

JAMES LEMON (1794-1849)

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One of the busiest men in DeKalb County during the 1830's was JAMES LEMON, wrote Georgia Historian Franklin Garrett in his book, "Atlanta and Its Environs."

Lemon had migrated to DeKalb County in 1821 from his native South Carolina with his father, Robert Lemon, his brother John, and his wife, the former Mary Brown Telford, whom he had married in 1817.

It was the year before DeKalb was organized as a county and he immediately flung himself into the business, political and church life of the little pioneer community, Decatur, Ga.

He is credited with building the first frame house in the area that is now Decatur. He was an organizer and charter of the Decatur Presbyterian church. He farmed and also formed the mercantile business of J. and J. Lemon with his brother John.

He served several terms as Justice of the Inferior Court, a three-man body who looked after the buildings, roads and other affairs of the county. By 1829 DeKalb had outgrown its original log cabin courthouse and Justice Lemon was a member of the Inferior Court which picked out the present Decatur square to erect a neat brick courthouse at a cost of \$5,100.00. During March of that year records show that Justice Lemon was paid \$10.00 to purchase material for glazing the new building. On April 21, the three-man court accepted the building for the county.

On July 14, 1829, he signed a decree along with Justices James Paden and Thomas Ray, which "ordered that the road leading through DeKalb from the line of Gwinnett county, known by the name of Peachtree Road, be opened and kept up as a public road."

By 1837, Justice Lemon was serving as county treasurer and the March Grand Jury reported: "We as the Grand Inquest have with the strictest scrutiny examined the books of the county treasurer, James Lemon, and find with the greatest pleasure the greatest imaginable accuracy in his books. There is a neat undisturbed residue of money amounting to eight hundred and twenty and 50/100 dollars and notes aggregating \$2,457.64/100." It was signed by Joseph Morgan.

In 1837, Lemon was also elected to serve DeKalb county in the legislature of 1838. I am certain that this was the legislature that voted an appropriation to build a State railroad from the line of Terminus (Atlanta) through Allatoona Pass to Tennessee.

Lemon and his family moved in 1843 to Marietta and then, to near Acworth where he died in 1849 and was buried at Mars Hill cemetery.

Garrett wrote that in an appraisal of Justice Lemon's estate we find Lewis, a negro boy about 27, \$750.00; Bap, a negro boy about 25, \$500.00; Dinah 33 years \$450.00; Lucy, about 55 years old \$50.00; Dice, a woman and child about 26, \$700.00; Allen, a boy about 9 \$400.00; Chany, a girl 5 yrs. \$300.00. Garrett said, " It was certainly DeKalb's loss and Cobb's gain when Lemon moved to Cobb."

This is my great-great-great grandfater, I would very much be interested in any lemon information.

I can provide your files w/ genealogical info on the Lemon fam. if you need it.

Recalls & Sr Will.

Mary Lemon

Ann Lem Pitte

John Tavis Davis

Ann Marthe Hamilton

Ann Mary Harris

son Robert Lemon

sk of deceased son John Lemon

quarison Robert Robucke

skc: Robert Lemon, an

deced 3 Oct 1849

wit:

George D Rice

Charles Cook

William Barber

copy of 3 Dec 1849

Rec. 5 March 1850

Will Robert Leman
will be the same

of advanced age

wife Mary Leman

children James Leman, Anna Pitts, Jane Davis

John Leman, Robert Leman & Mary Harris.

to Martha Hamilton, on account of her husband's

misfortune, her part to go to her sole use

Robert Roback, son of my dear Elizabeth Roback

Willis Roback - \$10

David Johnson \$10

son James Leman - exc

prob Jan⁴ 1844

19 Dec 1843

wit: John Johnson

Edwin Plater

Patrick Blaker

JONES-LEMON GENEALOGY

JOHN (JOHNNY) CARROL JONES, born 27 Nov 1959, in Tifton, Tift County, Georgia. On 08 January 1983, he married Melba Joyce Guess in Enigma, Berrien County, Georgia; she is the daughter of the late Edward and Cora Mae Guess; couple divorced in 1985. On 15 June 1988, Johnny married Wanda Rae Smith in Crossland, Colquitt County, Georgia; she is the daughter of John Norman Smith and Fannie Mae Howell. Wanda was born in Hattiesburg, Mississippi on 09 August 1955. The couple resides at 97 Sand Creek Road, Tifton, Tift County, Georgia 31794. Johnny is a state law enforcement officer and Wanda is a school teacher.

Johnny and Joyce have one child:

Jennifer Michelle, born in Tifton, Tift County, Georgia on 12 June 1983.

Johnny and Wanda have one child:

Whitney Elizabeth, born in Tifton, Tift County, Georgia on 31 August 1989.

WILLIAM CARROL JONES, born 04 July 1933, in Omega, Tift County, Georgia. He married Doris Montene Holley, daughter of James Callaway Holley and Luney Elizabeth Cox. Doris was born in Warwick, Worth County, Georgia on 31 August 1934. Carrol and Doris later divorced. Carrol served on active duty in the U.S. Marine Corps and saw combat in the Korean War. He is a permanently disabled war veteran who lives with his son in Tifton, Georgia. The couple have one child:

JOHN CARROL JONES: Born 27 Nov 1959, in Tift County, Georgia

JOHN PINKNEY JONES, born 12 January 1895, in Canton, Cherokee County, Georgia; he died on 08 April 1966, in the Carl Sanders Veterans Hospital in Dublin, Laurens County, Georgia. He married Vera Frances Maddox on 05 September 1925. Vera was born 08 Sept 1908 in McCall, SC. She still lives but is in a nursing home in Tifton, GA. John Pinkney Jones served in the U.S. Army during World War I. He is buried in the Omega, Tift County, Georgia cemetery. The couple have two children:

1. Bobby Jones: Born 30 Nov 1930, in Omega, Tift County, Georgia

2. **WILLIAM CARROL JONES**: Born 04 July 1933, in Omega, Tift County, Georgia

THOMAS (TOM) HENRY JONES, born in DeKalb County, Georgia on 28 June 1859; he died in Emerson, Bartow County, Georgia on 27 April 1915. On 18 January 1884, he married Sarah Virginia (Jennie) Lemon, daughter of Capt. James Lile and Eliza Jane Davenport Lemon of Acworth, Cobb County, Georgia. Jennie was born in Cobb County, Georgia on 11 August 1866; she died in Omega, Tift County, Georgia on 20 June 1944. Tom and Jennie are buried in the Emerson, Bartow County, Georgia cemetery. Note: In 1916, shortly after Tom's death, Jennie and several of her children moved to their farm in Omega, Tift County, Georgia. Tom and Jennie had 10 children:

CHILDREN OF THOMAS H. AND SARAH VIRGINIA (JENNIE) LEMON JONES

NAME	BORN	DIED	BURIED
1. Annie Lou	10-31-1882	10-05-1946	Eldorado, Georgia Baptist Church Cemetery
2. Sarah Frances	08-09-1886	?	?
3. James Milton	06-29-1888	12-16-1960	Oak Ridge Cemetery, Tifton, Tift County Georgia
4. Thomas Roy	05-28-1890	06-11-1947	Emerson, Bartow County, Georgia cemetery
5. Clyde Henry	01-01-1893	10-17-1953	Oak Ridge Cemetery, Tifton, Tift County, Georgia
6. JOHN PINKNEY	01-12-1895	04-08-1966	Omega, Tift County, Georgia Cemetery
7. Eliza	10-26-1897	05-27-1990	Oak Ridge Cemetery, Tifton, Tift County, Georgia
8. Ava Lena	10-13-1899	04-21-1976	Oak Ridge Cemetery, Tifton, Tift County, Georgia
9. Mary	08-10-1902	01-31-1980	Oak Ridge Cemetery, Tifton, Tift County, Georgia
10. Charles William	11-20-1907	10-02-1967	Oak Ridge Cemetery, Tifton, Tift County, Georgia

JAMES LILE LEMON, born in Decatur, DeKalb County, Georgia on 27 October 1835; he died in Acworth, Cobb County, Georgia on 12 June 1907. On 19 October 1856, he married Eliza Jane Davenport, daughter of Thomas and Clara Pierce Davenport of Cobb County, Georgia. She was born in Cobb County, Georgia on 23 September 1837; she died on 18 April 1916. He was a merchant, farmer, and banker in Acworth, Georgia. During the War Between the States, James Lile Lemon served as captain of Company A (Acworth Infantry), Eighteenth Regiment, Georgia Volunteer Infantry, Army of Northern Virginia, C.S.A. Consequently, on 29 November 1863, he was wounded and captured during the Confederate

assault on Fort Sanders, TN. He spent the remainder of the war in a prisoner of war camp at Fort Delaware, DE. In July 1995, Captain James Lile Lemon was awarded the Confederate Medal of Honor by the Sons of Confederate Veterans for his bravery during the Battle of Fort Sanders, TN. James Lile and Eliza Jane Davenport Lemon are buried in the Mars Hill cemetery in Acworth, Cobb County, Georgia. James and Eliza had 11 children:

CHILDREN OF JAMES LILE AND ELIZA JANE DAVENPORT LEMON

NAME	BORN	DIED	BURIED
1. Ann Maria	05-27-1859	01-10-1929	Liberty Hill Cemetery, Acworth, Georgia
2. Emma	02-03-1861	06-26-1913	Liberty Hill Cemetery, Acworth, Georgia
3. Mollie			
4. SARAH VIRGINIA (JENNIE)	08-11-1866	06-20-1944	Emerson, Georgia Cemetery
5. Edward, (Ed) Wayne	11-13-1872	10-20-1958	Liberty Hill Cemetery, Acworth, Georgia
6. Ava			
7. James (Jim)			
8. George	1868		
9. Clayton (Clate) S.			
10. May	1864		
11. Willie	03-01-1875	03-03-1875	Mars Hill Cemetery, Acworth, Georgia

JAMES LEMON, born 03 June 1794, in the Anderson District, South Carolina; he died on 06 March 1849, in Cobb County, Georgia. In 1817, he married Mary Brown Telford, daughter of William Telford. James was a soldier in the War of 1812. In 1821, the family moved to Decatur, DeKalb County, Georgia where he built the first frame-house on the ground now occupied by Decatur, Georgia. In 1835, he was a justice of the inferior court in DeKalb County, Georgia. Also, he served as a representative for DeKalb County in the Georgia legislature; elder in the Presbyterian church, and assisted in organizing the first Sunday school in Decatur. He is buried in the Mars Hill cemetery in Acworth, Cobb County, Georgia. James and Mary had 8 children:

CHILDREN OF JAMES AND MARY BROWN TELFORD LEMON

NAME	BORN	DIED	BURIED
1. Louisa			
2. Smith	04-04-1821	10-29-1889	Mars Hill Cemetery, Acworth, Cobb County, Georgia
3. George			
4. Isabella			Mars Hill Cemetery, Acworth, Cobb County, Georgia
5. Sara Anne			
6. William			
7. Ann Maria			
8. James Lile	10-27-1835	06-12-1907	Mars Hill Cemetery, Acworth, Cobb County, Georgia

3 LEMONS IN 1ST CENSUS - JAMES, THOMAS, ROBERT

JAMES LEMON CHAIRMAN MEMBER (WIFE MARY E.) OF DECATUR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

RUNNING SLOTTER, TRUSTEE

ONE OF ORGANIZERS OF SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION

JUSTICE OF INFERIOR COURT

TRUSTEE

DECATUR CEMENTERY COMMISSIONER

PARTNER WITH GEORGE JOHN IN MERCHANDISE BUSINESS - T. J. LEMON

ROBERT LEMMON(S), born in County Atrim, Ireland in 1768; he died in 1848 in Decatur, DeKalb County, Georgia. He married Mary Anderson in 1793. She was born on 28 March 1770; she died on 02 February 1850. Robert was a soldier in the Patriot Army during the American Revolution. In about 1822, the family moved from the Pendleton District, South Carolina, to Decatur, DeKalb County, Georgia. He was a prosperous farmer, as well as a trustee and officer in the Presbyterian church in Decatur. Robert is buried somewhere in DeKalb County, Georgia. Robert and Mary had at least three children:

CHILDREN OF ROBERT AND MARY ANDERSON LEMMON(S)

NAME	BORN	DIED	BURIED
1. JAMES	06-03-1794	03-06-1849	Mars Hill Cemetery, Acworth, Georgia
2. John	1801	1848	Probably in Marietta, Cobb County, Georgia
3. Robert	1803	?	?

JAMES LAMANT (surname also spelled Lemant, Lemont), born in Danfane, County Atrim, Ireland. The Lamant family originated from Scotland, near Loch Lomon, but moved away in pursuit of Religious freedom. In 1763, James married Martha Smythe (Smyth), near Belfast, Ireland. She was born at Killiffugh, County Atrim, Ireland. Except for his son, Smythe, James and the rest of his immediate family emigrated to America in 1773, landing near Charleston, South Carolina. They settled there, near Fishing Creek church. He was a soldier in the Patriot Army during the American Revolution, and was wounded during the battle of Monck's Corner, South Carolina on April 14, 1780. Shortly thereafter, James died from his wounds. James and Martha had 8 children:

CHILDREN OF JAMES LEMANT AND MARTHA SMYTH LEMANT

NAME	BORN	DIED	BURIED
1. Smythe			
2. John			
3. Jane (Jan) Jeanette			
4. Narcissa			
5. Elizabeth			
6. James			
7. (unknown daughter)			
8. ROBERT LEMMON(S)	1768	1848	Somewhere in DeKalb County, Georgia

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Vivian,

The info on James Lemon came from Memoirs of Georgia, Volume I, page 505, Southern Historical Press: 1895.

In reference to your question about Tom Lemon, the info that I have gathered doesn't mention a fourth son. My info indicates that Robert Lemon had three sons: James, John, and Robert. Nevertheless, genealogy is never simple, so there could have been a fourth son.

Hope this info has been helpful. I'm looking forward to viewing the Akin material you mentioned.

Thanks again.

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