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DeKalb County GA Families

ANDERSON

William Anderson: born in SC on February 13, 1775
Married Elizabeth Jett, daughter of James Jett. (The Jett
family has been well documented. Believe Elizabeth Jett may
have been second wife because she was much younger)
His daughter, Mary Ann Anderson, was born March 4, 1813,
she married Robert D. Greer. She died March 19, 1884.
William Anderson died March 9, 1831.
Believe William Anderson came from Pendleton District SC as
did James Jett. Unable to determine how or if related to
other Andersons in DeKalb County.

DEMPSEY

Harrington Earls Dempsey, son of Levi and Charity Dempsey, grandson of Barnett Dempsey of Spartanburg SC, was born April 19, 1827. Married Harriet Catherine Greer, daughter of Robert D. Greer, on January 29, 1849. He died May 12, 1897 in DeKalb County. Harrington's daughter, Missouri Angeline Dempsey, was born on April 25, 1852 in DeKalb. She married James Alvin Jones. She died on January 5, 1918 in DeKalb. Muril Matthews of Atlanta has written extensively about this family. Seek ancestors of Barnett Dempsey.

GREER

Robert D. Greer, son of Robert Greer and Isabelle Kilgore of Spartanburg SC, born January 28, 1805. Died July 4, 1860 in DeKalb County.

Married Mary Ann Anderson.

Daughter Harriet Catherine Greer was born April 9, 1835, Married Harrington Earls Dempsey. She died November 4, 1880.

Believe Robert Greer may have been son of Joseph Greer who died in Laurens SC. Robert Greer was his executor. Very good websites on Kilgore family.

JONES

William Ransom Jones: born October 1, 1825.
Married Elizabeth Wallis (Wallace)
Moved to DeKalb from Gwinnett by 1860
Died in Atlanta on March 19, 1896.
Buried Peachtree Baptist Church.

James Alvin Jones, son of Wm. Ransom Jones
Born November 8, 1849.

Married Missouri Angeline Dempsey.

Child: Leila Belle Jones, born November 15, 1887 in DeKalb
County. She married Joseph Thomas Rodgers.

James Jones died January 29, 1932.

Buried Peachtree Baptist Church

Seek parents of Ransom Jones. Believe they could be George W. and Maria Jones in 1850 Gwinnett Census. Ransom Jones lived next to them, and both George and Ransom were blacksmiths.

RODGERS (often spelled Rogers or Roggers)

<u>William A. Rodgers</u> moved to DeKalb County from Laurens SC about 1825. He is enumerated in 1830 DeKalb Census. He married Nancy (Riddle?) Children: Thomas, Nathaniel, Elizabeth, Letty, Mary, Ruth, Nancy, William, James, Sarah, Andrew. He died in Newton County (now Rockdale) on January 6, 1837. Several of his children married Hollingsworths, also early settlers in the area. The Smyrna Presbyterian Church (in DeKalb County before it relocated to Rockdale) was a meeting place for these settlers.

Andrew Rodgers, son of William A. Rodgers, was born January 15, 1804 in Laurens SC. He moved to DeKalb prior to 1830. He married Mary G. Children William A., Nancy, Martha A., James W., Sarah C., Mary B. He died on April 18, 1874 and is buried at Decatur City Cemetery.

Joseph Thomas Rodgers, son of Sidney Wilson Rodgers and Harriet Josephine Spears, grandson of William A. Rodgers, was born in Rockdale County on April 16, 1882. He married Leila Belle Jones in DeKalb County in 1907. They lived in DeKalb for many years. Children: Leila Mae, Pauline, JT Jr., Ruth, Clarke, Mildred, Frances, Mary, James. He died on December 13, 1958 and is buried in Atlanta.

Seek information about the Rodgers family in Laurens SC (from about 1770 to 1830) and in Charlotte or Lunenburg VA (from about 1740 to 1770). Plus, details about any of the family members in Georgia.

WALLACE

William Blount Wallace (or Wallis), born April 28, 1803 in Orange NC.

Married Lavinia Deshong (name anglicized from Deschamps. Good DAR records on this family). Lavinia was born on February 7, 1797 in Orange NC, died August 3, 1851 in Gwinnett GA.

Child Elizabeth Wallace born June 22, 1826 in Orange NC. Married Wm. Ransom Jones. She died June 4, 1916 in Atlanta. William Wallace died in DeKalb County on December 22, 1888.

Have been unable to discover anything about William Wallace family in North Carolina.

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It appearing to the Court by the petition of William A. Greer that his Father, Robert D. Greer, deceased, during his life in the year 1855 desiring to make an advancement of two hundred dollars each to said William A. Greer and H.E. Dempsey and S.W. Davis gave to them one hundred and twenty seven and a half acres of land, part of Lot Number sixty-five in the seventeenth district of originally Henry, now DeKalb County, valued at Six hundred dollars, that said William A. Greer went into the possession of said tract of land and paid to said Dempsey and said Davis, each two hundred dollars and that said Robert D. Greer died without having executed titles to said William A. Greer to said tract of land, and praying that the administrators upon the estate of said Robert D. Greer be required to execute titles to said tract of land to said petitioner, upon the delivery to them of the receipts of said Greer, Dempsey, and Davis for two hundred dollars each as a portion of their distributive shares in said estate. Therefore, it is ordered by the Court that Augustus L. Pitts and Mary A. Greer administrators as aforesaid do show cause by the next Term of this Court why they should not be required to execute titles to said land in accordance with the prayer of said petitioner of William A. Greer and that service of this order be served upon said adminstrators.

> J.B. Wilson Odry

t acknowledge due & legal Service on the within Rule Nisi and wave a copy process and all exceptions as to service this the 29th day of August 1861.

Mary A. Greer, Administratrix

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DeKalb Court of Ordinary

April Term 1862

The application of Mrs. Mary A. Greer to be appointed guardian of the person and property of Amanda Caroline and Mary Jane E. Greer, minors, residents of said county having being duly made and citation duly issued and no objections being offered and this court being moreover fully satisfied that said Mary A. Greer is a fit and proper person to be appointed Amanda C. and Mary J. E. Greer's guardian, both of their persons and property. It is therefore ordered by the court that said Mary A. Greer be and she is hereby appointed guardian of the persons and property of Amanda C. and Mary J.E. Greer and that she give bond and security in the sum of Eight Thousand Dollars and take the usual oath of office, and that Letters of Guardianship issue to her upon complying with terms.

Granted.

J.B. WIlson Ordy.

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AMANDA C., MARY J.E., and
MARY A. GREER

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To the Court of Ordinary of DeKalb County

The petition of Henry N. Greer, minor child of Robert D. Greer, Deceased, REspectfully shows to the court that he is over fourteen years of age, that he desires to have a guardian appointed for him to take charge of his estate, that he has selected as such guardian his friend, H.E. Dempsey, and prays the Court to sanction his choice and appoint said H.E. Dempsey his guardian.

Henry N. Greer, Petitioner

Came into open court said Henry N. Greer and being duly sworn saith that the facts stated in the above petition are true. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 7th april 1862.

Henry N. Greer

Debalb Court of Ordinary April Term 1862

And now at a regular term of this Court came Henry N. Greer, a minor child of Robert D. Greer, dec'd., and filing his petition to have H.E. Dempsey appointed his Guardian in conformity with the law and showing to the court that he is over fourteen years of age, It is ordered by the court that said H.E. Dempsey be and he is hereby appointed Guardian of Henry N. Greer person and property upon his bond and security to be approved by the court and taking the usual onth of office.

J.B. WIlson Ordy.

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