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Future Genealogists May Use DNA

In the future genealogists may be using DNA kits and charts to determine family history along with their census, marriage, and other records we use today. We have recently seen where genetics indicated the DNA of the 8,980 year old "Cheddar Man" matched a local man who teaches at school near where they found the skeleton in the British Isles.

None religious scientists are proving humans did not spring up all over the earth, but all humans came from the same area of the world. New York Times writer Nicholas Wade did an interesting article on this subject in May. He indicated that the book of Genesis mentions three of Adam and Eve's children: Cain, Abel and Seth. But geneticists by tracing the DNA patterns found in people throughout the world, have now identified lineages descended from 10 sons of a genetic Adam and 18 daughters of Eve.

Unlike the DNA test used in forensic cases, which is designed to identify individuals, DNA analysis that seeks to reach back in time usually focuses on lineages, not individuals. Most of the research on this subject is being done by Dr. Douglas C. Wallace at the Emory University School of Medicine along with Dr. Peter A. Underhill and Dr. Peter J. Oefner of Stanford University. The research is based on mitochondrial DNA, tiny rings of genetic material that are bequeathed only by the egg cell and thus through the maternal line. Dr. Wallace came up with a "letter system" identifying DNA and other researchers use a numbering system.

In principle, all people should have the same string of DNA letters in their mitochondria. In practice, mitochondrial DNA has steadily accumulated changes over the centuries because of

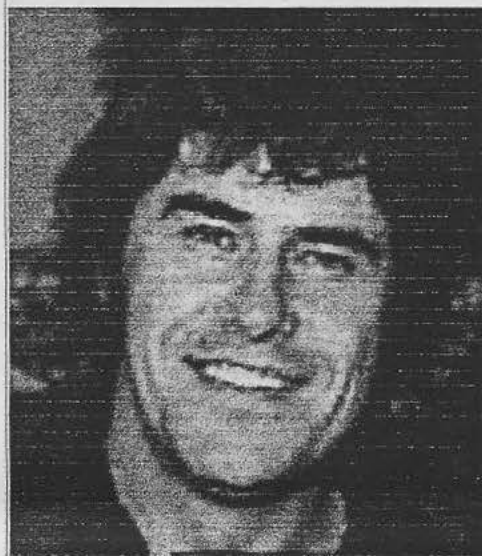
copying errors and radiation damage. Because women were steadily spreading across the globe when many of these changes occurred, some of these changes are found only in particular regions and continents. For example, all American Indians have lineages named A,B,C, & D. A, C, & D occur in Siberian peoples, but no B. This seems to indicate the B people came to America from a different route. They also found the northern American Indians such as the Ojibwa and Sioux had an "X" pattern which was first assumed from Europe, but turned out to be pre-Columbian.

I have used these examples to simply show how valuable DNA research can be to us family researchers. What if they could develop a DNA kit so we could take a sample of our DNA and put a few drops of some chemicals on it, and develop our DNA letter so we could compare them with world charts? Theoretically we could trace what parts of the world our ancestor once lived. That could really open up a new frontier for genealogists. The Jewish priesthood recently used DNA to prove which Jewish men were descended from Moses' brother Aaron since all shared a distinctive genetic traits which was passed down through the generations.

If you are interested in this subject, the New York Times article mentions the book **GENES, PEOPLE, and LANGUAGES** by Dr. Luca Cavalli-Sforza. Dr. Wallace published an article in the March 2000 edition of **AMERICAN JOURNAL OF HUMAN GENETICS** which explores where the first people lived.

Tom Street

Country Singer Mel Street



Singer and songwriter Mel Street was born **King Malachi Street** near **Grundy, Virginia** on October 21, 1933 was one of the great voices in contemporary country music. There was a special tribute to him on the George Jones TV Show this past winter.

He started singing on the radio at the age of 16 on Cecil Surratt's radio show on stations WELC and WBRW out of Welch, W.V. Afterward, Mel got married and spent the next decade raising a family and living in various towns in Ohio, where he worked on radio transmission towers as an electrician. By 1960 he moved to Niagara Falls, where he began playing in nightclubs. It was there that he began learning the auto body trade and three years later moved to Bluefield, WV to open his own body shop. He also began performing on the Country Jamboree on WHIS-TV, where he made his debut singing the Johnny Cash hit "Ring of Fire." From 1968-1972, he had his own half-hour Saturday night show on the station.

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He got his first shot at stardom in 1970 when he released his first single, "**Borrowed Angel**," which peaked on the Top 70 on the country charts. The song attracted the notice of Royal American Records, who licensed the master, reissued it and helped it become a Top Ten hit. His follow up, "**Lovin' On Back Streets**" became his biggest hit, making the Top five. In 1973, he had two Top 15 hits and the following year signed to GRT Records, where he had two Top 20 hits including "**Forbidden Angel**."

Over the next two years, Mel Street continued to make chart appearances and also began an intense touring schedule. In 1976, he had another Top Ten hit with "**I Met A Friend Of Yours Today**." Afterward, he signed to a major label, Polydor, and scored a Top 20 hit with "**Barbara Don't Let Me Be The Last To Know**." In 1978, he had a Top Ten hit with "**If I had A Cheating Heart**." He later had one more Top 20 hit with Polydor Records.

Like any other family, the Street family is not immune from personal problems. The pressures of constant touring and recording, coupled with personal problems, began taking their toll on Mel Street. He started having a problem with alcohol and lapsed into a deep depression. Sadly he took his own life October 21, 1978 on his 45th birthday.

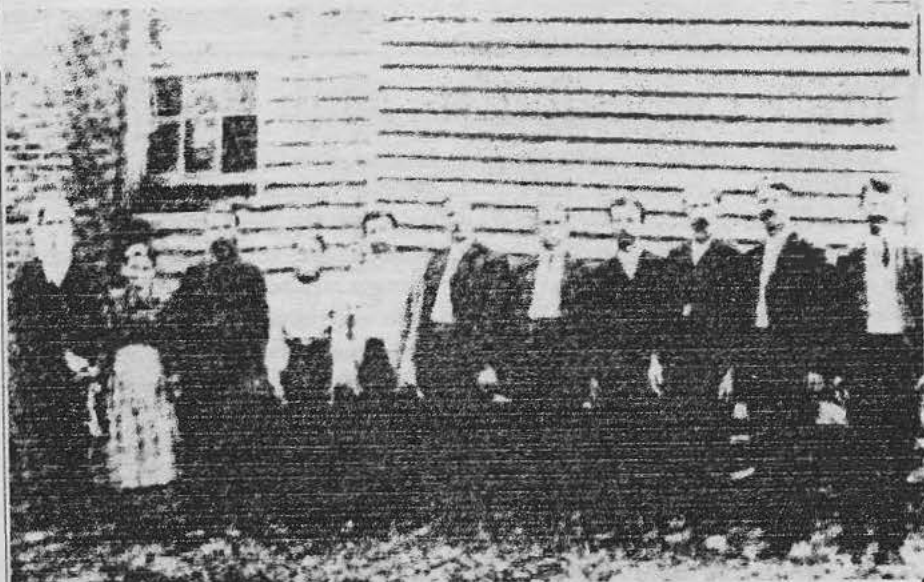
His songs are still being requested and played on radio some twenty two years after his death. He will go down in the history of country music as one of the best singers and is missed by many.

Street Reunion In Tippah Co., MS

There will be a Street family reunion on Sunday June 25th at the Tippah County Fair Grounds. A number of the STREET LIST subscribers plan to attend. For information, contact Mavis Clemmer at:

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871 CR 427, Ripley, MS. 38663

New Book: Streets & Sidewalks VOL. II (1680-2000)



(Lt to Rt.) James Joseph Street b. 1824 (great grandson of Samuel William Street) with wife Polly Ann Morgan Street and children George, Lizzie, Frank, Nathan, Joe, Daniel, Jim, Calvin and Espy. Picture made about 1904. Espy Street was the grandfather of Mavis Street Clemmer.

When I first started researching the Street family history, I was put in touch with Mavis Clemmer who helped me greatly in getting started. She has helped many of us through the years as an excellent genealogist.. She had already written Streets And Sidewalks in 1975. For years I have kept a copy near my computer looking up family information on Samuel William Street's son Joseph's line. She has continued to do extensive research over the past 25 years and has updated the original book.

Her new book is Streets And Sidewalks VOL. II. It follows her family line from (1) William b. before 1680 in New Kent County, VA, (2) Anthony b. about 1710 in King William Co., VA. (3) Samuel William b. 1737 in Spotsylvania, VA, (4) Joseph b. before 1775 in Henry Co., VA., (5) Anderson b. May 10, 1805 in Oglethorpe Co., GA (6) James Joseph b. March 18, 1824 in Lincoln Co., TN, (7) Espy Elliot b. Oct. 4, 1870 in Tippah Co., MS. and (8) William Elliott b. Dec. 11, 1894 in Tippah Co. MS.

If you are related to any of her lines, her new book is a must for your genealogy library. This new book has a lot more information about individuals in her line down to the present time. Her first book did not have much prior to Samuel William Street. The new book documents what we know about William, his son Anthony, Jane Waddy and Elizabeth Brockman.

Streets And Sidewalks VOL. II is a 103 page limp back book with more information per page than the first book since the pages are larger. This book can be ordered directly from Mavis Clemmer.

The cost is \$20.00 which includes shipping. Checks should be made out to: "Mavis Clemmer" and address your order to Mavis Clemmer, [REDACTED].

In Search Of Thomas Street's, CA 1740, Grave

By Hayden Street

This is the second Street Newsletter article describing the search for the graves of **Anthony, of Amherst, Street**, his son **Thomas** and his son **Simon Thomas**. While we most probably found Anthony's grave (see article on Anthony in the Spring 2000 Street Family Newsletter), Thomas' grave remains undiscovered. This article describes why the abandoned grave yard of the **First Little Broad River Baptist Church**, unincorporated, in **Rutherford County, North Carolina**, is a probable site of both **Thomas'** and his wife, **Lucy's**, graves.

On 12 October 1999 Bill Greer and I found the approximate area of Thomas Street's plantation and the location of the very first First Little Broad River Baptist Church, unincorporated, and its grave yard. It is possible that Thomas and Lucy Street's graves are among the uninscribed grave markers in this grave yard. Once again, the hard work of Bill Greer including his records search of Rutherford County land records paid off. While we have not yet been able to do a complete title search of the property, Bill was able to find numerous land records of **Thomas Street**, his sons **Anthony** and **Simon Thomas Street**, and their cousin, **William Street**, the son of Thomas' brother **Samuel Street**.

Thomas, born about 1740, is the son of **Anthony**, born about 1710 in **King William County, Virginia**, and **Elizabeth, Betsey, Brockman Street**, born about 1715 in **King and Queen County, Virginia**. Anthony and Betsey married in 1734 in Orange, Virginia. Anthony's parents were **William**, ca 1685, and **Jane Waddy Street**. According to Anthony's will Thomas' brother was **Samuel**; who eventually moved to Georgia. Thomas had 4 sisters. The oldest, first name unknown, married **Micajah Cox**. **Elizabeth** married **William Smyth** in 1764 in Amherst Co., VA. **Caty** married a **Mr. Crawley**. **Frankey** married **Housand Harrell** and moved to North Carolina

near her brother Thomas. For more information about Anthony see the Spring 2000 Street Family Newsletter.

John Frederick Dorman, Virginia Genealogist, was able to record abstracts of the Caroline County Virginia Order Books. In his multiple volume set he lists several Streets. These records show Anthony Street, Thomas's father, to be very active in the 1740's along with Elizabeth, his wife. Anthony's plantation originally in King William County, Virginia, near Newtown became part of Caroline County in 1728. Anthony received a land grant on 22 Sept 1739 in Spotsylvania County, Virginia, for 400 acres. Therefore, it is very likely that Thomas and his older brother Samuel were both born in Caroline or Spotsylvania County, Virginia. Thomas married his wife Lucy in Spotsylvania County, Virginia, about 1770. Lucy came with Thomas to North Carolina, was born in Virginia and died in North Carolina. **Thomas' will**, listed Lucy as his wife and was written in 1795.

No records of Thomas owning land in Virginia have been found. Thomas with 9 family members appears living near his dad, Anthony, in the 1783 Amherst County, Virginia, census but, not in the 1785 Amherst County Virginia census. Neither are in the 1790 Amherst County, Virginia, census. On November 5, 1770, Anthony Street bought 372 acres in Amherst County, Virginia. On May 11, 1771, Anthony and Elizabeth Street sold 150 acres on the Harris Branch of the Fluvannah or James River to Nicholas Davis.

Thomas leased 100 acres of this same 150 acres from Nicholas Davis on 18 July 1779. Nicholas Davis is the same person who brought Anthony's land from Anthony's estate after Anthony's death. In June 1780 Anthony, Thomas, Thomas' cousin William and neighbors with the last names of **Powell, Owenby, Tinsley, Shelton** and **Davies** did road work on the **Pedlars Tract Road** adjacent to these properties. The first known records of

Thomas owning land is on 19 July 1793 when he bought land in Rutherford County, North Carolina, from Stevan Lankford.

Thomas' son, Anthony born about 1765, is believed to have fought with the over Mountain Men at the Revolutionary War Battle of Kings Mountain in North Carolina. It is believed that Anthony enticed his cousin, **William** and father, **Thomas**, to move from Amherst County, Virginia, to the **First Little Broad River Valley of Rutherford County, North Carolina**, with reports of beautiful and cheap land. Thomas Street moved to the Little First Broad River Valley in Rutherford County, North Carolina, with his wife Lucy and family, before the deaths of his parents in 1790 and 1793. Thomas appears in the 1790 **Rutherford County, North Carolina. Census**. In this census Thomas and his son Simon (last name of Streets; which is corrected in subsequent censuses to Street) lived near each other in the Morgan District. Thomas's son Anthony Street and nephew William Street, also lived in the Morgan District of Rutherford County, North Carolina in the 1790 census. None of the 4 related Streets living in the Morgan District owned slaves in the 1790 census.

The Little First Broad River joins into the **First Broad River**, at its fork with the **Molly River**, in Rutherford County along what is now **State Route 226**, about 2 to 3 miles South East of **Dysartsville, North Carolina**. This area is between Morgan Town to the North and Rutherfordton to the South in the Morgan District of Rutherford County, North Carolina, in the hills on the eastern edge of the North Carolina Piedmont. The Piedmont was considered to be the land of choice during the 1790s. The eastern portion of the Piedmont was considered less desirable than the western part because of proximity to ports and the east is more hilly.

Thomas bought his first 100 acres on **Marlins Creek** discharging into **Little** (Continued On Page 4.)

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First Broad River on 19 July 1793 from Stephen Lankford of Lincoln County, Kentucky, for 35 pounds. He bought another 100 acres from Daniel Stockton on the fork of **Batyes Creek** and the **Little First Broad River** on 3 October 1794. His son Anthony bought 100 acres on the right hand fork of **South Creek** of the First Broad River on 1 July 1793 from Richard Singleton for 28 pounds. On 27 March 1795 Anthony bought an adjacent 100 acres from Mr. Singleton also for 28 pounds. Thomas' nephew William appears to have bought his first land on **Beaver Dam Creek**, 200 acres, on 21 April 1797 at a cost of 60 Shillings and, **Wilkey's Creek**, 100 acres, on 2 May 1797 at a cost of 30 Shillings. He also bought 4 other pieces of property from private citizens between 1797 and 1800.

Thomas does not appear in the 1800 census. Thomas died in January 1800 and is probably buried on or near his original North Carolina plantation near **Dysartsville** in Rutherford County, North Carolina. Betsey Street is listed in the 1800 census living probably on Thomas's plantation. Betsey, most probably is Thomas' daughter Elizabeth. Lucy is not enumerated in the census and is presumed to have died after 1795 and before the census of 1800. Thomas' sons Anthony, John and Simon all appear in the same area of Rutherford County in the 1800 and 1810 censuses. It is possible that Thomas and Lucy are buried in the cemetery of the First Little Broad River Baptist Church, unincorporated; which was near his property at the time of his death or on what was his plantation.

With good names of creeks and acreage in the hundreds it should have been easy to find Thomas' plantation with only a USGS map. It was easy to find the lands of Thomas' son Anthony on the Dysartsville USGS Map and nephew William on the adjacent Benn Knob USGS Map. Thomas' land was difficult to find because, even after consulting with the North Carolina Water

Resources Agency and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, no one could tell me where **Batys or Marlins Creeks** were located. All I knew was that the Little First Broad River was north of its confluence with **Molly Creek**, the 1790 census showed that Thomas lived next door to his son Simon Thomas, Simon Thomas owned 200 acres in the head waters of the Little First Broad River, that Simon Thomas' son, **William C.**, was married in the First Little Broad River Baptist Church, unincorporated, on July 07, 1814 and that a couple of Simon Thomas' children married into the **Walker** family. Thus, if we found at least 200 acres of farm land on 2 creeks north of **Molly Creek** on the **Little First Broad River** near the Walker's land and the First Little Broad River Baptist Church, we may be able to find the Thomas' plantation and hopefully his grave site.

The USGS map for the **Dysartsville** North Carolina Quadrangle contains all of the Little First Broad River Water Shed. The farmable land area in this water shed is less than 500 acres. For Simon and Thomas Street to own 200 acres would be almost half. We know Simon sold 200 acres in 1831. We suspect that Thomas owned 200 acres based on his land purchases and that his daughter Elizabeth was on his farm, adjacent to Simon's after Thomas' and Lucy's deaths. If the Streets owned 400 acres they owned essentially all of the bottom land along the creeks discharging into the Little First Broad River. We know from the land deeds that Simon and Thomas lived in this area. Simon's farm was in the head waters of the **Little First Broad River** and Thomas owned land on the **Little First Broad River**. **Figure 1** is a copy of the USGS map showing the area. Simon's and Thomas' land is marked showing what would be required for each of them to own 200 acres.

According to her veteran's pension application we know that **Rebecca Pettit Street**, the wife of **William C. Street**, the son of **Simon Thomas**, married **William C.** on 7 July 1814 at First Little Broad River Baptist Church, unincorporated, by **Reverend Whitesides**.

From the records of the Genealogical Society of **Old Tryon County**, North Carolina, we know that the **Pettits, Walkers, Streets** and **Whitesides** all lived in this general area and attended the First Little Broad River Baptist Church, unincorporated. During our trip to Rutherford County in October 1999 Ms. Lucy Ellis was able to tell us where this very first Baptist Church was located and that its old grave yard still remained.

This church was incorporated in 1819 and moved in 1830 to another location.

We found the graveyard exactly where Lucy Ellis said we would and it contains about 200 graves, see location on figure 1. The graveyard is located on a hill about a quarter of a mile behind the **Golden Church**. The Golden Church, a very small rustic mountain church located about a quarter of a mile west of **State Route 226** on the **Cane Creek Mountain Road** and is shown on the USGS map (figure 1). Most of the head stones were uninscribed small pillars with no names or dates, see figure 2, the picture. We were able to find some Street graves. The only Street grave we found with a readable date was 1850. Unfortunately, we arrived at the grave yard at the end of our only day in Rutherford County and could not do an extensive inventory of the grave yard. Mr. Jetter Grayson whose ancestors owned most all of the land shown on the figure 1 map in the early 1900s grew up on the land and remembers the old church cemetery. He remembers as a small boy, in the 1920's, going up to the grave yard a couple times a year with his family, tending to it and cleaning the gravestones. He remembers it as an unused family cemetery and that the family was not his.

Given all these facts, I strongly believe that this old church cemetery was most probably located on Thomas' or Simon Thomas' land, started out as a Street Cemetery and became the church cemetery for the unincorporated First Little Broad River Baptist Church, after the church was built, probably around 1800. Thus, I also think it is very likely
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(Continued from Page 4.) that Thomas and Lucy are buried here, even though unproved. If any one can help prove or disprove this belief, please do. please contact me by email at artcart1@gte.net or by phone at: 206-542-1359

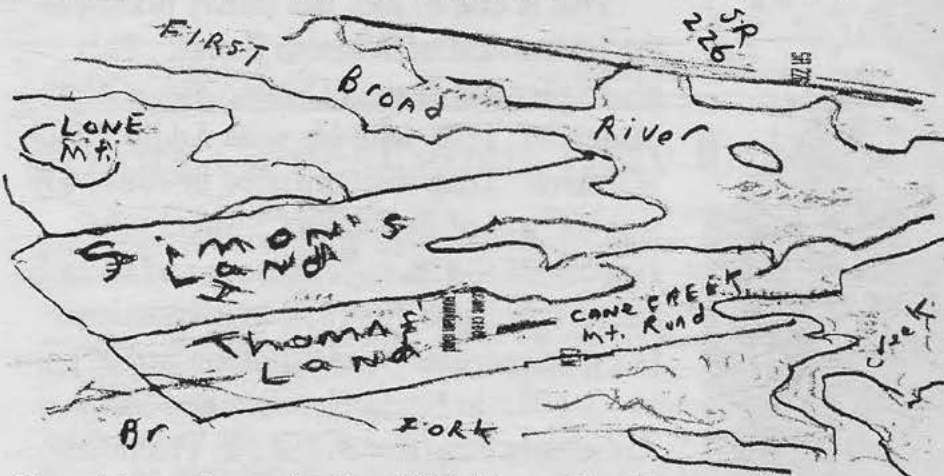


Figure 1 is map discussed on Page 3 & 4 (Thomas Street's grave site.)



Picture is of Bill Greer standing at the entrance of the abandoned **First Little Broad River Baptist Church**, unincorporated, cemetery in Rutherford County, North Carolina. A possible site for the graves of Thomas Street, born ca 1740, and his wife Lucy.

Information For Georgia Genealogy Research

Jackson Co. Georgia has a Rootsweb List at GAJACKSO-L@rootsweb.com. The following was a response from a request for any information on Street families in Jackson Co: "There is one Street tombstone in Jackson Co., GA at Academy Baptist Church Cemetery which reads: "In Memory of Aunt Martha Street," nothing else on the stone and no other Streets listed in Jackson County Ga Cemetery Records by James A. and Betty Ann Waddell Mathis."

Karen Thompson Ledford has published six volumes of These Men Wore Grey which list men who fought for the Confederacy from NE GA counties of **Franklin, Habersham, Stephens, Rabun, White, Banks**, and she is working on Vol. 7 for **Jackson Co.** You can check for surnames on her web site index and ordering information at:

<http://www.hartcom.net/~scv935/grey> or write her at:

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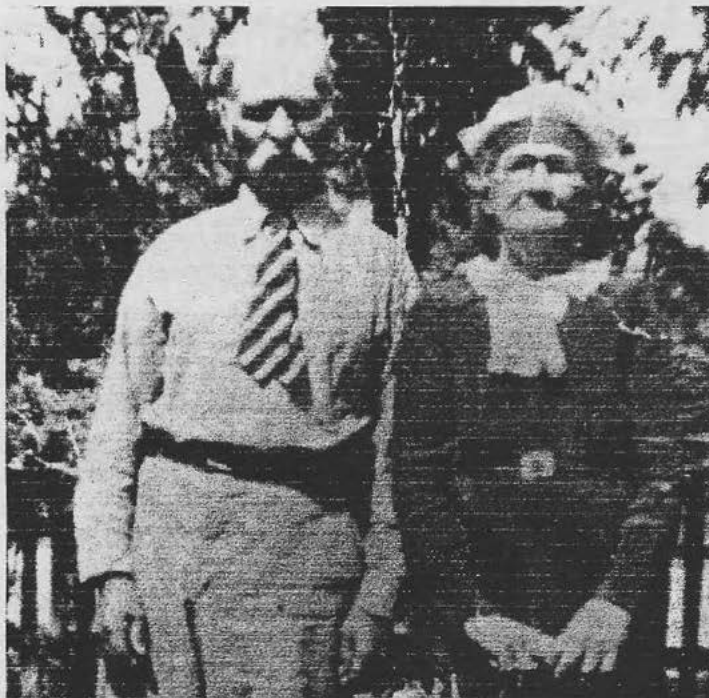
Feedback

Solomon Street's Daughters

I just came across the Street Genealogy Home Page and from there found the on-line newsletter. I notice the spring issue will include an article on Solomon Turley Street's family. His wife, Malvina Lyon, is my great aunt. My grandmother, Claire Lyon Harrison, was very fond of Solomon's and Malvina's daughters, especially Sister Marcellene. She had many kind words regarding them. As stoic as the picture appears, one would not expect the Nuns to be such cutups as my grandmother described them. She thought them to be very funny. Pictures can be deceiving.

Dan Burt

Joseph Darling Street & Wife Addie Elinor Williams



This is one of four old family photos in the possession of Winston Street. This photo pictures Joseph Darling Street born March 27, 1863 with his wife Addie Elinor Williams. They were married in 1884. He was the son of Benjamin C. Street born January 28, 1820 in Tennessee and Eliza E. Lucas born June 20, 1832 in Mississippi. His grandparents were Solomon Street born about 1788 in North Carolina and Mary Armstrong born about 1802 in Tennessee. Winston Darling Street was the father of:
1. Lucius Ray Street b. Oct. 15, 1903 in Wayne Co., MS. married Willie D. Glass b. Oct. 9, 1913.