

THOMAS J. AKINS

1801 - 1873

DEKALB COUNTY GEORGIA

His children and grandchildren.

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THOMAS J. AKINS, b circa 1801, South Carolina or Georgia, md 1st Elizabeth Ross, 19 Mar 1822, Bulloch County, GA; 2nd Lucinda A. Hairston, 23 Dec 1849, DeKalb County, GA; 3rd Sarah S. King, 23 Mar 1852; d 10 Mar 1873, DeKalb County, GA, buried Akins Family Cemetary, 2204 Shasta Way, Atlanta, GA.

Children by first wife, Elizabeth Ross:

James Francis Akins b 30 Dec 1822, Bulloch County, GA; md 1st Elizabeth Ann Lively, 12 Jan 1843, DeKalb County, GA; 2nd Martha McElroy, 28 Jan 1879, DeKalb County, GA; d 10 Apr 1910, DeKalb County, GA.

Andrew J. Akins b ca 1825, d 3 Feb 1847, DeKalb County, GA

Eliza Louisa Akins b ca 1827, md James Harvey Maloney, 8 Apr 1852, DeKalb County, GA, d prior 1873.

William G. Akins b 10 Jan 1829, md 1st Eliza E. Cochran, 21 Dec 1848, DeKalb County, GA; 2nd Mrs. Elizabeth F. Huntsinger, 16 Sept 1896 Gwinett County, GA; d 21 Feb 1914

Lewis L. Akins b ca 1831

Allen R. Akins b ca 1833

Thomas Berry Akins b ca 1836, md Lidia A. Brown, 15 Nov 1860, DeKalb County, GA.

Henry M. Akins b ca 1838

Jefferson P.M. Akins b ca 1839, d prior to 1873

Harriet E. Akins b ca 1841, md Joel John Holcomb.

Matilda Caroline Akins b ca 1844, md John T.P. McElroy,
12 Oct 1869, DeKalb County, GA.

Samantha C. Akins b ca 1847, md W.T. Ray, 22 Sept 1885,
DeKalb County, GA.

Martha Akins b ca 1840-1847, d 14 Feb 1848.

Jane Akins b ca 1840-1848, d 13 Oct 1849.

Children by second wife, Lucinda A. Hairston:

none

Children by third wife, Sarah S. King:

John M.S. Akins b ca 1853, md Eliza A. Echolls,
8 Oct 1873, DeKalb County, GA.

Daniel W. Akins b ca 1856, md S.F. Barrett, 14 Dec 1876,
DeKalb County, GA.

JAMES FRANCIS AKINS

James Francis Akins was the first child of Thomas J. Akins and Elizabeth Ross. He was born in Bulloch County, Georgia, December 30, 1822. When he was eight or ten years old, his family moved to DeKalb County, Georgia, and he grew up near what is now Briarcliff and Payton Roads.

He married Elizabeth Ann Lively January 12, 1843, in DeKalb County. Elizabeth Ann's father sold James Francis 405 acres of land in DeKalb County for \$200. James Francis built his house near the pond on this land. Parts of this land are still held by Akin family members today.

James Francis and Elizabeth Ann had ten children: Charles Thomas Akins, Mary Elizabeth Akins, Luveny Jane Akins, Lucinda Elliot Akins, Martha Melvina Akins, Matilda Caroline Akins, Alpharetta Eugenie Akins, Milton Chandler Akins, William Jackson Akins, and John Hnery Morgan Akins.

James Francis Akins lived through a period of American history like no other. James Francis was an educated man. He owned a large tract of land and it is reasonable to assume he had slaves to work his land. The other families around him owned slaves and his wife was given two or three slaves in her father's will which were to be received upon the death of her mother. The Civil War changed all of that.

While James Francis did not enlist himself, he did send his eldest son and he saw two of his brothers leave to fight. His son never returned, a casualty of the Battle of Sharpsburg. He watched Sherman's troops burn his home to the ground and plunder his land during the infamous March to the

Sea. He and his family were among the victims of the damage that was estimated at \$100,000,000, 80 per cent of it pure waste and destruction, the balance assumed to be that needed to feed the Union troops. James Francis was left with a wife and six children to shelter, feed, and clothe. It was winter time.

Seven years after the war, James Francis lost his wife and a daughter to typhoid fever. A few months later another child, a six year old son, died. He still had two children at home to raise, which he did alone.

In 1879 James Francis married again. His wife was Martha McElroy and they married January 28, in DeKalb County.

James Francis and Martha had twins which were born August 7, 1882. The boy died but the girl lived and was named Nancy Dora Ann Akins. Martha died, also, and once again James Francis was left to raise a family alone. All told, James Francis Akins buried six of his children and his two wives.

James Francis was a tall, thin, big boned man. He was said to have been a very kind man. He died April 10, 1910, and was the last person to be buried in the Akins Family Cemetery.

ELIZABETH ANN LIVELY

Elizabeth Ann Lively was the sixth daughter and seventh child of Charles and Mary Lively. She was born March 11, 1824, in DeKalb County, Georgia. She married James Francis Akins January 12 1843.

The Livelys were a very prosperous family. Charles Lively owned a great deal of land in Cobb and DeKalb Counties which he obtained through the 1820 and 1827 Georgia land loteries. Thomas J. Akins was one of the witnesses to Charles Lively's will. In his will, which was dated September 23, 1840, he gave the following to Elizabeth and her sister Judith Matilda:

"... I Give and Bequeath To them and their bodily heirs after them the following Named Negros to wit) Mingo a man 25 or 26 years of age Edmond a man thirty one or thirty years of age and Mared a woman 25 or 26 years old and her infant child 4 or 5 months old to be Equally divided between Them by Executors and delivered to Them by Executors at the death of There Mother Mary Lively."

Elizabeth had ten children. She died February 3, 1872, of typhoid fever which she caught from one of her daughters. Her youngest child, John Henry Morgan Akins was six years old. He died eight months later on October 16, 1872. She is buried in the Akins Family Cemetary.

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Children by first wife, Elizabeth Ann Lively:

Charles Thomas Akins b 29 Sept 1843, DeKalb County, GA, d 17 Sept 1862, Sharpsburg, Maryland.

Mary Elizabeth Akins b 14 Aug 1845, Md 1st Greenville Henderson 15 Sept 1867, DeKlab County, GA; md 2nd Hiram Miller; d 21 Dec 1922, Gordon County, GA.

Luvény Jane Akins b 4 Jan 1848; d 30 June 1850.

Lucinda Elliot Akins b 13 July 1850, md John Chapman Chewing 18 Sept 1868, DeKalb County, GA, d 3 Oct 1919, DeKalb County, GA.

Martha Melvina Akins b 26 Feb 1852, md George Washington Derden 4 May 1871, d 28 Jan 1872, DeKalb County, GA.

Matilda Caroline Akins b 30 July 1855, md George Washington Derden 19 Dec 1873, d 5 Mar 1919, DeKalb County, GA.

Alpharetta Eugenie Akins b 17 Apr 1858, md John Ellis
Brown Loyd 5 Dec 1878, DeKalb
County, GA, d 18 Apr 1948,
DeKalb County, GA.

Milton Chandler Akins b 6 Aug 1860, md Sarah Elizabeth
Landrum 17 Dec 1879, DeKalb
County, GA, d 18 Jan 1936,
DeKalb County, GA.

William Jackson Akins b 28 Mar 1863, d 4 Oct 1863.

John Henry Morgan Akins b 3 Aug 1866, d 16 Oct 1872.

Children by second wife, Martha McElroy:

Nancy Dora Ann Akins b 7 Aug 1882, md Carlos D.
Jones 15 Dec 1904, d 23 May 1970,
DeKalb County, GA.

Male Infant b 7 Aug 1882, d 7 Aug, 1882.

MARY ELIZABETH AKINS

"Aunt Mary"

Mary Elizabeth Akins was born August 14, 1845, in DeKalb County, Georgia. She was the second child and first daughter of James Francis Akins and Elizabeth Ann Lively. She married Greenville Henderson September 15, 1867, in DeKalb County. Greenville Henderson was son of the Hendersons who owned a mill and after whom Henderson Mill Road was named. He was an Elder in the Primitive Baptist Church.

Mary and her husband first lived on Gartrell Street in Atlanta and then moved to Calhoun, Gordon County, Georgia. They bought a farm there and Mary's husband became pastor of the Baptist church. He was coming home from church on a ferry one day and drowned in the Oostanaula River.

Mary later married Hiram Miller. She had no children from either marriage.

Mary was a huge woman and in her later years used two walking sticks. She was so heavy that someone always had to help her get up in the buggy to go anywhere. In her last years, she lived with her brother Milton Chandler Akin and his family. Her neice and namesake, Bess, was in charge of helping her.

Mary was unusual in at least two respects. She always kept four or five new dresses hanging in her closet that she never wore. This was at a time when few people allowed themselves such a luxury. Also, she was partially bald. To cover her baldness, she always wore a dust cap. Her baldness must have been inherited because she had a sister who was also bald.

* HENDERSON MILL ROAD NAMED FOR
GREENVILLE HENDERSON, B. 1869 IN DEKALB,
HAD 7 SONS, 2 KILLED IN CIVIL WAR, WIFE NANCY
MARY'S HENDERSON MAY HAVE BEEN GRANDSON

It was important to Mary that she be buried next to her first husband in Calhoun, Georgia. She was afraid her brother would not honor her wishes about this, so she got her nephew, Ebb Chewning, to take her to Calhoun to die. Before she left she requested that Curt and Susie, her nephew and his wife, name their new baby Clarence, which they did.

She died December 21, 1922, and is buried in Fain Cemetary, Calhoun, Georgia, at the side of her first husband Greenville Henderson as she wished.