

Evidence Gathered for Linneaus Bolling Markham

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Linneaus Bolling Markham was probably born sometime between 1805-1810 in Goochland county Virginia, the son of John Markham and Lucy Champe Fleming. He was named for his uncle Linneaus Bolling, husband of his father's sister, Mary Markham. Questions remain related to the date of his birth. Cemetery records give his birthdate as 25 May 1812, but it is noted that this is the same birthdate given for his brother-in-law, Charles M Henderson, who is buried nearby. The later events of his life would suggest that he was born before 1810.

Life in the Markham household has been more fully described in the entry for his father, John Markham. Linneaus was one of eleven children that survived to adulthood and each was modestly educated, possibly under the guidance of their grandfather, Judge William Fleming. John Markham suffered from a malady, likely depression or alcoholism, which twice placed him in the Williamsburg Hospital for the Insane. He had been released from the hospital for a second time in 1807, around the time that Linneaus Markham was born. Linneaus was probably in his mid or late teen years when his father died in 1821. His three older brothers had already left the home, leaving him and his brother George as the oldest males in the household. His married brother, Champe Markham, lived "next-door" and probably acted as a primary caretaker for his widowed mother and her younger children.

Bernard Markham and William Fleming Markham, older brothers to Linneaus had removed to Woodford county Kentucky for a few years, and then on to Jefferson county Mississippi by the late 1820's. At some point Linneaus Bolling Markham and his sister Judith Virginia Markham must have joined them, as all four of the siblings are in or near the now of Fayette in Jefferson county Mississippi by 1828.

1828, April; Ordered that Leneaus B Markham be appointed Constable for Fayette District and ordered that Lewis Cartwright and WF Markham be approved as security of Lenneaus B Markham. And that said Lineaus B Markham appeared in open court and took the oath prescribed by the Constitution. [source] Court Minutes of Jefferson County Mississippi; April 1828, page 102.

Even while serving as Constable in Jefferson county Mississippi, Linneaus Bolling Markham was beginning to acquire property in the more northerly county of Yazoo Mississippi. Around the year 1830, when he was perhaps in his mid-twenties, he removed to that county and made his home near Yazoo City for the remainder of his short life.

On the 7th of March 1833 he married Elizabeth Henderson in Yazoo county Mississippi. She was the daughter of William T Henderson and his wife Rebecca. Her father had served as Justice of the Peace for Yazoo county, but had died in 1832, a year prior to Elizabeth's marriage. It has been difficult to establish a clear identity for the Henderson family, but it appears that Charles M Henderson, a resident of Yazoo county Mississippi, was brother to Elizabeth Henderson Markham.

The records of Yazoo county Mississippi give a picture of Linneaus Bolling Markham as an industrious young man, working to establish himself in his new community. He probably lived with his wife on a farm outside of Yazoo City, but the exact location has not been determined. Along with his friend, Vincent Galloway, he speculated in property. Because the name Vincent had been popular in the Markham family, it has been considered whether there might have been a family connection between the Markhams and Galloways, but no relationship has been recognized.

Two Markham cousins, George Evans Markham and Devereux Jarrett Markham, also made their home near Yazoo City for a time. Young "DJ" Markham drowned in a swollen creek near Yazoo City in 1841, and his brother George Evans Markham moved on to Demopolis in Marengo county Alabama.



Linneaus Bolling Markham and Elizabeth Henderson did not have children of their own, but they did take on the rearing of Frances M "Fannie" Markham, the youngest child of Linneaus' brother – Champe Fleming Markham. Fannie Markham was born about 1833, the same year that Linneaus Markham married Elizabeth Henderson. Her mother was probably the first wife of Champe F Markham – Sarah Cocke. It seems likely that Sally Cocke Markham died in childbirth, or shortly thereafter. In the 1850 census, sixteen year old Fannie Markham appears in the household of Elizabeth Henderson Markham, and in family letters of later years Fannie referred to Elizabeth as "Ma".

Records below define some of the activities of Linneaus Bolling Markham around Yazoo City Mississippi:

Lineas Markham; twp 9, r1w; 1827

Lineas Markham; twp 10, r1w; 1833

Lineas B Markham; twp 11, r2w; 1833

[source] Original Land Owners of Yazoo County Mississippi, as published in the Yazoo Delta Press; no date.

1830 (about) - Property owners adjoining the Planters Bank on Jefferson Street in Yazoo City were Cusack, Markham and Merritt.

1834 Tax List for Yazoo County Mississippi

George E Markham

Markham and Galloway

Probate Minutes of Yazoo County Mississippi

1835, Feb; Estate of James Stewart to pay Markham and Galloway.

1835, May; Estate o AB Gardner to pay Markham and Galloway.

[source] Yazoo County Pioneers; Wiltshire, 1992.

Estate Appraisals

May 1837; Hugh Markham; appraising estate of James Cornell

May 1837; DJ Markham; appraising estate of Robert Goddard

Jun 1838; LB Markham; appraising estate of Israel Griffin

[source] Yazoo County Pioneers; Wiltshire, 1992.

BLM Land Patents

Lineas B Markham; #12762; 30 Sep 1835; 40 acres; Yazoo

Lineas B Markham; #18011; 10 (or 20) Feb 1840; 160 acres; Yazoo; with Vincent Galloway

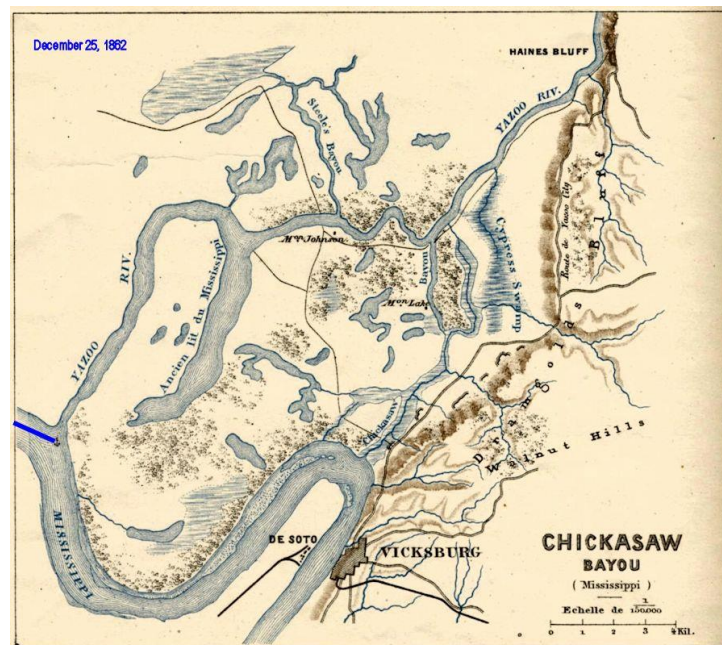
Lineas B Markham; #14255 (or #14244); 1 Feb 1843; 80 acres; Yazoo; with Vincent Galloway and Magniss T Rogers

[pam garrett's comment] The Family Maps Series for Yazoo county Mississippi shows the above properties purchased by Lineas B Markham (along with Vincent Galloway). The property that was likely to be Linnaeus Markham's home farm was some distance south and slightly east from Yazoo City, near the town of Dover.

1837; Leake Lodge #17 of Benton, Yazoo County Mississippi; LB Markham 1837.

[source] Abstradex of Annual Returns-Mississippi Free and Accepted Mason 1819-1849; Henry.

1838; Appeal from the superior court of chancery - This is an appeal from a decree rendered by the superior court of chancery. The material facts as they appear upon the record are as follows: Egbert Sessions, the appellant, recovered in the circuit court of Yazoo county, in April 1838, two judgments, one against Lineas B. Markham and Vincent Galloway, as partners in trade, under the firm of Markham & Galloway, for the sum of \$1037 21; and the other against Lineas B. Markham, Devereux J. Markham, and Hugh M. Markham, for \$1139 17. On these judgments executions were issued, and were levied, when Lineas B. Markham applied to Darnel Jones, the appellee, to become his surety in two forthcoming bonds . . .



1840 Census of Yazoo County Mississippi

Linneaus Markham; 1m 30-40; 1f 5-10; 1f 20-30

Linneaus B Markham died on the 16th of December 1840, when he was perhaps in his mid-thirties. He was buried along with his wife's family at Greenwood Cemetery in Yazoo City Mississippi. Elizabeth Henderson Markham and little Fannie Markham (his brother's child) were left to mourn his passing. There is no evidence that he left a Will, but several court documents and newspaper notices appear, related to the settlement of his estate.

Trust Sale – By virtue of a Deed of Trust executed to the subscribers by Linneus B Markham and Elizabeth M his wife, bearing date the 28th day of January, 1837, and duly recorded in the Clerk's office of Yazoo county, on the 13th February 1837, in Book G of deeds pages 65, 66, 67, and 68, for the purpose of securing a certain sum of money in said deed specified. We shall proceed to sell on Wednesday the 22nd day of April next, in front of the Planters' Bank at Yazoo City (formerly Manchester) for cash, to the highest bidder the property in said deed mentioned,, to wit: - [lengthy description mentioning sections 20, 28, 29, 32, 33, all in township 10, range 1 west] containing 760 acres of land more or less. The above mentioned land being the same upon which the said Markham formerly lived, and now occupied by Doct. B Yandell and Hamer and Burton.

ALSO – The following negro slaves, to wit: Ned aged 40, Matt aged 40, Billy aged 40, Robin aged 35, Nelson aged 19, Nevel aged 16, Anthony aged 16, Susan aged 28, Nelly aged 17, Lucy aged 20, Daniel aged 14, Emanuel aged 40, Jerry aged 35, John aged 18, Little Ned aged 9, Rose aged 40, Biddy aged 30, Maria aged 17, Molly Davis aged 17, Henrietta aged 12 years, or so much of said property as shall be sufficient to pay and satisfy the first note mentioned in said Deed in Trust, due on 1st February 1838, for \$4000.

The title to the above property is believed to be good, but acting as trustees, we will . .

Thomas Jennings, Mal M Hamer, Trustees

Yazoo City, 17th March 1840.

[source] The Yazoo City Whig and Political Register (Yazoo City Mississippi); 17 April 1840. (also April 3 and April 10, April 24, May 1)

Probate Minutes of Yazoo County Mississippi

1841, Dec; Elizabeth M Markham, widow of Linus B Markham, dec'd applied for allotment.

1842, Apr; Rebecca Henderson giving witness of Elizabeth Markham Keys – Min Book C pg 16; Elizabeth M Markham vs All interested in lands of Lineus B Markham, dec'd. Elizabeth M Markham remarried Richard Eaton Keys. Deposition of Mrs Rebecca Henderson that - *"Elizabeth M Markham is her daughter and was born on the 4th day of Jan 1817, that Linus B Markham, to whom she was married on the 7th day of Mar 1833, departed this life on the 17th day Dec 1840"*.

1843, Feb; Bill for Dower of Elizabeth B Keys, late widow of Linus B Markham and present wife of RE Keys.

1844 Feb; Allotment of dower of Elizabeth M Hughes(?) out of lands of Linus B Markham, dec'd.

1846, Nov; Petition of Elizabeth McKeys, widow of LB Markham, dec'd for dower.

[source] Yazoo County Pioneers; Wiltshire, 1992.

In 1842 Elizabeth Henderson Markham was secondly married to Richard Eaton Keys. According to Yazoo county Mississippi histories, he served as postmaster in Yazoo City, and was also referenced as "Judge" and "Colonel". No children were born to Elizabeth, but RE Keys was faithful to the raising of Fannie Markham, until his death in 1852. Fannie Markham was married to Joshua Thompson Russell on the 16th of October 1850 in Yazoo City.

22 Apr 1842; Married at Solitude, near this city, by the Rev R McInnis, R Eaton Keys, esq of this place to Mrs Elizabeth M Markham of this county.
[source] Mississippi Newspapers; by Wiltshire.

1850 Census of Yazoo county Mississippi
R E Keys; 36 (1814) Ohio; city marshall
Eliz M Keys; 32 (1818) Kentucky; real estate \$2000
Francis M Markham (f); 16 (1834) Mississippi
Rebeca W Henderson; 55 (1795) Virginia

In a letter from Fannie Markham Russell to her sister Jeanette Markham Thornton in Versailles Kentucky:

Yazoo City March 31st 1860

. . . Ma's health is about as usual. Grand Ma had been confined to her room for several weeks but is improving slowly. . . . Ma and GrandMa send their love to all.

Note – "Ma" would be Elizabeth Henderson Markham Russell, and "GrandMa" would be Rebecca Henderson (maiden name unknown).

1860 Census of Yazoo county Mississippi
household #968
EM Keys (f); 39 (1821) Kentucky
household #969
J T Russell (m); 33 (1827) Connecticut; no occupation
F Russell (f); 26 (1834) Mississippi
R E K Russell (m); 8 (1852) Mississippi
F H Russell (m); 6 (1854) Mississippi
J B Markham (m); 33 (1827) Virginia; saddler
H Lawrence (m); 38 (1822) England; dentist

1870 Census of Yazoo county Mississippi
household #65
J T Russell; 44 (1826) New Jersey; bookkeeper
F M Russell; 37 (1833) Mississippi
M P Russell (f); 9 (1861) Mississippi
H Russell (m); 3 (1867) Mississippi
household #66
E M Keys (f); 50 (1820) Kentucky

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Further Reading:

[Early History and Archaeology of Yazoo County](#); Robert Bowman; published in the Mississippi Historical Society, Vol 8; 1904.

About the Images:

Period map of Vicksburg, Mississippi, and surrounding area including the Yazoo River, Chickasaw Bayou and Walnut Hills.

Scene on the public road east of Yazoo City, Mississippi; Forrest Lamar Cooper Postcard Collection; Mississippi Department of Archives and History Online Electronic Resource.

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