell (dau of Wilson Alec, son of Sweet) and Roy Diamond from Walton/Okaloosa County.

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**1910 US Census, Santa Rosa County, Florida, 11 Jun, Precinct 16, Bagdad, pg 151B, #284/289:**

St Mary, Joel	64	carpenter, shipyard	Port Port Port
Lizzie	65	m50yrs, 6 ch/5 liv	Fl Al Fl
Jodie (son)	24	laborer, sash factory	Fl Port Fl
Powell, Lonnie	6	grandson	Fl Fl Fl
Powell, Pauline	4	granddau	Fl Fl Fl

**1920 US Census, Escambia County, Florida, 24 Jan, Precinct 26, Pensacola city, 912 East La Riva St, pg 26A, #431/632:**

Mother Mary Augustine	74	immigrated 1872, teacher, convent	Germany Ger Ger
many sisters and lodgers under 18 including:			
Powell, Pauline	14		Fl Fl Fl

See <http://www.db229.com/obits1315.htm> for obit referencing Rosa.

(Milton Gazette, March 6, 1914, pg.

MRS. ST. MARY DEAD

Mrs. Joseph St. Mary died at the family residence in Bagdad Wednesday night at 9:30 o'clock after having been ill for several days. While her death was not wholly unlooked for by those who had been apprised of her serious illness, yet it was quite a shock to her many friends and acquaintances. Mrs. St. Mary was about 75 years of age and had resided in Santa Rosa county all of her life. Before her marriage, she was Miss Elizabeth Lewis. She was married first to Benjamin Land, who died about eight months after their marriage. About the close of the Civil War, she was married to Joseph St. Mary, then only a few years from Portugal, who survives her. They settled near Blackwater Bay and have lived a quiet life, forming many warm friendships among a large circle of people who knew them. To them were born six children, five of whom are still living. They are Frank St. Mary, Mrs. Pauline Lewis, Mrs. Josephine Lewis, Joseph St. Mary Jr., all of **Bagdad, Fla.**, and Mrs. Dell Kimmons of Tuscaloosa, Ala. One daughter, **Mrs. Rosa Powell** died seven years ago leaving two young children who have resided with their grandparents. )

Children of RICHARD POWELL and ROSA ST MARYS are:

- i. LONNIE<sup>3</sup> POWELL, b. Abt. 1904, Florida<sup>17</sup>.
- ii. PAULINE POWELL, b. Abt. 1906, Florida<sup>18</sup>.

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### *Endnotes*

1. Confederate Pension Application, <http://www.floridamemory.com/fmp/fpr/A04530/007.pdf>, filed under Escambia County, Florida, although many of the documents indicate he lived in Bagdad, Santa Rosa County, Florida. Pension application has birthdate of 16 May 1837, but census records for possibly same person indicate he was born c1842-46. 1900 census has Apr 1844.
2. US Census 1910 Santa Rosa County, Florida, Precinct 9, pg 103B, #200/203.
3. Florida 1885 State Census, Santa Rosa County, pg 60, no household nbrs, brother-in-law Jeff Cutts in J R and Mary Powell's household.
4. US Census 1880 Santa Rosa County, Florida, Dist 1, pg 170D, #256/256.
5. US Census 1900 Escambia County, Florida, Precinct 17, Brents, pg 192? (blurred - SD 1, ED 13), #231/244.
6. US Census 1910 Santa Rosa County, Florida, Precinct 9, pg 103B, #200/203, J R had new wife, Lucinda, married less than one year, on census taken 3 May 1910.
7. Confederate Pension Application, <http://www.floridamemory.com/fmp/fpr/A04530/007.pdf>.
8. US Census 1910 Santa Rosa County, Florida, Precinct 9, pg 103B, #200/203, married 0 years.
9. US Census 1910 Santa Rosa County, Florida, Precinct 9, pg 103B, #200/203, age 58.
10. US Census 1880 Santa Rosa County, Florida, Dist 1, pg 170D, #256/256.
11. US Census 1900 Escambia County, Florida, Precinct 17, Brents, pg 192? (blurred - SD 1, ED 13), #231/244.
12. US Census 1880 Santa Rosa County, Florida, Dist 1, pg 170D, #256/256.
13. US Census 1900 Escambia County, Florida, Precinct 17, Brents, pg 192? (blurred - SD 1, ED 13), #232/245, adjacent parents James Riley and Mary J.
14. Santa Rosa County USGenWeb, Santa Rosa County Marriage Index - Grooms, <http://www.db229.com/marriages.htm>, Powell, Richard and St.Marys, Rosa, Nov 21, 1898.
15. US Census 1900 Santa Rosa County, Florida, Precinct 17, Brents, pg 192? (blurred - SD 1, ED 13),, married 1 1/2 years.
16. Obituary, <http://www.db229.com/obits1315.htm>, 6 Mar 1914, of Mrs Joseph St Mary, mother of Rosa, states that her daughter Mrs Rosa Powell died "seven years ago leaving two young children who have resided with their grandparents".
17. US Census 1910 Santa Rosa County, Florida, Precinct 16, Bagdad, pg 151B, #284/289, age 6 in household of grandparents.
18. US Census 1910 Santa Rosa County, Florida, Precinct 16, Bagdad, pg 151B, #284/289, age 4 in household of grandparents.