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SILAS BEAVERS

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Silas Beavers, the first Postmaster of Dunwoody, DeKalb County, Georgia, <sup>(1)</sup> was born  
January 1, 1830 (2, 3) in Henry County, Georgia (3). He was the son of Alsey and  
Nancy West Beavers (4,5,17).

The Alsey Beavers family was living in DeKalb County, Georgia, in 1840. In the house-  
hold were: one son, 0-5 years; one son, 5-10 years; one son, 10-15 years; two  
sons, 15-20 years; two sons, 20-30 years; Alsey, 40-50 years; one daughter,  
0-5 years; one daughter, 5-10 years; Frances Goodwin Beavers, 30-40 years, Allen  
Beavers (Alsey's son by Sasannah Dunahoo) lived nearby with wife, 20-30 years, and  
two daughters, 0-5 years. Nancy apparently died between 1831-1833, (William born  
January 1831. Alsey married Frances 15 March 1833), (3,6,17).

In 1850, we find Silas living in Fayette County, Georgia, with Jesse Lasseter and  
family. His occupation is listed as farmer. Also in Fayette County are Cornelius  
and Alsa Beavers (3).

In 1860, Silas is in DeKalb County, Georgia, living with Lattimer, working as a  
farmer (3). In Silas' application for pardon for reinstatement after the Civil War,  
he states that he was violently opposed to secession, did not serve the Confederacy,  
but did serve in the State militia for about three months. (Family tradition states  
that he was wounded in the ankle). He served as Postmaster at Flat Rock, Henry  
County, Georgia. His petition states that he "suffered much and almost reduced to  
poverty". His loyalty oath was signed August 24, 1865, at Mc Donnough, Georgia (7).

Silas married Temperance (Tempie) Rebecca <sup>Baker</sup> Beavers, (11 August 1842-Sep. 24, 1893), who  
was the daughter of Lawrence and Sara Rogers Baker of Covington, Newton County, Georgia.

Tempie was an 1858 graduate of the Southern Masonic Female College at Covington, Georgia (9).  
Nellie Lattimer sponsored by Charles Lattimer of DeKalb County was also enrolled.  
This may be how Silas and Tempie met. (10).

\* The first child born to Silas and Tempie was James Lawrence on January 10, 1867.  
He married Susan and their children were: James Kary (August 20, 1901-June 9, 1996),  
and Lawrence Clyde, who married Emma Augusta Turner. Lawrence Clyde and Emma  
adopted a son, Robert, and had a child of their own late in life. This child died  
at an early age, Emma was buried at Elmwood Cemetery, Birmingham, Alabama, August 7,  
1922. Her grave was moved August 10, 1926 to another section of Elmwood (2,11).  
James Lawrence Beavers had moved to the Birmingham area before Tempie Died in 1893 (12).

The second child, a daughter was born before August 19, 1870. Apparently this child  
did not survive because no other reference to her has been found (13).

Minnie Eulala was born October 13, 1873. Her first husband was Tom Stanford and the  
second husband was the Rev. Edmond Roberts. Minnie Died December 9, 1939 and is  
buried in Selma, Alabama (2,11).

\* The second and third wives of Lawrence Clyde Beavers were: Carrie Steele and Celia Dale.  
Lawrence Clyde and Celia Dale had one daughter.

Sallie Adalade was born October 31, 1875. Her husband was Robert Camper. Sallie lived out her later years with her brother, Charles, in Birmingham. She died December 23, 1958, and was buried in Elmwood Cemetery, Birmingham, AL, (11,14).

Mary Florence was born November 5, 1877. Florence never married. She worked as a sales-lady at Yeilding's Department Store in Birmingham for many years, and then worked at a Hillman Hospital (what is now the University of Alabama at Birmingham Hospital, in charge of the Linen Room. Florence helped her brother, Charles, with his children, after his wife died in 1918.

Charles was the last child born to Silas and Tempie. He was born November 3, 1880, in Conyers, Rockdale County, Georgia. Charles married Velma Sherrill, daughter of Jacob Wesley Sherrill and Lucy Ann Brown, on January 25, 1905. Charles and Velma had five children. Charles Clinton, born August 7, 1906; married Corinne Tidwell July 7, 1932.<sup>29</sup> They had two children, Charles Kenneth and Rebecca Carolyn. Charles died October 26, 1969 and is buried at Elmwood Cemetery in Birmingham, Alabama. Callie Cornelia, born December 21, 1909; married Robert Morris Kimzey April 30, 1944. Cornelia lives in Birmingham. Velma Lois, born March 3, 1912; married Preston ("Pert") T. Ware married February 24, 1974. They had one daughter, Jo Ann (Hardin). James Arthur, born March 1, 1916; married Beulah Frances Johnson, October 9, 1948. Jim died February 12, 1981. They had one daughter, Frances Ann (Ammerman).

The fifth child, a red haired boy, was born December 18, 1918 and died with his mother, the same date, December 18, 1918.

Charles remarried Maggie Gilmer Hilton Hawkins January 1, 1923. Maggie's children by her first marriage were Aubrey Woodard and Clara Belle, (2,3,11,12,14).

In 1870, Silas and Tempie Beavers were living in Newton County, Georgia. Silas is listed as 39, Tempie as 27 and James L. 2. The occupation listed for Silas is "Keeping Hotel", and Tempie is "Keeping House".

In 1880, Silas (51), Tempie (37), James (12), Minnie (7), Sallie (4) and Florence (2), are living in the Pinola Factory Village in DeKalb County, Georgia. Silas was the first known Postmaster of Dunwoody, DeKalb County, Georgia, and served from 1883 until his death, July 17, 1888. Conolous Trimble served from 1888 until 1889. On June 17, 1889, Tempie was named Postmaster. Tempie died September 24, 1893. Both Silas and Tempie are buried at the Dunwoody-New Hope Cemetery, (2,8,14).

After Tempie's death, the younger children went to Birmingham, Alabama to live with their brother, James Lawrence.

On February 21, 1902, the children sold Silas and Tempie's property, one and one-half acres on Roswell Road, to George Copeland for one hundred dollars, (16).

FAMILY GROUP SHEETS ARE ATTACHED.

Note: The family group sheets were NOT attached when this communication reached the archives of DeKalb Historical Society Sept. 24, 1991.  
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DOCUMENT SOURCES (LOCATION)

1. Davis, E. L. and Spruill, E. W.: THE STORY OF DUNWOODY, Williams Printing Company, Atlanta, GA. 1975 p. 104. (Dunwoody Public Library).
2. Beavers Family Bible (Carolyn B. Chalkley). Note: Birth years for Silas and Tempie are incorrect.
3. Georgia Census Records, 1820, 1830, 1840, 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880.
4. Fayette County, Georgia, Court of the Ordinary Marriages, Book A, p 27. (Georgia Department, Archives and History, Drawer 94 Reel 33).
5. Letter from Charles Beavers to Sallie Beavers. (Carolyn B. Chalkley).
6. Fayette County, Georgia. Court of the Ordinary Marriage Book B p. 20. (Georgia Department Archives and History, Drawer 94 Reel 33).
7. Special Application for Pardon by Silas Beavers. (Pardon Petitions and Related Sub Amnesty Papers. (Birmingham Public Library).
8. Grave Markers, Dunwoody-New Hope Cemetery, Dunwoody, DeKalb County, Georgia. (Note: Birth years for Silas and Tempie are incorrect).
9. Diploma (Carolyn B. Chalkley).
10. The Southern Masonic Female College of Georgia. They were here: Georgia Genealogical Records 1971. Vol. 7 #1-2 p. 2047-51. (Birmingham Public Library).
11. Interview with Callie Cornelia Beavers Kimzey, granddaughter of Silas and daughter of Charles.
12. Diary of Charles Beavers. (Carolyn Beavers Chalkley).
13. Letter from Lawrence Baker to Silas Beavers. (Carolyn Beavers Chalkley).
14. Personal knowledge, Carolyn Beavers Chalkley.
15. Certificate of Appointment, Post Office Department. (Carolyn Beavers Chalkley).
16. DeKalb County Superior Court Deeds and Mortgages, Box #22 1904-5 p 49. (Georgia Department Archives and History))
17. Correspondence with Judy Barrow, P. O. Box 742, Oxford, Georgia 30267.

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