

Appendix:

DOCUMENTATION FOR CHARTS



Identifying a Teenaged Mother in Rural Pre-1850 America: The FAN Suggests and atDNA Confirms Shadrack Odom's First Wife



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NOTE:

The December 2023 issue of the *National Genealogical Society Quarterly* (volume 111, pages 245–74) presents the case study titled above. It includes three charts tracking fifteen DNA matches to three ancestral couples whose DNA they share. Space constraints within the journal did not allow explicit documentation for each generation in the fifteen lines of descent. This Appendix supplies that documentation, keyed to the charts that are herein replicated.

For the full article, see the cited journal, available in most genealogical libraries and (by subscription or membership) online at ngsgenealogy.org/ngsq/.

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Appendix: Documentation for Charts 1–3

Note:

References are limited to those that provide proof of parentage linking each generation displayed on the chart. For additional details on each person, see their “Facts” page at the cited link to the author’s *Ancestry* tree “Shown-Jeffcoat Family.” For privacy, information is not supplied below for living individuals.

CHART 1

Tester 1:

Elizabeth (Shown) Mills < Elizabeth T. (Jeffcoat) Shown < Carrie (Odom) Jeffcoat < Samuel E. “Sam” Odom < Mrs. Shadrack Odom < Neil Williams & Mary “Polly” Sessums

Elizabeth T. (Jeffcoat) Shown 1906–1994 as daughter of Carrie (Odom) Jeffcoat 1885–1963:

- 1910 U.S. census, Leake Co., Miss., Beat 1, E.D. 64, sheet 7-B, dwell./fam. 117, Bennie M. “Jeffcoats” 31, wife **Carrie M.** 24, **daughter Bettie T.** 3, mother-in-law Elizabeth Odom 69.
- <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/71173579/person/4823439240/facts>, Elizabeth Thulmar Jeffcoat.

Carrie (Odom) Jeffcoat 1885–1963 as daughter of Samuel E. “Sam” Odom 1838–1909:

- “Tennessee, U.S. Death Records, 1908–1965,” *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2376/images/2376_b929527-00689) > Death Certificates > Shelby > 1963, certificate 63-36986, Carrie Mae Jeffcoat, aged 78, **dau. of Samuel Odom** and Elizabeth Boyd.
- <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/71173579/person/48234239263/facts>, Carrie Mae Odom.

Samuel E. “Sam” Odom 1838–1909 as son of Shadrack Odom c1815–c1862:

- 1850 U.S. census, Newton Co., Miss., population schedule, p. 185 *verso*, dwell. 427, fam. 427, **Shadrock Odham** 34, Elizabeth Odom 28, **Samuel** 13, etc.
- 1860 U.S. census, Newton Co., Miss., pop. sch., post office Decatur, p. 142, dwellings 951–52, families 961–62 for the adjacent households of Shadrack (“Fredrick”) and Samuel “Odem.”
- Frequent statements of Carrie (Odom) Jeffcoat to current writer in her childhood, identifying Shadrack as her grandfather.
- <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/71173579/person/48234246657/facts>, Samuel E. Odom.

Tester 2:

Leslie Reim < Living < Lawrence A. Williams < Robert W. Williams < James A. J. Williams < John Williams < Neal Williams & Mary “Polly” Sessums

Lawrence A. Williams 1920–1885 as son of Robert W. Williams c1873–1949:

- 1930 U.S. census, Custer Co., Okla., Cedar Twp., ED 20-10, sheet 2-B, fam. 43, **Robert W. Williams** 56, wife Minnie 49 ... **son Lawrence** 10.
- <https://www.ancestry.com/familytree/person/tree/71173579/person/292341964964/facts>, Lawrence Allen Williams.

Robert W. Williams c1873–1949 as son of James A. J. Williams 1847–1925:

- 1880 U.S. census, Montague Co., Tex., pop. sch., Precinct 4, ED 122, p. 28-D, dwell. 15, fam. 16, **James J. Williams** 31, wife Henrietta 28 ... **son Robert** 6.
- <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/71173579/person/292341960964/facts>, Robert W. Williams.

James A. J. Williams 1847–1925 as son of John Williams c1825–1862:

- “Dawes Packets,” *Fold3* (<https://www.fold3.com/image/56063520>), affidavit of applicant James A. J. Williams, Choctaw MCR 5571, 15 May 1902.
- <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/71173579/person/292341954187/facts>, James Andrew Jackson Williams.

John Williams c1825–1862 as son of Neal Williams & Mary “Polly” Sessums:

- “Dawes Packets,” *Fold3* (<https://www.fold3.com/image/56063520> and 56063522), affidavit of applicant James A. J. Williams, Choctaw MCR 5571, 15 May 1902.
- <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/71173579/person/292302434506/facts>, John Williams.

Tester 3:

Cassie House < Living < Cecil Earnest Silvey < Ethel (Fowler) Silvey < Delila (Wren) Fowler < Dicie (Williams) Wren < John Williams < Neal Williams & Mary “Polly” Sessums

Cecil Earnest Silvey 1918–2004 as son of Ethel (Fowler) Silvey c1900–1985:

- 1920 U.S. census, Baca Co., Colo., Precinct 9, ED 14, sheet 18, dwell. 403, fam. 430. E. E. Silvey 33, **wife Ethel** 21, son **Cecil** 1.
- “Colorado, County Marriage Records and State Index, 1862–2006,” *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/61366/images/TH-1951-25818-1324-95>), Baca Co., Marriage Record Report No. 355, Elmer E. Silvey and Ethel P. Fowler.
- <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/71173579/person/292341954518/facts>, Cecil Earnest Silvey.

Ethel (Fowler) Silvey c1900–1985 as daughter of Delila (Wren) Fowler 1877–1912:

- 1900 U.S. census, Cleveland Co., Okla., pop. sch., Noble Township, ED 31, sheet 8-A, stamped p. 109, dwell. 150, fam. 151, Richard Fowler 22, wife **Delilia V.** 22, **daughter Ethal P.**, b. Jan. 1900.
- “Oklahoma, U.S., County Marriage Records, 1890–1995,” database with images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/61379/images/TH-1-9728-32677-8>) > Carter > 1893–1944, unidentified vol., p. 141, R. M. Fowler and **Deliny V. Wren**, m. 14 Oct. 1897.
- <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/71173579/person/292341954439/facts>, Ethel Pearl Fowler.

Delila (Wren) Fowler 1877–1912 as daughter of Dicie (Williams) Wren 1854–1938:

- “Dawes Packets,” *Fold3* (<https://www.fold3.com/image/60104585>), affidavit of applicant Dicie V. Wren, Choctaw MCR 6153, 30 August 1902.

- <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/71173579/person/292341954402/facts>, Delila “Lillie” Villars Wren.

Dicie (Williams) Wren 1854–1938 as daughter of John Williams c1825–1862:

- “Dawes Packets,” *Fold3* (<https://www.fold3.com/image/60104584>), affidavit of applicant Dicie V. Wren, Choctaw MCR 6153, 30 August 1902.
- <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/71173579/person/292341954346/facts>, Dicie Ann Victoria Williams.

John Williams c1825–1862 as son of Neal Williams & Mary “Polly” Sessums:

- Madison Co., Miss., Chancery Cause 915, “Neill” Williams; imaged *FamilySearch* digital film 5818715 > images 646 through 650, petition of John and Thomas Williams for their father.
- “Dawes Packets,” *Fold3* (<https://www.fold3.com/image/56063520> and 56063522), affidavit of applicant James A. J. Williams, Choctaw MCR 5571, 15 May 1902.
- <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/71173579/person/292302434506/facts>, John Williams.

Tester 4:

Alan Gatlin < Thomas Hilman Gatlin < Francis Marion Gatlin Jr. < Luvicy (Williams) Gatlin < Neal Williams & Mary “Polly” Sessums

Thomas Hilmon Gatlin 1921–2001 as son of Francis Marion Gatlin Jr. 1853–1931:

- 1930 U.S. census, Jones Co., Miss. Beat 3, ED 34-17, sheet 14A, dwell. 264, fam. 274, **Frank M. Gatlin** 76, wife Carrie 44, son **Hilman** 8.
- <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/71173579/person/292429667890/facts>, Thomas Hilmon Gatlin.

Francis Marion Gatlin Jr. 1853–1931 as son of Luvicy Williams 1830–1917 & Francis Marion Gatlin Sr.:

- 1870 U.S. census, Wayne Co., Miss., pop. sch., Township 9, Waynesboro, p. 58, dwell./fam. 22/22, Frank M. Gatlin 40, **Lovisa** 40 ... **Francis M.** 18.
- <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/71173579/person/292345673597/facts>, Francis Marion “Frank” Gatlin Jr.

Luvicy Williams 1830–1917 as wife of Francis Marion Gatlin Sr.:

- “Alabama, Texas and Virginia, U.S., Confederate Pensions, 1884–1958,” database with images, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/1677/images/32241_1220701439_2214-00430), application of Mrs. **Luvicy Gatlin (Widow of Francis M. Gatlin)**, 7 June 1900, Johnson Co., Tex., citing 1849 marriage in Attala Co., Miss.
- <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/71173579/person/292302443701/facts>, Gracie Luvicy Williams.

Luvicy Williams 1830–1917 as daughter of Neal Williams c1795–aft.1863:

No original record provides direct evidence (an explicit statement of fact) for the identity of Luvicy’s parents. A body of evidence credible beyond reasonable doubt has been assembled by studying the cluster of Williamses with whom she interacted across multiple counties and states. See:

- Elizabeth Shown Mills, “Parentage of Gracie Luvicy Williams (1830–1917), Wife of Francis M. Gatlin; Daughter of Neal Williams (c1795–c1863) & Wife Mary “Polly” Sessums (c1800–aft 1880): A Proof Argument”; archived online at Mills, *Historic Pathways* (<https://www.historicpathways.com/download/WilliamsLuvicyproofforparentage.pdf>).
- <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/71173579/person/292302443701/facts>, Gracie Luvicy Williams.

Tester 5:

Norma (Payne) Freeman < Frances Emmalyne (Lackey) Payne < Frances Sybil (Gatlin) Lackey < Edward Gatlin < Luvicy (Williams) Gatlin < Neal Williams & Mary "Polly" Sessums

Also:

Norma (Payne) Freeman < Frances Emmalyne (Lackey) Payne < Frances Sybil (Gatlin) Lackey < **Matilda Rachel Williams < Jacob N. Williams < Neal Williams & Mary "Polly" Sessums**

Frances Emmalyne (Lackey) Payne 1911–2001 as daughter of Frances Sybil (Gatlin) Lackey 1882–1969:

- "Texas, U.S., Select County Marriage Records, 1837–1965," database with images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/923688534:9168>), marriage of "Miss Frances Lackey" to Cecil Lee Payne, 23 November 1942.
- "Texas, U.S., Birth Certificates, 1903–1932," database with images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/3249853:2275>) **Frances Emmalyne Lackey** (indexed by *Ancestry* as "Frances Emmolyne Lockey"), b. 17 August 1911, to Jonathan Allen "Lockey" and "**Francis**" Sybil Gatlin.
- <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/71173579/person/292354010538/facts>, Frances Emmalyne "Fannie" Lackey.

Frances Sybil (Gatlin) Lackey 1882–1969 as daughter of Edward Gatlin 1857–1942 & Matilda Rachel Williams c1860–1890:

- "Texas, U.S., Death Certificates, 1903–1982," database with images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/1182485:2272>), **Frances "Cebell" Lackey**, b. 7 October 1882, d. 13 December 1969, daughter of "**Ed Gatlin**" and "**Rachael Williams**."
- <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/71173579/person/292354008964/facts>, Frances Sybil Gatlin.

Edward Gatlin 1857–1942 as son of Luvicy Williams 1830–1917 & Francis Marion Gatlin:

- "Alabama, Texas and Virginia, U.S., Confederate Pensions, 1884–1958," database with images, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/1677/images/32241_1220701439_2214-00441), Application for Mortuary Warrant by "E. Gatlin, son [of] Mrs. Luvicy Gatlin," widow of Francis M. Gatlin, 13 October 1917.
- 1880 U.S. census, Leake Co., Miss., pop. sch., Beat 2, ED 49, p. 23, for three adjacent households:
 - 197/202 F. M. Gatlin 50, **Levicy** 50 & children
 - 198/203 **J. N. Williams** 45, wife Mary [Jacob N. Williams, brother of "Levicy" (Williams) Gatlin]
 - 199/204 **Edward Gatlin** 23, **Matilda** 19 wife, "aunt" Martha Gatlin 56 [Edward, son of Francis M. and nephew of Martha had just married Matilda Rachel Williams, daughter of his uncle Jacob N. Williams]
- 1870 U.S. census, Wayne Co., Miss., pop. sch., Township 9, Waynesboro, p. 58, dwell./fam. 22/22, Frank M. Gatlin 40, **Lovisa** 40 ... **Edward** 13.
- Cherokee County Historical Commission, *Cherokee County History* (Jacksonville, Tex.: The Commission, 1986), 280–81, "Edward Gatlin Family"; copy posted at <https://www.ancestry.com/mediauiviewer/collection/1030/tree/71173579/person/292353291247/media/6096f1f3-51bf-4f74-b3d6-d78bf5adadab>. This source misspells "Neal" Williams as "Noah" Williams.
- <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/71173579/person/292345673606/facts>, Edward D. "Ed" Gatlin.

Matilda Rachel Gatlin c1860–1890 as wife of Edward Gatlin & daughter of Jacob N. Williams c1834–aft.1880:

- Leake Co., Miss., Marriage Book F: 127; imaged, *FamilySearch* digital film 00724347 < image 73. Note: The marriage registration makes a copying error, calling her “M.A.” rather than “M. R.” For her two given names, see the two death certificates cited at the second black bullet below.
- 1880 U.S. census, Leake Co., Miss., pop. sch., Beat 2, ED 49, p. 23, for three adjacent households:
 - 197/202 F. M. Gatlin 50, **Levicy** 50 & children
 - 198/203 **J. N. Williams** 45, wife Mary [Jacob N. Williams, brother of “Levicy” (Williams) Gatlin]
 - 199/204 **Edward Gatlin** 23, **Matilda** 19 wife, “aunt” Martha Gatlin 56 [Edward, son of Francis M. and nephew of Martha had just married Matilda Rachel Williams, daughter of his uncle Jacob N. Williams]
- “Texas, U.S., Death Certificates, 1903–1982,” database with images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/1182485:2272>), Frances “Cebell” Lackey, b. 7 October 1882, d. 13 December 1969, daughter of “**Ed Gatlin**” and “**Rachael Williams**” and (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2272/images/40394_b062635-01815), Viola Victoria [Gatlin] George, b. 8 May 1884, d. 19 March 1963, daughter of “**Ed Gatlin**” and “**Matilda Williams.**”
- Cherokee County Historical Commission, *Cherokee County History* (Jacksonville, Tex.: The Commission, 1986), 280–81, “Edward Gatlin Family”; copy posted at <https://www.ancestry.com/mediauiviewer/collection/1030/tree/71173579/person/292353291247/media/6096f1f3-51bf-4f74-b3d6-d78bf5adadab>. This source misspells “Neal” Williams as “Noah” Williams.
- <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/71173579/person/292353291247/facts>, Matilda Rachel Williams.

Luvicy (Williams) Gatlin 1830–1917 as wife of Francis Marion Gatlin Sr. and daughter of Neal Williams & Mary “Polly” Sessums:

- “Alabama, Texas and Virginia, U.S., Confederate Pensions, 1884–1958,” database with images, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/1677/images/32241_1220701439_2214-00430), application of Mrs. **Luvicy Gatlin (Widow of Francis M. Gatlin)** age 71, 7 June 1900, Johnson Co., Tex., citing 1849 marriage in Attala Co., Miss.
- Elizabeth Shown Mills, “Parentage of Gracie Luvicy Williams (1830–1917), Wife of Francis M. Gatlin; Daughter of Neal Williams (c1795–c1863) & Wife Mary “Polly” Sessums (c1800–aft.1880): A Proof Argument”; archived online at Mills, *Historic Pathways* (<https://www.historicpathways.com/download/WilliamsLuvicyproofforparentage.pdf>).
- <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/71173579/person/292302443701/facts>, Gracie Luvicy Williams..

Jacob N. Williams c1834–aft.1880 as son of Neal Williams & Mary “Polly” Sessums:

- 1850 U.S. census, Attala Co., Miss., pop. sch., p. 328, dwell. 1110, fam. 1113, **Neal Williams** (indexed as “Noal” at *Ancestry*), **Mary** 42 ... **Jacob** 16.
- Cherokee County Historical Commission, *Cherokee County History* (Jacksonville, Tex.: The Commission, 1986), 280–81, “Edward Gatlin Family”; copy posted at *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/mediauiviewer/collection/1030/tree/71173579/person/292353291247/media/6096f1f3-51bf-4f74-b3d6-d78bf5adadab>). This source misspells “Neal” Williams as “Noah” Williams.
- <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/71173579/person/292302440056/facts>, Jacob N. Williams.

Tester 6:

Windwoman 11 < Elvin Devonnie Rhoads < Charles Monroe Rhoads < Ida Jeffie (Denham) Rhoads < Melissa Mary (Neal) Denham < Permeasa (Sessums) Neal < Redding Sessums < Jacob Sessums & Penny Fisher

Elvin Devonnie Rhoads 1940–1990 as son of Charles Monroe Rhoads 1916–2001:

- “Arizona, U.S., Birth Certificates, 1880–1935,” database with images, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/8703/images/1940_p2_bi0001506208-03194), State File No. 90 (1940), Cochise Co., Elvin Devonnie Rhoads, **father Charles Monroe Rhoads**.
- <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/71173579/person/292352492684/facts>, Elvin Devonnie Rhoads.

Charles Monroe Rhoads 1916–2001 as son of Ida Jeffie (Denham) Rhoads 1888–1957:

- “U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936–2007,” database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/24509866:60901>), **Charles Monroe Rhoads, son of Ida J. Denham** and Robert M. Rhoads.
- <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/71173579/person/292352490605/facts>, Charles Monroe Rhoads.

Ida Jeffie Denham 1888–1957 as daughter of Melissa Mary (Neal) Denham 1858–1942:

- 1900 U.S. census, Johnson Co., Tex., Justice Precinct 5, ED 63, sheet 19-A, dwell. 334, fam. 337, Wyatt D. Denham 46, **wife Malissa M. 41 ... daughter “Jeffie,”** b. November 1888.
- “Texas, U.S., Select County Marriage Index, 1837–1965,” database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/1317189:60183>), Milissa M. **Neal** to Wyatt D. Denham.
- <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/71173579/person/292352488831/facts>, Ida Jeffie Denham.

Melissa Mary (Neal) Denham 1858–1942 as daughter of Permeasa (Sessums) Neal 1827–1911:

- *History of Texas Supplemented with Biographical Mention of Many Families of the State*, 2 vols. (Chicago: Lewis Publishing Co., 1896), 337–39, Allen Brooks Neal autobiography; imaged, *Internet Archive* (<https://archive.org/details/historyoftexasu00lewi>).
- 1860 U.S. census, Navarro Co., Tex., pop. sch., pp. 30–31, dwell. 203, fam. 190, A. B. Niel 26, **Permicia 28, “M. Niel” 2**, female.
- <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/71173579/person/292352487187/facts>, Melissa Mary Neal.

Permeasa Sessums 1827–1911 as daughter of Redding Sessums 1798–1879:

- *History of Texas Supplemented with Biographical Mention of Many Families of the State*, 2 vols. (Chicago: Lewis Publishing Co., 1896), 337–39, Allen Brooks Neal autobiography; imaged, *Internet Archive* (<https://archive.org/details/historyoftexasu00lewi>).
- 1850 U.S. census, Shelby Co., Tex., pop. sch., p. 35 (stamped), dwell./fam. 455, **“Redden” Sessums 50, Mary A. 48, Eliely 26, Permecia 22 &c.**
- <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/71173579/person/292295476894/facts>, Permeasa Sessums.

Redding Sessums, 1798–1879 as son of Jacob Sessums & Penny Fisher:

- 1850 U.S. census, Shelby Co., Tex., pop. sch., p. 35, dwell. 455, fam. 455, “Redden Sessums” household for “Jacop” Sessums, 73.
- Senate Documents, 62d Congress : 3d Session, December 2, 1912–March 4, 1913, vol. 15 (Washington: Government Printing Office: 1913), 595–601, Case No. 21 “W. R. Sessums et al.,

Choctaws,” Dawes Commission No. 452, U.S. court McAlester No. 10, Citizenship court McAlester No. 36; for William Russell Sessums as son of Redding Sessums, son of Jacob Sessums and Penny Fisher. Image of key page 595 is posted at *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/mediaviewer/collection/1030/tree/71173579/person/292295476961/media/cba9acc7-f0af-44fe-aea-a31228a41a8b>).

- “Dawes Packets,” *Fold3* (<https://www.fold3.com/image/54727067>), Redding Sessums family chart, John Sessums Claimant, Choc. MCR 184.
- <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/71173579/person/292295444378/facts>, Redding Sessums.

Tester 7:

Shalia Tubbs < Living < Living < Tennie Erie (Courtney) Vail < Amos Burton Courtney < Reuben W. Courtney < Sarah (Sessums) Courtney < Jacob Sessums & Penny Fisher

Tennie Erie Courtney 1908–1981 as daughter of Amos Burton Courtney 1878–1950:

- 1910 U.S. census, Angelina Co., Tex., Justice’s Precinct 4, ED 6, sheet 8-B, dwell./fam. 144, **Amos B. Courtney** 31, wife Sarah J. 32 ... dau. **Tenny E.** 14^{1/12}.
- “Texas, U.S., Death certificates, 1903–1982,” database with images, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2272/images/33154_b063112-00149), State File No. 87190 (1981), Angelina Co., Tennie Erie Vail, 72, **father Amos Courtney** and mother Sallie Butler.
- <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/71173579/person/292342645067/facts>, Tennie Erie Courtney.

Amos Burton Courtney 1878–1950 as son of Reuben W. Courtney 1843–1920:

- 1880 U.S. census, Polk Co., Tex., pop. sch., ED 70, p. 14, dwell. 124, fam. 130, **R. W. Courtney** 33, wife Georgean 33, ... son *Sam L. J.* 10, ... **son Amos B.** 1.
- “Texas U.S. Death Certificates, 1903–1982,” database with images, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2272/images/40394_b062350-01401), State file No. 36668 (1949), Angelina County, *Samuel J. Courtney* [brother of Amos], identifying parents as **Ruben Courtney** and Ann Chandler.
- <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/71173579/person/292342524813/facts>, Amos Burton Courtney.

Reuben W. Courtney 1843–1920 as son of Sarah (Sessums) Courtney 1816–aft.1900 & Rev. Samuel Courtney:

- 1850 U.S. census, Simpson Co., Miss., pop. sch., p. 318, dwell./fam. 436, Samuel Courtney 38, **Sara 38, Reuben W.** 9, and other children (including Penny and Solomon named for Sarah’s mother and brother).
- 1870 U.S. census, Trinity Co., Tex., pop. sch., Pennington P.O., p. 38, dwell. 41, fam. 44, **Reuben Courtney 28**, “Mrs. Georgie Courtney” 25 and children **adjacent to household of Sam^l Courtney 58**, “Mrs. Sarah Courtney” 58, and children (including daughter Penny and son Jacob).
- <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/71173579/person/292342524113/facts>, Rev. Reuben William “Rube” Courtney

Sarah (Sessums) Courtney 1816–aft.1900 as daughter of Jacob Sessums & Penny Fisher:

Multiple pieces of direct evidence identify Sarah’s maiden name.

- “Texas Deaths, 1890–1976,” database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33SQ-GY19-3R8L>), death certificate of Vincent Madison Courtney, son of Samuel Courtney and Sarah “Sessions.” Ibid. (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1>

[:33SQ-GY14-7PWS](#)), death certificate of “Isaac Newton Courtney,” son of Samuel Courtney and “**Sessums.**”

No known document explicitly states Sarah’s parentage. That connection is proved by a body of indirect evidence placing Samuel and Sarah Courtney amid Sessums family clusters in two counties. See:

- Elizabeth Shown Mills, “Parentage of Sarah Sessums (1816–*aft.* 1900), Wife of Rev. Samuel Courtney; Daughter of Jacob Sessums (c1777–c1856) & Penny Fisher (c1780–c1845): A Proof Argument,” 2 pp.; posted at *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/71173579/person/292295486153/gallery>).
- <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/71173579/person/292295486153/facts>, Sarah Sessums.

Tester 8:

Alysia (Gordon) Carrizales < Robert Dale Gordon < Cecil Ernest Gordon < Lillie M. (Courtney) Gordon < Nancy Mandy (Sessums) Courtney < Solomon D. Sessums < Jacob Sessums & Penny Fisher

Also:

Alysia (Gordon) Carrizales < Robert Dale Gordon < Cecil Ernest Gordon < Lillie M. (Courtney) Gordon < **John C. Courtney < Jacob Courtney < Charity (Sessums) Courtney < Jacob Sessums & Penny Fisher.**

Robert Dale Gordon 1955–2002 as son of Cecil Ernest Gordon 1919–1970:

- Texas Bureau of Vital Statistics, “Texas, U.S., Birth Index, 1903–1997,” database, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/8781/images/TXBTH_1955_000612e), **Robert Dale Gordon**, b. 27 Dec. 1955, **son of Cecil Earnest Gordon.**
- <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/71173579/person/292342714177/facts>, Robert Dale Gordon.

Cecil Ernest Gordon 1919–1970 as son of Lillie Mae (Courtney) Gordon 1885–1959:

- “Texas, U.S. Death Certificates, 1903–1982,” database with images, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2272/images/33154_b062798-02984), State file no. 24903 (1970), Rains Co., Cecil Ernest Gordon, b. 23 October 1919, **son of “Letlie Courtness and John Gordon.**
- 1930 U.S. census, Rains Co., Tex., Precinct 2, ED 190-3, sheet 5B, dwell. 114, fam. 114, John Gordon 45, **wife Lillie** 45, *son Virgil* 18, ... **son Cecil** 10.
- “Texas, U.S., Death Certificates, 1903–1982,” database with images, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2272/images/33154_b062920-00878), State file no. 36961 (1974), Rains Co., *Virgil* Gordon [brother of Cecil Ernest], born 3 September 1911, **son of Lillie Courtney and John L. Gordon.**
- <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/71173579/person/292342711987/facts>, Cecil Ernest Gordon.

Lillie Mae (Courtney) Gordon 1885–1959 as daughter of Nancy Mandy (Sessums) Courtney 1860–1932 & John Charles Courtney 1858–1928:

- “Texas, U.S. Death Certificates, 1903–1982,” database with images, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2272/images/40394_b062559-02331), State file no. 73676 (1959), Rains Co., **Lille Mae Gordon**, b. 15 October 1885, daughter of “**J. C. Cortney**” and “**Nan Sesson.**”

- “U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936–2007,” database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/10354386:60901>), **Lillie Mae Gordon**, **father: John Courtney**, **mother: Nancy M. Sessom**.
- <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/71173579/person/292342709969/facts>, Lillie Mae Courtney.

Nancy Mandy (Sessums) Courtney 1860–1932 as daughter of Solomon D. Sessums c1819–aft.1870:

- “Texas, U.S., Death Certificates, 1903–1982,” database with images, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2272/images/40394_b062038-01084), State file no. 27168 (1932), Polk Co., **Nancy Courtney**, b. 23 June 1860, husband: John Courtney, **father: Solomon “Sassor.”**
- 1870 U.S. census, Panola Co., Tex., pop. sch., Beat 1, P.O. Carthage, p. 50, dwell. 418, fam. 418, **Solomon Sessums 53**, Elizabeth 30, ... **Nancy 11**, ...; adjacent to Solomon’s married son by first wife, Reuben.
- <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/71173579/person/292342698622/facts>, Nancy Mandy “Nan” Sessums.

Solomon D. Sessums c1819–aft.1870 as son of Jacob Sessums & Penny Fisher:

No known document provides direct evidence (an explicit statement of fact) regarding Solomon Sessums’s parentage. That connection is proved beyond reasonable doubt by a body of indirect evidence placing Solomon in the middle of one Sessums family cluster in both Mississippi and Texas—specifically, the family of Jacob Sessums and wife Penny Fisher. See:

- Elizabeth Shown Mills, “Parentage of Solomon D. Sessums (c1819–aft.1870), Son of Jacob Sessums (c1777–c1856) & Penny Fisher (c1780–c1845): A Proof Summary,” 2 pp.; posted, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/familytree/person/tree/71173579/person/292295486811/Gallery>).
- <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/71173579/person/292295486811/facts>, Solomon D. Sessums.

John Charles Courtney 1858–1928 as son of Jacob Courtney 1837–aft.1911:

- 1880 U.S. census, Shelby Co., Tex., pop. sch., Precinct 5, ED 9, pp. 31–32, dwell./fam. 10, **Jacob Courtney 43**, wife Margaret 36, **son John 21**
- <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/71173579/person/292342709967/facts>, John Charles Courtney.

Jacob Courtney 1837–aft.1911 as son of Charity (Sessums) Courtney 1810–aft.1880:

- 1850 U.S. census, Panola Co., Tex., pop. sch., p. 154 (stamped), dwell. 137, fam. 137, Reuben Sessums 25, living with **Charity Cortney 36**, **Jacob Courtney 17**, Lishoby Courtney 10, Reuben Courtney 7, Solomon Courtney 5, adjacent to “Solomon Sessom.”
- 1860 U.S. census, Shelby Co., Tex., pop. sch., p.o. Beunavista, pp. 74–75, dwells. 485 and 489, fams. 485 and 489; young adult “Jake” Courtney and again-widowed mother (now Charity Nail) have both moved from Panola to Shelby where Jacob and his young family are **four houses from Charity and her children**.
- <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/71173579/person/292342911628/facts>, Jacob A. “Jake” Courtney.

Charity (Sessums) Courtney Nail c1810–aft.1880 as daughter of Jacob Sessums & Penny Fisher:

No known document provides an explicit statement regarding Charity's parentage. That connection is proved by a body of indirect evidence placing Charity (Sessums) Courtney Nail in the middle of Sessums family clusters in both Mississippi and Texas. See:

- Elizabeth Shown Mills, "Parentage of Charity Sessums (c1810–aft.1880), Wife of Jesse Courtney and William Nail; Daughter of Jacob Sessums (c1773–1845) & Penny Fisher (c1780–c1845): A Proof Summary," 4 pp.; posted, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/71173579/person/292295484622/gallery>).
- "Jacob Sessums (c1777–c1856) & Spouse Penelope "Penny" Fisher (c1780–c1845): Research Notes," a work-in-progress last updated 18 September 2022; archived online at Mills, *Historic Pathways* (<https://www.historicpathways.com/download/JacobSessumsPennyFisherResearchNotes.pdf>).
- <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/71173579/person/292295484622/facts>, Charity Sessums.

Tester 9:

Mark Wiggins < Living < Bessie Lee (Belcher) Wiggins < Mittie C. (Nail) Belcher < John Washington Nail < Charity (Sessums) Courtney Nail < Jacob Sessums & Penny Fisher

Bessie Lee Belcher 1911–2011 as wife of Willie Edward Wiggins & daughter of Mittie C. (Nail) Belcher 1888–1964:

- State of Texas certificate of Death, State File no. Vol. 22, page 144, Willie Edward Wiggins, d. 23 August 1986, wife's maiden name: **Bessie Lee Belcher**; imaged, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/mediauiviewer/collection/1030/tree/71173579/person/292343287309/media/417d27e7-c1b7-431d-9291-1327e81eba5b>).
- "U.S. Obituary Collection, 1930–Current," database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/24508176:7545>), obituary published 6 May 2011 for **Bessie Lee Wiggins**, 99, d. Lufkin, Texas, **widow of Edward Wiggins**.
- 1920 U.S. census, Panola Co., Tex., Precinct 7, ED 165, sheet 1A, dwell./fam. 10, John Belcher 35, **Mittie** 30, ... **Bessie** 8, ... , "**Mary Nail** mother-in-law 59."
- <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/71173579/person/292343138021/facts>, Bessie Lee Belcher.

Mittie C. (Nail) Belcher 1888–1964 as daughter of John Washington Nail 1852–1914:

- 1910 U.S. census, Panola Co., Tex., Precinct 8, ED 130, sheet 8-B, dwell. 138, fam. 138, **Jno. W. Nail** 57, Mary Francis 56, **daughter Mittie** 20 single, son-in-law John Belcher 30 widowed, grandson Oliver Belcher 7, grandson Marvin Belcher 2. Mittie married her sister's widower shortly after this census.
- 1920 U.S. census, Panola Co., Tex., Precinct 7, ED 165, sheet 1A, dwell./fam. 10, John Belcher 35, **wife Mittie** 30, Oliver 16, Marion 12, dau. **Bessie** 8, Essie 6, Eddie, 2, "**Mother-in-law Mary Nail** 59."
- "Texas, U.S., Death Certificates, 1903–1982," database with images, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2272/images/33154_b062684-00736), State File No. 59229 (1964), Mittie Belcher, 76, **daughter of John Washington Nail and Mary Francis Sessums**.
- <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/71173579/person/292343137940/facts>, Mittie C. Nail.

John Washington Nail 1852–1914 as son of Charity (Sessums) Courtney Nail c1810–aft.1880:

- 1860 U.S. census, Shelby Co., Tex., pop. sch., beat 8, Beunavista, p. 422, dwell. 489, fam. 489, **Charity Nail** 50, L. C. [Lishoby Courtney] 20, R. C. [Reuben C. Courtney] 18, **J. W. Nail** 6, S. C. [Sarah Catherine] Nail 4, S. D. [Solomon D.] Nail 2.

- <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/71173579/person/292343137818/facts>, John Washington Nail.

Charity (Sessums) Courtney Nail c1810–aft.1880 as daughter of Jacob Sessums & Penny Fisher:

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- Elizabeth Shown Mills, "Parentage of Charity Sessums (c1810–aft.1880), Wife of Jesse Courtney and William Nail; Daughter of Jacob Sessums (c1773–1845) & Penny Fisher (c1780–c1845): A Proof Summary," 4 pp.; posted, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/71173579/person/292295484622/gallery>).
- "Jacob Sessums (c1777–c1856) & Spouse Penelope "Penny" Fisher (c1780–c1845): Research Notes," a work-in-progress last updated 18 September 2022; archived online at Mills, *Historic Pathways* (<https://www.historicpathways.com/download/JacobSessumsPennyFisherResearchNotes.pdf>).
- <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/71173579/person/292295484622/facts>, Charity Sessums.

Tester 10:

Courtney Onstead < Living < Hazel Dee Sessums < John Henry Sessums < John Washington Sessums < Reuben Fisher Sessums < Jacob Sessums & Penny Fisher

Hazel Dee Sessums 1920–2007 as daughter of John Henry Sessums 1889–1964:

- "U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936–2007," database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/41925485:60901>), **Hazel Dee Sessums**, b. 17 Dec. 1920, d. 24 Jan. 2007, **daughter of John H. Sessums** and Annie Deeds.
- <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/71173579/person/292343296227/facts>, Hazel Dee Sessums.

John Henry Sessums 1889–1964 as son of John Washington Sessums 1856–1928:

- "Texas, U.S., Death Certificates, 1903–1982," database with images, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2272/images/40394_b062673-01318), file no. 83575 (1964), Wichita Co., **John Henry Sessums**, b. 30 July 1889, son of **John W. Sessums** and Mollie E. Park.
- <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/71173579/person/292343294990/facts>, John Henry Sessum.

John Washington Sessums 1856–1928 as son of Reuben Fisher Sessums 1824–1873:

- "Texas, U.S. Death Certificates, 1903–1982," database with images, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2272/images/33154_B061963-02564), file no. 13132 (1928), Navarro Co., **John W. Sessums**, b. 21 September 1856, son of **Ruben Sessums** and Nanie J. Flemming.
- "Dawes Packets," database with images, *Fold3* (https://www.fold3.com/image/54726856_and_54726953), affidavit of John Washington Sessums, 21 January 1902, in Choc. MCR 184, John Sessums claimant. John W. identifies his father as Reuben Fisher Sessums.
- Sessums family chart, children of Reuben Fisher Sessums, *ibid.* at <https://www.fold3.com/image/54727057>.
- <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/71173579/person/292295488847/facts>, John Washington Sessums.

Reuben Fisher Sessums 1824–1873 as son of Jacob Sessums & Penny Fisher:

- “Dawes Packets,” database with images, *Fold3* (<https://www.fold3.com/image/54726856> and 54726953), affidavit of John Washington Sessums, 21 January 1902, in Choc. MCR 184, John Sessums claimant. John W. identifies his father as Reuben Fisher Sessums and grandparents as Penny Fisher and Jacob Sessums.
- Sessums family chart, children of Reuben Fisher Sessums, *ibid.* at <https://www.fold3.com/image/54727057>.
- <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/71173579/person/292295488075/facts>, Reuben Fisher Sessums.

—CHART 3—

Tester 11:

J Garrett Sullivan < Living < Chellie Irene Coulter < William Rosco Coulter < Mary Theresa (Boyanton) Coulter < Elizabeth (Bridges) Boyanton < Elizabeth (Williams) Bridges < John Williams & Rhoda

Chellie Irene Coulter 1912–1987 as daughter of William Rosco Coulter 1890–1959:

- 1920 U.S. census, Jefferson Davis Co., Miss., Beat 4, ED 78, sheet 16-A, dwell. 248, fam. 248, **Rosco Coulter** 29, wife **Azzie** 25, **daughter Chellie Irene** 7, etc.
- Obituary, “Irene Coulter Abercrombie,” age 75, transcribed from “The [Baton Rouge] Advocate, 13 December 1987”; posted at *Find A Grave* (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/155568840/chellie-irene-abercrombie>), memorial “**Chellie Irene Coulter Abercrombie**” created by “Patti” 1 December 2015.
- <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/71173579/person/292343854122/facts>, Chellie Irene Coulter.

William Rosco Coulter 1890–1959 as son of Mary Theresa (Boyanton) Coulter 1871–1948:

- 1900 U.S. census, Lawrence Co., Miss., Beat 4, ED 70, sheet 15, dwell. 217, fam. 220, Henry M. Cotter [Coulter] 33, **wife Mary T.** 39, **son Roscoe W.** 9, ... , “**moth. in law**” **Elizabeth Boyanton** 59.
- 1920 U.S. census, Jefferson Davis Co., Miss., Beat 4, ED 78, sheet 16-A, dwell. 248, fam. 248, **Rosco Coulter** 29, wife **Azzie** 25, dau. **Chellie Irene** 7, [etc.], living **one intervening house** from his parents at dwell. and fam. 250, H M. Coulter 54, **wife Mary** 49 and children.
- <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/71173579/person/292343853469/facts>, William Rosco Coulter.

Mary Theresa (Boyanton) Coulter 1871–1948 as daughter of Elizabeth (Bridges) Boyanton 1840–1904:

- 1900 U.S. census, Lawrence Co., Miss., Beat 4, ED 70, sheet 15, dwell. 217, fam. 220, Henry M. Cotter [Coulter] 33, **wife Mary T.** 39, son **Roscoe W.** 9, ... “**moth-in-law**” **Elizabeth Boyanton** 59.
- 1880 U.S. census, Lawrence Co., Miss., Beat 4, ED 121, p. 290, dwell. 239, fam. 239, James A. Boyington 47, **wife Elizabeth** 39, ... **dau. Mary T.** 12, “**Mother-in-law**” **Elizabeth Bridges** 65.
- <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/71173579/person/292343853082/facts>, Mary Theresa Boyanton.

Elizabeth (Bridges) Boyanton 1840–1904 as daughter of Elizabeth (Williams) Bridges 1813–1900:

- 1850 U.S. census, Lawrence Co., Miss., p. 405 *verso*, dwell. 121, fam. 121, **Jno. Williams** 83, Rhoda 70, **Elizabeth Bridges** 35, ... , **Elizabeth Bridges** 9.
- Elizabeth “Barrington” [Boyanton], wife of [James] Aaron “Barrington,” as heir of Brittain Bridges through deceased son Jeremiah Bridges and his widow Elizabeth (Williams); see Lawrence Co., Miss., Chancery Court Cases, Box 29, case 5509; imaged, *FamilySearch* digital film 8632825 > images 1302–1363, particularly 1344–46.
- 1880 U.S. census, Lawrence Co., Miss., Beat 4, ED 121, p. 290, dwell. 239, fam. 239, James A. Boyington 47, **wife Elizabeth** 39, ... **dau. Mary T.** 12, “**Mother-in-law**” **Elizabeth Bridges** 65.
- <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/71173579/person/292311986438/facts>, Rhoda Elizabeth Bridges.

Elizabeth (Williams) Bridges 1813–1900 as widowed daughter of John Williams & Rhoda:

- 1850 U.S. census, Lawrence Co., Miss., p. 405 *verso*, dwell. 121, fam. 121, **Jno. Williams** 83, Rhoda 70, **Elizabeth Bridges** 35, John Bridges 13, Elijah Bridges 11, Elizabeth Bridges 9, Madison Bridges 7, Miram Bridges 6.
- Lawrence Co., Miss., Marriage Book 2: 155, marriage of **Betsy Williams** to Jeremiah Bridges, 17 September 1835, with consent by **John Williams for “dau. Elizabeth,”** bondsman, Nathan Williams [brother of bride]; Office of the Circuit Clerk, Monticello.
- <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/71173579/person/292311961669/facts>, Elizabeth “Betsy” Williams.

Tester 12:

Private < Private < James Madison Lee < Mariam M. (Bridges) Lee < Elizabeth (Williams) Bridges < John Williams & Rhoda

James Madison Lee, 1865–1945, as son of Mariam L. (Bridges) Lee, 1843–1925:

- 1900 U.S. census, Lawrence Co., Miss., pop. sch., Beat 4, ED 70, sheet 15, dwell. 205, dwell. 206, **James M. Lee** 35, wife Mary 24, son Dan B. 3, son James E. 1/12, **living adjacent** to dwell. 206, fam. 207, Thomas H. Lee 52, **wife Mariam M.** 55, dau. Mary E. 14, “**M.-in-law**” **Elizabeth Bridges** 86.
- 1880 U.S. census, Lawrence Co., Miss., pop. sch., Beat 4, ED 121, page 37 (penned) 290 (stamped), dwell./fam. 236 Thomas H. Lee 43, wife **Mary L.** 39, son **James M. 15**, etc.; **three houses from** James A. Boyington 47, Elizabeth 39 wife, ... **Elizabeth Bridges** 65 “**Mother-in-law.**”
- <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/71173579/person/292343859246/facts>, James Madison Lee.

Mariam (Bridges) Lee, 1843–1925, as daughter of Elizabeth (Williams) Bridges, 1813–1900:

- 1850 U.S. census, Lawrence Co., Miss., p. 405 *verso*, dwell. 121, fam. 121, **Jno. Williams** 83, Rhoda 70, **Elizabeth Bridges** 35, ... **Miram Bridges** 6.
- Lawrence Co., Miss., Marriage Book 2: 155, marriage of **Betsy Williams** to **Jeremiah Bridges**, 17 September 1835, with **consent by John Williams for “dau. Elizabeth,”** bondsman, Nathan Williams [brother of bride].
- Receipt of “Miriam Lee” by husband “T H. Lee” for inheritance from estate of grandfather Britton Bridges, as heir of her deceased father **Jeremiah Bridges**, 28 September 1881, in Lawrence Co., Miss., Chancery Court Cases, Box 29, case 5509, Britain Bridges Estate; imaged, *FamilySearch* digital film 8632825 > images 1302–1363, particularly 1315.
- <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/71173579/person/292311986312/facts>, Miriam L. Bridges.

Elizabeth Williams 1813–1900 as widowed daughter of John Williams c1766–1851 & Rhoda:

- 1850 U.S. census, Lawrence Co., Miss., p. 405 *verso*, dwell./fam. 121, **John Williams** 83, Rhoda 70, **Elizabeth Bridges** 35, John Bridges 13, Elijah Bridges 11, Elizabeth Bridges 9, Madison Bridges 7, Miram Bridges 6.
- Lawrence Co., Miss., Marriage Book 2: 155, marriage of **Betsy Williams** to Jeremiah Bridges, 17 September 1835, with consent by **John Williams for “dau. Elizabeth,”** bondsman, Nathan Williams [brother of bride].
- <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/71173579/person/292311961669/facts>, Elizabeth “Betsy” Williams.

Tester 13:

Quinnie Lee (Williams) Smith < Edward Lee Williams < Nathan Williams < Robert Williams < John Williams & Rhoda

Quinnie Lee (Williams) Smith 1932–2017 as daughter of Edward Lee Williams 1879–1949:

- 1940 U.S. census, Lincoln Co., Miss., Beat 2, ED 43–10, sheet 14-A, household 226, **Ed Williams** 61, wife Allie 55, ... **dau. Quinnie Lee** 8.
- Obituary of “Mrs. Quinnie Lea Williams Smith,” transcribed from unidentified newspaper; posted at *Find A Grave* (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/185977607/quinnie-lea-smith>), memorial by daughter “Patti” 18 December 2017, with photos; the obituary identifies parents, siblings (deceased and living) and offspring.
- <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/71173579/person/292344094927/facts>, Quinnie Lee Williams.

Edward Lee Williams 1879–1949 as son of Nathan Williams 1852–1933:

- 1880 U.S. census, Copiah Co., Miss., pop. sch., Beat 2, ED 19, p. 115, dwell. 167, fam. 224, **Nath. Williams** 25, wife Mary 23, **son Eddie L.** 1.
- <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/71173579/person/292313149026/facts>, Edward Lee Williams.

Nathan Williams 1852–1933 as son of Robert Williams 1807–aft.1876:

- 1860 U.S. census, Lawrence Co., Miss., pop. sch., p.o. Monticello, p. 13, dwell./fam. 89, **Robert Williams** 52, Clarisse 52, ..., **Nathan** 7.
- 1870 U.S. census, Lincoln Co., Miss., pop. sch., p.o. Brookhaven, Twp. 7, p. 26, dwell. 196, fam. 194, **R. Williams**, 62, Clarissa 62, ..., **Nathan** 17.
- <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/71173579/person/292311966724/facts>, Nathan Williams.

Robert Williams 1807–aft.1876 as son of John Williams & Rhoda.

No surviving document explicitly names Robert’s parents. That parentage is established by the cluster of Williamses with whom he interacted throughout his life. A page-by-page reading of all surviving deed, probate, and court records for Lawrence provides a convincing body of evidence that John Williams had ten children who survived him, one of whom immediately sold his one-tenth share of the parental estate.¹ The dozens of interactions between the Williamses of the Whitesand community provide direct and indirect evidence by which we can identify those ten children and heirs, separating them from other Williams families in the county. See:

- Elizabeth Shown Mills, “Reassembling the Family of John & Rhoda Williams, Pioneers of Lawrence County, Mississippi: A Proof Argument,” 24 pp.; posted at Mills, *Historic Pathways*

¹ Lawrence Co., Miss., Deed Book E: 478; imaged, FamilySearch digital film 008201845 > image 598.

(<https://www.historicpathways.com/download/WilliamsJohnRhodaReassemblingFamilyProofArgument.pdf>).

- <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/71173579/person/292311966448/facts>, Robert Williams.

Tester 14:

Lee Rushing < Doris E. (Williams) Wade < Alonzo M. Williams < Nathan Williams < Robert Williams < John and Rhoda Williams

Lee Rushing as daughter of Doris Earlene (Williams) Wade 1926–2002:

- *Daily Leader* (Brookhaven, Miss.), 1 July 2002, Obituary of “Doris Earlene Wade”; HTM edition, *Daily Leader* (<https://www.dailyleader.com/2002/07/01/doris-earlene-wade/>).

Doris Earlene (Williams) Wade 1926–2002 as daughter of Alonzo Martin Williams 1887–1940:

- *Clarion-Ledger* (Jackson, Miss.), 30 August 1940, p. 5, col. 5, obituary of “**Alonzo Williams** ... son of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Williams ... widow Mrs. Eunice Dunn Williams ... daughters: ... **Miss Earline Williams**”; imaged, *Newspapers Publisher Extra* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/legacy/202678170>).
- 1940 U.S. census, Adams County, Miss., Natchez City, ED 1–2, sheet 61B, household 229, **Lonzo Williams 52**, Eunice 41 wife, “**Earlone**” 14 daughter.
- 1930 U.S. census, Catahoula Parish, La., Ward 2, ED 13–3, sheet 6A (stamped p. 193), dwell. 107, fam. 109, **Alonzo M. Williams 43**, wife Eunice 30, ... dau. **Earline 2 7/12**.
- <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/71173579/person/292344097849/facts>, Doris Earlene Williams.

Alonzo Martin Williams 1887–1940 as son of Nathan Williams 1852–1933:

- *Clarion-Ledger* (Jackson, Miss.), 30 August 1940, p. 5, col. 5, obituary of “Alonzo Williams ... born in Mississippi July 11, 1887 ... **son of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Williams**”; imaged, *Newspapers Publisher Extra* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/legacy/202678170>).
- 1910 U.S. census, Lincoln Co., Miss., Beat 2, ED 85, sheet 29, dwell. 505, fam. 570, **Nathen Williams 57**, wife A.A. 55, **son L. M. [Lonzo Martin] 22**
- <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/71173579/person/292313149021/facts>, Alonzo Martin Williams.

Nathan Williams 1852–1933 as son of Robert Williams 1807–aft.1876:

- 1860 U.S. census, Lawrence Co., Miss., pop. sch., Monticello p.o., p. 13, dwell. 89, fam. 89 **Robert Williams 52**, Clarisse 52, ..., **Nathan 7**.
- 1870 U.S. census, Lincoln Co., Miss., pop. sch., Brookhaven p.o., Twp. 7, p. 26, dwell. 196, fam. 194, R. Williams, 62, Clarissa 62, ..., **Nathan 17**.
- <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/71173579/person/292311966724/facts>, Nathan Williams.

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- <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/71173579/person/292311966448/facts>, Robert Williams.

Tester 15:

Linda Caffarel < Joseph J. Gaddis < Albert Sidney Gaddis < Eudora L. (Cole) Gaddis < Rhoda A. (Williams) Cole < Joel Williams < John Williams & Rhoda

Joseph J. Gaddis 1921–2011 as son of Albert Sidney Gaddis 1890–1958:

- 1930 U.S. census, Sabine Parish, La., Ward 7, Bayou San Miguel, ED 43-16, sheet 6-A, dwell. 110, fam. 113, **A. Sidney Gaddis** 39, wife Effie 34, ... son **Joe J.** 8,
- <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/71173579/person/292344101183/facts>, Joseph Jefferson Gaddis.

Albert Sidney Gaddis 1890–1958 as son of Eudora “Dora” L. (Cole) Gaddis c1869–1946:

- 1900 U.S. census, Covington Co., Miss., Beat 5, Oakchay, ED 17, sheet 1-A, dwell. 3, fam. 3, Carter J. Gaddis 30, wife **Dora L.** 30, son **Sidney** 9, ... son *Herman J.* 11/12.
- “New Mexico, U.S., Deaths, 1889–1945,” database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/112868:62171>), death registration of [brother] *Herman Jefferson Gaddis*, b. Miss., 12 July 1899, d. 1920, parents: “C. J. Gaddis” and “**Eudora Cole.**”
- *The Times* (Shreveport, La.), 2 Oct. 1952, p. 24, col. 4, obituary of “C. J. Gaddis”; surviving sons **Sidney Gaddis** ...; imaged *Newspapers Publisher Extra* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/213169356>).
- <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/71173579/person/292344101068/facts>, Albert Sidney Gaddis.

Eudora “Dora” L. (Cole) Gaddis c1869–1946 as daughter of Rhoda Ann (Williams) Cole 1838–1904:

- “Mississippi, U.S., Compiled Marriage Index, 1776–1935,” database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/663173:7842>), **Rhoda Williams** m. **Jesse B. Cole**, 30 November 1865, Lawrence Co.
- 1870 U.S. census, Jasper Co., Miss., pop. sch., Center Beat, Paulding p.o., p. 62, dwell. 424, fam. 422, **Jesse B. Cole** 30, **Roda A.** 30, “**Ludora** 1.”
- 1880 U.S. census, Covington Co., Miss., pop. sch., Beat 5, ED 124, p. 341, dwell. 283, fam. 305, Jessie Cole 42, **wife Rhoda** 40, **daughter Dora** 11,
- <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/71173579/person/292344100468/facts>, Eudora “Dora” Louise Cole.

Rhoda Ann (Williams) Cole 1838–1904 as daughter of Joel Williams 1813–aft.1900:

² Lawrence Co., Miss., Deed Book E: 478; imaged, FamilySearch digital film 008201845 > image 598.

- 1850 U.S. census, Lawrence Co., Miss., pop. sch., p. 404, dwell. 99, fam. 99, **Joel Williams** 37, Susan C. 30, Anna T. 13, John H. 12, **Rhoda A. 11**, Susan A. 11, James C. Ward 9, W. R. Williams 5, Alice N. Williams 2, Mary E. Williams 0.
- 1860 U.S. census, Lawrence Co., Miss., pop. sch., p.o. Monticello, p. 62, dwell. 403, fam. 404, **Joel Williams** 45, Susan 40, John 21, Anna 24, **Rhoda 19**, Susan Ward 20, James Ward 19, William Ward 14, Alice Williams 12, Mary Williams 11, Hugh Williams 8, Theodore Williams 3, Catherine Williams 4/12.
- 1870 U.S. census, Jasper Co., Miss., pop. sch., Center Beat, Paulding p.o., p. 62, dwell. 424, fam. 422, **Jesse B. Cole** 30, **Roda A.** 30, “**Ludora** 1”; living **next door** (423/421) to **Joel Williams** 57, *Susan C.* 49, William R. 24, Alice M. 21, Mary E. 19, Hugh 17, Joel 15, Theodore 13, Cathrine C. 10.
- <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/71173579/person/292312166896/facts>, Rhoda Ann Williams.

Joel Williams 1813–aft.1900 as son of John Williams & Rhoda:

- Lawrence Co., Miss., Deed Book E: 478, Joel Williams’s 1852 sale of inheritance from estate of father John Williams; imaged, *FamilySearch* digital film 008201845 > image 598.
- <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/71173579/person/292311962596/facts>, Joel Williams.