

All were my 2nd great-grandfathers

GILL SIDE

William Thomas Gill I There are several William & Thomas Gills. I am not sure where or which one he is; if he survived and came home or died in service.

1 (as told by: cousin Martha Gill, dau of Ruby Gill & Uncle Robert Gill son of DR Gill talking Aug. 2013) "There were two WT Gills in the Civil war and ours was shot. He was with Company K." I have one who enlisted in Company K, Georgia 12th Infantry Regiment on 15 Jun 1861 and mustered out on 17 Jan 1862 at Staunton, VA.¹

2 I have a WT that was in Company: E of the 50 Georgia Infantry during the Civil War.

3 I have a William T Gill in the war in 1861.²

We do not know our WT Gill's parents. He married Sarah Saphronia Caldwell. We do not know her parents.

David E. Cason Sr. served in the Indian Wars. He was a private in 3 militias: Capt. James Walker's Company of Ware Co. 9 June to 9 Aug 1838; Capt. William Cone's Company of Camden Co. 10 to 28 of Sept 1838; & Capt. James Sweat's Company of Ware Co. 19 Aug to 18 Nov 1840

David Cason Sr. and David Cason Jr. fought in the Civil War. We assume David Sr. died, for he did not return home. In the 1862 list of persons between of 18 and 45 years of age subject to militia duty, David and David Jr.'s names were listed.³ In 1864, there was a Salt Issue. During the war there was a shortage of salt so price went up. Sept 26, 1864, Governor Brown supplied families of soldiers with a salt ration. On that list were the orphans of David Cason. Martha's name was not under the listing of wives of soldiers now in service nor under the listing of names of widows of deceased soldiers, but we believe she has died by that time.⁴

On the Georgia Civil War Muster Rolls for 1860-1864 there are 2 David Casons in Pierce County. The muster date is 11 Mar 1862. David is #90 and his son, David, Jr is #91.⁵

Henry Crosby was a private in Company A, Wayne Rangers, of the 4th Georgia "Clinch's" Cavalry in the Confederate Army in Waynesville, Georgia on March 01, 1862. He later transferred to Company K. Henry was 22 years old when he enlisted under T. S. Hopkins. He was a describe 5'6" and had light colored hair, gray eyes and a fair complexion. July 26-31, 1862, Henry had leave to go home for a short time.

Henry was paid a sum of \$24.00 for the use of his horse several times. The roster also shows he once lost his canteen and the cost was deducted from his pay.⁶ Henry Crosby was present and accounted

¹ Roster of Confederate Soldiers of Georgia 1861-1865. Historical Data Systems, comp. *U.S., Civil War Soldier Records and Profiles, 1861-1865* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2009. Original data: Data compiled by Historical Data Systems of Kingston, MA. Copyright 1997-2009 Historical Data Systems, Inc. PO Box 35 Duxbury, MA 02331

² "Georgia Civil War Service Records of Confederate Soldiers, 1861-1865," database, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:XFHV-1KC : 24 December 2014>), William T Gill, 1861; from "Compiled Service Records of Confederate Soldiers Who Served in Organizations from the State of Georgia," database, Fold3.com (<http://www.fold3.com : n.d.>); citing military unit 12th Infantry, publication number M266 (Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d.), roll 270.

³ History of Pierce County I by Broome page 275, 276

⁴ History of Pierce County I by Broome pages 272-274.

⁵ Ancestry.com. Georgia, Civil War Muster Rolls, 1860-1864 [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA:

for on all rosters until June of 1864 when he was captured and became a prisoner of war. He was released and paroled on 19 May 1865 in Thomasville , Georgia.

Henry was born 14 Mar 1840 in Wayne, Georgia, USA. He died in early spring on April 06, 1917. He was a son of Aaron Crosby and Mary Thornton. Henry married Mary O'Steen 1861, before the war, in Wayne County, Georgia, USA. Mary was born 08 Sept 1842 and her parents were William O'Steen and Mary (unknown). Mary lived until July 15, 1926. Henry and Mary are buried in the Crosby Family Cemetery near Browntown, Georgia, USA.



John James Little John joined the Confederate Army under Captain Hopkins Company of the Wayne Rangers of the 4th Georgia (Clinch's Calvary) in Brunswick Georgia for a term of 12 months on the 9 Aug 1861. He was allotted \$180.00 for his horse and \$25.00 for horse equipment. On several reports he was present and got money for his horse to hire. Mar/Apr 1862, he was absent (detached service) and got \$24.00 for his horse. 12 May, 1862, he signed up again for the duration of the war. Sep/Oct 1863 he was present but on picket duty. Each of the records also includes when, where and by whom he was last paid. The name, J. J. Little, appears on the surrender list under Maj. Gen. Sam Jones at the end of the war. They surrendered 22 May, 1865 and were paroled 23 May, 1865 in Thomasville, Georgia.

Before John Little died 09 Mar 1919 he was bestowed the prestigious "Southern Cross" by the United Daughters of the Confederacy for serving with Co. A 4th Cavalry in August 1861- May 1865 during the Civil War.⁷ He was a prisoner of war for one day May 22 to May 23 1865.

So, he joined for a 12 month enlistment, and then stayed for the whole war.

John Little was born 18 Jul 1833 in Horry, SC, USA. We do not know his parents. John married Annis Jane Elizabeth Loper. He died 09 Mar 1919.



⁶ Pioneers of Wiregrass Georgia, Vol II (new one) page 112 written by David Loper. note: JJ Little was at the same place, close to same date.

⁷ From: David Loper, a great-great grandson.

HARRIS SIDE

Benjamin Colson Davis was in the Civil War. According to the papers I downloaded from Fold 3 via Ancestry.com, he was a private in 4th (Clinch's) Cavalry (Atlantic & Gulf Guards Cavalry commanded by A. C. Strickland. He enlisted 1 May, 1862 in Tebeauville (Waycross) for the duration of the war. Maj. D. L. Clinch signed him up. On the June record, he was home recuperating starting 18 May 1862, by recommendation of post surgeon. 25 July 1862 (He had leave for 15 days this time.) 20 Aug 1862, he was discharged due to a disability by Maj. Gen. Pemberton. Benjamin signed up again in Blackshear 7 Feb 1863 by Sarg. Buchanan for 3 years or the war. At this time, he was due pay from his enlistment (1862 ?) and he was given an allowance for his horse \$8.45 (or did he give an allowance for a horse?) Then it says he was absent on sick leave from 7 Feb – 25 Feb extended by surgeon. For the Apr / May record, he was discharged by order having been rejected by examining surgeon.⁸ According to Satilla Rebels, he was in service from Oct 62 – Apr 65, but was in the hospital in Savannah at the close of the war.

Benjamin Colson Davis was the son of George Washington Davis & Amelia Mixon. Born 30 May 1835. He married Jane Brown and died 14 Mar 1884. Buried at Shiloh Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery near Blackshear, Georgia, USA.



Jabez Jackson Dowling,⁹ enlisted 4 Mar 1864¹⁰ in Blackshear, Georgia by Captain Wilson for a period of 3 years or the war. He was a private in Company A of the 50th Regiment Georgia. Most roll calls show him present or absent because of sickness. J. J. Dowling may have had Typhoid Fever 5 Aug 1863. He is in the Jackson Hospital in Richmond, VA. Promoted to 3rd Corporal 23 Mar 1864. 23 days. (Sept & Oct 1864 Last paid by Capt. Briggs, Absent without leave since Oct. 11, 1864 // There is a record for a bounty – \$50.00 (?) And there is his signature. J. J. Dowling. There are several receipts for clothing including once at Stuart Hosp. Richmond, Va. Date of issue 26 July 1864. There was also some thought that he had been absent without leave, but an officer swore that Private Jabez J. Dowling was not absent without leave ever. He was in the hospital several times from illnesses or wounds.¹¹ Jabez was home recuperating at the end of the war.

⁸ <https://www.fold3.com/image/28866781> & The National Archives (<http://www.archives.gov>)

⁹ Source Citation: National Archives and Records Administration (NARA); Carded Records Showing Military Service of Soldiers Who Fought in Confederate Organizations, compiled 1903 - 1927, documenting the period 1861 - 1865; Catalog ID: 586957; Record Group #: 109; Roll #: 506.

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¹⁰ Probably a re-enlistment.

¹¹ <https://www.fold3.com/image/52856831> & The National Archives (<http://www.archives.gov>)

Jabez J. Dowling was almost lost in the fighting that went on up north. One day he was wounded. As he lay there unable to move, a blue-coat came by and seeing him alive bayoneted him over the ear. J.J. passed out. After regaining consciousness he was able to crawl back to where the wounded were being loaded on flatcars of an evacuation train. The train wasn't able to go far though before it became necessary everyone to get off. By this time each man had to take care of himself. Soon into Jack's third part of his trip, he realized he could go no farther. The worn, gray pants legs passing him dwindled from a large number to a few. Then someone stood before him. Jack could make out that they it was a gray uniform, not a blue one and that the man was an officer. He didn't think that an officer would take time to help an enlisted man – a corporal. But he did ... and years later, Mr. Dowling's life there was only the deep scar of a bayonet over his ear to remind him of the happening.¹²

Jabez Jackson (Jack) Dowling was born 5 Aug 1838 in Wayne, Georgia, USA. Son of James Dowling & Rebecca. Jabez married Sarah Hickox 23 Dec 1858 in Wayne, Georgia, USA. He died 6 Jan 1920 Hickox, Wayne, Georgia, USA. Buried in New Hope Cemetery, Nahunta, Georgia 31553



John Henry Tatum The 1860 census has John J. Tatum as, age 26, a farmer, son of Henry, with wife Mary Ann, age 19 who is a housekeeper. They have one child. Tobitha (Tabitha) who is 1 month old. Living with them is a woman named Julia Street, age 20.¹³

John Henry Tatum was in CSA Company G (Clinch's), 4th Ga Calvary.¹⁴ We assumed he died in service being Mary Ann was married again to Thomas Holiday Sauls by the 1880 Census. Please Note¹⁵ John Henry Tatum married Mary Ann Sweat. He lived from 1834-186? – most likely died during Civil War. He went off to the war and did not return.)

Thomas Holiday Sauls (my 2nd step great grandfather) enlisted in Company D, Georgia 26th Infantry Regiment on 26 Aug 1861. He was present at his roll calls. In 8 June 1864, he was in the hospital (JacksonHospital in Richmond, VA) He returned to duty 15 June 1864. 27 JUN 1862 - wounded at Cold Harbor, Virginia (through hip and left shoulder Thomas mustered out on 09 Apr 1865 at Appomattox Court House, VA.¹⁶

Thomas married Mary Ann Sweat Tatum after returning from the war. Exact date unknown, but they are on the census together 5 July 1870. Their first child is 4 years old at this time.

¹² *A Dowling Family of the South* by R. A. Dowling

¹³ History of Pierce County Vol 1, page 229.

¹⁴ Sources: Cute's Confederate Roster of Georgia; (Michael Smith at Find a grave)

¹⁵ History of Pierce County bk 1 page 237 for the 1860 census there is a Henry Tatum, age 53, farmer, married to Mary Ann who moved to Fla. But, no children are listed. I and others have assumed this is another family, but could Henry be John's Dad and the other John, Henry's dad?) Hazel Harris told me the Tatums came from Florida. That *could* answer that question.

¹⁶ Roster of Confederate Soldiers of Georgia 1861-1865 Southern Historical Society Papers: Appomattox Paroles ANV. Historical Data Systems, comp. *U.S., Civil War Soldier Records and Profiles, 1861-1865* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2009. Original data: Data compiled by Historical Data Systems of Kingston, MA

Note: I obtained information from Fold 3 via Ancestry.com during a free week. & The Roster of Conf Soldiers Vol 5 by Lillian Henderson, and online at the Brantley County site.

Note: I also had many cousins and uncles who fought. Some did not return to their families. Steve had three cousins or uncles to fight for the Northern side, of what we have learned. Two were in the Army and one in the Navy.

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