

The notes of William Canada Fletcher Russ, as transcribed from his Family Tree notes, by Thomas Ashley Russ & Sperry Jones Russ.

## **Sketches and Limbs of the James Russ Family tree from in perhaps the middle of the 17<sup>th</sup> century on down into the 18<sup>th</sup> century when part of them move to Florida**

**Page 1.** ,It should read the 18<sup>th</sup> century.

My recollections according to what my father told are as follows viz, James Russ my grandfather on fathers side was born and raised in North Carolina in Brunswick Co, Some date I don't know in the 17<sup>th</sup> century and where he grew to manhood in the same county married a miss Sallie Brown who was my grandmother on father's side. I don't know the dates of either of their births or of their marriage. I never saw either of them. They raised I think five boys and one girl. The boys names were as follows viz, Matthew, Simeon, Joseph, John Julius, and Canada. Their daughters name was Cynthia. I don't know the year that either of these was born, except my father John J. Russ and uncle Simeon Russ. Though all the children were older than father except Uncle Canada, he was the youngest. I can not remember seeing any of father's brothers except Uncle Simeon. have seen him often, also have seen Aunt Cynthia often, after my grandfather James Russ in Carolina, I don't rem. the year. Grandmother Sallie Russ, Simeon, Cynthia, John J. and Canada

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all moved from North Carolina to Florida. I never heard but little of Uncle Joseph he (probably?) died in Carolina. He was a very active man physically. It appears that Uncle Matthew went from Carolina to Alabama near to Wetumpka and Travellers Rest and married Patience Elizabeth Swayne (correct spelling is known to be Swaine). I don't know how many children was born to them. They raised one daughter named Isabella, and two sons to wit Caswell Canada and a younger son named Jacob, Isabella lived and died I expect then near Travellers Rest, Ala. Her and myself had some correspondence by letter during a period of a few years after the close of the Civil War as did Caswell and myself. Uncle Matthew and his wife died there I think near Travellers Rest, Caswell after the Civil War for a while was engaged with the Tallassee Factory Co. in Elmore Co, Ala. That is the last I ever knew of him. I suppose it was just before the Civil War,

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that Jacob, Uncle Matthew's youngest son went down into Florida near Wright's Ferry on Shoal River I think Then (Twas? )in Walton Co. Jacob married there. A miss Mary Holly lived thereabout till the late fall of 1866 moved then to Washington County near Vernon, Fla Then after some little time moved to the Holmes Valley right near to where New Hope Church is now 3 miles east of Millers Ferry, Fla. They had one daughter named Patience Elizabeth She was 14 or 15 years of age and died there was buried at the old New Hope Cemetery. They had two small sons when they moved away in October 1872, Their sons were named as follows. James Matthew, the oldest and Jacob, Jr. I never knew what became of (?) Matthew. My father John J. Russ visited his brother near Wetumpka and Traveller's Rest. While he was (?) in the Confederate Army during the Civil War, never saw him again.

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Simeon Russ was a son of James Russ and Sallie Russ nee Brown, was a brother of Joseph and Matthew & Canada, He was born in North Carolina, Brunswick County about 1804, He came to Florida with his mother and brothers when they moved from North Carolina to Fla. He married, on his first wife I cant remember her name. They raised a son and a daughter, the son was named Edd. (Edwin) Russ. He grew to manhood, he married but I dont know of who he married. Himself and wife raised some son's and daughters. They lived mostly at a place near Indigo Head in Ala. It was named Clintonville, afterward. He I think was a farmer and I hear he did well, I expect some of his descendants live near the same Clintonville, Edd Russ sister was named Mary she married a man named Bill Posey. I never saw them but few times. dont remember what they did, Simeon Russ's second wife was named Nancy Lanier a daughter of Tom Lanier and he had a brother named Jim Lanier. Simeon Russ and his 2nd wife raised two sons and two daughters to wit Charles Seaborn the oldest married during the Civil War

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he first marriage was with dilly courtney, he was about 20 years of age or more. Simeon Russ during the time of raising of his children lived at Oak Hill Washington Co. Fla or in Jackson Co. Fla. Charles Seaborn 2nd wife was Martha Morris for his first was divorced; Him and his 2nd wife I think raised some children I don't ever remember any of them. His 2nd wife after some few years died. Then I heard he had 2 more the last one was named a miss or Mrs. Harrell. part of the time he was a preacher I think, Baptist. He died at or near Marianna Fla about 1913. The 2nd son of Simeon & Nancy Russ was named Hosea Benjamin Russ. He married at about 18 or 19 years of age: about Christmas 1869 married a girl named Lucinda Crawford. and they lived some time in Washington Co. Fla or Jackson Fla They had several Girls & I think Boys done very well: Ben's wife first wife died after some years and he married but I never knew learned her name, was, they had some children on his 2nd married, Hosea Benjamin Russ died at Blountstown Fla about 1920; Simeon Russ's oldest daughter by his 2nd wife was named Ann Russ. I heard she married. but I don't Remember who she married.

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I never saw her again, after about christmas in about the year 1869 Simeon Russ's 2nd daughter by his 2nd wife was named Frances Russ. She married a man named Hopkins I think they lived mostly in Holmes or in Washington County Fla: Frances and Hopkins Raised two daughters if no more: Their oldest girl was named Mary Hopkins: She Taught School some in Washington County Fla She married a Gilbert a relative of George Gilbert Sr. or dont think he was a near relative Porter Gilbert. They lived not far from Orange Hill Fla. when I last knew them. The 2nd girl of Hopkins and Frances was named Delia Hopkins. She married a man named Tom Helton in Washington County Fla. near Chipley. Old man Edd Everett Sr raised Mary and Delia for Hopkins and Frances had died. This man Edd Everett owned a water saw mill on Hard Labor Creek S.E. of Chipley Fla. and I think he owned at the same place a Gristmill and maybe a cotton gin: Ive been to his millworks. Uncle Simeon Russ died in the latter part of November 1867 near a few miles S.E. of the Blue Pond

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and a few miles from where now is Chipley Fla. It was called the Sim Russ Bay, for it was very rich Land. Aunt Nancy Russ nee Lanier died I think in Washington County some years after Uncle Simeon did. She I suppose was 60 years old. Uncle Simeon died at about 63 years yet she was much younger than him: Uncle Simeon Russ was a School Teacher & Law Giver. Justice of the peace and Farmer and when I knew him best he owned 60 or 75 head of cattle.

My Aunt Cynthia Russ a daughter of James Russ and Sallie Russ nee Brown was born in I think in Brunswick County N.C. was a sister of Matthew, Joseph, Simeon, John Julius and Canada, and moved from North Carolina to Florida I think in Jackson County Fla. I cant remember the date, or the birth of her date. She moved from Carolina to Fla in company with of her mother and her brothers that came to Fla: Aunt Cynthia was twice married. Had two husbands, to wit

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Aunt Cynthia's first husband was named Grissett it appears that Grissett was killed by a negro man a shave before the civil war. This union by Grissett and Aunt Cynthia A Daughter was born named Sarah or Sallie. I think she was grown, then died. This was their only child. Some time of years, Aunt Cynthia married a man named James E. Couliette. He was an overseer & farmer. Was a hustling fellow at anything in his line. Was not educated. he wore most times a big pistol around in his belt. I dont say he was wise, but he had plenty sense and grit. Couliette & Aunt Cynthia raised four children I think to wit: 3 Boys and one girl. The boys were Joseph, George, Sidney. The girl named Mary: Joseph was an idiot. Died after he was grown man. George abused himself. married a widow near Marianna Fla. by name of Frances Lovett. Mrs. Lovett had one son by Lovett named Billy. George and his wife didn't have any heirs never did: George died some time I think in along in the (18)70's. I never knew what became of Frances and her son Billy Lovett.

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Read on down to 12<sup>th</sup> line to the word Grit. and say where it fits in that, James E Couliette was waylaid and killed on a rainy night at Dr. Theo. West farm about 2 miles S.W. of Marianna Fla in March 1869. He was overseeing out and farming for Dr. West. who lived in Marianna Fla. Couliette and his family were living 3 or 2 1/2 miles toward the Greenwood Fla. Road from North of Marianna Fla. They owned a pretty good farm there, but he went home at intervals after the Civil War from 1865 to 1870 There were several quite a few killed in and about Marianna Fla. Jackson County. During the Carpet Bag administration of affairs. Those homes raised (proper?) did not want to let the negroes to (rule? vote?) and the northern carpet baggers: It took 10 years after Civil War for the Democrats to get control of affairs in Florida.

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Aunt Cynthia's daughter Mary by Couliette died about or nearly she was grown. I dont remember but she died about the beginning of Civil War. Sidney grew up and married but I never who she was or if they had any children or not. I think Sidney lived with his mother & wife and after I think they sold the farm on the Greenwood Fla place Road Sidney bought a place not far from Chipola River and near to merritts bridge. I heard he became a baptist

preacher. I think Aunt Cynthia died about 1881 or 82: Sidney died after about 1900 or later. Aunt Cynthia and Couliette lived and died most all the time in Jackson County Fla: I called to see Aunt Cynthia on the Greenwood Fla place in the fall of 1870. as I was coming home from Neils landing from carrying a load of bales cotton from Vernon Fla. to Neils Landing Fla But none of them were home.

WCF Russ writing Sunday 19th May 1924.

When I will be 73 years old if I live the 20th June 1924

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John Julius Russ was the son of James Russ and Sallie Russ nee Brown, was born in Brunswick County North Carolina July 5th 1809. My father John J. Russ had four brothers and one sister. His brother's viz: to wit. Matthew Russ, Joseph Russ. Simeon Russ, Canada Russ. There sister was named Cynthia Russ. After some years and my grandfather died in Carolina my Grandmother Sallie Russ and her 4 sons and daughter moved from N.C. to Fla. in Jackson County Fla. I dont know what the date or year is or month. It appears that Uncle Matthew Russ married in Ala. a Miss Patience Swayne and lived near to a place named Travellers Rest Ala. and near to Wetumpka Ala. John J. Russ married my mother Eliza Ann Tippins in Jackson County Fla. in 1837. My mother came originally came from Georgia. Was born I think in Tatnall County Georgia on the 17th of January 1815. Her father Lemuel Tippins had lived in Georgia in Tatnall County Ga. a long time. He lived part times there. for my grandfather on my

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mothers side lived in 30 miles of Savannah Ga and traded there a long time. Lemuel Tippins was a Baptist preacher and was liked by the good people so I have heard. Lemuel Tippins owned once a grant of Land from the State of Georgia 490 acres in making Counties afterward, it lay in Appling County GA. near I think to Baxley Co. site But he never sold it and his heirs I think lost it I never got any of it: Lemuel Tippins married Nancy Jones, my Great Grandfathers named Josiah Jones I think the Tippins and Jones moved from Ga. long time in years before the Civil War before I was born or thought of. Josiah Jones was an orphan boy. ran away and went into the revolutionary war at the age of 16. Come out and married sometime and became well to do: Lemuel Tippins married Nancy Jones nee Tippins, They raised four girls named to wit: Eliza Ann Tippins, Jane Tippins, Mary Tippins, Caroline Tippins, and one son named Ashley Jones Tippins. Lemuel Tippins died in Clark County Miss in 1852.

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Eliza Ann Russ nee Tippins my mother. was in the Fort when the people Forted against the Indians at Blountstown Jackson County Florida. I think it was in the year 1836 my mother was a young woman unmarried. When they forted against the Indians: Lemuel Tippins and Nancy Tippins nee Jones and who they married: my mother Eliza Annn Tippins married John Julius Russ. my Father in the year 1837. my father and mother raised five children. Four sons and one daughter to wit: James Lemuel Russ born 8th April 1839, John Robert Russ born 24th November I think 1841. Mary Jane Russ born august 19th 1843 I think Ashley Tippins Russ born december 13th 1849. I think William Canada Fletcher Russ born June 20th 1851. One son named Marquis de Lafayette Russ died in the year (1865 and 1860 are both scratched through) 2 and a half years or more 1855 he died then.

My father John J. Russ was an ordained Methodist Preacher. Was a circuit Rider, came from the Alabama Conference in the year 1853. He rode the circuit in 1853 in Jackson and Washington County or

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in part of each county: The distances he had to travel was a long way each appointment: and some time a Dim trail that led to the church. But few Bridges on the roads then my father & mother lived on several places during their lives: I name a few that Ive heard and seen a few to wit: Dry Creek, Oaky Hill, Wrights Creek, Holmes County near where Noma Fla I was born just a few yards from there. They lived once or more at Econfinia Fla near to the Gainer settlement used to be; Lived night very near to the East end of Hicks pond, & near S & S.E. Lucas Pond all these ponds are just a little south of Holmes Valley my father elected clerk of the Circuit Court 1857. When he moved to Vernon Fla. was in the service in the Indian War. but he never did quit praying till he died. he was a very devout man. Was Clerk of the Circuit Court when & after Civil war: was Clerk when he died: Was a School Teacher: Was once a tax assessor a while: Was in Confederate States or Civil War: John J. Russ and his two sons James L. Russ & John Robert Russ both & each of these volunteered in 1861 in the first Company was attached to the 4th Regiment. I mean the first Company made and raised in Washington County Florida

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my father John J. Russ filled many trusts in his life. He died the 11th of December 1867. My father died at Vernon Fla. was buried at Moss Hill church and cemetery in Washington Co., Fla, my mother, Eliza Ann Russ died two miles East of millers Ferry Fla. on the Millers Ferry and Vernon Road on the 11th November 1872. She was buried beside my Father at Moss Hill Church and Cemetery. My mother Eliza Ann Russ was the oldest child of Lemuel Tippins and Nancy Tippins. I dont remember the dates of birth and deaths of the others: Ashley Jones Tippins married Elizabeth Ann Evans I think on Econfinia Fla. She was a brother of Sharpless Evans & a brother of Solomon and John Evans & a Great Aunt of Ben F. Evans on Valley. Ashley J. Tippins died before the Civil. They didn't have a child; After a while after Ashley J Tippins had been dead, there came before the Civil War, a school teacher named Gregory Singleton. He married the widow of Ashley J. Tippins, Singleton & his wife raised one son named Elton Singleton. In the meantime or part of it, Gregory Singleton died: Then after a while Elizabeth Ann Singleton died: Then Elton Singleton grew up and married and raised some boys and girls I expect they done pretty well Then

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Elton Singleton died in Bay County Fla, I think they lived toward East from Millville. I met one of Eltons daughters at Vernon during one school examination, Jane Tippins daughter of Lemuel Tippins & Nancy Tippins She married Solomon Evans. He was a brother of Sharpless Evans and John Evans: Was a sister of Elizabeth Ann Evans, nee Tippins, nee Singleton; Solomon Evans was Ben F. Evans Great Uncle so was Sharpless, and John Evans: Solomon Evans & Jane Evans nee Tippins were married near on to Econfinia I think, I dont know the date of their marriage, They moved before the Civil War came on, Some years before, They moved to Alabama near to Brewton Ala in Conecuh County and near to the Conecuh River They lived there until they died. They had some sons and daughters but I never

saw but one son named Lemuel Evans, he was at Holmes Valley Fla in 1873. I never knew much of them, I think they had one son I think named John Ashley Evans. They were own Cousins to Walter Evans, Edd. Myles, Dave, Julian, and miss Joe Evans, Wanda, Theodosia & maybe some others. I expect some of their descendants are in near to Brewton Ala still.

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Mary Tippins and Calvin Dees were married. Mary Tippins was a daughter of Lemuel Tippins and Nancy Tippins nee Jones. They moved I think from Washington County or Jackson Co., Fla. some few years before the Civil War began: I dont remember ever being seeing any of them. They went to Mississippi, lived a while at Meadowville and on or near Dog River. Then lived at Pascagoula Miss: Calvin Dees was a steam sawmill man: Calvin Dees and Mary Dees nee Tippins raised some sons and daughters, some of their names were to wit: Arch, Mark, Lemuel, Garland, Elly: some of their daughters were named to wit: Jane: Nancy Maria, Mary Frances: Jane married a man named Easterling. near Pascagoula Miss. Nancy Maria married a man named Ford near Pascagoula Miss. Mary Fances, married after the Civil War was over, Married a man named Cudahoe. They went or moved to East Porter, Niagara County New York: after a few years after The Civil War the girls used to write & us write them. But I long time have lost any of them: also we had photographs of them: we kinder lost touch of them.

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Caroline Tippins was a daughter of Lemuel Tippins and Nancy Tippens nee Jones: I think about the beginning of the Civil War Caroline Tippins and a man by the name of John Ramsey were married: at the time they lived there They lived at Bayou George in Washington County on Econfinia Fla. I remember when having seen each of them, John Ramsey's mother and John Ramsey's stepfather whose name was Taylor Caraway were living at or right near to Bayou George now in Bay County Fla. Taylor Caraway seemed to be a very devout man. about seemed to be about 50 or 60 years old. Caraway and his wife had I think each of them were their son. Had a deaf mute son named Laban Caraway. he was about grown heavysset. He used to get up at nights and swing to amuse himself. At one time he ran away from his home & folks and went his home from Bayou George to Vernon Fla. to my fathers house to John J. Russ's During in the time of the Civil War. John Ramsey & his wife Caroline Ramsey took sides with the Federal troops and went to Cedar Keyes Fla: I expect he was on a gunboat, I think. I heard they had two children a boy and a girl, During the Civil War the Yellow fever got into Cedar Keyes

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Fla: and John Ramsey and his wife Caroline Ramsey and one child all died with it. I think, John Ramsey and his wife Caroline had a son that escaped the yellow fever: His name was John Ashley Ramsey and after the Civil War: some way their little son John Ashley got back to Econfinia Fla. and James Lemuel Russ worked up a pension from the United States Govmt. for John Ashley. from John Ramsey's services during the Civil War: James L. Russ took charge of the child about 1868 and after he had just got \$1800 of it Allison Ramsey's uncle of John Ashley's come over from Holmes County Fla. and wanted the \$1800 and James L. Russ my oldest brother turned over the proceeds and John Ashley to Allison Ramsey. I never saw John Ashley, but one time after that it was in the fall of 1876. I never knew what Allison Ramsey

done with the proceeds of the pension; John Ashley. I heard after some years married in Holmes County Fla. and later I heard he moved to Texas.

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James Lemuel Russ was the oldest son of John Julius Russ and Eliza Ann Russ nee Tippins. Was born I think in Jackson County Fla. and south of or S.W. of Marianna, Fla on the 8th day of April 1839. When the Civil War began in 1861 he volunteered as a confederate soldier in Co. H. The Washington Invincibles was the name of the company. The Cpts. name was W.F. Lane: was later attached to the 4th Regiment. Was I think mustered into service at Saint Marks Fla. or Fort Williams right near Ft. Wim's. Then they were ordered to Fernandina Fla. & near Amelia Island: and some place, after that he was discharged from the Confederate Army for disability. He came home to Vernon Fla. and it wasn't long seems was a month or so. He bought a horse and went to Marianna Fla. 33 miles away and joined Capt William H. Miltons Cavalry Company. and it wasn't long before there was enough men to make two companies: Henry K. Simmons was Miltons first Lieut. and they had a division so as to make two companies. Henry K. Simmons who was named for the 2nd Company in the div. James. L. Russ fell into Cat H. K. Simmons Company. Capt Simmons Cavalry were in the 2nd Fla. Regiment. Confederate

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Troops Capt Simmons & his company were ordered to East Fla. and Jaxonville Fla. James L. Russ was in the Battle of Olustee near Ocean Pond and west of Jacksonville Fla. Capt. Henry K. Simmons Fell in the Battle of Olustee. There is a monument near Olustee in memory of the Battle. After some time after the Battle I think it was a horse kicked James L. Russ's left shin bone and was home on crutches 2 or 3 months. Went home to Vernon Fla. After the Civil War that ended in April 1865. James L. Russ lived at Vernon with our parents & children untill our Father died 11 Dec. 1867. Then Judge Stanley of Pensacola Fla appointed James L. Russ to be Clerk of the Circuit Court in Washington County Fla. as our Father had been clerk before he died: James L. Russ was the first county Superintendent of Schools in Washington County Fla. After the School (?) System was organized in the State of Fla. It was done and sponsored by the Carpet Bagger administration in Fla. in 1868. I believe. John J. White and Jesse M. Simmons and I think Wilson L. Raley were three of the first members of the Board of Public Instruction in Washington County Fla.

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James Lemuel Russ was married the 14th day of June 1868. He married Miss Margret Ann Wachob. They were married six miles from Vernon about, right near Hard Labor Creek on the Lower Vernon Fla. and Chipley Fla Road. Was married by Rev W.W. Odom, a Baptist Minister from Georgia. The Wachobs were straight honest people. I knew Maggie's or some of her uncles Arthur, Alex, and Joseph. Maggie Ann Russ nee Wachob. was the oldest daughter of John Wachob and Elizabeth Syfreet nee Wachob. nee Williams. nee Gaines. John Wachob died and his son also: and left his Widow Elizabeth Wachob with three girls Margret or Maggie, Joseph, and Melis. after it seemes a few years Elizabeth Wachob and James M. Williams were married and at the time James L. Russ and Maggie Ann Russ were married James M. Williams was James L. Russ's Stepfather in law, James M. Williams had been two times married before he married Elizabeth Wachob: Williams first wife was a miss Sallie Miller

daughter of old man Johnny Miller who lived and died at Miller's Ferry Fla. during Civil War, Williams 2nd Wife I cant remember her name she didnt live long.

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James M. Williams and His first wife, who was a miller raised 5 children to wit: 3 girls and 2 boys named as follow. Emmaline, John Owen, Mary Maria, Ann, and James Buchhannan, James M. Williams father was named Owen Williams James M. Williams had one brother named Wiley Williams. I never saw him he died. James M. Williams and his father Owen Williams lived a long time in about or near Campbellton Jackson County Fla. They were Cottoners for a long time. I dont remember who Emmaline Williams married she died I think in early life: My brother Ashley Tippins Russ married Mary Maria Williams on the 13th of Sep. 1868. They married at James M. Williams place about 6 miles North of Vernon Fla at or very near to Hard Labor Creek Bridge now on the Vernon Fla and Chipley Fla Lower Road. They married at the same place at where James L. Russ and his wife were married and by the same Baptist Preacher W.W. Odom who came from Georgia. James M. Williams and his 3rd Wife who was Mrs. Elizabeth Wachob were step children to Williams first wifes first childrens and williams was step children to Maggie Ann Russ. Josie Edward who was first a Wachob and Mary Amelia Russ who was first a Wachob.

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James M. Williams and Elizabeth Williams nee Syfrett nee Wachob raised 2 sons to wit: Daniel M. Williams and Wiley Williams: Daniel Williams married Alice Miller was a daughter of John W. Miller. and Susan Miller nee Cravey, she was a niece of James W. Cravey: Leslie Miller and Joseph Miller were brothers of Alice Williams: Wiley Williams was killed after he was a grown young man by a man named Jack Branning or Brannon. Wiley Williams was killed right at Christmas 1887. was buried at Mossy Hill Church and Cemetery. John O. Williams oldest son of James M. Williams and his first wife who I think her name was Sallie I know it was Miller: John O. Williams first married Catherine or Katie Pippin. She had a brother named Owen Pippin, John O. Williams did not live long with her. He divorced her: After a while she married Andrew Miller an own cousin of John O. Williams Andrew Miller's Father name Sam Miller who killed himself Just at about the beginning of Civil War.

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Abner A. Jones married Ann Williams, a daughter of James M. Williams and Sallie Williams nee Miller. Ann Williams was a sister of Mary Maria Williams nee Russ. was own brothers of John O. Williams & James Buchanan Williams Ann Williams was half brother of Daniel M. Williams and Wiley Williams: John O. Williams second wife was a miss Frank Taunton. Her fathers name was Newsom Taunton. He came from Ala. Ozark or Elba near there, James M. Williams died in the latter part of the year 1871. Was buried at Mossy Hill Church and Cemetery Holmes Valley Fla. Ann Williams died at Millers Ferry Fla I think 1892 or 93. She was Abner A. Jones First Wife: She left 8 Children 4 sons and 4 daughters to wit: son's James M. Jones John Lee Jones, Robert Davidson Jones, Abner A. Jones Jr. 4 daughters to wit: Sallie Zoy Jones, Meda Jones, Alice Marie Jones Bertie Jones. Ashley Tippins Russ died at Millers Ferry Fla on the 26th of December 1886, John O. Williams, a brother in law of Ashley Tippins Russ and Abner A Jones, died in July 1880. His widow Frances Williams nee Taunton



raised one son named James Williams and they lived at or near Freeport Fla. when I last knew them.

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About the Syfretts. Miss Elizabeth Syfrett who first John Wachob then married James M. Williams. then afterward married Samuel Gaines no issue from them two last: Elizabeth Syfrett had 3 husbands to wit John Wachob, James M. Williams, and Samuel Gainer. James M. Williams had 3 wives Sallie Miller, and another Lady and Elizabeth Wachob. Samuel Gainer had 3 wives first was Eliza Mattox, 2nd I cant think of her name, 3rd was Elizabeth Williams. I dont remember Miss Elizabeth Syfretts Fathers Given Name. He was a methodist preacher. Mr. Syfrett had 2 wives I dont remember either of names of his wives: Rev. Syfrett by his first wife had 4 sons to wit: Emanuel Abram, George, Frank and one daughter Elizabeth: Rev. Syfrett by his 2nd wife had 4 sons and 3 daughters. Sons named to wit: Gabriel, Silas, Edwin, Allen: Daughters named to wit: Janey, Lula, and Alice. Gabriel married Ann E. White on the Valley. She died, but was an older sister of Mrs. Eldred Sapp of Vernon, Fla. Gabriel's 2nd wife was a daughter of Judge W. B. Jones. Gabriel divorced his 2nd wife afterward he died. Allen died when he was about 22 years of age.

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Edwin Syfrett is or was a methodist preacher. He married a miss Joice Ridey in the Valley. They raised some sons one named Jesse I think. Had taught School. I dont think of the others name: I dont remember who silas married. I dont know who Janey Syfrett married, but they lived toward Marianna Fla. & South of Marianna Fla. Lula Syfrett I think married a man named Conner lived 5 or 6 miles south of Marianna Fla. When I last heard of them, Alice Syfrett I think married a man named Allen Land. and I think they lived near to Mr. Conner and Lula his wife. one of Emanuel Syfretts wives was named Sarah Jane (Sumner?) him and two of his sons last wives sons named John and Garfield. John taught school. Also did Garfield in Washington County Fla. Garfield taught once at New Hope Fla. John Taught once near George Lees on Choctawhatchee Bay or near Bunker. Emanuel had 2 daughters that were his first wives: He named one Creasy, the other named Mary. I think those girls were related to the Williams's, I dont know who George Syfrett married, I knew some little about Emmanuel, Abram, & Frank Syfretts. But I dont remember who was Abrams wife or Franks wife was.

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Elizabeth Syfrett nee Wachob. nee Williams. nee Gainer had two daughters beside Maggie Ann Wachob nee Russ, There names were Joseph Rebecca Wachob and Mary Permelia Wachob: Joseph Rebecca married a man named John W. Edward. They married about 1870: Mr. Edwards had been married before: He and his first wife raised two sons named viz: Willie, and Wesley Edwards. I think now they live at Bartow Fla: Mr. Edwards first wife was Henrietta Powell. I think. seems that the Powells came from Greenwood Fla or Ga: Tom Powell and Jim Powell were brothers of Mr. Edwards first wife: Mrs. Powell was Mother inlaw of Mr. Edwards first wife: Mrs. Powell who were Tom, and Jim Powell's mother died on the Holmes Valley Fla, about 4 or 5 miles South West a little from Vernon Fla. Was buried at Mossy Hill and Cemetery: Mr. John W. Edwards Father and his step mother both died: Being stricken in years. Were buried at Mossy Hill Cemetery Holmes Valley, Fla. Mr Edwards Father name was

William Edwards. his step mothers name was Mary Edwards: Mr. John W. Edwards was a christian

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Gentleman a very devout man, Mr. John W. Edwards and his second wife Joseph Rebecca Wachob nee Edwards Raised three sons to wit: Cliff, Jim, Wiley: They raised three daughters: to wit. Ellodia, Celestia, Josie, Now: get J.M. Russ to fill in the names of those 6 children and who they married, (blank space on Page)

Mr. John W. Edwards died I think at or near Southport Fla. But was buried at Mossy Hill Cemetery on the Valley, near his first wife. Father and step mother and his first mother in law, Mr. Edwards 2nd wife Joseph Rebecca Edwards and her 6 children moved to Pt. Washington Fla. then afterward to Pensacola Fla. and afterward moved over on Sound Bay took up some Homesteads: I think Mrs. Josie Edwards died 1917. on Sound Bay: I dont remember the date Mr. Edwards died: Mary Permelia Wachob and youngest daughter of Elizabeth Syfrett nee Wachob, nee Williams, nee Gainer, Married Thomas J. Russ in the latter part of the year 1872: Thomas J. Russ and James L. Russ were Brothers in law, married sisters, otherwise were not related, I expect they had been originally related.

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Thomas J. Russ's Father name was Samuel T. Russ. Thomas J. Russ mothers maiden name was Georgia Ann Long. This Thomas J. had two brothers named 1. James M. Russ one named Robert Samuel Russ: Jim, Killed himself with a double barrellled gun during the civil war. This Jim Russ was the first husband of Mrs. Charlotte Bullard. Was her 2nd Husband Wilbern Bullard at Pt. Washington Fla. Thomas J. Russ was a farmer like his father, he lived a while on the Holmes Valley Fla. Thomas J. Russ and Mary Permelia Russ his wife raised. I think four sons Roswell , Robert, Charley, and Thomas Jr. I dont remember correctly about them. But the names of some of their girls Maud, Mae, Fanny (Fletcher?): Roswell Russ married a widow. A daughter of Willis Wells (*James F. Russ, Jr. notes indicate her name is Nancy*) and when I last heard them they lived on Cedar Creek toward South Port Fla. I dont know about the others. Thomas J. Russ moved to Millville Fla after his wife died at or near Caryville Fla: Then afterward he moved to South Fla with a few of his children to Ocala, Fla. and went on further south. Then I heard he died at Ft. Lauderdale Fla. aged about 75 years.

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Ashley Tippins Russ who married Mary Maria Williams was brother of James L. Russ, John Robert Russ, William Canada Fletcher Russ; Ashley and Maria Raised two sons and three daughters: Ashley died at Millers Ferry Fla. Dec 26th 1886. He was a school teacher, Farmer, and Lawgiver; Their sons are named Henry Bunyan Russ and James Fletcher Russ: Their daughters are named Sarah Elizabeth: Mary Annie, and Laura Jane: Sarah Elizabeth married James Bunyan Carmichael at or near Millers Ferry Fla. in August I think 1892, Their children raised one daughter named Lessie. Lessie Married a Mr. McLellan after they removed from the Holmes Valley Fla to Millville Fla: Their son's are named Dewey, Dee, Lehman, and Alwin & Hervell: Henry Bunyan Russ married Mary Morrell in Jan 1895. They Raised two Daughters named one Ethel, one named Mary, Ethel married Andy Morrell. They Live at Ebro Fla. Mary married Walker Prescott from Holmes Co. Fla, They live mostly at Ebro Fla: Henry and Molley

so called: raised six sons to wit: Ashley, Charley, Lance, Henry Jr: Pleze and Russell: Mollies Father name was Lewis Morrell.

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Lewis Morrell is originally at Dale Co., Ala. His great uncles have been named Tom, (Jord?), Linzey, (George still lives) Mike and John Morrell: So far none of Henry Russ's and Mollies son's have married. Mary Annie Russ married Robert M. Yates, I think in the early part of the year 1904. Married at Vernon Fla. He is a good house carpenter and farmer. Was the son of Gadi Yates Sr. who was a farmer and stockman or vender. He has quite good many relatives in Washington Co, Fla. Mary Annie & Robert M. Yates raised one son called J. R. They live on their farm 5 1/2 miles North of Holmes River on the Bonifay Fla Hard Road. Laura Jane Russ married Arch McQuagge originally from Chipley, Fla. was first a bookeeper at Chipley, Fla for Dunn & Coleman Hardware Co. Then was elected Clerk Circuit Court of Washington Co., Fla. at present he is clerk and lives in Vernon Fla, They have 2 daughters. Madge adopted by Areche's niece Exa: Then one named Nell. Then one son named Archie McQuagge Jr. James Fletcher Russ married a miss Ruth McNeal each were school teachers. They married between Chipley Fla. and Graceville,

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Fla. I think they married James F. and Ruth in Jan 1912. James Fletcher Russ and Ruth Russ nee McNeal have four daughters named one Annie Laura: one named Mary Mildred: one named Marion, one named Helen. James Fletcher Russ is a professional school teacher in Washington Co., Fla. He lives at present at cross roads on the Vernon Fla. Douglass Roads and Caryville Fla Roads. He is also a farmer and Sunday School Man. (note, Ashley Tippins Russ was the first person buried at the New Hope Cemetery near the church Methodist Church and on of the East Side of the Public Road. The old cemetery West of New Hope has been abandoned has growed up with bushes and trees: and just by N.W. of New Hope School House and Cedar trees. Where the Bright's mansion stood. There was a Post office a pretty place. It was named Val am brosia It was long ago. Joseph T. Russ of Marianna Fla. who was a distant relative cousin made a deed of gift of to 4 acres to James McCravey & others as church trustees where New Hope Church and Cemetery now is. It is on the N.E. qtr of S.E. qtr of S.E. qtr Sec 14 Tp. 2, Range North 4 West

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Washington County, Fla. James Buchanan Williams was a son of James M Williams and Sallie Williams nee Miller. was born 1856. Married in latter part of the year 1879. married Miss Laura Taunton a daughter of Newsome Taunton of Elba Ala. Originally, Was a brother of John O Williams. John O. and Jim married sisters James B. Williams operated a timber barn at the mouth of the River Choctawhatchee for several years. was a sister of Mrs. Ashley T. Russ nee Jones. Jim B. Williams and his wife Laura raised one son named John Williams. I dont know who he married. They raised five daughters to wit: Tuhlia Sallie, Ruby, Ann and Mary. I dont remember who they married, James B. Williams died at Millville Fla and was Buried there at the cemetery. Right at christmas 1909. After some few years, Ann Jones died. The wife of Abner A Jones. Ashley T. Russ had been dead several years, then in May 1893, Abner A Jones married Mary M. Russ nee Williams. They lived together 3 or 4 years They then got

divorced. I think Mary Jones Russ died in march 1919. Mary was buried by Ashley at New Hope Cemetery

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Mary Jane Russ was the only daughter of John J. Russ and Eliza Ann Russ nee Tippins. Was the Grandaughter of James Russ and Sallie Russ nee Brown of N.C. Fame: Mary Jane Russ was postmistress at Vernon Fla. all during the Civil War and held it untill her brother Ashley Tippins Russ was appointed as postmaster at Vernon Fla. after the Civil War. It was a Confederates States Post Office: at the time and for a long time had carried the mail by Horse Back and sometimes they carried it by stage: This mail that began at Marianna Fla then to Vernon Fla. 33 miles twice a week, cross at Vernon Fla on the Holmes River: Then to a cross Douglass Ferry on Choctawhatchee River onto Knox Hill, Euchanna Fla on to Harris Ferry on Shoal River on to Yellow river at Griffiths Ferry Fla. and to on to Milton Fla. and on to Pensacola Fla. All the circuit Judicial, the Judges, Attorneys, all travelled this same route; and did for many years and untill the Rail Road was built from Pensacola Fla to the junction at Chattahoochee Fla: Mary Jane Russ was married to Amos Lassitter I think in October 1866

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at Vernon Fla. Ashley H. Miller officiated at the marriage. Amos Lassitter had been married before. His first wife name was Mary Colvin she was a sister of Blue or Blueford Colvin of Pt. Washington Fla also her other Bros. were William, Bradford and Tom. (Jebe?) B. Lassitter Judge, was Amos brother. Amos Lassitter and Mary J. Lassitter nee Russ raised one child a son named John Robert Lassitter. Amos Lassitter had been Co. Treasurer of Washington County: Amos Lassitter died I think in 1873, was buried at the miller cemetery 1 mile West of Millers Ferry Fla. Mary Jane Lassitter died the 22nd of Sep. 1872. Was buried at the old cemetery West from New Hope Fla. and Valambrosia: John R. Lassitter son of Amos and Mary J. Lassitter was married three times his first wife name was Sallie Miller: His 2nd wife was Mollie Armstrong: Then after his 2nd wife died he married a Mrs. Thompson: John R. and Sallie got a divorce after. Amos Jr, Levi, Cora, Robert were growing up. Then John R. married Mollie Armstrong and raised one son named John Fletcher: Mollie died

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was buried at Miller Cemetery near Millers Ferry Fla. Then afterward John R. third wife died. She didnt live but seemed a few years. John R. Lassistter was a great grandson of James Russ and Sallie Russ nee Brown of N.C. Fame: John R. was a school teacher some years in Washington Co., Fla: John R. Lassitter was at born at Vernon Fla Jan 31<sup>st</sup> 1867. Lived all time near to Millers Ferry Fla. was a Justice of Peace some too. William Canada Russ was the son of John J. Russ and Eliza Ann Russ nee Tippins. Was the youngest son that lived to be grown. W.C.F. Russ was born on Wrights Creek in Holmes County Fla. right very near to the village of Noma Fla now is: Was born the 20th of June 1851: Grew to manhood. Then married Miss Mattie Ann Jones, who was originally from Ga. Colquitt Georgia. Her mothers name was Sarah Ann Jones nee Gross. Her fathers name was Henry Taylor Jones who died at Charleston, S.C. during the Civil War. Mattie Ann Russ nee Jones was born Sep 5th 1860: in Miller Co., Georgia not far from Colquitt. Mattie and her mother Sarah A. Jones and her Grandmother Permelia Gross whose maiden name Miss Permelia Maine also Mr. A. M. Roberts

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and his wife Fannie Henrietta Roberts a younger sister of Sarah Ann Jones and Matties brother William Jones. Also Mattie's sister & David Gross and Family all moved from not far Colquitt, Miller Co., Ga. in 1874 & in 1875. to Holmes Valley Fla near to Millers Ferry Fla: We have married myself & Mattie 6 miles west of Vernon Fla. on the 17th of August 1876. Wm. Canada Fletcher Russ was a Farmer, a Laborer, was a member of Board of Education of Washington Co., Fla. at intervals for 18 or 20 years. Was a Justice of Peace 8th dist. Washington Co., Fla. 4 years. was a Notary Public for State of Florida at Large 16 years, 4 terms, 4 years each. Henry Taylor Jones was the son of Washington Jones and Margret Jones nee Johnson: Washington Jones was born I think in the year 1813. They were raised I think in Georgia. Henry Taylor Jones was born in the year 1837, Washington Jones and Margret Jones nee Johnson, Raised two sons and two daughters. viz: Henry Taylor Jones, and George Jones the daughters were named Martha Jones and Mary Jones. When Sarah A. Jones moved from Colquitt, Miller Co., to Fla. with her children Mattie, Alice and William, they never heard of the Jones anymore.

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Henry Taylor Jones and his wife Sarah Ann Jones nee Gross Raised 3 children two girls and one son. The daughters were names were Mattie Ann Jones and Alice Henry Jones. The son's name was William Jones. Mattie Anne Jones married Wm. Canada Fletcher Russ; Alice Henry Jones married Lott N. Warren moved to Sand Mountain Etiwuh Co., Ala: William Jones married Emma Hickman. All three of those Jones children married on Holmes Valley Fla: William Canada Fletcher Russ and Mattie Ann Russ nee Jones raised seven children. Five sons and two daughters. Their sons were named viz: Frederick Carl Russ, Fletcher Grady Russ, Ashley Roche Russ, Lemuel Lott Russ, Ruby Jones Russ. Their daughters names are Mary Alice Russ, Mattie Pearl Russ: All of W.C.F. Russ and Mattie Ann Russ children were born on or right near Holmes Valley and Millers Ferry Fla: Frederick Carl Russ married Miss Helen Armstrong of Millers Ferry Fla. They Raised one daughter named Freddie Helen Russ: Frederick Carl Russ was killed by a negro on the 17th of May 1908. Mary Alice Russ married William W. May Jr. on the 9th of June 1898. They have 12 children. Six son's and six daughters.

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William W. May, Jr and Mary A. May's son's and daughters. Their daughters are named viz Lilly Belle, Edna Gertrude, Dixie Idell, Mattie Caroline, Lottie, Maxey Almeda, Their sons are named viz Orin Franklin, Samuel Denny, Delbert Fletcher, Evelyn Nisbett, Hughey, Emil Russ, Lilly Belle married Miles Grady Coleman on Holmes Valley Fla. in 1916, Edna Gertrude married in Jan 1915 married Jon William originally from N.C. Terpentine operator, at or near Ebro Fla. Now at near Lake City Fla. Mattie Pearl Russ Married Guss Yohn near Millers Ferry Fla. They separated, they married Aug 1908. They have 2 sons Elmo & Earle, Pearl married Hope Sapp. They separated. Fletcher Grady Russ married Ila C. Crawley at Live Oak, Fla. First day of May 1919, Been teaching school 15 years. Engaged now at St. Petersburg High School, His wife, Ila has been teaching school several years. They have a home at Childs Park near St. Petersburg Fla: Ashley Roche Russ taught school in Washington Co., Fla and in

Escambia Co., Fla. Then volunteered in the World War in 1917, at (?) was assigned to Quarter Corp's went over seas to France in december 1917. Later was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant

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in France. Served in France untill Aug 1919. Came over home over seas to St. Petersburg Fla, was married at Coleman in Sumter Co., Fla. Sep. 24th 1919. married Miss Bessie Mae Hill of Coleman Fla. In Sep. 1919. a few days after they married Ashley R. Russ was elected Principal Teacher for the Gulfport Fla. School: after teaching at Gulfport school in 1919. He was appointed supervisor of the Central Grammar School in May 1920 at St. Petersburg Fla. after serving as Supervisor or Principal of Central Grammar School three years he was appointed principal of the Junior High School in St. Petersburg Fla. in Sep. 1923. Which position he still holds. Mrs. Bessie Mae Russ nee Hill has taught several public schools in Fla: Mr. Mitchell Scott Hill and his wife Mary Hill of Coleman Fla. are energetic and amiable people. Lemuel Lott Russ son of W.C.F. and Mattie A. Russ taught school in Washington Co. Fla. and in Liberty Co., Fla. Volunteered at Tampa Fla in the World War on the 12th of July 1918 volunteered in the U.S. Navy was called for service at Key West Fla. 8th of Aug. 1918. Was a corporal. Later was appointed on the Bureau of

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Information at Key West Fla. Came home from Key West Fla in Feb. 1919, He married Miss Bella Cotton at Miami Fla on the 11<sup>th</sup> of Sep. 1919. The Cottons were originally from Ocean City New Jersey: Lemuel Lott Russ and his wife Bella Russ have two little boys named viz: Carl Cotton Russ and Lemuel Lott Russ Jr. Ruby Jones Russ son of William Canada Fletcher Russ and Mattie Ann Russ he is engaged as a motor man on the St. Petersburg Fla. Municipal Street Railway: Been Married Twice on his first marriage he married Miss Genevieve Moore. She was the daughter of Frank Moore. Ruby and Genevieve obtained a divorce. He married Miss Ruth J. Walker on his 2<sup>nd</sup> marriage on, the 20<sup>th</sup> March 1922, Ruby and Ruth have a baby girl named Jody Russ, the Walkers were originally from Fulton, Hickman Co., Kentucky, Ruby and Ruth live on the car line in Childs Park Blk. One, Those seven children of ours to wit: Carl, Mary, Grady, Pearl, Roche, Lott, and Ruby, were all born on or near to Holmes Valley, Washington Co., Fla. And near New Hope Church, and were all

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The Great Grand children of James Russ and Sallie Russ nee Brown, of N.C. Fame. The children of James Lemuel Russ and Maggie Ann Russ, nee Wachob, Those that lived to be grown were there names to wit: Lilla Clyde, John Monroe, Alexander Lafayette, Oscar, Curtis Royal, Chester Arthur, Lizzie. Lilla Clyde Russ oldest daughter of James Lemuel Russ and Maggie Ann Russ married John F. Wesley at Pt. Washington Fla. in 1893. John F. Wesley and his wife Lilla C. Wesley raised two son's and two daughter's Their son's are named viz: Herman Wesley, Clyde Wesley. Their daughters names are viz: Annie Leita Wesley and Mary Wesley. Mary Leita Wesley married Dr. Brown of DeFuniak Springs Fla. The Rev. Thomas

Ward officiated at their marriage. Mr. Ward lives near Red Bay Walton Co., Fla. Herman Wesley was a soldier in the World War went overseas to France was wounded in France

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Herman Wesley married a miss Sarah Dawkins of Gainesville, Fla: Clyde Wesley went in service of World War at camp remained in the states: now those 4 last named children of those J. F. Wesley and Lilla C. Wesley are Great Great children of James Russ and Sallie Russ nee Brown of N. Carolina Fame. John F. Wesley was the son of Rev. John Wesley Sr. for many years he was far a famed Methodist preacher he was originally from Georgia; Lilla Clyde Wesley, her mother Maggie Ann Russ, and Herman, Clyde, Mary, all live at present at Gainesville, Fla: John Monroe Russ is the son of James Lemuel Russ and Maggie Ann Russ of Point Washington Fla: Early in life he began but when a boy he worked in the Saw mill lumber business at Point Washington Fla: in the year 1896 he married miss Lizzie Howell of Holmes Valley Fla. Near New Hope church Washington Co., Fla. Mr. William N. Howell and Mrs. Ann R. Howell Lizzie's parents were Industrious amiable people. Mrs. Ann R. Howell mother, Mrs. Lanier wife of James Lanier were good Methodist people: Simeon Russ's 2<sup>nd</sup>

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wife was named Nancy Russ nee Lanier. James Lanier and Thomas Lanier were Brothers. Hence, Mrs. Ann R. Howell and Nancy Russ were first cousins. John M. Russ was afterward travelling salesman for the Wood Lumber Co. of Red Lick Miss. for several years. After a few years he became a partner in this business at Red Lick Miss. The stile of the Co. is Wood Russ Lumber Co. of Red Lick Miss. Alexander Lafayette Russ is the son of James Lemuel Russ and Maggie Ann Russ of Point Washington Fla. worked at Pt. Washington in the Lumber Business first. Later was a Capt. on a passenger boat at Millville Fla. also at Pt. Washington Fla. Is a machinist: worked the machinery for several years for the Wood Russ Lumber Co. of Red Lick Miss. Later at Waterloo Ala. Alex. L. Russ married twice. He first married miss Frances Jones a daughter of Weldon Jones and his wife Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Weldon Jones maiden name was Dykes. They obtained a Divorce Alex and Fannie Russ, left a son named James Russ also a daughter named Maggie when they obtained a divorce.

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John Monroe Russ and his wife Lizzie Russ have one daughter named (Willilmila?) Calis Russ she is a school teacher: This is 12 school teachers related to the James Russ of N.C. Fame, John M. Russ and his wife Lizzie Russ have two son's grown. One named John Monroe Russ Jr. and one named Howell Russ. (Willilmila?) Calis married a Mr

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Maggie Russ, Alex L. Russ's daughter married a man in New Orleans LA. I never hear but little from James Russ Alex's Father. Alexander L. Russ on his 2nd marriage, married a Miss Lottie Bullard of Pt. Washington Fla. The Bullard family are Industrious and amiable people. Alexander L. Russ and his wife Lottie Russ have four Girls. daughters and 2 son's on his 2nd marriage: The names of their daughters to wit: Corine L. Russ, Mary Tempe Russ, Moselle Russ, Sybil Russ. The names of their son's are to wit: Hugh Landon Russ, McAdoo Russ, Mary Tempe Russ married a man at Waterloo Ala in 1923 named...

Alexander L. Russ and his family, except Mary Tempe, live at in Miami Fla. at present.