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GENEALOGICAL ABSTRACTS

FROM

DeKALB COUNTY, GEORGIA

DEED BOOK L

1846 - 1852

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INTRODUCTION

The earliest existing DeKalb County, Georgia Deed Book is H. It is thought there never were Books I through K. Recording dates in Book L start where Book H ended. Whereas there is no book index in Book H, Book L contains both a grantor and a grantee index.

The compiler of these abstracts followed the same criteria that were used in his compilation from Deed Book H. That is, each page was read and those records wherein 1) the county heading was other than DeKalb, 2) a party to the transaction was of a county other than DeKalb, 3) a family connection was indicated or both parties had the same family name, or, 4) an estate was implied, were abstracted.

Thus, these abstracts show migration patterns and relationships that might otherwise be missed because of earlier destruction of records in the 1842 courthouse fire. As in Book H, Book L contains recordings of deeds prior to the fire, but fewer.

Witness names were not recorded unless a witness had the same family name as one of the parties to the deed. Money amount was not noted unless the parties to the deed had the same family name, in which case the consideration might indicate whether or not it was a deed of gift.

A warning is in order. On page 324 the handwriting changed, spelling and accuracy degenerated. R.M. Brown, the new clerk, had hired a bad scribe. Recording became progressively worse for the remainder of the book, with parties names spelled differently each time they appeared in a record. Words and dates were omitted. The letters "R" and "N" were indistinguishable. The compiler of these abstracts has made multiple index entries to help cover uncertainties.

p.217 GA Gwinnett County. 27 November 1845. The heirs and legatees of Zackree Lee, dec, of Gwinnett and DeKalb and Meriwether Counties, to James M. Evans of DeKalb, 50 a. of Lot 160 Dist (?) Henry now DeKalb. Signed by: Edmund Lee, Thomas Johnson, Zacree J. Lee, William P. Lee, Martha A. Lee, Rebecca (X) Lee, James L. Sewall, Matthew Henry and Rebecca A. Lee.

p.218 GA DeKalb. 31 July 1847. James Diamond to James M. Evans, both of DeKalb, the SE corner of Lot 161 Dist 16 Henry now DeKalb.

Wit: John R. Diamond
James R. Henry JP

p.220 GA DeKalb. 13 January 1846. Susan Head of Pontotoc County, Mississippi to Benjamin Little of DeKalb, 50 a. in NW corner of Lot 43 [no district given] Henry now DeKalb. By her attorney in fact, T.L. Thomas.

p.221 GA DeKalb. 3 January 1848. Elizabeth Ward, Lucretia Hightower, Simpson Ward and Thornton Ward to William Ezzard, all their interest in Lot 184 Dist 15 Henry now DeKalb, the sd Elizabeth being entitled to her dower, or one-third, and each of the others to a one-sixth share.

p.222 City of Charleston, SC. 2 June 1846. George H. Kelsey, John Deas and Stillman Ilsley [Kelsey?] of Charleston, merchants doing business as Kelsey & Deas, to John Swift of DeKalb, Decatur town lots 54 and 55.

p.224 GA DeKalb. 27 December 1847. Nathaniel W. Herrin and Edmund R. Herrin to Charner Humphries, all of DeKalb, Lot 171 Dist 14 Henry now DeKalb.

p.225 GA DeKalb. 14 December 1847. John Blake of DeKalb to my sister Sharloty Gilmore of Cherokee County for love and affection, 3 negro slaves.

p.226 GA DeKalb. 25 September 1847. In obedience to a writ of FI FA issued at suit of Mary F. Cleveland, admnx of Jesse T. Cleveland, dec, vs John Rannals, Thomas J. Perkerson, Sheriff, sold property of Rannals to Peter F. Hoyle, Fractional Lots 368 and 369 Dist 6 Gwinnett now DeKalb, 100 acres.

p.229 SC Orangeburg. [No date. Registered 10 January 1848] I, John S. Fall, now residing in Orangeburg District, South Carolina, but really at home in Henry County GA, do hereby constitute my son Calvin J. Fall of Henry attorney in fact to sell my home place, house and possessions in DeKalb. 48 acres.

p.230 GA DeKalb. 15 March 1847. John S. Fall by his attorney Calvin J. Fall of Henry County to James H. Grant of DeKalb, that part of Lot 143 lying in the town of Decatur S side and N side of the railroad, 1.5 acres, also part of Lot 235 Dist 15 Henry now DeKalb adj. Dr. Thompson going from the GA RR Depot, 40 a.