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SUBJECT Williams & Associates of Lawrence County, Mississippi, 1814–c1860

OBJECTIVE: Locate and extract all available Lawrence County censuses, court orders, deeds, probate records, federal land records, and tax rolls for the family and known associates of John and Rhoda Williams who migrated to Lawrence about 1814–17 from Sampson County, North Carolina.

I will include records on other contemporaneous Williamses who settled Lawrence in order to more-accurately identify which Williamses belong to John and Rhoda’s cluster.

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Summary of Findings

The territorial era saw the arrival or pass-through of various individuals with the surname Williams. By the 1820s, the population had stabilized leaving one individual of that surname in the town of Monticello (who appears to have left no offspring in the county) and three family clusters in rural areas of the county. The clusters are identifiable from their land locations and their interactions. By order of significance to this project, those three clusters were:¹

¹ Unless otherwise cited, all these summary details are documented in the chronological research notes that comprise the bulk of this report.

John & Rhoda Williams Cluster (White Sand)

- 1813 Taxed in Marion County, 1 poll, 0 slave, 0 land.
- 1815 Taxed in Marion County: 1 poll, 0 slave, 0 land.
- 1820 Census household includes individuals of proper age and gender to be Daniel, Catherine, Mary, Robert, Elizabeth, William, Isaac, Joel, and Nathan. Son Neal was already married.
- 1850 Census household: John 83, Rhoda 70, widowed dau. Elizabeth Bridges 35, and her children.
- 1851 Year of death, according to tradition.
- 1852 Estate divided into ten shares.

Ten Proved and Proposed Children:

1. **Neal Williams**, born 1793–94 NC (1850 census) or 1795–96 (1860 census), married January 1820 in Lawrence Co., Mary “Polly” Sessums, with [father] **John Williams** as bondsman. He and Polly settled amid Polly’s family and appear rarely in Lawrence.²

- 1825: Cited on Covington’s 1825 census of births; state censuses and tax rolls before and after this year do not carry him.
- 1828: Taxed in adjacent Simpson Co. with in-laws.
- 1830: Simpson Co. census: 1 male 30–39, 1 female 20–29, 1 female 5–9, 2 males and 1 female 0–4.
- 1832: Taxed in Simpson with in-laws.
- 1835 Sept: Bought 80 acres in Lawrence, one mile from his brother **Isaac Williams** and his proposed sister Mary, wife of **Joel Polk**; but was not taxed as a county resident.
- 1838 Sept: Added to Lawrence’s tax roll.
- 1838 Dec. Sold his land to his brother **Robert Williams**.
- 1840: Enumerated in Newton Co. with brother-in-law Thomas Sessums.
- 1841: Enumerated in Newton adjacent to William Odom (father of Neil’s proposed son-in-law Shadrack Odom).
- 1841–42: Taxed in Newton Co.
- 1845–46: Enumerated in Attala Co., MS.
- 1850: Enumerated in Attala Co., age 56, farmer, \$300; Mary 42, Penny A. 18, Jacob 16, Solomon D. 14, Sarah 6.
- 1854: Took out land in adjacent county of Madison.
- 1857: Taxed in Madison.
- 1858: Declared non-compos mentis at request of sons John and Thomas.
- 1860: Enumerated Madison Co., 64, no occupation, \$700/350, Mary 57, Sarah 17, son Solomon next door.
- 1863: Last on record being reimbursed by county for provisions made to the soldier’s wife “Mrs. Gatlin” (i.e., either his dau. Penny who m. Jeremiah Gatlin or his daughter Luvicy who married Francis Gatlin).

Children: **?Rhoda?** (m. Shadrack Odom), **John** (m. Jennette Johnson), **Thomas** (named for Polly’s brother), **Elizabeth Luvicy** (m. Francis M. Gatlin), **Penelope Ann “Penny”** (named for Polly’s mother; m. Jeremiah Gatlin), **Jacob N.** (named for Polly’s brother; m. Mary Ann), **Solomon D.** (named for Polly’s brother; m. Ellen Fisher), **Sarah** (named for Polly’s sister).

² For Neal’s activities outside of Lawrence Co., see E. S. Mills, “Neal Williams (c1795–aft.1863) & Spouse Mary “Polly” Sessums (c1800–aft.1880): Research Notes,” last updated 15 August 2022; archived at Mills, *Historic Pathways* (<https://www.historicpathways.com/download/WilliamsNealMarySessumsResearchNotes.pdf>).

2. **Catherine Williams**, born c1794–95 NC (1850 census), 1800–10 (1830–40 censuses), or 1801–2 (1880 census). Married **James Shannon**, 1822 with [brother] **Daniel Williams**, bondsman. I consider Catherine’s placement in the family to be proved, given the marriage record that identifies her as a Williams and the extensive interaction between her husband the John Williams family.

- Feb 1826: James Shannon witnessed document for father-in-law **John Williams**.
Mar 1826: Shannon and **John Williams** went together to Augusta Land Office to buy *adjacent* tracts of land in S29–30 T9 R18, Lawrence Co.
Feb 1827: Shannon was J.P. officiating when **John Williams** bought an enslaved woman with **Isaac Williams** as witness.
Jun 1830: Census enumerated 1 male 40–50, 1 female 20–30, 1 male 5–10, 1 female 0–5. 1839: taxed for 307 acres and 7 black polls, at White Sand.
1834: Shannon was J.P. when his proposed brother-in-law **Joel Polk** bought land adjacent to Catherine’s brother **Daniel Williams**.
1840: Census enumerates 1 male 50–59, 1 female 30–39, 1 male 15–19, 1 female 15–19, 11 enslaved.
1843: James Shannon, **Nathan Williams**, **John Williams**, and **Daniel Williams** all owed notes to the estate of Thomas B. Slater—an estate for which **Nathan Williams** had been overseer in 1841.
1846–49: James and Catherine moved to Jasper Co., MS.
1850: Census enumerates James, aged 60 male farmer, \$1008, b. Ireland; Katherine 55 b. NC.
1880: Catherine’s last known record, census of Lauderdale County, MS, aged 78.

Children: Mary Ann (wife of Patrick Malada of Lawrence, 1849) and *James J. Shannon*, lawyer, of Jasper Co. (1850) and Lauderdale Co. (1880).³

3. **Daniel Williams**, born c1794–95 NC (1850 census), 1799–1800 (1860 census), 1790–1800 (1830–1840 censuses), or 1802–4 (1820 census). Married about 1822; four children by 1830; marriage record not found.

- 1822: Served as surety for marriage bond of Catherine Williams to James Shannon.
1828: Patented land in S2 T8N R19W, 1 mile from Catherine and James.
1839–43: With (brother) **William Williams**, was sued for debt, by William Weathersby, proposed brother-in-law **Joel Polk** was their surety (also 1843: **John Williams** witnessed Weathersby’s purchase of land being sold at sheriff’s sale).
1843: Daniel owed debts to estate of Thomas B. Slater, whose overseer in 1841 had been (brother) **Nathan Williams**.
1854: Signed a note with (brother) **Isaac Williams** and (son) D. M. Williams as surety.
Dec 1862: Daniel died, at which time “brother” **Isaac Williams** filed to administer his estate.

Children and heirs: Daniel Mc. (b. 1827–28), *John J.* (b. 1828–29), *William C.*, *Isaac R.*, *Catherine Jane* (wife of Needham Lee), *Susan* (wife of Willis B. Stirling), *Mary M.*

³ 1850 U.S. census, Jasper Co., MS, pop. sch., p. 56, dwell./fam. 376. 1880 U.S. census, Lauderdale Co., Miss., pop. sch., Meridian, ED 90, p. 70, dwell. 529, fam. 776 James J. Shannon 55, lawyer, b. Miss., father b. Ireland, mother b. NC; with wife Anna L. 42, daughters Louise 14 and Gertrude 11, son Charles, and “Shannon, Catherine, 78, b. N.C.,” no relationship stated.

4. **Mary Williams (proposed daughter)**, born 1800–1, NC (1850,1860 censuses), married **Joel Polk** about 1822; four children before 1830; marriage record not found. I am proposing Mary as a daughter because of the extensive interaction between her husband and her proposed brothers, because she and her husband settle land adjacent to her proposed brothers and brother-in-law, because her period and place of birth is compatible, and because four of her six Polk children bore Williams names—specifically, the names of her proposed siblings.

1830: Not found on census.

1834: **Joel Polk** bought land in S1 T8 R19 *adjacent to* proposed brother in-law **Daniel Williams**, with Daniel as witness and proposed brother-in-law **James Shannon** as J.P.; proposed brother-in-law **Isaac Williams** bought adjacent land same day from same seller.

1839: Joel cosigned as surety for a debt owed by proposed brothers-in-law **Daniel Williams** and **William Williams**.

1840: Census enumerates 1 male 40–49, 1 female 30–39, 1 male and 3 females 10–14, 3 males and 3 females 5–9; 3 enslaved people.

1841: State census enumerates the Polks between **Daniel Williams** and **“Isach” Williams**, two houses from **James Shannon** and two from **John and Joel Williams**.

1846: Joel owned two tracts of land jointly with “Williams” [no first name], adjacent to his home place.

1850: Joel, aged 51, enumerated with Mary, age 49 and children, adjacent to **Isaac Williams**.

1853: Joel witnessed when **Isaac Williams** made a deed of gift to his daughter Icy Walker.

1854: Joel and proposed sister-in-law, the widowed **Elizabeth (Williams) Bridges**, went to land office and purchased adjacent tracts (or else Joel went without her and and purchased her land for her).

1860: Census enumerates Joel 64, Mary 59.

1866: Amid **Isaac Williams’** administration of **Daniel Williams’** estate, **Joel Polk** notified authorities that he personally had posted the public notices for the sale of Daniel’s goods, including one copy at Isaac Williams’ mill.

Children: **Elizabeth, Catharine, Lucilla, Isaac, Joel, James Polk**.

5. **William Williams** b. 1805 (1850 census, Covington Co.) or 1800–10 (1830–40 censuses, Covington). c1828: married; apparently in adjacent Covington Co. where records are burned.

1830: Covington Co. census enumerated 1 male 20–30, 1 female 20–30, 1 male 10–15, 1 female 0–5; next door to Britain Bridges whose son and daughter married William’s siblings **Elizabeth Williams** and **Robert Williams**.

1835: Went to Augusta Land office with brother **Isaac Williams**, buying tracts in adjacent sections of Lawrence.

1836: Bought land from brother **Daniel Williams**.

1836: Witnessed Lawrence Co. deeds for brother **Robert Williams** and Robert’s father-in-law Brittain Bridges.

1836: Taxed for land in Lawrence but not taxed a poll there.

1839: Sued with brother **Daniel Williams** for a debt incurred by Daniel with William as

- surety; bought Daniel's land when seized to satisfy judgment.
- 1840: Census tallied 1 male 30–40, 1 female 40–50, 2 females 5–10, 3 females 0–5.
- 1842: Appointed commissioner, with brother **Isaac Williams**, to settle the estate of William Griffith, for whom **Isaac Williams** and **John Williams** had been appointed previously to take the inventory.
- 1843: Was sued jointly with brother **Daniel Williams**, with proposed brother-in-law **Joel Polk** (husband of Mary) as surety.
- 1849: Purchased three acres from Charles Slater for the use of Harmony Church, according to later deed by brother **Robert Williams**.
- 1850: Covington Co. census enumerates William age 45, wife Rebecca 39 (younger than his wife of 1830 and 1840), and a gap in children between 1841 and 1846 suggesting a possible remarriage.
- 1852: Administrator of father **John Williams'** estate.
- 1860: Died before census on which Rebecca headed his Covington Co. household.

Children: Rhoda Ann (b. 1832), *Dicy Ann*, *Sarah Ann*, *Martha Ann*, **William H.**, **John Isaac**, **Mary Manda**, and *Francis*. Female child 0–5 in 1830 household and female child 5–10 in 1840 household have not been identified. The name of his second daughter, Dicy, suggests that his first wife may have been from Covington's Watts-Lott clan.

6. **Robert Williams**, born 1806–7 (1850 census) or 1807–8 (1860 census). Married c1829; son William B. born 1829–30. Marriage record not found; at time of marriage his father-in-law was in adjacent Covington County whose marriage records are destroyed.

- 1835: Went to Augusta land office with proposed brother-in-law **Joel Polk**, buying land with consecutive receipt numbers.
- 1836: Bought land with [brother] **William Williams** as witness.
- 1838: Bought from brother **Neal Williams** the land Neal had purchased in 1835 but had not settled.
- 1840: Census enumerates 1 male 30–39, 1 female 30–39, 1 male and 2 females 5–9, 2 females 0–4, 6 enslaved.
- 1843: With brothers **Daniel Williams** and brother-in-law **Jeremiah Bridges**, he bought goods from estate sale of Thomas B. Slater, for whom brother **Nathan Williams** had been overseer in 1841.
- 1876: Resident of Lincoln Co., MS.
- 1877: He and Clarissa are cited as still living, in a guardianship for minor heirs of Clarissa's father.

Children: William B., Elizabeth, Mary, Ann, Jane, Rhoda, Josiah, Melinda, Robert, John (b. c1850), **Nathan Williams**.

7. **Isaac Williams**, born 1808–9 NC (1860 census) or 1805–6 (1850 census) or 1808–9. Married about 1832–34, supposedly **Mary Fountain**; no marriage on record. First child b. 1833–34. Died 4 November 1803 (tombstone,

- 1827: Witnessed father **John Williams'** purchase of enslaved woman.
- 1830: Enumerated as tick mark in parental home.
- 1832–33: First taxed a poll adjacent to **John Williams**.
- 1834: He and proposed brother-in-law **Joel Polk** both bought adjacent tracts of land from same seller, with brother **Daniel Williams** as witness and proposed brother-in-law **James Shannon** as j.p.

- 1835: Went to land office at Augusta with brother **William Williams**, buying adjacent tracts.
- 1840: Census enumerates 1 male 30–39, 1 female 20–29, 1 male and 2 females 5–9, and 3 enslaved.
- 1841: He and father **John Williams** appointed to appraise the estate of William Griffith. Signatures thereon.
- 1842: He and brother **William Williams** filed an account of the Griffith estate.
- 1850: Census enumerated Isaac 44, Mary 33, eldest son John H. 16.
- 1853: Made deed of gift to daughter Icy F. Walker, with proposed brother-in-law **Joel Polk** as witness.
- 1854: Bought land from proposed brother-in-law **Joel Polk** and wife Mary.
- 1855: Cosigned promissory note for brother **Daniel Williams**.
- 1858: Made deed of gift to daughter Amanda M. Hartzog.
- 1858: Sold most of his remaining land to son John H. Williams.
- 1860: Census enumerated Isaac 51 b. NC \$2000/14,000, Mary 44 b. KY, Hiram 17, Lucinda 15, Milton 10.
- 1863: Requested administration of the estate of his “brother” Daniel Williams.
- 1866: One notice of the sale of brother Daniel’s goods was posted at “Isaac Williams’ mill.”

Children: John H. (b. 1833–35), Icy F. (m. German Walker), Amanda M. (m. George W. Hartzog), Hiram G., Lucinda, William Milton Williams.

8. **Joel Williams**, born March 1813 NC (1900 census; first taxed 1835), 1812–13 (1850 census), or 1814–15 (1860 census). Married August 1835 Laura McLemore, with [brother] **Nathan Williams** as bondsman; first child Anna J. born 1836–37.

- 1841: State census, family of five.
- 1845: State census: 2 males, 2 females; wife apparently had died.
- c1845: Married Susan C., whose apparent son James Ward was born c1841 (1850 census).
- 1852: Sold his one-tenth interest in **John Williams’** estate, noting that **William Williams** was administrator.
- 1850: Census enumerated Joel 37 b. NC, Susan C. 30, Anna J. 13, John H. 12, Susan A. 11, Rhoda A. 11.
- 1858: As resident of Smith County, MS, he bought Lawrence Co. land.
- 1860: Census enumerated Joel 45 b. NC, Susan 40, John 21, Anna 24, Rhoda 19, Alice 12, Mary 10, Hugh 8, Theodore 3, Catherine 4/12, Joel 5.
- 1863–66: Creditor of the estate of [brother] **Daniel Williams**.

Children: Anna J. (b. 1836–37), John H. (b. 1838–39), Susan A., Rhoda A., W. R., Alice N., Mary E (C?), Hugh, Joel, Theodore, Catherine.

9. **Nathan Williams**, born c1813–14 NC (first taxed 1835), bondsman 1835 for **Elizabeth Williams**, “daughter of John” to marry Jeremiah Bridges. No known marriage or children.

- 1837: Taxed 1 poll, 2 black polls.
- 1838: Taxed 1 poll, 2 black polls.
- 1839: Taxed 1 poll, 2 black polls.
- 1840: Census tickmark in parental household.
- 1840: Taxed 1 poll, 2 black polls.

- 1841: Taxed 1 poll, 2 black polls.
- 1841: Overseer for Thomas B. Slater, who had been found *non compos mentis* by an 1836 special jury on which **John Williams** served.
- 1842: Served on trial jury 1842; dropped from tax roll.
- 1843: Taxed a poll in John's household.
- 1843 Nathan Williams, **John Williams**, and **James Shannon** owed small notes to Slater's estate. Presumably he was still alive, somewhere, in 1852 when the parental estate was divided between ten heirs.

10. **Elizabeth Williams**, born 1814–15 NC (1850 census) or 1812–13 (1860). Married September 1835 **Jeremiah Bridges**, with consent of "**father**" **John Williams**; **Nathan Williams**, bondsman.

- 1840: Not found on census.
- 1842: Jeremiah Bridges's first taxation.
- 1843: Bought corn at estate sale of Thomas B. Slater; other buyers: Elizabeth's brothers **Daniel Williams** and **Robert Williams**.
- 1844: Tax roll is missing; he is not taxed thereafter.
- 1845: State census: Elizabeth and children appear to be tallied in **John Williams'** household.
- 1850: Elizabeth and children are enumerated with her parents John and Rhoda.

Children: John R. (b. 1836), *Elijah B.* (1838–39), **R. Elizabeth** (1840–41), *Madison Zn.* (1842–43), *Miriam C.* (1843–44), as named on 1850 census and 1859 documents from Brittain Bridges estate.

James Williams Cluster (Crooked Creek)

- 1812 Taxed in Marion County, 1 poll, 0 land.
- 1815 Taxed in Marion County: 1 poll, 1 slave, 0 land.
- 1816 Entered 130 acres in T8N R21W (**see Map 1**).
- 1820 Census: 1 male 26–44, 1 female 45+, 1 female 26–44, 2 males 0–10.
- 1830 Census: aged 50–60, female 40–50, 7 young males and 3 young females.
- 1836 Wife Margaret sold land with him; witness: John M. Williams.

Probable children:

- **Matilda Williams** m. John Slaughter in 1824 before Luke Butler, Esq.
- **Luke Williams** bought land 1831 in S7 T7 R20W; taxed with James, Walter, and Hiram in 1832 on waters of Crooked Creek.
- **Hiram Williams**, taxed with James, Luke, and Walter in 1832 as a poll at Crooked Creek.
- **Walter Williams**, taxed with James, Like, and Hiram in 1832 as a poll at Crooked Creek.
- **?John M. Williams**, cosigned a performance bond for constable Thomas Barley of Fair River district in 1835; witnessed deed for James and Margaret in 1836; not subsequently found.
- **James H.**, taxed a poll 1840 at Crooked Creek; on 1840 census as male 30–39, female 20–29, 4 ch 0–9.

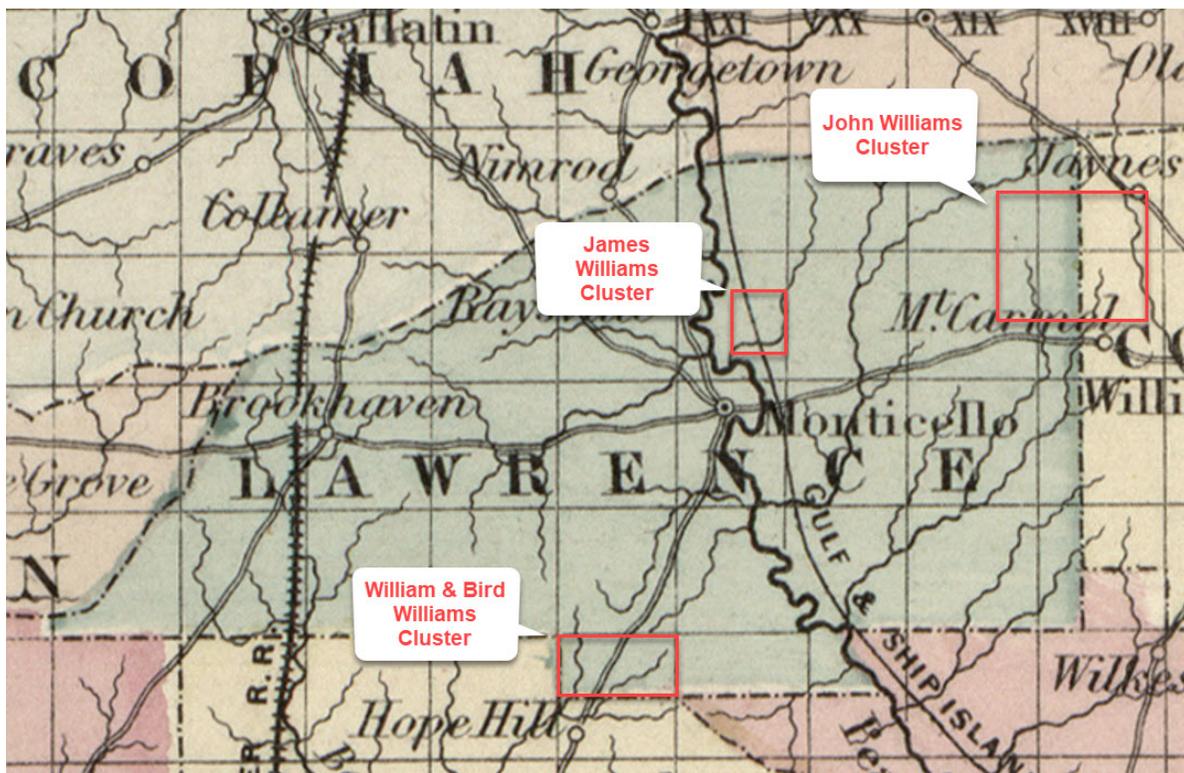
William Williams Cluster (Topisaw)

- 1818 Household tallied as 1 male 21+, 1 female 21+, 2 females 16–25, 2 females 0–10, 2 males 0–10
- 1819 **William Williams** took out 160a in S6&7 T5N R10W; 1821: took out land in S 6 & 7 T5N R10E
- 1819 **Jordan Williams** took out land in S18 T5N R10E; 1830: J.P.; 1858: named as heir of Dorothea

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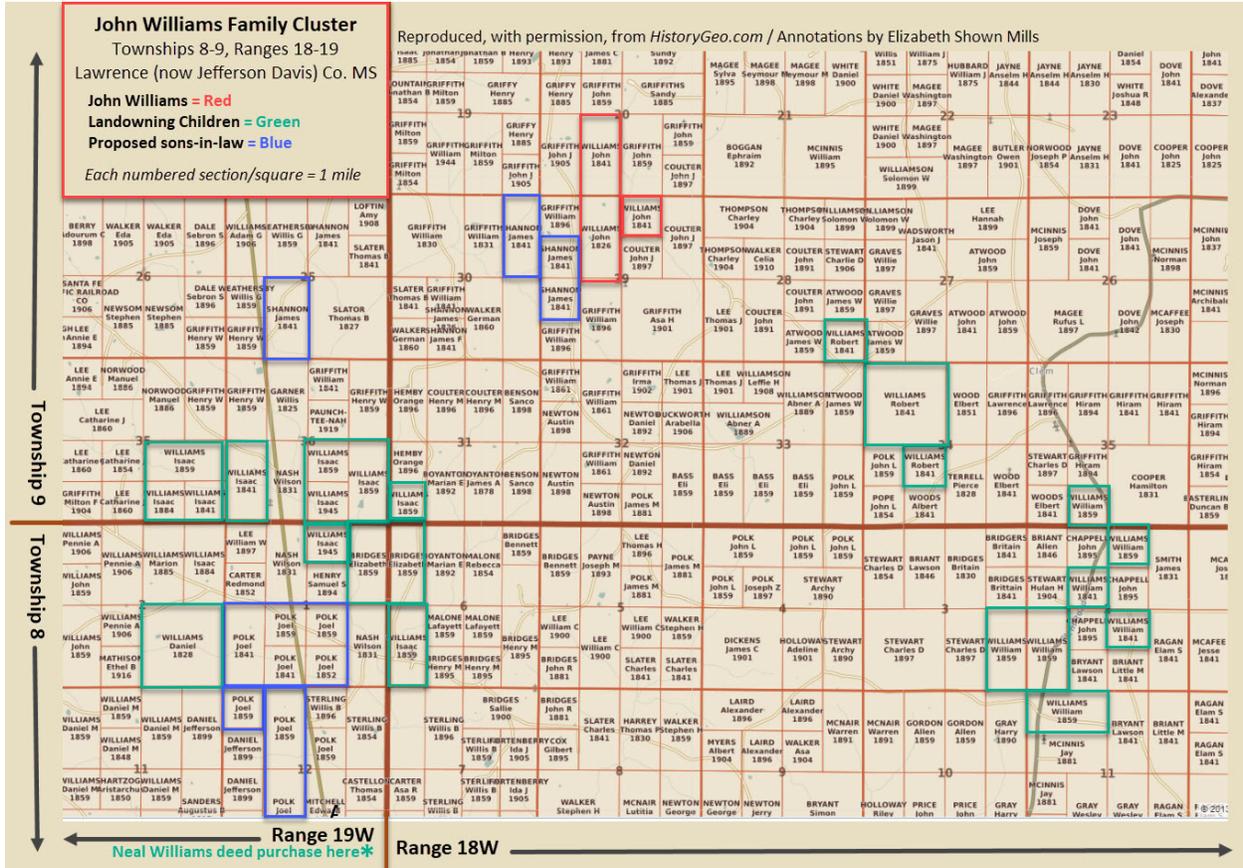
- 1821 **Dina Williams** m. Nicholas Gunnels; 1858: "Jenna," widow of Nicholas G, heir of Dorothea
- 1822 **Bird Williams** took out land in S7 T5N R10E; 1858: guardian ad litem to minors of Dina and Gunnels; 1858 adm. of estate of mother Dorothea; died 1860
- 1823 **Roland Williams** m. Olif/Olive Miller; 1858: named as heir of Dorothea
- 1823 **William Williams** is a justice of the peace; 1858: **William M.** named as son of Dorothea
- 1825 **Benjamin Williams** m. Mary Miller; 1842: Benjamin is dead; 1858: named as son of Dorothea
- 1827 **?Mary Williams** m. Amos Greer
- c1830 **Elizabeth Williams** m. [—?—] Miller; 1858: named as deceased daughter of Dorothea
- 1832 **Savilla Williams** m. Robert Bridges; 1858: named as daughter of Dorothea
- 1839 **William Williams** died. **Bird Williams** was appointed administrator, posting a bond for \$20,000
- 1840 **Parham B. Williams**, next door to **Bird Williams**, apparently living with widowed mother; 1858 named as son of Dorothea; 1860: witnessed will of **Bird Williams**
- 1842 **Lewis H. Williams** named guardian to minor children of Benjamin Williams; 1848 named administrator of estate of Nicholas Gunnels; 1849: with **wife Elizabeth** sold land to **Bird Williams**; 1858: named as son of Dorothea
- 1858 Death of apparent widow **Dorothea**, aged 85; death reported by her **son Bird Williams**

Map 1
Three Williams Clusters in Old Lawrence County⁴



⁴ Snipped from Anthony Finley, *Mississippi* (Philadelphia: Anthony Finley, 1836); imaged, *David Rumsey Map Collection* (<https://www.davidrumsey.com/luna/servlet/detail/RUMSEY~8~1~320866~90090030:28--Mississippi> : 2 October 2021).

Map 2 John Williams Family Cluster – Townships 8–9 North, Ranges 18–19 West



Research Notes

LAWRENCE COUNTY, MS

Geopolitical context

Lawrence County was created 1814 from Marion County, which was created December 1811 from Amite, Wayne, and Franklin Counties. Prior to 1816, this region was part of the Mississippi Territory, which included Alabama.

1812

MARION COUNTY, MS

Tax list

Odum, William	0 land, 2 white polls, \$2.00 tax
Thornhill, William	0 land, 1 white poll, \$1.00 tax

Williams, Nathaniel 0 land, 1 white poll, 1 slave, \$1.75 tax
Williams, James 0 land, 1 white poll, \$1.00 tax⁵

COMMENT:

- This unpaginated roll has no Fishers or Sessums.
- No member of the John Williams cluster from Sampson Co., NC, is in the county.
- The Sampson Co. Grices have not yet arrived.
- Lofton Fairchild is the only one of that surname, which is also rooted in Sampson.
- The additional poll with William Odum should be his brother Shadrack. Jacob Odom is not on the 1813 roll of Marion < Lawrence, nor on any Lawrence roll aside from 1818.
- William Odom would marry 1814 here in Marion County; about 1818–19, he would father the Shadrack Odom whose first wife (m. 1837) is proposed to be a daughter of Neal Williams who married Polly Sessums in 1820.
- William Thornhill was William Odum’s first cousin.⁶

1812—

MARION COUNTY, MS

Marks and brands

Note on cover of volume: “Book ‘A’ —This is Book B of the old lettering. Book A lost or destroyed covering years 1812–1818. Brands in this book copied from the Road Books—thus the early dates! (This was copied from the old cover this Book—May, 1966).”⁷

COMMENT:

- Nothing was found on individuals within this project.
- Following the 1818 marks-and-brands entry, are 1812– road orders, then post-1818 marks and brands, then court records of 1812–13, followed by deeds and bills of sales from c1815 into the 1820s. I skimmed all.

1812–1827

MARION COUNTY, MS

Orphans Court records⁸

COMMENT:

I read the first 180 pages, which covered 1812–20. No items of value.

6 JUNE 1813

MARION COUNTY, MS

Tax list

Semi-alphabetical by first letter of surname⁹

⁵ “Mississippi, State Archives, Various Records, 1820–1951,” database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1919687>) > Browse > Marion > Territorial tax rolls 1812, Box 140 > image 12.

⁶ See Elizabeth Shown Mills, “William Odom (ca.1786–87—aft. 1870) & Wife Jane Johns(t)on (ca.1793–aft. 10 June 1856): Family Summary [and Research Notes], last updated 8 April 2021; archived online at Mills, *Historic Pathways* (<https://www.historicpathways.com/download/WilliamOdomResearchNotes.pdf>).

⁷ Marion Co., MS, “Land Deeds, volume A, years 1821–1823” (*FamilySearch* target label); imaged *FamilySearch* digital film 8135269.

⁸ Marion Co., MS, Orphans Court 1812–1823; imaged, “Mississippi Probate Records, 1781–1930,” *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/2036959>) > Browse > Marion > Orphans’ Court records 1812–1832.

⁹ “Mississippi, State Archives, Various Records, 1820–1951,” database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1919687>) > Browse > Lawrence > Territorial tax rolls 1813, Box 140 > 15 images.

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Odem, William 0 land, 1 white poll, \$.66 2/3 tax

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Sessums, Jacob: No

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Thornhill, William No land, 1 white poll, \$.66 2/3 tax

Williams, Reuben No land, 1 white poll, \$.66 2/3 tax

Williams, Nehemiah No land, 0 white poll, 1 slave, \$.50 tax

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Warren, John 320 acres, 4th class, 2d quality, \$.65 land tax, Pearl River, claimed under U.S. title
0 polls, 5 slaves, \$2.50 tax

Warren, Penelope 230 acres, 4th class, 2d quality, \$.46 tax, Pearl River, claimed under U.S. title
0 polls, 4 slaves, \$2.00 tax

Warren, John Jr. 311 acres, 4th class, 2d quality, \$.62 tax, Pearl River, claimed under U.S. title
1 poll, 2 slaves, \$1.66 2/3 tax

Williams, John 0 land, 1 poll, \$.66 2/3 tax

COMMENT:

- Several LOTT males appear, but no WATTS.
- Matthew Cook, who was married to William Odom's mother (and William Thornhill's mother-in-law), is not found this year; he would first appear in 1814.
- Fishers and Sessums do not appear, although Fairchilds are there.
- Joseph Johnson does not appear

1814

Geopolitical context

Lawrence County was created this year from Marion County.

1 JUNE 1814

Tax list

Semi-alphabetical by first letter of surname.¹⁰

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Cook, Mathew 0 land, 1 white poll, \$.66 2/3 tax

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Odum, William 0 land, 1 white poll, \$.66 2/3 tax

Odum, Richard 0 land, 1 white poll, \$.66 2/3 tax

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Perkins, Reese [land on Pearl River], etc.

Perkins, Samuel

Perkins, James

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Thornhill [no 1st name] 0 land, 1 white poll, \$.66 2/3 tax

¹⁰ "Mississippi, State Archives, Various Records, 1820–1951," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1919687>) > Browse > Lawrence > Territorial tax rolls 1814, Box 140 > 25 images.

Williams, John NO
Williams, Nehemiah 0 land, 0 white poll, 1 slave, \$.50 tax
Williams, Rheubin 0 land, 1 white poll, \$.66 2/3 tax

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Williams, John NO
Warren, John 0 land, 1 slave, 0 white poll, \$1.16 2/3
Warren, John 1339 acres, 4th class, 1st quality, \$.67 land tax, P. River, U.S. title,
2 slaves, 0 white poll, \$1.00 tax

1815

Tax roll

Semi-alphabetical by first letter of surname¹¹

(p. 8)

Williams, John 0 land, 0 slaves, 1 white poll, \$.66 2/3 tax
Williams, James 0 land, 1 white poll, 1 slave, \$1.16 2/3 tax

12 FEBRUARY 1816

Land entry

James Williams NW⁴ S22 T8N R21W 130a @ \$1 = \$130, **12 February 1816**, no. 606 / 10528¹²

1816

Personal tax roll

Semi-alphabetical by first letter of surname. No persons of interest in this project.¹³

COMMENT:

This personal tax roll appears to be incomplete for Lawrence County. Otherwise, the landowning James, who has been there since 1812, should appear.

1817

Tax roll

Semi-alphabetical by first letter of surname.¹⁴

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Brown, William 0 land, 0 poll, 1 slave, \$.50 territorial tax, \$.25 Cty & special tax

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Fisher, Elijah 0 land, 1 white poll, 1 slave, \$1.12½ territorial, \$.56¼ Cty

Sessums, Jacob: No

Williams, John No (nor any Williams by other names)

¹¹ "Mississippi, State Archives, Various Records, 1820–1951," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1919687>) > Browse > Lawrence > Territorial tax rolls 1815, Box 140 > 11 images.

¹² Lawrence Co., "Tract Book Original Entry 1," p. 95; imaged, *FamilySearch* digital film 007849159 > image 259.

¹³ "Mississippi, State Archives, Various Records, 1820–1951," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1919687>) > Browse > Lawrence > Territorial tax rolls 1816, Box 140 > 11 images.

¹⁴ "Mississippi, State Archives, Various Records, 1820–1951," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1919687>) > Browse > Lawrence > Territorial tax rolls 1817, Box 140 > 18 images.

9 DECEMBER [1817?]

Land purchase

Harmon Runnels and Hester his wife (x) of the Town of Monticello, to **David C. Williams** of the same, sale for \$10, Lot 15 in Monticello, on Water and Washington Streets &c. Witnesses: Jno. N. Field, J. Caldwell, J.P. "This indenture mad[e] the ninth day of December in the year one thousand eight hundred and nintee [sic]."

10 December 1817, Harmon Runnels acknowledged deed before J. Caldwell and wife Hester acknowledged her consent. "Recorded December the 23d 1817, Harmon M. Runnels Clk."¹⁵

1818

LAWRENCE COUNTY, MS

State census

COMMENT:

Unalphabetized, unpaginated.¹⁶

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Holly, David	1 wh male	21+		1 total
Holley, James	1 wh male	21+	1 wh female	21+
	1 wh male	-21	1 wh female	-21
				4 total

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Williams, D.C.	1 wh male	21+	1 wh female	21+	5 total
	2 wh males	-21	1 wh female	-21	

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Odom, Jacob	1 wh male	21+	1 wh female	21+	7 total
	1 wh male	-21	3 wh females	-21	

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Williams, Richard	1 wh male	21+		1 total
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Tyler, Moses	1 wh male	21+	1 wh female	21+	8 total
	5 wh males	-21	1 wh female	-21	

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Williams, Wm.	1 wh male	21+	1 wh female	21+	4 total
			2 wh females	-21	

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Williams, Albert	1 wh male	21+	1 wh female	21+	2 total
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4 JANUARY 1819

Land patent

¹⁵ Lawrence Co., Deed Record A, 1815–1826: 65–66; imaged, *FamilySearch* digital film 8134328 > images 36–37.. This volume is a transcript of earlier volumes cited herein as "Book A, D, E." The fact that a prior volume was called "A, D, E" suggests that it also was a transcription of three earlier, smaller books—from a series in which books B and C had been destroyed.

¹⁶ "Mississippi, State Archives, Various Records, 1820–1951," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1919687>) > Browse > Lawrence > State Census Returns, 1818 > 24 images.

William Williams E² SW⁴ S6 T5N R10E 80.80a @ 2.00 per a, 4 January 1819, C.S. 9096
William Williams E² NW⁴ S7 T5N R10E 80a @ \$2 per a, 4 January 1819, C.S. 9095¹⁷

COMMENT:

This William should have been in the county for two or three years before the patent was issued. He would have first selected land, cleared a small part of it and made at least one crop before going to the land office to “enter” the land, making a down-payment under the credit act that existed then. The patent would be issued some months—or even a year or so—after the *final payment* was made.

Subsequent documents prove this William of T5N R10E had adult sons by this time. Those sons do not appear in the 1818 census household of the one William Williams enumerated on that year’s census.

Two months after William bought this land, **Jordan Williams** purchased a nearby tract. In 1821, William enlarged his holdings and in 1822 **Bird Williams** entered land adjacent to William and contiguous to Jordan. Documents abstracted or transcribed subsequently in this report identify Bird as son of William and William’s widow Dorothea.

This family cluster settled the following lands:

William Williams	E ² SW ⁴ S6 T5N R10E 80.80a @ 2.00 per a, 4 January 1819 , C.S. 9096
William Williams	E ² NW ⁴ S7 T5N R10E 80a @ \$2 per a, 4 January 1819 , C.S. 9095
William Williams	W ² SE ⁴ S6 T5N R10E 80.79a @ \$1.25 per a = \$100.99 paid, 31 Oct 1821 , no. 2371
William Williams	E ² SW ⁴ S7 T5N R10E 80.00a, \$1.28 per a = \$100 paid, 1 December 1821 , no. 254
William Williams	NW ⁴ NE ⁴ S7 T5N R10E 40a @ \$1.25 = \$50, 3 Dec 1836, no. 3462
Jordan Williams	E ² NW ⁴ S18 T5N R10E 80a [no values], 17 Feb 1819 (Aug. 20, 1823, credit cert. 548)
Bird Williams	W ² SE S7 T5N R10E 80a @ .12½ = \$10 paid, 13 Feb 1822 , cert. 288
Bird Williams	SW ⁴ NE ⁴ S7 T5N R10E40a 1.25 = \$50, 12 Dec. 1853, no. 8534
Bird Williams	E ² SE ⁴ S7 T5N R10E 80a @ .12½ = \$10, 15 March 1859, no. 14006

19 FEBRUARY 1819

Association

Articles of agreement between Samuel Crawford and Augustus B. Sanders with James Walker. Walker has the privilege of erecting a house on lot owned by Crawford and Sanders in the town of Monticello, adjoining Ragan’s lot and fronting the public square and to have the use of the house for whatever business he may think proper, free of rent so long as he occupies the premises. Walker is not free to trade or part with the house. If he abandons it, it will go to Crawford and Sanders. Witnesses: John Palmer, **D. C. Williams**. Recorded 20 March 1819.¹⁸

COMMENT:

Most of the documents in the first 25 or so pages were created by Crawford, Sanders, Harmon Runnels, and one William Brucy/Bracy—including one sale in which Runnels sold Brucy a town lot for \$2,000. For the next 100 or so pages, most documents were created by the Runnels family.

Before 1825, most deeds are for town lots. Sales of rural land were rare. Other documents

¹⁷ U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, “Search Documents by Type,” *General Land Office Records* (<https://glorerecords.blm.gov/search/default.aspx> : 18 June 2021), query for “Williams,” in the Mississippi counties of Jefferson Davis (formerly Lawrence), Lawrence, and Marion. No entries are recorded for Marion prior to the time Lawrence was created.

¹⁸ Lawrence Co., Deed Record A, 1815–1826: 15–16; imaged, *FamilySearch* digital film 8134328 > images 23–24.

included copies of U.S. land patents, powers of attorney, and deeds of gift for personal property.

10 DECEMBER 1819

[See 9 Dec 1817 above]

Land purchase

Harmon Runnels & Hester his wife (x) of Monticello, Larence Co., sell to **David Carlton Williams** of the same, for \$10, "all those pieces, parcels, or Lots of ground situate lying & being in the Town of Monticello aforesaid known & disegnat[ed] [sic] as" Lot 11, lying on Washington and Marion Street .. &c. Witness: Jno. N. Field, J. Caldwell, J.P.

10 December 1817, Harmon Runnels acknowledged deed before J. Caldwell; wife Hester acknowledged her relinquishment. "Recorded the 23rd of December 1817, Harmon M. Runnels Clk."¹⁹

COMMENT:

On p. 199 (image 105) J. N. Field appears as John Nelson Field. On p. 207 (image 109) he made a deed of gift to "son Joseph W. Field" of the town of Montgomery. Page 378 (image 206) places Joseph W. Field in Montgomery County, Ala.

At p. 217 (image 114), D. H. Hubert makes a deed of gift to his daughter Hester Runnels.

10 DECEMBER 1819

Land purchase

Harmon Runnels and Hester his wife (x) to **David Carleton Williams** for \$10, Lot 74 on Washington and Marion Streets &c. Witnesses: Jno. N. Field, J. Caldwell, J.P.

10 December 1817, Harmon Runnels acknowledged deed before J. Caldwell; wife Hester acknowledged her consent. "Recorded the 23rd of December 1817, Harmon M. Runnels Clk."²⁰

11 JANUARY 1820

LAWRENCE COUNTY, MS

Marriage bond and permission

"Know all men by these presents, that we **Neal Williams** and **John Williams** are held and firmly bound unto George Poindexter Governor of the State aforesaid, and his successors in office in the penal sum of two hundred dollars and for which payment to be maid [sic] we bind ourselves our heirs Executors administrators and assigns forever.

"Given under our hands and seals this the 11th day of January 1820.

"The Condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bound **Neal Williams** doth join in marriage with **Polly Sessoms** provided there shall be no lawfull cause to obstruct the same then above obligation is to be void and of no effect or otherwise to remain in full force and virtue. [Signed] **Neal Williams, John Williams**. Witness: H. M. Runnels clk.

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"Mr. Harmon M. Runnels Sir you will please to grant **Neal Williams** and my Dauter **Polly** lisen[se] to marry. This from under my hand this 11th of January 1820. **Jacob Sessoms**.

"Recorded March 27th 1820. H. M. Runnels clk."²¹

¹⁹ Lawrence Co., Deed Record A, 1815–1826: 66–67; imaged, *FamilySearch* digital film 8134328 > image 37.

²⁰ Lawrence Co., Deed Record A, 1815–1826: 68; imaged, *FamilySearch* digital film 8134328 > image 38.

²¹ Lawrence Co., MS, Marriage Book 1: 33.

State of Mississippi
 Lawrence County & Know all men by these presents
 that we Neal Williams and John Williams are here in
 County Court unto George Pinckney Governor of the state
 aforesaid and his Successors in office in the presence
 of two hundred dollars and for which payment to be
 made we bind ourselves our heirs Executors administra-
 tors and assigns forever
 Given under our hands and seals this the 11th day
 of January 1820
 The condition of the above obligation is such
 that if the above bound Neal Williams doth join
 in marriage with Polly Sessoms provided there shall
 be no lawful cause to obstruct the same then above
 obligation is to be void and of no effect or otherwise to
 remain in full force and virtue
 Witness
 H. M. Runnels etc
 Neal Williams Seal
 John Williams Seal
 Consent
 Mr Harmon M Runnels Sir you will please to grant
 Neal Williams and my Daughter Polly Sessoms license to marry
 this form under my hand this 11th of January 1820
 Bremond March 2nd 1820
 H. M. Runnels etc
 Jacob Sessoms

11-13 JANUARY 1820
LAWRENCE COUNTY, MS
Marriage License and return

“Neal Williams & Polly Sessoms. State of Mississippi. Lawrence County. To any Judge, Minister, or Justice, lawfully authorized to celebrate the rites of Matrimony, You are hereby Licensed to celebrate the rites of Matrimony between **Neal Williams** and **Polly Sessoms**. And for so doing, this shall be your warrant.

“Given under my hand and pri[va]te seal of my Office, there being no County seal this the 11th day of January one thousand eight hundred & twenty. {seal} Harmon M. Runnels Clerk.

“State of Mississippi, Lawrence County. In virtue of a License from the Clerk of the Court of said County, I have this day Joined in the holy State of Matrimony **Neal Williams** & **Polly Sessoms**. Given under my hand this 13th day of January 1820. Samuel C. Alexander J.P.”²²

²² Lawrence Co., MS, Marriage Book 1: 46-47.

Neal Williams & Polly Jefferson.
State of Mississippi, Lawrence County.
To any Judge, Minister, or Justice, lawfully
authorised to celebrate the rites of Matrimony.
You are hereby licensed to celebrate the rites of
Matrimony between Neal Williams and Polly
Jefferson Esqs, for so doing, this shall be your
warrant.
Given under my hand, and pite seal of my

Office, there being no county seat this the 13th
day of January one thousand eight hundred &
twenty ~~one~~ ^{two} Harmon M. Pannel Clerk.
State of Mississippi, Lawrence County.
In virtue of a license from the clerk of this
court of said county, I have this day joined
in the holy state of Matrimony Neal Williams
& Polly Jefferson.
Given under my hand, this 13th day of
January 1820 Samuel C. Alexander C.P.

9 MAY 1820

Land purchase

David H. Deats and wife Jane to **David C. Williams**, all of Lawrence Co., for \$1000, sale of part of Lot 5 on Jefferson Street &c. Witnesses: A. Murchison, E. Lewis. 16 May 1820, Deats acknowledged deed and Jane acknowledged consent before J. Caldwell. J.P. ²³

21 JULY 1820

Association

Eugene Magee sells to Danniell McGahey, both of Lawrence Co., N half of Lot 26 fronting on Jefferson Street, adjoined on N by Lot 5 owned by Mr. Blair. Witnesses: **D. C. Williams**, J. Caldwell.²⁴

²³ Lawrence Co., Deed Record A, 1815–1826: 128–29; imaged, *FamilySearch* digital film 8134328 > images 66–67.

²⁴ Lawrence Co., Deed Record A, 1815–1826: 220; imaged, *FamilySearch* digital film 8134328 > image 116.

7 AUGUST 1820

Census

(p. 65)

Township 9

James Williams	1 wh male	26–44	1 wh female	45+
	3 wh males	10–15	1 wh females	26–44
	2 wh males	0–10	2 wh females	16–25
			2 wh females	0–10

Skip 6

Jesse Williams Sen. [should be **Williamson**]

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Township 9

George Albritten

John Williams	1 wh male	45+		1 wh female	45+	1 slave
	1 wh male	16–25	[Daniel]	2 wh females	10–15	[Cath, Mary]
	1 wh male	16–18	[Daniel]	1 wh female	0–10	[Elizabeth]
	1 wh male	10–15	[William]			
	4 wh males	0–10	[Isaac, Robert, Nathan, Joel]			

COMMENT:

- John Williams’s son Neal, who married in January 1820, is not in this household; he appears to be enumerated in the family of his new in-laws, the Sessums.
- John’s daughter Catherine, who did not marry James Shannon until 1823, was born c1794–95 according to the 1850 census; however, the 1830 and 1840 censuses both date her birth to 1801–10.²⁵
- The 1820 census, by design, double-counts males aged 16–18. That said, the census taker appears to have put Daniel in the 16–18 category erroneously All other censuses place his birth before 1800.

Thos. B. Slater	1 wh male	45+	1 wh female	45+
			1 wh female	26–45
			2 wh females	16–25
			1 wh female	10–15
	3 wh males	0–10	1 wh female	0–10

Township 8

William Bond

Charles Slater

James Bond

William Davis

Adam Tirone

Matthew Simms

Meshack Rogers

Shadrach Rogers

James Tarver

John Fairchilds

²⁵ 1830 U.S. census, Lawrence Co., MS, p. 63, line 5. 1840 U.S. census, Lawrence Co., MS, p. 80, line 8. 1850 U.S. census, Jasper Co., MS, p. 31 verso, dwell. 22, fam. 23.

(p. 69, lines 6–7)

Township 6

Jacob Williams	1 wh male	16–25	1 wh female	16–25
	2 wh male	10–15		
	1 wh male	0–10		

COMMENT:

Nothing further has been found on Jacob in Lawrence Co.

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William Williams	1 wh male	26–44	1 wh female	26–44
	1 wh male	16–18	2 wh females	10–15 [Dina, Mary]
	1 wh male	10–15	1 wh female	0–10
	2 wh males	0–10		

COMMENT:

This William Williams should be the William who entered land in 1819 in Township 5 North, Range 10 East. Also in 1819, one **Jordan** Williams entered land a mile from him; and in 1822 **Bird** Williams (b. c1801–2, according to 1850 census) took out land adjacent to William and contiguous to Jordan. Neither Jordan nor Bird are enumerated as a head-of-household on this census. Buying land in the name of older-teen sons was a common practice in this time and place.

Lewis Williams	1 wh male	26–44	1 wh female	16–25
	2 wh males	16–18	1 wh female	10–15
	1 wh male	10–15		
	1 wh male	0–10		

COMMENT:

Nothing further has been found on Lewis in Lawrence Co.

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Monticello

D. C. Williams	1 wh male	26–44	1 wh female	26–44
	2 wh males	10–15	2 wh females	0–10
	1 wh male	0–10		

COMMENT:

The census implies that D. C. [David Carlton Williams] has a wife and family. However, in 1821 and again in 1822, David C. Williams sold land without a wife’s consent.

Township 5

Martin Williams	1 wh male	26–44	1 wh female	26–44
	2 wh males	10–15	2 wh females	0–10
	1 wh male	0–10		

COMMENT:

Nothing further has been found on Martin in Lawrence Co.

MILLS: Williams and Associates, Lawrence County, Mississippi (2021) updated 30 September 2022

30 AUGUST 1820

Administrator's bond

David C. Williams, with Samuel Jayne as surety, posts bond for \$200 guaranteeing faithful execution of duties as a administrator of the estate of Patrick McCoy, deceased.²⁶

28 JANUARY 1821

Marriage

Nicholas Gunnels and **Dina Williams. Bird Williams**, bondsman. Hayden Tilman, JP. (p. 10, image 11)²⁷

19 JULY 1821

Land sale

David C. Williams of the Town of Monticello to Mathew Hubert, sale of a fraction of Lot 5 for \$1200. Witnesses: J. Caldwell, J. G. Murdock. Acknowledged by Williams [no wife's relinquishment] before J. Caldwell, 23 July 1821. Filed 15 August 1821, recorded 16 November 1821.²⁸

19 JULY 1821

Land sale

[Same transaction as above, recorded again, with occasional differences in wording.]

David Carlton Williams of Lawrence Co. to Mathew Hubert for \$1200, part of Lot 5. Witnesses: J. Caldwell, J. G. Murdock. Acknowledgement by D. C. Williams before J. Caldwell, 23 July 1821. Recorded 16 November 1821, Harmon M. Runnels Clk.²⁹

31 OCTOBER 1821

Tract book entry

William Williams W² SE⁴ S6 T5N R10E 80.79a @ \$1.25 per a., \$100.99 paid

William Williams E² SW⁴ S6 T5N R10E 80.80a @ 2.00 per a

William Williams E² SW⁴ S7 T5N R10E 80.00a, \$1.28 per a., \$100.00 paid³⁰

1 NOVEMBER 1821

Tract book entry

William Williams E² SW⁴ S7 T5N R10E, 80.00a, \$1.28 per a = \$100 paid, **1 December 1821**, no. 254³¹

11 FEBRUARY 1822

Association

James Allen (x) sells to Alfred D. Oliphant, both of Lawrence Co., "two ... Negro slaves: *Sylva*, a female aged about ten years and *Mira*, a female Negro aged about three years." \$450. Witnesses: H. Runnels, **D. C. Williams**.³²

²⁶ Lawrence Co., MS, Chancery Court Cases, Box 8, case 5286; imaged *FamilySearch* digital film 8151932 > images 516–19.

²⁷ Marie Luter Upton, *Marriage Records Lawrence County, Mississippi, 1818–1838* (N.P.: P.p., 1970); imaged "Marriage Records, Lawrence County, Mississippi, 1818–1838," database with images, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/30215/images/dvm_LocHist013838-00003-0 : accessed 2 July 2021). The preface states that Upton made her abstracts from Book 1 (1818–28) and Book 2 (1828–); the Book 2 abstracts end with 1838, although the original volume continues past that year. The original books are not imaged online.

²⁸ Lawrence Co., Deed Record A, 1815–1826: 189–90; imaged, *FamilySearch* digital film 8134328 > image 98.

²⁹ Lawrence Co., Deed Record A, 1815–1826: 190–91; imaged, *FamilySearch* digital film 8134328 > images 98–99.

³⁰ Lawrence Co., "Tract Book Original Entry 1," p.2.

³¹ Lawrence Co., "Tract Book Original Entry 1," p.2; imaged, *FamilySearch* digital film 007849159 > image 166.

³² Lawrence Co., Deed Record A, 1815–1826: 218; imaged, *FamilySearch* digital film 8134328 > image 115.

MILLS: Williams and Associates, Lawrence County, Mississippi (2021) updated 30 September 2022

13 FEBRUARY 1822

Land purchase

Bird Williams W² SE S7 T5N R10E 80a @ .12½ = \$10 paid, **13 Feb 1822**, cert. 288³³

11 JULY 1822

Marriage

James Shannon and **Catherine Williams**. **Daniel Williams**, bondsman. Consent of parents, unnamed. (p. 13, image 14)³⁴

20 JULY 1822

Judicial sale, goods of George A. Pattillo and Thomas Allen, first Monday in May 1822, for \$30.89 which **David C. Williams** had recovered against Pattillo and Allen. Part of lot 26 sold to Thomas W. Burge, who already owned part of the lot, adjoins Daniel McGahee. Witnesses: D. C. Hubert, Matthew Hubert.³⁵

2 SEPTEMBER 1822

Land sale

David C. Williams to A. M. Nathan of New Orleans, for \$4100, sells three lots in Monticello: Lot 15 (except for 30 x 99 feet owned by John N. Field, fronting on public square on Washington Stret) and Lots 11 and 24 adjoining each other. Witnesses: John E. Palmer, Wingate Wing. 2 September 1822, Williams appeared before John A. Street, J.P. to acknowledge the deed. Filed 9 November 1822. Recorded same day.³⁶

21 SEPTEMBER 1822

Association

David C. Williams of Lawrence Co. gives his power of attorney to Jacob J. H. Morris of Perry County, MS. Witnesses: Howel W. Runnels, A. B. Sanders. 21 September 1822, Williams acknowledged the act before Samuel Stamps, J.P.³⁷

COMMENT:

Note below the insanity proceedings against David, launched eleven months late.

27 FEBRUARY 1823

Marriage

Rolan Williams and Olif Miller (Upton p. 28, image 29)

17 MAY 1823

Historical context

William Sparks (x) donates 2 acres to the Deacons of Bethany Baptist Church. Witnesses: H. Fulgham, Joseph Parkman, Wm. Martin, Levi Noble, James C. Bole, J.P. 14 June 1823, Sparks acknowledged the donation before Bole, with no relinquishment by a wife.³⁸

³³ Lawrence Co., "Tract Book Original Entry 1," p.2; imaged, *FamilySearch* digital film 007849159 > image 166.

³⁴ Marie Luter Upton, *Marriage Records Lawrence County, Mississippi, 1818–1838* (N.P.: P.p., 1970); imaged "Marriage Records, Lawrence County, Mississippi, 1818–1838," database with images, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/30215/images/dvm_LocHist013838-00003-0 : accessed 2 July 2021).

³⁵ Lawrence Co., Deed Record A, 1815–1826: 240–41; imaged, *FamilySearch* digital film 8134328 > image 126.

³⁶ Lawrence Co., Deed Record A, 1815–1826: 234–35; imaged, *FamilySearch* digital film 8134328 > image 122.

³⁷ Lawrence Co., Deed Record A, 1815–1826: 236–37; imaged, *FamilySearch* digital film 8134328 > image 124.

³⁸ Lawrence Co., Deed Record A, 1815–1826: 282; imaged, *FamilySearch* digital film 8134328 > image 148.

2 JUNE 1823

Marriage

Henry Tyler and **Keziah Williams**. John Hickman, bondsman. Consent by Moses Tyler and **Ann Williams** (Upton p. 26, image 17)

25 AUGUST 1823

Insanity hearing

"The Jury appointed by the honorable the Court of Probates of Lawrence County to make inquisition relative to the lunacy or non compos mentis of **David C. Williams** a Citizen of the County aforesaid, Declare unequivocally and unanimously their entire conviction that the said David C. Williams is considerably Deranged and that he is incapable of taking care of himself. Monticello, August 25th 1828. Signed: Thos Anderson, William Ray, E. T? Revill, Josiah Hix, A. B. Saunders, H? Burge, Brewster H. Jayne, Baker Larkin, James? P. Rhea, Willliam Beard. [Witnesses: Saml. Jayne, Laughlin McLaughlin."

28 August, Francis Blair, with sureties Samuel Jayne, Chrales Lynch and Brewster Jayne, all of Lawrence, post bond for \$6000 to guarantee Blair's faithful execution of his duties as Guardian of **David Carlton Williams**.

There follows an inventory and other items. Included on the inventory of notes and debts due the estate: **Isaac W. Williams** \$33 ... Albert **Williams**, \$.75. Real estate included Lot in Monticello, land in Fraction 13, T5 R11 "West of the Basis Meridian at St. Stephens," and land on Bayou Lafourche in Assumption Parish, La."³⁹

COMMENT:

This Isaac W. Williams would not be the Isaac born to John and Rhoda, who was still a minor.

18 NOVEMBER 1823

Civic role

Edward Willingham and Isabella More. John F. Mores, bondsman; **Wm. Williams, J.P.** (Upton p. 19, image 20)

6 DECEMBER 1823

State census⁴⁰

(p. 11)

James Williams 2 wh males 21+

COMMENT:

This enumeration is seriously incomplete. It appears to cover only one division of the county.

11 JANUARY 1824

Marriage

John Slaughter and **Matilda Williams**, Robert Slaughter, bondsman.; m. by Luke Butler, Esq. (Upton p. 18, image 19).⁴¹

³⁹ Lawrence Co., MS, Chancery Court Cases, Box 5, case 4141; imaged *FamilySearch* digital film 8151931 > images 1123–1138, especially 1125, 1127. This file is also reimaged at 2185–2200.

⁴⁰ "Mississippi, State Archives, Various Records, 1820–1951," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1919687>) > Browse > Lawrence > State Census Returns, 1823 > image 7.

⁴¹ Marie Luter Upton, *Marriage Records Lawrence County, Mississippi, 1818–1838* (N.P.: P.p., 1970); imaged "Marriage Records, Lawrence County, Mississippi, 1818–1838," database with images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com>)

19 JULY 1824

Land sale

Reuben Collins, Sheriff of Lawrence, by virtue of a writ issued out of Lawrence’s circuit court, issued fourth Monday in March 1824, ordering him “to make of the goods and chattels lands and tenements of Jacob J. H. Morris and **David C. Williams**, late of my County, the Sum of” \$179.48 which Nicholas Gray had recovered “against him,” sells to David R. Hubert for \$65 Lot 17 in Monticello. Witnesses: Alexr. Cohea, Brewster H. Jayne. Filed 27 July 1824, recorded 14 August 1824.⁴²

1824

Census

“An Enumeration of the Births & Deaths & Itinerant persons & of all persons over the age of 70 years in the County of Lawrence for the year 1823 taken in the year 1824.”⁴³

(p. 3)

Williams, James 1 death of white person having a fixed residence

Williams, Daniel 1 birth of white person having a fixed residence [son of John]

(p. 4)

Williams, Jourdan 1 birth of white person having a fixed residence.

COMMENT:

- No entry for Neal Williams.
- I am noting this negative search because the 1824 date for this document helps to identify the undated list of births & deaths that I present in the next document below.

/imageviewer/collections/30215/images/dvm_LocHist013838-00003-0 : accessed 2 July 2021).

⁴² Lawrence Co., Deed Record A, 1815–1826: 390–91; imaged, *FamilySearch* digital film 8134328 > image 178.

⁴³ “Mississippi, State Archives, Various Records, 1820–1951,” database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33SQ-GPWR-JGJ> : accessed 12 May 2021) > Browse > Lawrence > State census returns 1823–1824 > images 4–5.



1825

Deaths

"Births and Deaths, Date Unknown"

Neel Williams: 1 "Deaths of White persons having fixed residence"

Summary:

Number of Births of Whites	154
Number of white deaths:	41
Number of deaths of Itinerant persons	4
Number of persons over 70 years old	24
Number of Black births	57
Number of deaths of blacks	17 ⁴⁴

COMMENT:

This undated census is filmed together with an 1841 state census of Lawrence County. The 1841

⁴⁴ "Mississippi, U.S., State and Territorial Census Collection, 1792-1866," database with images, Ancestry (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/1125/images/v229_2-0374? : accessed 5 July 2021) > images 20, 22.

document is dated. Ancestry has erroneously assumed that its date also applies to the undated census.

The Mississippi State Archives, which holds the originals of both documents, labels this one as “Lawrence (Births and Deaths) Date Unknown.” All other Mississippi rolls that I have seen for registration of births and death are for the 1822–25 period.

Other Williams males included on this list: **James, Thomas.**

Williams males enumerated on censuses of Lawrence between 1820 and 1841:

1820: D.C., Jacob, **James**, Jesse Sr., John, Lewis, Martin, William
1830: Benjamin, Daniel, David, Elisha, James, John, Jordon, William
1840: Byrd, Daniel, Isaac, Jas H, John, P.B., Robert
1841: Daniel, **James**, James Sr., Demser? Jun., Lewis? N?, W. W. Sr.

As a further test of the likelihood of the c1825 date, I randomly chose 16 individuals from the birth and death list, whose names were clearly written.⁴⁵ Then I searched for each of those men in 1820, 1830, and 1840. Results:

- 11 of the 16 were heads of household in 1820
- 8 of the 16 were heads of household in 1830
- Only 4 of the 16 were still heads of household on either the 1840 or 1841 censuses.

Conclusion: the list almost certainly was created in the 1820–30 decade. This undated list is significantly longer than the 1823 list, suggesting that it was created after 1823 (as the county expanded) rather than before 1823. The fact that dated lists exist for 1823 and 1824 also places this at 1825 or so.

The next document below, whose tallies match the undated document above, confirms the 1825 date for the “census of births and deaths” on which Neal Williams reported one death. **However, this “1825” compilation covered births and deaths for the preceding year, 1824.**

1825

Census

“Return of the Census of Lawrence County for the year 1825 together with a return of the births and deaths of 1824.

Births in 1824:	154
Deaths:	41
Person 70+:	24
White males	1367
White females	1646
Taxable inhabitants:	645

“I Samuel Stamps Tax Assessor & Collector of Lawrence County certify the above to be correct return of the Census of Lawrence County with the births and deaths and persons over the age of Seventy as I can ascertain the facts. [Signed: Samuel Stamps T.A. & C.”⁴⁶

⁴⁵ The tested individuals were Abner Armstrong, Simon Burney, Wilson Cooper, Christopher Dyas, Hardy Harrington, Meshack King, Neal McAlpin, Wright Mitchell, Clement Mobley, Clement Mullins, Solomon Murray, Samuel Pepper, H[armon] Runnels, Stephen Sasser, Washington Stanfield, and Reuben White.

⁴⁶ “Mississippi, State Archives, Various Records, 1820–1951,” database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1919687>) > Browse > Lawrence > State census returns 1825 < 3 images, quote from image 3.

1 AUGUST 1825

Land sale

Bird Williams to **William Williams**, sale for \$100, sale of E½ of SW¼ S7 **T5N R10E**, District west of Pearl River, 80 acres. Witnesses: Samuel Stamps, William *Wroton*. Acknowledged by Bird, same day, before Samuel Stamps, J.P. No relinquishment by wife. Filed 1 August 1825, recorded 4 August 1825.⁴⁷

COMMENT:

This document provides an extremely valuable cluster for the Williamses. Consider the following:

- Dina Williams m. Nicholas *Gunnels* 28 January 1821 with Bird Williams as bondsman.
- Benjamin Williams m. Mary *Miller* (Wm. Miller,⁴⁸ bondsman), 29 November 1825
- Roland Williams m. Olif *Miller*, 27 February 1823.
- Mary Williams m. Amos Greer (*Wiley Wroton*, bondsman), 18 November 1827

Benjamin, Bird, Dina, Mary, Roland, and William appear to be a family group.

29 NOVEMBER 1825

Marriage

Benjamin Williams and Mary Miller. William Miller, bondsman. (p. 22, image 23)⁴⁹

11 JANUARY 1826

Land purchase

Reuben Thornhill buys from Fort Alford for \$150, 80 acres, NW½ of SW¼ of S34 T6 R19W. Witnesses: John Parnall, Isaac Stevens P. [*sic*]. Acknowledged by Fort Alford 22 March 1826 before Abel Stringer, J.P. Filed 25 March 1826, recorded 25 April 1826.⁵⁰

13 FEBRUARY 1826

Slave purchase

Samuel Moore of Simpson Co., MS. to **John Williams** of Lawrence Co. for \$100, sale of “a Negro boy named Jack.” Witness: **James Shannon**. Attested 1 January 1827 by **James Shannon** before Joseph Caldwell, Esquire, “acting Justice of the Peace” for Lawrence. Recorded 1 January 1827.⁵¹

COMMENT:

James Shannon married Catherine Williams in 1822 with Daniel Williams as bondsman and consent of unnamed parents.⁵²

3 MARCH 1826

Land purchase

John Williams E½ of NW¼ **S29 T9 R18**, 79.93½a @ \$1.25; purchased **3 March 1826**, **Receipt/certificate 18**, Augusta land office, patented 25 July 1826

⁴⁷ Lawrence Co., Deed Record A: 393–94; imaged, *FamilySearch* digital film 8134328 > image 228.

⁴⁸ William Miller on 6 March 1820 bought 160 acres from Cranshaw Parkman, SE¼ S10 **T5 RN9** 160 acres. On 4 Dec. 1828 he sold it to his son William Miller Jr. with **Bird Williams** and **William Williams** as witnesses; see Lawrence Co., Deed Record B, 1826–1830: 110–13; imaged, *FamilySearch* digital film 8134328 > images 317–319.

⁴⁹ Marie Luter Upton, *Marriage Records Lawrence County, Mississippi, 1818–1838* (N.P.: P.p., 1970); imaged “Marriage Records, Lawrence County, Mississippi, 1818–1838,” database with images, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/30215/images/dvm_LocHist013838-00003-0 : accessed 2 July 2021).

⁵⁰ Lawrence Co., Deed Record B, 1826–1830: 16–17; imaged *FamilySearch* digital film 8134328 > images 270–71.

⁵¹ Lawrence Co., Deed Record B, 1826–1830: 22–23; imaged *FamilySearch* digital film 8134328 > images 273–74.

⁵² Lawrence Co., MS, Marriage Book 1, p. 109.

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James Shannon E½ SE¼ **S30** T9 R18, 74.3¾a @ \$1.25 = \$92.55; purchased **3 March 1826**, *Receipt/certificate 19*; patented 25 July 1826⁵³

COMMENT:

John Williams and James Shannon (new husband of Catherine Williams) went to the land office at Augusta on the same day; standing in line together and creating consecutive entries, they bought land about a half-mile apart. There is no doubt but that Catherine (whose bondsman was Daniel Williams) was John's daughter.

13 JUNE 1826

Donation

Mary Carter (x) does "give and bequeath" to "my Grand Child **Nancy Stricklin** "five hed [sic] of cattle consisting of two cows and calves and one heifer & feather bed and stead and furniture, one mare ... after my death to be in the right and title of the said Nancy Stricklin her heirs and assigns." Witnesses: R. A. Hargis, Mary Stricklin (hir mark). Acknowledged by Mary Carter and Mary Stricklin 14 June 1826 before R. A. Hargis J.P. Filed 2 August 1826, recorded 14 November 1826."⁵⁴

25 JULY 1826

Land patents

John Williams

E½ NW¼ S29 T9N R18W, **25 July 1826**, Acc. No. MS0050_.016

E½ SW¼ S20 T9N R18W, 5 January 1841, Acc. No. MS0720_.357

NW¼ NE¼ S29 T9N R18W, 5 January 1841, Acc. No. MS0720_.358⁵⁵

3 FEBRUARY 1827

Slave purchase

William Davis of Covington County to **John Williams** of Lawrence Co., sale of "a Negro Girl named Nancy" for \$370. Witness: **Isaac Williams**. 3 February 1827, William Davis appeared before **James Shannon J.P.** to acknowledge the bill of sale. No date of filing or recording.⁵⁶

COMMENT:

No known document specifically states the identity of Isaac Williams' father, born c1808–9. However, Isaac entered land in the John Williams cluster about two miles from John and a mile from Daniel. When John Williams' widowed daughter Elizabeth Bridges took out land after John's death, she bought land less than a mile from Isaac and Daniel (and about three miles from the parental homestead). In 1863, Isaac reported the death of his "brother Daniel Williams" and requested administration of the estate.

11 FEBRUARY 1828

Land patent

Daniel Williams, ass[ignee]

of William Bond SE¼ S2 T8N R19W St. Stephens, **11 February 1828**, Accession No. CV-0127-001

⁵³ "United States Bureau of Land Management ... Tract Books, 1800–c.1955," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-99W3-14PT : 2 February 2022>) > Mississippi > Vol M7 > image 112 (original page 106).

⁵⁴ Lawrence Co., Deed Record B, 1826–1830: 12; imaged, *FamilySearch* digital film 8134328 > image 268.

⁵⁵ U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, "Search Documents by Type," *General Land Office Records* (<https://gloreCORDS.blm.gov/search/default.aspx> : 18 June 2021), query for "Williams," in the Mississippi counties of Jefferson Davis (formerly Lawrence), Lawrence, and Marion. No entries are recorded for Marion prior to the time Lawrence was created.

⁵⁶ Lawrence Co., Deed Record B, 1826–1830: 24; imaged, *FamilySearch* digital film 8134328 > image 274.

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Daniel Williams, ass.

of Stephen Hall E½ SE¼ S2 T8N R19W, 2 October 1854, Acc. No. MW-0818-438⁵⁷

Daniel Williams

SE¼ S2 T8 R19, 159.75a @ \$2 = \$319.50, entered by William Bond 25 February 1819, patented **11 February 1828** by Daniel Williams⁵⁸

18 NOVEMBER 1827

Marriage

Amos Greer and **Mary Williams**. Wiley Wroten, bondsman. James Hall JP. (Upton, p. 26, image 27).

29 NOVEMBER 1827

Association

Marriage entry. James Grayham and Ruth Miller. **Benjamin Williams**, bondsman. (Upton p. 27, image 28)

22 DECEMBER 1828

Association

Marriage entry. Blount Lewis and Rebecca Brister. **David Williams**, bondsman (Upton p. 28, image 29)

5 JANUARY 1829

Land sale

Reuben Thornhill (x) of Marion Co., Miss. to Mathew Stephens of Lawrence Co., sale for \$200 cash, W½ of SW¼ S34 T6 R19W. Witness: John Tomlinson, J.P. 27 February 1829, Thornhill acknowledged the deed before Tomlinson. No wife's participation. Filed 27 March 1829, recorded 13 April 1829.⁵⁹

23 APRIL 1829

Association

Marriage entry. Martin King and Mahalla Sowels, **David Williams**, bondsman. Consent by James King, father; and Green Sowels, father. (Upton p. 28, image 29).

13 JUNE 1829

Judicial sale

A writ of execution issued from the Circuit Court on first Monday in April 1829 ordered sale of goods belonging to **Charles Y. Kimball** to satisfy a judgment of \$5,000 which **Henry Williams** obtained against him for "nonperformance of a certain promise" plus damages. Sheriff Augustus B. Sanders, at auction, sold for \$505 to Henry Williams the W¼ of S18 T6 R19, St. Stephens District, containing 160 acres.⁶⁰

5 JANUARY 1830

Land sale

Daniel Tyler to **Abslem Tyler**, sale for \$200, SW¼ S28 T6 R9W, Washington Land District, 160 acres.

⁵⁷ U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, "Search Documents by Type," *General Land Office Records* (<https://glorerecords.blm.gov/search/default.aspx> : 18 June 2021), query for "Williams," in the Mississippi counties of Jefferson Davis (formerly Lawrence), Lawrence, and Marion.

⁵⁸ "United States Bureau of Land Management ... Tract Books, 1800–c.1955," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QS7-L9W3-14CT> : 2 February 2022) > Mississippi > Vol M7 > image 148 (original page 141).

⁵⁹ Lawrence Co., Deed Record B, 1826–1830: 132–33; imaged, *FamilySearch* digital film 8134328 > images 328–29.

⁶⁰ Lawrence Co., Deed Record B, 1826–1830: 162–63; imaged, *FamilySearch* digital film 8134328 > images 343–44.

Witnesses: Samuel Stamps, Daniel Sistrunk, Charles W. Harris. 5 January 1830 acknowledged by Daniel before Samuel Stamps. No wife's participation. Filed 5 January 1830. Recorded 6 January 1830.⁶¹

JUNE 1830

Census

[Semi-alphabetical]

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Grayor [Greer], Amos	1 wh male	50–60	1 wh female	40–50
	1 wh male	15–20	1 wh female	5–10

COMMENT:

Amos Greer married **Mary Williams** in Lawrence Co. in 1827, with Wiley Wroten as bondsman.

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Shannon, James	1 wh male	40–50	1 wh female	20–30
	1 wh male	5–10	1 wh female	0–5

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Whitehead, Wilson W.

Williams, John	1 wh male	70–80 [John]	1 wh female	40–50	[Rhoda]
	1 wh male	20–30 [Robert]	1 wh female	15–20	[Elizaeth]
	2 wh males	15–20 [Isaac, Nathan]			
	1 wh male	10–15 [Joel]			
	1 sl male	10–24	1 sl female	24–36	10 total
	1 slave male	0–10			

COMMENT:

John's sons Neal and William are already married.

- Neal is enumerated in adjacent Simpson County, next door to his in-laws Jacob Sessums and Jesse Courtney.
- William, whose wife is unknown, is enumerated in Covington County, next door to Britton Bridges whose children married William's brother Robert and sister Elizabeth.

Britton Bridges 1 male 40–50, 1 female 40–50, 2 males 15–20, 1 male 10–15, 2 males 5–10, 1 female 5–10

William Williams 1 male 20–30, 1 female 20–30, 1 male 10–15, 1 female 0–5

The extra male in William's household would seem to be Robert, whose first child by Brittain Bridges' daughter was born about 1829–30 according to 1850–60 censuses.

Williams, William	1 wh male	60–70	1 wh male	50–60
	2 wh males	15–20	1 wh female	15–20
	2 wh males	10–15		

COMMENT:

This would be the William Williams who owned land in T5N R10W; a justice of the peace in 1823.

⁶¹ Lawrence Co., Deed Record B, 1826–1830: 170–71; imaged, *FamilySearch* digital film 8134328 > images 347–48.

⁶² 1830 U.S. census, Lawrence Co., MS, p. 54, line 1.

⁶³ 1830 U.S. census, Lawrence Co., MS, p. 63, line 5.

⁶⁴ 1830 U.S. census, Lawrence Co., MS, p. 67, all lines.

Whitehead, Bryant T.

Williams, Jordan	1 wh male	30–40	1 wh female	30–40	[6 slaves]
	2 wh males	5–10	2 wh female	15–20	
	1 wh male	0–5			

Ward, Newel

White, Reuben

Wadkins, William

Weldon, William P.

Whitworth, B. W.

Wair, Peyton

Williams, Benjamin	1 wh male	30–40	1 wh female	20–30
	3 wh males	0–5		

Williams, David	1 wh male	40–50	1 wh female	30–40
	1 wh male	0–5	2 wh females	5–10
			2 wh females	0–5

Smith [*sic*], Josiah

Wilson, Benjamin

Wiley, John T.

Weems, John

Ward, Frederick

White, Wiley

Watson, James

Wilkinson, Nathan

Williams, Daniel	1 wh male	30–40	1 wh female	20–30
	2 wh males	0–5	1 wh female	5–10
			1 wh female	0–5

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White, Federick

Warner, Nathan

Warner, James

Whitehead, Edmund

Whitworth H.B.

Wilson, Josiah

Williams James	1 wh male	50–60	1 wh female	40–50
	2 wh males	20–30	1 wh female	20–30
	2 wh males	15–20	1 wh female	10–15
	1 wh male	10–15	1 wh female	0–5
	1 wh male	5–10		
	1 wh male	0–10		

COMMENT:

- The older female in James’s household in 1820 is no longer there. Note the 1824 death of one member of James’s household.
- Also missing from the family since 1820: 2 females b. 1794–1804 and 1 female b. 1810–20.

⁶⁵ 1830 U.S. census, Lawrence Co., MS, p. 68, all lines.

- Keziah Williams, who married Henry Tyler in 1823 with permission of “Ann” Williams ostensibly a widowed mother), would be a likely candidate for one of the missing young females.

Walker, Laban
Winborn, Andrew
Wetherly, Isam
Walker, William
Winborn, Jesse
White, William
Westfall, Samuel
Wallace, John
Walker, William M.
Speights [*sic*], Asa
Monroe, Charles
Steward Simpson

Williams, Elisha	1 wh male	30–40	1 wh female	40–50
	1 wh male	20–30	3 wh females	0–5
	1 wh male	15–20		
	1 wh male	5–10		

7 JULY 1830

Land sale

Wiley Wroten to Erbin Green, both of Lawrence, sale for \$100 E½ of SE¼ S36 T6 R9E, Washington Land District. Witnesses: **Bird Williams, William Bridges**. Acknowledged same day before **Jordan Williams, J.P.** Filed 4 October 1830, recorded 18 October 1830.⁶⁶

COMMENT:

Jordan Williams should be added to the Bird Williams cluster.

17 NOVEMBER 1830

Land sale

James **Miller** to Robert McLeod, both of Lawrence Co., sale for \$125 W½ of SW¼ S31 T6 R10E, 79.80 acres. Witnesses: **Wiatt Williams, Nicholas Gunnel** (his mark). 19 November 1830, James Miller acknowledged the document before J. Caldwell, J.P. Filed 7 December 1830. Recorded 16 December 1830 “in Book B, pages 203 & 204.”⁶⁷

COMMENT:

- The appearance of Wiatt Williams with Miller and Gunnel, both in-laws of Bird Williams, places Wiatt into that family cluster.
- The Clerk’s notation that he had recorded this in “Book B, pages 203 & 204,” while writing in Book B at pp. 203–4, speaks to the earlier questions about the destruction of the original volumes. The earliest deeds in this volume were said to have been recorded in “Book A-D-E,” suggesting that earlier books B & C had been destroyed and the surviving volumes were being recopied into a new Volume A. The sequel to Volume A is the present Volume B. The destruction, therefore, should have occurred before the current Book B began.

⁶⁶ Lawrence Co., Deed Record B, 1826–1830: 197–98; imaged, *FamilySearch* digital film 8134328 > image 361.

⁶⁷ Lawrence Co., Deed Record B, 1826–1830: 203–4; imaged, *FamilySearch* digital film 8134328 > image 364.

19 FEBRUARY 1831

Deed acknowledgment

“**David Williams** Personally appeared before me the undersigned Justice of the peace for said county and acknowledged that he duly signed, sealed, and delivered the within deed of conveyance to the party therein named & for the purposes therein expressed. Also on the same day personally appeared before me **Eliza Jane** wife of the said David Williams who being first examined privately and apart from her said husband acknowledged that she voluntarily signed sealed and delivered the within deed of conveyance & thereby relinquished her rights of dower in the same without any compulsion on the part of her said husband.

Given under my hand and seal this 19th day of February A. D. 1831. J. Caldwell J.P.” Filed 2 August 1831. Recorded 11 August 1831.⁶⁸

COMMENT:

No deed from Williams to anyone was recorded at this point. Not before or after this. Caldwell’s wording is also a bit “off.” Typically, the acknowledgment paragraph identifies not only the seller but also the purchaser.

The only David Williams who has appeared prior to this in the county is the David C. Williams who left the county, giving a power of attorney to a friend, after which his town lot in Monticello was sold at auction in a suit against him and the man who held his power of attorney.

12 JULY 1831

Tax roll

“A list of the taxable property in the County of Lawrence, with the state tax due thereon for the year 1831.”⁶⁹

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Fisher, Southy	320a 4 th class, 3d quality, \$200, Silver Creek, 1 white poll, 1 slave 5–60, \$1.80 tax
Fountain, Seth	80a 4 th class, 3d quality, 480, Green Creek, 1 poll, 0 slaves, \$.57 ½
Gill, Rhuben & Uriah:	(Bogue Chitto)
Gill, Robert	(White Sand)

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Gill, Lewis	(Silver Creek)
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Hartzog, James & Andr. (Green’s Creek)

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Mikell, James	(Silver Creek)
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Polk, William	(White Sand, no taxable land, 1 white poll)
Parkman, Littleton	(White Sand)
Polk, Loid	(Green’s Creek, 80 a etc.)

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Shannon, James	0 land, White Sand , 1 white poll, 2 slaves 5–60, \$1.62 ½
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Slater, Charles	480a, 4 th class, 3d quality, \$480, White Sand, 0 white poll, 9 slaves 5–60, \$6.82 ½
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⁶⁸ Lawrence Co., Deed Record B, 1826–1830: 240; imaged, *FamilySearch* digital film 8134328 > image 381.

⁶⁹ “Mississippi, State Archives, Various Records, 1820–1951,” database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1919687>) > Browse > Lawrence > County tax rolls 1831–1846, Box 3697 > images 2–21.

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Tyler, Henry 80a, 4th class, 3d quality, \$80, **Topesaw** [now **Topisaw**], 1 white poll, \$.57 ½

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Tyler, Absolom 150a, 4th class, 3d quality, \$160, **Topesaw**, 1 white poll, \$.77 ½

[skip 13]

Williams, Daniel 160a, 4th class, 3d quality, \$160, **White Sand**, 1 white poll, \$.77 ½

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Williams, David 160a, 4th class, 3d quality, \$160, Falls Creek, 1 white poll, 2 slaves 5–60, \$2.02 ½
Wilkinson, Nathan (Topesaw)

Williams, Benjamin 0 land, **Topesaw**, 1 white poll, 0 slaves, \$.37 ½

Watkins, William (Fair River)

Williams, Elijah 160a, 4th class, 2d quality, \$320, Fair River, 1 white poll, 2 slaves 5–60, \$2.42 ½

Westfall, Zachariah (Crooked Creek)

Williams, John 0 land, **White Sand**, 0 poll, 3 slaves 5–60, \$1.87 ½

Williams, Isaac 0 land, **White Sand**, 1 poll, 0 slaves, \$.37 ½

Williams, William 240a, 4th class, 3d quality, \$240, **Topesaw**, 0 poll, 3 slaves 5–60, \$2.47 ½

Williams, Benjamin 0 land, **Topesaw**, 1 poll, 0 slaves. \$.37 ½

Williams, Bird 160a, 4th class, 3d quality, \$160, **Topesaw**, 1 white poll, 1 slave 5–60, \$1.40

Williams, Jourdan 80a, 4th class, 3d quality, 80, **Topesaw**, 1 white poll, 1 slave 5–6-. \$1.20

COMMENT:

Note the division of these William's into two groups: one at Topesaw and the other at White Sand. Note also that Henry Tyler, who married Keziah Williams, also was a landowner on Topesaw.

James Williams was not found on this roll, although he was enumerated a few months earlier on the 1830 census.

22 NOVEMBER 1831

Land purchase

John Bostick and Elizabeth Bostick his wife sell to **Luke Williams** 79.87½ acres being E½ of S¼ of S7 T8 R20W. No witnesses. Acknowledged 3 December 1831 before Richard A. Hargis J.P. Filed 12 January 1832. Recorded 29 March 1832.⁷⁰

COMMENT:

- This land does not lie within either of the two Williams clusters defined up to this point—i.e., John Williams at White Sand (T 8–9, R18–19) or William Williams on Topesaw (T5 R10).
- This land lies about five miles NE of James Williams who, in 1812, took out the NW¼ of S22 T8 R21.

4 JANUARY 1832

Association

William Miller sells to Abraham Sellers, both of Lawrence, for \$125, SE¼ S10 T5 R9W, containing about 70 acres, “being that part of the said quarter lying West of the Creek running north and South and north

⁷⁰ Lawrence Co., Deed Record B, 1826–1830: 264; imaged, *FamilySearch* digital film 8134328 > image 394.

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of a branch running East and West through said tract of land.” Witnesses: **Bird Williams**, William Hall. Acknowledged by Miller and relinquished by wife Jane, same day, before **Jordan Williams**, J.P. Filed 16 January 1832. Recorded 30 March 1832.⁷¹

1 MARCH 1832

Marriage

Robert Bridges and **Savilla Williams. Bird Williams**, bondsman. (Upton p. 32, image 33)

COMMENT:

I have found no interaction between this Robert Bridges and the Brittain and Jeremiah Bridges who intermarried with John Williams’s family. Nor have I seen anything to place Savilla into the John Williams family.

27 AUGUST 1832

Probate inventory

Estate of **D. C. Williams**, Saml Jayne Admr.⁷²

COMMENT:

I am not extracting all data from this file. I am reading each document for details that might (a) assist with the recreation of the Williamses of Townships 8–9, Ranges 18–19W; (b) identify the kinships within the other two Williams clusters of Lawrence.

These “loose papers” from chancery files represent probate suits, divorces, and other actions. They are in no discernible order. Date wise, for example, the box labeled “1848–1857” had some cases that began in the 1830s and some that began in the 1860s. Numerically, they are jumbled and many case files are fragmented into different sections of the film or on different rolls. Many case numbers and box numbers fall radically outside of the label on the film. Nor are the case numbers in alpha sequence although there are some “clusters” in which a series of cases all begin with the same letter of the alphabet.

Given that there are 61 rolls of film, most with more than 3,000 images, to read every document would take months. My methodology for mining them has been to

- Skim the thumbnails for the image of the divider card that has been placed between cases.
- Open the image for the divider card to identify the deceased.
- If the deceased was a Williams, I read the file.
- If the deceased was someone I’ve identified from census, land, and tax records as a neighbor of a Williams, then I read the file.

15 OCTOBER 1832

Judicial sale

John Burney, sheriff of Lawrence, by order of the Superior Court of Chancery held for the Eastern District of the State in the town of Monticello on 22 August 1832, in the case of Samuel Jayne Administrator of **D. C. Williams dec’d** vs. Matthew Hubert, has foreclosed on property of the deceased and sold the property to satisfy the judgment of \$1511.26. Lot No. 4 in town of Monticello sold to Samuel Jayne for \$110, being the highest bidder. Title is now conveyed. Witnesses: Samuel Hunter, Benjamin Wilson.

⁷¹ Lawrence Co., Deed Record B, 1826–1830: 265–66; imaged, *FamilySearch* digital film 8134328 > images 395.

⁷² Lawrence Co., MS, Chancery Court Cases, Box 2, case 5056, mislabeled as “Willums”; imaged *FamilySearch* digital film 8632820 > images 553–58.

Filed 19 October 1832. Recorded 19 December 1832.⁷³

24 OCTOBER 1832

Association

John Nowlin (x) to William Furch, both of Lawrence Co., sale for \$108 “in hand paid,” SW¼ S10 T5 R9, containing the E side of the creek running north and south through said tract of land and south of a branch east and west,” 90 acres. Witnesses: Aaron Noland, John Rutland. Acknowledged by John and relinquished by wife Mary (x) Nowland, 24 October 1832 before **Jordon Williams J.P.** Filed 5 November 1832, recorded 19 December 1832. NOTE in different handwriting: “Transcribed to Lincoln Records.”⁷⁴

26 AUGUST 1833

Tax roll

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“I certify that [this roll] contains a correct assessment return of the taxable property in the County of Lawrence for the fiscal year commencing on the first Monday in March 1833 and ending the first Monday in March 1834, with the amount of State Tax due thereon. This 26 Day of August 1833.”⁷⁵

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Fisher, Suthy [*sic*] 320a, 4th class, 3d quality, \$320, Silver Creek, 1 white poll, 3 slaves, \$3.05

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Slater, Charles Senr. (White Sand)

Slater, Samuel (White Sand)

Slater, Charles Junr. (White Sand)

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Shannon, James 74a, 4th class, 2d quality, \$148, White Sand, 1 white poll, 3 slaves, \$2.62

Stricklin, Martin (Silver Cr)

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Slater, Thomas B. (Silver Creek)

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Tyler, Absalum (Topesaw) & Daniel (Fair River), but Henry is gone.

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White, Reuben

Williams, John 80a, 4th class, 2d quality, \$160, **White Sand**, 0 white poll, 5 slaves, \$3.52 ½

Williams, Isaac 0 land, **White Sand**, 1 white poll, \$.37 ½

Williams, Daniel 160a, 4th class, 2d quality, \$320, **White Sand**, 1 white poll, 0 slaves, 1.17 ½

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Williams, Elisha 160a, 4th class, 2 quality, R320, Fare River, 1 white poll, \$1.17 ½

[*skip 9*]

Williams, William 80a, 4th class, 2d quality, \$160, **Topasaw**

160a, 4th class, 3d quality, \$160, **Topasaw** [no poll, no slaves, no tax]

Williams, Bird 160a, 4th class, 2d quality, \$320, **Topesaw**, 1 white poll, 1 slave, \$1.80

⁷³ Lawrence Co., Deed Record B, 1826–1830: 295–97; imaged, *FamilySearch* digital film 8134328 > images 410–11.

⁷⁴ Lawrence Co., Deed Record B, 1826–1830: 297–98; imaged, *FamilySearch* digital film 8134328 > image 411.

⁷⁵ “Mississippi, State Archives, Various Records, 1820–1951,” database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1919687>) > Browse > Lawrence > County tax rolls 1831–1846, Box 3697 > images 24–43.

Williams, Jourdan 80a, 4th class, 2d quality, \$160, **Topasaw**, 1 white poll, 1 slave, \$1.40

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Williams, James 160a, 4th class, 2d quality, \$320, Crooked Cr., 0 white poll, 0 slave, \$.80

Williams, Walter 0 land, Crooked Cr., 1 white poll, 0 slave, \$.57 ½

Williams, Luke 80a, 4th class, 3d quality, \$80, Crooked Creek, 1 white poll, 0 slave, \$.57 ½

Williams, Hiram 0 land, Crooked Creek, 1 white poll, 0 slaves, \$.37 ½

COMMENT:

I'm not reading but not extracting Polk and Bridges tax data before the point that John Williams's proposed son-in-law Joel Polk and proved son-in-law Jeremiah Bridges come on the rolls in their own names.

28 NOVEMBER 1833

Land purchase

James Moore to **Jordan Williams**, both of Lawrence Co., sale for \$150, E½ of NW¼ S18 T5 R10E, district west of Pearl River, containing 80 acres. Witness: J. Caldwell. Jordan Williams acknowledged the deed and **wife Mary** relinquished her dower before J. Caldwell on 28 November 1833. No dates for filing or recording.⁷⁶

21 DECEMBER 1833

Land purchase

John Williams NW¼ SW¼ S29 T9 R18, 79.94a @ \$1.25 = \$99.92; purchased 21 December 1833, Receipt/certificate 567, Augusta land office, patented 5 January 1841⁷⁷

23 JANUARY 1834

Land purchase

Levi Noble to **Joel Polk**, both of Lawrence, sale for \$550 cash in hand, two tracts in St. Stephens land district,

- E½ of SW¼ S1 T8 R19W
- E½ NW¼ S1 T8 R19W

Signed Levi Noble, Jane Noble. Witnesses: **James Shannon, Daniel Williams**. Same day: Levi acknowledged his deed and Jane relinquished her rights before James Shannon, M.B.P.L.C.⁷⁸

COMMENT:

See the second deed of this day, below, by which Noble sold adjacent land to Isaac Williams.

23 JANUARY 1834

Land purchase

Levi Noble and Jane his wife to **Isaac Williams**, both of Lawrence, for \$400: E½ of SW¼ S36 T9 R19W in the district of lands formerly offered for sale at St. Stephens. Witnessed: James Shannon, M.B.P.L.C.

⁷⁶ Lawrence Co., Deed Record B, 1826–1830: 359–60; imaged, *FamilySearch* digital film 8134328 > image 443.

⁷⁷ "United States Bureau of Land Management ... Tract Books, 1800–c.1955," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-L9W3-14CT : 2 February 2022>) > Mississippi > Vol M7 > image 112 (original page 106).

⁷⁸ Lawrence Co., Deed Book C: 213–14; imaged *FamilySearch* digital film 008134328 > images 649–50.

[Member, Board of Police, Lawrence County] and **Daniel Williams**.⁷⁹

COMMENT:

- The fact that Isaac Williams and Joel Polk bought adjacent tracts, the same day, from the same seller, with Daniel Williams as witness to both deeds reinforces the local tradition that Joel Polk's wife was another daughter of John Williams (i.e., sister to Isaac and Daniel).
- Daniel's own land in S2 lay adjacent to the S14 land that Neal Williams would purchase in 1835.

AUGUST 1834

Tax roll

"A List of taxable property in the County of Lawrence with the State Tax due thereon for the year 1834."⁸⁰

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Fisher, Suthy 320a, 4th class, 3d quality, 4320, Silver Creek, 0 white poll, 0 slaves, \$.80

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Consecutive entries:

Slater, Charles Junr. (White Sand)

Slater, Charles Senior (White Sand)

Shannon, James 74a, 4th class, 2d quality, \$148, **White Sand**, 1 white poll, 0 slaves 5–60, \$3.24 ½

Slater, Thomas B. (White Sand)

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Williams, James 160a, 4th class, 2d quality, \$320, Crooked Cr., 0 white poll, 0 slaves, \$.80

Williams, Elisha 160a, 4th class, 2d quality, \$320, Fair River, 1 white poll, 0 slaves, \$1.37 ½

80a, 4th class, 3d quality, \$80, Fair River

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Williams, Daniel 160a, 4th class,, 2d quality, \$320, **White Sand**, 1 white poll, 0 slaves, \$1.17 ½

Williams, Isaac 0 land, **White Sand**, 1 white poll, 0 slaves, \$.37 ½

Williams, John 80a, 4th class, 2d quality, \$160, **White Sand**, 0 white polls, 5 slaves 5–60, \$3.52 ½

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Williams, William 80a, 4th class, 2d quality, \$160, Topasaw, 0 white poll, 4 slaves 5–60, \$3.30

160a, 4th class, 3d quality, \$160, Topasaw

Williams, Bird 160a, 4th class, 2d quality, \$320, Topasaw, 1 white poll, 1 slave 5–60, \$4.17 ½

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Williams, Luke 80a, 4th class, 3d quality, \$80, Crooked Creek, 1 white poll, 0 slaves, \$.57 ½

Williams, Walter 0 land, Crooked Creek, 1 white poll, 0 slaves, \$.37 ½

14 JULY 1835

Association

William Griffith and wife Mary Ann to **Thomas B. Slater**, for \$100, sale of 10 acres from NW¼ S30 T9

⁷⁹ Lawrence Co., Deed Book C: 215–16; imaged *FamilySearch* digital film 008134328 > images 650–51.

⁸⁰ "Mississippi, State Archives, Various Records, 1820–1951," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1919687>) > Browse > Lawrence > County tax rolls 1831–1846, Box 3697 > images 47–67.

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R18W [metes and bounds given]. Witnesses: **John Williams, James Shannon.** William Griffith acknowledged the deed and Mary Ann relinquished her dower rights, same day, before James Shannon, President of the Board of County Police.⁸¹

20 JULY 1835

Association

Thomas B. **Slater** and wife Hester to **James Shanon**, all of Lawrence, sale for \$1050 the following tracts in Lawrence Co.:

- SE¼ S25 T9 R19W
- Part of NW¼ of S30 T9 R18W [metes and bounds given, on **White Sand Creek**]
- SE¼ of NE¼ S25 T9 R19W
- NW¼ SW¼ S30 T9 R18W

Witnesses: **John Williams**, William Griffeth. Acknowledged by Slater and relinquished by Hester on 9 January 1836 before Carder Mitchell J.P.⁸²

17 JULY 1835

Land purchase

Joel Polk SE¼ SW¼ **S1** T8 R19, 40.18a @ \$1.25 = \$50.22, purchased 17 July 1835, Receipt/certificate 1732 Augusta land office, patented 5 January 1841⁸³

2 AUGUST 1835

Marriage

Joel Williams and Laura McLemore, **Nathan Williams**, bondsman. Consent by Joseph Peters for dau. (Upton p. 37, image 38)

AUGUST 1835

Tax roll⁸⁴

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Fisher, Southey: No

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Polk, Joel 160a, 4th class, 2d quality, \$320, **White Sand**, 1 white poll, 1 slave 5–60, \$1.80

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Shannon, James 74a, 4th class, 2d quality \$148, **White Sand**, 0 white poll, 5 slaves 5–60, \$3.49 ½

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Williams, William 80a, 4th class, 2d quality, \$160, Topasaw, 0 white poll, 4 slaves 5–60, \$3.30
160a, 4th class, 3d quality, \$100

⁸¹ Lawrence Co., Deed Record C, 1830–1840: 37–38; imaged, *FamilySearch* digital film 8134328 > images 557–58.

⁸² Lawrence Co., Deed Record C, 1830–1840: 35–36; imaged, *FamilySearch* digital film 8134328 > images 556–57.

⁸³ “United States Bureau of Land Management ... Tract Books, 1800–c.1955,” database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QS7-L9W3-14CT : 2 February 2022>) > Mississippi > Vol M7 > image 148 (original page 141).

⁸⁴ “Mississippi, State Archives, Various Records, 1820–1951,” database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1919687>) > Browse > Lawrence > County tax rolls 1831–1846, Box 3697 > images 68–108.

Williams, Bird [skip 9]	160a, 4 th class, 2d quality, \$320, Topasaw, 1 white poll, 2 slaves 5–60, \$2.42 ½
Williams, John	80a, 4 th class, 2d quality, \$160, White Sand , 0 white poll, 5 slaves 5–60, \$3.52 ½
Williams, Isaac	80a, 4 th class, 2d quality, \$160, White Sand , 0 white poll, 0 slaves, \$.40
Williams, Daniel [skip 10]	160a, 4 th class, 2d quality, \$320, White Sand , 1 white poll, 0 slaves \$1.17 1/2
Williams, Luke	0 land, Crooked Creek, 1 white poll, 0 slaves, \$.37 ½
Williams, Walter S.	0 land, Crooked Creek, 1 white poll, 0 slaves, \$.37 ½
Williams, Hiram	0 land, Crooked Creek, 1 white poll, 0 slaves, \$.37 ½
Williams, James [skip 4]	160a, 4 th class, 2d quality, \$320, Crooked Creek, 0 white poll, 0 slaves, \$.80
(p. 19) [skip 6]	
Williams, Elisha	160a, 4 th class, 2d quality, \$320, Fair River, \$1250 merchandise sold, 1 white poll, 0 slaves, \$4.50 80 acres. 4 th class, 3d quality, \$80, Fair River
[skip 8]	
Williams, Nathan	0 land, White Sand , 1 white poll, 0 slaves, \$.37 ½
Williams, Joel	0 land, White Sand , 1 white poll, 0 slaves, \$.37 ½

COMMENT:

- Nathan and Joel have just come onto the rolls as a poll; they both would have been born by 1814.
- Note that Neal Williams is not taxed on the 1835 roll as a resident of Lawrence, although he would buy land in September of this year.

9 SEPTEMBER 1835

Allen Sterlings of Lawrence County sells to “**Neil**” **Williams** for \$300, 80 acres, being **E½ NE¼ S13 T8 R19W**, sold to Stallings at the St. Stephens, Alabama, Land Office. Witnesses: **Joel Polk**, W. B. Sterling. Same day: Sterlings acknowledged his deed and Lydia relinquished her rights therein, before James Shannon, Pres. B. C. P.⁸⁵

COMMENT:

This document was recorded consecutively with the two documents witnessed by John Williams, both of which also involved James Shannon. The above document also involves Joel Polk, who apparently wed Mary Williams.

Unlike Neal’s brothers (Daniel, Robert, Isaac, William, Joel, and Nathan) and brothers-in-law (Polk and Shannon), **Neal does not appear as a witness to anyone else’s document during the three years that he owned land in Lawrence Co.** (only one year of which he was taxed).

Neal’s land lay about two miles S of Isaac Williams and about two miles SE of Daniel Williams.

17 SEPTEMBER 1835

Marriage

Jeremiah Bridges and **Betsy Williams**, **Nathan Williams**, bondsman; consent by **John Williams** for dau.

⁸⁵ Lawrence Co., Deed Record C, 1836–1840: 38–39; imaged, *FamilySearch* digital film 8134328 > image 558.

Elizabeth (Upton p. 37, image 38)

21 SEPTEMBER 1835

Guardianship bond

Elisha Williams, with Joseph Cooper as surety, signs \$400 bond as court-appointed guardian of “Elijah Williams, Sophrona Williams, Martha, Rolina Margaret.”⁸⁶

COMMENT:

The tax rolls place this Elisha on Fair River, a part of Lawrence that was cut off to create Lincoln Co.

3 OCTOBER 1835

Land purchase

Robert Williams SE¼ SE¼ **S28 T9 R18**, 40.03 @ \$1.25, entered 3 Oct 1835, Augusta land office, no. **2285**, patented 5 January 1841; penciled notation: “Withdrawn, NW ¼ SW ¼ off Doc. 3611878”⁸⁷

3 OCTOBER 1835

Land purchase

Joel Polk W½ SW¼ **S1 T8 R19**, 80.37a @ \$1.25 = \$100.46, entered 3 October 1835, receipt/certificate **2286**, Augusta land office, patented 5 January 1841.⁸⁸

9 OCTOBER 1835

Association

“We Thomas Barley and **John Williams** of the County of Lawrence ... are held and firmly bound unto H. G. Runnels Esquire Governor of said State and his successors in office in the penal sum of Five hundred dollars for the true payment of which we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, and administrators, firmly by these presents, witness our hands and seals this 9th day of October, 1835.

The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the above bound Thomas Barley has been duly elected by the qualified voters of the county of Lawrence a Constable for the **Fair River district**. Now if the said Thomas Barley shall well and truly execute and due return make of all process and precepts to him lawfully directed, and pay and satisfy all sums of money by him received by virtue of any such process or precepts to the person or persons to whom the same are due, and in all other things shall truly and faithfully execute and perform the said office of Constable as aforesaid, during the term of his continuance therein, then the above obligation to be void, otherwise to be and remain in full force and virtue, given under our hands and seals the day and year within written. [Signed] Thomas Barley, **John Williams**.”⁸⁹

COMMENT:

⁸⁶ Lawrence Co., MS, Chancery Court Cases, Box 4, case 5113, Guardianship Bond by Elisha Williams; imaged *FamilySearch* digital film 8151931 > image 452.

⁸⁷ “United States Bureau of Land Management ... Tract Books, 1800–c.1955,” database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-L9W3-14CT : 2 February 2022>) > Mississippi > Vol M7 > image 111 (original page 105).

⁸⁸ “United States Bureau of Land Management ... Tract Books, 1800–c.1955,” database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-L9W3-14CT : 2 February 2022>) > Mississippi > Vol M7 > image 148 (original page 141).

⁸⁹ Lawrence Co., Deed Record B, 1826–1830: 494; imaged, *FamilySearch* digital film 8134328 > image 510.

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This John Williams of the Fair River district should not be John of White Sand. Note below, under 2 April 1836, that Barley purchased land in T6 R9E, over 50 miles from John of White Sand.

11 NOVEMBER 1835

Land purchase

Robert Williams NW¼ **S24 T9 R18**, 40a @ \$1.25 = \$50, purchased 11 November 1835, receipt/certificate 2525, Augusta land office; patented 5 January 1841.⁹⁰

20 NOVEMBER 1835

Land purchase

William Williams NW¼ SE¼ **S2 T8N R18W** 40.35a @ \$1.25 = \$50.43, purchased 20 November 1835, Receipt/certificate 2584, Augusta land office, patented 5 January 1841⁹¹

Isaac Williams SE ¼ SE ¼ **S35 T9 R19**, 39.96a @ \$1.25 = \$49.95, purchased 20 November 1835, Receipt/Certificate no. 2582, Augusta Land Office, patented 5 January 1841⁹²

2 APRIL 1836

Association

C. W. Garner to **Thomas Barley**, both of Lawrence Co., sale for \$175, E½ of ¼ of NE 1/4 of S1 T6 R9E, 79.11 acres. Witness: J. Caldwell. Acknowledged by Barley before Caldwell, J.P. on 4 February 1837.⁹³

17 APRIL 1836

Land sale

Daniel Williams (s) to **William Williams**, both of Lawrence, in consideration of \$326 paid by William Williams, Daniel gives conditional title (mortgage) to SE¼ S2 T8 R19, containing 159.75 acres. Witnesses: A. Stewart and Charles Stewart. No date: Daniel appeared before J. S. Collins, J.P. to acknowledge the deed. No wife's participation. Cross-written over the first page of the deed is: "The Within deed is satisfied this **23d October 1854, William Williams.**"⁹⁴

6 AUGUST 1836

Land purchase

John Martin to **Britian Bridges**, both of Lawrence Co., sale for \$930, two tracts in Lawrence county:

- SW¼ S11 T7 R19W 159.60 acres "with the exception of two acres for the benefit of **Bethany Church**"
- NE¼ of SE¼ S10 T7 Range 19W, 40 acres.

Witnesses: Frances A. Martin, **William Williams**. Signed: John Martin, Zany Martin. 5 June 1837: Francis A. Martin swore that he saw John Martin sign the document and that William Williams was also a subscribing witness, before Arch^d Anderson, J.P.⁹⁵

⁹⁰ "United States Bureau of Land Management ... Tract Books, 1800–c.1955," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-L9W3-14CT> : 2 February 2022) > Mississippi > Vol M7 > image 112 (original page 106).

⁹¹ "United States Bureau of Land Management ... Tract Books, 1800–c.1955," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-L9W3-14CT> : 2 February 2022) > Mississippi > Vol M7 > image 96 (original page 90).

⁹² "United States Bureau of Land Management ... Tract Books, 1800–c.1955," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-L9W3-14CT> : 2 February 2022) > Mississippi > Vol M7 > image 166 (original page 157).

⁹³ Lawrence Co., Deed Book C: 117; imaged *FamilySearch* digital film 008134328 > image 601.

⁹⁴ Lawrence Co., Deed Book C: 66–67; imaged *FamilySearch* digital film 008134328 > image 573.

⁹⁵ Lawrence Co., Deed Book C: 182; imaged *FamilySearch* digital film 008134328 > image 634.

6 AUGUST 1836

Land purchase

John Martin to **Robert Williams**, both of Lawrence Co., sale for \$900, NW¼ of S14 T7 R19W, 159.80 acres. Witnesses: Francis A. Martin, **William Williams**. Proved 5 June 1837 by oath of witness Francis A. Martin before Arch^d Anderson, J.P.⁹⁶

COMMENT:

Robert Williams was the son-in-law of Brittain Bridges. The presence of William Williams, as witness to both deeds, suggests that he was a member of Robert's birth family. The 1830 census places William next door to Brittain Bridges in adjacent Covington County. William served as administrator of the estate of John Williams in 1852.

21 SEPTEMBER 1836

Tax roll⁹⁷

("P" section, unpaginated)

Polk, Joel 80a 4th class, 2d class, \$240, **White Sand**, 1 white poll, 1 slave, \$1.60
80a 4th class, 3d quality

("S" section)

Shannon, James 243a, 4th class, 2d quality, \$486, **White Sand**, 0 white poll, 5 slaves, \$4.34

("W" section)

Williams, Lewis 240a, 4th class, 2 quality, \$480, Green's Creek, 0 white poll, 0 slaves, \$1.20

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Williams, William 80a, 4th class, 2d quality, \$320, Tapasaw, 0 white poll, 4 slaves, \$3.20
160a, 4th class, 3d quality

Williams, Bird 160A, 2d quality, \$320, Tapasaw, 1 white poll, 3 slaves, \$3.05

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Williams, Hiram 0 land, Crooked Creek, 1 white poll, 0 slaves, \$.37 ½

Williams, James 159a, 3d quality, \$159, Crooked Creek, 0 white poll, 0 slaves, \$.39¾

[skip 5]

Williams, John 80a, 2d quality, \$160, **White Sand**, 0 white poll, 5 slaves, \$3.52 ½

Williams, Joel 0 land, **White Sand**, 1 white poll, 0 slaves, \$.37½

Williams, Nathan 0 land, **White Sand**, 1 white poll, 1 slave, \$.37½

Williams, Isaac 80 a, 2d class, \$160, **White Sand**, 1 white poll, 0 slaves, \$.77½

Williams, Nathan? 80 a, 2d class, \$160, **White Sand**, 1 white poll, 0 slaves, \$.77½

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Williams, Daniel 160a, 2d class, \$320, **White Sand**, 1 white poll, 0 slaves, \$1.17½

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Williams, Elisha 160a, 2d class, \$400, Fair River, \$2250 merchandise sold, 1 white poll, \$7
80a, 3d class

COMMENT:

Again, Neal Williams is not taxed in Lawrence, even though he bought a tract of land in Lawrence

⁹⁶ Lawrence Co., Deed Book C: 183; imaged *FamilySearch* digital film 008134328 > image 634.

⁹⁷ "Mississippi, State Archives, Various Records, 1820–1951," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1919687>) > Browse > Lawrence > County tax rolls 1831–1846, Box 3697 > images 109–135, particularly 125 (Polk), 129 (Shannon), 131–33 (Williams)

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the previous September. If he lived in another county, then he could pay his tax for the Lawrence land in his county of residence and the other county would transfer the sum to Lawrence. Or, the person to whom he leased his Lawrence land might be charged with the tax, if the lease agreement specified that.

17 OCTOBER 1836

Land sale

James Williams and wife **Margaret** to William L. Smith, both of Lawrence, sale for \$1420.50, NW¼ of S26 T8 R21, containing 186 acres; also NW¼ of S23 T8 R21W, containing 40 acres; also NW¼ of S25 T8 R21 W 159.525 acres. Witnesses: C. Mitchell and **John M. Williams**. Acknowledged and relinquished 17 October 1836 by James and Margaret. before C. Mitchell, J.P.⁹⁸

COMMENT:

This land lies about 10–12 miles from the John-Isaac-William-Robert-Neal Williams cluster. This John M. Williams was perhaps the John Williams who served as surety in 1835 for Thomas Barley.

21 OCTOBER 1836

Land purchase

William Williams SE¼ NW¼ **S2 T8 R18**, 40.35a @ \$1.25 = \$50.43, purchased 21 October 1836, Receipt/certificate 5280, Augusta land office, patented 5 January 1841⁹⁹

24 NOVEMBER 1836

Land purchase

John Williams E½ SW¼ **S20 T9N R18W**, purchased **24 November 1836**, no. 5577; no land office or patent date; penciled notation “Withdrawn N½ NE, NW NE, W½ SW off Doc. 3011010”
NW¼ NE¼ **S29 T9 R18** 39.97a @ \$1.25 = \$49.96, purchased **24 November 1836**, Receipt/certificate 5578 [no land office or patent data]¹⁰⁰

27 FEBRUARY 1837

Marriage

Charles Sexon and **Lany Williams**, Benjamin Buckley, bondman (Upton p. 40, image 41)

22 JUNE 1837

Land sale

Elisha Williams and wife **Patsy** sold E½ of NW¼ S30 T7 R10 East to James Sells, with James Price and Henry Maxwell as witnesses, with acknowledgements the same day by both Elisha and Patsy before Jesse Maxwell, J.P.¹⁰¹

⁹⁸ Lawrence Co., Deed Book C: 85–86; imaged *FamilySearch* digital film 008134328 > images 582–83.

⁹⁹ “United States Bureau of Land Management ... Tract Books, 1800–c.1955,” database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-L9W3-14CT> : 2 February 2022) > Mississippi > Vol M7 > image 96 (original page 90).

¹⁰⁰ “United States Bureau of Land Management ... Tract Books, 1800–c.1955,” database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-L9W3-14CT> : 2 February 2022) > Mississippi > Vol M7 > image 109 (original page 103).

¹⁰¹ Lawrence Co., Deed Book D: 153; imaged *FamilySearch* digital film 008201845 > image 98.

COMMENT:

This land lay 50 or so miles from the John Williams cluster at White Sand.

26 OCTOBER 1837

Land sale

Robert Williams (x) and wife **Clarissa Williams** (x) to Brittain Bridges, both of Lawrence, sale for \$900, the NW¼ of S14 T7 R19W, containing 159.80 acres. Witnesses: Joseph Parkman Senr. (x) and Joseph B. Parkman. Acknowledged by **Robert Williams** and his wife **Clarissa Williams** 18 November 1837 before Fort Alford, J.P.¹⁰²

COMMENT:

This land in S14, which Robert sold above to his father-in-law, lay adjacent to Neal Williams' land in S13 and contiguous to Daniel Williams in S2.

1837–1839

Note of hand

Estate of Thomas B. **Slater**, William Weathersby, guardian.

“**Daniel Williams** Dr. to J. B. Slater for the year 1837

June 26th – 1 bushel of corn \$2.00

July 22 – 2 bushels of corn, \$4.00

August 4th – 2 bushels of corn, \$4.00 & lumber \$.95

“For the year 1839” [carryover] \$10.95

July 1st – 1 bushel an[d] half of corn \$1.50

12 – 1 bushel an half of corn \$1.50

August 12 – 1 bushel an half of corn \$1.50

18 – half bushel of corn \$.50

5.00

10.95

15.95¹⁰³

COMMENT:

See also 10 February 1841 (for *non compos mentis* proceedings against Slater and several subsequent documents relating to Weathersby's guardianship of Slater's estate.

Other documents from the merged Thomas B. Slater / William Weathersby files (in addition to those cited in this set of research notes) are imaged on *FamilySearch* digital film 8632805 > images 1115–1155.

Other files relating to Thomas B.'s estate and his minors Levasta and Robert appears on FHL 8632816 > images 46–65 and 8632831 > images 1575–1593.

10 SEPTEMBER 1838

Tax roll

COMMENT:

¹⁰² Lawrence Co., Deed Book C: 218–19; imaged *FamilySearch* digital film 008134328 > image 652.

¹⁰³ Lawrence Co., MS, Chancery Court Cases, Box 3, case 5071, Estate of William Weathersby, **includes documents for Weathersley's guardianship of Thomas B. Slater**; imaged *FamilySearch* digital film 8632820 > images 1170–1446, with Slater documents beginning at 1228. For Williamses mentioned therein, see specifically images 1246 (list of debtors), 1301–4 (estate sale), 1325–27 (inventory), 1331 (undated list naming Shannon), 1343–46 (29 August 1843 list).

Two separate lists appear in this folder. The first is certified 27 November 1838. The second is certified 10 September 1838. They include the same individuals and same categories, but sometimes with different data.

I am placing the September roll before the November roll to maintain chronological order in these notes.¹⁰⁴

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Polk, Joel 80a, 2d class, \$160, W.S. [**White Sand**]
801, 3d class, \$80

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Shannon, James NO

(p. 22)

Williams, William 80a, 2d class, \$160, T.S. [Topisaw], \$300 merchandise sold, 0 white poll, 4 black polls, \$4.05
160a, 3d class, \$160

Williams, Bird 160a, 2d class, \$320, T.S., 1 white poll, 3 black polls, \$3.05

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Williams, Elisha 80a, 3d quality, \$80, F.R. [Fair River], \$5125 merchandise sold, 1 white poll, 2 black polls, \$14.63 $\frac{3}{4}$

COMMENT:

This is the last tax roll on which I found Elisha. An undated chancery case has one image, being only an empty envelope, citing “Elisha Williams Guadian [Guardian], Elijah Williams et al.”¹⁰⁵

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Williams, Robert 120a, 1st class, \$360, **W.S.** [White Sand], 1 white poll, 3 black polls, \$3.15

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Williams, Cornelius 80a, 2d class, \$160, **W.S.**, 1 white poll, 0 black polls, \$.77 $\frac{1}{2}$

Williams, Daniel 160a, 2d class, \$320, **W.S.**, 1 white poll, 0 black polls, \$1.17 $\frac{1}{2}$

Williams, Isaac 80a, 2d class, \$160, **W.S.**, 1 white poll, 0 black polls, \$.77 $\frac{1}{2}$

Williams, John 80a, 2d class, \$160, **W.S.**, “40 cents,” 0 white poll, 5 black polls, \$3.12 $\frac{1}{2}$

Williams, Nathan 0 land, W.S., 1 white poll, 2 black polls, \$1.62 $\frac{1}{2}$

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COMMENT:

This is the only document I have found for Neal, in any locale, that calls him “Cornelius.” This year 1838 is the only year in which he is taxed in Lawrence County. Considering that he did not use it even when he took out federal land or when he bought and sold these 80 acres, the accuracy of this one-off occasion is questionable. It may well represent an assumption or a

¹⁰⁴ “Mississippi, State Archives, Various Records, 1820–1951,” database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1919687>) > Browse > Lawrence > County tax rolls 1831–1846, Box 3697 > images 185–209.

¹⁰⁵ Lawrence Co., MS, Chancery Court Cases, Box 4, case 5113 “William” [*sic*]; imaged *FamilySearch* digital film 8632820 > images 1892–93.

copying error by the county assessor who, odds are, did not know Neal, considering how rarely Neal appeared in the county. Even when Neal bought his land, he did not go to the county courthouse; instead, he went to his brother-in-law who was the community justice at White Sand.

27 NOVEMBER 1838

Tax roll¹⁰⁶

("P" section)

Polk, Joel 80a, 2d quality, \$160, **W.S. [White Sand]**, 1 white poll, 0 black polls, \$.97 ½
80a, 3d quality, \$80, "

("S" section)

Shannon, James 243a, 2d quality, \$486, **S.C. [Silver Creek]**, 0 white polls, 7 black polls, \$5.57

("W" section)

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Williams, William 80a 2d quality, \$160, T.S. [Topisaw], 0 white poll, 4 black polls, \$3.30 ½
160a, 3d quality, \$160

Williams, Bird 160a, 2d quality, \$320, T.S., 1 white poll, 4 black polls, \$3.67 ½

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Williams, John 80a, 2d quality, \$160, **W.S. [White Sand]**, 0 white polls, 5 black polls, \$3.52 ½

Cade Weatherly

Williams, Nathan 0 land, **W.S.**, 1 white poll, 2 black polls, \$1.62 ½

Williams, Robert 0 land, **W.S.**, 1 white poll, 4 black polls, \$2.87 ½

Williams, Isaac 80 acres, 2d quality, \$160, **W.S.**, 1 white poll, 0 black polls, \$.77 ½

Williams, Daniel 160a, 2d quality, \$320, **W.S.**, 1 white poll, 0 black polls, \$1.17 1/2

Williams, Neal 80 acres, 2d quality, \$160, **W.S.**, 1 white poll, 0 black polls, \$.77

7 DECEMBER 1838

Land sale

Neal Williams of Lawrence County to **Robert Williams** (place not stated), sale for \$300, 80 acres described as E½ NE¼ S13 T8 R19W, "land formerly sold at St. Stephens, Alabama." Signed **Neal Williams, Mary Williams**. Witness: Isaiah Mobley. Acknowledged 7 December 1838 by Neal Williams before William Harrison, JP, who attested the appearance and relinquishment of Mary Williams. Filed 28 January 1847. Recorded 17 Sept. 1847.¹⁰⁷

COMMENT:

On 3 May 1844, Robert Williams (s) and wife Clarissa Williams (s) sold this land to William Malone for \$300. Witness: E. M. J. Stringer. Acknowledged by Robert before Stringer, J.P. on 8th June 1844. Stringer attested the appearance of "Clarissa Williams, the lawful wife" before him and her relinquishment on 8 June 1844.¹⁰⁸

The association between Neal and Robert (and the fact that Neal chose land in the neighborhood of Isaac and Daniel) supports the placement of Neal as a son of the John Williams

¹⁰⁶ "Mississippi, State Archives, Various Records, 1820–1951," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1919687>) > Browse > Lawrence > County tax rolls 1831–1846, Box 3697 > images 136–82 (Assessment 1), particularly 162 (Polk), 166 (Shannon), 172–73 (Williams).

¹⁰⁷ Lawrence Co., Deed Book D: 536–37; imaged *FamilySearch* digital film 8201845 > image 304.

¹⁰⁸ Lawrence Co., MS, Deed Book G: 186–87; imaged, *FamilySearch* digital film 8134329 > image 599.

who was Neal's surety for his marriage bond.

18 MARCH 1839

Land sale

"Whereas on the 18th day of March 1839 in the Circuit Court of Lawrence County, William Weathersby by the Judgment of said Court, recovered against **Daniel Williams** and **William Williams**" a judgment for \$376.76 damages and \$33.25 costs, Judge A. G. Brown on 9 March 1843 issued a warrant to levy on the property of Daniel and William, who have posted bond for the delivery of the property, with **Joel Polk** security. On 29 May 1843, William Weathersby, being the highest and last bidder, paid \$50 for land described as SE¼ S2 T8 R19W. Attested 10 June 1843 by Solomon Sutton Sheriff. On 24 May 1845, Weathersby, for the sum of \$66 paid by **William Williams** of **Covington County**, conveys to William all his right, title, claim and interest into the land.¹⁰⁹

22 APRIL 1839

Probate court order

"Ordered by the Court that **Bird Williams** be appointed Administrator of the estate of **William Williams** deceased who came into Court was qualified as the law directs and entered into bond on the sum of **Twenty thousand dollars** with Joseph Neylands and A. Smith as his securities."

"Ordered by the Court that a warrant issue to William N. Sandeford, John Rutland, and James Moore to appraise the personal estate &c of **William Williams** deceased."

Bond of **Bird Williams**, with Joseph Neylands and "A. Smith" as his sureties.¹¹⁰

9 SEPTEMBER 1839

Tax roll¹¹¹

("B" section, unpaginated)

Bridges, H. H.	(Pearl River)
Bridges, P. Q.	(Pearl River)
Bridges, B. R.	(Pearl River)
Bridges, H. F.	(Pearl River)
Bridges, Nancy	(Pearl River)
Bridges, Briton	275a, 2d quality, \$556, W.S. [White Sand] , 0 white poll, 3 black polls, \$3.26 ½
Bridges, Boswell	0 land, \$118 loaned at interest, \$.29 ½

COMMENT:

There is still no Jeremiah Bridges being taxed, even though Elizabeth Williams supposedly has been married to "Jeremiah" for several years.

("P" section)

Polk, Joel	80a 2d quality, \$160, W.S. , 1 white poll, 1 black poll, \$1.40
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("S" section)

Shannon, James	307a, 2d quality, \$614, W.S. , 7 black polls, \$5.91
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¹⁰⁹ Lawrence Co., Deed Book D: 354–55; imaged *FamilySearch* digital film 8201845 > image 211.

¹¹⁰ Lawrence Co., "Minutes, Probate Court B, 1836–1840," pp. 102–3; imaged *FamilySearch* digital film 5831893 > image 73.

¹¹¹ "Mississippi, State Archives, Various Records, 1820–1951," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1919687>) > Browse > Lawrence > County tax rolls 1831–1846, Box 3697 > images 210–55, particularly 236 (Polk), 241 (Shannon), 248–49 (Williams).

("W" Section)

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Williams, John 95a, 2d quality, \$190, **S.C. [Silver Creek]**, 0 white poll, 5 black polls, \$3.60

Williams Nathan 0 land, S.C., 1 white poll, 2 black polls, \$1.62½

Williams, Isaac 80a, 2d quality, \$160, **W.S.**, 1 white poll, 1 black polo, \$1.40

Williams, Daniel 160a, 3d quality, \$160, 1 white poll, \$.77½

White, Wylie

Williams, Robert 80a, 3d quality, \$80, 1 white poll, 4 black polls, \$3.07½

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Williams, Bird 160a, 2d quality, \$320, T.S. (Topisaw), 1 white poll, 4 black polls, \$3.67½

Williams, William Est. 80a, 2d quality, \$160, T.S., 0 white polls, 7 black polls, \$5.17¼

160a, 3d quality, \$160

Williams, Hampton 0 land, T.S., 1 white poll, 0 black polls, \$.37½

Certified 9 September 1839

COMMENT:

- Neal Williams has left the county.
- Tax rolls variously cite John's land and that of James Shannon as White Sand and Silver Creek, suggesting that the land lay between the two.

28 OCTOBER 1839

Probate court order

"Ordered that the administrator of the estate of **William Williams decd** be authorized to sell part of the personal estate of said deceased."¹¹²

23 DECEMBER 1839

Probate court order

"Ordered that the sale account of part of the personal property of **William Williams decd.** be received and admitted to record."¹¹³

1 JUNE 1840

Census

Entries are semi-alphabetical by first letter of surname. However, pages are not in their original sequence. For example, the "W" pages are separated and the page that runs from T to W is followed by a page of P entries, followed by a page of C entries, etc.¹¹⁴

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Williams, Byrd	1 wh male	40–49	1 wh female	20–19	[10 slaves]
	1 wh male	5–9	2 wh females	5–9	
	1 wh male	0–4			

Williams, P. B.			1 wh female	60–69	[8 slaves]
	1 wh male	20–29	1 wh female	20–29	
			1 wh female	5–9	

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¹¹² Lawrence Co., "Minutes, Probate Court B, 1836–1840," p. 112; imaged *FamilySearch* digital film 005831893 > image 78.

¹¹³ Lawrence Co., "Minutes, Probate Court B, 1836–1840," p. 115; imaged *FamilySearch* digital film 005831893 > image 79.

¹¹⁴ 1840 U.S. census, Lawrence Co., MS, pp. 72–73, 76, 80.

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Polk, Joel	1 wh male	40–49	1 wh female	30–39	1 f sl	24–35
	1 wh male	10–14	3 wh females	10–14	2 f sl	0–10
	3 wh male	0–5	3 wh females	5–9		

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Williams, Jas. H.	1 wh male	30–39	1 wh female	20–29		
	1 wh male	5–9	2 wh females	0–5	[1 sl]	
	1 wh male	0–4				

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Williams, John	1 wh male	70–79	1 wh female	50–59	1 m sl	24–35	1 f sl	36–54
	1 wh male	20–29 [Nathan]			2 m sl	10–23	4 f sl	16–23
					3 m sl	0–9		

COMMENT:

If the age of John’s wife is given correctly, then she was 14–15, at most, when Neal Williams was born, raising a question as to whether the much-older John had a prior wife.

Williams, Daniel	1 wh male	40–49	1 wh female	40–49
	2 wh males	10–14	1 wh female	15–19
	2 wh males	5–9	1 wh female	10–14
			1 wh female	5–9

Williams, Isaac	1 wh male	30–39	1 wh female	20–29	1 f sl	24–35
	1 wh male	5–10	2 wh females	0–5	2 f sl	0–9

Williams, Robert	1 wh male	30–39	1 wh female	30–39	2 f sl	36–54
	1 wh male	5–9	2 wh females	5–9	1 m sl	10–23
			2 wh females	0–4	1 m sl	0–9

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Shannon, James	1 wh male	50–59	1 wh female	30–39	1 m sl	24–35	2 f sl	36–54
	1 wh male	15–19	1 wh female	15–19	1 m sl	10–23	4 f sl	10–23
					3 m sl	0–9		

22 JUNE 1840

Probate court order

“Ordered that a Citation issue to the heirs of **Wiliam Williams decd.** to be and appear at the next August term of this Court to shew cause if any they can why the administrator of said decd should not make titles to **Parham B. Williams** to certain tracts of land of which said deceased died seized.”¹¹⁵

22 AUGUST 1840

Association

Will of Reuben White. Estate to be held together until youngest child comes of age. Wife Elizabeth to be executrix unless she marries, in that case, “my son James M. White” is to be the sole executor. Witnesses: Wylie White, **Robert Williams**, Brazel B. **Bridges** (x). Proved 28 September 1840 by Wylie

¹¹⁵ Lawrence Co., “Minutes, Probate Court B, 1836–1840,” p. 121; imaged *FamilySearch* digital film 005831893 > image 82.

White, Robert Williams and Brazel Bridges, in open court.¹¹⁶

5 OCTOBER 1840

Tax roll¹¹⁷

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[consecutive entries]

Bridges, Briton 278a, 2d quality, \$556, **W.S.**, 0 white poll, 3 black polls, \$3.26
Bridges, Baswell 0 land, \$120 loaned at interest, 0 white polls, 0 black polls, \$.30

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[consecutive entries]

Polk, Ephraim

Polk, Joel 160a, 2d quality, \$320, **W.S.** 1 white poll, 1 black tithe, \$1.30

Polk, Loyd

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Shannon, James 307a, 2d quality, \$6.14, **W.S.**, 0 white polls, 8 black polls, \$6.53 ½

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Williams, Wm. Estate 80a, 2d quality, \$160, T.S. [Topisaw], 0 white polls, 7 black polls, \$5.17 ½

D[itt]o 160a, 3d quality, \$160

Williams, Byrd 160a, 2d quality, \$320, T.S. 1 white poll, 6 black polls, \$4.92 ½

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Williams, John 95a, 2d quality, \$190, **W.S.**, 0 white polls, 5 black polls, \$3.60

Williams, Nathan 0 land, **W.S.**, 1 white poll, 2 black polls, \$1.62 ½

Williams, Isaac 80a, 2d quality, \$160, **W.S.**, 1 white poll, 0 black polls, \$1.40

Williams, Daniel 80a, 3d quality, \$160, **W.S.**, 1 white poll, 0 black polls, \$.77 ½

Williams, Robert 80a, 3d quality, \$80, **W.S.**, 1 white poll, 4 black polls, \$3.07 ½

White, Reuben

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Williams, James H. 0 land, Cr. C. [Crooked Creek], 1 white poll, 1 black poll, \$1

Certified 5 October 1840

10 OCTOBER 1840

Power of attorney

Lawrence D. Williams and **Sarah Jane Williams** (x) of **Rankin Co.** give power of attorney to John M. Powell of Lawrence Co. to demand from Irvin Scarborough “two negro Slaves which the said Scarborough has long since and now holds in his possession, to wit one Negro woman named Dinah and her youngest child named Simon, which was and yet is belonging to myself and wife by inheritance from her father Francis Smith ... Witnesses: Eli Spurlin, Wm. Griffith, James Allen. Recorded 21 October 1940.”¹¹⁸

¹¹⁶ Lawrence Co., “Minutes, Probate Court B, 1836–1840,” p. 126–27; imaged *FamilySearch* digital film 005831893 > image 85.

¹¹⁷ “Mississippi, State Archives, Various Records, 1820–1951,” database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1919687>) > Browse > Lawrence > County tax rolls 1831–1846, Box 3697 > images 258–80.

¹¹⁸ Lawrence Co., Deed Book D: 39; imaged *FamilySearch* digital film 008201845 > image 40.

26 OCTOBER 1840

Probate court order

“Ordered that the administrator on the estate of **William Williams** decd be authorized to make a conveyance of the” SW¼ S34 T5 R9E containing one hundred and sixty acres to **Parham B. Williams.**”

“Ordered that the receipt of John M. Powell, agent for **L. D. Williams** to Irven Scarborough, Guardian of **Sarah Jane Williams** be rec^d & admitted to record and that he be discharged from his said Guardianship.”¹¹⁹

5 JANUARY 1841

Land patents

John Williams and three sons received patents this day:

John Williams	E½ SW¼ S20 T9N R18W, 5 January 1841 , Acc. No. MS0720_.357 NW¼ NE¼ S29 T9N R18W, 5 January 1841 , Acc. No. MS0720_.358
Isaac Williams	SE¼ SE¼ S35 T9N R19W, 5 January 1841 , Acc. No. MS0670_.019 W¼ SW¼ S36 T9N R19W, 5 January 1841 , Acc. No. MS0720_.415
Robert Williams	SE¼ SE¼ S28 T9N R18W, 5 January 1841 , Acc. No. MS0660_.234 NE¼ SW¼ S34 T9N R18W, 5 January 1841 , Acc. No. MS06660_.465
William Williams	SE¼ NW¼ S2 T8N R18W, 5 January 1841, Acc. No. MS0720_.069 ¹²⁰
Isaac Williams	SE¼ SE¼ S35 T9 R19, 39.96a @ \$1.25 = \$49.95, purchased 20 November 1835, Receipt/Certificate no. 2582, Augusta Land Office, patented 5 January 1841 ¹²¹

5 JANUARY 1841

Land patent

Both Robert and William Williams received patents this day:

Robert Williams	SE¼ SE¼ S28 T9N R18W, 5 January 1841 , Acc. No. MS0660_.234 NE¼ SW¼ S34 T9N R18W, 5 January 1841 , Acc. No. MS06660_.465 NW¼ S34 T9N R18W, 5 January 1841 , Acc. No. MS0700_.233 ¹²²
William Williams	SE¼ NW¼ S2 T8N R18W, 5 January 1841, Acc. No. MS0720_.069 ¹²³

10 FEBRUARY 1841

Court proceedings

“We the Jury of inquisition who have been summoned by Solomon Sutton Esqr. Sheriff of Lawrence County in obedience to a writ issued by the Honorable the Orphans or Probate Court of Lawrence

¹¹⁹ Lawrence Co., “Minutes, Probate Court B, 1836–1840,” p. 134; imaged *FamilySearch* digital film 005831893 > image 90.

¹²⁰ U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, “Search Documents by Type,” *General Land Office Records* (<https://glorerecords.blm.gov/search/default.aspx> : 18 June 2021), query for “Williams,” in the Mississippi counties of Jefferson Davis (formerly Lawrence), Lawrence, and Marion. No entries are recorded for Marion Co. prior to the time Lawrence was cut from it.

¹²¹ “United States Bureau of Land Management ... Tract Books, 1800–c.1955,” database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-L9W3-14CT> : 2 February 2022) > Mississippi > Vol M7 > image 166 (original page 157).

¹²² U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, “Search Documents by Type,” *General Land Office Records* (<https://glorerecords.blm.gov/search/default.aspx> : 18 June 2021), query for “Williams,” in the Mississippi counties of Jefferson Davis (formerly Lawrence), Lawrence, and Marion.

¹²³ U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, “Search Documents by Type,” *General Land Office Records* (<https://glorerecords.blm.gov/search/default.aspx> : 18 June 2021), query for “Williams,” in the Mississippi counties of Jefferson Davis (formerly Lawrence), Lawrence, and Marion.

County, January term 1841, and bearing date January 25th 1841, after being duly sworn to make inquisition whether **Thomas B. Slater** of **Silver Creek** in the Said County is non Compos mentis or unable to attend to his own business or take care of himself, do adjudge and declare that he the said Thomas B. Slater is, non compos mentis, and incapable of taking care of himself and we do hereby certify the same to the Honorable the orphans Court of Lawrence County. Given under our hands and seals this 10th day of February A.D. 1841. [Signed] **James Shannon**, Thomas Hutchins, **William Griffith**, Stiring Brinson, **John Williams**, Noah Ramsy, Samuel Walden, Adam J. Brinson, Hardy S? [T?] Green, Isaac Myers, Elick Williamson, William Harrison. I William Harrison Do certify that the above mentioned Subscribers was Duly qualified by me on the day and date first above written. February the 10th 1841, William Harrison, J.P.”¹²⁴

COMMENT:

25 January 1841, J. Caldwell Clerk of court attested that “on the representation of the friends of Thomas B. Slater,” the January 1841 term of Probate court had ordered the empaneling of a jury to debate non compos mentis proceedings. (image 2283)

10 February 1841, a sheriff’s return on the back of Caldwell’s order states that he (the sheriff) had summoned the above jury “to meet at the house of Thomas B. Slater” that day. (image 2282).

June court 1845, Weatherby notified court that Slater had died and that, because he had been his guardian for several years and was familiar with the estate, he requested that he be appointed administrator (image 2259).

1841

State census

(p. 8, col. 2)

John Merchant

Blount Lewis

John Rutland

James Moore

Latney Pollard

James Sauls

Lewis H? Williams 4

Nicholas Gunnels

Byrd Williams 6

Wm. N. Sandifer¹²⁵

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Howel Button C.C.

Henry Button [Bolton?

James Williams 7

Urvin Mixon

William Mixon¹²⁶

¹²⁴ Lawrence Co., MS, Chancery Court Cases, Box 3, case 5071, Estate of William Weathersby, **includes documents for Weathersley’s guardianship of Thomas B. Slater**; imaged *FamilySearch* digital film 8632820 > images 2246–2522, particularly 2255 for the *non compos mentis* proceedings.

¹²⁵ “Mississippi, U.S., State and Territorial Census Collection, 1792–1866,” database with images, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/1125/images/v229_2-0362 : accessed 5 July 2021) > 1841 Lawrence Co. > image 8, lines 8–17.

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Isiah Mobley
Stiring Brinston
Hardy S. Green
Crum Mobley

Daniel Williams W.S. 9 [W.S. = White Sand]¹²⁷

Joel Poke [Polk] 12

Isach Williams 6

Isaac Hainsworth

James Shannon 4

William Griffith 3

John Williams 3

Joel Williams 5

Daniel Malone

Lewis Bridges

Charles Slaters

Epram Pope

Franklin Hale

Robert Williams 7

Samuel Walden B.S.C. 11¹²⁸

5 APRIL 1841

Land patent

William Williams NW¼ SE¼ S2 T8N R18W, 5 April 1841, Acc. No. MS0670_.021¹²⁹

2 AUGUST 1841

Tax roll

*Assessment 1: "Clerk's Return"*¹³⁰

(p. 2, consecutive entries)

Bridges, Jonathan 0 land, 1 white poll, \$.50, **W.S.** [White Sand] – [1st appearance]

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Bridges, Briton 278a, \$1390 ... **W.S.**

Bridges, Boswell 0 land ... **W.S.**

(p. 14, consecutive entries)

Polk, Ephraim

¹²⁶ "Mississippi, U.S., State and Territorial Census Collection, 1792–1866," database with images, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/1125/images/v229_2-0364 : accessed 5 July 2021) > 1841 Lawrence Co. > image 10, lines 1–5.

¹²⁷ "Mississippi, U.S., State and Territorial Census Collection, 1792–1866," database with images, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/1125/images/v229_2-0367 : accessed 5 July 2021) > 1841 Lawrence Co. > image 13, lines 26–30.

¹²⁸ "Mississippi, U.S., State and Territorial Census Collection, 1792–1866," database with images, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/1125/images/v229_2-0368 : accessed 5 July 2021) > 1841 Lawrence Co. > image 14, lines 1–14.

¹²⁹ U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, "Search Documents by Type," *General Land Office Records* (<https://glorerecords.blm.gov/search/default.aspx> : 18 June 2021), query for "Williams," in the Mississippi counties of Jefferson Davis (formerly Lawrence), Lawrence, and Marion.

¹³⁰ "Mississippi, State Archives, Various Records, 1820–1951," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1919687>) > Browse > Lawrence > County tax rolls 1831–1846, Box 3697 > images 281–304.

Polk, Joel 280a, \$800, 1 white poll, \$1.37 ½, W.S.
Polk, A. W.
Polk, Isaac
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Shannon, James 384a, \$12.47, 1 clock @\$15, 12 cattle, 0 poll, 7 slaves, \$8.56, W.S.
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Williams, Bird 160a, \$500, 1 clock @\$5, 10 cattle, 1 poll, 7 slaves, \$7.12 ½, T.S.
Williams, William Est. 240a, \$700, \$387 money loaned, 2 clocks @\$45, 15 cattle, 7 slaves, \$8.34¼, T.S.
Williams, L. H. 1 wh poll, \$.50, T.S.
White, Clark
Wilson, Josiah

Williams, Isaac 120a, \$600, 1 poll, 2 slaves, \$3.50, W.S.
Webb, John H

Williams, James H. 1 clock @ \$15, 1 white poll, 1 slave, \$1.32 ½, Cr. C. [Crooked Creek]
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Williams, John 80a, \$240, 1 clock @\$8, 0 wh polls, 7 slaves, \$5.89, W.S.
Williams, Joel 0 land, 1 white poll, \$.50, W.S.
Williams, Nathan 0 land, 1 white poll, 2 slaves, \$2.00, W.S.
Williams, Daniel 160a, \$600, 1 white poll, 2 slaves, \$2.00, W.S.
Williams, Robert 80a, \$100, 1 white poll, 4 slaves, \$3.75, W.S.
Certified 2 August 1841

“Additional Assessment ... for the year 1841”¹³¹

COMMENT:

This is a *much* shorter list. No individuals key to this project appear thereon.

16 JULY 1841

Probate file

William Griffith, decd., **Miram** and **Hiram Griffith**, admr.

“We, Majr. Newton, **John Williams & Isaac Williams** Do Swear that we will well and truly with[out] par[t]iality or pejdice [prejudice] value and apprase the Good chatles and personal estate of **William Griffith** Deceased so fare as the Same may come to Your [*sic*] Sight and knowledge and will in all respects performe the Duties of appraisors to the Best of Your Skill and Judgement. [Signed] Maj. Newton, **John Williams, Isaac Williams**. Sworn to and Subscribed before me this the 16th day of July 1841, William Harrison, J.P.”¹³²

¹³¹ “Mississippi, State Archives, Various Records, 1820–1951,” database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1919687>) > Browse > Lawrence > County tax rolls 1831–1846, Box 3697 > images 306–11.

¹³² Lawrence Co., MS, Chancery Court Cases, Box 2, case 5036, mislabeled as “Guffutidecd”; imaged *FamilySearch* digital film 8632820 > images 29–40, specifically image 31 (bond), 37 & 39 (inventory).

The State of Mississippi }
 Lawrence County }
 John Williams & }
 Do swear that we will, well and truly }
 with fidelity on per diem value }
 appraise the Good chattels and personal estate }
 of William Griffith Decedent & as far as the }
 same may come to given light and }
 knowledge and will in all respects }
 performe the Duties of appraisers }
 to the Best of your Skill and }
 Judgement }
 sworn to and subscribed }
 before me this the 16th }
 of July 1841 }
 William Harrison

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Isaac Williams
 John Williams
 Isaac Williams

COMMENT:

The 20 November 1842 account for the estate was signed by "Isaac Williams, William Williams, H. Hills Griffith." The oversized document is imaged in two parts (images 37 and 39). The 39 portion, with signatures is reproduced below.

portion of Land lying upon the east side }
 the Buildings and lots upon the dwelling house }
 of the North west quarter of section thirty in town }
 of the South west quarter of section nineteen }
 of the South east quarter of section thirty }
 & in all 191 acres (more or less) - - - - }
 named Curtis aged about 21 years - - - - }
 has three Children (viz) Normal 7 years Old }
 has two Children Mary aged 6 years Eliza 4 years - - }
 Mary Ann and one boy Colfax - - - - }
 made by us on the day and date underwritten }
 Isaac Williams
 William Williams
 H. Hills Griffith

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 named B. F. Hails, J. B. H. T.

4TH MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1842

Probate court order

“Ordered by the Court that **Lewis H. Williams** be appointed Guardian of **Wm. M. Williams, Era M. Williams, Bird Williams, Martin Van Buren Williams, and Seban O. Williams** of **Holmes Co.**, minor heirs of **Benjamin Williams**, who entered into bond in the sum of Eighteen hundred dollars with **Bird Williams** and S. Sutton as his securities & was thereupon qualified as the law directs.

“Ordered that the administrator of the estate of **Benjamin Williams** decd. deliver up the property of the aforesaid minors to **Lewis H. Williams** hereby appointed Guardian of said Minors.”¹³³

23 MAY 1842

Probate

Lewis H. Williams, with **Bird Williams** and S. Sutton as sureties, posted bond for \$1800 to guarantee their guardianship of “Wm. M. Williams **Junr.**,” Era M. Williams, Bird Williams, Martin Van Buren Williams, Seban O. Williams of Holmes Co.¹³⁴

6 August 1860, Levi D. Felder, guardian of **Zebulon Williams** and **Rhoda Williams**, minor heirs of **Bird Williams**, notifies court that Bird died in possession of land and considerable personal estate “consisting of negro slaves, cattle, hogs, horses &c” which has been inventoried. The deceased left the following “children and descendants ... Martha, wife of your petitioner; Mary, wife of Jesse M. Brent, David Williams, Jordan Williams, Zebulon Williams, and Rhoda Williams, the last two of which are minors. As guardian, he wants to initiate proceedings to sell the property for division among the heirs.

Will of **Bird Williams** proved in May Court by oaths of witnesses Parham B. Williams, James L. Tynes, and William Hathorn.¹³⁵

COMMENT:

Dozens of other documents from this lengthy case are not being abstracted because they do not bear upon my research problem.

2 JULY 1842

Tax list

LIST 1 OF 2¹³⁶

COMMENT:

Column heads are missing.

(p. 3, consecutive entries)

Bridges, Boswell

Bridges, Jeremiah 0 land, 1 white poll, \$.50

Bridges, Briton

¹³³ Lawrence Co., “Minutes, Probate Court B, 1836–1840,” p. 206; imaged *FamilySearch* digital film 5831893 > image 127.

¹³⁴ Lawrence Co., “Minutes, Probate Court B, 1836–1840,” p. 208; imaged *FamilySearch* digital film 5831893 > image 128.

¹³⁵ Lawrence Co., MS, Chancery Court Cases, Box 6, case 5172; imaged *FamilySearch* digital film 8632805 > images 1855–1933.

¹³⁶ “Mississippi, State Archives, Various Records, 1820–1951,” database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1919687>) > Browse > Lawrence > County tax rolls 1831–1846, Box 3697 > images 312–36.

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Polk, Joel 1 white poll, 1 slave, \$1.25

(p. 18)

Shannon, James 1 clock @\$6, 0 ____, 4 ____, 0 ____, 0 ____, 7 slaves, \$5.32

(p. 20)

Williams, L. H. 1 white poll, \$.50

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Williams, Wm. Estate \$570 money loaned, 2 clocks @\$15, 14 cattle, 6 slaves, \$6.14

Wilkerson, James

Williams, Bird 1 clock @\$6, 7 cattle, 1 poll, 8 slaves, \$6.60

Williams, J. H. 1 clock @ 15, 1 poll, 1 slave, \$1.32½

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Williams, John 7 slaves, \$5.25

Williams, Isaac 1 poll, 2 slaves, \$2

Williams, Robert 12 cattle, 1 poll, 5 slaves, \$4.37

Williams, Daniel 1 cattle, 1 poll, \$.51

Williams, Joel 1 poll, \$.50

Certified 2 July 1842

COMMENT:

Nathan Williams is missing from this roll (image 357). Yet, in September his name was drawn to do jury duty beginning in November.

LIST 2 OF 2

(p. 3, consecutive entries)

Bridges, Boswell

Bridges, Jeremiah 0 land, 1 white poll, \$.50

Bridges, Briton

(p. 14)

Polk, Joel 1 white poll, 1 slave, \$1.25

(p. 18)

Shannon, James W.S. 1 clock @\$6, 4 cattle, 7 slaves, \$5.32

(p. 21)

Williams, L. H. T.S. [Topisaw], 1 white poll, \$.50

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Williams, Wm. Estate \$570 money loaned, T.S., 2 clocks @\$15, 14 cattle, 6 slaves, \$6.14

Wilkerson, James

Williams, Bird T.S., 1 clock @\$6, 7 cattle, 1 poll, 8 slaves, \$6.60

Williams, J. H. Cr. C. [Crooked Creek] 1 clock @\$15, 1 poll, 1 slave, \$1.32 ½

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Williams, John **W. S.** [White Sand], 7 slaves, \$5.25

MILLS: Williams and Associates, Lawrence County, Mississippi (2021) updated 30 September 2022

Williams, Isaac **W. S.**, 1 poll, 2 slaves, \$2
Williams, Robert **W. S.**, 12 cattle, 1 poll, 5 slaves, \$4.37
Williams, Daniel **W. S.**, 1 cattle, 1 poll, \$.51
Williams, Joel **W. S.**, 1 poll, \$.50
Certified 1 August 1842

25 JULY 1842

Probate court order

“Ordered by the Court that the Report of **Bird Williams** administrator on the Estate of **William Williams decd.** be received and the same admitted to Record.”¹³⁷

26 SEPTEMBER 1842

Guardianship account

Wm. Weathersby submits his annual account of expenditures and receipts for **Thomas B. Slater**’s estate, which includes the following entries:

1842 Jany 1st Paid **A. Hartzog** for overseeing: \$175
1841 Sept 29 Paid **N. Williams** [Nathan] for 18 head Hogs: \$25 ...
1841 Nov 14th Bagging rope & Negroes Shoes [supplied] by **J. [John] Williams: \$56.22 ...**
1841 Dec 5th Paid Thos. J. Catching for Writing prescription for Slater to cure Fits: \$30.00 ...
1842 May 5th Paid **N. Williams** for Overseeing in 1841: \$10.00 ...
1842 Aug 18 Paid Berry Slater for overseeing in the fall of 1841 and until 15th Jany 1842: \$50.00
 Deposited with Berry Slater for use of Family: \$10.00
 Paid **N. Williams** for money he loaned Slater: \$2.00
1842 Sept. 10 Paid in Discharge of a note Berry Slater gave to Rolland Webb for work on mills: \$32¹³⁸

26 SEPTEMBER 1842

Probate court order

“Ordered by the Court that Commissioners be appointed to divide the Estate of **William Griffith dec’d** and that **Isaac Williams, William Williams,** and Willis [Wells?] Griffith be and are hereby appointed said commissioners.”¹³⁹

28 SEPTEMBER 1842

Probate court order

Jurors to serve beginning “the 1st Monday after the 4th Monday of November AD 1842” included: **Nathan Williams ... Brittian Bridges.**¹⁴⁰

2 MARCH 1843

Probate inventory

Personal estate of **Thomas B. Slater**, deceased, includes 40 or so enslaved people.¹⁴¹

¹³⁷ Lawrence Co., “Minutes, Probate Court B, 1836–1840,” p. 213; imaged *FamilySearch* digital film 5831893 > image 130.

¹³⁸ Lawrence Co., MS, Chancery Court Cases, Box 3, case 5071, Estate of William Weathersby, **includes documents for Weathersley’s guardianship of Thomas B. Slater**; imaged *FamilySearch* digital film 8632820 > images 2246–2522, particularly 2306–9 for the 1842 annual guardianship account.

¹³⁹ Lawrence Co., “Minutes, Probate Court B, 1836–1840,” p. 223; imaged *FamilySearch* digital film 5831893 > image 142.

¹⁴⁰ Lawrence Co., “Minutes, Probate Court B, 1836–1840,” p. 227; imaged *FamilySearch* digital film 5831893 > image 144.

11 MARCH 1843

Probate court order

Jurors appointed to serve beginning the first Monday after the fourth Monday of May, 1843, include **Bird Williams ... Robert Williams**¹⁴²

COMMENT:

In this place and time, juror names were drawn at random, from a countywide pool of eligible voters. Thus, their appearance on the same jury is not evidence of kinship or personal association.

7 APRIL 1843

Judicial sale

Whereas, on 18 March 1839 in Circuit Court of Lawrence, **William Weathersby** won judgment against **Daniel Williams** and **William Williams** for \$376.76 damages and 33.25 costs expended, a *fiere facias* was issued and judgment levied on the property of Daniel and William, who gave bond with **Joel Polk** as security for the forthcoming of said property, to be sold at the time and place therein specified." The bond was forfeited and an order issued against the "goods and chattels, lands and tenements" of Daniel, William, and Joel" with sale to be held 4th Monday of May next. || On 29 May 1843 the land was sold for \$50 to William Weathersby: **SE¼ S2 T8 R19**. A conditional Sheriff's deed was made 10 June 1843 to Weathersby by Solomon Sutton, Sheriff. On 24 May 1845 William Weathersby acknowledged that **William Williams** had paid him \$66 and the land was being conveyed to William.¹⁴³

14–15 APRIL 1843

Probate sale

Estate of Thomas B. Slater, dec'd. Purchasers included

- A. Hartzog, 1 wood work of wagon: \$34.00
- **Daniel Williams**, 50 Bushels of corn: \$13.00 | 2 consecutive entries
- **Robert Williams** 500 lbs. fodder: \$2.50 |
- **G. W. Williams** 3 cow hides (paid): \$1.00
- **Jeremiah Bridges** 50 bushels of corn: \$14.00

Other purchasers: William Weathersby, Hester Slater (widow), Thos. B. Slater, Warren Slater, Berry Slater, Henry Berry, John Berry, S. Sutton (sheriff), Lauvenday Alford, Willis Walker, Jarvis Powel, B. David, Stiring Brinson, Peter Painter, John Myers, James Murry, Owen Weathersby, George Wilson, H. S. Green, John Attwood.¹⁴⁴

COMMENT:

I've not found a G. W. Williams in the county—or any other with a first name that begins with G. Possibly, this should have been *Williamson*.

¹⁴¹ Lawrence Co., MS, Chancery Court Cases, Box 3, case 5071, Estate of William Weathersby, includes documents for Weathersley's guardianship of Thomas B. Slater; imaged *FamilySearch* digital film 8632820 > images 2246–2522, particularly 2413 for the inventory of enslaved people.

¹⁴² Lawrence Co., "Minutes, Probate Court B, 1836–1840," p. 256; imaged *FamilySearch* digital film 5831893 > image 159.

¹⁴³ Lawrence Co., MS, Deed Book D: 239–41; imaged *FamilySearch* digital film 008201845 > images 143–44.

¹⁴⁴ Lawrence Co., MS, Chancery Court Cases, Box 3, case 5071, Estate of William Weathersby, includes documents for Weathersley's guardianship of Thomas B. Slater; imaged *FamilySearch* digital film 8632820 > images 1170–1446, particularly 1301–4 for the 1843 probate sale.

29 MAY 1843

Association

Cader Mitchell to **William Weathersby**, both of Lawrence County, sale for \$800 “in hand paid,”

- W½ of NW¼ S14 T8 R20W
- E½ of NE¼ S15 T8 R [20] W
- SE¼ of SW [1/4 S14] T8 R20

Witnesses: **John Williams**, J. B. Crump. Same day, Mitchell acknowledged the deed and wife Sarah Mitchell relinquished her dower before Samuel Walden, J.P. Recorded 8 September 1843.¹⁴⁵

COMMENT:

On p. 241–42 (image 144) the sheriff seized these tracts under judicial order to satisfy a debt of \$789.52 in a suit brought by Garguet Parish & Co. The deed by which Mitchell conveyed the title is damaged and the land descriptions are partially burned away. I’ve added the land descriptions above from the document filed by the sheriff.

24 JULY 1843

Probate court order

“Ordered that the report of **Bird Williams**, administrator of **William Williams** decd. Acct of disbursements be recd. And admitted to record.”¹⁴⁶

AUGUST 1843

Probate file

Insolvent notes due to the estate of Thomas B. Slater, William Weathersley, guardian and then adm. Among the 75 or so notes appear **Daniel Williams \$10.95** and **Daniel Williams \$5.00**. [There are several copies or this list in the file.]

Undated list by William Weatherly “gardeen for Thomas B. Slater.”

Samuel Walden’s Note due April 24 1840 for \$5.12 ½ ... **James Shannon’s** account Jan 5 1841 \$5.84

29 August 1843, list of accounts due:

1837 Daniel Williams \$10.95
1839 Daniel Williams 5.00

“Notes and accounts I consider good so fare as I can judg at this time”:

1841 **James Shannon’s** acct. \$5.84
Due 1845 **Nathan Williams** Note \$3.40
n.d. **John Williams** acct. for corn: \$6.56 1/4¹⁴⁷

COMMENT:

Documents in the estate go back to charges made by Slater himself as late as 2 September 1832. Bills in the estate show *many, many* medical treatments over a period of years. A lot of the debts owed to the estate are for whiskey; other items such as calico, sugar, and shoes suggest that Slater was or had been a merchant prior to his being declared *non compos mentis*. Widow

¹⁴⁵ Lawrence Co., MS, Deed Book D: 244–45; imaged *FamilySearch* digital film 008201845 > images 145–46.

¹⁴⁶ Lawrence Co., “Minutes, Probate Court B, 1836–1840,” p. 274; imaged *FamilySearch* digital film 5831893 > image 168.

¹⁴⁷ Lawrence Co., MS, Chancery Court Cases, Box 3, case 5071, Estate of William Weathersley (case label: Weathersby) includes documents for Weathersley’s guardianship of Thomas B. Slater; imaged *FamilySearch* digital film 8632820 > images 1170–1446, with Slater documents beginning at 1228. For Williamses, see specifically images 1246 (list of debtors), 1301–4 (estate sale), 1325–27 (inventory), 1331 (undated list naming Shannon), 1343–46 (29 August 1843 list)

Hester petitioned for her dower on 10 March 1843. Estate sale was held 14 April 1843, when purchasers included:

Daniel Williams, 50 bushels of corn \$13.00

Robert Williams, 500 lbs. fodder \$2.50

J. W. Williams, 3 cow hides \$1.00 [Not yet identified]

1 SEPTEMBER 1843

Probate file

A list of heirs who “waive the necessity of advertising in any other paper than the Southern Journal published in [this] county,”¹⁴⁸ includes Solomon Sutton “guardian for Robert Slater,” Solomon Sutton, Thos. B. Slater, Warren Slater, Hester Slater [widow], Lavena Slater, Berry Slater, and Thomas Hutchins “guardian for Lavina and Lavasta.”¹⁴⁹

5 SEPTEMBER 1843

Probate court order

Jurors drawn to serve beginning 1st Monday after the 4th Monday of November 1843 include **John Merchant**.¹⁵⁰

29 AUGUST 1843

Guardianship account

Wm. Weathersby submits his annual account of expenditures and receipts for Thomas B. Slater’s estate, which includes the following entries:

1843 Jan 14 Paid Mendinghall & **Williams** for articles: \$4.12½

1843 Jan 15 Paid Smith & **Williams** for articles: \$19.00

“Statement of Notes and Accounts due—Insolvent debtors or accounts barred by time ...

Charles Slater \$.50 ... **Britton Bridges** .36 ½ ... **Charles Slater** \$3.86 ... **Daniel Williams** \$10.95, **Daniel Williams** \$5.00 ...¹⁵¹

COMMENT:

A December 1843 list of property sold includes “Dec. 18th Sold to J. B. Mendinghall the W½ SW¼ Section 14 Township 9 Range 19 West for \$336.” Solomon Sutton, Charles Brinson, and Berry Slaver were the buyers of the other three tracts.¹⁵²

19 AUGUST 1843

Tax roll¹⁵³

¹⁴⁸ Lawrence Co., MS, Chancery Court Cases, Box 3, case 5071, Estate of William Weathersby, includes documents for Weathersley’s guardianship of Thomas B. Slater; imaged *FamilySearch* digital film 8632820 > images 2246–2522, particularly 1240–46 for the 1843 annual guardianship account and list of debts.

¹⁴⁹ Lawrence Co., MS, Chancery Court Cases, Box 3, case 5071, Estate of William Weathersby, includes documents for Weathersley’s guardianship of Thomas B. Slater; imaged *FamilySearch* digital film 8632820 > images 2246–2522, particularly 2342 for the list of heirs.

¹⁵⁰ Lawrence Co., “Minutes, Probate Court B, 1836–1840,” p. 291; imaged *FamilySearch* digital film 5831893 > image 176.

¹⁵¹ Lawrence Co., MS, Chancery Court Cases, Box 3, case 5071, Estate of William Weathersby, includes documents for Weathersley’s guardianship of Thomas B. Slater; imaged *FamilySearch* digital film 8632820 > images 2246–2522, particularly 1240–46 for the 1843 annual guardianship account and list of debts.

¹⁵² Lawrence Co., MS, Chancery Court Cases, Box 3, case 5071, Estate of William Weathersby, includes documents for Weathersley’s guardianship of Thomas B. Slater; imaged *FamilySearch* digital film 8632820 > images 2246–2522, particularly 2438 for the land purchasers.

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Briges, Jeremiah "W.S." [White Sand], 1 white poll, \$.60

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Polk, Joel W.S., 1 white poll, 1 slave, \$1.25

(p. 13)

Shannon, James W.S., 1 clock @\$7, 9 cattle, 0 white polls, 6 slaves, \$4.62 ½

(p. 16)

Williams, William T.C., 1 white poll, \$.50

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Williams, John W.S., 1 white poll, 7 slaves, \$5.25

Williams, Isaac W.S., 1 white poll, 5 slaves, \$4.25

Williams, Daniel W.S., 1 white poll, \$.50

Walden, W.S.

Walden, Thomas

Walden, Samuel

Williams, Robert W.S., 1 white poll, 2 slaves, \$2.00

Williams, Joel W.S., 1 white poll, 0 slaves, \$.50

Williams, J. H. Cr. C. [Crooked Creek], 1 clock @ \$8, 1 white poll, 1 slave, \$1.29

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COMMENT:

John Williams is long past poll-tax age. The taxable male in his household would appear to be the missing son Nathan.

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Williams, Henry J. S.C. [Silver Creek], 1 white poll, 14 slaves, \$10.50

Williams, J.D. S.C., 1 white poll, \$.50

White, Clark

Williams, Hampton T.S. [Topisaw], 1 white poll, \$.50

Williams, William Est. T.S., \$643 loaned at interest, 1 clock @ \$20, 15 cattle, 6 slaves, \$6.35 ¾

Williams, Bird T.S., 1 clock @ \$5, 10 cattle, 1 white poll, 8 slaves, \$6.62 1/2

"Received August 29th 1843."

23 OCTOBER 1843

Probate court order

"Ordered that **Bird Williams**, administrator on the estate of **William Williams decd.** be authorised to sell the personal and real estate of said decd. & to make report there[to] in 60 days from this date."¹⁵⁴

25 DECEMBER 1843

Probate court order

"Ordered by the Court that the sale bill of **Bird Williams**, administrator on the estate of **William Williams** deceased be received and admitted to record R. [sic]."¹⁵⁵

¹⁵³ "Mississippi, State Archives, Various Records, 1820–1951," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1919687>) > Browse > Lawrence > County tax rolls 1831–1846, Box 3697 > images 360–78.

¹⁵⁴ Lawrence Co., "Minutes, Probate Court B, 1836–1840," p. 299; imaged *FamilySearch* digital film 5831893 > image 180.

¹⁵⁵ Lawrence Co., "Minutes, Probate Court B, 1836–1840," p. 306; imaged *FamilySearch* digital film 5831893 > image 184.

25 MARCH 1844

Land sale

Bird Williams, administrator of the estate of **Wm Williams** deceased of Lawrence Co., sale to **Lewis H. Williams** of same, four tracts:

- W½ of SE¼ S7 T5 R10E, 80.79 acres
- E½ of SW¼ S6 T5 R10E 80.80 acres
- E½ of NW¼ S7 T5 R10E, 80 acres
- NW¼ of NE¼ of S7 T5 R10E, 40 acres

Witnesses: J. R. Chambers, S. Sutton. Same day, Bird Williams appeared before J. R. Chambers, J.P., to acknowledge the deed.¹⁵⁶

23 MAY 1844

Land sale

Robert Williams (s) and wife **Clarissa Williams** (s) sold to William Malone for \$300, E½ NE¼ S13 T8 R19W. Witness: E. M. J. Stringer. Acknowledged by Robert before Stringer, J.P. on 8th June 1844. Stringer attested the appearance of “Clarissa Williams, the lawful wife” before him and her relinquishment on 8 June 1844. Filed 23 November 1846. Recorded 28 November 1846.¹⁵⁷

23 SEPTEMBER 1844

Probate court order

“Ordered by the court that **Daniel Williams**, A. S. **Hartzog** and C. M. Stringer be appointed commissioners to divide the Negroes belonging to the Estate of Allen Sterling deceased.”¹⁵⁸

24 SEPTEMBER 1844

Probate court order

Jurors appointed to serve beginning the first Monday and the fourth Monday of November next ... **Isaac Williams**.¹⁵⁹

27 JANUARY 1845

Probate court order

“Ordered that the report of **Bird Williams** admr. be recd. and admitted to record R.”¹⁶⁰

24 MAY 1845

Land purchase

“Whereas on the 18th day of March 1839 in the Circuit Court of Lawrence County, William Weathersby by the Judgment of said Court, recovered against **Daniel Williams** and **William Williams**” a judgment for \$376.76 damages and \$33.25 costs, Judge A. G. Brown on 9 March 1843 issued a warrant to levy on the property of Daniel and William, who have posted bond for the delivery of the property, with **Joel Polk** security. On 29 May 1843, William Weathersby, being the highest and last bidder, paid \$50 for land described as SE¼ S2 T8 R19W. Attested 10 June 1843 by Solomon Sutton Sheriff. On 24 May 1845, Weathersby, for the sum of \$66 paid by **William Williams** of **Covington County**, conveys to William all

¹⁵⁶ Lawrence Co., MS, Deed Book D: 277; imaged *FamilySearch* digital film 008201845 > image 165.

¹⁵⁷ Lawrence Co., MS, Deed Book D: 466; imaged *FamilySearch* digital film 008201845 > image 267.

¹⁵⁸ Lawrence Co., “Minutes, Probate Court B, 1836–1840,” p. 353; imaged *FamilySearch* digital film 5831893 > image 207.

¹⁵⁹ Lawrence Co., “Minutes, Probate Court B, 1836–1840,” p. 355.; imaged *FamilySearch* digital film 5831893 > image 208.

¹⁶⁰ Lawrence Co., “Minutes, Probate Court B, 1836–1840,” p. 384; imaged *FamilySearch* digital film 5831893 > image 223.

his right, title, claim and interest into the land.¹⁶¹

10 AUGUST 1845

State census

Semi-alphabetical by first letter of surname¹⁶²

(p. 2, consecutive entries)

Bridges, Brazwell 1 white male
Bridges, Britton 2 white males / 2 white females

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Poke, Joel 5 white males / 6 white females

(p. 17)

Shannon, James 2 white males/ 1 white female

(p. 19)

Williams, J. H. 5 white males/ 3 white females

(p. 20)

Williams, Bird 4 white males/ 4 white females
Williams, L. H. 2 white males/ 3 white females

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Williams, Joel 2 white males / 2 white females
Williams, John 3 white males / 4 white females [might this include Elizabeth Bridges & ch.?
Williams, Isaac 3 white males / 4 white females
Williams, Robert 4 white males / 5 white females
Williams, Daniel 5 white males, 3 white females

1845–1846

Land acquisition

“Whereas, There is on file in the General Land Office, evidence whereby it appears that **Choctaw scrip Certificate No. 935-B** in the name of **I-o-pan-ubbe**, for 159.97 acres of land, issued by the Secretary of War in pursuance of the provisions of the Act of Congress of the 23d of August 1842, entitled ‘An Act to provide for the satisfaction of claims arising under the fourteenth and nineteenth articles of the Treaty of Dancing Rabbit Creek, concluded in September 1830,’ of the Act of Congress of the third of **March 1845**, entitled ‘An Act making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian Department, and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with the various Indian tribes, for the fiscal year commencing 1 July 1845 and ending 30 June 1846,’ and the Joint Resolution of Congress of 3 August 1846 entitled ‘Joint Resolution to authorize the Secretary of War to adjudicate the claims of the Su-quak-natch-ah and other clans of Choctaw Indians, whose cases were left undetermined by the Commissioners for want of the Township maps,’ has been surrendered by **Isaac Williams**, assignee of I-o-pan-ubbe, in full satisfaction for the S½ SW¼ S24 T6N R20W and NW¼ NE¼ S1 in T8N and SW¼ of SE¼ S36 T9N, all in Range 19W of the St. Stephens Meridian, Mississippi, containing 159.97 acres according to the undated Thomas Freeman Plat of the Survey of the said Land on file in the General Land Office:

¹⁶¹ Lawrence Co., Deed Book D: 354–55; imaged *FamilySearch* digital film 8201845 > image 211.

¹⁶² “Mississippi, State Archives, Various Records, 1820–1951,” database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1919687>) > Browse > Lawrence > State census returns 1845 < 25 images.

Now know ye, That the United States of America, in consideration of the premises, and in conformity with the several Acts of Congress in such case made and provided, has given and granted, and by these presents does give and grant, unto the said **Isaac Williams** and to his heirs the tract above described; to have and to hold the same, together with all the rights, privileges, immunities, and appurtenances, of whatsoever nature thereunto belonging, unto the said **Isaac Williams** and to his heirs and assigns forever.

“In testimony whereof, I, Franklin D. Roosevelt, President of the United States of America, have caused these letters to be made Patent, and the Seal of the General Land Office to be hereunto affixed. Given under my hand at the City of Washington, 11 April 1845... By the President, Franklin D. Roosevelt. By Ruth W. Talley, Secretary

Patent Number 1119591, Chief, Patents Division, R. S. Clinton, General Land Office.”¹⁶³

19 SEPTEMBER 1846

Tax roll

“Names of the owners of property ...”¹⁶⁴

(pp. 1-3)

Bridges, Jeremiah: No

(p. 14)

Polke, Joel 1 clock @Q \$10, \$.10 tax

(p. 17)

Shannon, James 1 clock @ \$5, 17 slaves, \$10.28

(p. 19)

Williams, L. H. 3 slaves, 1 white poll, \$2.30 tax

Williams, Benj. Est. [Executor of William] \$605 money loaned “L. H. Williams Guargean [Guardian]”, \$1.815 tax

Williams, Bird 1 clock @ 5, 12 cattle, 15 slaves, 1 white poll, \$9.67

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(p. 20)

Williams, John 1 white poll between ages 20 to 50, \$.50

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Williams, John 1 clock @ \$20, 9 slaves, 0 white poll, \$5.60

Williams, Robert 1 slave, 1 white poll, \$1.50

Williams, Joel 1 white poll, \$.60

Williams, Isaac 9 slaves, 1 white poll, \$6.05

Williams, Daniel 1 clock @ \$15, 1 white poll, \$.65

¹⁶³ U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, “Search Documents by Type,” *General Land Office Records* (<https://glorerecords.blm.gov/details/patent/default.aspx?accession=1119591&docClass=SER&sid=g2afpduq.ekc#patentDetailsTabIndex=1> : 18 June 2021).

¹⁶⁴ “Mississippi, State Archives, Various Records, 1820–1951,” database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1919687>) > Browse > Lawrence > County tax rolls 1831–1846, Box 3697 > images 381–405.

LAND TAX ROLL¹⁶⁵

COMMENT:

This roll is arranged by land description; some pages have names of some landowners torn away.

(p 29: T5 R10E)

Williams, L. H.	S6 W½ SE, 80 acres @ \$1.25 = 100
Williams, L. H.	S6 E½ SW, 80 acres @ \$1.25 = 100
Williams, L. H.	S7 NW¼ SE¼, 40a @ \$1.25 = 50
Williams, L. H.	S7 E½ NW¼, 80a @ \$1.25 = 100
Williams, Bird	S7 E½ W¼, 80a @ \$1.25 = 100
Williams, Bird	S7 W½ SE 21/4, 80a @ \$1.25 = 100
Williams, Bird	S8 E½ SE, 80a @ \$1.25 = 100

(p. 53: T8 R18W)

Williams, Robert	S5 E½ NW 80a @ \$2 = 160
Williams, Robert	S5 S½ SE 80a @ \$2 = 160

(p. 54: T8 R18W)

Williams, Robert	S8 W½ NE, 80a @ \$2 = 160
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(p. 56: T9 R18W)

Griffith, William	S19 E½ SW, 80a @ \$2 = 160
Williams, John	S20 E½ SW, 80a @ \$1 = 80
Vacant	S20 W½ SW
Vacant	S29 E½ NE
Williams, John	S29 W½ NE, 80a @ \$1 = 80
Williams, John	S29 E½ NW, 80a @ \$1 = 80
Williams, John, Part.	S29 SW NW, 15a @ \$1 = 15
Vacant	S29 NW NW
Shannon, James, Part	S29 SW NW, 25a @ \$1.35 = 31.25
Shannon, James	S29 S½ 320a \$ 1.25 = 400
Shannon, James	S30 E½ NE, 80a @ \$1.25 = \$100
Griffith, Wm.	S30 W½ NE 80a @ \$2 = 160
Griffith, Wm.	S30 NW¼ 160a @ \$2 = 320
Shannon, James	S30 E½ SE, 80a @ \$1.25 = 100
Vacant	S30 W½ SE
Griffith, Wm.	S30 NE SW, 40a @ \$2 = 80
Shannon, James	S30 SE SW, 40a @ \$1.25 = 50
Shannon, James	S30 W½ SW, 80a @ \$1.25 = 100
Vacant	S31
Vacant	S32

[sections 33–36 not mentioned]

(p. 63: T7 R19)

Bridges, Britton	S14 NW¼ 160a @ \$2 = 320
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(p. 66: T8 R19)

¹⁶⁵ "Mississippi, State Archives, Various Records, 1820–1951," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1919687>) > Browse > Lawrence > County tax rolls 1831–1846, Box 3697 > images 406–501.

Williams & Polke S1 E½ NE, 80a @ \$1 = 80
 Vacant S1 W½ NE
Polke, Joel S1 E½ NW, 80a @ \$1.50 = 120
Williams & Polke S1 E½ SE, 80a @ \$5 = 400
 Vacant S1 N½ SE
 Vacant S1 NE SW
Polke Joel S1 SE SW, 40a @ \$1 = 40
Polke, Joel S1 W½ SW, 80a @ \$1 = 80

(p. 67: T8 R19W)
Williams, Daniel S2 SW¼, \$160a @ \$1.50 = 240
 Hail, B. F. S12 W½ SE, 80a @ \$1.25 = 100

(p. 68: T8 R19W)
 Hartzog, A. S14 NE¼, 160a @ \$3 = 480

(p. 73: T9 R19W)
Shannon, James S25 W½ NE, 80a @ \$1.25 = 100
 Vacant S25 NW
Shannon, James S25 SE¼, 160a @ \$1.25 = 200
 Vacant S25 SW¼
 Vacant S26, 27, etc.

(p. 74 T9 R19W)
Williams, Isaac S35 SE SE, 40a @ \$3 = 120
 Vacant S35 W½ SE
 Vacant S35 SW¼
 Vacant S35 E½ NE
 Griffith, Wm. S36 NW NE, 40a @ \$2 = 9-
 Vacant S36 SW SE
 Griffith, Wm. S36 E½ NW, 80a @ \$2 = 160
 Vacant S36 W½ NW
 Vacant SE
Williams, Isaac S36, SW¼, 160a @ \$3 = 480

(p. 75: T5 R20W)
 Fountain, Seth S1 NE¼, 160a @ \$1.50 = 240

(p. 84: T8 R20W)
 Stricklin, James S6 NE SE, 40a @ \$3 = 120
 Stricklin, James S6 W½ SE, 80a @ \$3 = 240

20 OCTOBER 1847

Land purchase
 Daniel M. Williams SE¼ NW¼ **\$11** T8 R19, 39.90 @ \$1.25 = \$49.88, entered 20 Oct 1847,
 receipt/certificate no. 7783 [no land office or patent data]¹⁶⁶

¹⁶⁶ "United States Bureau of Land Management ... Tract Books, 1800–c.1955," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QSQ7-L9W3-14CT : 2 February 2022>) > Mississippi > Vol M7 > image 150 (original page 143).

1 MARCH 1848

Probate

Order commanding heirs of **Nicholas Gunnels** to appear at probate court in March term “to show cause if any they can why the final account on file in said Court should not be allowed.” **Lewis H. Williams**, Administrator. **Bird Williams** was *guardian ad litem* of minors.¹⁶⁷

1 SEPTEMBER 1848

Land purchase

Daniel M. Williams SE¼ NW¼ S11 T8N R19W, 1 September 1848, Acc. No. MS0770_.162¹⁶⁸

COMMENT:

Daniel’s son Daniel M. is now of age, placing his birth before September 1827 and suggesting a pre-1826 birth for Daniel and wife.

14 NOVEMBER 1848

Tax roll

“Land Roll of Lawrence County ... Recd. Novr. 14th 1848 ... [State] Auditor of Pub. Accts.”¹⁶⁹

(p. 28: T5 R10)

Gunnels, Nicholas	S6 NW¼ NE¼, 40a @ \$1.75 = 70
Gunnels, Nicholas	S6 E½ NW¼, 80a @ \$1.75 = 140
Gunnels, Nicholas	S6 NW¼ NW¼, 40a @ \$1.75 = 70
Williams, L. H.	S6 E½ SW¼, 80a \$1.615 = 130

(p. 29: T5 R10)

Williams, L. H.	S6 W½ SE¼, 80a @ \$1.625 = 130
Williams, L. H.	S7 NW¼ NE¼, 40a @ \$1.305 = 65
Williams, L. H.	S7 E½ NW¼, 80a @ \$1.625 = 130
Williams, Bird	S7 E½ SW¼, 80a @ \$2 = 160
Williams, Bird	S7 W½ SE¼, 80a @ \$2 = 160
Williams, Bird	S7 E½ SE¼, 80a @ \$2 = 160

(p. 54: T8 R18W)

Williams, Robert	S5 S½ SE¼, 80a @ @ \$2.50 = 200
Williams, Robert	S6 vacant land 640a @ \$.25 = 160
Williams, Robert	S7 NE¼ vacant land 160a @ .25 = 40
Williams, Robert	S7 N½ NW ¼ 80a @ \$.25 = 20
Williams, Robert	S8 W½ NE ¼, 80a @ \$2.50 = 200

(p. 56: T9 R18W)

Griffith, William	S19 E½ SW¼, 80a @ \$2 = 160
Williams, John	S20 E½ SW¼, 80a @ \$1 = 80
Williams, John	S29 NW¼ NE¼, 40a @ \$1 = 40

¹⁶⁷ Lawrence Co., MS, Chancery Court Cases, Box 29, Case 5686; imaged *FamilySearch* digital film 8632826 > images 4–72, particularly images 7, 14.

¹⁶⁸ U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, “Search Documents by Type,” *General Land Office Records* (<https://gloreCORDS.blm.gov/search/default.aspx> : 18 June 2021), query for “Williams,” in the Mississippi counties of Jefferson Davis (formerly Lawrence), Lawrence, and Marion. No entries are recorded for Marion prior to the time Lawrence was created.

¹⁶⁹ “Mississippi, State Archives, Various Records, 1820–1951,” database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1919687>) > Browse > Lawrence > County tax rolls 1848, Box 3299 > 97 images

Williams, John S29 E½ NW¼, 80a @ \$1 = 40
Shannon, James S29 NW¼ NW¼, 40a @ \$1 = 40
Griffith, William S30 W½ NE¼, 80a @ \$2 = 160
Griffith, William S30 NW¼, 160a @ \$2 = 320
Shannon, James S30 SW¼ SW¼, 80a @ \$2 = 160
Shannon, James S30 E½ SE¼, 80a @ \$2 = 160

COMMENT:

There are still a number of vacant tracts surrounding Griffith, Williams, and Shannon.

(p. 66: T8 R19W)

Polk, Joel S1 E½ NW¼, 80a @ \$1.25 = 100
Vacant S1 W½ NW¼
Polk, Joel S1 W½ SW¼, 80a @ \$1.25 = 100
Polk, Joel S1 SW¼ SW¼, 40a @ \$1.25 = 50

(p. 67: T8 R19W)

Williams & Polk S1 E½ SE½, 80a @ \$2.00 = 160
Williams, Daniel S2 SE¼ 160a @ \$2.50 = 40[0]
Williams, D.M. S11 N¼ NE¼, taxable after 1850, 40a @ 1.26 = 50

COMMENT:

A. Hartzog and B. F. Haile are still here.

(p. 73; T9 R19W)

Williams, Isaac S35 SE¼ SE¼, 40a @ \$2 = 80
Griffith, H. W. S36 SW¼ NE¼ & E ½ NE ¼, vacant land, 120a @ \$.25 = 30
Williams, Isaac S36 SW¼, 160a @ \$2 = 320

31 MARCH 1849

Land sale

Robert Williams to S. H. Walker, both of Lawrence Co., for \$600, sale of the following tracts:

- W½ NE¼ S8 T8 R18, 80 acres
- E½ of NW¼ S5 T8 R18
- SE¼ of SE¼ S5 T8 R18
- SW¼ SE¼ S5 T8 R18W

“consisting in all” 240.56 acres. [Signed] Robert Williams, in presence of Eleanor Scanson? Same day, Robert acknowledged and wife Clarissa relinquished her rights before William Harrison, J.P.

Marginal note: “This deed is nul and void this Feby 25th 1857. **Robert Williams** [actual signature], S. H. Walker [actual signature].¹⁷⁰

COMMENT:

This deed is also recorded in Book F, with some differences:

31 March 1847 **Robert Williams** to S. H. Walker, for \$600, sells W½ of NE¼ S8 T8 R18 (80 acres), also E½ of NW¼ of S8N T8 R18, also SE¼ S5 T8 of R18W—containing in all 240.54 acres.

Witness: William B. Williams. Acknowledged by Robert and relinquished by Clarissa before M. M. Fortinberry J.P., 21 May 1853.¹⁷¹

¹⁷⁰ Lawrence Co., MS, Deed Book E: 78–80; imaged *FamilySearch* digital film 008201845 > images 391–92.

¹⁷¹ Lawrence Co., MS, Deed Book F: 667–68; imaged, *FamilySearch* digital film 008134329 > image 365.

5 APRIL 1849

Amendment of deed

[immediately follows the J.P. notation of William Harrison on the 31 March 1849 deed]

“I **Robert Williams** do out of the [W½ of NE¼ S8 T8 R18W] [take] Three acres more or less which was deeded to **William Williams** by Charles Slater for the use and benefit of **Harmony Church** lying and being on the east side of Branch Running through said land which is before delivery the above deed and all appurtenances thereto. Given under my hand and seal this the 5th day of April 1849.”¹⁷²

24 JULY 1849

Association

William K. Easterling of Simpson Co. sells for \$270 “to me in hand paid,” by Owen Weatherly of Lawrence Co., the following tracts in Lawrence:

- SE¼ of S22
- S½ of SW¼ of S23
- E½ of NW¼ of S26

All in T6 R19W. Signed: W. I. Easterling; Ann Easterling. Witness: **Robert Williams**. Easterling acknowledged deed and wife relinquished her rights before Samuel Walden, J.P., Lawrence Co., date torn away. Filed 7 August 1849 and Recorded 20 September 1849.¹⁷³

24 JULY 1849

Land purchase

William K. Easterling of Simpson County sells for \$380 to **Robert Williams** of Lawrence Co. the E½ S27 & W½ of NW¼ S26 T6 R19W, 400 acres more or less. Witness: Signed W. K. Easterling, Ann Easterling. Owen Weathersley. Same day, acknowledged by Easterling, with rights relinquished by wife, before Samuel Welden, J.P. Filed 13 August 1849. Recorded 10 January 1850.¹⁷⁴

COMMENT:

This deed was recorded immediately after the 19 [illegible] 1849 deed of gift from Brittain Bridges to daughter Clarissa Williams [wife of Robert] that was filed on 13 August 1849 and recorded 10 January 1850.

6 AUGUST 1849

Deed of gift

James Shannon of Jasper County to **Mary Ann Malada** of Lawrence Co., for \$1 and “natural love and affection which the said James Shannon has for the said Mary Ann Malada,” sells E½ of SE¼ and E½ of NE¼ S30 T9 R18W, 74.4 acres each, “now in the possession of the said Mary Ann Malada and her husband, **Patrick Malada**.” Witnesses Henry Calhoun, W. P. Cheny. Acknowledged same day before Robert Janus, J.P., Lawrence Co. Filed & recorded 4 September 1849 [sic].¹⁷⁵

COMMENT:

James Shannon married Catherine Williams in 1823. This document has no wife’s participation; by a separate document in 1851, she relinquished her interest in this land.

¹⁷² Lawrence Co., MS, Deed Book E: 80; imaged *FamilySearch* digital film 008201845 > image 392.

¹⁷³ Lawrence Co., MS, Deed Book E: 108–9; imaged *FamilySearch* digital film 008201845 > image 407.

¹⁷⁴ Lawrence Co., MS, Deed Book E: 140–41; imaged *FamilySearch* digital film 008201845 > image 424.

¹⁷⁵ Lawrence Co., MS, Deed Book E: 334–35; imaged *FamilySearch* digital film 008201845 > image 524–26.

See also:

- the separate act below dated 10 September 1851.
- The sale of this land by Mary Ann (without her husband) on 21 July 1851.

19__ 1849

Deed of gift

Brittain Bridges, for “the natural love and affection which I have and bear unto my beloved Daughter **Clarissa Williams** ... do grant, give and confirm unto [her] a certain negroe Boy named *Mack* aged about seven years of dark complexion. Witness: James Mike___ [document torn]. Filed 13 August 1849. Recorded 10 January 1850.¹⁷⁶

31 DECEMBER 1849

Land sale

Lewis H. Williams (s/ L. H. Williams) and wife Elizabeth of Pike co., Miss., sell for \$100 to **Bird Williams** of Lawrence Co., 120 acres in Lawrence described as

- E½ of NW¼ S7 T5 R10E
- NW¼ of NE¼ S7 T5 R10E

Acknowledgment by Williams and relinquishment by wife Elizabeth, same day. Filed 26 January 1850. Recorded 4 February 1850.¹⁷⁷

31 DECEMBER 1849

Land sale

Lewis H. Williams and wife Elizabeth of Pike Co., to Benjamin H. **Gunnels** of Lawrence Co., sale for \$150.40, W½ of SE¼ and E½ of SW¼ S6 T5 R10E, 160.79 acres. Acknowledged by Lewis and rights relinquished by Elizabeth before Barney Lewis, J.P. of Pike Co., same day. Filed and recorded 2 March 1850.¹⁷⁸

1 JUNE 1850

Census

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95/95	Newsom, James 27, Mary 25, & Leonidas 3					
96/96	Hooker, Hymbue? 44, Moranda 38, and children 1–18					
97/97	Sutton, Jesse, 35, Lideann 38, ch 3, 2, 1; Greenberry Sutton 37					
98/98	Hertzog, James 45, Eliza 33, ch 8/12 to 15					
99/99	Williams, Joel	37	m	farmer	\$—	NC
	Susan C.	30	f			MS
	Anna J.	13	f			MS
	John H.	12	m			MS
	Susan A.	11	f			MS
	Rhoda A.	11	f			MS
	Ward James C.	9	m			MS
	Williams, W. R.	5	m			MS
	Allice N.	2	f			MS
	Mary E [C?]	1/12	f			MS

¹⁷⁶ Lawrence Co., MS, Deed Book E: 139; imaged *FamilySearch* digital film 008201845 > image 423.

¹⁷⁷ Lawrence Co., MS, Deed Book E: 154–55; imaged *FamilySearch* digital film 008201845 > image 431.

¹⁷⁸ Lawrence Co., MS, Deed Book E: 165–66; imaged *FamilySearch* digital film 008201845 > images 406–7.

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100/100 Graham, William 74, Elizabeth 45, etc.
 101/101 Sterling, Wm. L. 46, Jemima 43, etc.
 102/102 Sullivan, Stephen 23, Mary A. 20
 103/103 Newton, Major 58, Ellen 49, etc.
 104/104 Mikell, James 43, Nancy 40, etc.
 105/105 Boyanton, John 47, Elizabeth 45, James A. 16, W. S. 13, Sarah 11, Michael 9, Harmon 5, Anna Burgess 70

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106/106 Jordan, Allen 25, Mary 18, Lugenia 3/12
 107/107 McCaleb, Archibald 54, Susan 50
 108/108 Bridges, Bennet 24, Jane R. 20
 109/109 Hale, Benjamin F. 40, Mary 30, etc.
 110/110 Hale, Samuel 71, with Sophia Ray 35, Charles Ray 17, Eleanor Ray 14, Francis Ray 12, Elvira Ray 6
 111/111 Sterling, Bennett W. 41, Susan 25, &c
 112/112 **Polk** **Joel** 51 m farmer \$250 SC
 Mary 49 f NC [née Williams?] can't r/w
 Elizabeth 21 f MS
 Catharine 18 f MS attends sch
 Lucilla 15 f MS attends sch
 Isaac 12 m MS attends sch
 Joel 10 m MS attends sch
 James 8 m MS attends sch
 113/113 **Williams, Isaac** 44 m farmer \$800 NC
 Mary 33 f KY
 John H. 16 m MS attends sch
 Icay 13 f MS attends sch
 Amanda 9 f MS attends sch
 Hiram G. 7 m MS attends sch
 Lucinda 5 f MS
 William Milton 1 m MS

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114/114 Malone, Daniel 70, Rebecca 52, etc.
 115/115 Griffith, H. W. 32, Celia Ann 22, etc.
 116/116 Pittman, Hardy 34, Cristian D. 30, etc.
 117/117 Tillman, Sarah 60, William 33
 118/118 Griffiths, Mariam 59
 119/119 Fountain, J.B.? 29, Absilla 24, Isom 1 [Isaac Williams' wife is said to be a Fountain]
 120/120 Robertson, Milton 32, Miriam 22 &c
 121/121 **Williams, Jno.** 83 m farmer \$215 NC
 Rhoda 70 f NC
 Bridges, Elizabeth 35 f **NC**
 John 13 m MS
 Elijah 11 m MS
 Elizabeth 9 f MS
 Madison 7 m MS
 Miram 6 f MS
 122/122 Walker, S. H. 29 m farmer \$700 MS
 Rebecca 26 f MS

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		Charles	6	m		MS		attends sch	
		Martain	4	m		MS			
		Thomas	3	m		MS			
		Emily	1	f		MS			
123/123	Steen,	Miles 32, Mary M. 21, ch 6/12 -7							
124/124	Tarver,	Sterling 54, Mary A 44 &c							

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169/169	Bridges,	Britton	60	m	farmer	\$2,000	NC	
		Lidia	62	f			GA	
		Brasuel	39	m			GA	
		Mary	7	f			MS	attends sch

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179/179	Stringer, Noah 51, Beckey 35 &c							
180/180	Loften, Zeliel 59, Jane 50 &c							
181/181	Herrington, Jesse 24, Catharine 23, Newton 2, "not named" female 3/12							
182/182	Williams, Robert	43	m	farmer	\$900		NC	can't r/2
	Claricy	42	f				GA	
	William	21	m				MS	
	Mary	18	f				MS	
	Ann	15	f				MS	
	Jane	13	f				MS	
	Rhoda	11	f				MS	
	Josiah	9	m				MS	
	Melinda	5	f				MS	
	Robert	2	m				MS	
	John	1/12	m				MS	
183/183	Oglesvie, James 61, Martha 50 &c							

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193/193	Fountain, Seth	57	m	farmer	\$400		GA	
	Penny	51	f				"	

(p. 405 verso)

398/398	Sauls,	Orlando S	22,	Mary 18				
399/399	Sandifer	Jno. 27, Mary 16, with S. T. Day 17						
400/400	Williams, Bird	58	m	farmer	\$800		SC	
	40	r				TN		
		Darius C.	16	m	farmer		MS	attends sch
		Jordan B.	13	m			MS	attends sch
		Zebulin E. P.	10	m			MS	attends sch
		Rhoda L?	7	f			MS	
401/401	Tynes, Elizabeth 60, Minor E. 25, etc.							
402/402	Bristow, L. A. W. 28, Sarah C. 23, etc.							
403/403	Britian, Bird 29, Rebecca 27, etc.							

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COMMENT:

The enumerator has circled back to the neighborhood that he began with.

- 585/585 Newsom, Wm. 34, My J. 23 &c
 586/586 **Hartzog**, A 38, Rebecca 24, Margaret 4, Elizabeth 2, William W., 22
 587/587 **Williams, Daniel** 55 m farmer \$400 NC
 Mary 50 f SC
 John 21 m MS
 William 19 m MS
 Isaac 16 m MS
 Mary 14 f MS
 588/588 Lee, Needham 30, **Catharine 25**, etc.

COMMENT:

Investigate Catherine Lee as the possible daughter of Daniel and Mary. The 1840 census credits them with a daughter of her age, a daughter no longer in their household.

James Shannon and wife Catherine Williams have moved to Jasper County (the county just below Newton):¹⁷⁹

- 22/23 **James Shannon**, 60, male, farmer, \$1008, b. Ireland
 Katharine, 55, female, b. NC
 376/376 **James J. Shannon**, 25, male, lawyer, \$500, b. Miss.

John and Rhoda's son William, who administered John's estate, was still living in adjacent Covington County:¹⁸⁰

- 270/270 **William Williams**, 45, farmer, \$750, N.C.
 Rebecca, 39, b. Ky. [In 1840, William's wife was 40–50]
 Rhoda Ann, 18, b. Miss.
 Dicy Ann, 16, b. Miss. [Was Dicy's mother a Watts or Lott?]
 Sarah Ann, 12, b. Miss.
 Martha Ann, 9, b. Miss. | Did William remarry in this interval?
 William H., 4, b. Miss. |
 John Isaac 3, b. Miss.
 Mary M., 11/12, b. Miss. [Note change in naming pattern for daughters]

1 NOVEMBER 1850

Land location

- Noh-e-ne-tubbee SW NW **S1** T8 R19, 40.19, Choctaw Script 852B, located 1 November 1850 **Isaac Williams**, (patented to?) Redmond Carter [no date]¹⁸¹
 Mak-ka-tubbee SW SE **S1** T8 R19, 40.19, Choctaw Script 683B, located 1 November 1850 "By

¹⁷⁹ 1850 U.S. census, Jasper Co., MS, pop. sch., p. 31 (stamped) verso, dwell. 23, fam. 24; and p. 56, dwell./fam. 376.

¹⁸⁰ 1850 U.S. census, Covington Co., MS, pop. sch., p. 306 verso dwell./fam. 270.

¹⁸¹ "United States Bureau of Land Management ... Tract Books, 1800–c.1955," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QS7-L9W3-14CT : 2 February 2022>) > Mississippi > Vol M7 > image 148 (original page 141).

Joel Polk" no patent data.¹⁸²

21 JULY 1851

Land sale

Mary Ann Malada (x) of Lawrence County to **James A. Odom** of same, for \$480, the E½ of SE¼ and E½ of NE¼ S30 T9 R18W [document torn]. Witnesses: F. R. Wolpool, M. M. Lott. Acknowledged by Mary Ann on 21 July 1851 [sic] before S. H. Walker J.P. Filed & recorded 4 September 1849. [sic].¹⁸³

10 SEPTEMBER 1851

Dower relinquishment

Catharine Shannon (x), "the lawful wife of **James Shannon, decd?**, do hereby relinquish all of my right of Dower in the following described lands ... E½ of SE¼ and E ["Estest"] ½ of NE¼ S30 T9 R18W, each containing 74.4 acres. [Document torn]. Witness: William Harrison. Acknowledged 10 September 1851 before S. H. Walker, J.P.¹⁸⁴

29 DECEMBER 1851

Land sale

Robert Williams to Simon Branton, both of Lawrence County, sale for \$400 "in hand paid," "all the following tracts of land":

- E½ S27 ("excepting the SE side of Green Creek, being forty acres more or less"
- W½ of NW¼ S26 T8 Range 19W [book is damaged]

[Signed] Robert Williams, Clarissa Williams. Witnessed: William J. [I?] Fortenberry. Acknowledged and relinquished by Robert and Clarissa before M. M. Fortenberry J.P. on 29 December 1851. Filed and recorded 15 January 1852¹⁸⁵

COMMENT:

Robert bought both tracts in July 1849 from William Easterling.

27 SEPTEMBER 1852

Land purchase

B. F. Haile and wife Mary to **Joel Polk**, all of Lawrence, for \$400 "in hand paid" sell the W½ of SE¼ S12 T8 R19W, 80 acres. Witness: Hardy Pittman, J.P. On same day, B. F. and Mary appeared before Pittman to acknowledge and relinquish. Filed 2 August 1855. Recorded 3 August 1855.¹⁸⁶

22 OCTOBER 1852

Sale of inheritance

"Know all men by these presents, Greeting, that I **Joel Williams** of the County of Lawrence in the State of Mississippi, one of the heirs of the Estate of **John Williams** of the County and State aforesaid lately deceased, have this day, for value received, bargained and sold unto Simeon B. Petitfils all my interest in said Estate and hereby authorise the administrator (**William Williams**) to pay over unto the said Simeon B. Petitfils a proportional part of **one tenth of said estate**, and the said S. B. Petitfils vouchers shall be to

¹⁸² "United States Bureau of Land Management ... Tract Books, 1800–c.1955," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-L9W3-14CT : 2 February 2022>) > Mississippi > Vol M7 > image 148 (original page 141).

¹⁸³ Lawrence Co., MS, Deed Book E: 335–36; imaged *FamilySearch* digital film 008201845 > image 525.

¹⁸⁴ Lawrence Co., MS, Deed Book E: 341–42; imaged *FamilySearch* digital film 008201845 > image 529.

¹⁸⁵ Lawrence Co., MS, Deed Book E: 408–9; imaged *FamilySearch* digital film 008201845 > image 563.

¹⁸⁶ Lawrence Co., MS, Deed Book F: 303–4; imaged *FamilySearch* digital film 008134329 > image 173.

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all intents and purposes the same as my own. Furthermore this shall be considered a regular and bona fide transfer of all my interest in said Estate. Given under my hand and seal this 22nd day of October AD 1852. [Signed] **Joel Williams** {seal}.” Signed & Sealed in presence of **A. Hartzog, B. F. Hail**. Filed December 27th 1852. Recorded Feb 11th 1853

“The within transfer is delivered to the said A. Hertzog as better security to him for the rights of said Estate. [Signed] S. B. Petitfils.

“[Transcribed from Original] Book E page 117–118.”¹⁸⁷

COMMENT:

- This document tells us that there were 10 heirs to John Williams’s estate.
- See 11 November 1852 for Petitfil’s sale of the rights to A. Hartzog.
- At E: 189, “A. Hartzog” is identified as Aristarchus Hartzog.

11 NOVEMBER 1852

Acknowledgment

“**Simeon B. Petitfils** of Smith County, Mississippi, one of the distributees of the Estate of **John Williams deceased** of the County aforesaid,” acknowledges “having bargained and sold unto A. Hartzog of Lawrence county,” for \$100, “all interest in said Estate and hereby authorizes administrator **William Williams** to pay over to the said A. Hartzog a proportionate part of said estate.”¹⁸⁸

31 JANUARY 1853

Land purchase

Daniel Williams E½ SE¼ **S2 T8 R19**, 79.89 Mil Wt. 10877 for Stephen Hall, entered 31 Jan. 1853 by Daniel Williams, Ass[signee] “Cancelled 12 March 1857”¹⁸⁹

10 FEBRUARY 1853

Deed of gift

“Know all men by these presents that we **Isaac Williams** and **Mary F. Williams** of the County of Lawrence ... have this day and date made a deed of gift to our beloved **daughter Icy F. Walker** of the County and State aforesaid to a certain Negro slave by the name of *Sarah Ann* for her to have and to hold ... to descend to her children in equal portions with the increase of the said slave if any, and in case the aforementioned Icy F. Walker should die without any children, then the above described negro Girl slave to return with her increase to our other children in equal portions. [Signed] Isaac Williams, Mary F. Williams. Witnesses: J. B. Fountain, **Joel Polk**. Same day: Isaac and Mary F. appeared before **Hardy Pitman, J.P.** and acknowledged that they signed the foregoing deed of gift.”¹⁹⁰

COMMENTS:

Descendants allege that Isaac’s wife “Mary F.” was née Mary Fountain or Mary Fontaine Griffith.

2 FEBRUARY 1853

¹⁸⁷ Lawrence Co., MS, Deed Book E: 478; imaged *FamilySearch* digital film 008201845 > image 598.

¹⁸⁸ Lawrence Co., MS, Deed Book E: 477; imaged *FamilySearch* digital film 008201845 > image 598.

¹⁸⁹ “United States Bureau of Land Management ... Tract Books, 1800–c.1955,” database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-L9W3-14CT : 2 February 2022>) > Mississippi > Vol M7 > image 148 (original page 141).

¹⁹⁰ Lawrence Co., MS, Deed Book E: 478; imaged *FamilySearch* digital film 008201845 > image 600.

Land sale

James A. Odom of Lawrence Co., to Duncan B. Easterling of Covington Co., sale for \$500, “receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged,” the following land:

- E½ of SE¼ and E½ of NE¼ S30 T9 R18W, 75.5 acres
- NW¼ of SW¼ of S29 T9 R18, 40 acres
- SW¼ of NW¼ of S29 T9 R18, 40 acres

“excepting fifteen acres adjoining the Eastern boundary of the same tract which has been heretofore sold to **John Williams**.” Signed: James A. Odom. No wife’s participation. Witnesses: H. W. Griffith, Hardy Pittman. Same day, Odom appeared before **Hardy Pitman, J.P.** to acknowledge the deed as his act. Filed and Recorded 25 April 1853.¹⁹¹

COMMENT:

- James Addison Odom’s father, James Richard Odom, was first cousin of Shadrack Odom, the proposed son-in-law of John Williams’ son Neal Williams.
- After this land sale, James A. Odom moved east into what is now Lincoln County, settling raw land on the public domain. On 2 July 1860, he received a federal patent to four tracts that, in 1870, fell into the new county of Lincoln. (See below.)

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	MS0640 .044	ODOM, JAMES	1/5/1841	1080	MS	Choctaw	007N - 016E	E½SE¼	7	Lauderdale	
	MS0640 .415	ODOM, JAMES	1/5/1841	1465	MS	Choctaw	007N - 016E	NW¼SW¼	8	Lauderdale	
	MS0650 .015	ODOM, JAMES	1/5/1841	1560	MS	Choctaw	007N - 016E	SE¼NW¼	17	Lauderdale	
	MS0650 .019	ODOM, JAMES	1/5/1841	1564	MS	Choctaw	007N - 016E	SW¼SW¼	8	Lauderdale	
	MS0650 .230	ODOM, JAMES	1/5/1841	1777	MS	Choctaw	007N - 016E	SW¼NE¼	7	Lauderdale	
	MS0690 .396	ODOM, JAMES	1/5/1841	4032	MS	Choctaw	006N - 016E	W½NW¼	5	Lauderdale	
	MS0610 .289	ODOM, JAMES A	7/2/1860	14435	MS	Washington	006N - 007E	E½NW¼	21	Lincoln	
							006N - 007E	SW¼NW¼	21	Lincoln	
							006N - 007E	NW¼NE¼	21	Lincoln	
							006N - 007E	NE¼SW¼	21	Lincoln	
	MS2640 .329	ODOM, JAMES H	2/27/1901	14806	MS	St Stephens	003S - 015W	NW¼NE¼	12	Pearl River	
							003S - 015W	N½NW¼	12	Pearl River	
	MS2480 .199	ODOM, JAMES P	8/14/1894	8356	MS	St Stephens	005N - 009W	W½NW¼	30	Perry	
							005N - 009W	SW¼SW¼	19	Perry	

21 MAY 1853

Association

Robert Williams, administrator of Estate of Arthur Allen deceased, sells to Willis B. Sterling, all of Lawrence Co., for \$203.30 the W½ of NW¼ S7 T8 R18W, 74.81 acres. Witness: **Wm. B. Williams**. Same

¹⁹¹ Lawrence Co., MS, Deed Book E: 485–86; imaged *FamilySearch* digital film 008201845 > image 602.

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day, Robert appeared before M. M. Fortenberry, J.P. to acknowledge the deed. Filed and recorded 6 May 1857.¹⁹²

COMMENT:

William B. Williams was the son of Robert. He had first cousins William C. (son of Daniel), William H. (son of William), and William Milton (son of Isaac).

14 NOVEMBER 1853

Tax roll

Personal property roll certified 14 November 1853.¹⁹³

(p. 9)

Hartzog, Andrew 0 poll, 14 slaves under 60, \$5.25

(p. 15)

Polk, Joel 1 clock @ \$10, 6 cattle (in excess of 20), \$.47½

(p. 20)

Williams, Bird \$480 loaned at interest, 1 clock @ \$10, 13 cattle (+20), 21 sl under 60, \$8.92¼

(p. 21)

Williams, Robert 10 cattle (+20), 2 slaves under 60, 1 white poll 21–50, \$1.12½

Williams, John 1 dueling or pocket pistol @ \$1.25, 1 white poll 21–50, \$1.56 1/4

Williams, Isaac 1 clock @ \$5, 10 cattle (+20), 10 slaves under 60, 1 white poll 21–50, \$4.16 1/4

[skip 4]

Williams, Daniel 1 clock @ \$15, 1 slave under 60, \$.84 5/8

Wiley, Emily B., Miss

Williams, Wm. 1 white poll 21–50, \$.31 1/4

COMMENT:

- The new John on the roll should be Isaac's son John H., born 1833–34.
- The new William on the roll could be either Robert's son or Daniel's son; both brothers in 1850 had Williams who would be of age in 1853.
- The absence of slaves charged to the deceased John's estate suggests that his estate has been settled.

22 MARCH 1854

Land purchase

Joel Polk NE¼ SW¼ S1 T8 R19, 40.18a @ \$1.25 = \$50.22, purchased 22 March 1854, Receipt/certificate 9539 [no land office, no patent data] "Withdrawn — E½ NE¼ E½ NW¼, NW & NE off Doc. 3 _____"¹⁹⁴

25 MARCH 1854

¹⁹² Lawrence Co., MS, Deed Book F: 716–17; imaged *FamilySearch* digital film 008134329 > images 391–92.

¹⁹³ "Mississippi, State Archives, Various Records, 1820–1951," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1919687>) > Browse > Lawrence > County tax rolls 1853, Box 3623 > 25 images.

¹⁹⁴ "United States Bureau of Land Management ... Tract Books, 1800–c.1955," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-L9W3-14CT> : 2 February 2022) > Mississippi > Vol M7 > image 148 (original page 141).

LAWRENCE COUNTY, MS

Deed of gift

Brittian Bridges “for the natural love and affection which I have ... unto my beloved daughter **Clarissa Williams** ... gives the NW¼ S34 T6R19W (exceptions: the “part that lies west of Greens Creek” and 100 yards off the S end of NW¼. [No wife’s participation.] Witness: M. M. Fortenberry, J.P. Filed and recorded 26 March 1856.¹⁹⁵

23 MAY 1854

Land purchase

Joel Polk and wife **Mary (x) Polk** to **Isaac Williams**, all of Lawrence Co., sale for \$100 “in hand paid,” the NE¼ of NW¼ S1 T8 R19 West containing 40 acres. No witnesses. Joel and Mary appeared before H. Hooker, “acting member of the Board of Police,” to acknowledge and relinquish, 27 [blank] 1854. Filed 10 May 1855. Recorded 5 June 1855.¹⁹⁶

17 AUGUST 1854

Land purchase

F. A. Gill (signed: Alexander Gill) and wife Sarah (x) of Lawrence Co. to **Floyd Williams** [no residence stated], sale for \$800, SE¼ of S19 T6 R8E, 145 acres. Acknowledged and relinquished by Gill and Sarah, 19 August 1854, before G. A. Bilbo, acting J.P.¹⁹⁷

COMMENT:

I have not identified this Floyd Williams. As purchaser of land in Township 6, Range 8E, he would be considerably distant from the White Sand Williamses of Townships 8–9 of R18–19W.

20 SEPTEMBER 1854

Land purchase

William Williams No. NE & W½ SW [S]2 & E½ SE S3 T8 R18, 201.43a @ \$.12½ = \$25.18, purchased 20 September 1854, Receipt/certificate 9724 [no land office or patent date]¹⁹⁸

COMMENT:

On this day three Lawrence County men went to the U.S. Land Office at Augusta and took out adjacent lands, receiving consecutive certificates: William Williams, Charles D. Stewart, and Duncan B. Easterling.

The wife of William Williams is not identified. She might be sought within the Stewart or Easterling families.

Brittain Bridges, whose son Jeremiah and daughter Clarissa married the siblings Elizabeth and Robert Williams also patented land in S3:

- SE of NE & NE of NE, purchased 10 November 1835, patented 5 January 1841
- W½ NE, patented 1 September 1830, land purchased on credit in 1818 by James Gilliland.

21 SEPTEMBER 1854

¹⁹⁵ Lawrence Co., MS, Deed Book F: 445–46; imaged *FamilySearch* digital film 008134329 > images 245.

¹⁹⁶ Lawrence Co., MS, Deed Book F: 274–75; imaged *FamilySearch* digital film 008134329 > images 157–58.

¹⁹⁷ Lawrence Co., MS, Deed Book G: 51–52; imaged *FamilySearch* digital film 008134329 > image 532.

¹⁹⁸ “United States Bureau of Land Management ... Tract Books, 1800–c.1955,” database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QS7-L9W3-14CT> : 2 February 2022) > Mississippi > Vol M7 > image 96 (original page 90).

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Land purchase

Daniel M. Williams W½ NE & W½ NW & NE NW & NW SE & N of SW **S11 T7 R19**, 279.30a @ \$.12½ = \$34.91, entered 21 September 1854, receipt/certificate no. 9731 [no land office or patent data]¹⁹⁹

22 SEPTEMBER 1854

Land purchase

Isaac Williams W½ SW **S6 T8 R18**, 74.81a @ \$.12½ = \$9.35, entered 22 September 1854, Receipt/certificate no. 9749; notation "Swamp Ind. For NW & SW rej. By K May 3 1893"²⁰⁰

COMMENT:

Isaac's land was about one-quarter mile from land that Elizabeth (Williams) Bridges took out three weeks later (11 October 1854).

Isaac Williams W½ SW¼ **S36 T9 R19**, 79.87a @ \$1.25 = \$99.83, purchased 22 September 1854, receipt/certificate no. 9750 [no land office or patent data]

N½ S½ **S35** & NW SE **S36 T9 R19**, 119.86a @ \$.12½ = \$14.98, purchased 22 September 1854 [no land office or patent data]²⁰¹

27 SEPTEMBER 1854

Land purchase

Joel Polk NW SE **1** [sic] & E½ N & SW NE **S12 T8 R19**, 240.50a @ \$.12½ = \$30.06, purchased 27 September 1854, receipt/certificate 9860,²⁰²

2 OCTOBER 1854

Land patent

Daniel Williams, ass.
of Stephen Hall

E½ SE¼ **S2 T8N R19W**, 2 October 1854, Acc. No. MW-0818-438²⁰³

11 OCTOBER 1854

Land purchase

Joel Polk NW NW **S12 T8N R19 W** 40.05a @ \$.12½ = \$5.01, purchased 11 October 1854,

¹⁹⁹ "United States Bureau of Land Management ... Tract Books, 1800–c.1955," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-L9W3-14CT> : 2 February 2022) > Mississippi > Vol M7 > image 150 (original page 143).

²⁰⁰ "United States Bureau of Land Management ... Tract Books, 1800–c.1955," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-L9W3-14CT> : 2 February 2022) > Mississippi > Vol M7 > image 97 (original page 91).

²⁰¹ "United States Bureau of Land Management ... Tract Books, 1800–c.1955," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-L9W3-14CT> : 2 February 2022) > Mississippi > Vol M7 > image 166 (original page 157).

²⁰² "United States Bureau of Land Management ... Tract Books, 1800–c.1955," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-89W3-1WTV> : 2 February 2022) > Mississippi > Vol M7 > image 150 (original page 143).

²⁰³ U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, "Search Documents by Type," *General Land Office Records* (<https://glorerecords.blm.gov/search/default.aspx> : 18 June 2021), query for "Williams," in the Mississippi counties of Jefferson Davis (formerly Lawrence), Lawrence, and Marion.

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Elizabeth Bridges receipt/certificate no. 10083 [no land office or patent data]²⁰⁴
W½ NW **S6 T8 R18**, 74.81a @ \$.12½ = \$9.35; purchased 11 October 1854,
Receipt/certificate 10058 [no land office and no patent data]²⁰⁵

COMMENT:

Elizabeth's land was about one-quarter mile from land that Isaac Williams took out three weeks earlier (22 September 1854).

25 OCTOBER 1854

Land purchase

John Williams W½ SW¼ & SW¼ NW¼, **S2 T8 R19**, 119.80a @ \$.12½ = \$14.57, purchased 25 Oct. 1854, Receipt/certificate 10510 [no land office or patent data]²⁰⁶

COMMENT:

This John Williams would seem to be a son of Daniel or Isaac, both of whom had sons named John and both of whom owned land adjacent to this land John is buying. In 1884 a younger Isaac would also buy land in S2:

Isaac Williams Sr. E½ NE **S2 T8 R19**, 79.87a @ \$1.25 = \$99.84, purchased 6 Feb 1884, Receipt/certificate 37298 [no land office or patent date]²⁰⁷

Other younger-generation Williamses are also buying land in this section post-Civil War: Daniel C., Pennie A., Marion, and John E.

3 JANUARY 1855

Land purchase

William Williams N½ NW¼ **S11 T8 R18** 80.12a @ \$.12½ = \$10.02, purchased 3 January 1855, Receipt/certificate 11562 [no land office or patent data]²⁰⁸

17 JANUARY 1855

Land purchase

German Walker and wife **Icy F. Walker** sell to **Isaac Williams** for \$150 the

- NW¼ of S30 T9 R18W, 148.075 acres (excepting 20 acres more or less deeded to Milton Griffith and 10 acres, more or less, deeded to Thomas B. Slater)
- NE¼ SW¼ S30 T9 R18W, 38.27 acres

²⁰⁴ "United States Bureau of Land Management ... Tract Books, 1800–c.1955," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-89W3-1WTV> : 2 February 2022) > Mississippi > Vol M7 > image 150 (original page 143).

²⁰⁵ "United States Bureau of Land Management ... Tract Books, 1800–c.1955," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-L9W3-14CT> : 2 February 2022) > Mississippi > Vol M7 > image 97 (original page 91).

²⁰⁶ "United States Bureau of Land Management ... Tract Books, 1800–c.1955," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-L9W3-14CT> : 2 February 2022) > Mississippi > Vol M7 > image 148 (original page 141).

²⁰⁷ "United States Bureau of Land Management ... Tract Books, 1800–c.1955," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-L9W3-14CT> : 2 February 2022) > Mississippi > Vol M7 > image 148 (original page 141).

²⁰⁸ "United States Bureau of Land Management ... Tract Books, 1800–c.1955," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-L9W3-14C4> : 2 February 2022) > Mississippi > Vol M7 > image 98 (original page 92).

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- W½ of SE¼ and SW¼ of SW¼ S30 T9 R18W, 111.04 acres.

Witness: B. F. Haile, acting J.P. Same day, German and Icy F. appeared before B. F. Haile, J.P. to acknowledge and relinquish.²⁰⁹

COMMENT:

Icy F. Walker was the daughter of Isaac and Mary F. Williams. See deed of gift dated 10 February 1853.

27 OCTOBER 1854

Land sale

Bird Williams and wife **Rebecca** to **David D. Williams**, all of Lawrence Co., sale for \$100 E½ of SE¼ S8 T5 R10 "East." Acknowledged and relinquished 27 October 1854 before J. L. Lyns, J.P.²¹⁰

20 NOVEMBER 1855

Promissory note

"\$50.00. Twelve months after date we or either of us promise to pay A. Hartzog, B. F. Haile, T. J. White & J. F. White, Trustees of Common Schools and School lands for Township Eight of Range Nineteen West and their successors in office or bearer fifty dollars with interest at ten per-centum per annum (It being a bona fide loan of money school funds) for value Received, November 20th 1855. [Signed] **Daniel Williams, Isaac Williams, D. M. Williams.**"²¹¹

The image shows a handwritten promissory note in cursive script. The text reads: "\$50.00 Twelve months after date we or either of us promise to pay A. Hartzog, B. F. Haile, T. J. White & J. F. White Trustees of Common Schools and School lands for Township Eight of Range Nineteen West and their successors in office or bearer fifty dollars with interest at ten per centum per annum (It being a bona fide loan of money school funds) for value Received November 20th 1855. Daniel Williams Isaac Williams D. M. Williams". The note is written on aged paper with some ink bleed-through from the reverse side.

Lawrence Co., MS, Chancery Court Cases, Box 20, case 5560; imaged *FamilySearch* digital film 8632807 > image 1741.

3 SEPTEMBER 1856

Association

Josiah Stringer (x) sells to James Warner, both of Lawrence, for \$100 "in hand paid," the E½ of SW¼ S5

²⁰⁹ Lawrence Co., MS, Deed Book F: 275–76; imaged *FamilySearch* digital film 008134329 > image 158.

²¹⁰ Lawrence Co., MS, Deed Book F: 181; imaged *FamilySearch* digital film 008134329 > image 111.

²¹¹ Lawrence Co., MS, Chancery Court Cases, Box 20, case 5560; imaged *FamilySearch* digital film 8632807 > images 1721–1858, especially 1741.

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T5 R19W, 80 acres more or less. Witnesses: Wm. H. [W?] Deen; **Wm. B. Williams**. Acknowledged same day before J. J. Branton J.P. Filed and recorded 12 September 1856.²¹²

COMMENT:

- William B. Williams was the son of Robert and Clarissa (Bridges) Williams.
- William W. Deen was married to Clarissa's sister.

6 MARCH 1857

Land sale

M. Odom of Lawrence Co. to John M. Bach of Orleans Parish, La., for \$500 "in hand paid, "land lying on the New Orleans, Jackson, and Great Northern Rail Road "at the Town of Brookhaven," being lots 15 and 16 in Square 23, each measuring fifty feet on Monticello Street and running back 200 feet. No witness. 6 March 1857, Odom appeared before G. A. Bilbo, J.P. to acknowledge the deed. Filed and recorded 7 May 1857.²¹³

3 APRIL 1857

Mortgage

Robert Williams to John H. Tennison, for \$300, conveys "a certain Negro boy named *Dennis*, about eleven years old, warranted, to take effect if he does not pay a promissory note for \$300 due before 1 January. On 8 August 1857 Tennison acknowledged that the debt was paid in full. Witness: S. W. Dale, J.P.²¹⁴

27 APRIL 1857

Probate

Lydia Bridges notifies court that her husband **Britton Bridges died on 13 April 1857**, leaving an estate amounting to about \$6000. Because of age and infirmities she requests that "her son in Law William H. Dean and Brazele Bridges" be appointed administrators of the estate.²¹⁵

3 October 1857. Summons issued to **John Bridges, Elijah Bridges, Elizabeth Bridges, William Madison Bridges, and Mariam Bridges**, the minor heirs of **Jeremiah Bridges** decd [by **Elizabeth Williams**] and A. A. Sheppard their Guardian ad litem (image 376)

4 January 1858, **John R. Bridges, now of full age** and Abner A. Sheppard the guardian Ad litem of **E. B. Bridges, R. E. Bridges, W. M. Bridges & M. C. Bridges**, the minor heirs of **Jeremiah Bridges** decd.," file answer and objection to the petition of Lydia Bridges, Brassel Bridges, **Robert Williams & Wife, W W. Deen & wife**. Various enslaved people have been advanced to various heirs, etc. (images 390–93)

31 August 1858, **Robert Williams** petitions in right of his wife **Clarissa**. In April 1857, this court granted administration of the estate of **Brittain Bridges**, deceased, to William Dean and Brazel Bridges. There are five distributees of the personal Estate of said decedent, of which **Clarissa Williams** is one. A partial division has been made "not materially touching any thing beyond the slave property." The "acting administrator" made his report to the court in June 1857 showing \$900 in his hands as money belonging to the decedent at the time of his death, which was said in the June term to be out on loan at ten

²¹² Lawrence Co., MS, Deed Book F: 527; imaged *FamilySearch* digital film 008134329 > image 286.

²¹³ Lawrence Co., MS, Deed Book F: 727–28; imaged *FamilySearch* digital film 008134329 > image 397.

²¹⁴ Lawrence Co., MS, Deed Book F: 91–92; imaged, *FamilySearch* digital film 008134329 > image 377.

²¹⁵ Lawrence Co., MS, Chancery Court Cases, Box 44, case 5887; imaged *FamilySearch* digital film 8632836 > images 348–472, especially 400.

percent interest. Now more than twelve months have elapsed since the grant of administration and the petitioners request a distribution of the said money (images 345–50).

4 July 1859, administrators file account showing credits for the estate include “Amt. of purchase money of *boy Andrew* over and above the sum of \$800 pd. The heirs of **Jeremiah Bridges** decd. \$706”; and Note on **Robt. Williams** \$17.75 (images 352–54).

4 July 1859, administrators request that citations be issued to the heirs notifying them of this filing: **Robert Williams & Clarissa Williams** his wife, Lydia Bridges the widow, Mary Ann Deen wife of your petitioner Wm. W. Deen, and the **heirs of Jeremiah Bridges**, to wit: **John R. Bridges, E. B. Bridges, R. E. Bridges, M. Zn. Bridges, and M. C. Bridges**, and Abner A. Sheppard the guardian of the three latter, all of whom reside in Lawrence County. (i.365)

6 February 1862, Wm. W. Deen notifies court that his brother-in-law and fellow administrator “died on the ? day of September at his residence in Lawrence County.” No year stated, but Dean goes on to say “more than sixty days, indeed more than four months, have elapsed since the death.” (i.355–56.)

6 January 1862. Petition of Lucinda Magee and husband J. C. Magee, identifying Brazil Bridges as her late husband, by whom she had daughter Martha and Brittain Bridges, both minors under the age of ten; “the said Martha now resides in the state of Texas.” (i.381)

23 MAY 1857

LAWRENCE COUNTY, MS

Promissory note

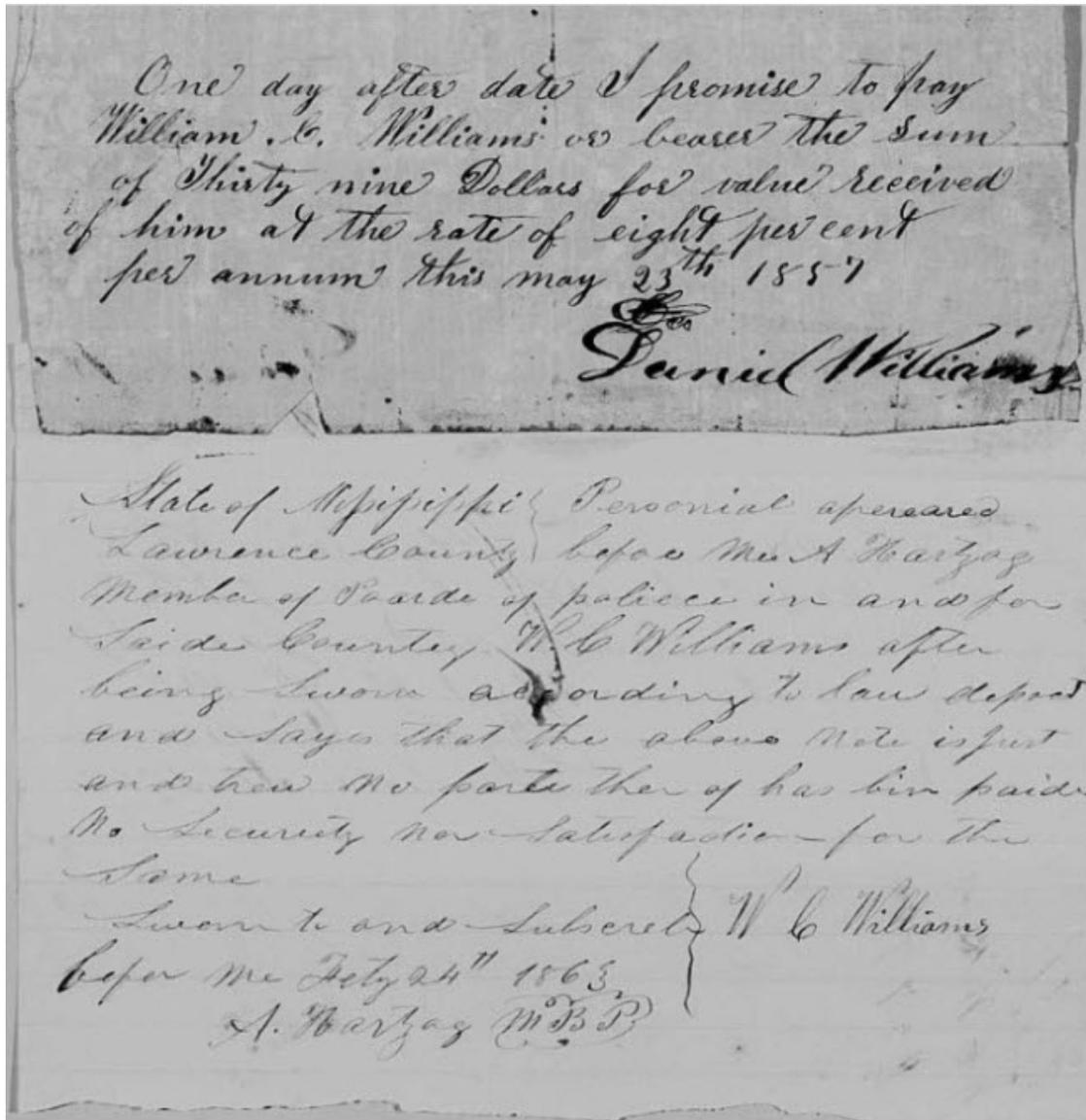
One day after date I promise to pay **William C. Williams** or bearer the sum of Thirty nine Dollars for value received of him at the rate of eight per cent per annum, this May 23th 1857. [Signed] **Daniel Williams**.

“Personally appeared before me A. Hartzog, member of Board of police in and for Saide County, **W. C. Williams**, after being Sworn according to law deposes and Sayes that the above note is Just and true, no Parte there of has bin paid. No Security nor Satisfaction for the Same. [Signed] **W. C. Williams**. Sworn to and Subscrib[ed] before me Feby 24 1863. A. Hartzog. M of BP.”²¹⁶

COMMENT:

William C. Williams was a son of Daniel.

²¹⁶ Lawrence Co., MS, Chancery Court Cases, Box 20, case 5560; imaged *FamilySearch* digital film 8632815 > images 1721–1858, especially 1743.



Lawrence Co. MS, Chancery Court Cases, box 20, case 5560; imaged, FamilySearch digital film 8632815 > image 1743.

NOVEMBER 1857

Land location

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SW NE **S1** T8 R19, 40.19, Choctaw Scrip 487B [located Nov 1857 for **Joel Polk** By Samuel S. Henry Ass. Penciled note below this: 190 **Elizabeth Bridges** E½ NE Settled 14 & filed 20 Dec 1852.”²¹⁷

²¹⁷ “United States Bureau of Land Management ... Tract Books, 1800–c.1955,” database with images, FamilySearch (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-L9W3-14SS : 2 February 2022>) > Mississippi > Vol M7 > image 148 (original page 141).

NOVEMBER 1857

Land purchase

William Gwin to **Floyd Williams**, both of Lawrence Co., quitclaim to “part of the 2nd part” of SE¼ S30 T6 R8E, “it being one third part of the fore said Quarter Section it being a portion of the land sold by Joseph Sulton Tax Collector of Lawrence county for taxes due thereon on the 2nd day of April 1855 and purchased by the said William Gwin. Executed “November 185” [sic]. Acknowledged by Gwin before Britton Hall, member of the Board [of] Police, Lawrence Co., 13 November 1857, with relinquishment by wife Sarah Gwin. Filed and recorded 14 December 1857.²¹⁸

25 DECEMBER 1857

Land purchase

Nancy Benson (s) to **Isaac Williams**, both of Lawrence Co., sale for \$600, 150 acres more or less, described as

- NW¼ of SW¼ S30 T9 R18W (excepting a little portion taken off a certain cross fence of the SW corner)
- thence by said cross fence running in a NW direction through the following described numbers: the NE¼ of the SE¼, the SE¼ of the NE¼ and the NW¼ of the NW¼, S25 T9 R19—all lying NE of said made line.
- also 10 acres more or less in SW corner of NW¼ S30 T9 R18W
- also SE¼ of SW¼ S30 T9 R18W

Witness **John H Williams**. Acknowledged 25 December 1857. Filed for recording 15 April 1858. Recorded 8 May 1858.²¹⁹

COMMENT:

This John H. should be Isaac’s son of that name who has been taxed as an adult for several years. (Isaac’s brother Joel also named a son John H.)

15 FEBRUARY 1858

Land purchase

Jesse M. Brent and Mary B. Brent his wife to **Frances Williams** all of Pike Co., sale of land in Lawrence Co., for \$1150: E½ SW¼ and SE¼ of S17 T5 R9E. Acknowledged and relinquished before Robt. H. Felder, J.P., Pike Co., same day. Filed and recorded, Lawrence Co., 19 May 1858.²²⁰

COMMENT:

Mary Brent, wife of Jesse, was the daughter of Bird Williams. See the abstracts under 23 May 1842.

18 FEBRUARY 1858

Land sale

D. M. Williams (s) to **William C. Williams**, for \$50.70 debt, mortgage on NW¼ & W½ of NE¼ and NW¼ of NW¼ and the NW of SE¼ of S11 T8 R19W, the titles of which lands are hereby vested in the said William C. William until” 1 January 1860, “reserving to me the said D. M. Williams or my heirs or assigns the right of redeeming said lands by or before the time above stated. Witness: B. F. Haile. Acknowledged [no

²¹⁸ Lawrence Co., MS, Deed Book G: 52–54; imaged, *FamilySearch* digital film 008134329 > images 532–53.

²¹⁹ Lawrence Co., MS, Deed Book G: 186–87; imaged, *FamilySearch* digital film 008134329 > image 599.

²²⁰ Lawrence Co., MS, Deed Book G: 202; imaged, *FamilySearch* digital film 008134329 > image 607.

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date] before B. F. Haile, J.P. Filed and recorded 12 April 1858.²²¹

COMMENT:

- This land is adjacent to the S2 land owned by Daniel Williams and about a mile and a half from both Isaac Williams and their sister Elizabeth (Williams) Bridges.
- D. M. ("Daniel M^c") and William C. are named as heirs in Daniel's estate record, 1863.
- In 1860, D. M. Williams, 32, b. Miss., was living in the Elizabeth Bridges household, adjacent to and between Isaac Williams and Daniel Williams.²²²

5 APRIL 1858

Probate

Bird Williams notifies the court that his mother **Dorothea Williams** "departed this life on the 7th day of February last at the advanced age of 85 years. ... Heirs, viz: **Jordan Williams, Jinna [Dina?] Gunnels**, wife of Nicholas Gunnels decd., **Roland Williams**, heirs of **Elisabeth Miller** who was the daughter of decedent, **William M. Williams, Savilla Bridges, L. H. Williams' Heirs, P. B. Williams**, and the Heirs of **Benjamin Williams.**" Asks that letters of administration be issued to him.²²³

COMMENT:

Numerous other documents in this estate packet are not abstracted here because they do not bear on my research problem.

10 AUGUST 1858

Land purchase

Samuel Yates and wife Rebecca of Lawrence Co. to **Joel Williams of Smith Co., MS**, sale for \$350, land in Lawrence Co.:

- NE¼ NE¼ S29 T9 R18W
- E½ of SW¼ and W½ of SE¼ and SE¼ of NW¼ and NE¼ of SE¼ S20 T9 R18W

Acknowledged and relinquished 16 August 1858 before B. F. Haile, J.P., Lawrence Co. Filed and recorded 22 September 1858.²²⁴

25 OCTOBER 1858

Deed of gift

Isaac Williams (s) and wife Mary F. (s) of Lawrence, "deed of Gift to our beloved Daughter Amanda M. Hartzog of the County and State aforesaid, [a] certain negro Slave by the name of Martha ..." Witness: B. F. Haile, J.P. Filed and recorded 26 November 1858.²²⁵

20 NOVEMBER 1858

Land sale

Isaac Williams (s) and Mary F. Williams (s) his wife to **John H. Williams**, all of Lawrence, sale for \$525, three tracts of land:

- NW¼ of S30 in T9 R18W, 140.015 of an acre (excepting 20 acres deeded to Milton Griffith and 10

²²¹ Lawrence Co., MS, Deed Book G: 159; imaged, *FamilySearch* digital film 008134329 > image 585.

²²² 1860 U.S. census, pop. sch., Lawrence Co., MS, p.o. Monticello, p. 35 (top left corner), dwells. 237–39, fams. 236–38.

²²³ Lawrence Co., MS, Chancery Court Cases, Box 8, case 3257; imaged *FamilySearch* digital film 8632807 > images 1573–1627, especially 1575–76.

²²⁴ Lawrence Co., MS, Deed Book G: 286–87; imaged, *FamilySearch* digital film 008134329 > image 650.

²²⁵ Lawrence Co., MS, Deed Book G: 42; imaged, *FamilySearch* digital film 008134329 > image 678.

acres deeded to Thomas B. Stater Jr.

- NE¼ of SW¼ of S30 of T9 R18 W being 38.27 acre
- W½ of SE¼ and SW¼ of SW¼ of S30 of T9 R18, 111.04 acres.

Witnesses: Milton Griffith, G. W. Hartzog. Acknowledged and relinquished before B. F. Haile, J.P. 20 November 1858. Filed and recorded 26 Nov. 1858.²²⁶

2 MAY 1859

Land patent

John Williams W½ SW¼ **S2** T8N R19W, 2 May 1859, Acc. No. MS0810_.398
Daniel M. Williams W½ NE¼ and W½ NW¼ and NE¼ NW¼ and NW¼ SE¼ and NW¼ SW¼ of **S11** T7N R19W, 2 May 1859, Acc. No. M0800_.354
William Williams N½ NW¼ **S11** T8N R18W, 2 May 1859, MS0830_.074
William Williams SE¼ **S35** T9N R18W and N¼ NE¼ SW and W½ S¼ S2 and E½ SE¼ **S3** T8N R18W
2 May 1859, Acc. No. MS0800_.352
Isaac Williams E½ SE¼ **S36** T9N R19W, 2 May 1859, Acc. No. MS0850_.30²²⁷

COMMENT:

- John Williams, husband of Rhoda, is now dead. This John should be a grandson.
- William Williams, son of John, apparently is still alive. His earlier land lay in T8 R18W, the site of one of the tracts above. The T9 R18W land, acquired above, lay six miles to the west.
- The location of the T8 R19 land of William and John above, one-half to one
- mile from land Isaac already owned in S35 and less than a mile from Isaac's new land in S36, suggests that this John was Isaac's son of that name. However, Isaac's son William was still a child in 1859.
- Records abstracted later in this report show Daniel M. (Daniel Mc.) as son of Daniel. His Section 11 land, above, lay adjacent to Daniel's in Section 2.

1 JUNE 1859

Land patent

Robert Williams NW¼ NE¼ S34 T6N R19W, 1 June 1859, Acc. No. MS0840_.475²²⁸

1860

LAWRENCE COUNTY, MS

Guardianship

"Guardianship of **Z. E. P. Williams** and **R. L. Williams**, Levi D. Felder, Guardian. Includes account of **L. N. Williams**, Guardian, 25 January 1847. **P. B. Williams**, in 1853, was administrator of the estate of L. N. Williams. The minors were the heirs of **Benjamin Williams**, deceased. Felder's 1861 petition to file final account identifies the minors as "Zebulon and Rhoda."²²⁹

²²⁶ Lawrence Co., MS, Deed Book G: 341–42; imaged, *FamilySearch* digital film 008134329 > images 677–78.

²²⁷ U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, "Search Documents by Type," *General Land Office Records* (<https://glorerecords.blm.gov/search/default.aspx> : 18 June 2021), query for "Williams," in the Mississippi counties of Jefferson Davis (formerly Lawrence), Lawrence, and Marion.

²²⁸ U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, "Search Documents by Type," *General Land Office Records* (<https://glorerecords.blm.gov/search/default.aspx> : 18 June 2021), query for "Williams," in the Mississippi counties of Jefferson Davis (formerly Lawrence), Lawrence, and Marion.

²²⁹ Lawrence Co., MS, Chancery Court Cases, Box 21, case 5567; imaged *FamilySearch* digital film 8151933 > images 1533–1592, especially 1535, 1537, 1545, 1559, 1562. Also see Box 21, case 5583, images 1850–1853.

2 APRIL 1860

Land purchase

Robert Williams S½ NE¼ S2 T5N R19W, 2 April 1860, Acc. No. MS0870_.370²³⁰

JULY–AUGUST 1860

Census

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81/81 Williamson, W. 49 (\$600/2300), Susan 47, Elizabeth 19, John 17, Redding 12, Ira 12, Marion 7, Sarah 5

82/82 Williamson, Josh 45 (\$6000/10000), Mary 28, Lewis 18, Frances 12, John 9, Isham 6, Susan 6, Owen 2

83/	Williams, Wm. B.	30	m	farmer	\$300/200	Miss.	[Robert's son]
	Sarah	28	f			Miss.	

84/84 Williamson, Isham 27 (\$300/1700), Francis 22, Henry 3, Narcissy 6/12, E. M. Bullock 70

85/85 Williamson, Henry 34 (\$1000/3000), Nancy 34, Anne 8, Isham 5, Nancy 3, Calvin 2

86/ Craiker, Isaac 60 (\$300/250), Martha 26, Susannah 22, Frances 7, John 4

87/ Langston, Dempsey 36, Elisabeth 26, John 10, Benjamin 8, Dale 3, Hiram Bell 18

88/ Davis, D. D. 54 (\$250/200), Elisabeth 28, Wilson 11, Ann 8, Mahala 4, Alice 10/12

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89/	Williams, Robert	52	m	farmer	\$1000/800	N.C.	
	Clarissa	52	f			Geo.	
	Elisabeth	26	f			Miss.	
	Rhoda	21	f			"	
	Malinda	16	f				
	Isiah	18	m			"	
	Robert	13	m			"	
	John	10	m			"	
	Nathan	7	m			"	

90/ Bridges, Lydia 70 f \$1600/1600 Geo. [Rbt's mother-in-law]

91/ Dunn, W.W. 35 (/ \$3000), Mary 32, Elisa 12, Jane 9, Nancy 6, Jesse 4, John 8/12, Jesse Langston 1

92/ Bridges, Brasile 47 (\$1000/\$2500), Lucinda 23

93/ Buckley, N.S. 47 (\$1200/2500), Nancy 44, Elisha 14, Noel 9, Henry 7, Benjamin 5, Martha 2

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119/119	Hartsog, A. S.	60	m	farmer	\$4000/\$20000	SC	
	Elizabeth	45	f			"	
	William	22	m			"	
	Francis	21	m			Miss.	
	Amanda	18	f			"	
	Columbus	17	m			"	
	James	15	m			"	
	Willis	13	m			"	
	Joseph	12	m			"	
	David	10	m			"	

²³⁰ U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, "Search Documents by Type," *General Land Office Records* (<https://glorerecords.blm.gov/search/default.aspx> : 18 June 2021), query for "Williams," in the Mississippi counties of Jefferson Davis (formerly Lawrence), Lawrence, and Marion.

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226/225	Hartsog, J. W.	23	m	farmer	\$1500/3000	Miss.
	Amanda	20	f			"
	Franklin	2	m			"
227/226	Hartsog, A.	49	m	farmer	\$2000/3500	"
	Rebecca	35	f			
	Margaret	14	f			"
	Mary	11	f			"
	Julia	9	f			"
	Leander	7	f			"
	Lenette	5	f			"
	George	3	m			"
	James	9/12	m			"
	Virgil	50	m			"

231/230 Lee, N.W. 46 (\$800/600), Catherine 36, Jasper 14, Sarah 12, George 11, Josephine 10, Calvin 9, William 7, Daniel 6, Susan 5, John 4, Frank 2, Lucinda 1, Allen Lee 32

232/231 Warner, B. J. J. 47, Catherine 49, John 18, Moses 16, Rhoda 19, Emeline 17, George 12, Gabriel 10, Mary 14, Amanda 6

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233/232	Polk	Joel	64	m	farmer	\$1000/1800	S.C.
		Mary	59	f			N.C. [née Williams?]
		Mary	32	f			Miss.
		Adaline	24	f			Miss.
		James	20	m			"

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234/233 Boyanton, John 57, Elisabeth 52, William 22, Sarah 40, Michael 18, Harmon 15, John 9, Susan 6

235/234 Walker, S. H. 39, Rebecca 36, Charles 16, Thomas 14, Emily 12, Susan 10, Mary 6 James 4, Jefferson 3, Stephen 1, William 16

236/235 Malone, R. 60 (female), Lafayette 36, Sarah 22, Ann 20, Floyd 18, James 8

237/236	Williams, Isaac	51	m	farmer	\$2000/\$14000	N.C.
	Mary	44	f			Ky.
	Hiram	17	m			Miss.
	Lucinda	15	f			"
	Milton	11	m			"

COMMENT:

H. W. Griffith, a Williams associate, was also born in Ky. See p. 50, dwell. 329, fam. 331.

238/237	Bridges, Elizabeth	47	f			N.C. [née Williams]
	John	22	m			Miss.
	Elijah	20	m			"
	Elizabeth	19	f			"
	Mathew	17	m			"
	Miriam	15	f			"
	Yates, Thomas	20	m	laborer		"
	Williams, D. M.	32	m		\$300/200	" [son of Dan; neph of Eliz]

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239/238	Williams, Daniel	60	m	farmer	\$320/1800	N.C.
	Mary	70	f			"
	John	32	m			"
	Mary	23	f			"
240/239	Hooker, H. 54, Miranda 47, Francis 22, Marcis 19, Thos. 17, Houston 13, Winston 9, Martha 14					
241/240	Hooker, Wm. R. 27, Leander 21 (female), Frank 3, Lula 5/12					
242/241	Weathersby, J. F. 28, Amanda 33, Luther 4, Walter 2					
243/242	Robertson, Norvell 64 (minister \$2000/\$13000), Nancy 49, Adolphus 22, Sarah 21, Norvell 18, Laura 15, Wm. 12, Nancy 10					

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248/247	Davis, Alexander 39 (\$3000/15000), Sarah 22, James 9, Sarah 7, William 5, John 3, Anderson 2, Arabella 1					
249/248	Rials, Johnston 46, Susan 36, Amanda, 18, Jesse 16, Sarah 14, Sylvester 12, Sylvia 10, Thos. 8, Minerva 6					
250/249	Loftin, Isaac 28 (\$300/400), Missouri 21, Lutitia 6, Alfred 4, Armstead 1					
251/250	Williams, J. H.	44	m	farmer	\$2000/\$6000	Miss.
	Elizabeth	37	f			"
	Eada	12	f			"
	William	10	m			"
	Susan	8	f			"
	Margaret	6	f			"
	George	4	m			"
	Sarah	2	f			"
	Catherine	6/12	f			"
252/251	Evans, Joseph 35 (\$500/300), Mary 30, Jane 14, Liza? 12, Martha 11, Susan 9, John 7, Jesse 6, Jacob 5					
253/252	Stubbs, John L. 42 (\$800/100), Matilda 26, Martha 11, Benj. 7, William 4, Mary 3					
254/253	Smith, Allen 25 (\$3000/4000), Minerva 19, Francis 2					

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310/312	King, Mary 60 (\$300/2000), Elisa 22, John 5, Ellen 4					
311/313	Mullins, J. M. 24 (\$1000/400), Victoria 4, Serena 3, Joseph 6/12					
312/314	Lambert, Hiram 37 (\$300/250), Jane 22, John 4					
313/315	Williams, Floyd	40	m	farmer	\$2000/5000	Miss.
	Sarah	36	f			"
	Zack	16	m			"
	James	14	m			"
	Elisabeth	12	f			"
	Mary	10	f			"
	Semanthy	8	f			"
	John	6	m			"
	Thos.	7	m			"
	Sarah	4	f			"
	Floyd	1	m			"
314/316	Cliburn, J.B. 38 (\$500/300), Louissa 29, Mry [sic] 11, James 8, Charles 6, John 5, Anna 3, Louisa 2					
315/317	Shepard, A. A. 35 (\$5000/25000), Elisabeth 23, Jos. 22, Allen 13, Mary 11, Ab. 9, William 5, Caroline 2, Sophonia Herring 6, Martha Herring 4					
316/318	Townsend, Wm. 45 (\$1500/2000), Nevisa 36, John 15, Jane 13, Martha 10, William 8, Warren 7, Emeline 6, Henry 5, Elizabeth 4, Julia 1, Jacob 1					

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342/343 Day, Aaron, 43 (\$4000/5000), Lydia 41, Samuel 19, Francis 17, Leonidas 13, Bluford 9, Matilda Smith 11, Lina Smith 1
 343/344 Jett, Hamilton 25 (\$1600/5000), Aera 19, Sarah 1
 344/345 King, Mahala 40 (\$500/400), Iran [male] 29, Ann 19, Susan 17, Samuel 16, William 14, Emeline 12, Sarah 10, Martin 45
345/346 Williams, G 19 m “
 Rhoda 16 f “
 346/347 Prestidge, J. S. 27 (lawyer & planter \$18500/78000) Mary 20, Lizzie 1, Sarah 18
 347/348 Flippen, 1.M. 24 (\$500/300), Sarah 20, Mary 2, Nancy 1
 348/349 Griffin, Hampton 40, Susannah 28, James 5, Theodosia 3, Belle 3/12

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399/400 Blevis, Henry D. 70, Jane 25
 400/401 Hester, Mary 60, Jane 30, Martha 24, Mary 20, Malvina 15, Isaac 25, John 18
 401/402 Griffeth, Milton 29 (\$2000/20000), Elisabeth 25, Asa 6, Daniel 4, Sarah 2, Allethe 6/12
402/403 Williams, John H. 25 m farmer \$1200/4500 Miss.
 Sarah 21 f “
 Mary 4/12 f “
 Turner, James 25 m “
403/404 Williams, Joel 45 m farmer \$600/500 N.C.
 Susan 40 f Miss.
 John 21 m laborer “
 Anna 24 f “
 Rhoda 19 f “
 Ward, Susan 20 f “
 James 19 m “
 William 14 m “
 Williams, Alice 12 f “
 Mary 10 f “
 Hugh 8 m “
 Theodore 3 m “
 Catherine 4/12 f “
 404/405 Griffeth, William 37 (\$___/2500), Sarah 29, Amanda 12, Demarius 10, William 8, Susan 6, Candus, 3, Missouri, 1, **Joel Williams** 5

COMMENT:

- This John H. should be the son of Joel, next door, who had a son John H.
- It appears that the enumerator, in making this copy from the original, added the 5-year-old Joel in the wrong household. His age fits a gap in the family of Joel Sr., next door.

405/406 Mobley, Clem 60 (\$500/300), Emily 50, Benj. 21, Marion 20, William 15, Susan 25, Spencer 22, Miley 20, Frances 3
 406/407 Castelo, John 60 (\$500/700), Rebecca 39, Burtess 19, James 17, John 15, James [sic] 13, Henry 10, Duncan 5, Perry 2

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439/440 **Strickland, James** 45 m farmer \$5000/\$18000 N.C.
 Anna 30 f Miss.
 Jas. 12 m “
 Elisabeth 9 f “

W. C. Williams	Note	May 23d 1857	39.00	April 7 th 1863
Isom Weathersby	"	Feby 13 th 1862	10.93	"
Easterling & Hollander	A/C	Jany. 1 st 1861	50.00	"
D. B. Easterling	Note	Jany 27 th 1860	49.50	"
Joel Williams	A/C	Jany 1 st 1863	6.60	"
D. B. McInnis	A/C	Jany 1 st 1863	24.50	"
Joel Polk	A/C	Jany 1 st 1860	20.34	"
Isaac Williams	Note Cr. By \$75.00	Feby. 5. 1861	220.57	"
Wm Williams Admr.	"	October 23, 1868	81.53	"
John L. Polk	"	Jany 1 1860	10.00	May 4 th 1863
Lock Hart & Hartzog	"	June 12. 1859	16.14	"
" "	"	July 1 1860	36.92	"
Wm. Vannerson	Judgement	Obtained Ap'19 1860	27.74	June 30 1863
Hall & Oatis	A/C	Made in 1860 & 1	49.00	"
Pope & Holloway	Note	June 26. 1860	36.67	Aug. 22d 1863
John Storm	Note	March 15. 1861	33.045	"
John Storm	Judgement	Nov. 15. 1868	265.06	"
Samuel Reifer?	Note	Jany 1 1861	17.45	"
J. J. Williams	"	Jany 1 1855	55.00	Oct. 31 st 1863
" "	"	Oct. 10 1855	50.00	"
" "	"	Feby. 1 st 1858	20.00	"
W. J. King	A/C	Made in 1861	44.00	Jany 7 th 1864
W. G. Weathersby	Note	Feby. 13. 1861	9.00	Feby. 23d 1864
F. D. Brown	A/C	Fr. 1862	47.00	March 1 st 1864
" "	Note	Jany 2. 1861	15.00	"
B. F. Haile	"	March 26. 1859	6.90	"
J. R. Polk	"	May 7. 1862	4.00	"
Estate Of Wm. Williams	"	Jany 1, 1862	76.00	"
B. F. Haile et al	"	Nov. 20. 1856	50.00	"
W. B. Sterling	Account	—	17.00	June 27, 1864
C. S. Brinson	Note	Jan. 1862	60.00	June 27. 1864
H. H. Tyrone	"	July 16. 1861	26.52	October 25. 1865
C. J. Lee	A/C	Made in 1860	9.52	December 20. 1866
D. D. Benson	Note	Jany 1 st 1859	35.00	Dec. 20. 1866

27 NOVEMBER 1866

Petition of **Isaac Williams** for Sale of Real Estate of **Daniel Williams** dec to pay debts ... SE¼ S2 T8 R19W "to be sold ... on a credit of Six Months from day of sale, taking ample security for the purchase money."²³³

COMMENT:

²³³ Lawrence Co., MS, Chancery Court Cases, Box 20, case 5560; imaged *FamilySearch* digital film 8632815 > images 1721–1858, especially 1730.

At image 1748, six “distributees” signed acknowledgement that they had been summoned to appear in probate court: William C. Williams, John J. Williams, Willis B. Starling, Susan A. Starling, Cathurine Jane Lee, Mary M. Williams, Isaac R. Williams.

An undated “Schedule B” at image 1749 lists claimants against the estate, including: William Williams (\$81.53) and “Estate of Wm Williams” (\$76.00). The reference to the “Estate of ...” should be a reference to Daniel and Isaac’s brother; it also tells us that there should be an estate record on file, either in this record set or (which I did not find) or in the adjacent county of Covington (whose records are burned).

At image 1797, **Joel Polk** appeared before A. Hartzog, Member, Board of Police for Lawrence C. to say that **he had posted a notice of the probate sale of Daniel’s goods** in “two public places of said county” on 2 February 1863: “one copy at H. H. Tyrone’s store and one at **Isaac Williams’ mill**, both in the said county.”

At image 1808, an account of receipts reports that **Joel Polk** had hired the estate’s “negro woman for the year 1863, paying \$82.00.”

At image 1813 is a promissory note X’d by “**Dannel Williams**,” suggesting that he is in declining health.

At image 1847 is the estate inventory dated 13 January 1863.

25 SEPTEMBER 1877

LAWRENCE COUNTY, MS

Guardianship

Appointment of A. H? Lugino as guardian of Britten Bridges, minor heir of Britten Bridges, dec’d. (image 1302). William Dean is the estate’s administrator (image 1304). Heirs of deceased, as named 1 May 1876: “Liddie Bridges who is now deceased, **Clarissa Williams, the wife of Robert Williams**, Mary Ann Dean, Elizabeth Bennington [Boyanton], Marianne Lee, John Bridges, Milton C. Bridges, and Britten Bridges”; petition by Wm. W. Deen, husband of said Mary Ann Dean” (i.1309). 28 September 1881: J. A. Boyanton* signed on behalf of his wife who signed as “Elizbth R. Boyanton” (image 1318). 28 September 1881, “John R. Bridges” X’d his receipt of share from sale of land (image 1320)

5 August 1878: Martha Bridges of Texas by her agent A. E. Haynes of Lawrence, filed complaint against Briton Bridges, minor “who is without a legal guardian) and Elizabeth Magee “of said County and state. Martha and Britton are “jointly entitled to a certain tract of land ... by descent of their father Braxil Bridges ... each entitled on an undivided one half: NW¼ and N½ SW¼ S27 T6 R19 and NE¼ S28 T6 R19. Martha claimed a dower interest in the land (i.1311–1313).

15 February 1877. Mary Ann Dean and W. W. Dean, her husband, petition for sale of land of “Britton Bridges [who] departed this line on the ___ day of ___ AD ___ [sic] at his residence in Lawrence county, State of Mississippi, leaving a widow **Lidda Bridges** who also departed this life in said Lawrence County on the **30th day of September AD 1876.**” Heirs are **Clarissa Williams (wife of Robert Williams** of Lincoln Co., Miss.) Elizabeth Barrington [Boyinton] (wife of Aaron Barrington), Marianne Lee (wife of Thos. Lee), John Bridges, Britton Bridges and Mary Ann Dean (i.1344–1346).²³⁴

²³⁴ Lawrence Co., MS, Chancery Court Cases, Box 29, case 5509; imaged *FamilySearch* digital film 8632825 > images 1302–1363; also images 2354–2415.

Future Research

“Bethany Baptist Church: organized by William E. Stamps, June 3, 1819, Constitution Adopted September 18, 1819, at White Sandy Creek, Lawrence Co., Miss.” Typescript, 122 pp. filmed by Genealogical Society of Utah, 1978. Film 1036220, item 1. At Family History Library, but not available online.

Appendix 1: Lawrence County Marriages: Williams and Associates

COMMENT:

Lawrence County’s marriage registers are not available online. Records through 1838 have been abstracted and published. As an overview for the Williams surname, I am reading the entire volume of published abstracts, extracting all references to Sessums, Williams, and known in-laws. The left-hand numbers for each entry below represent the page number in the original volumes 1 and 2.²³⁵

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33. **Neal Williams** and **Polly Sessoms**. **John Williams**, bondsman. Consent by **Jacob Sessoms** for dau. Polly. Jan. 11, 1820 (Upton p. 7, *Ancestry* image 8)
41. Mark Rayburn and Rhoda Watts, by Fort Alford JP, Aug. 13, 1818. (p. 8, image 9)

COMMENT:

Rhoda Watts was a niece of Zilphy (Watts) Cooksey, whose daughters married Thomas Sessums (brother of Polly), James A. Rayburn, David Gill, and **Shadrack Odom** (as Shad’s second wife).²³⁶

Mark Rayburn and many others of the Watts-Lott clan were taxed in adjacent Covington County in 1821.²³⁷

Williamses on 1821 Covington tax roll: Edward, Elisha, Starling (image 7), John (image 8), Zachariah (image 10). In 1822, Robert and Thomas were added (images 17 and 21).

²³⁵ Marie Luter Upton, *Marriage Records Lawrence County, Mississippi, 1818–1838* (N.P.: P.p., 1970); imaged “Marriage Records, Lawrence County, Mississippi, 1818–1838,” database with images, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/30215/images/dvm_LocHist013838-00003-0 : accessed 2 July 2021). The preface states that Upton made her abstracts from Book 1 (1818–28) and Book 2 (1828–); the Book 2 abstracts end with 1838, although the original volume continues past that year.

²³⁶ See Elizabeth Shown Mills, “Testing the FAN Principle Against DNA: Zilphy (Watts) Price Cooksey Cooksey of Georgia and Mississippi,” *National Genealogical Society Quarterly* 102 (June 2014): 129–52, PDF at Mills, *Historic Pathways* (<http://www.HistoricPathways.com>) under the “Articles” tab.

²³⁷ Mississippi State Archives, Various Records, 1820–1851,” database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33SQ-GPX8-4W> : accessed 17 July 2021) > Covington > County tax rolls 1821–1854, Box 3640 > images 5–6 (1821).

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46. "Return only, **Neal Williams** and **Polly Sessoms** by Samuel C. Alexander, JP, Jan. 13, 1820" (p. 9, image 10)

59. **John Grice** and Elizabeth Russell. Edmond Bishop, bondsman, Nov. 20, 1820 (p. 10, image 11)

COMMENT:

Polly Sessoms' paternal aunt, Axy Sessoms, married James Grice c1785–90 in Sampson Co., NC.²³⁸ I have not yet studied the Lawrence Co., MS, Grices to determine whether they are part of the same family.

64. Nicholas Gunnels (?) and **Dina Williams. Bird Williams**, bondsman. Hayden Tilman, JP. Jan. 28, 1821." (p. 10, image 11)

COMMENT:

The name "Bird Williams" also is found in Madison County in the 1858–60 period contemporaneous with Neal William's residence there.

67. **Jesse Grice** and Nancy Evans. James Evans, bondsman. Jan. 30, 1821 "return written out for Jesse Grice, Sr., but not signed." (p. 10, image 11)

69. Howel Summeral and **Nancy Parker. Lewis Parker**, bondsman. Reben Collins, JP. Mar. 11, 1821. (p. 10, image 11)

COMMENT:

One Lewis Parker was a Sessums-Fisher-Williams neighbor on the Coharie in Sampson Co., NC.

91. William Russel and **Trury Grice. Jesse Grice**, bondsman. Aug. 27, 1821. (p. 12, image 13)

109. James Shannon and **Catherine Williams. Daniel Williams**, bondsman. Consent of parents, unnamed, July 11, 1822 (p. 13, image 14)

112. **Reding Sessoms** and Marian Brown. William Brown, bondsman. Feb. 5, 1822 (p. 13, image 14)

COMMENT:

Reding Sessoms (*var.* Redding Sessums) was brother of Polly who married Neal Williams.

146. Henry Tyler and **Keziah Williams. John Hickman**, bondsman. Consent by Moses Tyler and **Ann Williams**. June 2, 1823. (p. 16, image 17)

COMMENT:

This couple settled in Attala Co., MS, as did Neal Williams and wife Polly Sessums c1845–55.

175. John Slaughter and **Matilda Williams**, Robert Slaughter bondsman, Jan. 11, 1824; m. by Luke Butler, Esq. (p. 18, image 19)

199. Edward Willingham and Isabella More. John F. Mores, bondsman, **Wm. Williams, JP**. Nov. 18, 1823 (p. 19, image 20)

245. **Benjamin Williams** and Mary Miller. William Miller, bondsman. Nov. 29, 1825 (p. 22, image 23)

316. Amos Greer and **Mary Williams**. Wiley Wroten, bondsman. James Hall JP. Nov. 18, 1827 (p. 26, image 27)

328. James Grayham and Ruth Miller. **Benjamin Williams**, bondsman. Nov. 29, 1827 (p. 27, image 28)

²³⁸ For the Grices of Sampson, see E. S. Mills, "Sessums & Fishers of Sampson County (Formerly Duplin), NC: Preliminary Survey," report to file, 29 June 2021, 146 pp.; archived online at *Historic Pathways* under the "Research" tab.

344. **Rolan Williams** and Olif Miller. Feb. 27, 1823. (p. 28, image 29)

COMMENT:

Rolan (aka Rolin) Williams and Olive Alice Miller moved to Holmes Co., Miss., before the 1840 census.

344. **Richard Williams** and Lucinda Burker, [no month] 20, 1822. (p. 28, image 29)

349. **Fleet Cooper** and Narcissa Stein. James S. Walker, bondsman. Sept. 11, 1828 (p. 28, image 29)

COMMENT:

In Sampson County, NC, a generation earlier, one "**Fleet Cooper**" was a neighbor and associate of the Sessumses, Fishers, and Williamses.

349. Blount Lewis and Rebecca Brister. **David Williams**, bondsman. Dec. 22, 1828 (p. 28 image 29)

361. Martin King and Mahalla Sowels, **David Williams**, bondsman. Consent by James King, father; and Green Sowels, father. Apr. 23, 1829 (p. 28, image 29)

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56. Robert Bridges and **Savilla Williams. Bird Williams**, bondsman. Mar. 1, 1832 (p. 32, image 33)

91. Fleet Cooper and Martha Maxwell. Mathews D. Patton, bondsman. Dec. 24, 1832. (p. 34, image 35)

152. **Joel Williams** and Laura McLemore, **Nathan Williams**, bondsman, Aug. 2, 1835; consent by Joseph Peters for dau. (p. 37, image 38)

155. **Jeremiah Bridges** and **Betsy Williams, Nathan Williams**, bondsman, Sept. 17, 1835; consent by **John Williams** for dau. Elizabeth. (p. 37, image 38)

225. Charles Sexon and **Lany Williams**, Benjamin Buckley, bondman, Feb. 27, 1837 (p. 40, image 41)



**APPENDIX 2:
Lawrence County Tract Book Entries:
Williams & Associates
(prior to 1860)**

S6 T5N R10E

William Williams W² SE⁴ 80.79a @ \$1.25 per a = \$100.99 paid, 31 Oct 1821, no. 2371
William Williams E² SW⁴ 80.80a @ 2.00 per a = [no total], **4 Jan 1819**, C.S. 9096

S7 T5N R10E

William Williams E² SW⁴ 80.00a, \$1.28 per a = \$100 paid, **1 December 1821**, no. 254
Bird Williams W² SE 80a @ .12½ = \$10 paid, **13 Feb 1822**, cert. 288

MILLS: Williams and Associates, Lawrence County, Mississippi (2021) updated 30 September 2022

William Williams NW⁴ NE⁴ 40a @ \$1.25 = \$50, 3 Dec 1836, no. 3462
Bird Williams SW⁴ NE⁴ 40a 1.25 = \$50, 12 Dec. 1853, no. 8534
Bird Williams E² SE⁴ 80a @ .12½ = \$10, 15 March 1859, no. 14006
William Williams E² NW⁴ 80a @ \$2 = [not given], 4 January 1819, C.S. 9095

S8 T5N R10E

Bird Williams E² SE⁴ 80a @ \$1.25 = \$100, 22 November 1836, no. 5340
Bird Williams SW⁴ SW⁴ 40a @ .12½ = \$5, 15 March 1859, no. 14006
David C. Williams SW⁴ SE⁴ & SE⁴ SW⁴ 80a @ .12½ = \$5, 15 March 1859, no. 14007

S9 T5N R10E

David C. Williams SW⁴ SW⁴ 40a @ .12½ = \$5, 15 March 1859, no. 14009²³⁹

S17 T5N R10E

D. C. Williams N² NE⁴ 80a @ .12½ = \$10, 3 Nov 1854, no. 11244
D. C. Williams SW⁴ NE⁴ 40a @ .12½ = \$5, 6 March 1857, no. 13095
David C. Williams E² NW⁴ 80a @ .12½ = \$10, 15 March 1859, no. 14007

S18 T5N R10E

Jordan Williams E² NW⁴ 80a [no values], 17 Feb **1819** (Aug. 20, 1823, credit cert. 548)
Bird Williams NE⁴ NE^r 40a @ .1 ½ = \$5, 15 march 1859, no. 14006²⁴⁰

“Range 18 & 19 omitted for the reason that said lands are now a part of Jefferson-Davis County.”²⁴¹

S13 T8N R21W

James Williams NE⁴ NW⁴ 40a @ \$1.25 = \$50, 21 Mar 1833, no. 406²⁴²

S22 T8N R21W

James Williams NW⁴ 150a @ \$1 = \$130, **12 February 1816**, no. 606 / 10528²⁴³

APPENDIX 3:
U.S. General Land Office Entries—Jefferson Davis County
Williams & Associates²⁴⁴
(prior to 1860)

Daniel Williams, ass.

²³⁹ Lawrence Co., “Tract Book Original Entry 1,” p.2; imaged, *FamilySearch* digital film 007849159 > image 166.

²⁴⁰ Lawrence Co., “Tract Book Original Entry 1,” p.4; imaged, *FamilySearch* digital film 007849159 > image 168.

²⁴¹ Lawrence Co., “Tract Book Original Entry 1,” p. 59; imaged, *FamilySearch* digital film 007849159 > image 223.

²⁴² Lawrence Co., “Tract Book Original Entry 1,” p. 94; imaged, *FamilySearch* digital film 007849159 > image 258.

²⁴³ Lawrence Co., “Tract Book Original Entry 1,” p. 95; imaged, *FamilySearch* digital film 007849159 > image 259.

²⁴⁴ U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, “Search Documents by Type,” *General Land Office Records* (<https://glorerecords.blm.gov/search/default.aspx> : 18 June 2021), query for “Williams,” in the Mississippi counties of Jefferson Davis (formerly Lawrence), Lawrence, and Marion. No entries are recorded for Marion prior to the time Lawrence was created.

of William Bond SE¼ S2 T8N R19W St. Stephens, **11 February 1828**, Accession No. CV-0127-001
 Daniel Williams, ass.
 of Stephen Hall E½ SE¼ S2 T8N R19W, 2 October 1854, Acc. No. MW-0818-438
 Daniel M. Williams SE¼ NW¼ S11 T8N R19W, 1 September 1848, Acc. No. MS0770_.162
 Daniel M. Williams W½ NE¼ and W½ NW¼ and NE¼ NW¼ and NW¼ SE¼ and NW¼ SW¼ of
 S11 T7N R19W, 2 May 1859, Acc. No. M0800_.354

COMMENT:

As records abstracted later in this report show, Daniel M. was son of Daniel. His land in S11 lay adjacent to Daniel’s in S2.

Isaac Williams SE¼ SE¼ S35 T9N R19W, **5 January 1841**, Acc. No. MS0670_.019
 W¼ SW¼ S36 T9N R19W, **5 January 1841**, Acc. No. MS0720_.415
 Isaac Williams E½ SE¼ S36 T9N R19W, 2 May 1859, Acc. No. MS0850_.30
 Isaac Williams, ass.
 of I-O-Pan-Ubbe S½ SW¼ S24, T6N R20W |
 NW¼ NE¼ S1 T8N R19W | c1845/46 pat. 11 April 1845, Acc. No. 1119591
 SW¼ SE¼ S36 T9N R19W |

John Williams E½ NW¼ S29 T9N R18W, **25 July 1826**, Acc. No. MS0050_.016
 E½ SW¼ S20 T9N R18W, **5 January 1841**, Acc. No. MS0720_.357
 NW¼ NE¼ S29 T9N R18W, **5 January 1841**, Acc. No. MS0720_.358

John Williams W½ SW¼ S2 T8N R19W, 2 May 1859, Acc. No. MS0810_.398

Robert Williams SE¼ SE¼ T9N R18W, **5 January 1841**, Acc. No. MS0660_.234
 NE¼ SW¼ S34 T9N R18W, **5 January 1841**, Acc. No. MS06660_.465
 NW¼ S34 T9N R18W, **5 January 1841**, Acc. No. MS0700_.233
 NW¼ NE¼ S34 T6N R19W, 1 June 1859, Acc. No. MS0840_.475
 S½ NE¼ S2 T5N R19W, 2 April 1860, Acc. No. MS0870_.370

William Williams NW¼ SE¼ S2 T8N R18W, **5 April 1841**, Acc. No. MS0670_.021
 SE¼ NW¼ S2 T8N R18W, **5 January 1841**, Acc. No. MS0720_.069
 SE¼ S35 T9N R18W and
 N ¼ NE¼ SW and W½ SW¼ S2 and E ½ SE ¼ S3 T8N R18W
 2 May 1859, Acc. No. MS0800_.352

William Williams N½ NW¼ S11 T8N R18W, 2 May 1859, MS0830_.074

APPENDIX 4:
U.S. Tract Book Entries—Jefferson Davis County
Williams & Associates²⁴⁵
 (prior to 1860)

²⁴⁵ U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, “Search Documents by Type,” *General Land Office Records* (<https://glorerecords.blm.gov/search/default.aspx> : 18 June 2021), query for “Williams,” in the Mississippi counties of Jefferson Davis (formerly Lawrence), Lawrence, and Marion. No entries are recorded for Marion prior to the time Lawrence was created.

T8N R18W

William Williams NW¼ SE¼ **S2 T8N R18W** 40.35a @ \$1.25 = \$50.43, purchased 20 November 1835, Receipt/certificate 2584, Augusta land office, patented 5 January 1841²⁴⁶
SE¼ NW¼ **S2 T8 R18**, 40.35a @ \$1.25 = \$50.43, purchased 21 October 1836, Receipt/certificate 5280, Augusta land office, patented 5 January 1841²⁴⁷
No. NE & W½ SW **[S]2** & E ½ SE **S3 T8 R18**, 201.43a @ \$.12½ = \$25.18, purchased 20 September 1854, Receipt/certificate 9724 [no land office or patent date]²⁴⁸

Charles D. Stewart SW ¼ & W ½ SE S3 T8 R18, 241.16a @ \$.12½ = \$30.14, purchased 20 September 1854, Receipt/certificate 9726. "Cancelled: Affidavit does not conform to the Cov? Or instrs [instructions?] handed Bla Dury? 29 No 1854?"²⁴⁹

COMMENT:

See T9N R18W for the remainder of the string of consecutive receipt/certificates (9724 through 9428) for lands purchased by three men who clearly went together to the Augusta Land Office on 20 September 1854: William Williams, Charles D. Stewart, and Duncan B. Easterling.

The wife of William Williams is not known. She might be sought among the Stewart or Easterling families.

Brittain Bridges, whose son Jeremiah and daughter Clarissa married the siblings Elizabeth and Robert Williams also patented land in S3

- SE of NE & NE of NE, purchased 10 November 1835, patented 5 January 1841
- W½ NE, patented 1 September 1830, land purchased on credit in 1818 by James Gilliland.

Isaac Williams W½ SW **S6 T8 R18**, 74.81a @ \$.12½ = \$9.35, entered 22 September 1854, Receipt 9749; notation "Swamp Ind. For NW & SW rej. By K May 3 1893"²⁵⁰

Elizabeth Bridges W½ NW **S6 T8 R18**, 74.81a @ \$.12½ = \$9.35; purchased 11 October 1854, Receipt/certificate 10058 [no land office and no patent data]²⁵¹

William Williams N½ NW¼ 80.12a @ \$.12½ = \$10.02, purchased 3 January 1855, Receipt/certificate 11562 [no land office and no patent data]²⁵²

²⁴⁶ "United States Bureau of Land Management ... Tract Books, 1800–c.1955," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-99W3-1HSM> : 2 February 2022) > Mississippi > Vol M7 > image 96 (original page 90).

²⁴⁷ "United States Bureau of Land Management ... Tract Books, 1800–c.1955," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-99W3-1HSM> : 2 February 2022) > Mississippi > Vol M7 > image 96 (original page 90).

²⁴⁸ "United States Bureau of Land Management ... Tract Books, 1800–c.1955," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-99W3-1HSM> : 2 February 2022) > Mississippi > Vol M7 > image 96 (original page 90).

²⁴⁹ "United States Bureau of Land Management ... Tract Books, 1800–c.1955," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-99W3-1HSM> : 2 February 2022) > Mississippi > Vol M7 > image 96 (original page 90).

²⁵⁰ "United States Bureau of Land Management ... Tract Books, 1800–c.1955," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q5Q-G9W3-14TT> : 2 February 2022) > Mississippi > Vol M7 > image 97 (original page 91).

²⁵¹ "United States Bureau of Land Management ... Tract Books, 1800–c.1955," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q5Q-G9W3-14TT> : 2 February 2022) > Mississippi > Vol M7 > image 97 (original page 91).

T9N R18W

John Williams

E½ SW¼ **S20 T9N R18W**, purchased **24 November 1836**, no. 5577; no land office or patent date; penciled notation “Withdrawn N½ NE, NW NE, W½ SW off Doc. 3011010”²⁵³

E½ of NW¼ **S29 T9 R18**, 79.93½a @ \$1.25; purchased **3 March 1826**, **Receipt/certificate 18**, Augusta land office, patented 25 July 1826

NW¼ NE¼ **S29 T9 R18** 39.97a @ \$1.25 = \$49.96, purchased **24 November 1836**, Receipt/certificate 5578; no patent date or -

NW¼ SW¼ **S29 T9 R18**, 79.94a @ \$1.25 = \$99.92; purchased **21 December 1833**, Receipt/certificate 567, Augusta land office, patented 5 January 1841²⁵⁴

Joel R. Polk

~~SE SE¼ Sec. 20 & S½ NE & NE NE¼~~ [sic] **S29 T9 R18**, 159.87a [no valuation, no price] 1 November 1871, Receipt/certificate 5439; “H. Act 20 May 1862 Canceled see letter to R&R Oct. 1, 1880.”²⁵⁵

James Shannon

E½ SE¼ **S30 T9 R18**, 74.3¾a @ \$1.25 = \$92.55; purchased **3 March 1826**, **Receipt/certificate 19**; patented 25 July 1826²⁵⁶

Robert Williams

NW¼ **S24 T9 R18**, 40a @ \$1.25 = \$50, purchased **11 November 1835**, receipt/certificate 2525, Augusta land office; patented 5 January 1841.²⁵⁷

William Williams

SE SW **S35 T9 R18**, 39.96a @ \$.12 ½ = \$4.99, purchased **20 September 1854**, **Receipt/certificate 9725** [no land office, no patent date]²⁵⁸

Charles D. Stewart

NW SE **S35 T9 R18**, 39.96a @ \$1.2½ = \$4.99, purchased **20 September 1854**, **Receipt/certificate 9727** [no land office, no patent date]²⁵⁹

E SW¼, W SE, **S3 T8 N & NW & SW S36 T9 R18**, 281.12 @ \$.12 ½ = \$35.13, purchased **20 September 1854**, **Receipt/certificate 9727A**

²⁵² “United States Bureau of Land Management ... Tract Books, 1800–c.1955,” database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-L9W3-14C4 : 2 February 2022>) > Mississippi > Vol M7 > image 98 (original page 92).

²⁵³ “United States Bureau of Land Management ... Tract Books, 1800–c.1955,” database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-L9W3-14CT : 2 February 2022>) > Mississippi > Vol M7 > image 109 (original page 103).

²⁵⁴ “United States Bureau of Land Management ... Tract Books, 1800–c.1955,” database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-99W3-14PT : 2 February 2022>) > Mississippi > Vol M7 > image 112 (original page 106).

²⁵⁵ “United States Bureau of Land Management ... Tract Books, 1800–c.1955,” database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-99W3-14PT : 2 February 2022>) > Mississippi > Vol M7 > image 112 (original page 106).

²⁵⁶ “United States Bureau of Land Management ... Tract Books, 1800–c.1955,” database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-99W3-14PT : 2 February 2022>) > Mississippi > Vol M7 > image 112 (original page 106).

²⁵⁷ “United States Bureau of Land Management ... Tract Books, 1800–c.1955,” database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-99W3-14PT : 2 February 2022>) > Mississippi > Vol M7 > image 112 (original page 106).

²⁵⁸ “United States Bureau of Land Management ... Tract Books, 1800–c.1955,” database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-99W3-14PT : 2 February 2022>) > Mississippi > Vol M7 > image 112 (original page 106).

²⁵⁹ “United States Bureau of Land Management ... Tract Books, 1800–c.1955,” database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-99W3-14PT : 2 February 2022>) > Mississippi > Vol M7 > image 112 (original page 106).

MILLS: Williams and Associates, Lawrence County, Mississippi (2021) updated 30 September 2022

Duncan B. Easterling E½ SW & SW SW **S36** T9N R18, 120a @ \$.12 ½ = \$150, purchased 20 September 1854, Receipt/certificate 9728.

COMMENT:

John Williams and James Shannon (new husband of Catherine Williams) went to the land office at Augusta on the same day and, standing in line together and creating consecutive entries, bought land about ½ mile apart. There is no doubt but that Catherine (whose bondsman was Daniel Williams) was John's daughter.

Robert Williams SE¼ SE¼ **S28** T9 R18, 40.03 @ \$1.25, entered 3 Oct 1835, Augusta land office, no. 2285, patented 5 January 1841; penciled notation "Withdrawn, NW ¼ SW ¼ off Doc. 3611878"²⁶⁰

T8N R19W

Joel Polk SE¼ SW¼ **S1** T8 R1,9 40.18a @ \$1.25 = \$50.22, purchased 17 July 1835, Receipt/certificate 1732 Augusta land office, patented 5 January 1841

W½ SW¼ **S1** T8 R19, 80.37a @ \$1.25 = \$100.46, purchased 3 October 1835, receipt/certificate 2286, Augusta land office, patented 5 January 1841.²⁶¹

Noh-e-ne-tubbee SW NW **S1** T8 R19, 40.19, Choctaw Script 852B, located 1 Nov 1850 Isaac Williams, (patented to?) Redmond Carter [no date]²⁶²

Mak-ka-tubbee SW SE **S1** T8 R19, 40.19, Choctaw Script 683B, located 1 November 1850 "By Joel Polk" no patent data.²⁶³

Ah ne ha SW NE **S1** T8 R19, 40.19, Choctaw Scrip 487B [located Nov 1857 for Joel Polk By Samuel S. Henry Ass. Penciled note below this: 190 **Elizabeth Bridges** E ½ NE Settled 14 & filed 20 Dec 1852."²⁶⁴

Elizabeth Bridges E½ NE **S1** T8 R19, 80.37 @ \$.12½ = \$10.05, purchased 11 October 1854, receipt/certificate 10057 [no land office or patent data]²⁶⁵

²⁶⁰ "United States Bureau of Land Management ... Tract Books, 1800–c.1955," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-L9W3-14N2> : 2 February 2022) > Mississippi > Vol M7 > image 111 (original page 105).

²⁶¹ "United States Bureau of Land Management ... Tract Books, 1800–c.1955," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-L9W3-14SS> : 2 February 2022) > Mississippi > Vol M7 > image 148 (original page 141).

²⁶² "United States Bureau of Land Management ... Tract Books, 1800–c.1955," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-L9W3-14SS> : 2 February 2022) > Mississippi > Vol M7 > image 148 (original page 141).

²⁶³ "United States Bureau of Land Management ... Tract Books, 1800–c.1955," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-L9W3-14SS> : 2 February 2022) > Mississippi > Vol M7 > image 148 (original page 141).

²⁶⁴ "United States Bureau of Land Management ... Tract Books, 1800–c.1955," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-L9W3-14SS> : 2 February 2022) > Mississippi > Vol M7 > image 148 (original page 141).

²⁶⁵ "United States Bureau of Land Management ... Tract Books, 1800–c.1955," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-L9W3-14SS> : 2 February 2022) > Mississippi > Vol M7 > image 148 (original page 141).

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Joel Polk NE¼ SW¼ **S1** T8 R19, 40.18a @ \$1.25 = \$50.22, purchased 22 March 1854, Receipt/certificate 9539 [no land office, no patent data] "Withdrawn — E½ NE¼ E½ NW¼, NW & NE off Doc. 3 _____"²⁶⁶

Daniel Williams SE¼ **S2** T8 R19, 159.75a @ \$2 = \$319.50, entered by William Bond 25 February 1819, patented **11 February 1828** by Daniel Williams²⁶⁷

Daniel Williams E½ SE¼ **S2** T8 R19, 79.89 Mil Wt. 10877 for Stephen Hall, entered 31 Jan. 1853 by Daniel Williams, Ass[ignee] "Cancelled 12 March 1857"²⁶⁸

John Williams W½ SW¼ & SW¼ NW¼, **S2** T8 R19, 119.80a @ \$.12½ = \$14.57, purchased 25 Oct. 1854, Receipt/certificate 10510 [no land office or patent data]²⁶⁹

COMMENT:

This John Williams would seem to be a son of Daniel or Isaac.

Isaac Williams Sr. E½ NE **S2** T8 R19, 79.87a @ \$1.25 = \$99.84, purchased 6 Feb 1884, Receipt/certificate 37298 [no land office or patent date]²⁷⁰

COMMENT:

- This "Isaac Sr." would seem to be son of the first Isaac.
- Other younger-generation Williamses are also buying land in this section: Daniel C. Williams, Pennie A. Williams, Marion Williams, John E. Williams

Daniel M. Williams SE¼ NW¼ **S11** T8 R19, 39.90 @ \$1.25 = \$49.88, entered 20 Oct 1847, receipt/certificate no. 7783 [no land office or patent data]²⁷¹

W½ NE & W½ NW & NE NW & NW SE & No. SW **S11** T7 R19, 279.30a @ \$.12½ = \$34.91, entered 21 September 1854, receipt/certificate no. 9731 [no land office or patent data]²⁷²

²⁶⁶ "United States Bureau of Land Management ... Tract Books, 1800–c.1955," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-L9W3-14SS> : 2 February 2022) > Mississippi > Vol M7 > image 148 (original page 141).

²⁶⁷ "United States Bureau of Land Management ... Tract Books, 1800–c.1955," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-L9W3-14SS> : 2 February 2022) > Mississippi > Vol M7 > image 148 (original page 141).

²⁶⁸ "United States Bureau of Land Management ... Tract Books, 1800–c.1955," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-L9W3-14SS> : 2 February 2022) > Mississippi > Vol M7 > image 148 (original page 141).

²⁶⁹ "United States Bureau of Land Management ... Tract Books, 1800–c.1955," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-L9W3-14SS> : 2 February 2022) > Mississippi > Vol M7 > image 148 (original page 141).

²⁷⁰ "United States Bureau of Land Management ... Tract Books, 1800–c.1955," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-L9W3-14SS> : 2 February 2022) > Mississippi > Vol M7 > image 148 (original page 141).

²⁷¹ "United States Bureau of Land Management ... Tract Books, 1800–c.1955," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-89W3-1WTV> : 2 February 2022) > Mississippi > Vol M7 > image 150 (original page 143).

²⁷² "United States Bureau of Land Management ... Tract Books, 1800–c.1955," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-89W3-1WTV> : 2 February 2022) > Mississippi > Vol M7 > image 150 (original page 143).

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Joel Polk NW SE **1** [*sic*] & E½ N & SW NE **S12** T8 R19, 240.50a @ \$.12½ = \$30.06, purchased 2 March 1854, receipt/certificate 9514 “Swamp Ind. For SE⁴ SE⁴ rej. By K May 5 1893)”²⁷³

NW NW **S12** T8N R19 W 40.05a @ \$.12 ½ = \$5.01, purchased 11 October 1854, receipt/certificate no. 10083 [no land office or patent data]²⁷⁴

T9N R19W

Isaac Williams

SE ¼ SE ¼ **S35** T9 R19, 39.96a @ \$1.25 = \$49.95, purchased 20 November 1835, Receipt/Certificate no. 2582, Augusta Land Office, patented 5 January 1841

SW ¼ SE ¼ **S35** T9 R19, 35.00a @\$1.25 \$49.95, purchased 12 February **1883**, receipt/certificate no. 36288 [no land office or patent data]²⁷⁵ Note: The word “Private” is penned in front of the land description.

W½ SW¼ **S36** T9 R19, 79.87a @ \$1.25 = \$99.83, purchased 22 September 1854, receipt/certificate no. 9750 [no land office or patent data]

N½ S½ **35** & NW SE **S36** T9 R19, 119.86a @ \$.12 ½ = \$14.98, purchased 22 September 1854 [no land office or patent data]²⁷⁶

²⁷³ “United States Bureau of Land Management ... Tract Books, 1800–c.1955,” database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-89W3-1WTV> : 2 February 2022) > Mississippi > Vol M7 > image 150 (original page 143).

²⁷⁴ “United States Bureau of Land Management ... Tract Books, 1800–c.1955,” database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-89W3-1WTV> : 2 February 2022) > Mississippi > Vol M7 > image 150 (original page 143).

²⁷⁵ “United States Bureau of Land Management ... Tract Books, 1800–c.1955,” database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-99W3-14D2> : 2 February 2022) > Mississippi > Vol M7 > image 166 (original page 157).

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