

"Pioneers of DeKalb" from DeKALB NEW ERA  
by Albert Miles Hairston \_\_\_\_\_ 1901

Judge William Hairston, father of this writer, was born in Abbeville District, South Carolina, June 6, 1801. His parents were Peter and Martha Hairston, who before their children were grown moved from Abbeville District, (they were called districts instead of counties,) to Gwinnett County, Georgia. William Hairston married Lavinia Towers, eldest daughter of Isaac Towers. May 6, 1819 on Red Creek. The next day after their marriage, which occurred at the home of the bride's parents, a reception, ('infair', it was termed in those days,) was given at the home of the groom's parents. On that day, the bridal party rode on horseback to the 'infair', when forty young people met them on the road, each riding a fine charger, and escorted them to the home of the groom. On their arrival, they rode three times around the house. That was the style in those days. That scene occurred within a quarter of a mile where Lilburn now stands, as that town was built on my grandfather's plantation.

This writer was born a mile and a half southwest of Lawrenceville, Georgia, March 20, 1820. His father, Judge William Hairston, was an early settler of DeKalb County. He came here with the Towers brothers in February of 1822 and broke forrest (sic) on Boboshelah Creek when there were only six families in DeKalb County.

The Hairstons are of Scotch descent, Sam Hairston, the progenitor of the family in America, having come over from Scotland at the first settling of Virginia.

He was elected to the legislature, called the House of Burgesses and, not living a great way off, he went on foot and stayed during the session at the Capital. On the journey he encountered a herd of cattle in which was a large bull. Sam, being chased by this bull, went up a sapling and stayed there until a gentleman rode up on horseback. Sam called on him to drive that "avil baste away". He said he was going down to the House of Burgesses and thought he would go on foot and not have this "baste" in his way.

He would walk to the Capital, taking his gun along and hunt and, on arriving at the journey's end, would set his gun in one corner of the State House, buy a fine suit of clothes, which he would don in lieu of hunting garb. I have heard he lived sixty miles from the Capital and, being a great hunter, this was his favorite mode of making the journey.

Sam Hairston had three grandsons, William, Peter and John, who migrated to South Carolina from Virginia before the Revolution. The William Hairston who moved from Virginia to South Carolina was grandfather to Judge William Hairston and was my great grandfather. Peter Hairston, son of old William was my grandfather. He moved from Carolina to Gwinnett County in 1818. Judge William Hairston, my father, lived on the lot of land he settled, on Boboshelah Creek until he died December 26, 1879 in his 73rd year. 78

Nancy Hairston, wife of Albert Miles Hairston, daughter of Malcolm and Rebecca McLeod, was born in Jackson County, Georgia April 27, 1816; moved from there to DeKalb County January 6, 1826.

Her grandparents, Neal McLeod who married Sallie Bethune, came from the Isle of Skye, Scotland. Neal McLeod was a descendant from a line of kings in Scotland, being related to Flora McDonald and Robert Bruce. Neal was a nobleman whose property was confiscated during the war. He came to America with his wife and three children in company with ten ships loaded with people; the Fergusons, Johnsons, Urquharts, Bethunes, to Sampson County, North Carolina.

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"Thomas Mehaffey was one of the 'settlers' of the early twenties. He came from South Carolina and settled on Boboshela creek, a tributary to Snapfinger. Boboshela is an Indian word meaning in English 'good pasture'. The hillsides along that creek were covered with rank wild peavines that afforded a splendid range for cattle."

"Snapfinger creek received its name from one of the men who fell down and broke his finger when the surveyors were surveying the land. My grandmother Elizabeth Towers, nee Akins, told me this. She moved here on Snapfinger the 2nd week in February, 1822, her husband, Isaac Towers, having purchased nearly 500 acres on Snapfinger in the spring of 1821."

"He and his brother William Towers cleared some of the land now owned by this writer, in 1821, and made a crop on it that year. It was the first timber cut anywhere on Snapfinger creek. The virgin forest had been unbroken by the woodsman's axe until then. Both creeks were fine ranges and were heavily timbered. I have heard my grandfather Isaac Towers and my father speak of this."

"They were from South Carolina and knew the Mehaffeys in the old Palmetto State. Thomas Mehaffey's descendants are still residing on the Boboshela plantation. He was a wheelwright by trade, and made all the spinning wheels that were made in this county for the women who carded, spun and made their own gingham at home, for themselves and daughters. Everybody tried to excel her neighbor in making nice homespun dresses."

"When my parents and grandparents moved here in 1822 there were only six families in the county. There was a large unbroken range. Sheep went where they pleased, coming home occasionally to be salted. At the time of the new moon in September our fathers would go to the forest and drive the sheep home and shear them, and our mothers would wash the wool and card and spin it, as there were no factories here in the twenties."

"We boys were pressed in the spinning business also. Our mothers would have different kinds of bark brought in from the forest and dye the wool, some black and some brown, and if they wished to make a pair of grey jeans, they used white and black. To make a roan color they would mix brown and white. I wish I had a suit of it now like my mother used to make 60 years ago."

"Elijah Bankston was another early settler, moving to this county from Jackson county, Georgia, in 1822, and settling on Boboshela creek. He came originally from South Carolina and was an old Revolutionist—went out at 16 in the war with Great Britain. . . . He was the first justice of the peace after the organization of Evan's District. He was the grandfather of the Hon. James Jackson who occupies the king's palace—I mean the king's palace of 'Arabia' in De Kalb county."

"Thomas Mehaffey, wife and several children are interred on his plantation. It is known as the Smith and Mehaffey burial ground and is one of the oldest cemeteries in the county, next to those occupied by the aborigines."

"Young Hall settled on Snapfinger creek in '22 on the lot of land that lies on the creek at the head of the mill pond, known as Mitchell's mill, owned by William and Dock Miller. Since William Miller's death, his sisters, Misses N. and E. Miller own William's interest. It was once thought to be the best land on the creek. Mr. Hall lived there several years, then sold out to a man by the name of Franklin for \$2000. . . . Young Hall, after selling his land, moved to Walker county and died. . . ."

"Henry Watkins settled on the creek about the same time. He only lived three or four years and died, leaving his wife and three or four little children. He left her out of debt. She managed well and in a few years bought her a negro girl. She died before her children were hardly grown. Her eldest daughter soon married Leander Bille, and they took care of the younger children. . . . The brother went to the Mexican war and died in 1847."

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"Zachariah Holloway built the third mill in De Kalb county. He was a 'Bible Christian' minister and leaves many descendants, all Christians and living uprightly. . . ."

"Merrell Collier moved into the county about 1820, where T. J. Flake now resides. He came there a poor man, I suppose and when he died was worth good property. He was a native of the Tar Heel State. He lived first in Jackson county until this county was opened up, when he moved here and settled at his old homestead, where he and his wife both died. Their remains are interred in Wesley Chapel cemetery. . . ."

"Merrell Collier raised a nice family of children, all girls except one. His daughter Charlotte married the Hon. Eli J. Hulsey, who brought up a family of noble children. Col. T. J. Flake married their daughter, Laura. They have brought up a family of bright noble children. This makes three generations of Merrell Collier's descendants brought up on the old Collier plantation, two miles south of Wesley Chapel and this place will be known for generations to come as the old 'Collier Place'.

"Merrell Collier's son, Henry studied medicine and after he finished his medical studies, took lectures. He married a Miss Wilson, and, after two children were born to this union, he died and was interred in Wesley Chapel cemetery. Merrell Collier was, for a number of years, justice of the peace in Panthersville District."

"Jennings Hulsey, Sr., Eli Hulsey's father, was also living in the county and was a surveyor. He settled on South River below Panola. After a time he moved out a little way from the river and settled at what is known as the 'Cross Roads'. He brought up a noble family of sons and daughters. The sons were William, Eli and Green. Green studied medicine and became a physician. Dr. [Hayden] Coe, of Panola, married one of his daughters. His first wife died and left six or seven children. He married a second wife and two children blessed this second marriage."

"He had property and when he was very old he divided off to his first children what he intended them to have, and kept back what he intended his wife and two children to have. He then made a sale and sold off the surplus."

"I was at his sale and when they went to sell the horses he had them brought up to the yard fence. Then they helped him out to the fence, and he held up by the fence and cried like a child. It made him sad to part with his fine horses which he prized so highly. He knew that he could not live a great while and he seemed to want everything just to his notion while he lived. He was honest and upright in all his dealings. He was uneducated. He would not allow a man to impose on him. It is said that he never passed any words with a man, for it was a word and a blow and the blow came first."

"Mrs. Mary Jane Bell, of Atlanta, was a daughter of Eli and Charlotte Hulsey and a granddaughter of Merrell Collier and Jennings Hulsey. . . . She has a son, Pyc Bell, who, with his wife and family reside on his mother's portion of the Collier plantation. . . ."

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My parents' fourth child, William Riley Hairston, married Adeline Collier of this county. He was born Sept. 22, 1825. She was the neice of Merrell Collier, mentioned in a letter published a short time ago. I will here take occasion to correct a mistake about him. It was published that he was a surveyor. He was not a surveyor but boarded the surveyors when this County was surveyed and thus got his start in life financially.

Brother Riley's wife was born in this county, and brought up here. Her father moved to Alabama. Riley married her there and resided there, hunting deer and wild turkeys and farming. I went there on several visits. Carried my family once in a covered wagon, which was quite an excursion for them as it took three days to go and three days to return, crossing the river on a ferry boat. We spent Christmas week there, and were feasted on the fat of the land, as we had many friends and relatives there. Brother Riley lost his wife. She left four beautiful daughters. His second wife was a Miss Nolan. He entered the confederate service, leaving his wife and five daughters. He gave his life for his country. He was lost in the Sharpsburg raid and, if buried, he lies in the unknown grave but his spirit is in Heaven. The descendents of the DeKalb pioneers made brave soldiers. Brother Riley's oldest, Sadie Hairston married a Blair. She resides with her children and grandchildren in Randolph, Ala. Riley's second daughter, Mamie Hairston, went to Texas with an aunt, after her parents' death. She married Joseph A Walker, and resides in Stevesville, Tex. Her sister, Clemmie, went with her and married Lem White. They and their six children reside in western Texas. He is a ranchman. Riley's fourth child, Parthenia Ann is in Heaven.

Miranda, Riley's youngest, married a Campbell. They are in Cherokee County, Ala. The descendents of these pioneers are scattered far apart.

Many miles intervene between the many descendents of this writer. As a rule, that is the nature of the Hairston and the Towers families to go west and seek for new scenes and new countries. My parents' fifth child, Lucinda Adeline was born August 14, 1828 at the home place on Boboshelah. She married a Jeff Akin and lived in Cobb County. Later, they lived several years in Tishomingo County, Miss. They finally moved to Titus County, Texas. Sister Adeline died in 1872. A year or two later he wrote to me, asking my advise about marrying again. I advised him to marry again. He married a widow who owned a plantation in another county, on which they resided at last accounts. He never wrote to me again. His son, Edward, resides on his plantation in Titus County. Sister Adeline had one daughter named Dixie Ann, who preceeded to a better world. Father's sixth child, Martha Ann Elizabeth, was born June 18, 1830 on Boboshelah. She married James Akin. He was a brave artilleryman in the confederate service. They reside here. When he returned from the war they moved to Fort Valley. After his death, Sister Elizabeth resided in Macon where she died. Her descendents still live there.

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Bible Record - JAMES M HAIRSTON - MATILDA McCALLAY

The following is an exact copy of the "Family Record" pages from the Family Bible of James M Hairston b14 Dec 1808 SC d13 Jun 1881 bur Harmony Methodist Church Abbottsford Community Troup Co Ga m4 Dec 1834 Troup Co Ga (1) (Troup Co Bk A p113)

= Matilda McCallay (dau James McCallay b1770 County Antrim Ireland = Margaret Aiken b18 Feb 1776 SC) b23 Nov 1816 Morgan Co Ga d21 May 1851 bur Harmony Church.

This Bible is presently possessed by William Harris Hairston b24 Nov 1880 (son of William McCallay Hairston b27 Nov 1846 = Callie Stubbs Harris) r Hairston Road RFD 3 La Grange Ga:

1st Page:

MARRIAGES

MARRIAGES

James M Hairston  
Matilda McCallay  
was married december  
the 4th 1834  
James M Hairston  
Louisa M Ellis was  
married december  
21..1854

James M Hairston was  
born the 18 of december  
17 (Note: Signs of an erasure)  
James M Hairston was  
born december the 14th  
1808  
Matilda Hairston  
was Born december--  
November the 23rd 1816  
Louisa M Hairson was  
born Jan 29..1818

2nd Page:



BIRTHS

DEATHS

Margaret Hairston was  
bornd Augus the 20 1835  
Sarah Hairston was  
bornd July the 22..1837  
Noah Hairston was born  
October the ..11..1841  
Jane Elizabeth  
Hairston was bornd  
March the ..25..1844  
William M Hairston  
was born November 27  
1846

Mary Josephine  
Hairston was born  
October the 31..1848  
James Hairston  
was Born March  
the 25..1851  
Charles B Ellis was  
born 27th March 1842

A. Noah Hairston  
departed this life  
on March the..23..1843  
Mem-  
Matilda Hairston was-  
died May..21..1851  
Gha-rha--B--  
Charles B Ellis  
died 31 day of  
January 1867 (?)

3rd (last) Page: (? faint writing upper left corner: 1864 / 1846 / 18 )

BIRTHS

DEATHS

(faint or partial erasure)

But  
(?? Butts??)

James M. Hairston Sr.  
departed this life 13th June  
1882.

2. Thomas, son of Michael  
May 19, 1791, Mary, daughter  
found in Franklin and not far  
in Franklin County. Michael  
sts. The family (of German  
Plasster was enumerated in  
ginia.

(See No. 993, Part 1)

(See No. 205, Part 1)

(See No. 40, Part 1)

s, William McCullough in  
David McCullar bought land  
County tax list and in the  
rs from North Carolina,  
years of age, was granted.  
he died and his wife, Amy,  
the McCulloch family,  
leton and other districts of

were in Greene County.

(See No. 332, Part 1)

(See No. 45, Part 1)

(See No. 57, Part 1)

(See No. 36)

(See No. 559, Part 1)

(See No. 97, Part 1)

(See No. 13)

(See No. 856, Part 1)

(See No. 856, Part 1)

(See No. 832, Part 1)

James was a soldier in the  
ge County, Va., North

Gone to Georgia

61. William Hairston 100100-00100-0

62. Peter Hairston 220101-21010-1

*to this document 2, 195*

Samuel Hairston, the progenitor of the family in America, came from Scotland (perhaps by way of Ireland) to Virginia. He had three grandsons, William, Peter and John, who moved to South Carolina before the Revolution. This William had son Peter (above) who moved from South Carolina to Gwinnett County in 1818, and was father of William (above) who died Dec. 26, 1879, aged 78, according to Albert Miles Hairston, son of Judge William (above), who wrote a series of sketches for the DeKalb County, Ga., Standard (Garrett, Atlanta, v. 1, p. 32). Judge William was born in Abbeville District, S.C., June 6, 1801, son of Peter and Martha Hairston, who moved from Abbeville while their offspring were still children. In Gwinnett (then Jackson) County, William married Lavinia, daughter of Isaac Towers and Elizabeth (Akins) Towers, May 6, 1819. Albert was born March 20, 1820 near Lawrenceville, Gwinnett County, and in 1822 his family and the Towers brothers moved to DeKalb, breaking the forest on Boboshela Creek, a tributary of Snapfinger Creek, where Isaac and his brother, William Towers, cleared land in 1821. Among their neighbors who settled there at that time were Thomas Mehaffey from South Carolina, Elijah Bankston, a South Carolinian formerly living in Jackson County, Ga., Young Hall, Henry Watkins, Zachariah Collins, Merrell Collier from North Carolina by way of Jackson County. Merrell and his twin brother Meredith Collier were born in Randolph County, N.C. and moved to DeKalb from Gwinnett County. Samuel's son Peter Hairston lived in Albemarle County, Va. His son Robert lived in the part of Pittsylvania that became Henry County, Va., and married Ruth Stovall, daughter of George Stovall of Amherst County, and left three sons, Peter and George Hairston of Henry County and Samuel Hairston of Franklin County, at his death in 1783. Of Peter's other sons, Peter died unmarried in 1780, Samuel died unmarried in Bedford County, Va., in 1782, and Andrew died 1782. One of Robert's and Ruth's children, Agnes or Ann, became the second wife of John, son of Robert Woods, of Franklin County, Va., who at one time owned considerable land in Jackson County, Ga.

63. Henry Kight 000001-01201-0

Henry, a Revolutionary veteran, in 1827 drew land in Lee and Muscogee Counties, granted Dec. 14, 1830 and Dec. 21, 1833. Also enumerated in 1820 were John, Noah, David and Samuel Kight (also spelled Kite). In 1790, David, Stephen, Henry, John and Samuel (2) were enumerated in Pitt County, N.C., and others of the family were in Camden County, N.C., and in Newberry and Cheraw Districts, S.C., that year. The family also is found in Virginia, as early as 1735 in Westmoreland County.

64. Barton Abbot 100100-00100-0

65. William Abbot 100010-20100-0

Also enumerated in 1820 were Eli of Habersham County, Thomas of Washington County, E. and George of Jasper County, and others. The name Barton suggests a connection with the family in Pendleton and Abbeville Districts, S.C.

66. Ephraim McLain 411301-01211-0

(Also McClain, McClean, McLane and other variations). Ephraim was a Revolutionary veteran who in 1827 drew Troup County land granted June 28, 1827. William McLain was in Gwinnett County in 1827. James McClain was enumerated in Greenville District, S.C., in 1790, and Ephraim 20111-30011-00 in 1800 (from North Carolina?). Among others enumerated in 1820 was Laughlin McLean in Washington County. A Loughly (?) McLaine was in Surry County, N.C., in 1790, one of a large number in that state. (See pension papers of Laughlin, Va., BLWt 12346, issued

①  
William Horston (will of 1808 Abbeville SC)

b - 1754

d 1808 Abbeville SC

= Ann ?

b - 1754

living 1808

Issue included following 1:

Peter <sup>GAR</sup> Horston

rem 1818 Abbeville to Guinnett Co

This plantation was site of present  
village of Lilburn  
d after 1820 and prob before 1830  
bun his farm - site now First Bapt Ch  
of Lilburn (Founded 1840 as  
Liberty Bapt Ch)

= (1) Martha "Mottie" Baker

Issue by m(1) 10 incl following 2:

2. William Horston b 6 Jan 1801, Judge, DeKalb

= (1) Lavinia Townes (dau of Isaac)

Issue by m(1) 10 incl following 1:

2-1. Albert Miles Horston b 20 Mar 1820

(wrote series of articles pub in DeKalb  
New Era (Garrett says "standard") pub  
Sp9 - Summer of 1901. (d d Christmas 1901.)

6. Rhoda Ann Horston

(see also p 2)

Peter Hirston of Guinnett

= (1) Martha Baker

Issue by n(1) 10:

1. James B

2. William b <sup>6 JUN</sup> 1801 m 6 May 1819

3. Thomas b ca 1803/4

4. Littleton Peter b <sup>poss</sup> ca 1806/7?

5. Melinda b poss ca 1808/9?

6. Rhoda Ann b poss ca 1810/11 <sup>30 Jan 1812</sup> ~~(see over)~~

7. Martha b poss ca 1813/14

8. Lewis b poss ca 1815/16

9. George W b <sup>ca</sup> 1812/13 - ~~born ca~~ 1817?

10. Daniel Dickson pm ca 1818/19

(GAR)

= (2) Betsy Dickinson

Issue by n(2) 1:

11. Leroy & d as youth b pm ca 1819? or later?

~~(see over)~~



child of Peter Hunsaker - CD Alton, Ill. "B. 6/1/22" (21)

Rhoda Ann Hunsaker

b 30 Jan 1812 Abbeville Co SC

d 13 Nov 1884 at Dalton Ga in home of Jan Sadie Pynor

bur Kennesaw DeKalb Co Ga

bapt 1829 Bible Christian Ch Mount Pisgah DeKalb Co Ga

by Rev Mr Clemens: pastor

m 6 Sep 1828 DeKalb Co Ga

= Joseph (or James? Prob Jas an error for Jos) G Dougherty

d 1855

bur Malongia Springs Primitive Bapt Ch nr Marietta Ga

Issue 11: (order unk)

1. Female Issue Dougherty } (Query, did one marry Mr White?)

2. Female Issue Dougherty (GAR)

3. Cynthia Dougherty = Mr Blake (Mr Rogers says Mr White)

lived DeKalb Co

4. Female Issue Dougherty = Mr Nixon

had issue incl:

4-1 Carrie Mrs Nixon = ?

rem to Omaha Nebraska and Millie Ann Smith  
went with her to live after JM Smith's death.

5. Rhoda Ann Dougherty = Marcus A Turner

had issue incl following:

5-1 Jessie Turner = Daniel Anthony McDuffie

d 1966  
had issue incl following  
5-11 Roderick M McDuffie = Miss Martin of Marietta Co Ga  
Ch of Chm at Fulton Co Ga

r (1966) 2715 Kimbrough Dr East Point Ga

5-12 Amelia McDuffie = Robert Willard Harmon  
r (1966) 1810 Montrose Dr East Point Ga

5-13 Leonora McDuffie = E Floyd Smith  
r (1966) 4160 Old Fairbry Rd College Park Ga

(over)

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6. 5-2 Marcus Turner  
r(1966) Mark Turner Rd Lithia Springs Ga

6. Female Issue Dougherty = Mr Crow

Had Issue incl following 1:

6-1. Female Issue Crow = Mr Wood  
r(1966) Bank St Smyrna Ga

7. Male Issue Dougherty  
d d s r s p

8. Amanda Wilnot "Manda" Dougherty

b 15 Oct 1847 Ga (Cobb Co?)

d 21 Aug 1927 Atlanta Ga

m Apr 1876 Atlanta Ga

= Amos Giles Rhodes (son of Joseph  
Rhodes = Louisa Laurie?)

b 29 Dec 1850 Henderson Co Ky

d 16 Jun 1928 Atlanta Ga

Issue 2:

8-1. Joseph Dougherty "Joe" Rhodes

(GAR) b 22 Feb 1877 Atlanta Ga

d 31 Mar 1932 Atlanta Ga

m 1912

= Frances Crawford (dau of Dr JM  
Crawford = Elizabeth  
Disputes)  
decd (she m(2) = ?)

No Issue

(Foster dau Josephine Crawford)

= James D Robinson Jr

(1966) 541 21 St S Atlanta Ga

8-2. Louanna Rhodes

b 19 Mar 1879 Nashville Tenn

d 25 Jul 1958 Miami Fla

bur Atlanta Ga

= (1) Albert Perdue Jr who d

Issue by m(1) 2:

8-21. Albert Rhodes Perdue

d 10 Oct 1951

= ?

r(1966) 3230 W Andrews Dr NW  
Atlanta Ga

Issue Incl Following 2:

8-211. Rhodes Lewis Perdue

(GAR) r(1966) 2012 W Paces Ferry Rd  
NW Atlanta Ga

= ?

Issue Incl Following 1:

8-212. Jan Perdue = ?

8-22. Wilma Perdue

m in Va

= Dr Owens

Issue Incl Following 2:

8-221. Eleanor Owens

r(1966) Taylor Lane

Hammond Pro

= Mr Earle (son of R  
Gov Earle of Pa. 2)

8-222. Louanna Owens

r(1966) 137 Jerusalem St  
Brooklyn NY

= Mr Clark

8-2. Louanna Rhodes (contd)

=(2) Eugene Lovick Perce  
div

Issue by u(2) 1;

8-23. Eugene Lovick Perce Jr  
15-11-1966  
r(1966) 6 Varnen Rd NW  
(GA) Atlanta Ga  
= ?

Hpd Issue - Names unk

=(3) L O Bricker DD  
(his u(2))

No Issue by u(3)

9. Jennie Dougherty

= Ben Smith

Issue Incl following 1:

9-1 William "Will" Smith decd

= ? r(1966 with dph Fannie Lou)

Issue 4: (order unk)

9-11 Ben Smith

9-12 William Smith

9-13 Fannie Lou Smith

9-14 Issue Smith

(10). Millie Ann Dougherty

= James Madaleny Smith "Judge Smith"

No Issue

After his death she rem to Omaha Neb  
with niece Carrie Mae Nixon

(GAR) She was his m(2). His first  
wife was Caroline Callahan of  
Walton Co, by whom no issue.  
He was associated in business with RG  
Rhodes and his bro (Ben?) was "drummer" with Gay

His youngest son, Eugene  
"Pheme" Smith m Cloude Rogers  
now in his late 80's and living  
on the old Smith place in  
DeKalb Co, at 1309 Warrior  
Rd RFD Stone Mountain Ga.

One of the Smith sons, William  
"Willie" Smith married  
Willie Warrior, dau of  
Riley Warrior, I believe Riley  
was possibly son of  
Albert Miles' bro, Toliver  
Warrior.)

Cloude Rogers is 1st cousin of Ethel  
Miles' wife at Warrior Co.

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(11). Sarah James "Sadie" Dougherty

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b 10 Jan 1854

d 12 May 1936 bur Kennesaw Ga  
in Atlanta Ga

= James <sup>Madison</sup> "Jim" Pynon

b 25 Aug 1841

d 23 Aug 1896 bur Kennesaw Ga  
lived Kennesaw - then Dalton - then Kennesaw

Issue 6:

(11)-1. James Madison Pynon Jr.

b 2 Apr 1879 Kennesaw Ga

d 29 Jan 1932 bur Dalton Ga

= ? (GAT)

(11)-2. Harry Pynon

= Elizabeth Leathers

Issue 2:

(11)-2.1. Sadie Pynon

(1966) 1324 Boulevard Lorraine  
SW Atlanta Ga

= Warren York

d 16 Oct 1962

Issue 3:

(11)-2.1.1. Beverly York = Kenmit Nell

(11)-2.1.2. Don York

(11)-2.1.3. William "Billie" York dec 2

(11)-2.2. Mary Pynon = Pot D Stephens  
(1966) 1605 Lindbary SW Atlanta Ga

Had Issue in following 1:

(11)-2.2.1. Pot D Stephens Jr

(11)-3. Van Pynon b 1884 Dalton Ga  
= Susie Barnett  
Issue 2:

(11)-31. Frances Barnett

(11)-32. Lorena Barnett

(11)-4. Steve Pynon

b 18 Jan 1887 or 1889 Dalton Ga  
d 28 Nov 1962

= Velma Fleming

r (1966) 350 Blvd SE Atlanta Ga

Issue 2: (GAR)

(11)-41. James Pynon = Margaret Posey  
r (1966) ATLANTA

(11)-42. Dorothy Pynon

(11)-5. Annie Pynon d May 1954  
= Lucius Leathers (cousin of Elizabeth Leathers)  
Issue 4:

(11)-51. James Leathers

(11)-52. Flora Bell Leathers = John Sessions  
r (1966) Atlanta

(11)-53. Steve Leathers

(11)-54. L J Leathers

(11)-6. Ralph Pynon

b 27 Apr —

d 11 Dec 1953 S P

bur. Kennesaw Ga.

From Carl F Greenway 950 Fifth Ave New York N Y 10021  
To Elizabeth Hairston (Mrs W N) Hobbie 532 Allison Ave S W Roanoke Va

Hairston  
Family  
File II

NYC - Friday 3rd Sept 1966

Dear Elizabeth,

Greetings to you both. I enjoyed so much your letter of early August. I thought of you while I was at the Roanoke Airport, but knowing that you were involved in the wedding of your friends and not likely at home at that hour, I did not telephone.

It was so sad to learn of Annie O's death. While I was at Hordsville, they all spoke of another series of attacks she must have had recently, for the doctors had all been out from town etc. Too bad - at that early age. Anne Hairston said that Matt rather went to pieces, but that Ruth went out to stay with her for several days.

It would have been so pleasant if you all might have visited at Hordsville while I was at Matt's. She had several people out for cocktails when I arrived, including Anne and Ruth, Ailcie Whittle, Nick Hairston and his wife, the Stanleys, etc. Anne came back out next day so we could chat at greater length, and the visit was all so pleasant. I think Matt looked better than she did last fall.

By the way, I have deduced that those two headstones which Pete (Matt's brother) gave the engineer permission to move without disturbing the graves when that dam and lake was put in, were of your Robert and Ruth, at "Runnett Bag". From the old deeds, that seemed to have been the property, on Runnett Bag Creek, where they were living when he died. Matt is going to ask someone in the county engineers just the location of the site to which they were removed. Perhaps with chalk, pencil shading on white paper etc, the dates might be deciphered. (GM)

I spent several hours in the Franklin Co Court House and found a number of interesting things. By the way, the daughter Ruth married very shortly after Robert's death in 1792, to a William Turnbull. They were living in Smith Co Tenn in 1804 when they sold her portion of the remaining family property to George. He also bought Jennie Rentfro's portion - the Rentfros were then (1805) living in Partick Co. And he also bought Mary Smith's portion. She must have already been widowed, for she signed alone and without any husband; she was still living in Franklin Co in 1804.

That reported marriage of Ann to Rev Charles Woods of Ky. That must have been a garble for the marriage of another Ann of a later generation, perhaps daughter of Agnes Ann who married John Woods. I had written previously that seemingly she must have remarried after John's death. I judge not from the records I found. I found an inventory of his estate mentioning that she, John's administrator, had herself died before the estate could be settled. They left a good sized estate there in Franklin Co.

I fortunately located the original clippings of three of those 1901 newspaper articles of Albert Miles Hairston in Decatur Ga, but most unfortunately, even a couple of trips to the University of Ga in Athens, probes into the DeKalb Co records, and those of the Decatur Historical Society failed to uncover the issues of the DeKalb New Era for the years 1897-1911. They must have disappeared after Garrett copied from them in the 1930's at the Court House. The three clippings had been seen previously by Irene Malone, but she was unable to talk Mrs Gardner into letting them out of her possession for copying; fortunately, she relented this time.

I find it fascinating that these 1901 articles mention that Sam Hairston of Va was Member of the House of Burgesses. Insofar as I can learn, there was no published



history or historical account available as of that date which would have mentioned Samuel Hairston's tour as Burgess. Nor any book or published reference containing a compilation of various Burgesses prior to the 1902 publication of "The Colonial Virginia Register" compiled by William G and Mary Newton Stanard. And that 13 volume digest of proceedings of the House of Burgesses was not published until 1915.

Consequently, I view this published account of Albert Miles Hairston's with the reference to Sam as a Burgess, in a new light. Surely the knowledge would have been brought down from Va to SC with that group. The "frill" or "embroidery" concerning Sam's walking all the way to the House of Burgesses - and that mentioned as having been heard as a distance of 60 miles - I take as one does on those things. Probably a thread of truth, but jiggled as the tradition was passed down. Surely it was much more than any 60 miles from the Blue Ridge to Williamsburg. I would speculate that Sam's long hike might well have been a good distance to the James River, from which he could have barged or boated down, or else gone by stage coach from some interim point after reaching a trafficed public road. (GAr)

You will note that Albert Miles stated that the Abbeville Distr SC Hairston brothers who came there before the Revolution were GRANDSONS of Sam Hairston of Va, the immigrant, who was Member of the House of Burgesses.

Now, while in Atlanta I came across another extremely interesting record. This was an 1884 obituary of Rhoda Ann Hairston who married Dougherty. She was an aunt of Albert Miles', and mother of Mrs A G Rhodes, of the old Rhodes Mansion which was the first home of the Georgia State Archives. This was typed on an old letterhead of the General Offices of A G Rhodes & Son and was in possession of one of the heirs of Mrs Rhodes' sister, Sadie Dougherty Pyron. I presume that it was copied from the Marietta Reporter since Rhoda Ann lived and was buried near there, in Kennesaw. Wouldn't you know - I checked twice by telephone with the Ordinary of Cobb Co Ga where all the issues of the Reporter are reportedly on file on microfilm, and also with the Univ of Ga in Athens which did the microfilming, and the entire year 1884 is missing. But it is unimportant, since we have the copy of the article. It gives considerable family detail, and again mentions the ancestor as Sam Hairston of Virginia, immigrant from Scotland. It is interesting that this predates the Albert Miles articles by 17 years. However, there is one large and key difference. The obituary states that the Abbeville SC brothers were SONS of Sam's, whereas A M's articles said GRANDSONS. One wonders which was the error - did Albert Miles write "grand" before "son" by a fluke of the pen, did the typesetter just stick it in by error, or did the person writing Rhoda Ann's obituary forget to put it in, or did the typesetter there leave it out in error???

So, who was Samuel "Sam" Hairston of Va, Burgess? I have combed those records, and the only person of the Hairston name who was a Burgess in Colonial days was Samuel of Bedford Co who was Burgess, along with Zacariah Burnley, beginning with 14 Sep 1758 through the 1760-1761 Session terminating in the Spring of 1761. Heretofore he has always been considered the same as the Samuel, brother of Robert, a bachelor by tradition and seemingly so from his will. Query, were there in fact two Samuels of early Bedford records, such as grandfather and grandson? It may be that in fact there were the two there. As I have written before, it has bothered me - trying to reconcile the tradition as expressed by your mother that Samuel was youngest of the group of brothers of your Robert, and yet acquired land in 1743, the first Hairston land record uncovered in Virginia. This does lead you to give a heavier weighting to the possibility that the 1743 deed was to an earlier generation Samuel, rather than to Samuel, brother of your Robert.

Developing the argument that there might have been two Samuels of different generations in Bedford, it does seem a bit odd upon consideration, that a fellow as

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active in county affairs as your Robert's brother Samuel, would have dropped out of Colonial politics after his four years. Some of those fellows went on for years - and Samuel, brother of Robert, did not die until 21 years after that last session of the Spring of 1761 in the House of Burgesses. I wonder...

The first Burgesses of Bedford Co - following its formation from Lunenburg Co - were in the session beginning 22 Aug 1754, namely William Callaway and John Phelps. They were there again in 1755, but in 1756 William Callaway appears with ? Stith, and that pair continued through the session of 30 Mar 1758. That Mr Stith was no doubt the one who was County Surveyor, and probably the same who was in partners with Samuel Hairston in a tract of land recorded or surveyed as for "Hairston and Stith".

Then, beginning with 14 Sep 1758 we have Samuel Hairstone and Zacariah Burnley, and they continued through the session ending the Spring of 1761.

3M. (Zacariah Burnley interests me for another reason. I have mentioned my descent from Alexander McClaran of old Guilford-Rockingham Co NC, who removed from there to Williamson Co Tenn and is much mixed in with records of the family of Nicholas Perkins and his descendants. McClaran's wife was probably a Duke, I believe, a descendant of some sort of Cleavers Duke of Hanover/Louisa Co Va. One of Duke's several wives was a Cosby, and her mother was a Garland; the Garlands intermarried with the Andersons, and there were several Garland Andersons. There were two Duke marriages with Burnley, and there were two Burnley Dukes - one of whom figured in a land transaction of Alexander McClaran's brother in law in old Guilford. Alexander named sons John Duke (my ancestor) and Daniel Clevins (?) probably Cleavers, and Garland Anderson.

Zacariah Burnley does not appear again as Burgess from Bedford. However, he or someone else of that same name became Burgess of Orange County on 17 Oct 1765 along with James Walker and continued thus until relinquishing to become Sheriff in the Spring of 1774.

As for Garland Anderson, it is interesting that in the Convention of 1775, he sat until 9 Aug as an alternate from Hanover Co for Patrick Henry.)

Back to Bedford Co., the Burgesses beginning 3 Nov 1761 were again William Callaway, this time with John Talbot. They continued through the session of 1 May 1765, and beginning Oct 1765, John Talbot continued, but with John Callaway replacing William Callaway. They continued through 1768. In 1769 John Talbot continued with Charles Lynch, and they remained in the House through the Convention of 1776 (Lynch does not show in the session of 1 Dec 1775 but reappears on 6 May 1776).

Samuel Hairston (Hairstone) took his seat in the House of Burgesses with the session of 14 Sep 1758. He was ranked by a bit less than 7 months by "another" and somewhat better known Virginian - one George Washington who took his seat for the first time on 22 Feb 1758 representing Frederick Co. (You will recall the close association there with Thomas, Lord Fairfax, of "Greenway Court"; it was some years later that he moved to Fairfax Co and continued as Burgess from there). During this period William Cabell Jr was one of the two Burgesses from Albemarle Co, and John Wilson from Augusta Co. William Cabell Jr continued as a Burgess of Albemarle through the Spring of 1761. Then, coincident with the formation thereof of Amherst Co, he appears as an initial Burgess, along with Cornelius Thomas, of Amherst beginning with the session of 1 Nov 1761.

Elizabeth, I would so appreciate it if you might locate among the clippings in your mother's manuscript, some of the earliest newspaper obituaries of your family, and make me a verbatim transcript of their contents. These I would surely like to have, and

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George of Hordsville who died 186...  
I have particularly in mind those of your George Hairston of Beaver Creek who did and of Samuel Hairston who founded Oak Hill. All being men of such prominence, I suspect that they would have had generous obituaries - and hopefully that they might elaborate on early family history. I was considerably impressed at the family history in the obituary of Rhoda Ann Hairston Dougherty, and this has made me hopeful of finding equal pearls among some of the early Virginia ones. Unfortunately, they sometimes were simply eulogies a la Victorian Era, without anything of historical substance.

I have also written to Anne and Ruth Hairston, to see whether there might be such obituaries in their old family clippings, or possibly something on file at the Martinsville Library which might be photostatted. There is a provocative reference in your mother's book on p7, which I take to have been from an obituary:

".....George Hairston served in the Virginia Legislatura in 1798.  
From a newspaper sketch of his life and death: GAR

....."

So, I am hoping that your mother's manuscript will have the clipping from which those comments were excerpted, and that it will show the name of the newspaper and the date, and that you will oblige me with a full copy of its entirety. I shall be most grateful. Because of the early date of his death, in 1827, and being of that early generation, any further details would be most interesting. Would that we could spread out obituaries of all Robert's children and grandchildren. I suspect that without doubt - as things seem to go - we would find considerable variances in the several accounts; but it would be most helpful to see what as many said as we can locate. By the way, if it is too much of a chore to make a verbatim transcript of any you locate, I would be pleased if you could take the manuscript into your local reproduction shop to be facsimile copied on a Xerox machine, then let me reimburse you for the charges. On the Xerox or photostat machine, they can copy from an opened book without having the pages loose, so there would be no damage to the book.

You will find this following copy of Rhoda Ann's obituary an interesting example:

"Mrs. R.A. Dougherty, daughter of Peter and Martha Hairston, was born in Abbeville, S.C., January 30th, 1812, was married to Jas. G. Dougherty September 6th, 1828, and died in Dalton at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Sadie Pyron, November 13th, 1884, aged 73 years, 9 months and 13 days. She was interred in the cemetery at Kennesaw the 14th, Dr. A.G. Thomas officiating at the burial rites. The deceased was baptized and received in the Bible Christian Church in DeKalb County, Ga., at Mt. Pisgah, 55 years ago by Rev. Mr. Clemens, the pastor. She has been a consistent member, and at the time of her death was a member of the Church of Christ in Atlanta.

"She was a woman of great perseverance and energy, being of the hardy Scotch race. Sam Hairston, who was originally from Scotland, moved from there to Virginia. His sons, William, John and Peter, moved from Virginia to South Carolina during the Revolutionary war. William and John have many descendants in the Southern States. Peter left one daughter but no sons. William and Ann Hairston were the grandparents of Mrs. Dougherty. Her married life was a happy one, yet 29 years ago her companion in life was called to the great Beyond, and she was left a widow with eleven children, there being ten daughters and one son. Besides her own family she brought up two orphan nephews, and was never known to turn a beggar away without extending relief. She has ten sons-in-law, many grandchildren and great-grandchildren."

(Note: I do not know at the moment just how to reconcile that statement that the Abbeville brother, Peter, had only one daughter, for we feel he did have sons including Robert named in Peter's father-in-law's will...)

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Back to those Franklin Co Va records, I found land transactions between Sam Hairston (son of Robert) in the late 1700's with Robert Jones, who no doubt would be the R Jones of that silhouette which Matt gave me. I feel that unquestionably are my particular group of Jones, for in a 1797 deed from Robert Jones Senr to Samuel Hairston, one of the witnesses was Abraham Jones. That name derived from the marriage of Capt Peter Jones 1st to Margaret Wood, daughter of Major General Abraham Wood. They named a son Abraham Wood Jones, and a grandson was named Abraham Jones etc.

When George was buying out his sisters' interests in the remaining estate of their father, Robert, and that to be realized upon the death of their mother, Ruth, he also purchased the part coming to Elizabeth and Michael Rowland. This was in 1801, and they were still living in Henry Co at the time.

Another result from the Franklin Co Va probing was to straighten out the tradition on the marriage of Mary Hairston (daughter of Samuel Hairston - Judith Sparrel Saunders) to John Callaway. The recorded tradition was that she was John's second wife, following his first marriage to America Hairston (daughter of George Hairston - Elizabeth Perkins, widow of William Letcher), and that Mary and John had no issue.

"Our Kin" by Ackerly places the two marriage in reverse order, and I believe that would be correct from the cited dates of birth and death. This also listed four children of Mary and John. That they had two children living as of 7 Nov 1834 is proved by the will of Samuel, which contains an interesting side light in that he disinherited one:

"...my grandson Samuel H Callaway, son of John Callaway who married my daughter Mary... from the misconduct of Mary Callaway. her harsh and ill treatment of me has caused me to cut her off. by giving her five shillings. who is the daughter of John and Mary Callaway and sister to the above Samuel H Callaway...that 1/14th part of my estate to be divided among the other heirs..."

GAR

Whatever poor Mary's faults, they cost her rather dearly, for Samuel's estate included a goodly number of slaves etc. "Our Kin" gives the descendants as follows:

John Callaway 1781-1865 (son of James Callaway - (2) Elizabeth Early)

m(1) 1811 (or 1810?)

-(1) Mary "Polly" Hairston b1793 (would be dau of Samuel and Judith) - d before 1821  
Issue by m(1) 4:

1. Samuel Hairston Callaway 1810-1846 (Sic - the book says b1810 although m 1811)
2. Elizabeth Mary Callaway b1812 married Evan Davis and had issue
3. James Callaway 1814-1829
4. Polly Callaway b1816 (since "Polly" is a standard pet name for Mary, I have wondered whether such person existed; if so she died before 1834).

m(2) 1821

-(2) America Hairston b21 Feb 1801 (would be dau of George and Elizabeth)  
Issue by m(2) 2;

5. George Hairston Callaway b1822 d1894 s p

6. Bethania Ruth Callaway b1825 - George Pannill and had issue

Also on Callaway, my friend in Atlanta, Frank Parker Hudson, uncovered an interesting early deed in Putnam Co Ga. Dated 21 Feb 1812, this is the earliest direct association I have seen of the Southern branches of Callaway and Hairston. Peter Hairston witnessed a sale of land by John Callaway and Enoch Callaway. Interestingly, another witness was

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Christopher Irwin. He was an Echols kinsman of Tabitha Echols who married my Nat Formby, from Halifax/Pittsylvania Co Va, and in 1844 attested her Rev Widows Pens.

The Peter Hairston of this deed (Putnam Co Bk D p102) was, I believe, son of the Abbeville brother, John, and later of Montgomery/Tallapoosa Co Ala.

The John Callaway and Enoch Callaway (b1792) of the deed were brothers, and second cousins of the John Callaway (b1781) who married Mary Hairston and secondly America Hairston. Their grandfather, Thomas Callaway of early Halifax Co Va records, was brother of the William Callaway who preceded and followed Samuel Hairston as Burgess from Bedford Co Va. Their father, also named John, settled in Wilkes Co Ga in 1782/3. In Dec of 1811, two months prior to this Putnam Co Ga deed, Enoch Callaway had married Martha Reeves of Abbeville SC; they were grandparents of Fuller Earle Callaway of LaGrange, Troup Co Ga. Enoch's brother, John (Jr), removed to Alabama in the early 1800's and is referred to in their pedigree as "John of Alabama".

Again, I would so appreciate full copies of any of the old obituaries which you might possess in Miss Lizzie's manuscript-scrapbook, particularly of George Hairston of Beaver Creek, George of Hordsville and Samuel of Oak Hill. On George of Hordsville, your mother referred on her p10 to a death notice in one of the Richmond newspapers (I presume shortly following his death on 13 Oct 1863).

My best to both you and Billie, and looking forward with interest to hearing from you,

Sincerely,



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P.S. (5th Sep)

I dropped into the NY Public Library yesterday afternoon, planning to study the years 1758/61 in the 13 volume "Journals of the House of Burgesses of Virginia 1619-1776", edited by H R McIlwaine 1905-1915. They are kept in the Rare Book Room and unfortunately, being Saturday, this was closed. Another time.

However, I dug another time into Ruth Hairston Early's "Campbell Chronicles" to see what of importance I might have missed previously. And I did indeed find something which, at least on the surface, looks highly provocative. I hope to check this out soon against the Assembly proceedings in the "Journals" for some further clarification.

The intriguing bit I found not in the Hairston Family Sketch, but rather, tucked away on page x of her introduction. This discussed the dates of the various sessions of the House of Burgesses and listed the various Burgesses by particular session, for Bedford Co from its inception (since Campbell was not cut from Bedford until 1782, the records of Bedford are naturally important to her work). The Session of 1756-61, the final session of which was dissolved on 10 Apr 1761, listed Samuel Hairston's tenure of 1758/61. What is intriguing is that she cited him as Samuel Hairston, Sr. (!!!)

I am now indeed curious to dig into those "Journals" to see for myself whether Samuel is so listed (as Sr) in any place. Why would Ruth Hairston Early so listed him unless there were, as I have wondered, in fact two Samuel Hairstons of age in the county at that time? Her ancestor, Samuel Hairston (son of Robert) was then only a few years old, so certainly there would have been no Senior-Junior differentiation for his existence - unless she arbitrarily imposed it herself.

Ruth Hairston Early's historical county data seems well supported, but on her Hairston Family Sketch I cannot say so much. Seemingly she failed to check out two important Scottish historical dates in setting down family tradition, for there are two direct conflicts.

One, she named Immigrant Peter Hairston (father of Robert etc) as son of Sir Robert Hairston, friend and follower of The Bruce. She thus compressed 400 years into a single generation. The Bruce died 7 Jun 1329, whereas Robert Hairston, your ancestor, is said to have been born ca 1715. Other historians such as your mother have defined this relationship as "descendant of" rather than "son", thus bridging this gap of years.

Two, Early pegged Peter Hairston's departure from Scotland to Virginia as following the Battle of Culloden, then mentioned Samuel's acquisition of land on Rock Fish River in 1743 and Peter's grant in Albemarle of 1746. This could not be. Culloden was fought 16 Apr 1746, yet the Rock Fish deed to Samuel dates to 17 Jan 1743, and the Albemarle grant to Peter was issued 12 Jan 1746 (Peter's was obviously a delayed issuance and no doubt of even earlier date, for it specifies land in Goochland Co, from which Albemarle was formed in 1744). GM

One usually finds a fabric of truth in traditions, which sometime gain, lose or alter details as passed down from preceding generations. Probably it is so that the Hairston immigrant ancestor left Scotland following some political defeat or upheaval, possibly stopping in Ireland en route to pick up that alleged Irish wife. Other likely dates which would not conflict with the land acquisition dates in Virginia would be the Battle of Sheriffmuir ending the Rebellion of 1715, or the Battle of Killiecrankie in 1689.

Albert Miles Hairston's articles are also guilty of this compression of time, in his statement, "...the progenitor of the Hairston family in America, came over from Scotland at the first settling of Virginia...". Assuming the date of arrival to have been something like ca 1715-1743, the colonial life of Virginia was then something over 100 years old, which I would not define as "at the first settling" by some years, or generations.

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*Hairston*

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Dear Miss Hart,

You might recall my letter of 6 January inquiring as to whether the Archives had microfilms of early issues (spring and summer of 1901) of a "DeKalb Standard". I was anxious for copies of some articles in there, referred to in "Atlanta and Its Environs", Vol I, by Franklin M. Garrett, p32/7. These were a series of sketches entitled "Pioneers of DeKalb" written by Albert Miles Hairston.

Your kind reply stated that these were not on file at the Archives and suggested searching at the University of Georgia. One of my Hairston cousins who lives there did so but without success, finding only the "New Era". Another Hairston cousin then wrote to Mr. Garrett and was told that he copied the articles in the 1930's, from a stack of old papers in the Court House in Decatur. The Ordinary there has no knowledge of any old papers there, and her check with the editor of the New Era did not uncover any information on the "Standard". She referred me to Miss Trotti of the Decatur-DeKalb Library; another cousin followed up on that, likewise with a negative finding.

I am about to decide that Garrett's quotation of that source must some way have been in error. The present Decatur Hairstons all have a recollection of a series of articles done by Albert Miles, but aver that they were in the New Era; and none of them has any recollection of such "Standard", including one descendant in her 80's and another age 92. Notwithstanding, I just today had a note from a fellow searcher (on the Formby line who knows my Hairston-Formby/Fomby connection) to whom I had mentioned my problem. He is an old friend and former neighbor of Garrett's and telephoned him on the matter. The reply was still the same, i.e., the Standard.

From Mr William Towers Hairston of Decatur I learned of his cousin, a Mrs Gardner of Atlanta, rather ill and in her 80's - both are grandchildren of Albert Miles'. One of my Hairston cousins from Monticello has been up to visit with her, and Mrs Gardner has in a scrapbook two of the articles seemingly in question. There is nothing, however, which proves that they are from the New Era as she says; the name of the paper was not kept with the articles. She says they were of a series of 6; she had the full set in another scrapbook which was loaned years ago to a relative and "lost". These continue in wonderful elaboration on the family, but point up the vast missing material of those other articles.

I am so very anxious to run these down, not only in documenting that branch of the family but to ascertain just what additional data he may have included on the immigrant generation of the Hairston. Seemingly these articles were the source of the material in Charles Murphey Candler's printed address in 1922 upon the occasion of the Centennial of DeKalb County, Garrett's article in his book, and most recently Stewart's "Gone To Georgia". These name Samuel Hairston of Va. as the immigrant, which is in direct conflict with the vast amount of printed data on the Virginia branch, designating Peter. We are all anxious to get at the bottom of just what Albert Miles did and did not say.

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I shall be on a short vacation break next week, and the airlines permitting, I hope to be down to inspect those beautiful new surroundings of yours in person and to have a crack at the microfilms of the "New Era" in search of those articles.

Why I am writing now is to ask whether you might have there any sort of detailed genealogy on, or old family papers of, your Mr Rhoades of the old Archives building. If so, they just might prove a key to many of the answers I seek. According to Mrs Gardner, his wife was a Daugherty, and her mother was Rhoda - referred to by Mrs G. as "Cousin Rhoda". Mr Daugherty was killed in the Civil War, leaving 10 daughters, one of them the future Mrs. Rhoades. Mrs Gardner said that her parents lived in Atlanta in a duplex with Cousin Rhoda in 1877, where her oldest brother was born.

Agewise, I am a bit confused as to just who Rhoda was. Mrs Gardner refers to her as "Cousin", indicating that she was probably a first cousin of Albert Miles Hairston (Mrs Gardner's grandfather). She said that Rebecca, one of Albert Miles' daughters, boarded in Atlanta with Cousin Rhoda and while in the household, taught the future Mrs Rhoades to read and write as a child. So, this would point Rhoda out as logically a contemporary in age with Albert Miles.

But here is the confusion for me. Albert Miles' father was Judge William Hairston, son of Peter Hairston who came from Abbeville Distr SC to Gwinnett Co in 1818. Peter had a daughter, Rhoda Hairston, and I was first told that it was she who married Mr Rhoades. But that would have made her an aunt of Albert Miles', and it seems to me that she would have been too old to be been the Mrs Daugherty and moreover, most likely would have been referred to as "Aunt" rather than "Cousin". Hence, I have wondered whether there was a Rhoda, daughter of Rhoda. If so, I do not know whether Rhoda Daugherty's maiden name would have been Hairston (daughter of a son of Peter's) or otherwise (daughter of a daughter of Peter's). I would so hope that there might be some papers among the Rhoades things which might elaborate. Possibly they even kept a series of that elusive set of 6 newspaper sketches by Albert Miles Hairston.

At your convenience, I would appreciate so much checking in with you when I am down next week to see whether you might lend any suggestion.

Thanks so much,

Sincerely yours,

*Carl F. Greenway*  
Carl F. Greenway

I thought this copy of the James M Hairston Bible record might fit in with your records of this sort. The daughter, Mary Josephine, married Cornelius Alexander Formby/Fomby, and they were my great grandparents. James M. Hairston had no issue by his second wife, the widowed Louisa M. Ellis. She was daughter of Benjamin Gachet, a French nobleman whose old home a mile from Barnsville has been restored and married with a plaque concerning the overnight stop there of Marquis De La Fayette on 9 March 1825. Louisa's sister, Mary, was mother of Callie Stubbs Harris who married James M. Hairston's son, William McCallay Hairston.

If I have misspelled A.G.'s name incorrectly, Rhoades when perhaps Rhodes, please forgive. Other than his wife, Amanda, I know the name of only one other of the ten Daugherty daughters - Ann, who married Judge Smith of Hairston Road in DeKalb Co.



Bible Record - JAMES M HAIRSTON - MATILDA MCCALLAY

The following is an exact copy of the "Family Record" pages from the Family Bible of James M Hairston b14 Dec 1808 SC d13 Jun 1881 bur Harmony Methodist Church Abbottsford Community Troup Co Ga m4 Dec 1834 Troup Co Ga (1) (Troup Co Bk A p113)

= Matilda McCallay (dau James McCallay b1770 County Antrim Ireland = Margaret Aiken b18 Feb 1776 SC) b23 Nov 1816 Morgan Co Ga d21 May 1851 bur Harmony Church.

This Bible is presently possessed by William Harris Hairston b24 Nov 1880 (son of William McCallay Hairston b27 Nov 1846 = Callie Stubbs Harris) r Hairston Road RFD 3 La Grange Ga;

1st Page:

MARRIAGES

James M Hairston  
Matilda McCallay  
was married december  
the 4th 1834  
James M Hairston  
Louisa M Ellis was  
married december  
21..1854

MARRIAGES

James M Hairston was  
born the 18 of december  
17 (Note: Signs of an erasure)  
James M Hairston was  
born december the 14th  
1808  
Matilda Hairston  
was Born december--  
November the 23rd 1816  
Louisa M Hairson was  
born Jan 29..1818

2nd Page:

BIRTHS

Margaret Hairston was  
bornd Augus the 20 1835  
Sarah Hairston was  
bornd July the 22..1837  
Noah Hairston was born  
October the ..11..1841  
Jane Elizabeth  
Hairston was bornd  
March the ..25..1844  
William M Hairston  
was born November 27  
1846  
Mary Josephine  
Hairston was born  
October the 31..1848  
James Hairston  
was Born March  
the 25..1851  
Charles B Ellis was  
born 27th March 1842

DEATHS

A. Noah Hairston  
departed this life  
on March the..23..1843  
Mam-  
Matilda Hairston was-  
died May..21..1851  
Sha-rha--B--  
Charles B Ellis  
died 31 day of  
January 1867 (?)

3rd (last) Page: (? faint writing upper left corner: 1864 / 1846 / 18 )

BIRTHS

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(?? Butts??)

DEATHS

James M. Hairston Sr.  
departed this life 13th June  
1881.

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William Horston (will of 1808 Abbeville SC)

b - 1754

d 1808 Abbeville SC

= Ann ?

b - 1754

living 1808

Issue included following 1:

Peter <sup>GAR</sup> Horston

rem 1818 Abbeville to Guinnett Co

This plantation was site of present  
village of Lilburn

d after 1820 and prob before 1830

but his farm - site now First Bapt Ch

of Lilburn (founded 1840 as

Liberty Bapt Ch)

= (1) Martina "Mottie" Baker

Issue by m(1) 10 incl following 2:

2. William Horston b 6 Jan 1801, Judge, DeKalb

= (1) Caroline Towers (dow of Isaacs)

Issue by m(1) 10 incl following 1:

2-1. Albert Miles Horston b 20 Mar 1820

(wrote series of articles pub in DeKalb

New Era (Garrett says "standard") pub

Sp9 - Summer of 1901. He d Christmas 1901.)

6. Rhoda Ann Horston

(Census 0 p 2)

Peter Horston

of Guinnett

= (1) Martha Baker

Issue by n(1) 10:

1. James B

2. William b<sup>SUN</sup> 1801 m 6 May 1819

3. Thomas b ca 1803/4

4. Littleton Peter b<sup>pm</sup> ca 1805/6?

5. Melinda b poss ca 1808/9?

6. Rhoda Ann b poss ca ~~1812/13~~ <sup>30 Apr 1812</sup> ~~1812/13~~ ~~1812/13~~

7. Martha b poss ca 1813/14

8. Lewis b pm ca 1815/16

9. George W b<sup>ca</sup> 1812/13 - Comm. ca 1817?

10. Daniel Dickson pm ca 1818/19

(GAR)

= (2) Betsy Plin

Issue by n(2) 1:

b pm ca 1819? or later?

11. Leroy & d as youth

Copy

Mr. H. H. Hairston Jr., Athens Ga - from Carl F. Greenway

Copy for Frank Parker Hudson

Lennie Archives  
Please add to your  
HAIRSTON file.

NYC - 14 Apr 1966

Dear Bill,

*Frank Parker Hudson*

So delighted to have yours dtd Easter Sunday. I am indeed sorry to hear that Cousin Will's general state of coherence is not as good as I had hoped. I answered Cousin Addie's letter the other day, but in any event give them all my best.

How wonderful, having the copies of those two letters. I would appreciate it if you send me the original of Elizabeth's drafts of your Dad's letter. There are several things in there which I would like to preserve for the master records, so to speak, and the reproduction process did not pick up all the script. I would like to borrow them just long enough to run on a xerox machine, which makes a perfect copy of what is there, including even erasures if at all visible - I will return promptly. And as well, your sister, Elizabeth, whom I have never met as you know, that she is indeed a sweet girl for having made that draft copy so many years ago. How fortunate that these were tucked back in the old Bible and that you found them.

Since I shall send copies of this to the others, let me spell out just what these letters were:

Firstly, a letter dtd 10 Dec 1936 to Cousin Will from Mrs Paul McKain, 534 20th St N W Apt 7, Washington DC (her husband was then in the Dept of Labor - Statistics). She had recently been in La Grange trying to dig out something on her Hairston ancestors, and at the La Grange College for Women, where she had gone to attempt to learn something from their records since her great aunt, Ella Hairston, had attended there, Dean Bailey of the College had introduced her to your sister, Elizabeth whom was evidently a student there at the time.

She did not know the name of her Hairston great grandfather, but knew that his wife's maiden name was Glasgow. She was seemingly more anxious to trace the distaff side in order to establish some definite line to a French aristocrat ancestor (this made me think of James M's second wife and her sister, your grandfather William McCallay Hairston's wife, who were daughters of Gache, friend of Marquis/General de Lafayette). She said that his great grandparents had a cotton plantation near Wetumpka Ala and were buried near there, and that the great grandmother had visited in Texas with her (Mrs McKain's) grandmother. She mentioned her grandmother's relating to her stories of growing up on the banks of her beloved Chattahoochee River, or rather ~~Chattahoochee River~~, "where she played as a child."

She named four children of her great grandparents - Ella the older sister of her grandmother, then her grandmother Sarah Jane and her twin, Elizabeth, born in La Grange Ga 10 Mar 1854, then their brother Peter.

The second letter, or drafts thereof, was Cousin Will's reply. While there was no date shown, the timbre suggested that it was directly following receipt of Mrs McKain's inquiry. He told her that her grandmother was probably daughter of one of the two brothers of James M Hairston, viz, Sam or Peter - mentioning that both had families or children. He remarked on the similarity of female names, stating that they were "family" names. He mentioned the first cousin who had moved to Texas at too young an age to attend La Grange College for women, and that James M's children, Jim and Josie (who married a Parker) had both moved to Texas and that they still occasionally corresponded from somewhere in Texas. He mentioned having talked with W T Hairston of Avondale and finding out anything. He mentioned some Hairstons in "a county above me", and there was a Peter in XXXXX(copy not clear), "but they moved to Atlanta xxxx(not clear)"

2/ Cousin Will wondered whether she might not have meant "Wedowee" rather than Wedowee, mentioning that not only was Wehadkee where the James M Hairston homeplace was, but that the Creek emptied directly into the Chattahoochee at that point, whereas Wedowee was some 20 miles from the River. Lastly, he said that he would contact the oldest living relative, Charlie Sanders age 80 who lived some 80 miles distant, for further family data. He mentioned that the only ones of James M's children who stayed in that area and had families were his father, William McCalley, and Margaret.

(end of quotes from the two letters).

Yes, I can place these folks, and am I delighted to have the information. And some other data in Cousin Will's letter was most important. It is his statement that James M's brothers, Sam and Peter, both had children. Since these letters were 29 years ago, I am sure that things were fresher in his mind then, than a couple of years ago when we talked. Then, all that either he or Cousin Addie could remember was the names of the two brothers, and that Sam was an "old bachelor" who used to tip the bottle a bit heavily in La Grang on a Saturday night - following which he would start back to the plantation, then get sleepy and pull his rig up somewhere about the old Ben Cameron place en route, dozing there on the road until morning. Also, in the 1936 letter Cousin Will said he recalled Aunt Jane's mentioning some Glassgows, but when I tried that name out on him, there was no response.

GAR

Bill, somewhere in the various junk which I have sent you since we started on this project will be mentions of the marriage in question etc - but I can fully appreciate that one's memory retrieval does not always function immediately. When I found this marriage I wondered if it might not be the brother Sam, but that bachelor business threw me off, and I thought it might have been a nephew. Now, with Cousin Will's clear recollection in 1936 that both Sam and Peter had children, I feel we can be positive. I had also been puzzled that James M's brother would have married in 1851, or 17 years following his own marriage in 1834 - although in a large family that could easily happen, of course, with the spread between ages of children. Now, I can visualize how that bachelor recollection fitted in - I suspect that (like many of the Va Hairstons, and in fact your own Dad) he (Sam) may not have married until he was a mature man. One of the puzzles for us to work to solve is just where said Sam would have been in the Census of 1850, for he was not in Troup with James M at that time. I have gone over that census most carefully, page by page, more than once, and I am positive that James M was the only one then there. Nor do any other property records appear in the Troup Co records other than for James M and his group.

Specifically, on 7 Aug 1851, Samuel B Hairston married in Troup Co (Bk C p268) to Sarah J Glassgow, ceremony by John W Glass, Justice of the Peace.

She would have been Matilda Sarah J Glassgow b1833, and in 1850 lived with her widowed mother immediately adjoining James M Hairston. The mother was Mary H Glasgow (si b1810 Va, who r1850 Troup Co Ga 735th Ga Militia Distr (West Vernon) p191 hshld 535-56, situate in between Obadiah Belcher b1776 Va in hshld 534-55 and James M Hairston in hshld 536-57. In the census Sarah J was listed as Matilda S, so they would be the same.

The John W Glass J P who married them was probably the Glass to whom the James M Hairston or William McCalley Ferry was sold, for whom was named (Bk C p268) the place of your Dad's place across the Chattahoochee. The Glass name was heard James M in the 1850 census of Meriwether Co Ga, and I find Glassgow names in the early Abbeville records.

Cousin Will's and your feeling that Mrs McCallan confused Wedowee with Wehadkee, I believe, be in error. There were Hairstons in Randolph Co Ala as early as 1830, and I certainly suspect that Wedowee would be correct. This opens, concretely, that county

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Randolph Co Ala, as a "must" for us to sift as carefully as at all possible. We just find somewhere the cluss which we so much need to tie things together, ~~elsewhere~~.

I would suspect that Mrs McKain's grandmother's recollections (as Mrs McKain recalled them in 1936) of having played as a child on the banks of her beloved Chattahoochee refer to the plantation of her great-great grandmother, Mary H Glasgow, there next to the James M Hairston homplace. Since she was a widow and since there were no sons in the 1850 census, I would suspect that perhaps Samuel B Hairston and his bride lived there with her for a spell. The place of birth of Mrs McKain's grandmother in 1854, stated as "La Grange Ga" would seem to confirm this. I would imagine that it was afterwards that Samuel B "Sam" moved his family to their own plantation near Wedowee in Randolph Co Ala.

My Formby cousin in Waco Texas, Mrs Montgomery, who now always is so good to look for the Hairston name, ran the 1860-1870-1880 census rolls of Randolph Co Ala before we knew eachother. In consequence, I have nothing of the family name from her records passed on. However, by those years, there were a goodly number of Pomby, Whitaker and related families who had moved ~~over~~ from the Liberty Hill section of Troup and Heard counties, over into Randolph. I suspect that may have happened here, but the Hairston roots may conceivably go back further. The Miss Reynolds in Houston who has been so helpful on Hairstons ran the 1860 of Randolph Co a while back in my behalf, but wrote that the copy of the film which was in Houston was so dim that she could not really read it and hence found nothing. There must be clearer copies available, for Mrs Montgomery copied a heap when she ran the 1860 for Pomby etc names. I hope that someone of us can get a crack at another copy of it. Neither the 1870 nor 1880 has been searched for Hairston names.

Lillian Schwartz in Dallas sent me in 1964 an excerpt from the 1850 of Randolph in which she picked up one Hairston name. I have not run it myself, although I did do the 1850 of Chambers without any luck. In the 1850 of Randolph:

Beat 6 hshld 647-647 John Crumpton b1826 Ga - wife Mary b Ga  
648-648 WILEY R HAIRSTON b1826 Ga  
Frances b1824 Ga  
Sarah b1847 Ala  
Nancy C b1849 Ala  
649-649 William Williamson b Ga

Bill, you may also recall that in those old deeds of your Dad's, there is a fragment of something pertaining to property in Randolph Co. As I recall it was seemingly (?) a draft of a deed, or perhaps just part of one, from James M and Matilda. So James M had some connection there early himself. The fact that the brother Samuel B "Sam" later lived and died there in the county makes things considerably more interesting.

I recall that someone mentioned that records there in Randolph had been destroyed at one time. I have never written there for data, but I shall get off a letter anyway and see whether we can learn anything at all.

I am so intrigued with the possibility of picking up Samuel B "Sam" in Randolph and finding his date of birth. That would help enormously in putting his together with James M's known date of birth, in trying to match them with a set of parents. We might even find something there of the missing brother, Peter...Hol A review of Sam's neighbors there might prove most interesting.

By the way, whenever you get a chance, it might be productive if you might run a part of the 1860 of Troup Co census which I had to skip in haste - namely the Town of La Grange. In the balance of the county I found only James M. I wish that the University

there in Athens had microfilms of the Ala census', but I recall your saying that they did not.

This is what I can piece together as of this date on "Sam", based upon Mrs McKain's letter plus what I have from the marriage records of Troup and the 1850 census there:

prob of  
Samuel B Hairston ("Sam", brother of Peter and James M b1808 SC)  
 m/ Aug 1851 Troup Co Ga Bk C p268 by John W Glass JP  
 lived cotton plantation nr Wedowee, Randolph Co Ala and died there  
 = Matilda Sarah J Glassgow (dau Mrs Mary H Glassgow b1810 Va who r1850 Troup Co Ga  
 b1833 735th GMD West Vernon hshld 535-56 adjoining James M Hairston  
 bur nr Wedowee in hshld 536-57)(she visited dau Mollie in Tex)

Issue (known) 4:

1. Ella Hairston b ca 1852/3 - attended La Grange College for Women  
 last known residence Temple Tex (prior to 1936)  
 = Mr Heidhammer
  2. Sarah Jane Hairston (a twin) b10 Mar 1854 La Grange Ga - lived in Tex - d before 1936  
 = Mr McBurnett  
 Issue (known) 2: McBurnett
    - a. Caroline "Carrie" ~~McBurnett~~ ( she visited in Wedowee Randolph Co Ala)  
 = Mr Glass
    - b. Mollie (Mary?) Elizabeth McBurnett  
 = ?
- GM Issue (known) 1:  
 (1) Female Issue r1936 in Washington DC, 534 20 St NW Apt 7  
 = Paul McKain (in 1936 worked for Dept of Labor - Statistics)
3. Elizabeth Hairston (a twin) b10 Mar 1854 La Grange Ga - d before 10 Dec 1936
  4. Peter Hairston

And that is it. Because of being married by the same person, John W Glass J P, and being so near in time, I feel certain that the following female would have been of this family, and I suspect a sister of James M and of Sam and Peter's:

Mary Herston m14 Dec 1848 Troup Co Bk C p149 by John W Glass JP = Alvis Stallings.

Since females usually married young in those days, one might make an assumption, assuming that Mary was James M's sister, that James M might well have been one of the oldest of his family. There is another early Troup marriage I have thought might be of this same family. However, at that time (1841) James M was living in adjoining Meriwether, having gone there following his own marriage in Troup in 1834:

William J Hurston m23 Dec 1841 Troup Co Bk B p212 by Nathl Halley MG = Eliza Mann.

Interestingly, typical of the various spellings, James M's marriage is recorded there as Hauston in Bk A p113, by R F McGhee JP - James H Hurston = Matilda McCalley.

The next Troup Co marriages of the family name are 1854/7, seemingly a first and second of the same man. From land records I know he lived, or at least purchased a lot there, in the town of West Point:

William R Hairston m12 Nov 1854 Bk D p76 by Wm D Harrington MG = Mariah H Langford.  
 William R Hairston m4 Aug 1857 Bk D p172 by L M Harrington JP = Julia A F Holloway.

There is later in Troup a deed executed by William R Hairston in behalf of a Mr Holloway, I suspect his father-in-law, through P of A, Holloway then living in Va. There is a further interesting connotation here, in that in the 1830 Census of DeKalb Co Ga, the 4th listing below Judge William Hairston was a Zacariah Holloway.

The only other "early" Troup marriage I located, and another I cannot place, is:  
Mary Hairston m11 Jan 1873 by Elbert Boyd MG = Elisha Finley.

In working on Formby/Fomby records in that locale, I have noted marriages in Troup for families which lived borderline between Troup and Heard, and it is conceivable that Mary may have been of that category. There were Hairstons there in the latter 1800's. I wrote to the Tax Assessor/Collector there a couple of weeks ago asking if anyone of the family name was in the county (Heard), and got a nice but negative reply. I also sent a similar request to Coweta, but no response as yet on that. As you may know, those early Heard Co records were destroyed, so all I can find is from the census rolls. Those I shall list separately at some later date. None of them seem to match possible Troup folk except that I have wondered if this might possibly have been the widowed 2nd wife of the William R Hairston of West Point of the 1854/7 marriages. Perhaps the oldest child b1854 was of the first marriage, and the others by the second, commencing 1857; the youngest child in 1870 was b1863, so I assume the Hairston husband was killed in the CSA. The widow is Julia A, and William R's second marriage was to Julia A F Holloway:

1870 Heard Co Ga 779 GMD p26 hshld 214-202 {

Julia A Hairston b1835 Ga  
Mary b1854 Ga  
George b1857 Ga  
Anna b1862 Ga  
Elizabeth b1863 Ga

(GAR)

*I shall send a correction on whichever is wrong -*

Mary b1854 would have been of the right age to have married 1873 = Elisha Finley, so perhaps this was she...

Just in brief at this time, there were no Hairstons as I could find in the 1840 of Heard. In 1850 I found one, in the 41st Distr p157L hshld 296-306, J B HURSTON b1824 Ga, farmer, no real estate value given, wife SUSAN b1819 Ga, child WILLIAM M b1848 Ga. I did not find him there in 1860. I suspect his widow was the SUSAN b1816 Ga who appears there in 1870 in the 779 GMD p26 hshld 214-202. If so, she had moved over to Ala in the meanwhile (living there in 1855), then back again. Her children then were Mary S b1852 Ga, Emily S "Emma" b1854/5 Ga, and Obadiah b1855 Ala. In the 1880 census, Susan and Emma were living with Mary S, who had married to D L Hardegree b1847 Ga, in the 779th GMD, Red Bone, p24, hshld 162-170. I suspect D L would have been grandson of Jonathan Hardegree b1775 Md who adjoined J B Hurston in 1850 Heard. .

I believe I mentioned the Chambers (near Randolph and not far from the Heard Co - Troup border) reference sent by Mrs C L Thompson of Hurtsboro Ala, but here is a refresher. She as you recall descends from a Rowland of Henry Co Va, who might be of the family of Michael Rowland who married Elizabeth Hairston (dau of Robert Hairston m1749 = Ruth Stovall). This was from p189 Vol II No IV of "Tap Roots" pub by the Genealogical Society of East Ala:

Roll of pupils - Standing Rock S Chambers Co Ala - Charles Smith Johnson's School - Years 1866-1868 - included JAMES HAIRSTON and WILLIAM HAIRSTON.

Miss Reynolds found that on her old Atlas, then I located it in the tiny map of Chambers



in the back of Bill Davidson's "Pine Log and Greek Revival", and it is also in my old 1900 Edn of the Britannica. Then Mrs Thompson later wrote;

"Standing Rock is on the border of Randolph but in Chambers Co. Stroud is the next settlement down. Frank Hudson's father's family was from the same settlement. Percy Hudson was there in 1965 checking the cemetery..."

Just one more comment on your father's answer to Mrs McKain, from Elizabeth's draft copy. This illustrates how things may sometimes become part of a legend through a casual error possibly resulting from association with other similar facts. I refer to Cousin Will's statement that the families of Jim Hairston and my Josie who married Fomby lived in or near Temple Tex. That surely would have resulted subconsciously from Mrs McKain's statement that her great aunt, Ella, was living ill in Temple Tex. As I am sure that your Dad actually knew, Uncle Jim's family lived only, insofar as is known, in Hill/Bosque counties; and Josie and Nelius Fomby landed in Johnson Co after moving from Ga to Tex in 1876, then permanently after 1889 in Hamlin in Jones Co. All those locales are well removed to the north from Temple.

Bill, if I do not get an answer from Cousin Addie on this, perhaps you can lend a hand. I wrote to her the other day, and in chatting asked her for the correct name of the old school there in La Grange where Josie attended. I had thought from Mother and Dorothy Fomby Rowell that it was La Grange College for Women. When I was there the other year, Cousin Will told me that it was the other place and gave me its name, but I did not make a note of it. And I have also forgotten whether he told me it was still in operation or not. If so, I would like to see what records they have there on Josie or any other Hairston girls.

When you next see Elizabeth, ask her whether she might recall any other tidbit of information from her visit that day with Mrs McKain, if in fact she recalls it at all. Such as where in Texas they lived, about how old she might have been, any mention of their children etc. I rang up long distance information in Washington on the slight chance that they might still be down there, but no person named McKain listed in DC proper.

Let's hope we can crack something out of this Randolph Co lead.

Best,  
GAY  
Carl  
CFG

ps - Of course, it is conceivable, still, that Samuel B was nephew and not the bio "son" of James M. We will have better grounds for speculation when we can locate him in a census and get his age -

We are certainly in need of work on Chambers Co records - both deeds and estate records. I never heard back from Carolyn Sanford. Do you suppose you could either Julia view that she lives in West Point? I'll send copies of this, hoping to excite some new interest there - Just might be born there -

Copy for FRANK WILSON

1125 N. Paces Ferry Rd.

Atlanta, Ga.

12/30/65

950 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N.Y. 10021  
22 November 1965

Dear Mrs. Hobbie,

Thanks so much to you and Mr. Hobbie for your kindness the other day. It was most gracious of you to receive me in your home and chat about things Hairston. I indeed enjoyed it all and did so appreciate your showing me your mother's manuscript. Would that I had been able to spend some time browsing through it at leisure. It would have been such a pleasure to see the photos and news clippings in there, as well as mentally compare her manuscript material with the final work to note what she and her editor might have trimmed prior to publication, plus picking up those interesting bits jotted in the margin at some later date. Should you by any chance decide to bring it along when you visit your son up here next Spring, I do hope that you might let me have another peep.

Just as soon as possible I hope to put together some of the Hairston material I have gathered into readable form and send along. However, I am in such a paperwork snarl at the moment that it will probably be after the first of the year. Meanwhile, I shall try to encourage Bill Hairston (William Harris Hairston, Jr., my second cousin, once removed) to get over to Laurens Co., S.C. in an effort to locate some of those folks there and ferret out whatever information they might possess. Bill is an engineer with the Georgia Power Co. in Athens, which is not too distant. I surely wish that I might lay hands on the letter which your mother must have received from Dr. T.D. Hairston of Clinton, S.C., since he evidently told her enough to satisfy her of the descent. I presume she must have heard from him following 1940, the date of publication, and obviously before her death in 1945. Do you suppose that it might have been included with those other letters and correspondence given to the University of N.C.?

I consider that one can assume with certainty that all the Hairston folk who were early in Abbeville District-County, its predecessor Ninety Six District or its predecessor, were of one family group. Therefore, I would feel that Dr. T.D. Hairston of Laurens County was descended therefrom, through James Hairston. His is the earliest specific record I have there. From his Revolutionary Pension application (National Archives File R4442), James gave his date of birth as 2 March 1766, in Ninety Six or Abbeville District, stating that he grew up there and lived there for most of his life until removing to Laurens County in 1827/8. The application was dated 27 March 1833, so he died sometime following that. James had been only age 15 when he did his various small tours adding up to 6 months and 7 days as private guarding wagons of corn, Col. Pickens' blockhouse etc., and I presume that because of the short duration, the application was rejected. Incidentally, his signature was quite a good one (I have a xerox copy of the original). May I correct my statement about the rejection. The papers which I received, which was the entire file, are not clear as to whether the original application was refused, or whether it was the application made by a John B. Hairston (his relationship not stated) on 16 July 1852, to collect such sums as might be due from the James Hairston claim. The rejection notice was apparently transcribed by a clerk onto another blank form at some considerably later date, for the form is entitled "Act of July 14, 1862 and March 3, 1873."

Your mother's notation from Dr. T.D. Hairston that "one son John went to Lowndes Co., Ala." is interesting, for we had found his traces there. In one of the so-called histories of Alabama, there is a profile on a Dr. Hairston of Lowndes Co., who in addition to being a physician, owned as I recall a drug store and also an interest in the "Evergreen Courant". We have tried without success to contact some present day

descendant. The profile gave John Hairston as the Dr.'s ancestor, and in turn stated that John was son of Peter Hairston, who came from Scotland to S.C. That portion I have discarded as untrue. As you no doubt fully realize, particularly from having been so closely associated with your mother's eagle-eye research, there is a great deal of confused information in many of the profiles included in those old 19th C. state, county, local and even family history things. While we know that there was some "embroidering" back there where people were anxious to establish a lineage, I suspect that for the most part, the errors were rather simply a distortion of facts passed down through the generations due to lapses of memory and the like, rather than any deliberate attempt at misinformation.

Most of the glaring errors I have found in various works have, in fact, proved to have some basis of fact, but distorted from the actual fact. Hence, I accept most of that as "subject". For instance, my Nathan Formby ancestor is the only recorded person of the family name who was in the Revolution; his brother Thomas was seemingly too young for service and the brother Aaron was not born until May, 1775. Yet, one historical profile makes them all three Revolutionary and immigrants from England. Another makes them sons of Mathew Bates Formby, my ancestor who was actually son of Nathan. And they were all born right in Virginia. Etc. Etc. So, I can easily accept as having basis of fact the statement that John Hairston of Lowndes Co., Ala., descended from a Peter Hairston who came from Scotland - but not that he came directly to S.C., or that said John was son (rather than several generations between, possibly). Likewise, I consider the historical statement of the DeKalb Co (Atlanta) Hairstons, where they named their Peter Hairston who came there 1818 from S.C., as descendant of Sam Hairston who came from Virginia to S.C. No doubt there was a Samuel "Sam" in there, but I do not necessarily feel it positive that he was the ancestor who came from Va. to S.C. Hence, it becomes a matter of trying to latch onto any scrap of information, tossing it into the hopper to see what stands up and what not, under inspection.

By the way, I was disappointed that the statement in your mother's manuscript was edited out before publication, to the effect that the Scottish pronunciation was "Herston" as we call it in Georgia. I know that rankles your ears, of course, having always known it as "Harston", but we are proud of it the other way, too. We were chuckling over those various pronunciations that evening at Miss Mattie's. She says that the negroes there who do not mind being associated as having their former slave-owner's name, call it "Harston" as does the family. Those who do mind, however, call it "Hairston" as "hair" on the head. None use our "Herston" she says. I was intrigued with her explanation of how your pronunciation came into being. She said that it stemmed from your slaves, who gave it the broad A as they did in "Massa" or "Mars".

Now a word on Christian names. Hugh and Peter of the early S.C. group paralleled those of Va., but you found the William, Thomas, James and John not familiar with your older generation, and wondered that Robert and George did not appear in the S.C. group. George I have not located until into the 1800's, but it completely slipped my mind about an early Robert, when we were chatting. In the list of buyers at the sale of personal property of William Hairston in Abbeville Distr. on 4 May 1808 (Box 45, Pack 1017, Judge of Probate records), Robert Hairston was a buyer, along with Peter, James, Ann, William, John, and Hugh B Hairston. William's will named his wife Elizabeth, daughters Agness Martin and Jane Brown, and sons Peter, James, John, William and Thomas. I have a copy of the original will, and the signature is a good one.

In addition to the Revolutionary pension application in the National Archives for James Hairston who moved from Abbeville to Laurens Co., the stub entries in the S.C. State records show Revolutionary disbursements to Thomas, William and John. William had one for replacing his horse, so I presume that he was either an officer or a

cavalryman. Thomas died in 1782, with William his administrator as next of kin.

For whatever reason, the Hairston group does not appear in the S.C. 1790 census, but I have been told of other discrepancies in the printed book for that State. Some of this might be due to misinterpretation of the old script by the transcriber. Since the name was often put down phonetically as Herston, Hirston or Hurston, it has sometimes been found copied as Huston or Houston. I suspect that some of these in the 1790 may be ours. In Ninety Six District, Abbeville Co. were listed George, Hugh, James and Samuel Huston. Also in Ninety Six but in Newberry Co. were James and John Huston Sr. There is no name which would approximate William Hairston. Either he was lost in the transcription or else might have moved elsewhere temporarily, perhaps a few miles over into Georgia; in the 1820 of Elbert Co., Ga. (earlier years of Ga. are missing except for the 1800 of Oglethorpe Co.), on the State line, is H.B. Hearston, seemingly Hugh B.

These variations in spelling even occur in the same document. In Abbeville, S.C., the estate records of Edmond Beasley show that on 24 April 1794 John Hairston was bound as co-administrator, following the bonding on 28 March of James Houston, Samuel Houston (signatures copied as Huston) and Capt. James Calhoun. Then, there is a James Huston who was in Greene Co., Ga. whom we feel must certainly have been Hairston. Land which he seemingly purchased in 1808 - or a portion thereof - was sold in 1818 (then in Jasper Co.) by John Huston to David Hearston, witnessed by Hazeekiah Hairston. In 1824 another piece of the same tract was sold by John Hairston to Thomas Hairston, who was ancestor of Irene Malone of Monticello, Ga. (the Hairston descendant of whom I spoke) and also of the Charles Hairston of Texas who visited some time back with Miss Mattie and Pete Hairston at Hordsville.

In the 1800 census of Abbeville, John, Peter and William Hairston are listed as born -1754. James (I presume the Revolutionary b1766) and Peter Hairston Junr were shown as born 1755-1774. Listed as Huston, and hence suspect, were Hugh, Hughey and James. Over in Newberry Co. were Nancey Hairston, plus Hewston names John, David and Samuel.

In the 1810 census of Abbeville were Brown Hirston, James Hairston, Hugh Houston, Robert Herston, John Hirston, Peter Herston, James Hirston, Thomas Hurston, Thomas Hairston and Rachael Hairston.

Back to those names, I see on pages 1 and 2 of your mother's book, "The Hairstons and Penns and Their Relations", her mention that the earliest recorded of the family name was one Ralph, whose sons were Robert and William. Then this interesting bit. Also on p2, she states that the arms as recorded in Burke's Heraldry, belonging to the Hairston family of America, are identical with that of the Hairstans of Craige, Scotland. I am enclosing a xerox copy of that Hairstanes of Craigs lineage chart I promised the other day. Interestingly, it starts with John and includes Thomas, James, William, David and Agnes.

There is something else there of interest, which might or might not be purely a coincidence. William Hairstanes of Craigs b1687 married Mary Maxwell. Now, when William Hairston became administrator of Thomas Hairston in Ninety Six (later Abbeville) Distr., S.C. on 20 Nov 1782, his co-bondsmen for the \$ 14,000 bond were Robert Maxwell and John McCord. The witness was John Bowie, whom I presume to be the Major John Bowie born in Scotland of the tombstone records there. Local legend has him father of Jim Bowie of the knife and Alamo. I believe I mentioned in passing that some of the estate settlement meetings were held at the home of the father of John C. Calhoun and that the probate papers were processed etc by his uncle, James Ewing Calhoun, then Clerk of the District.

None of us has personally run all the Georgia counties in the 1820 census. However, the Index published 1963 by the Georgia Historical Society lists only 5 definitely of the name, excluding possibles under the spelling of Huston etc. These were H B Harston of Elbert Co. (presumably Hugh B.), William Harston of Wilkinson, Thomas Hairston of Jasper, and Peter and William Hairston of Gwinnett Co. Peter Harston of Gwinnett Co. bought property in Henry Co. in 1824. Peter and his son, Judge William, were ancestors of the Dekalb (Atlanta-Decatur) Hairstons. Let me correct my earlier comment on their reference in the historical statement, wherein I quoted their descent from Sam who came from Virginia to S.C. I see from my notes that I garbled that, for it was stated that Peter was a descendant of Sam Hairston who came from Scotland to Virginia, and that Sam's grandsons William, Peter and John Hairston came to S.C. before the Revolutionary War. (Isn't that one for the books? I had referred to that statement as a garble, and then garbled my quote of it!). While it is not so stated, their family belief is that their Peter of Gwinnett was son of William, and likewise that the locale in S.C. was Abbeville. This I was told by Mr. William Towers Hairston of Decatur, great grandson of Judge William. Those references were contained in "The Historical Address by Charles Murphy Candler of the Dekalb Historical Society", 9 Nov 1922, and "The Collections of the DeKalb Historical Society, Vol I, Yearbook 1952".

Relative to the Greene Co. Ga. reference on the previous page, there is an interesting name association in the early marriage records there. In 1807, a John Hewston and Nancey Harris were married by a George Stovall, who shows to have been a Justice of the Peace there 1799-1829.

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The Georgia counties in which Hairston records have been located to date are Butts, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Elbert, Greene (believed), Heard, Henry, Jasper, Meriwether, Monroe, Pike, Troup, Wilkinson and Upson. There has been considerably less probing as yet into Alabama records for the westward movement into that State, but the family has been found in Chambers, Franklin, Elmore, Coosa, Macon, Montgomery and Lowndes counties. There is also record of the bonding as coroner in Lauderdale Co ca 1822 of a Major Hearston. Since a Robert Hairston appears in the 1820 census of Tennessee, and since Lauderdale touches that State, I have wondered whether these might be the same person and part of your Franklin-Henry-Pittsylvania Co., Va. group en route to Mississippi. The Confederate ancestor of Charles Hairston of Texas had a Hairston cousin who visited from Water Valley, Mississippi, and I hope some time to flush the census or other records around there to learn his name etc, which might shed some light on whether the person was of your Lowndes Co., Miss. group, or directly descended from the S.C. ones.

The very poor availability of records in S.C. has to date prevented our charting the various Hairstons there and their descendants, even though such scraps as are available, such as the Lowndes Co., Ala. and Dekalb Co., Ga. historical comments, as well as places of birth on the 1850 and later census rolls, plus personal knowledge, all point there as the origin of the Ga., Ala. etc folk. During Colonial times all S.C. property and vital statistics records were kept at Charleston. The Judge of Probate there has written that none of the Hairston name can be located, but I shall not accept that as gospel until I look for myself; perhaps they might be under different spellings. Offices of legal conveyance were authorized in the counties in 1783. Most unfortunately, a court house fire at Abbeville destroyed all those early land records except for two unindexed volumes, although a goodly number of original estate papers were saved, such as the Thomas Hairston and William Hairston probates. Between 1778 and 1911 no marriage bonds or licenses were required in the state, to everyone's present sorrow.

To reiterate, the Revolutionary pension application of James Hairston of Laurens Co., S.C. (in 1833), places the family in Abbeville District or Co as early as his date of birth there on 2 Mar 1766. Abbeville was formed from old Ninety Six District, whose

predecessor was Granville. In early days old Granville was formed on the western edge of old Colleton and extended like a finger pointed northwest, running from the ocean and bordered by the Savannah River and the Georgia state line. To the east of old Colleton was old Berkeley, which is the Charleston area, and that likewise extended northwest in a finger. Just exactly what present area was included in old Berkeley is not known by the historians at the S.C. State Archives, but it most likely was rather the middle section of the state extending up through Chester Co., etc.

I explain this since the next S.C. Hairston record I have located to date is for a Royal Land Grant to Thomas Hairston (Grant Bk 28 p166 and Plat Bk 15 p248) for land in old Berkeley, which would have been to the east of the Abbeville settlement. The tract of 200 acres was surveyed 1 Apr 1768 and the grant issued 5 Jan 1773. The next grant, or actually the same date and on the same Plat page, was for 100 acres to William Hairston in old Granville, being on Johnson's Creek "it being one of the branches, a northwest fork, of Long Cane Creek". Long Cane Creek is just a few miles from the present town of Abbeville, and all the old business of that area seemed to have been conducted and dated at the Long Cane Meeting House (such as the bonding of William Hairston as administrator of Thomas Hairston in 1782 etc). In 1775 William had another grant for 89 acres on the waters of the Savannah River, the land bounded on one side by a John Buckhanon; the Revolutionary pension application of James of Laurens Co. was accompanied by an affidavit by a William Buchannon of Abbeville as to his service etc. After the Revolution, there were two State of S.C. Land Grants, to William Hairston for 308 acres in Ninety Six District in 1785 and to John Hairston (bounded by Peter Hairston) for 405 acres there in 1789. GAR

I have puzzled over the grant to Thomas in old Berkeley, to the east of the Abbeville settlement of the family, particularly since the pension application of James stated that he was born in 1766 and grew up in what is now Abbeville and lived there for most of his life until removing to Laurens Co. ca 1827/8. I believe I now have the explanation, from a story of the Calhoun family as told me by the Judge of Probate in Abbeville. The Judge said that following the Cherokee uprising in 1766, when 16 of the murdered Calhoun family were buried in one grave, the clan retreated to Waxhaw, just across the N.C. border from Chester, York and Lancaster counties S.C., returning later to Abbeville. I would thus suspect that the Hairston family must of necessity have done something similar.

This brings up another point. Since your Virginia group shows to have done service in the Indian Wars, I have wondered whether our S.C. ancestor might have come down from Virginia for that purpose, and remained. The early maps show the Cherokee lands as coming down to DeWitt, or Due West, almost within arrow distance of the present town of Abbeville. I related to you the legend passed down from my great grandmother, nee Mary Josephine Hairston, that she was one eighth Cherokee, a story of which Cousin Will Hairston's family in Troup Co., Ga. has no knowledge. I do not know whether this might have been fact, or a figment of imagination during her years of poor health before early death. In any event, it would not have been through the male McCallay line, since her grandfather, James, was born in County Antrim, Ireland of Scottish parents, removing 1772 at age 2 to S.C., believed Chester Co. James' wife was Margaret, daughter of David Aiken who d1799 Chester Co., S.C. leaving widow Elizabeth, which does not sound like an Indian name. Hence, any Indian connection if it existed would have been through James M. Hairston. The ancestress was (naturally!) said to have been a princess, which I suppose means daughter of the local chieftain.

Now to speculate a bit on who our S.C. ancestor might have been and how he might have tied in with your Virginia group. From the repetition of the Christian or given names Peter, Hugh, Samuel and Robert in the early generations there surely would seem to have been a close relationship, plus the historical references to Scotland and Virginia. Since you folks have told me that there is no Bible record which would

necessarily limit the children of Immigrant Peter to the 4 sons Robert (your ancestor), Peter, Andrew and Samuel, and the daughter, then the door might be considered open to speculating on the possibility that there was a 5th son who went to S.C. and whose name became lost to family tradition in his absence, which has been known to happen. In that instance he might have been the Thomas of the 1782 administration at Long Cane in Abbeville Co. That date of death was the same as Andrew's, near Robert's in 1783 and not too far from Peter's in 1779 and Samuel's in 1772. Samuel, listed by Elizabeth Seawell Hairston, your mother, as 4th son of Immigrant Peter, was deeded land in 1743, and assuming that he was at least age 21 for a legal conveyance, his date of birth would have been no later than ca 1722. Thus, for Thomas to have been another brother and father of the S.C. group, he would have been somewhat old to have been active in the Revolution, as was the case.

Weighing all things, it would thus seem as you and I discussed the other day, that the S.C. ancestor must in fact have been Andrew, and that he must have either returned in his old age to Virginia leaving sons in S.C. or else left a will back there which was probated there after his death. I gather that your mother's "it is said that this family moved South after 1782", used that specific date simply because it was the date of his probate in Bedford Co., Va. It seems suggestive that her eye was not caught with any dated record of Andrew in between 1758 and 1782, quoting from page 4 of her book: (GAR)

"Andrew Hairston, brother of Samuel and Peter, also a son of the first Peter Hairston, was Lieutenant of militia, 1758. He married a lady in, or near, Manchester, Virginia, whose name we do not know. He died in 1782, leaving a large estate, and his will, recorded in Bedford County, Virginia, mentions '...wife Elizabeth and daughters. Priscilla, Margaret, and Susanna.' It is supposed that he had already provided for his two sons, Peter and Hugh. There is a record of an inventory of the estate of Hugh Hairston in Bedford County, Virginia, September 28, 1778. It is said this family moved South after 1782."

My recollection is that your mother's manuscript was pretty identical to the above as published. It was as a continuation of that paragraph where she pencilled in at some later date the comment which you copied for me:

"Dr. T.D. Hairston of Clinton S.C. says they moved to Laurens Co S.C. One son John went to Lowndes Co. Ala. There are members of this Andrew family in Ga."

I judged that your mother's mention of only the two sons Peter and Hugh for Andrew reflected her knowledge that he did have those sons, rather than that there was proof of his having had no others. Under my assumption, Andrew would have had five sons, namely John, Peter and William all born -1754 according to the 1800 census, Thomas who was in the Revolution and d1782 and probably born around that same time, and Hugh who died 1778 in Bedford Co., Va., possibly unmarried and without issue, which may also have been true for Thomas (although Nancey Hairston of 1800 Newberry Co S.C. might have been Thomas' widow). One might speculate that Andrew might have returned to Virginia with his daughters and possibly youngest son, Hugh, from whatever spot to which the family might have retreated during the Cherokee uprising, for safety, education etc, leaving the older sons to return to lands in Abbeville. This would seem a not unlikely probability under the circumstances of that frontier.

Being intimately familiar with your mother's work during her years of compilation, you immediately recognized the instance when I referred to the similarity of the name Hugh Hairston in the early S.C. records with your early Virginia name. Being of no immediate connection, no recollection of the name came to Miss Mattie of Hordsville,



nor to Ann and Ruth Hairston of "Oak Hill" or to Sam Pannell Wilson of "Windsor". Interestingly, Annie James Covington of "Beaver Creek" did not know of the name as connected back that far, but once when they were living in China or the Philippines, I believe they were at a function in Manila when approached by a cousin, Hugh Hairston who proved to be of your Mississippi group.

As I mentioned the other day, because of the paucity of records I have not to date connected my James M. Hairston as son of whom, which is also true of Lillian Schwartz's John Robertson Hairston and Irene Malone's Thomas Hairston. We hope that this will come with more time and work.

From the Family Bible possessed by Cousin Will (my first cousin twice removed, William Harris Hairston of Hairston Road, Route 3, La Grange, Troup Co., Ga.) and also from the tomb slab in Harmony Methodist Church Cemetery down there, I know James M. Hairston's date of birth as 14 Dec 1808 and death as 13 Jun 1881. From the 1850 etc census I know he was born in S.C., and from the 1880 census that he, his father and mother were all born there. From Cousin Will's knowledge, I know that James M. had brothers Peter and Samuel "Sam".

Because of a deed record associating him with H.B. (Hugh B.) Hairston, I know that James M. Hairston would be of the Abbeville, S.C. group. The first record I have to date located is a deed from J M Hairston of Butts Co., Ga. for land in Butts Co., formerly in Henry Co. I have been unable to find the grantee deed for this land in either place. The grantor deed was dated 30 July 1830. Then, on 27 Nov 1830 James M. Hairston purchased land in or lying in both Henry and Butts but recorded in Butts, from his future brother-in-law, William McCallay, witnessed by John L. Hairston and H.B. Hairston. This would have been Hugh B. Hairston, since he was listed that summer in the 1830 census of Butts as such. The deed in question is in Butts Co Deed Bk F p349/50.

James McCallay and his son William purchased land in the "O'Neill's Mills" or 699th Ga. Militia Distr. of Troup Co. (south of La Grange toward Harris Co.) in 1832/3, selling their holdings in Henry and Butts and I presume moved at that time. James M. Hairston must have followed shortly, for he married James McCallay's daughter, Matilda, in Troup in 1834. He then purchased lands in Meriwether, which adjoins on the east and was originally a part of Troup. He was living there in 1838 when deeded land in Butts Co. by John Lewis Hairston. Cousin Will has the original deed and I have an excellent xerox of it, but for whatever reason we cannot locate a record of its having been filed. James M. moved to Troup Co. in 1842 after sellings his Meriwether holdings to Vincent Hairston, whom he adjoined in the 1840 census. He settled in the Abbottsford or West Vernon community of the County (735th G.M.D.) which is on the west side of the Chattahoochee, and had a number of farms there extending into Chambers Co., Ala. Cousin Will also has some old deeds for Randolph Co., Ala property. The Troup Co. land ran north from what is now Glass' Bridge across the River, which in those days was his Hairston Ferry. After the Civil War, Cousin Will's father relocated his family on the east side of the River (carpet baggers had moved in on the west bank) running south from the ferry. Hairston Island is offshore below the bridge. This was one of the old Cameron places. The original 3-storied "Gone With The Wind" house was destroyed by tornado around 1890. Since their present home was built at that time and hence has no historic value, it was not pictured among the houses in "Pine Log and Greek Revival", by William H. Davidson, published last November under the auspices of the Chattahoochee Valley Historical Society. Incidentally, he is a cousin of Cousin Will's wife, nee Annie Pebronia "Cousin Pete" Holstun.

"Pine Log" is the book I mentioned which extends one of your mother's records. On her p39, Sarah Hairston (daughter of Robert Hairston - Ruth Stovall) is shown as



having married Baldwin Rowland in 1782, having one daughter, Martha, who married a Baily, "and from this line are descended the Traylors (I think) of Georgia". Her "thought" was correct. One of my Formby kin in Troup Co. married a Traylor. On p61/2 of "Pine Log", in describing "Forest Home", Davidson states that Charles Cabaniss Bailey and his wife, Martha Hairston Rowland Bailey, came with their three children from "Elmwood" in Henry Co., Va., to Forsyth, Ga. in 1824, then to Troup. Martha was b17 Feb 1785 and d26 Aug 1872; they married 1818. Their daughter, Mary Elizabeth Bailey b25 Jan 1823 married John Humphrey Traylor who was b14 Jan 1824 also in Henry Co., Va.

Traylor was the son of the Rev. John Cousins Traylor - Tabitha Churchill Bailey, who moved from Traylorsville, Henry Co., Va. to Ga. in 1842. "Pine Log", obviously quoting the family, states that the Rev. Traylor settled at that time (1842) on their plantation, "Roselands", in Harris Co. That would not be correct, to my knowledge. Most interesting, in the 1850 census of Troup Co., in household number 198-57 in the 699th G.M.D. was the widowed Margaret McCallay, mother-in-law of James M. Hairston, and adjoining her in household 199-58 were John C. Traylor and wife Tabitha from Va. Since Margaret was one of the top slave holders of that district, one may be sure that there was a neighbor connection between the two families, and equally certain that there must have been discussions relative to the Hairston family. Would that we had a playback.

By the way, just where is Manchester, Virginia? I do not find it indexed in my small Atlas.

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I thought you might/having that copy of my letter to Judge Aiken of Danville, since it charts my family a bit.

Again, it was so very nice meeting you and visiting in your home. I look forward to getting together at some early date with your son, Hairston, and to seeing you both up here come Spring. Meanwhile, I would indeed appreciate hearing from you at your convenience.

May I wish you a Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas,



Sincerely,

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P.S. I failed to peg down James Hairston the Revolutionary b1766 Abbeville, S.C. He could have been a 6th son of Andrew's who stayed behind with his older brothers. There would be no inconsistency here insofar as spread of years. William, Peter and John were b -1754 from the 1800 census, and assuming they were at least of age for the legal conveyance of the Royal Grants on 5 Jan 1773 - which we might consider as 1772 - then they were b -1751. Taking one as born ca 1749, there would be only a 17 year gap to James. However, I suspect that he might have been the James, son of William, who seemed older than Peter or John from their 1800 families. William's wife was the only one born -1754, and his children were the oldest; of the three then still at home, the two males were b1775-1784 and the female 1785-1790. The gap from 1766 to 1790 of 24 years would be credible. Also, if age 21 at the birth of James, William would have been born ca -1745, which would fit in with the pattern of Thomas b -1751 and John b -1754. CFG