Generation No. 1

1. JOHN P² POWELL $(ELIJAH^1)^I$ was born 30 Sep 1848 in Georgia^{2,3,4}, and died 04 Jul 1927 in Simsboro, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana^{5,6,7}. He married MARTHA ELIZABETH (BEFF) POSEY^{8,9,10} 15 Oct 1867 in Barbour County, Alabama¹¹. She was born Aug 1848 in Alabama^{12,13}, and died 28 Sep 1930 in Lincoln Parish, Louisiana^{14,15}.

Notes for JOHN P POWELL:

Younger than expected. Dobson (**Possums Run Over Their Graves**) reports that he was born in 1841 (pg 50 & 112; that is one of the dates given for one of brother James E's tombstone listings), but census shows birth year much later: 1848 in 1900 and 1930; 1847 in 1910-20. Death certificate age at death yields 1848.

Barbour County, Alabama Marriage Licenses, 1838 - 1930, Warrine Sheppard Hathaway, 1995: Powell, John to Martha E Posey, 10/15/1867

No **Compiled Service Record** found. He was probably too young to serve, turning 16 in Sep 1864. There was a John P Powell in Co E, 5th Ga Inf, but he enlisted 4 Jul 1862. Our John P would have been only 13 in Jul 1862.

John and Martha Elizabeth (Beff) not found in 1880. No children found listed on any census except Emma in 1870. In 1860 PO Farriorville in Pike Co, Beff Posey's family was located near the family of Augustus R Thomas who went to Santa Rosa/Walton Co, Fl, and whose dau Gussie married **Henry Frank Powell**, son of **Abraham C Powell**, also of Pike and Bullock Co and who also went to Santa Rosa Co and is buried in same cemetery (Old Bethel) as **Coleman Powell** and children of **Sweet Powell** of Pike County.

John has been reported to have been buried in Arcadia, La, which is in Bienville Parish just west of the Lincoln Parish line and just south of Claibourne Parish, where Haynesville is. See note on death certificate concerning Arcadia.

Louisiana Death Index - Ancestry.com

Death dt Est. birth Parish

John P. Powell 4 Jul 1927 1849 Lincoln age 78

Martha E Powell 28 Sep 1930 1848 Lincoln age 82

Louisiana Death Certificate #13507:

John P Powell d. 4 Jul 1927 in Simsboro, Lincoln Parish, Ward 3. Male, white, married to Mrs Martha Elizabeth Powell. Age 78 yrs, 9 mo, 4 days (yields birthdate of 30 Sep 1848). Farmer, born in Barber (sic) County, Alabama. Name of father: Thomas Powell. Maiden name and birthplace of mother: unknown. Informant: C L Posey of Simsboro. Dr J L Wade of Arcadia, La, attended from 27 June to 4 July. Died of cancer of left hand. Buried at Saints Rest Cemetery on 5 July. Undertaker: Sblougn? ("Blank" written above name.) Address: Arcadia (unclear if this means undertaker's address or address of cemetery).

Note: Simsboro is on SW side of Lincoln Parish, abt 9 miles from Arcadia, in Bienville Parish. Arcadia is about 35 miles from Haynesville, where Sarah Ann Powell Warren lived. According to the LA Genweb site, there is a St Rest Cemetery "Located on Hwy. 146 (White Lightning Road) in Lincoln Parish, approximately 4.4 miles east of the Claiborne Parish Line between Homer and Vienna, Louisiana." According to another page at that site, the cemetery is located at Ruston, La, which is abt 6-8 miles east of Simsboro. No complete survey available online.

In the 1941 obituary of Marcella Ann Posey, sister of Beff Posey, a C L Posey is identified as her nephew, with whom she lived. It is reasonable to think that he would not have correct knowledge of John Powell's parents' names.

These people are the right age and in the right area.

1870 US Census, Barbour County, Alabama, 9 Aug, TWP 11 R25, PO Eufaula, pg 411A, #1849/1892:

Powell, John 22 farm hand, no R/W Al

Elizabeth 21 Al Martha Elizabeth = Martha E Posey (Beff)

Emma 1 Al nothing else known of Emma

Adj at #1848: Choy (48, SC) and Mary (47, SC) Warren At #1844: Mary Nobles with Lucy, John & Simeon At #1845/1888: James (46) and Sarah (41) Bonds

At #1817: John F Bryan (46), Margaret (40) and William H (57 or 50?)pg 161B in 1880 At #1814: James Powell, Elizabeth (Bond), Anguish and James

***John's brother

At #1830: William Powell and Sarah

***John's brother

At #1792: James D Rumpf 58 and Martha; Christian Rumpf (male, 25) at #1793pg 170D in 1880

These same people in 1860 (called Beat 4, PO Mt Andrew):

At #801: C M (40) and Mary (38) Warren At #804: L N Nobles & Mary, Lucy and John

At #806: William, Sarah A and dau Georgia A Powell John's older brother.

At #809: J D Rumpf, Sr, and dau Christian 16 + other children

At #811: W H (37), J F (35) and Margaret (35) Bryan

1880: Scanned all of Mt Andrew - Bryans and Rumpfs still there. John & Elizabeth not found Al or La. Did find (coincidence?):

1880 US Census, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana, 23 Jun, Ward 2, pg 113B, #468:

Powel, John 26 farmer, no R/W Fl - - Elizabeth (wife) 20 Ga - -

At #470/470:

Posey, John 26 farm laborer Al - - No Barbour marriage in Hathaway compilation.

Marcilla 26 Al - -

Q?ura (son) 3 La - - Ira?

In Ward 3, Lincoln Parish, there is a John A Powell, b. c1817 in Tenn, wife Martha, b. Al. Too old. Received BLM land in 1856.

1900 US Census, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana, 9 Jun, Ward 3, pg 83A, #117/117:

Powell, John 51 (Sep 1848) farmer, owns free, no R/W Al Ga Ga

M E (wife) 51 (Aug 1848) m 32 yrs, 2 ch/0 living Al SC SC Martha Elizabeth Posey
Posey, M A 70 (Oct 1829) widow, mother-in-law SC SC SC None of these Poseys fnd 1910.
Posey, M A 49 (Dec 1850) sgl, sister-in-law, no R/W Al SC SC Marcella A - see 1860

Posey, J W 20 (Jan 1880) sgl, nephew, farmer, owns La Al Al Who? There was a John W Posey (sgl, 30, La Al Al, bridge-work carpenter) in El Paso County, Van Horn city, TX, in 1910 (22 Apr), also a J W Posey (sgl, 30, La Al Al, bridge carpenter) in Tarrant Co, Ft Worth 1910 (20 Apr-4 May).

1910 US Census, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana, 27 Apr, Ward 3, pg 96B, #68/70:

Powell, John P 62 m1, farmer, owns free Ga Ga Ga Martha 62 m1, 45 yrs, 2 ch/2 liv Al Al Al

Posey, Garland 13 nephew La Al Al See Beff's notes.

1920 US Census, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana, 1 Apr., TWP 18, Simsboro Village, pg 90A, #39/40:

Powell, John 72 farmer, owns free Ga Ga Ga

Beff (wife) (Posey) 72 Ga SC SC Indexed as Bell!
Posey, Sid 68 sgl, sis-in-law Al SC SC Marcella

At #38/39: Ira and Sally Posey. See Beff's notes.

1930 US Census, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana, 2 May, TWP 18, Ward 3, pg 162B, #336/336:

Powell, John, Mrs	81 (f), wid., farmer, owns	s Ga Ga SC	John d. in 1927; Beff d. Sep 1930
Posey, Marstela	79 sister, laundress	Al Ga SC	sister Marcella/Sidney - 1870 & 1920
Posey, Claude	28 nephew, laborer	La La Al	son of John W & Virgie - see 1920 Claiborne
Posey, Eugene	16 nephew, laborer	La La Al	son of John W & Virgie - see 1920 Claiborne

(Note: Lincoln Parish was originally created in 1873 from the parishes of Bienville, Jackson, Union, and Claiborne.)

Notes for MARTHA ELIZABETH (BEFF) POSEY:

http://ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/la/bienville/cemeteries/olsaline.txt

Old Saline Cemetery, Bienville Parish, Louisiana (adjacent Lincoln Parish)

Posey, Mattie --- 01/20/1890 --- 04/02/1914 Related? Not found on 1910 Louisiana census.

1850 US Census, Barbour County, Alabama, 7 Dec, Division 23, pg 247B, #2106/2168:

Pos	ey, John	23 farmer	Ga	Indexed as Rosey. See Pike Co, 1860
Ma	r y	21	SC	Widow, 1870 Bullock Co, Indian Creek
Ma	ry J	5	Ga	
Ma	rtha	2	Ga	Martha Elizabeth (Beff) m. John Powell, son of Elijah
At #2104/2166: Lemuel (46, farmer, Ga) and Mary (46, Ga) Posey (1840 Talbot County, Ga - 12 children)				
At #2105/21	67: Pulaski P	osey, 29, grocer,	Ga	

1860 US Census, Pike County, Alabama, 7 Aug, Western Division, PO Farriorville (became Bullock Co),

1860 US Census, Pike County, Alabama, 7 Aug, Western Division, PO Farriorville (became Bullock Co) pg 93, #629/629:

Posey, John	35 overseer, \$, \$100	Ga
Mary A	30	SC
Mary J	14 in sch	Ga
Martha E	12 in sch	Ga m. John Powell 1867
Marcilla A	8 in sch	Al Sidney of 1870 and 1920. Marstela 1930.
William H T	7 in sch	Al
John L J	5	Al The John Posey, age 26, in Lincoln, La, 1880?
George E H	2	Al GEH Posey m. ME Stephens, 10 Sep 1876, Barbour

Some names and ages way off but sister Sid, age 68, in Martha's (Beff's) household in 1920.

1870 US Census, Bullock County, Alabama, 10 Aug, Beat 2, Indian Creek, PO Union Springs, pg 52B, #215/215:

Posey, Mary	40 widow	Al
Sydney (fem)	20 widow	Al
John	18 farmer	Al
Oliver	16 farm laborer	Al
/		

Hart (male) 14 farm laborer Al George E H or Wm H T in 1860?

1880 US Census, Barbour County, Alabama, 15 Jun, Beat 8, Scroggins, pg 173B, #231/245:

Posey, Mary A	50 farmer	SC SC SC
Marcella A (dau)	29 sgl, laborer	Al Ga SC
T Oliver H (son)	19 sgl, laborer	Al Ga SC

At #234/248: Thomas J (25, Al Ga NC) and Mahala (17, Al Al Al) Powell, married within the census year (no Barbour marriage record in Hathaway compilation).

1880 US Census, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana, 23 Jun, Ward 2, pg 113B, #470/470:

Posey, John	26 farm laborer	Al No Barbour marriage in Hathaway compilation.
Marcilla (wife)	26	Al
I?ura (son)	3	La Ira?

At #468: John Powell b c1854 Fl, and Elizabeth b 1860 Ga Unidentified

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http://ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/la/lincoln/cemeteries/walnutcr.txt:

Walnut Creek Cemetery (abt 220 unmarked graves) 705 Walnut Creek Church Road Simsboro, Lincoln Parish, LA 71275

The cemetery is located 1 1/2 miles north of Simsboro on Hwy. 3, better known as Walnut Creek Road.

PHURROUGH, D.M. 31 Oct 1828 6 Dec 1900 Fa-in-law in household of Isaiah/Ira and Eleanor 1900.

PHURROUGH, L.A. 22 Aug 1841 6 May 1884

skip 2 graves

POSEY, Ira H. 1877 1948 Isaiah/Ira - see obit below

POSEY, Elnorah 1879 1900

POSEY, M.A. "Sid" 16 Dec 1850 6 Jan 1941 Marcella A - see obit below

http://ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/la/lincoln/obits/posih.txt:

The Shreveport Journal Newspaper Shreveport, LA Monday, December 6, 1948

"Ira Hamilton Posey"

Funeral services for Ira Hamilton Posey, 71, of 229 Edwards Street, Bossier City, who died at his home following a long illness, were conducted Monday at 10 a.m. at Rose-Neath funeral chapel by the Rev. W.

L. Sewell, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Bossier City. Internment was in Walnut Creek cemetery at Simsboro.

He is survived by his widow; three sons, T. R. Posey, Bossier City; D. C. Posey, Burbank, Calif., and W. C. Posey, Ann Arbor, Mich.; 15 grandchildren, and 6 great-grandchildren.

http://ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/la/lincoln/obits/posm41.txt:

The Shreveport Times Newspaper Shreveport, LA Tuesday, January 7, 1941

"Miss Marcella Posey"

Miss Marcella Ann Posey, 90, of 726 First Street, Bossier City, died at her residence at 7 p.m. Monday, following a long illness.

Funeral services will be held at the Walnut Creek church near Simsboro at 3 p.m. today. The Rose-Neath funeral home will have charge of the services.

Surviving is one nephew, C. L. Posey of Bossier City, with whom Miss Posey made her home.

Child of JOHN POWELL and MARTHA POSEY is:

i. EMMA³ POWELL, b. Abt. 1869, Alabama¹⁶.

Notes for EMMA POWELL: No information on Emma.

Endnotes

- 1. US Census 1910 Lincoln Parish, Louisiana, Ward 3, pg 96B, #68/70:, listed as John P Powell.
- 2. Dobson, Rebecca Newsom, *Possums Run Over Their Graves*, (orig. pub. 1985; reprinted 1995; Dobson Genealogy Consultants, Ozark, Alabama; most sources not cited; dates are often suspect.), pg 112, says born 1841 in Alabama, but census 1900-1930 consistently shows born 1847-48 in Georgia.
- 3. US Census 1910 Lincoln Parish, Louisiana, Ward 3, pg 96B, #68/70, and censuses of 1920 and 1930 say born in Georgia, but 1900 says Alabama.
- 4. *Louisiana Death Certificate*, #13507, John P Powell d. 4 Jul 1927 in Simsboro, Lincoln Parish, Ward 3. Male, white, married to Mrs Martha Elizabeth Powell. Age 78 yrs, 9 mo, 4 days (yields birthdate of 30 Sep 1848).
- 5. Dobson, Rebecca Newsom, *Possums Run Over Their Graves*, (orig. pub. 1985; reprinted 1995; Dobson Genealogy Consultants, Ozark, Alabama; most sources not cited; dates are often suspect.), pg 112, says he died in hunting accident.
- 6. US Census 1930 Lincoln Parish, Louisiana, Ward 3, pg 162B, #336/336, widow listed.
- 7. Louisiana Death Certificate, #13507, John P Powell d. 4 Jul 1927 in Simsboro, Lincoln Parish, Ward 3. Male, white, married to Mrs Martha Elizabeth Powell. Age 78 yrs, 9 mo, 4 days (yields birthdate of 30 Sep 1848).
- 8. Dobson, Rebecca Newsom, *Possums Run Over Their Graves*, (orig. pub. 1985; reprinted 1995; Dobson Genealogy Consultants, Ozark, Alabama; most sources not cited; dates are often suspect.), pg 112, gives her name as Biff Posey; marriage license has Martha E Posey.
- 9. US Census 1920 Lincoln Parish, Louisiana, TWP 18, Simsboro Village, pg 90A, #39/40, listed as Beff Powell.
- 10. Louisiana Death Certificate, #13507, of John P Powell, lists wife as Martha Elizabeth Powell.
- 11. Hathaway, Warrine Sheppard, *Barbour County, Alabama Marriage Licenses*, 1838 1930, (1995), pg 115, Powell, John to Martha E Posey, 10/15/1867.
- 12. US Census 1900 Lincoln Parish, Louisiana, Ward 3, pg 83A, #117/117.
- 13. Ancestry.com, Louisiana Death Index, 1900-1949, "Electronic," age at death was 82.
- 14. US Census 1930 Lincoln Parish, Louisiana, TWP 18, Ward 3, pg 162B, #336/336, listed as widow.
- 15. Ancestry.com, Louisiana Death Index, 1900-1949, "Electronic.'
- 16. US Census 1870 Barbour County, Alabama, WP T11 R25, PO Eufaula, pg 411A, #1849/1892.