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REPORT TO: Personal Files

SUBJECT Zilpha & William Cooksey and Associates: **Laurens** County, Georgia

ASSOCIATES:

1. Boyd, Daugherty, Grubbs & Pearson of Montgomery & Tattnall Counties, Georgia, 1790-1825
2. Lott, Watson, Watts of Washington, Montgomery & Tattnall Counties, Georgia, 1790-1825 (**WIGGINS, a Lott-Watts in-law, was not included in most of this search because the connection was not known when the search began**)
3. Alston/Elston, Lard, MacFarland, McCall/McCaul, McLeod, Shine

REPOSITORY: Family History Library, Salt Lake City

BACKGROUND: These families (Alston/Elston and Lard excepted) were associates and/or in-laws of William Cooksey, a Revolutionary Soldier from Georgia, who lived between 1779 and c.1818 in Washington, Montgomery, Tattnall, and Laurens Counties (in that sequence). The Lotts, Watts, and their offspring were also Cooksey neighbors in Covington, Rankin, and Newton Counties, Mississippi.

William's children have never been accurately identified. Tattnall County records (see Mills, report of 30 June 2009) identify a **Lettice Cooksey** who bore a child before 5 August 1811. On that date, as the wife of one **Daugherty**, she bound out her son "**Henry Cooksey**" to **Bani Boyd**, possibly the child's father. The facts that William Cooksey's family was the only Cooksey family in the region and that his first known granddaughter was named Lettice suggest the likelihood that Lettice Cooksey of 1811 was one of his daughters.

William's son John Cooksey, in 1809, took out a license to marry **Zilpha [--?--] Price**, the earlier wife of **John Price, son of Cader Price, Sr.** Unless Zilpha's prior marriage had been annulled, an 1809 remarriage would not have been legal under the state law). John Cooksey drops from the record in 1818 (apparently died by 1819), and Zilpha is known to have lived in marriage with and borne children by John's father William between 1819 and the time of William's death in 1829.

Zilpha's maiden identity is unknown. Some researchers assert that she was a **Rayburn**, but no evidence has been found to support that belief. Records of **the Lotts, Watsons & Watts**, as key associates of both the Prices and the Cookseys in both Georgia and Mississippi, are being explored for potential information linking Zilpha to one of these families.

Alston/Elston is included because William Cooksey is said to have named his oldest son William Elston Cooksey.

Boyd is included in this search because the Ordinary Court of Tattnall, in 1811, bound Letitia (Cooksey) Daugherty's illegitimate son, Henry Cooksey, to Bani Boyd (a potential father).

Grubbs and Pearson are more peripheral connections. In 1794, Cader Price, Sr., executed a provisional deed to

- **Cader Grubb** the son of **Hannah Price, wife of James Price.**
- **Elizabeth Pearson**, daughter of Cader and sister of John.

Lodrick Lard was added when he was discovered in this county, because Lards of this name were Cooksey neighbors in Newton County, Mississippi.

McLeod and **MacFarland** are included because of their business associations with William Cooksey.

Shine and **McCall/McCaul** were added amid the project when they appeared as close associates of William Cooksey.

CAVEAT: I began this report, on a report-as-you-go basis, while conducting the research at Salt Lake City. I began the final analysis and editing on the flight home and, amid serious turbulence, had to turn off the laptop suddenly. I was in the middle of rearranging text blocks and fear I may have lost or scrambled some data. The work needs redoing.

**FHL Microfilm 414,388
Laurens County, Georgia
Administrators & Guardian Bonds 1808–1879**

Target: "Administrators and Guardians Bonds, Book A, 1809–1823"

Cover: "Book A, Administrators and Guardian Bonds"

COMMENT:

This reel of miscellaneous records contains a small index covering Books A & B. I read all letters of the alphabet, first and last names. The index covers *only* the deceased or children needing guardians (sometimes). It does not include any other individuals mentioned in the record.]

COOKSEY: Nothing
DAUGHERTY: Nothing
PRICE: John, 25
Elveh, 39
Martha, 175
Noah, 175

COMMENT:

Also skimmed all pages of book for signatures of bondsmen, appraisers, witnesses, etc. BINGO!

3 December 1810

pp. 23-24

\$10,000 bond of **James W. Shine**, administrator of the goods of **William McCall**, deceased, with sureties **William Cooksey** and **Daniel W. Shine**. Both Shines signed. William X'd

COMMENTS:

See Attachment 1 for image copy of document.

The Shines and McCall will now be added to my work list. When a man cosigned for someone else, that someone was a close connection. Men did not obligate themselves to pay someone else's bills and legal fees without a serious sense of obligation to that person. Typical kinships in these cases included brothers-in-law, fathers-in-law, and sons-in-law.

Shine is not indexed. The only entry for McCall in the index is this one page.

1820 census, Ancestry database, doesn't seem to include a James Shine.

TO DO:

Check Georgia marriages at Ancestry for Shine and McCall.

**FHL Microfilm 414,390
Laurens County, Georgia
Inventories & Appraisements, 1808–1833, 1848–1872**

Target: "Inventories and Appraisements, Book A, 1808–1823"

Cover: "Book A, Appraisements"

COMMENTS:

The index to Books A & B appear at start of film. Followed same methodology as stated above. Also read all lists that included debtors, etc.

The inventories are not *at all* in chronological order—1813 can be found after 1822 and 1817 and 1821, for example. Apparently, loose inventories were gathered and recorded at some later date. Therefore, I read the entire book to minimize the possibility of a useful document being recorded significantly later than the time frame of this problem.

William McCall, p. 23

John Price, p. 26

Laurens Co., Ga.

21 January 1811

“Inventories and Appraisements, Book A, 1808–1823,” p. 23

Inventory, Estate of **William McCaul**, taken by Joseph Denson, Elisha Farnell, and William Yarbrough. McCaul’s inventory was meager: one slave woman with two children (value: \$700), 5 horses, 15 head of cattle, 2 beds, a cotton wheel & cards, a table, 3 chairs, a truck, and a small assortment of household and farm items. He also held notes on Wm McCaicle, Jesse Fulgham, Joseph Cooper, and Sarah Taylor totaling about \$600. No real estate. \$1718.89 ½ total value.

COMMENT:

The inventory might not represent all property belonging to McCaul, who previously had owned considerable property in Montgomery (a parent county). Montgomery’s records should be reexamined for estate proceedings there, as well.

See Attachment 1 for an image of this document.

**FHL Microfilm 394,594
Laurens County, Georgia
Deed Records**

Target: “Deeds & Mortgages, Book 3:1815–1818”
Cover label: “Deed Book E”

Laurens Co., Ga.

20 September 1810 (drawn)

Deed Book E:78

Murdoch McLeod to **John Cooksey**, sale for \$60, land in 18th district of Wilkinson, now Laurens County, known on the plan of said district by No. 193. Witnesses: Willis Cason, J.P.; Asa Pipkin; **Wm Cooksey**, his mark.

13 March 1816 (recorded)

COMMENT: See Attachment 2 for image copy.

**FHL Microfilm 0,394,594
Laurens County, Georgia
Deed Records**
Cover label: “Deed Book G”

Laurens Co., Ga.

1 January 1818 (drawn)

Deed Book G:22–24

Thomas Davis to **William Cooksey**, both of Laurens County, sale for \$400, 100 acres in the 22nd district of Wilkinson County, at the time of Survey, now Laurens County, on NE side of Rocky Creek, being part of Lot 197. /signed/ Thomas Davis. Witnesses: Thos. Duke, Peter Thomas.

3 January 1818 (attested by Peter Thomas before Samuel Carson, J.P.)

23 March 1821 (recorded)

Laurens Co., Ga.

6 January 1818 (drawn)

Deed Book G:24–25

William Cooksey to Thomas Collier, both of Laurens County, sale for \$400, 100 acres (same tract as above). /signed/ William Cooksey, his mark. Witnesses: Matthew Tucker, Wm. Hathorn, J.P.

23 March 1821 (recorded)

QUESTION: What was Cooksey’s motivation for this purchase? Typically a quick turnaround of land represented speculation on which a profit was made. If property was bought on speculation, it was typically held until it *could* turn a profit. To buy a tract and sell it 5 days later for the same amount was highly unusual, unless the purchase was made for a relative or close friend who could not attend to the purchase himself.

Laurens Co., Ga.

3 [4?] January 1818 (drawn)

Deed Book G:38

William Cooksey to Drury Roberts, both of Laurens County, sale for \$300 a tract of 202.5 acres in 17th Dist. Of Wilkinson County at the time of Survey, now Laurens County, Lot No. 83. /signed/ “William Cooksey {Seal}” [*sic*]. Witnesses: Peter Thomas, Saml. Carson, J.P.

24 March 1821 (recorded)

COMMENTS:

The attribution of a seal to William appears to be a clerical error.

The purchase of this land was not in the county’s master index to deeds, and the individual deed volumes do not have their own indexes. I have not *read* all the prior volumes in search of this purchase.

Wilkinson Co. deed records do not survive. No Cooksey acquired this as a lottery draw.

TO DO:

If the lottery list becomes available as an online database, it should be searched for the land description to see who won the land. Or, when time permits, the published index could be scanned page-by-page to identify the original owner.

**FHL Microfilm 394,595
Laurens County, Georgia
Deed Records, 1823–1838**

Laurens Co., Ga.

18 March 1818 (drawn)

Deeds and Mortgages, H:23

John Cooksey to Ambrose Perry, both of Laurens, sale for \$360, tract of land [acreage not stated] in 18th District of Wilkinson County, now Laurens, Lot No 193. /signed/ "John Cooksey {Seal}." Witnesses: Lewis Joiner, Joel Dorsey.

26 December 1818 (attested by Joel Dorsey before Isaac Benton, J.P.)

6 March 1823 (recorded).

**FHL Microfilm 410,061
Laurens County, Georgia
Deeds of Trust or Gifts, 1818–1872**

Target: "Deeds of Trust or Gifts, Book B, 1818-1828"

Notes: No cover; index covers Books **A and B**, but names only one party for each document.
Includes bills of sale, mortgages, powers of attorney; deals mostly with slave gifts.

Index entries:

Lott Warren, 25, 28

COMMENT:

Did not review these documents, for lack of time. Lott Warren was part of the Warren family that moved to Lawrence/Marion/Pike and Newton Counties, Mississippi, where their Boyd offspring intermarried with Cooksey offspring.

Laurens Co., Ga.

14 December 1818

Deeds of Trust or Gifts, B: 5-6

William Neel of Laurens "am about going to the Western Country & am therefore desirous of appointing a person and of giving him or them whom I may appoint sufficient powers and authorities to do & execute every act, deed, matter & thing whatsoever" He appoints Daniel Odum Neil & Levy Glass.

Comment:

No William Neel is found on the 1820 census of Mississippi. One **William Naul** is in Lawrence County, as a close neighbor to McCulloughs and Herrings (Herrons).

FHL microfilm 410,879
Laurens County Inferior Court Minutes, 1808-1833

Target: "Inferior Court Minutes (Ordinary Purposes), 1808-1822"

Volume cover: "Minutes of Inferior Court from January 4th 1808 to January 7th 1822"

[unindexed, unpaginated, skimmed all pages]

4 January 1810

"On the application of Noel Nelson & **Elisha Watson** for Letters of Administration on the Estate of Noah Nelson, late of this county, Decd.," granted.

4 May 1812

"Ordered that **Elisha Watson** be and he is hereby appointed Guardian of the persons and Estates of **Noah Price & Martha Price** orphans of **John Price deceased** on his giving bond with [end of entry].

"Ordered that John Adams be and is hereby appointed Guardian of the person and Estate of **Eloch Price**, orphan of **John Price** decd., **a minor above the age of fourteen years** on his giving bond with John B. Bennett and Henry Culpeper Securities in the sum of fifteen hundred dollars."

COMMENT:

Later records suggest that the land left by this John was the same previously owned by the John Price who married Zilpha in Montgomery County, c.1799.

If this is the same man, then he would have been a widower with a small child at the time he married Zilpha. He would also have remarried after he and Zilpha parted.

The evidence of his identity is, at this point, inconclusive.

7 December 1812

"Ordered that Jonathan Sawyer and John G. Underwood, Administrators of the Estate of **John Price**, late of this county deceased, have leave to sell the whole of the Real Estate of the said deceased for the benefit of the heirs."

4 July 1814

"Jonathan Sawyer, Administrator of the Estate of **John Price** decd. Rendered an account of the expenditures of the Estate of said decd. To the amount of [not given] which was examined & received."

6 November 1815

"Jonathan Sawyer, Administrator of the Estate of **John Price, decd.**, rendered an account of expenditures of said Estate to the amount of seven hundred & twenty six dollars 40 $\frac{3}{4}$ cents, which was examined & received."

6 May 1816

“Ordered that **Elisha Watson** be appointed guardian of the persons & Estates of **Martha & Noah Price, orphans of John Price, decd.**, by his giving **David Watson** & Joel Williams Security in the Sum of five Thousand Dollars.”

July Term 1820

“Whereas some time since **Elisha Watson** of said County was by this Court appointed Guardian of **Martha Price and Noah Price, orphans of John Price, decd.**, when Joel Williams & **David Watson** Junr. were sureties to the said Guardianship & the said Elisha Guardian as aforesaid having become entirely unable & incapable of attending to the said orphans or their property by reason of mutual imbesility – Ordered by the Court that the said Guardian & Securities be discharged & other guardianship granted.”

COMMENT:

Stopped reading at end of 1820, by which time William Cooksey was in Mississippi.

TO DO:

Need to continue to determine when Martha and Noah came of age.

**FHL Microfilm 410,880, Item 3
Laurens County, Georgia
Inferior Court Minutes, 1817–1880**

Target: “Inferior Court Minutes (Ordinary Purposes), 1817–1842”

Cover: “Minutes Inferior Court from 1817 to 1842”

[Unindexed, unpaginated, scanned all pages]

COMMENT:

While the target says this book deals with “ordinary” (probate) matters, it actually deals with criminal cases involving slaves. Jury lists are included.

June 1819

State of Georgia vs.

Anthony, “property of the State of Georgia or the Commissioners of the Oconee River Navigation”

Charge: Burglary

Witnesses: “Lewis Maddux, **Lott Warren**, Negro Ned Guy & others”

Verdict: Guilty

Sentence: Hanging

COMMENT:

This is a slim little book, with few cases, but a disturbing one. Hanging appears to be the sentence given to every slave brought into court, regardless of the crime. Other charges include arson, assault with intent to kill, attempted rape of a white female, etc.

FHL Microfilm 410,051
Laurens County, Georgia
Superior Court Minutes, 1816-1903

Item 1

Target: "Superior Court, Court Minutes, Book B, 1816–1821"
No Index. Scanned pages. Offers jury lists.

COMMENT: This appears to be the earliest available book of court minutes.

pp. 12–13

October 1816 Jury Lists:

Joshua **Alston**, Benajah **Warren**, Elijah **Warren**

p. 17

Rezin **Watson** by his natural Guardian & father **David Watson** v. Richd. Albritton. "Case for woods."
Verdict for plaintiff, \$2,000, plus costs of suit.

Comment:

I'm not getting all entries for all these men. The above are noted, to place them in the county.
Past this point, for want of time on this research trip, I'll get only those entries for key individuals or those that show relationships between individuals of key surnames.

p. 37

16 April 1817 [date on p. 35 at start of term]

Petit jurors for next term:

No. 33: John Cooksey

p. 41

13–14 October 1817

Court convened but adjourned without business.

pp. 41-42

12 January 1818

"The following persons appeared and were sworn in on the Petit Jury." Only the chosen 12 are named.
Cooksey was not included. Whether he did not appear or was not chosen is unknown.

p. 48

14 January 1818

A "special jury" is named for several cases. *John Cooksey is not included.*

p. 49

14 January 1818

“Thomas Cobb, indorsee for the use of Hardy Griffin vs. **William Cooksey**. “Case settled at Pliffs. costs.”
No details for the case.

pp. 50–51

15 January 1818

Names drawn for jury at next term of court. No names of interest.

COMMENT:

Throughout this volume are numerous suits by and against the administrators of the late John Price. As with records in other volumes, none of the associates overlap those of our interests.

pp. 68-69

13 April 1818 [date from p. 65]

52 names drawn for petit jury at next term of court, including:

No. 26: John Cooksey

p. 71–73, 76

12 October 1818

Two petit juries of 12 each and one “special jury.” **John Cooksey** was not on any of them.

p. 87

15 October 1818

Names drawn for juries at next term of court. No names of interest.

COMMENTS:

Abner Davis also appears in numerous entries, as he did in Tattnall & Montgomery.

(Ex.: p103, Apr 1819, Abner Davis vs. Thos. Dixon & John G. Underwood, adm. of John Dixon)

Reuben Warren also appears as a juryman, multiple times.

I read the volume through the end of 1820, by which time William Cooksey had been in Mississippi for about two-and-a-half years. Nothing further found. I may need to extend the time frame.

**FHL Microfilm 417,021
Laurens County, Georgia
Persons eligible to draw 1819 land lottery**

Target: "Laurens County, Georgia, Court of Ordinary, List of Persons Eligible to Draw 1819 Land Lottery."

Cover: "Eligibles to Land Lottery 1819"

COMMENTS: The difference in these two titles is important. There was no lottery in 1819. The list cites those living there in 1819 who were eligible for the 1821 lottery.

The list is semi-alphabetical by first letter of surname, arranged by militia district. The number after each individual is the number of draws to which they were eligible under the Georgia law that authorized this lottery.

The list has no key stating the rules of eligibility. In reading the entries, I note the following:

Orphan, singular or plural	1 draw
Widow	1 draw
Most men	2 draws [men with families]
Men marked "Revolutionary"	4 draws [only 2 such men]

Captain Hardy Griffin's District:

"Cooksey, John (Revolutionary W)	4"
Daugharty, John, orphans of	1
Durou, Thomas	1 consecutive entries
Daugharty, Latice (Widow)	1

Persons eligible to draw 1819 land lottery

-----, Henry [Lettice's son]	Did not find any orphan male Henry on Griffin's list
Price, John, Reuben or Cader	Do not appear in any district of the county

COMMENTS:

Regarding William:

The lack of a registration for him suggests that he had already departed for Mississippi.

Regarding John:

The identification of this John Cooksey as a Revolutionary War soldier presents an identity issue to resolve.

- John's entitlement as a Revolutionary soldier is very clearly and unambiguously stated on the original roll of registrants in Laurens.
- This John Cooksey, to be a soldier in a war that ended in 1782, should have been born before 1767.
- *If* he were indeed William's son, then William would have fathered him at 20 or so. That is within the realm of likelihood.

- *If*, however, this John Cooksey, R.W. soldier, were William's son, then a second major problem exists. No John Cooksey of this age can be accounted for in any Georgia county prior to 1809 when William's presumed son made his first appearance on a jury list and took out a license to marry Zilpha. Twenty-seven years is an inordinately long time for a grown man to avoid taxation, jury service, militia duty, and other public activities of record.
- No Revolutionary War service has been found for any John Cooksey in the state of Georgia.

Several factors coalesce to suggest that the Revolutionary War soldier, John Cooksey, was an entirely different man. As subsequently shown in this set of research notes:

- John Cooksey "Revolutionary W" of Laurens drew land in Walton County.
- This John Cooksey settled in Walton County (later Newton) where he is enumerated on the 1830 census. He is said to be aged 70–79. Sharing his household is a female 50–59, and a male 20–29. Also in county is a young Robert Cooksey, 15–19, with a female 15–19; apparent newlyweds with no children. Both Cooksey households were slaveowners.¹ (By 1840, this John Cooksey is no longer enumerated and the two younger males, Robert Cooksey and W. W. Cooksey are neighbors.)²
- On 3 April 1831, this John Cooksey of Walton took a new wife, Mary Tomerson.³
- In 1832 John Cooksey, Revolutionary Soldier, registered for the 1832 land lottery from adjacent Newton County (which had been cut from Walton). As "John Cooksey, Revolutionary War veteran" of M'Cullers District, Newton County, he drew land in Cherokee County (lot 259, dist. 10, sect. 3; granted 6 May 1834.)⁴

CONCLUSIONS:

- Neither William Cooksey nor his presumed son John registered for the 1820 Georgia land lottery.
- It is likely that William and John left Laurens County in mid-1818, leaving an attorney to prosecute William's suit against McFarland. That is the point at which the judgments (which had all previously been in his favor) turned against him.
- Despite McFarland's prominence in the county, William had won all judgments from 1812 through 1817. In April 1818, the court stalled and continued the case. In October 1818, the jury made its first ruling for McFarland. When William (or his attorney) appealed, the final judgment rendered in April 1820, below, was for McFarland. He, McFarland, was still a local citizen and a force to be reckoned with. Cooksey was not.

¹ 1830 U.S. census, Walton Co., Ga., p. 156, line 14; NARA microfilm publication M19, roll 21.

² 1840 U.S. census, Walton Co., Ga., p. 52; National Archives microfilm publication M704, roll 109.

³ "Georgia Marriages to 1850," database, *Ancestry.com* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 1 June 2009), Cooksey-Tomerson marriage, Montgomery County; citing "Hunting For Bears, comp.," *Georgia Marriages, 1699-1944* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2004."

⁴ Alex M. Hitz, Surveyor-General Department, *Authentic List of All Land Lottery Grants Made to Veterans of the Revolutionary War by the State of Georgia*, 2d ed. (Atlanta: Secretary of State, 1966), 20. Also James F. Smith, *The Cherokee Land Lottery, Containing a Numerical List of the Names of the Fortunate Drawers in Said Lottery* (New York: Harper & Brothers, 1838), 233. Also S. Emmett Lucas Jr., *The 1832 Gold Lottery of Georgia, Containing a List of the Fortunate Drawers in Said Lottery* (Easley, S.C.: Southern Historical Press, 1988), 108. This Robert Cooksey was also enumerated in Walton County in 1830, though he was 22 pages removed from John Cooksey. Robert was aged 15-19, with a female 15-19, 3 slaves; see 1830 U.S. census, p. 134, line 23

TO DO:

See the photocopied marriage record showing Lettice Dougherty married ca. 1821, Zachariah Bell: Track Lettice and Zachariah past 1821.

Miscellaneous Laurens Sources

Joyce McMurray, "Georgia Journal, 1808–1818," *Georgia and the Southeast Historical News* (<http://www.usgennet.org/usa/ga/topic/news/journal1808pg2.htm>).

16 March 1814
Georgia Journal

"Estate Sale

"Will be sold..at the house of Thomas Calliway, all the negroes belonging to the estate of William M'Call...signed James W. Shine Admr."

"Muster Roll of a detachment of Georgia cavalry mounted rifleman under my command Stationed at Fort Mitchell Hartford and on an Indian Scout from the 9th November to the 22nd of November 1814," taken from "'Georgia Military Record Book 1799-1839,' WPA Project No. 5993, Copied, Index, Bound with authority of John B. Wilson, Secretary of State, 1941. To President of the Gen. John Floyd Chapter Univted States Daughters of 1812," typescript posted at <http://files.usgwarchives.net/ga/military/warof1812/tooke.txt>.

1813–1834 Laurens Co. Muster Rolls⁵

9–22 Nov. 1814

Lieut. Col. Allen Tooke

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1st Sgt. Hardy Gatlen

[Cookseys intermarried with Gatlens in Newton Co., MS]

1st Sgt. Jacob Watson

[Mary Cooksey m. 1810, Robert Watson, Tatnall]

Copl. James W. Shines

[James W. Shine was 1810 adminstrator of the estate of William McCall, former tax collector; **Shine's sureties were William Cooksey** and Daniel W. Shine. See Laurens Co., "Book A, Administrators ... ", pp. 23-24.]

14 Aug.–20 Sept. 1813

Capt. Allen Tooke

Lt. Daniel W. Shine

COMMENT: This list has Birds and Bushes from Tattnall—but no Cooksey, Hall, Lott, or Watts.

David Willbanks to ALPILLEY@aol.com, "Butler County, AL: Shine and Stallings Families,"
RootsWeb: AL BUTLER-L Archives
(<http://archiver.rootsweb.ancestry.com/th/read/ALBUTLER/2008-12/1228763844> : accessed 12
April 2011).

1810-1813 Laurens Co.

James William Shine Sr. [allegely] m. **Elizabeth Taylor**, Laurens Co. GA.

COMMENT:

This assertion appears in the following RootsWeb posting:⁶

ALBUTLER-L Archives

"From: David Willbanks

To: ALPILLEY@aol.com ; clmorgan@pjc.edu ; CTurner1038@cs.com ;
Marwurtele@aol.com ; georgeb@greenlynk.com ; joeandjonalon@aol.com ;
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Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2006 11:36 AM

Subject: Butler County, AL: Shine and Stallings families

Dear Reseachers:

I am researching the Daniel B. Shine and Mary Elizabeth Stallings families.

Daniel was born June 2, 1813, in Georgia, the son of James William Shine, Sr, and Elizabeth Taylor, who married in Laurens Co, GA in 1810. His siblings include: James W. Shine, Jr (m. Elizabeth Jane Stallings), Clarissa W. (m. James D. Smith), and William Porter (m. Martha Hammonds). Daniel married Mary Ann Stallings (b. Nov. 24, 1819, Butler Co. AL) on Jan. 22, 1835. They are listed in the 1840 Butler Co. census: p.18; family #3; the 1850 census: p. 195; dwelling # 257. Daniel sold his property in Butler County Sept.

ATTACHMENT 1

Obligation to be void, else to remain in full force signed, sealed and delivered in open court.

attest *A. Love* *John Knoch* *John Koller* *Int. Fullwood* *William Harbrough*

Recorded the 9th day of August 1810

State of Georgia } know all men by these presents that we
 Laurens County } James T. Shine, William Cooksey and
 Daniel T. Shine are held and jointly bound unto their
 heirs the justices of the Court of Ordinary for said County
 and their successors in office, in the just sum of three
 thousand dollars, to the payment of which sum to the said
 justices and their successors in office, well and truly to be
 made and done, we bind ourselves, our heirs, Executors
 and Administrators, jointly and severally, jointly by these
 presents, sealed with our seals and dated this 3rd day of
 December 1810.

The condition of the above Obligation is such that if
 the above bound James T. Shine Administrator of the goods
 chattels and credits of William McCall deceased, ~~do~~
 do make a true and perfect inventory of all & singular
 his goods, Chattels and credits of the said deceased, which
 have or shall come to the hands, possession or knowledge of the
 said James T. Shine, or into the hands, or possession of any other
 person or persons for him; and the same so made, do exhibit
 into the said Court of Ordinary, when he shall be thereunto
 required; and such goods, Chattels & credits do well and
 truly administer according to law and do make a just
 account of his actings & doings thereon, when required
 by the Superior Court or Court of Ordinary for the said County.
 And all the rest of the goods, Chattels and credits, which
 shall be found remaining upon the account of the said
 Administration, the same being first allowed by the said Court,
 shall deliver and pay to such persons respectively, as are
 entitled to the same by law; and if it should hereafter
 appear, that any last will and testament, was made by the
 said deceased, the same be proven before the court; and
 the Executor obtain a certificate of the probate thereof, and the
 said James T. Shine do in such case, if required, render and
 deliver up the said letters of administration, then this
 Obligation to be null and void, else to remain in full
 force and effect.

Recorded the 6th day of December 1810.

State of Georgia } know all men by these presents that we
 Laurens County } Thomas Dickson, John G. Underwood, James
 Thomas lawyer, Joseph Chaires, George G. Gandy and Benjamin
 Chaires are held and jointly bound unto the justices of the
 Court of Ordinary of said County and their successors in office
 in the just sum of forty thousand dollars, to the payment of
 which sum well and truly to be made and done, we bind ourselves
 our heirs, Executors and Administrators jointly and severally,
 jointly by these presents, sealed with our seals and dated this
 sixth day of May 1811.

The condition of the above Obligation is such that
 if the above bound Thomas Dickson and John G. Underwood
 Administrators of the goods, Chattels and Credits of
 John Dickson deceased, do make a true and perfect inventory
 of all and singular the goods, Chattels and credits of the
 said deceased, which have or shall come to the hands,
 possession or knowledge of the said administrators or into
 the hands, or possession of any other person or persons for
 them; and the same so made, do exhibit into the
 Court of Ordinary, when they shall be thereunto required
 by the Superior Court or Court of Ordinary for said County,
 and such goods, Chattels and Credits, do well and truly
 administer according to law and do make a just and true
 account of their actings and doings thereon when required
 and all the rest of the goods, Chattels and Credits which
 shall be found remaining upon the account of the said Adminis-
 tration, the same being first allowed by the said Court,
 shall deliver & pay to such persons respectively as are entitled
 to the same by law; and if it should hereafter appear
 that any last will and testament was made by the said
 and the same be proven before the court and the Executors
 obtain a probate thereof, and the said Thomas Dickson
 and John G. Underwood do in such case, if required, render
 and deliver up the said letters of administration, then this
 Obligation to be null and void, else to remain in full
 force and effect.

ATTACHMENT 2:

48 State of Georgia. This Indenture made this
 20th Twentieth day of Septe in the year of our
 Lord eighteen hundred and Ten Between Murdoch
 McLeod of the one part and John Cooksey of the
 other part Witnesseth that for and in consi-
 deration of the Sum of Sixty dollars to him in
 hand paid at and before the Signing Sealing and
 delivery of these presents the Receipt whereof
 is hereby acknowledged doth Grant Bargain
 Sell Release and Confirm unto John Cooksey
 all that Lots or parcels of Land Situate lying
 and being in the Eighteenth district of
 Wilkinson now Laurens County and known
 in the plan of said district by No one hun-
 dred and ninety three Together with all and sin-
 gular the Houses out Houses privileges and
 Emoluments thereunto belonging or in anywise
 Appertaining unto the said John Cooksey
 To have and to hold to his only proper use benefit
 of behoof and all papers touching the same
 and the said Murdoch McLeod from him and his
 heirs the aforesaid Lots of Land unto John Cooksey
 and his heirs well for ever Warrant and defend
 In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and
 Seal the day and year first above written
 Signed Sealed and delivered
 in presence of us
 Willis Gason J.P. M. McLeod
 Wm Phipps
 Wm Cooksey
 made } Witnessed the 15th day of March 1816

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