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1774–1993

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Dedicated to my Father, aged 94 years at death,

ALVY RAY SMITH

And to my Mother, aged 93 years at death,

EDITH HORTENSE (SANDERS) SMITH

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Preface

This work was formerly included in my Jesse Richard Smith book, then titled *Jesse Richard Smith and Associated Families*. It contained the genealogies of three related families—those of Jesse Richard Smith, Elijah Gorman, and John Malone Harrison. I formally severed that book into three books, one for each family, on 30 Jan. 2013. See Figure 1 for the relationship of the three families. The three related books are now:

A Texian-New Mexican Smith Family, c1770–2018: Brothers William Berry Smith and James M. Smith, who fought at San Jacinto, and their families: And their brother Joel N. Smith, who founded the Cocke County, Tennessee branch.

The John Malone Harrison Family, c1785–2009.

The Elijah Gorman Family, 1774–1993.

These books are always available online for free download at <alvyray.com/Smith/>. I do not allow printing because the books are never done and I wish to remain free to change them. This is particularly true of the Smith book. I can be reached at alvyray@gmail.com for changes to the books. I welcome receipt of any evidence or proofs of these families that I have not yet discovered.

On 23 July 2026 I received a surprising email from Jerry Large, whom I had known as a newspaper reporter in Seattle when I lived there in the 1980s and 1990s. He and I were both named Jerry (nicknamed in my case), we both had lived in Clovis, N.M., and we both attended NMSU in Las Cruces, N.M. We also both admired Norvill Howell, band director of Clovis High for many years. One major difference is that he is Black and I am White. Hence the surprise of the email in which he and his wife Carey informed me that they had chased his ancestry back to Elijah Gorman (see appendix D for a summary of their work)! I had ceased working on this book 2018, but Jerry's surprising story suggested that I revisit it to support their claim. This is the result of the 2026 revisit to the Gorman book.

FIRST GENERATION

1. **ELIJAH¹ GORMAN** was born about 1774, Greenville District, Greenville Co., S.C., and died 23 Aug. 1841 (obit.), Cooksville, Noxubee Co., Miss., age about 67. He signed his will (appendix A1) 5 Dec. 1840, and it was proved 2 Jan. 1849, Noxubee Co., Miss. Elijah married about 1795 **MARY** —, who was born about 1777, South Carolina, and died Apr. 1852 (appendix AX), Macon, Noxubee Co., Miss.

N.B., Noxubee Co., founded 1834, is just over the state line from Pickens Co., Ala., Jesse Richard Smith's birthplace,^[1] and Cooksville, is very near the state line in the southeast part of the county. See also Figure 1.

Placeholder: *The Register Book of Baptisms Belonging to St Peter's Church in the City of Philadelphia, 1762–1829* contains the following entry: On 25 July 1774, three children of William and Rebecca Gorman were baptized: Mary, born 20 Nov. 1770; William, born 20 Feb. 1772; and Elijah, born 12 Sept. 1773.^[2]

Elijah's obituary in the *Macon Herald*:

Died.— At his residence in Cooksville, on the 23d inst., aged about 67 years, Elijah Gorman, who was born in Greenville District, S.C.; for more than twenty years a resident of Alabama—and for several years known as one of the most useful and enterprising citizens of Cooksville.^[3]

Elijah Gorman was a witness on a deed dated 2 Mar. 1799, Greenville Co., S.C., from John Tubbs to Joseph Duncan, for 161 acres on both sides of the Enoree River.^[4]

On 3 Feb. 1799, Elijah Gorman, of Greenville Co., S.C., sold to John Sammon, of the same place, for \$80, a tract of 29 acres “on the waters of

1. See the companion book to this one, Alvy Ray Smith, *The Alexander Smith Family of Buncombe County, North Carolina, c1770–2025*. Jesse Richard Smith was my direct gggfather.

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3. Obit., *Macon Herald*, Macon, Miss., Sat., 28 Aug. 1841, p. 3, <newspapers.com> (↗).

4. *The Register Book of Baptisms Belonging to St Peter's Church in the City of Philadelphia, 1762–1829*, baptisms, 1774, image 24070 of 28027 at <Ancestry.com> (↗), “[baptized][1774][July] 25[child] Mary daur of William & Rebecca Gorman [bom] Nov 20, 1770 | [ditto] William son of same Feb 20, 1772 | [ditto] Elijah son of same Sep 12, 1773.” Image 24030 is title page.

Ready [Reedy] river near the west End of Parisses [Paris] Mountain.” Witnesses John Tubbs, Robert Duncan, Enoch Benson. Proved on 27 May 1799.^[5]

Elijah Gorman is listed on a membership roll for the Head of Enoree (Baptist) Church, Greenville, S.C., 1799–1804.^[6]

On 14 Mar. 1800, Elijah Gorman witnessed the sale, by John Tubb of Greenville Dist., S.C., to Benjamin Benson of the same place, for \$300, of a tract of 150 acres in the same place. Other witness was Steven C. Wood. Proved 6 Oct. 1801.^[7]

On 15 Nov. 1800 Elijah Gorman of Greenville Co. purchased for £20 [sic] a tract of 200 acres in that county from James Nicoll “on the north side of the Nabon milk Creek.” It was acknowledged 1 Aug. 1801.^[8] **This deed was recorded 14 Oct. 1806, but was probably not the same land record as that for Elijah Gorman recorded in the period 1804–1819, since the two records appear on different pages of Deed Book G.**^[9]

The State of South Carolina granted 142 acres to Elijah Gorman, surveyed 21 May 1804 and certified 1 Dec. 1804 (Figure 2). This land was located in the District of Greenville “on the head branches of the meadow fork of Mush creek waters of South Tyger River,” adjacent to another parcel already owned by Elijah.^[10] N.B. The location of the tract appears to be located near the current town of Tigerville, Greenville Co., S.C.

5. Greenville Co., S.C., Deeds, 1798–1800, E:222–223, image 419 (↗), FHL 24015, IGN 7856793.

6. “Head of Enoree Church, Greenville, S.C., Membership Roll 1799–1804” (↗), cites Townsend, “South Carolina Baptists 1670–1805,” p. 216. On the same roll are John and James Tubb, and John, Mary, and Mary Harrison.

7. Greenville Co., S.C., Deeds, 1798–1800, E:296–297, image 699 (↗), FHL 24014, IGN 7856793.

8. Greenville Co., S.C., Deeds, 1803–1807, G:423–424, image 226 (↗), FHL 24015, IGN 7856794, **photocopies of the handwritten deed and its transcription contributed by Sue Gorman.**

9. Email from Norma Gorman Wright, 14 June 2002, cites Alma Spires Smith and Jean Smith Owens, *South Carolina Patent Land Survey (Index of Land Acquisitions), 1770–1820*, “Parts of the old Ninety-Six District:” “Book G, 1804–1819 Elijah Gorman, p 170.” There is also an **unsourced** paragraph about Elijah Gorman, contributed by Sue Gorman, that claims he bought property from a George Gorman in Jan. 1817 in Warren Co., Tenn., with his son-in-law Ransom T. Payne. The same document mentions Elijah’s selling property in Warren Co. on 19 Feb. 1820, apparently the last record for him in Tennessee.

10. Greenville Co., Ala., Land Grants and Surveys, 1804–1819, G:15, image 509 of 590 (↗), FHL 292482, IGN 7894543. See also South Carolina, Land Grants, Class 2, 1804–1805, 51:232, image

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On 30 Oct. 1815, William Gorman, of the Pendleton Dist., S.C., sold to William Schalf, of the Greenville Dist., S.C., for \$45, 20 acres in the Greenville Dist. “on a branch of Mush creek waters of Tyger River.” The land description mentions Nichols Mill and James Nichols line. It was acknowledged 4 Nov. 1815. Witnesses David Barrett and William Aikens.^[11] Directly following this deed is the following one:

On 16 June 1807, John Patterson, of the Greenville Dist., S.C., sold to George Gorman, of the Greenville Dist., S.C., for \$45, 25 acres in the Greenville Dist. “on a branch of Mush creek waters of Tyger River.” The land description is essentially the same as that of the deed just above. Witnesses John Crawford and Thomas Arrasmith. On 22 Mar. 1808, George Gorman endorsed his right title to this deed to William Gorman “Senior.” All of the above was acknowledged 4 Nov. 1815.^[12]

These three paragraphs just above suggest a family relationship between Elijah, George, and William Gorman (William Gorman and William Gorman Senior might be two persons).^[13]

A deed record of 24 May 1814 in Warren Co., Tennessee, records Elijah Gorman of Warren Co., buying 100 acres from James Tubbs for “a valuable consideration,” witnesses George and Ransome Pane.^[14]

On 5 Oct. 1812, Elijah Gorman entered 30 acres of land in Warren Co. on the south side of Pine River, mentions corner of James Tubbs’s 100-acre survey.^[15]

372 of 801, FHL 22563, IGN 8616152 (↗), grant to Elijah Gorman, 142 acres, Greenville Dist. “on the head branches of the Meadow fork of Mush Creek Waters of So Tygar,” surveyed 21 May 1804, issued 3 Dec. 1804.

11. Greenville Co., Ala., Deeds, 1810–1817, I:525–526, image 282 of 679 (↗), FHL 24016, IGN 7856795.

12. Greenville Co., Ala., Deeds, 1810–1817, I:526–527, image 283 of 679 (↗), FHL 24016, IGN 7856795.

13. Letter from professional genealogist Brent Howard Holcomb, Columbia, South Carolina, 30 July 1998, to Sue Gorman, cites Greenville Co. Deed Book I pp. 525–527, *South Carolina State Grants* vol. 51 p. 232, and *State Plats* vol. 40(2), p. 330.

14. Email from Norma Gorman Wright, 14 June 2002, cites Warren Co., Tenn., Deed Book B, p. 199, and gives Sue (McLeod) Gorman, of Shawnee, Oklahoma, as contributor; a photocopy of the deed record, supplied by Sue Gorman, acknowledged 3 Sept. 1814 and recorded 6 Feb. 1816.

15. *Tennessee, U.S., Early Land Registers, 1778–1927*, 479, image 310 of 337 at <Ancestry.com> (↗), warrant no. 9146, signed by Elijah Gorman, with note “Made void 11th Decem^r 1813.”

On 26 Mar. 1816, Jesse Allen and Elijah Gorman entered
 One acre in Warren Co., Tenn., on the waters of the Comey fork
 Two acres in Warren Co. on the waters of the Comey fork
 Two acres in Warren Co. between Pine and Sink Creeks
 One acre in Warren Co. between Pine and Sink Creeks
 One acre in Warren Co. between Pine and Sink Creeks
 Two acres in Warren Co. between Pine and Sink Creeks
 Two acres in Warren Co. on the south side waters of Sink Creek.^[16]

On 10 Feb. 1818, Elijah Gorman entered 70 acres of land in Warren Co. on the waters of Pine Creek.^[17]

On 2 Apr. 1819 Jesse Allen and Elijah Gorman sold, for \$8,000, two tracts of 10 and 30 acres in Warren Co. on Pine Creek to Thomas Durham, Junior. There was a forge on one of the tracts which perhaps explains the high price.^[18] Then on 3 Apr. 1819 Elijah Gorman sold a tract of 30 acres on Pine Creek to Thomas Durham for \$30, all parties and land in Warren Co.^[19]

There are five other listings of deeds with Elijah Gorman as grantor in an 1814–1886 register of deeds in Warren Co.^[20] Elijah Gorman was a witness to a deed in Warren Co. on 6 May 1824, and a deed dated 31 Oct. 1823 mentions land “on the south side of Pine Creek below Elijah Gorman, Junior.” The “Junior” is a puzzle since no Elijah, Jr. is mentioned in Elijah’s will.^[21]

16. *Tennessee, U.S., Early Land Registers, 1778–1927*, 342–343, images 208–209 of 657 at <Ancestry.com> (↗), warrant nos. 16771–16777. For example, “N^o 16771 Jesse Allen & Elijah Gorman assee originally of the heirs of Benjn Sheppard by virtue of Certificate No 879 issued by the Commissioner of West tennessee for 640 acres Entered One acre of Land in Warren County on the waters of the Comey fork Beginning on a post oak mark’d X at the head of Copperas C[?] branch runing North & West to Include an Iron oar bank 26 March 1816 Elijah Gorman.”

17. *Tennessee, U.S., Early Land Registers, 1778–1927*, 165, image 409 of 657 at <Ancestry.com> (↗), warrant no. 19583, signed by Brenton Sewell, with note surveyed 12 June 1818.

18. Warren Co., Tenn., Wills [Deeds?], B:501–503, transcription provided by Sue Gorman.

19. Warren Co., Tenn., Deeds, B:498, transcription provided by Sue Gorman.

20. Photocopy of the index page, apparently for surnames of grantors beginning with the letter G, Vol. D, Register of Deeds, 1814–1886, Warren Co., Tenn., contributed by Sue Gorman. Three of the deeds are granted to Harmon Redman and the other two to Solomon Redman. There are also two deeds with George Gorman as grantor.

21. Warren Co., Tenn., Deeds, E:32–33, 42–44, transcription provided by Sue Gorman.

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On 20 Jan. 1821, Elijah Gorman “of Perry” paid \$319.10 for NW¼ S5 T17 R8, 159.55 acres, in Cahaba Co., Ala., at \$2 per acre. On 21 Mar. 1822, \$109.69 of this amount was transferred to SE¼ S15 T19 R6.^[22]

Also on 20 Jan. 1821, Elijah Gorman “of Perry” paid \$319.35 for NE¼ S6 T17 R8, 159.675 acres, in Cahaba Co., Ala., at \$2 per acre. On 25 Mar. 1825, \$109.775 of this amount was transferred to SE¼ S15 T19 R6.^[23]

Elijah Gorman “of Conecuh County [Ala.]” purchased 3 Jan. 1826 a plot of 159.825 acres in Perry Co., Ala., from the U.S. government.^[24] On 28 Dec. 1828, Elijah Gorman of Perry Co., Ala., sold for \$280 to Robert Iverson 160 acres of land in Perry Co, being the land purchase of 1826, one witness being Ewel S. Harrison.^[25]

Elijah Gorman “of Autauga County [Ala.]” purchased 16 Nov. 1830 a plot of 78.96 acres in Autauga Co., Ala., from the U.S. government.^[26]

Elijah Gorman “of Sumpter [sic] County” purchased 20 Mar. 1837 a plot of 160.2 acres in Sumter Co., Ala., from the U.S. government.^[27] On the same date, Elijah Gorman “assignee of Washington Clement” purchased a plot of 160.08 acres in Sumter Co., Ala., from the U.S. government.^[28]

22. *United States, Bureau of Land Management Tract Books, 1800–c.1955*, Alabama, vol. 22 (Cahaba), 60, image 649 of 785, FHL 1445283, IGN 7110375 (↗).

23. *United States, Bureau of Land Management Tract Books, 1800–c.1955*, Alabama, vol. 22 (Cahaba), 62, image 651 of 785, FHL 1445283, IGN 7110375 (↗).

24. Bureau of Land Management, General Land Office Records, “[state] AL [meridian] St. Stephens [Twp – Range] 019N – 006E [aliquots] SE¼ [section] 15 [county] Perry,” item courtesy of Glenn Berry.

25. Perry Co., Ala., Deed Book B, pp. 17–8, transcription provided by Sue Gorman. This is SE quadrant of section 15, township 19, Range 6, district of Chawba.

26. Bureau of Land Management, General Land Office Records, “[state] AL [meridian] St. Stephens [Twp – Range] 019N – 012E [aliquots] E½SW¼ [section] 6 [county] Autauga,” item courtesy of Glenn Berry.

27. Bureau of Land Management, General Land Office Records, “[state] AL [meridian] St. Stephens [Twp – Range] 021N – 003W [aliquots] NW¼ [section] 31 [county] Sumter,” item courtesy of Glenn Berry.

28. Bureau of Land Management, General Land Office Records, “[state] AL [meridian] St. Stephens [Twp – Range] 021N – 004W [aliquots] NE¼ [section] 25 [county] Sumter,” item courtesy of Glenn Berry.

Elijah's 1840 will (appendix A1),^[29] Noxubee Co., Mississippi, mentions his wife Mary Gorman, deceased son Terrel Gorman, daughter Artemecy, wife of Ewell Harrison, son Oliver Gorman, widowed daughter Mary M. Clemment, daughter Elizabeth Harper, wife of Daniel E. Harper of the Republic of Texas, son Felix Gorman, daughter Sarah Gorman, deceased daughter Nancy Payne, and many slaves. This will took many years to settle since everything but some slaves went to Mary Gorman for her lifetime. A final settlement seems to have been reached 7 Aug. 1857, but then a petition dated 11 Dec. 1883 raised new issues (appendix AX).

In 1840 E. Gorman, 60-70 [born 1770-1780], resided in Noxubee Co., Miss., with a woman 60-70, one boy under 5, one boy and one girl 5-10, one female 15-20, and one female 20-30.^[30]

Mary Gorman of Noxubee Co., Mississippi, sold, on 1 Oct. 1845, to Elizabeth G. Harper for \$1,000 lot no. 2 in block no. 8 in Macon, Noxubee Co., together with "the tenements hereditaments and appurtenance thereunto."^[31] Mary apparently sold this same lot no. 2, block no. 8, of Macon to John M. Lowery for \$800 on 12 Nov. 1850, implying that it had come back into her possession for some reason.^[32]

In 1850 Mary Gorman, 73, born in South Carolina, with \$1,000 real estate, resided in Noxubee Co., Miss., with Felix, 32, a physician born in Tennessee with \$2,000 real estate, Mary A., 21, born in South Carolina, and an infant Thomas, 1/4, born in Mississippi.^[33]

The 1850 Slave Schedule for Noxubee Co., Miss., listed for slaveowner Mary Gorman 13 slaves, eight males (three, ages 14, 15, and 40) and five females (two, ages 30 and 37), including eight children, ages 1 to 10 (five

29. Noxubee Co., Miss., Chancery Cases, #575-#599, case #579, images 254-359 of 2353 (↗), FHL 2412255, IGN 5842068, the estate file of Elijah Gorman, 106 pages. Elijah's will is images 352-355, but out of order, with image 353 being the first page of the will (↗), but otherwise the page images are in order. The will is also available at Noxubee, Co., Miss., Wills, 1834-1861, A:124-127, images 97-99 of 456, FHL 900856, IGN 5842147 (↗), proved 2 Jan. 1849.

30. U.S. census, 1840, Noxubee Co., Miss., r. 218, p. 103.

31. Photocopy of original record, contributed by Sue Gorman.

32. Photocopy of original record, contributed by Sue Gorman.

33. U.S. census, 1850, Noxubee Co., Mississippi, dw. 67, fam. 67, r. 379, p. 199b.

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male and three female). Four slaves were designated B (black) and nine m (mulatto).^[34]

Jesse Blythe, the administrator of Mary Gorman's estate, published a notice dated 10 Jan. 1853 in the *Union Beacon* (newspaper), Macon, Noxubee Co., Mississippi, six times beginning in Jan. 1853. It notified apparent heirs to appear before the probate court of Noxubee Co. in the matter of Mary's estate. This list therefore is a guide to the progeny of Elijah and Mary Gorman:

the minor heirs of Elephia Lewis, deceased, to wit, Virginia Lewis, Wyatt Lewis; also the children of Mary Brummett, deceased, to wit: an infant child, whose name is unknown, and John Brummett; the said Mary Brummett, deceased was the daughter of Nancy Payne, deceased, and Melissa Uldrick, wife of John Uldrick, deceased, who is also the daughter of said Nancy Payne, deceased; and Terrill Payne, and Irvin Payne. Mary Jane Gorman, Felix Gorman, jr., Laura Gorman, and the children of Mary Payne, deceased, to wit: Oliver D. Clements, Martha Underwood and John Underwood, her husband, and George W. Clements. The minor heirs of Sarah Allen, deceased, to wit: Mary M. Allen, Cynthia Allen, and Charles T. Allen, Artimeas Harrison, Lorinda Gorman, wife of Terrill Gorman, deceased, and her children, Cassindina E. Hines, and her husband, David Hines, Calesta Mobley, wife of Marion Mobley, Felix Gorman, Elizabeth G. Blythe, and Charles G. Bowen, guardian [ad litem] of all of said minor heirs, and all other heirs, legatees, or distributees of Elijah Gorman, deceased^[35]

See also the legal deposition 6 Oct. 1852 of Elizabeth G. Blythe (appendix A3) for another version of the list of heirs, with ages and locations.

Similarly, Jesse Blythe published another notice dated 10 June 1857 in the *Macon Beacon* (newspaper), Noxubee Co., Miss., four times from 17 June to 7 July 1857. Its list corrects some of the items above (items in red have not checked out):

34. 1850 U.S. Federal Census–Slave Schedules, Noxubee Co., Miss., image 7 of 135 at <Ancestry.com> (7).

35. Sworn statement with annexed newspaper clipping, swearing that the probate announcement in the clipping has been published six times in the *Union Beacon*, Macon, Noxubee Co., Miss., 5 Apr. 1853.

the children of Nancy Payne, deceased, viz: the children of Elphada Lewis deceased, to-wit: Virginia, Wyatt and Elphada Lewis, minors; George W. Payne. Two children of Nancy Brummett, deceased, to-wit: John Brummett, and an infant, name unknown. Malissa Uldrick and husband, Martha Harrison and her husband, Elijah Harrison: Terrill Payne and Irving Payne, minors; John Harrison, James Harrison, Lawson Harrison, Elijah Harrison, Elisabeth Smith and her husband [who was Jesse Richard Smith]; Justenia Tomlinson and her husband, Cassandanna Hines and her husband David Hines; Mary Jane and William Marr; Calista and William Mobley; Felix Gorman, jr., Oliver D. Clements, George W. Clements, Martha Underwood and husband. Felix Gorman; the unknown heirs of Oliver Gorman, Mary M. Allen, Cynthia W. Allen, and Charles T. Allen, minor heirs of Sarah A. Allen deceased, and all other unknown heirs of Elijah Gorman deceased^[36]

Children:

- 2 i **STARLING² GORMAN**, born about 1797, Pendleton District, South Carolina, resided Perry Co., Ala., beginning 1812, will dated 1 Aug. 1839, Havana, Cuba, where he died 1839, before his father's 1840 will which does not mention him.^[37] See appendix B. There is a large probate case file in the Perry Co., Ala., probate files.^[38]

Starling's will lists his ownership of two tracts of land in Perry Co. and Marengo Co., Ala., of 800 and 720 acres, respectively, and 640 acres on Deer Creek in Mississippi in several lots.^[39] The will mentions his brothers and sisters as his heirs, and names the two youngest, Felix and Sarah, for special consideration.

36. *Mississippi Land Records*, Ancestry.com, land office: Mt. Salus, document no. 6162, base line: Choctaw, aliquot parts E½SE, township 5N, range 2W, section 3.

37. Will of Starling Gorman, photocopy of original and transcription provided by Sue Gorman, probated in Perry Co., Ala. according to a letter from Lorene (Beeman) Shanks, of Blytheville, Arkansas, to Sue Gorman, 24 Mar. 1980.

38. Perry Co., Ala., Probate Estate Case Files, 1840–1920, case #1844, images 762–918 (157 images) of 1303, FHL 2114434, IGN 4990699, “Sterling” Gorman,

39. There are 30 land Alabama land records for Starling, for over 3200 acres, recorded 9 July 1829, 16 Nov. 1830, 3 Mar. 1837, 2 May 1837, and 1 May 1839, and one in Mississippi for 108 acres, 1 Jan. 1832, all online at Ancestry.com.

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There is a Mississippi land record for Starling Gorman, issued 1 Feb. 1832 for 79.8 acres.^[40]

- + 3 ii **TERRELL² GORMAN**, born about 1798, South Carolina, died before Elijah's 1840 will, married **LORINDA [LORENA]** —.
- 4 iii **ARTEMECY² GORMAN**, born about 1800, South Carolina, died Texas, married 12 Sept. 1820, Perry Co., Ala.,^[41] **EWEL SEXTON HARRISON**, son of John Malone and Pheriba (Chism) Harrison. See my companion book on the Harrison family, for details.^[42] In Elizabeth Blythe's 6 Oct. 1852 deposition (appendix A3), "Artemese" Harrison is listed as "aged 45 years residing in Washington Co., Texas." But that would make her birth year about 1807, and her age about 13 at marriage.
- + 5 iv **NANCY² GORMAN**, born about 1803, probably Alabama, died before Elijah's 5 Dec. 1840 will, married **RANSOM THOMAS PAYNE**.
- + 6 v **OLIVER² GORMAN**, born about 1806, Alabama, married **JANE ANN PINCKARD**, born about 1809, North Carolina.
- + 7 vi **MARY M.² GORMAN**, born about 1810, Alabama, married **OLIVER CLEMENTS**, and had three children.
- + 8 vii **ELIZABETH² GORMAN**, born about 1816, married (1) **DANIEL E. HARPER**, and had at least two children, married (2) **WILLIAM B. REED**, married (3) **JESSE BLYTHE**.
- + 9 viii **FELIX² GORMAN**, born 30 Sept. 1819, Tennessee, married **MARY ANN WOODWARD**, and had four children.
- + 10 ix **SARAH ANN² GORMAN**, born about 1821, Alabama, married **CHARLES W. ALLEN**, and had three children.

Slave families (in Elijah's will of 3 Dec. 1840, appendix A1):^[43]

40. Will of Starling Gorman, photocopy of original and transcription provided by Sue Gorman, probated in Perry Co., Ala. according to a letter from Lorene (Beeman) Shanks, of Blytheville, Arkansas, to Sue Gorman, 24 Mar. 1980.

41. *Alabama, 1800–1900 Marriage Index*, Genealogy.com, cites County Court Records, Film no. 1290271–2 and 1290341–2. One record each for 11 and 12 Sept. 1820; image online at <www.familysearch.org>, emailed to me 28 Apr. 2018 by Alan Radecki, in a document labeled: "Nº 10 | Marriage Licence | Bond | Ewel S. Harrison | [?]," "I Do hereby Certify that on the 12th day of Septm^r 1820 I Joined to geather as man and wife Newel [sic] Harrison and Artimiss [sic] Gorman | John Nave J P."

42. Alvy Ray Smith, *The John Malone Harrison Family, c1785–2009* (Berkeley 2013).

43. See appendix A1 for a more careful analysis.

Slaves (17) to wife Mary Gorman (nine males and eight females). In the 1850 slave census, Mary had 13 slaves (eight males and five females):

- 1 i **HARRY**, wife **CHARITY**, children Amanda and Billy.
- 2 ii **BILLY**, wife **RITTA**, children Lotty, Emily, and Charles.
- 3 iii **JOSEPH**, wife **HARRIET**, children Jerry, Jefferson, and Harriet.
- 4 iv **AARON**.
- 5 v **WILLIAM**.
- 6 vi **LINDA**.

Slaves (3) to children of son Terrel Gorman, deceased:

- 7 i **SAMUEL**, wife **LOUISA**, child Cristiana.

Slaves (3) to daughter Artemecy Gorman, wife of Ewel Harrison:

- 8 i **CELIA**, children Emma and George.

Slaves (2) to son Oliver Gorman:

- 9 i **AARON**.
- 10 ii **CAROLINE**.

Slaves (3) to daughter Mary M. Gorman, wife of Oliver Clements:

- 11 i **MOSES**, wife **NANCY**, child Robert.

Slaves (2) to daughter Elizabeth Gorman, wife of Daniel E. Harper:

- 12 i **SUSY**.
- 13 ii **LINDA**.

Slaves (3) to son Felix Gorman:

- 14 i **JOSEPH**.
- 15 ii **JERRY**.
- 16 iii **JEFFERSON**.

Slaves (4) to daughter Sarah Gorman:

- 17 i **BILLY**, wife **RITTA**, children Emila and Charles.

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SECOND GENERATION

3. **TERRELL² GORMAN** (¹*Elijah*¹) was born about 1798, South Carolina, died Aug. 1840, Mississippi,^[44] before Elijah's 3 Dec. 1840 will. He married **LORINDA [LORENA]** —.^[45]

There is an Alabama land purchase record 5 Aug. 1834 by "Terrel Gorman of Perry County Alabama," of 83.805 acres in Autauga and Dallas Counties.^[46]

Elizabeth Blythe's 6 Oct. 1852 deposition (appendix A3) lists "their children Cassanda E Hines of Noxubee County Missi. aged 21 years Calista Mobly wife of Marian Mobly aged 16 years Mary Jane aged 15 years, Felix Gorman aged 13 years Lamar aged 11 years all residing in Marshall Co. Missi."

A land dispute in Texas of 1883, *Mrs. M. D. Thomson v. C. E. Hines et al*, contains this interesting information:

That plaintiffs were the heirs of Terrell Gorman . . . that he came to Texas in company with Jas. W. Patton in 1838 to purchase land and land claims; that he returned from Texas in February, 1840, and that he told his wife that he had secured some four thousand acres of land in Texas [probably a league and labor], and had located some more lands, but had not secured them, and deposited his deeds and certificates somewhere in Texas. He told her the place, but she could not remember the name of it, and that he never spoke of having a partner.^[47]

Children, from heirs as listed in the 1852 deposition mentioned above:

44. Terrell, *Cases Argued and Decided in Tex. Supreme Court*, 59:525-529, *Mrs. M. D. Thomson v. C. E. Hines et al.*, case no. 3988, decided 1 June 1883, p. 526, "That plaintiffs were the heirs of Terrell Gorman . . . They proved that Terrell Gorman died in August, 1840, in Mississippi," courtesy of Glenn Berry.

45. Ancestry.com, *Gene Pool Individual Records*, [unsourced](#), lists these children for Terrell Gorman and Lorinda Gorman: Cassindina E. born 1832, Calesta born 1834, Mary Jane born 1835, Felix T. born 1837, and **Mica S.** born 1841, with all but Mica born in Alabama, Mica in Mississippi.

46. *U.S. General Land Office Records, 1796-1907*, accession no. AL0380__097, 19N, 11E, E½NW¼, section 1, Autauga and Dallas Counties.

47. Terrell, *Cases Argued and Decided in Tex. Supreme Court*, 59:525-529, *Mrs. M. D. Thomson v. C. E. Hines et al.*, case no. 3988, decided 1 June 1883, item from p. 526, courtesy of Glenn Berry.

- + 11 i CASSANDINA [CASSANDANNA] E.³ GORMAN, born about 1831, Mississippi, married DAVID HINES, and had at least 11 children.
- + 12 ii CALISTA F.³ GORMAN, born 15 Apr. 1834, Mississippi or Alabama, married PLEASANT MARION MOBLEY, and had six children.
- 13 iii MARY JANE³ GORMAN, born about 1837, married 15 Jan. 1852, Marshall Co., Mississippi,^[48] WILLIAM T. MARR.
- 14 iv FELIX³ GORMAN, born about 1839.
- 15 v LAMAR³ GORMAN, born about 1841.^[49]

Slaves (3) inherited from Elijah¹ by son Terrell² Gorman (appendix A1):

- 7 i SAMUEL, wife LOUISA, child Cristiana.

5. NANCY² GORMAN (¹Elijah¹) was born about 1803, probably Alabama, and died before Elijah's 5 Dec. 1840 will. She married RANSOM THOMAS PAYNE.^[50] Ransom married second, 4 Jan. 1844, Sumter Co., Ala.,^[51] MARY ELLETT.

Children:^[52]

- + 16 i GEORGE S.³ PAYNE, born about 1825 in Alabama, married (1) ELIZABETH WILLIAMS, and had two children, married (2) EMILY —, and had at least two children.
- + 17 ii ELPHIDA A.³ PAYNE, born in Alabama, married MILTON LEWIS, and had at least three children.

48. *Mississippi and Florida, 1800–1900 Marriage Index*, Genealogy.com, cites County Court Records, Film no. 0894365–74.

49. This is probably the Laura Gorman of the *Union Beacon* announcement of 1853.

50. U.S. census, 1830, Perry Co., Ala., r. 3, p. 85, lists Ransom T. Payne, next to Wm. Payne. Ransom 30–40 appears to have a wife 30–40, two sons, four daughters, and one male slave.

51. *Alabama, 1800–1900 Marriage Index*, Genealogy.com, cites County Court Records, Film no. 1293884–9. Sumter Co., Ala., Marriage Records White, 1833–1847, 1:273, image 899 of 1235 (↗), FHL 1293884 item 4, IGN 7614991, no. 617, Ransom S. Payne to Mary Ann Ellett, licensed 27 Dec. 1843, Sumter Co., Ala., bonded by Ransom S. Payne and George W. Payne, “Executed the 4th January 1844,” Thomas J. George JP.

52. Elizabeth Blythe's 1852 deposition, appendix A3; also the Brummett brothers 1883 petition, appendix AX, for a different ordering of children. The age estimates in appendix A3 seem to be quite rough, by comparison to the implied census ages.

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- + 18 iii **NANCY A.³ PAYNE**, born about 1828, married **JAMES H. BRUMMETT**, and had three children.
- 19 iv **MELISSA³ PAYNE**, born about 1830 (aged 22 in 1852 deposition), married 6 Apr. 1842, Sumter Co., Ala.,^[53] **JOHN R. ULDRICK**, who had died before Elizabeth Blythe's 6 Oct. 1852 deposition (appendix A3). In 1850 she resided in the household of her brother-in-law, James Brummett (q.v.), with one child. There was a John G. Uldrick, 20–30, living alone, in the 1840 Sumter Co. census.^[54]
- 20 v **MARTHA³ PAYNE**, born about 1832 (aged 20 in 1852 deposition, or born about 1827 in Alabama, according to Texas census data). Martha married (1) 18 Jan. 1844, Sumter Co., Ala.,^[55] **JEFFERSON G. REYNOLDS [RUNNALS]**, married (2) before Elizabeth Blythe's 6 Oct. 1852 deposition (appendix A3) **ELIJAH BENTON³ HARRISON** (*Ewel Sexton², John Malone¹*), and resided in Texas at the 1852 deposition. See my companion book on the Harrison family for continuation of this line.^[56] She is listed as Martha Runnals in the Brummett petition of 1883.
- 21 vi **TERRILL³ PAYNE**, born about 1834 (aged 18 in 1852 deposition, but 21 in 1850 census), residing in Sumter Co., Ala. in 1852. In 1850 he resided in the household of his brother-in-law, James Brummett (q.v.). He died, according to the 1883 petition, unmarried and with no heirs before final accounting of the estate of Elijah Gorman by Jesse Blythe on 6 Feb. 1857, as did one of Terrill's brothers, thus either George or Irving Payne.
- 22 vii **IRVING³ PAYNE**, born about 1836 (aged 16 in 1852 deposition), residing in Sumter Co., Ala. in 1852. He was possibly the Ervin Payne, 18, living with Milton and Elphida (Payne) Lewis, his brother-in-law and sister, in the 1850 census, but the age is too far off (and the "18" is definite).^[57]

53. *Alabama, 1800–1900 Marriage Index*, Genealogy.com, cites County Court Records, Film no. 1293884–9: "Mallissa" to "J. R. Utrich."

54. U.S. census, 1840, Sumter Co., Ala., r. 15, p. 111.

55. Sumter Co., Ala., Marriage Records White, 1833–1847, 1:276, image 902 of 1235 (↗), FHL 1293884 item 4, IGN 7614991, no. 626, Jefferson G. Reynolds to Martha Payne, licensed 17 Jan. 1844, Sumter Co., Ala., bonded by Jefferson G. Reynolds and George S. Payne, "Execute the 18th of January 1844 by Joining the within named Couple in matrimony," Benjamin Stone.

56. Smith, *John Malone Harrison Family* (note 42).

57. U.S. census, 1850, Sumter Co., Ala., dw. 123, fam. 125, r. 15, p. 265.

6. OLIVER² GORMAN (¹*Elijah*¹) was born about 1806, Alabama, and died 1847, Washington Co., Tex. He married 14 Oct. 1838 (but licensed on 15 Oct.), Washington Co., Republic of Texas,^[58] **JANE ANN PINCKARD**, who was born about 1809, North Carolina, and died 8 Nov. 1873, Brenham, Washington Co., Tex.^[59] She married second to **THORNTON PINCKARD**, and married third 25 Mar. 1858, Washington Co., Republic of Texas,^[60] **JOHN STAMPS**.^[61] Probate records of the estate of Jane A. Stamps, dated 15 Dec. 1873, Washington Co., Tex., mention a last will and testament of hers and a codicil.^[62]

Oliver Gordon received a Republic of Texas land grant due to his arrival there in Nov. 1838 (the Republic dating to 2 Mar. 1836).^[63]

Oliver Gorman was on the Washington Co., Tex., tax rolls of 1838 and 1840.^[64] A probate court proceeding of 5 May 1857, Brenham, Washington Co., voided the sale of the Headright Certificate of Oliver Gorman, deceased.^[65] All of this suggests he was in Texas early.

Jane A. Gorman was appointed administrator of the estate of Oliver Gorman on 30 Nov. 1847, the person assigned the job in Oliver's will declining to accept the responsibility. Final settlement of the will occurred on 2 June 1857, probate court, Brenham, Washington Co., Tex., with all of the estate being given to Jane A. Gorman, widow of Oliver Gorman, deceased. The only other legatee was Felix Gorman, Oliver's brother, who

58. Washington Co., Republic of Tex., Marriages, 1837-1858, 1:3, image 38 of 815 (↗), FHL 956482, IGN 7255671, "[licensed] [1838] Oct 15 [sic] [parties] Oliver Gorman to Jane Ann Pinckard [paid] 1 [1/4] [returned] Oct 16. [by] Samuel Lusk J.P. [celebrated] On the 14th October 1838."

59. Oliver and Jane Ann (Pinckard) Gorman family group sheet, by Sue Gorman, [unsourced](#).

60. Washington Co., Republic of Tex., Marriages, 1858-1867, 2:1, image 156 of 815 (↗), FHL 956482, IGN 7255671, licensed 23 Mar. 1858, John Stamps to Jane A. Gorman, married 25 Mar. 1858, by Henry L. Graves MG.

61. Oliver and Jane Ann (Pinckard) Gorman family group sheet, by Sue Gorman.

62. Photocopy of original record, contributed by Sue Gorman.

63. Marion Day Mullins, "Some Texas Land Grants," NGSQ 47 (1959): 183, "Oliver Gorman m,f— Nov. 1838." N.B., "m,f" means married, with family.

64. Worth S. Ray, *Austin Colony Pioneers* (Baltimore, Maryland: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1949, 1970, 1995), 111, 184, Genealogy.com; *Texas Census, 1820-90*, Ancestry.com.

65. Photocopy of original record, contributed by Sue Gorman.

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“has been paid off and discharged by the compromise between the parties and conveyance of 1000 Acres of Land of the James S. Steele leagues.”^[66]

In 1860 Jane A. Stamps, 41, born in North Carolina, resided in Sabine Pass, Jefferson Co., Tex., in the household of John Stamps, 61, “K K Contractor” born in Tennessee with real and personal estates valued at \$59,000 and \$26,000, respectively, and Mollie Stamps, 17, a “Lady of Leashure” born in Texas, and Lena Leonard, 8, born in Texas.^[67] It is not known if Mollie was Jane’s child. John Stamps had 26 slaves, 21 males ages 2–55 and 5 females ages 6–45.^[68]

The inventory of the estate of Jane A. Stamps, dated 19 Dec. 1873, Washington Co., Tex., lists the following extensive real estate holdings:

- 19½ Acres of land Homestead tract in Washington County
- 1 House & Lot on Public Square in City of Brenham
- 1 House & Lot at the intersection of Goat Row & Sandy Street known as the Blake place
- 1 House & lot on Sandy Street known as the Wade place
- 1 House & lot on Main Street known as the Red Tap House
- 1 House & lot on Main Street known as the Cassidy house
- 1 House & lot on Main Street intersection of said street & Road to Independence known as the Sherrill place
- 1 House & lot on Main Street known as the Finney place
- 2 lots N^o 1 & 2 in Block No 5 lying between Day Street on the East & Key Street on the West and fronting on fourth Street containing 2 acres
- 1756 acres of land lying in Coryell County patented to John L. Graves assignee of Richard Wade

The total value of the real estate listed is \$15,156.^[69]

66. Photocopy of original records, contributed by Sue Gorman.

67. U.S. census, 1860, post office Sabine Pass, Pct. No. 5 Sabine Pass, Jefferson Co., Tex., dw. 312, fam. 312, r. 1298, p. 431.

68. U.S. census, 1860, Pct. No. 5 Sabine Pass, Jefferson Co., Tex., slave schedule, r. 1311, p. 22.

69. Photocopy of original record, contributed by Sue Gorman. The final disbursement of this estate

Slaves (2) inherited from Elijah¹ by son Oliver² Gorman (appendix A1):

- 9 i **AARON**.
- 10 ii **CAROLINE**.

7. **MARY M.**² **GORMAN** (¹*Elijah*¹) was born about 1810, Alabama, and died before the 1852 deposition (appendix A3). She married **OLIVER CLEMENTS**, and was widowed by him before Elijah's 1840 will. The children were all residing in Hinds Co., Miss., at the 1852 deposition.

Children:

- + 23 i **OLIVER D.**³ **CLEMENTS** [**CLEMENT**], born 22 Nov. 1831, Sumter Co., Ala., married **LOU JANE** —, and had two children.
- 24 ii **MARTHA A.**³ **CLEMENTS**, born about 1834, married **JOHN UNDERWOOD** before the 1852 deposition.
- 25 iii **GEORGE W.**³ **CLEMENTS**, born about 1840.

Slaves (3) inherited from Elijah¹ by daughter Mary M.² Gorman, wife of Oliver Clements (appendix A1):

- 11 i **MOSES**, wife **NANCY**, child Robert.

8. **ELIZABETH**² **GORMAN** (¹*Elijah*¹) was born about 1816. She married (1) 13 July 1836, Sumter Co., Ala.,^[70] **DANIEL E. HARPER**, who was born about 1806, Alabama. She resided with him in the Republic of Texas at the time of Elijah Gorman's will of 5 Dec. 1840. She married (2) 21 June 1846, Noxubee Co., Miss.,^[71] **WILLIAM B. REED**. She married (3) 2 May 1852, Noxubee Co., Miss.,^[72] **JESSE BLYTHE**, who was born about 1812, North Carolina.

is not known by me.

70. Sumter Co., Ala., White Marriages, 1833–1847, 1:32, image 654 of 1,235, FHL 1293884, IGN 7614991 (♂), Daniel E Harper | To | Elizabeth Gorman } [licensed] July 1 1836 | Solemnized 13 July 1836 | [by] W R Thomas JP } [security] Jesse Womack.”

71. Noxubee Co., Miss., Marriages, 1834–1870, A:219, image 156 of 489 (♂), FHL 900888, IGN 7726174, William B. Reed to Elizabeth G. Harper, licensed 20 June 1846, married 21 June 1846, by James N. Gage JP.

72. Noxubee Co., Miss., Marriages, 1834–1870, A:323, image 210 of 489 (♂), FHL 900888, IGN 7726174, Jesse Blythe to Mrs. Elizabeth G. Reed, licensed 1 May 1852, married 2 May 1852, by S. S. Lattimore MG.

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Six land records exist for Daniel E. Harper, all in Alabama, with issue dates of 2 Apr. 1825, 2 Mar. 1837, and 23 Oct. 1839, so he must have moved to Texas in late 1839 or in 1840.^[73]

In a notice dated 11 July 1837, Daniel E. Harper, of Sumter Co., Ala., published this ad: “having determined to remove to the City of Mobile, the ensuing season, begs leave to offer his services to his friends and the public generally, as Commission Merchant ... to sell Cotton at one dollar per bale.”^[74]

On 20 Mar. 1839, Daniel E. Harper of Sumter Co., Ala., was granted 68.45 acres in S11 T20 R4W in Alabama by the General Land Office.^[75]

Daniel E. Harper was recorded in the 1840 Montgomery Co., Tex., tax list and the 1846 Grimes Co., Tex., tax list.^[76]

In Spring Term 1845, Montgomery Co., Tex., Daniel E. Harper sued Thomas T. McIver for \$140. In Mar. 1847, he won the case, in a juried trial, and was awarded \$140 plus \$59.70 interest.^[77]

On 7 Oct. 1845, Montgomery Co., Tex., Daniel E. Harper lost a suit by Malekiah Nettles for \$1,721.59 plus costs.^[78]

By Elizabeth’s second marriage in 21 June 1846, she had returned to Mississippi, so the marriage to Daniel E. Harper must have failed. On 3 June 1849, Harris Co., Tex., he married, second, **MARTHA ELLEN HERRING**, who was born about 1829, Georgia, and they had at least one child: (1) Eliza Harper, born about 1850, Texas.^[79]

73. Alabama Land Records, Ancestry.com. Gifford White, *The First Settlers of Houston County, Texas* (St. Louis, Mo. 1983), cited in *U.S. and Canada, Passenger and Immigration Lists Index, 1500s–1900s*, <Ancestry.com>, states that Daniel E. Harper arrived in Texas in 1840.

74. Notice, *Voice of Sumter*, Livingston, Ala., Tues., 29 Aug. 1837, p. 1, <newspapers.com> (↗).

75. *U.S., General Land Office Records, 1776–2015*, certificate no. 5265.

76. Texas Census, 1820–90, Ancestry.com.

77. *Montgomery County, Texas, Various Court Records 1840–1896* (Conroe, Tex. 1987), District Court Records, Court Cases, 1845–1858, 47, image 63 of 178 (↗), case #437, citing p. 97 of the court records.

78. *Montgomery County, Texas, Various Court Records 1840–1896* (note 77), District Docket for Costs, Spring and Fall Terms 1845, 75, image 91 of 178 (↗), case #417, citing pp. 214, 236, 305, 321 of the court records. “Last entry: May 6, 1846.”

79. Harris Co., Tex., Marriages, 1847–1854, B:176, image 335 of 523 (↗), FHL 25221, IGN 4705666, Daniel E. Harper to Miss Martha Ellen Herring, licensed 2 June 1849 in Houston, married

In 1850 Daniel E. Harper, 46, a miner born in Alabama, resided in Sacramento Twp., Sacramento Co., Calif., with Martha E., 21, born in Georgia, and with Sarah E., 14, and Sterling G., 12, both born in Alabama, and Eliza, 11/12, born in Texas.^[80]

In 1853 Jesse Blythe resided in Noxubee Co., Miss., with three males and two females.^[81]

In 1860 "Jessee" Blythe, 48, a farmer born in North Carolina, with \$6,000 real and \$20,000 personal estates, resided in Macon, Noxubee Co., Miss., with Mrs. E. G. Blythe, 36, born in Tennessee, with \$1,500 real estate, and with Sterling G. Harper, 21, a law student born in Alabama, Mora A. Harper, 16, born in Mississippi, and Susan A. Brooks, 27, born in Alabama.^[82]

On 2 Nov. 1864, Jesse Blythe was licensed to marry Annie E. Adams, maiden, in Mobile Co., Ala.^[83]

In 1870 Jesse Blythe, 58, a brick mason born in North Carolina, with \$1,300 real and \$900 personal estates, resided in Macon Twp., Noxubee Co., Miss., with Anna A., 26, born in Alabama, and with Pauline, 3, and Jesse Jr, 1, both born in Mississippi, and with Pauline Adams, 12, born in Alabama. In the next dwelling resided Jerry Blythe, 35, a laborer born in Mississippi, and Nancy, 35, born in North Carolina, both Black, and with Buchanan, 11, and Josephine, 8, both born in Mississippi and both mulatto.^[84]

Known children of the first marriage, to Daniel (appendix C):

26 i **SARAH E.³ HARPER**, born about 1836, Alabama.

27 ii **STERLING G.³ HARPER**, born about 1838, Alabama.

3 June 1849, by John W. Phillips MG.

80. U.S. census, 1850, Sacramento Twp., Sacramento Co., Calif., r. 35, p. 217a, dw. 1795, fam. 1863.

81. *Mississippi, U.S., State Archives, Various Records, 1820-1951*, Noxubee Co., state census returns 1853, 25, image 15 of 16 at <Ancestry.com> (↗).

82. U.S. census, 1860, Macon, Noxubee Co., Miss., r. M653_588, p. 255A, dw. 1, fam. 1.

83. *Alabama, U.S., County Marriage Records, 1805-1967*, Mobile Co., 1862-1950, image 486 of 596 at <Ancestry.com> (↗), cites FHL 1294423.

84. U.S. census, 1870, Macon Twp., Noxubee Co., Miss., r. M593_743, p. 255A, dw. 8, fam. 7.

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28 iii **MORA A.³ HARPER**, born about 1844, Mississippi. Based on the 1860 census.

Slaves (2) inherited from Elijah¹ by daughter Elizabeth² Gorman, wife of Daniel E. Harper (appendix A1):

12 i **SUSY.**

13 ii **LINDA.**

9. FELIX² GORMAN (¹Elijah¹) was born 30 Sept. 1819, Tennessee, and died 19 Jan. 1898, Greenville, Hunt Co., Tex.^[85] He married 22 Nov. 1849, Talladega Co., Ala.,^[86] **MARY ANN WOODWARD**, who was born about 1828, South Carolina, and died 29 Aug. 1887, Greenville, Hunt Co., Tex.^[87]

Felix was a physician and “his son also became a physician;” he was executor of his father’s will.^[88]

The following petition captures Felix’s relatives’ impression of his poor abilities as executor of his father’s will (written after mother Mary’s death in Apr. 1852):

Felix Gorman though he resided in said county [Noxubee Co., Miss.] until AD 1851 or 1852 never presented said will for Probate nor did he ever take out letters of Executorship under the same, but on the contrary, up to the January AD 1849 the said will remained as it stood at the death of the deceased, and never was presented for Probate ... all of which said slaves were at his death & are hired out in this county—the balance of said

85. Death notice, Friday, 21 Jan. 1898, *Greenville Me[?] (newspaper)*, Greenville, Texas: “Died, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. George Payne, on South Wesley street Wednesday morning, Dr. Gorman, aged 90 years. Dr. Gorman was the father of Mrs. Payne and had lived in this city about seventeen years.”

86. Talladega Co., Ala., Marriages, 1846–1864, A2:109, image 71 of 244 (7), FHL 1639298 item 3, IGN 5205850, Felix Gorman to Miss Mary Woodward, licensed and married 22 Nov. 1849, by Thomas H. Cook MG.

87. Family group sheet for Felix Gorman and Mary Woodward, by Sue Gorman, Shawnee, Oklahoma, for his birth and death, and for Mary’s death.

88. Email from Norma Gorman Wright, 14 June 2002; posting by Sue McLeod Gorman, RootsWeb.com, 16 Feb. 1997, cites Dr. Felix Gorman in the 1880 census for Washington Co., Tex., and deeds for him and his son Felix in Greenville, Hunt Co., Tex. starting in 1881.

life estate having been improvidently squandered by the said Felix or through his instrumentality—fraudulently—disposed of.^[89]

In 1850 Felix Gorman, 32, a physician born in Tennessee, resided in Noxubee Co., Miss., with Mary A., 21, born in South Carolina, an infant Thomas, born in Mississippi, and Mary Gorman, 73, born in South Carolina.^[90] As the petition fragment above states, Felix departed in 1851 or 1852 for Texas. The same petition places him in Anderson Co., Tex., in Oct. 1852.

The 1850 slave schedule for Noxubee Co., Miss., listed eight slaves for slave owner Felix Gorman, all mulatto, ages 1–35 (including six children), seven females and one male.^[91]

On 11 Nov. 1850 Felix Gorman bought (apparently for a song) for \$14 from Hezekiah W. Foote the following land in Macon, Noxubee Co., Miss.: the west half of lots 2, 3, and 9, and all of the lots 10, 11, 12, 17, and 18, all lying in section 4, township 14, range 17E. These lots were obtained by Hezekiah in a sale for back taxes on 3 Apr. 1848.^[92]

Felix removed to Texas about 1852 according to the following record:

On 15 Aug. 1867, F. Gorman registered to vote in Milam Co., Tex., having resided in the state for 15 years and in the county 2 years.^[93]

In 1870 Felix Gorman, 52, a physician born in Tennessee, with wife, M. A., 42, born in South Carolina, resided in Brenham, Washington Co., Tex., with his children, Julia, 17, Felix Jr., 16, Arthur, 13, and Edith, 7, all born in Texas.^[94]

In 1880 Felix Gorman, 61 resided in Independence, Washington Co., Tex., with his wife, Mary, 50, son, Felix, 25, a farmer born in Texas, son, Arthur, 22, a photographer (“photogra[p]htist”) born in Louisiana, and

89. Noxubee Co., Miss., Chancery Cases, case #579 (note 29), images 261 (↗) and 263, petition by Jesse Blythe and Elizabeth G. his wife, to judge Reuben Ruff of the Probate Court, 5 Oct. 1852.

90. U.S. census, 1850, Noxubee Co., Miss., dw. 67, fam. 67, r. 379, p. 199.

91. 1850 U.S. Federal Census–Slave Schedules, image 8 of 135, <Ancestry.com>, Noxubee Co., Miss.

92. Photocopy of original record, contributed by Sue Gorman.

93. Texas, U.S., Voter Registration Lists, 1867–1869, Milam Co., image 56 of 75 at <Ancestry.com> (↗), “[line] 1103 [registered] August 15–1867. [name] F. Gorman [where] Milam County, Texas [precinct] 4 [time in state] 15 years [in county] 2 years [in precinct] 2 years.”

94. U.S. census, 1870, Brenham PO, Washington Co., Tex., r. 1608, p. 254, dw. 1157, fam. 1157. This supports his 1819 birth in Tennessee.

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daughter, Edith, 16, born in Texas. Felix (father) was a “physitian” born in Tennessee with both parents native to South Carolina. Mary was born in South Carolina with both parents also natives of South Carolina.^[95]

In an 1895–1895 directory of Waco, McLennan Co., Tex., were listed Felix Gorman, Jr. and Sr., both at the same residence, with Sr. a physician and Jr. a carpenter.^[96]

Children:^[97]

- 29 i **THOMAS³ GORMAN**, born about 1850, Mississippi.
- 30 ii **JULIA³ GORMAN**, born 25 July 1853, Palestine, Texas, died May 1933, Seattle, King Co., Washington, married 29 Jan. 1880, **DAVID HINES**.^[98] It is not known if there is any relation between this David Hines and the one who married Cassandina E.³ Gorman (*Terrell², Elijah¹*).
- + 31 iii **FELIX³ GORMAN**, born Oct. 1853 in Texas, married **FANNIE JULIA RANKIN**, and had nine children.
- 32 iv **ARTHUR³ GORMAN**, born about 1857, in Louisiana or Texas.
- 33 v **EDITH³ GORMAN**, born 22 Feb. 1864, Texas, died 1935, married 26 Aug. 1888, Greenville, Hunt Co., Tex., **GEORGE V. PAYNE**.^[99] It is not known if there is any relation between this George V. Payne and Ransom Thomas Payne who married Nancy² Gorman (*Elijah¹*).

Slaves (3) inherited from Elijah¹ by son Felix² Gorman (appendix A1):

- 14 i **JOSEPH**.
- 15 ii **JERRY**.
- 16 iii **JEFFERSON**.

95. U.S. census, 1880, Independence, Washington Co., Tex., dw. 25, fam. 25, ED 151, r. 1332, p. 250.

96. U.S. City Directories, *Morrison and Fourmy's General Directory of The City of Waco 1894–95*, 146, image 103 of 226 at <Ancestry.com> (↗), “Gorman Felix, jr., carp Kivett-Fleming Lumber Co., 4. 701 S, 11th. | Gorman Felix, sr., physician, (retired0, r. 701 S. 11th.”

97. Also listed in the family record sheet for Felix and Mary (Woodward) Gorman, by Sue Gorman, are Mary Gorman, born 1849, died 1850, and John Gorman, born and died 1852.

98. Family record sheet for Felix and Mary (Woodward) Gorman, by Sue Gorman. There are two towns named Palestine, Tex. It is not known which this was. The birthyear 1853 is inconsistent with that for brother Felix, also 1853 according to the 1900 census.

99. Family record sheet for Felix and Mary (Woodward) Gorman, by Sue Gorman.

10. **SARAH ANN² GORMAN** (¹*Elijah*¹) was born about 1821, Alabama, and died Jan. 1850, age 29, Noxubee Co., Miss.,^[100] of fever, before the 1852 deposition (appendix A3). She married 18 July 1841, Noxubee Co.,^[101] after her father's 1840 will, **CHARLES W. ALLEN**, who was born 1807 (grave-stone), South Carolina, died 16 Sept. 1863, and was buried in Odd Fellows Cem., Macon, Noxubee Co., Miss., near his third wife.^[102] Sarah was his second wife of three.^[103] The children all resided in Noxubee Co., Mississippi, at the time of the 1852 deposition.

In 1840 Charles W. Allen, 30–40, resided in Noxubee Co., Miss., with one girl under 5, and with six slaves (1 male and five females).^[104]

In 1850 Charles W. Allen, 39, a planter born in South Carolina, with \$12,000 real estate, resided in Noxubee Co., Miss., with Sarah, 12, Mary M., 6, “Cynthia,” 4, and Charles T., 2, all four born in Mississippi, and F. D. Allen, 44, a male clerk born in South Carolina.^[105] Child Sarah was a daughter of his first marriage, and F. D. was probably his brother.

By the 1850 slave schedule, slave owner Charles W. Allen had 30 slaves, 21 females (ages 1–46) and 9 males (ages 2–70).^[106]

Elizabeth Blythe's 1852 deposition (appendix A3) has “the children of Sarah Allen dec^d to wit Mary M. aged 8 years Cynthia aged 6 years Charles T aged 4 years residing in Noxubee County Missi.”

In 1860 C. W. Allen, 53, a farmer born in South Carolina, with \$25,000 real and \$33,250 personal estates, resided in Noxubee Co., Miss.,

100. U.S. census, 1850, Noxubee Co., Miss., mortality schedule, Sarah A. Allen, 29, female, died Jan., born Ala., ID MRT1974139, cause fever.

101. Noxubee Co., Miss., Marriages, 1834–1870, A:105, image 89 of 489 (↗), FHL 900888, IGN 7726174, Charles W. Allen to Miss Sarah Ann Gorman, licensed 6 July 1841, married 18 July 1841, by T. A. Smith “E.M.E.C.”

102. *Find a Grave*, no. 197933572, gravestone photo, by Stephen McBride, Odd Fellows Cem., Macon, Noxubee Co., Miss., “Charles W. | Allen | 1807– | September 16, 1863 | Surveyor | of the | town | of | Macon | 1834.”

103. Noxubee Co., Miss., Marriages, 1834–1870, A:15, image 43 of 489 (↗), FHL 900888, IGN 7726174, Charles W. Allen to Sarah F. Harrison, 12 Nov. 1835, also A:320, image 209 of 489 (↗), Charles W. Allen to Elizabeth Lewis, 10 Feb. 1852.

104. U.S. census, 1840, Noxubee Co., Miss., r. 218, p. 107.

105. U.S. census, 1850, Noxubee Co., Miss., r. 379, p. 226B, dw. 519, fam. 519.

106. 1850 U.S. Federal Census–Slave Schedules, Noxubee Co., Miss., image 58 of 135 at <Ancestry.com> (↗).

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with E. L., 38, born in Virginia, and with Mary M., 15, “S. W.,” female, 13, and C. T., male, 12, and Francis L., female, 4, all four born in Mississippi.^[107] Child Francis L. was a daughter of his third marriage.

Children:

- + 34 i **MARY M.**³ **ALLEN**, born about 1844, Mississippi, married **THURMAN CURTIS BAKER**, and had two children.
- 35 ii **CYNTHIA W.**³ **ALLEN**, born about 1846, Mississippi, married 5 Jan. 1864, Noxubee Co., Miss.,^[108] **WILLIAM POPE**.
- 36 iii **CHARLES T.**³ **ALLEN**, born about 1848, Mississippi.

Slaves (4) inherited from Elijah¹ by daughter Sarah² Gorman (appendix A1):

- 17 i **BILLY**, wife **RITTA**, children Emila and Charles.

107. U.S. census, 1860, Dist. 3, Noxubee Co., Miss., r. M653_588, p. 913, dw. 465, fam. 465.

108. Noxubee Co., Miss., Marriages, 1860-1874, B:91, image 375 of 489 (↗), FHL 900888, IGN 7726174, William Pope to Cynthia W. Allen, 5 Jan. 1864.

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11. CASSANDINA [CASSANDANNA] E.³ GORMAN (₃Terrell², *Elijah*¹)^[109] was born about 1831, Mississippi or Alabama, died 11 May 1885, Macon, Noxubee Co., Miss., and was **apparently** buried in Odd Fellows Cem., Macon, Noxubee Co., Miss.^[110] She married 6 June 1850, Noxubee Co., Miss.,^[111] **DAVID HINES**, who was born about 1816, North Carolina, died 1880, and was buried next to his wife.

Death notice from the *Macon Beacon*, 12 May 1885:

Mrs. C. E. Hines, relict of the late David Hines died yesterday and the body was interred in Odd Fellows cemetery this morning. She was one of the oldest citizens of the county and leaves a large family to mourn for her.^[112]

In 1850 David Hines, 34, born in North Carolina with \$800 real estate, resided in Noxubee Co. Mississippi, in the household of E. G. Reede, 33, born in Tennessee, Myra, 7, born in Mississippi, "Cassandan," 17, born in Alabama, and a merchant, Henry Joel, 27, born in Germany. "Cassandan" was probably David's wife since the census was enumerated on 22 Sept. 1850. The corresponding 1850 slave schedule shows nine slaves for David Hines and seven for E. G. "Reed."^[113]

In 1860 David Hines, 45, a mechanic born in North Carolina with \$8,000 real and \$13,270 personal estates, resided in Macon, Noxubee Co. Mississippi, with C., 29, female born in Mississippi, and with Sherrod, 9,

109. And several other variations of her name.

110. *Find a Grave*, no. 119292220, no gravestone photograph, but an inscription is transcribed: "Dear Parents, tho we miss you much we know you rest with God." The otherwise **unsourced** information here has "Casindinah Elizabeth" Hines born 1830, died 1888 [*sic*] and her spouse David Hines, born 1815, died 1880.

111. Noxubee Co., Miss., Marriages, 1834–1870, A:282, image 189 of 489 (↗), FHL 900888, IGN 7726174, David Hines to Cassindannah Gorman, licensed and married 6 June 1850, by R. Ruff, Judge of Probate.

112. Transcription from Lucille M. Reeves, 14 Mar. 1990, Macon, Mississippi, via Sue Gorman.

113. U.S. census, 1850, Noxubee Co., Mississippi, r. 379, p. 200A, dw. 77, fam. 77.

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and David, 7, males born in Mississippi, Effa, 6, “Sallie,” 4, and [unnamed], 2, all three females born in Mississippi.^[114]

In 1870 David Hines, 55, a carpenter born in North Carolina with \$670 real and \$665 personal estates, resided in Macon, Noxubee Co. Mississippi, with “Celia” E., 36, born in Mississippi, and with Sherrod, 18, a farmer, David, 16, a farmer, “Effie,” 14, Sarah, 12, and Martha, 11, Terrell, 9, Leland, 7, Jesse, 5, Percy, 3, Marian, 2, and John, 1/12, born in May, six youngest all males [sic], all born in Mississippi.^[115]

In 1880 C. E. Hines, 48, a widowed farmer born in Alabama of Alabama natives, resided in Noxubee Co. Mississippi, with her daughter, “Mattie,” 21, and her sons, Terrell, 19, Leland, 18, “Jessee,” 16, “Persey,” 15, and “Marion,” 12, all born in Mississippi.^[116]

Children:

- 37 i **SHERROD⁴ HINES**, born about 1851, Mississippi, died **perhaps** 1878, and buried **apparently** in Odd Fellows Cem., Macon, Noxubee Co., Miss.^[117]
- 38 ii **DAVID⁴ HINES**, born about 1853, Mississippi.
- 39 iii **EFFA⁴ HINES**, born Feb. 1857 (gravestone), Mississippi, died 31 July 1912, and buried near her husband,^[118] married (her cousin) **SAMUEL C.⁴ MOBLEY**, born 14 Oct. 1857 (gravestone), Mississippi, died 28 Aug. 1929, buried in Mullins Chapel Cem., Memphis, Shelby Co., Tenn.^[119] See him for further details.
- 40 iv **SARAH⁴ HINES**, born about 1856, Mississippi.
- 41 v **MARTHA⁴ HINES**, born about 1858, Mississippi. A daughter, “Mattie,” who was born 2 Jan. 18**67** (gravestone), died 5 Feb. 1910, buried in Soule Chapel Cem., Macon, Noxubee Co., Miss.,^[120]

114. U.S. census, 1860, Macon PO, Noxubee Co., Mississippi, r. 588, p. 927, dw. 570, fam. 550.

115. U.S. census, 1870, Macon PO, Noxubee Co., Mississippi, r. 743, p. 113B, dw. 152, fam. 156.

116. U.S. census, 1880, Noxubee Co., Mississippi, ED 30, r. 660, p. 149A, dw. 152, fam. 156.

117. *Find a Grave*, no. 119292273, no gravestone photograph, **unsourced** information here has Sherrod Hines, born 1851 [sic], died 1878.

118. *Find a Grave*, no. 7751072, gravestone photograph, Mullins Chapel Cem., Memphis, Shelby Co., Tenn., “My wife | Effie Hines | wife of | C. S. Mobley | born Feb. 1857 | died July 31, 1912 | [inscription].”

119. *Find a Grave*, no. 7751135, gravestone photograph, Mullins Chapel Cem., Memphis, Shelby Co., Tenn., “S. C. Mobley | born | Oct. 14, 1857 | died | Aug. 28, 1929.”

120. *Find a Grave*, no. 97985359, gravestone photograph, by Ann Robertson, Soule Chapel Cem.,

married 8 July 1891, Noxubee Co., Miss.,^[121] **JAMES F. BARNHILL**, born 16 May 1860 (gravestone), died 3 July 1944, and buried near his wife.^[122] This would work if the gravestone were off by 10 years. They had children.

- 42 vi **TERRELL⁴ HINES**, born about 1861, Mississippi.
- 43 vii **LELAND⁴ HINES**, born about 1863, Mississippi.
- 44 viii **JESSE⁴ HINES**, born about 1865, Mississippi.
- 45 ix **PERCY⁴ HINES**, born about 1867, Mississippi.
- 46 x **MARIAN⁴ HINES**, a boy born about 1868, Mississippi.
- 47 xi **JOHN⁴ HINES**, born May 1870, Mississippi. He wasn't mentioned in 1880 so probably died young.

12. CALISTA F.³ GORMAN (sTerrell², Elijah¹) was born 15 Apr. 1834 (gravestone), Alabama or Mississippi, died 6 Oct. 1905, and was buried in Mullins Chapel Cem., Memphis, Shelby Co., Tenn.^[123] She married 12 Sept. 1850, Marshall Co., Miss.,^[124] **PLEASANT MARION MOBLEY**, who was born 2 Feb. 1832 (gravestone), Alabama, died 25 June 1918, and was buried near his wife.^[125]

In 1860 Marion Mobley, 28, a farmer born in Alabama with a personal estate valued at \$10,000, resided in Marshall Co., Miss., with Calista, 26, born in Mississippi, Lorena J., 4, Samuel, 3, and Mary H., 1, all three born in Mississippi. Also with them were D. Solomon Mobley, 16, and Calvin W. Mobley, 14, both born in Mississippi, who are too old to have been Calista's children so were perhaps nephews or even younger brothers of Marion Mobley. The corresponding 1860 slave schedule shows seven

Macon, Noxubee Co., Miss., "Mattie H | Barnhill | Jan 2 1867 | Feb 5 1910 | [inscription]."

121. *Miss. Marriages, 1776-1935*, "Mattie" Hines to J. F. Barnhill, 6 July 1891, Noxubee Co., Miss.

122. *Find a Grave*, no. 34116566, gravestone photograph, by Ann Robertson, Soule Chapel Cem., Macon, Noxubee Co., Miss., "James F. | Barnhill | May 16, 1860 | July 31, 1944."

123. *Find a Grave*, no. 7751077, gravestone photograph, Mullins Chapel Cem., Memphis, Shelby Co., Tenn., "Callista F. | wife of | P. M. Mobley, | Apr. 15, 1834 | Oct. 6, 1905 | [inscription]."

124. *Mississippi and Florida, 1800-1900 Marriage Index*, Genealogy.com, cites County Court Records, Film no. 0894365-74, "Callister F. Gorman" to "Pleasant M. Mobley."

125. *Find a Grave*, no. 7751079, gravestone photograph, Mullins Chapel Cem., Memphis, Shelby Co., Tenn., "P. M. Mobley, | Feb. 2, 1832 | June 25, 1910 | [inscription]."

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slaves for P. Marion Mobley, six females ranging in age from 2 to 35 and one male 14; two of them are marked fugitives from the state.^[126]

In 1870 P. M. Mobley, 38, a farmer born in Alabama with \$1,280 real and \$500 personal estates, resided in Marshall Co., Miss., with C. F., 36, female born in Alabama, L. "C.," 15, "Sammie," 12, and "Mollie," 10, D. H., 8, female, and J. W., 1, male, all five born in Mississippi.^[127]

In 1880 Marion "Mobly," 48, a farmer born in Alabama of a father born in North Carolina and a mother in Alabama, resided in Wall Hill Dist., Marshall Co., Miss., with his wife, Calista F., 46, born in Alabama of Alabama natives, and his daughter, D[aw?]son, 17, and son, John 11, and son Samuel, 23, a farmer, all three born in Mississippi, and his daughter-in-law, Effa, 20, born in Mississippi of Mississippi natives, and one black servant.^[128]

In 1900 P. Marion Mobley, 68, a farmer born Feb. 1832 in Alabama of a father born in South Carolina and a mother in Alabama, resided in Byhalia, Marshall Co., Miss., with his wife of 50 years, "Callista," 66, born Apr. 1834 in Alabama of Alabama natives, and his grandson, Percy, 14, born Oct. 1885 in Alabama of Mississippi natives. Calista had had six children, with four surviving.^[129]

Known children of six:

- 48 i **LORENA J.⁴ MOBLEY**, born about 1856, Mississippi.
- 49 ii **SAMUEL C.⁴ MOBLEY**, born 14 Oct. 1857 (gravestone), Mississippi, died 28 Aug. 1929, buried in Mullins Chapel Cem., Memphis, Shelby Co., Tenn.,^[130] married (his cousin) **EFFA HINES**, born Feb. 1857 (gravestone), Mississippi, died 31 July 1912, and buried near her husband.^[131] They had at least one child, Percy H. Mobley, born

126. U.S. census, 1860, Marshall Co., Mississippi, dw. 409, fam. 454, r. 587, p. 58; corresponding 1860 slave schedule, r. 601, p. 25.

127. U.S. census, 1870, Marshall Co., Mississippi, r. 740, p. 399A, dw. 513, fam. 544.

128. U.S. census, 1880, Wall Hill Dist., Marshall Co., Mississippi, ED 122, r. 587, p. 58, dw. 111, fam. 111.

129. U.S. census, 1900, Marshall Co., Mississippi, ED 64, r. 820, p. 139, sh. 5B, dw. 98, fam. 98.

130. *Find a Grave*, no. 7751135, gravestone photograph, Mullins Chapel Cem., Memphis, Shelby Co., Tenn., "S. C. Mobley | born | Oct. 14, 1857 | died | Aug. 28, 1929."

131. *Find a Grave*, no. 7751072, gravestone photograph, Mullins Chapel Cem., Memphis, Shelby Co., Tenn., "My wife | Effie Hines | wife of | C. S. Mobley | born Feb. 1857 | died July 31, 1912 |

25 Oct. 1882, died 6 Jan. 1960, and buried in Memorial Park Cem.,
Memphis, Shelby Co., Tenn.^[132]

50 iii **MARY H.⁴ MOBLEY**, born about 1859, Mississippi.

51 iv **DAWSON H.⁴ MOBLEY**, born about 1862, Mississippi.

52 v **JOHN W.⁴ MOBLEY**, born about 1869, Mississippi.

16. GEORGE S.³ PAYNE (⁵*Nancy², Elijah¹*) was born about 1825 in Alabama. He married (1) 26 Dec. 1844, Sumter Co., Ala.,^[133] **ELIZABETH WILLIAMS**, who was born about 1829 in Alabama. He married (2) before the 1860 census **EMILY** —, who was born about 1828 in Alabama.

In 1850 Sumter Co., Ala., George S. Payne, 29, born in Alabama, resided next door to Milton Lewis and his family, that of George's sister Elphida³, with Elizabeth, 21, Adeline C., 5, and Nancy W., 2, all four born in Alabama.^[134]

Elizabeth Blythe's 6 Oct. 1852 deposition (appendix A3) has heirs of Nancy Payne as "Elphida Lewis deceased ... also George Payne 27 years [born about 1825] all residing in Sumpter [sic] County Ala."

In 1860 George S. Payne, 35, a farmer, resided in Intercourse, Sumter Co., Ala., with Emily, 32, Adaline, 13, Nancy, 11, son, Winter, 9, and son, Abija, 2, all six born in Alabama.^[135]

Children of the first marriage, to Elizabeth:

53 i **ADELINE C.⁴ PAYNE**, born about 1845, Alabama.

54 ii **NANCY W.⁴ PAYNE**, born about 1848, Alabama.

Known children of the second marriage, to Emily:

55 iii **WINTER⁴ PAYNE**, born about 1851, Alabama.

[inscription]."

132. *Find a Grave*, no. 102913752, gravestone photograph, Memorial Park Cem., Memphis, Shelby Co., Tenn., "Percy H. | Oct. 25, 1882 | June 6, 1960 || Mary F. | Apr. 12, 1875 | Nov. 16, 1963 || Mobley."

133. Sumter Co., Ala., Marriage Records White, 1833–1847, 1:310, image 937 of 1235 (↗), FHL 1293884 item 4, IGN 7614991, no. 733, George S. Payne to Elizabeth Williams, licensed 26 Dec. 1844, Sumter Co., Ala., bonded by George S. Payne and Daniel Spradley, "Executed by Ja^s Bevers J.P. the 26th of Dec^r 1844."

134. U.S. census, 1850, Sumter Co., Ala., dw. 124, fam. 126, r. 15, p. 265.

135. U.S. census, 1860, post office Intercourse, Sumter Co., Ala., dw. 258, fam. 258, r. 24, p. 497.

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56 iv **ABIJA⁴ PAYNE**, born about 1858, Alabama.

17. ELPHIDA A.³ PAYNE (*s*Nancy², *Elijah*¹) was born in Alabama, and died before Elizabeth Blythe's 6 Oct. 1852 deposition (appendix A3) and before the 1850 census when her husband had remarried. She married 11 Nov. 1838, Sumter Co., Ala.,^[136] **MILTON LEWIS**, who was born about 1818 in Alabama, and "died in a yankee prison in Alton, Ill."^[137] He married, second, 16 Jan. 1850, Sumter Co., Ala.,^[138] **ELIZABETH A. DABNEY**.

Evidence from relatives: Milton and "Elphada" Lewis had children Virginia E.⁴ Lewis, born about 1844, Ambrose Wyatt⁴ Lewis, born about 1846, and Mary A. Elvira⁴ Lewis, born about 1848, all born in Alabama.^[139]

In 1850 Sumter Co., Ala., Milton Lewis, 32, a farmer born in Alabama, resided with Elizabeth A., 23, born in Alabama, Virginia E., 6, Ambrose W., 4, and Mary A. E., 2, all born in Alabama, and Ervin Payne, 18, a farmer born in Alabama.^[140] They lived next to George S. Payne, 29, born in Alabama. These were surely her brothers Irving and George Payne.

136. Sumter Co., Ala., Marriage Records White, 1833-1847, 1:87 image 709 of 1235 (♂), FHL 1293884 item 4, IGN 7614991, no. 9, Milton Lewis to Elphada Payne, licensed 5 Nov. 1838, bonded by Milton Lewis and William Kelly, married 11 Nov. 1838, by Richard W. Gayle JP.

137. Letter from descendant Lorene⁶ (Beeman) Shanks to Sue Gorman, 14 Feb. 1985, mentions that (Lorene's) Grandma Beeman's brother Ambrose was captured with her father Milton Lewis at Oxford, Mississippi, and that both died in prison at Alton, Illinois, Ambrose being about 16; that Grandma (Mary A. Elvira Lewis) and Virginia Lewis were raised in an orphanage, that Virginia married a Greene and went west, possibly dying in the Galveston, Texas, tidal wave, that Lorene's grandfather (and Mary Elvira's husband) was Ivy Hines Beemon (spelling difference explicitly noted) who had already been married to Mary Jane Johnson; that Lorene's father was Arthur Lewis⁵ Beeman; that her husband is (1985) Richard Donald Shanks, born 20 May 1928; that her daughter is Jo Ann⁷, married M. Whitney Morgan, Jr., and has four children, one of whom is son Ross⁸ 23.

138. Sumter Co., Ala., Marriage Records White, 1847-1865, 2:88, image 1109 of 1235 (♂), FHL 1293884 item 5, IGN 7614991, no. 174, Milton Lewis to "Eliza^h" A. Dabney, licensed 12 Jan. 1850, security by David M. Dial, married 16 Jan. 1850, by John C. Gillespie JP.

139. Letter from descendant Lorene (Beeman) Shanks to Sue Gorman, 24 Mar. 1980: "My father's mother, Mary Elvira (Lewis) Beemon, whose grandfather was Ransom T. Payne, mother Elphada (Gorman) Payne, ... I have seen in an old thin book of marriages in Sumter Co. Ala, Livingston, Ala. ...a copy of Ransom T. Payne giving permission for his daughter Elphada, to marry Milton Lewis."

140. U.S. census, 1850, Sumter Co., Ala., dw. 123, fam. 125, r. 15, p. 265.

Elizabeth Blythe's 6 Oct. 1852 deposition (appendix A3) has heirs of Elphida Lewis as "Virginia Lewis aged 9 years [born about 1843], Wyatt aged 7 years [born about 1845] also George Payne 27 years [born about 1825] all residing in Sumpter [sic] County Ala."

Children (some based on hearsay from relatives):

- 57 i VIRGINIA E.⁴ LEWIS, born about 1844, Alabama, married —GREENE.
- 58 ii AMBROSE WYATT⁴ LEWIS, born about 1846, Alabama.
- 59 iii MARY A. ELVIRA⁴ LEWIS, born about 1848, Alabama, married —BEEMON.

18. NANCY A.³ PAYNE (⁵Nancy², *Elijah*¹) was born about 1828, and died before the Apr. 1852 death of Mary Gorman, according to the 1883 Brummett petition (appendix AX), and died before Elizabeth Blythe's 6 Oct. 1852 deposition (appendix A3). She married 12 May 1842, Sumter Co., Ala.,^[141] JAMES H. BRUMMETT, who was born 28 Apr. 1818 (gravestone), North Carolina, died 8 Apr. 1884, and was buried in Mount Prospect Cem., Columbia Co., Ark.^[142] He married, second, 23 Jan. 1851, DeSoto Co., Miss.,^[143] MALINDA A. WHITEHEAD, who was born 27 Aug. 1838, died 16 June, 1896, and was buried near her husband,^[144] and they had several more children.

In 1850 James "Brummet," 33, a "Gin-wright" born in North Carolina, with \$225 real estate, resided in Southern Division, Desoto Co., Miss., with Daniel, 7, born in Alabama, Robert, 4, born in Mississippi, "Buerma V. Z.," 2, male, born in Mississippi, and with Terrill Payne, 21 [sic], a Gin-

141. Sumter Co., Ala., Marriage Records White, 1833-1847, 1:214, image 839 of 1235 (↗), FHL 1293884 item 4, IGN 7614991, no. 430, James H. Brummet to Nancy A. Payne, licensed 9 May 1842, bonded by James H. Brummet and Ransom T. Payne, married 12 May 1842, by D. S. Wood.

142. *Find a Grave*, no. 125938171, gravestone photo, by Rob Riley, plot: Row 3 from east, difficult to read, uncertain items in [], "James H. Brummett | born | April 28, 18[18] | died | April 8, 1884."

143. DeSoto Co., Miss., Marriage Records White, 1851-1854, B:485, image 327 of 720 (↗), FHL 895690, IGN 7726281, James H. Brummitt to Melinda A. Whitehead, licensed 21 Jan. 1851, married 23 Jan. 1851, by A. Green JP.

144. *Find a Grave*, no. 125938451, gravestone photo, by Rob Riley, plot: Row 3 from east, difficult to read, uncertain items in [], "Malinda A. | wife of | J. H. Brummett | born | April 28, 18[3]8 | died | June 16, 1896."

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wright born in Alabama, “Malissa Ulrick,” 24 [sic], and Caroline “Ulrick,” 3, both born in Alabama.^[145]

They had at least two children, John⁴ Brummett and an unnamed infant, at the time of Elizabeth Blythe’s 6 Oct. 1852 deposition (appendix A3). So that deposition is in error for this family.

The 11 Dec. 1883 petition, by D. W and R. C. Brummett (appendix AX), states that there were three sons R. B., D. W., and R. C. Brummett. D. W. Brummett resided in Richland, Arkansas, in 1883, and R. C. Brummett in Terrill, Texas.

Children:

- 60 i **DANIEL WEBSTER⁴ BRUMMETT**, born 28 Aug. 1843, Alabama, died 3 Nov. 1892, buried Oakland Cem., Camden, Ouachita Co., Ark.,^[146] married **MARY VICTORIA SMITH**, born 1843 (gravestone), died 1917, buried Greenwood Cem., Camden,^[147] and was survived by eight children.

In a birth certificate for Thomas Lawrence Brummett, born 1 Apr. 1877, Richland, Smackover Twp., Ouachita Co., Ark., his father is listed as Daniel Webster Brummett, 34, a resident of Richland, Ark., who was born in Richland, Ark., occupation a planter, and his mother as Mary Victoria Smith, 35, a resident of Richland, born Rome, Ga., a housewife.^[148]

- 61 ii **ROBERT C.⁴ BRUMMETT**, born about 1846, Mississippi.
62 iii **R. B.⁴ BRUMMETT**, born about 1848, Mississippi. I assume this is “Buerma V. Z. Brummet,” of the 1850 census.

23. OLIVER D.³ CLEMENTS [CLEMENT] (⁷Mary M.², *Elijah*¹) was born 22 Nov. 1831, Sumter Co., Ala., and died 25 Mar. 1874, Chambers Creek, Ellis Co., Tex. (obit.). He married **LOU JANE**—, who was born about 1840, Mississippi.

145. U.S. census, 1850, Southern Division, Desoto Co., Miss., r. 371, p. 357a, dw. 624., fam. 624.

146. *Find a Grave*, no. 8594326, gravestone photo, Oakland Cem., Camden, Ouachita Co., Ark., “Daniel W. | Brummett | born | Aug. 28, 1843 | died | Nov. 3, 1892 | Brummett.”

147. *Find a Grave*, no. 61792728, gravestone photo, by Mary Hall Ferguson, Greenwood Cem., Camden, Ouachita Co., Ark., “Mary Victoria | wife of | D. W. Brummett | 1843–1917.” Also an obit.

148. *Arkansas, U.S., Birth Certificates, 1914–1925*, no. 238, for births prior to 1914, image 249 of 2188 at <Ancestry.com> (↗).

In 1850 Oliver Clement, 19, born in Mississippi, resided in Hinds Co., Miss., in the household of “W^m” S. Clement, 42, a planter born in South Carolina.^[149]

In 1870 Oliver D. Clement, 37, born in Alabama, resided in Hinds Co., Miss., with Lou Jane, 30, born in Mississippi, and with William W., 4, born in Mississippi.^[150]

An obituary for Oliver:

Oliver D. Clement departed this life March 25th, on Chambers Creek, Ellis county, Texas, after an illness of nine weeks ... He was born in Sumpter Co., Ala., Nov. 22, 1831; made a profession of religion in his twenty-first year, and was baptized by Eld. S. B. Holaway into the fellowship of the County Line Church, Copiah county, Miss., and remained a firm Baptist till his death ... His last request was that he should be buried near the Little Church, Bee Creek, where his membership was, and hoped it would become a bright and shining light. He leaves a widow with two little boys, and a large circle of friends to mourn their loss. | E. C. Leake | Pastor of Bee Creek Church. | Lancaster, Texas, April 11, 1874.^[151]

Known child of two:

63 i **WILLIAM W.⁴ CLEMENTS**, born about 1866, Mississippi.

31. FELIX³ GORMAN (oFelix², Elijah¹) was born Oct. 1853 (1900 census), Texas, died 1912, and was buried in White Rose Cem., Bartlesville, Washington Co., Okla.^[152] He married 6 Oct. 1880, Brenham, Washington Co., Tex.,^[153] **FANNIE JULIA RANKIN**, who was born 13 May 1859, Brenham, daughter of Daniel and Julia R. (Sheppard) Rankin, and died 17 Aug. 1953, Bartlesville, aged 94 years 3 months 4 days, and was buried 20 Aug.

149. U.S. census, 1850, Hinds Co., Miss., r. 372, p. 185a, dw. 1001, fam. 1001.

150. U.S. census, 1870, Twp. 4, Hinds Co., Miss., r. M593_730, p. 500A, dw. 476, fam. 496.

151. “Oliver D. Clement,” *Tennessee Baptist*, Memphis, Tenn., 25 Apr. 1874, <newspapers.com> (↗).

152. *Find a Grave*, no. 88312626, gravestone photograph, by Joe Todd, White Rose Cem., Bartlesville, Washington Co., Okla., “Felix | Gorman | 1853–1912.”

153. Marriage certificate for Felix Gorman Jr. and Fannie J. Gorman, 6 Oct. 1880, State of Texas, Washington Co., no. 105, p. 53.

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1953, White Rose Cem., Bartlesville.^[154] Fannie had been a resident of Bartlesville for 46 years at her death.

The deed records of Hunt Co., Tex., show that Felix Gorman and his family arrived there in about 1881, the first deed, dated 15 Sept. 1881, showing a purchase of 440 acres for \$500 by F. Gorman from A. B. Kerr. Felix made another land purchase on 28 Dec. 1881 and another on 23 May 1882. On 19 May 1883, Felix Gorman, Jr., and his wife Fannie Gorman sold a lot to Felix Gorman, Sr., for \$650.^[155]

In 1900 Felix Gorman, 46, a building contractor born Oct. 1853 in Texas, resided in Waco, McLennan Co., Tex., with his wife of 19 years Fannie, 39, born May 1861 in Texas. With them were eight of the nine children who still survived in 1900, all born in Texas: Arthur, 18, a carpenter born Aug. 1881; Mary, 16, born Sept. 1883; Annie, 13, born Apr. 1887; "Emma," 10, born Dec. 1889; daughter, Golden, 8, born Dec. 1891; Ruby, 6, born Nov. 1893; Charlie, 4, born Dec. 1895; and Edith, 2, born Mar. 1898.^[156]

In 1910 Felix Gorman, 56, a building contractor born in Texas of a father born in Mississippi and a mother in Alabama, resided in Bartlesville, Washington Co., Okla., with his wife of 30 years, Fannie, 46, born in Texas of Tennessee natives, and with his son, Arthur, 28, a carpenter, his daughters, "Imogene," 21, a schoolteacher, Golden, 18, and Ruby, 16, son, Charlie, 13, daughter, Edith, 11, all six born in Texas, and grandson Anthony Farr, 4, born in Oklahoma of Texas natives. Fannie had had nine children, with seven surviving.^[157]

154. Death certificate for Fannie Julia Gorman, 17 Aug. 1953, State of Oklahoma, Department of Health, state file no. 013039, informants Arthur and Charles R. Gorman; *Find a Grave*, no. 88312552, gravestone photograph, by Joe Todd, White Rose Cem., Bartlesville, Washington Co., Okla., "Fannie R. | Gorman | 1859-1953."

155. Letter, dated 26 Dec. 1966, from W. Walworth Harrison, Curator and Correspondent, Hunt County Historical Society, to Sue Gorman, my correspondent, cites Hunt Co. deed records: Vol. A-1 p. 615, Vol. F-1 p. 320, Vol. D-1 p. 116, and Vol. F-1 p. 324.

156. U.S. census, 1900, Ward 2, Waco, McLennan Co., Tex., dw. 229, fam. 230, ED 73, r. 1656, p. 206, address N. 17th St.

157. U.S. census, 1910, Bartlesville, Washington Co., Okla., ED 252, r. 1275, p. 254, sh. 9A, dw. 185, fam. 190.

In 1930 Fannie J. Gorman, 68, a widow born in Texas of Tennessee natives, resided in Bartlesville, Washington Co., Okla., in the household of her son, "Arther J." Gorman, 48, an architect born in Texas of Texas natives, and with his nephews, Sidney Smith, 18, and Felix Smith, 16, and his niece, Emogene Smith, 10, all three born in Oklahoma of a father born in Missouri and a mother in Texas.^[158]

Children:^[159]

- 64 i **JAMES ARTHUR⁴ GORMAN**, born 28 Aug. 1881, Greenville, Hunt Co., Tex., died 25 May 1961, Bartlesville, Washington Co., Tex., buried in White Rose Cem., Bartlesville, Washington Co., Okla.,^[160] married 1961, Bartlesville, **MAUDE CAYWOOD**.

In 1930 "Arther J." Gorman, 48, an architect born in Texas resided in Bartlesville, Washington Co., Okla., with his mother, two nephews, and one niece. See his parents' sketch for details.

- 65 ii **MARY⁴ GORMAN**, born 10 Sept. 1883, Greenville, Hunt Co., Tex. (obit.), died 21 Aug. 1905, Bartlesville, Washington Co., Okla., buried in White Rose Cem., Bartlesville,^[161] married 8 Apr. 1904, Valley Mills, (in both Bosque and McLennan Cos.), Tex. (obit.), **ANTHONY R. FARR**, and had one child: (1) Anthony⁵ Farr, born just before her death, Oklahoma.

Her obituary:

Mary Gorman was born in Greenville, Texas, September 10, 1883. She was united in marriage with A. R. Farr in Valley Mills, Texas, April 8, 1904. She died at her home in Bartlesville at 4 o'clock on Monday afternoon, Aug. 21, 1905. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Gorman of Bartlesville. . . . She was a member of a large

158. U.S. census, 1930, Bartlesville, Washington Co., Okla., ED 9, r. 1938, p. 117, sh. 12A, dw. 270, fam. 294.

159. Family group record for Felix and Fannie J. (Rankin) Gorman, by descendant (in-law) Sue (McLeod) Gorman; U.S. census, 1900, Waco, Texas.

160. *Find a Grave*, no. 61452875, gravestone photograph, by Joe Todd, White Rose Cem., Bartlesville, Washington Co., Okla., plot: block 2, "Arthur | Gorman | 1891 [sic]-1961."

161. *Find a Grave*, no. 40413989, gravestone photograph, by Joe Todd, White Rose Cem., Bartlesville, Washington Co., Okla., plot: block 2, lot 21, space 4, "Mrs. A. R. | Farr | 1883-1905."

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family of brothers and sisters, and mother of little infant Anthony, whom she named just before her death. . . .^[162]

- 66 iii **FELIX⁴ GORMAN**, born about 1885, died before the 1900 census.
- + 67 iv **ANNA⁴ GORMAN**, born 17 Apr. 1887, Texas, married **SIDNEY ELIAS SMITH**, and had four children.
- 68 v **EMOGENE⁴ GORMAN**, born Dec. 1889 (1900 census) or 1933 (gravestone), Texas, died 1913, buried in White Rose Cem., Bartlesville, Washington Co., Okla.^[163]
- 69 vi **GOLDEN⁴ GORMAN**, born 15 Dec. 1891, Texas, died 31 Jan. 1978, Bartlesville, Washington Co., Oklahoma, married 19 Jan. 1918, Independence, Montgomery Co., Kansas, **H. M. HAMILTON**.^[164]
 In 1930, H. M. Hamilton 33, an Indian farmer with father of “Mixed Blood” and mother “Cherokee,” resided with his wife Golden 35, a white born in Texas of parents both born in Texas. H. M. was first married at age 21, hence about 1918, and Golden at 22, hence about 1917. With them resided daughter Marlene⁵ Hamilton 4 4/12, an Indian, with father of “Mixed Blood” and mother “Cherokee,” which doesn’t match Golden. Nevertheless, Marlene is probably her daughter and the “Cherokee” a census error since H. M. and Golden have been married about 12 years.
- 70 vii **RUBY⁴ GORMAN**, born 9 Nov. 1893, Waco, McLennan Co., Tex., married **JAMES PUMPHREY**.
- + 71 viii **CHARLES RANKIN⁴ GORMAN**, born 4 Dec. 1896, Waco, McLennan Co., Tex., married **ETTA SUE SIMPSON**, and had two children.
- 72 ix **EDITH⁴ GORMAN**, born Mar. 1898, Texas.^[165]

34. MARY M.³ ALLEN (₁₀*Sarah Ann*², *Elijah*¹) was born about 1844, Mississippi, and apparently died before the 1880 census and probably before

162. Obit., *Bartlesville Daily Enterprise*, Wed., 23 Aug. 1905, digital photocopy at *Find a Grave*, no. 40413989.

163. *Find a Grave*, no. 88312432, gravestone photograph, by Joe Todd, White Rose Cem., Bartlesville, Washington Co., Okla., plot: block 2, “Emogene | Gorman | 1888–1913.”

164. The family group sheet for Felix and Fannie (Rankin) Gorman, by Sue Gorman, has him listed as H. H. Hamilton.

165. In the U.S. census, 1900, Waco, Texas, only (i.e., not in family group sheet of Sue Gorman).

1877. She married 30 Mar. 1869 Noxubee Co., Miss.,^[166] **THURMAN CURTIS BAKER**, who was born about 1843, New York.

In 1870 T. C. Baker, 26, a merchandiser born in New York, resided in Maysfield, Milam Co., Tex., with “Dude” A., 25, born in Mississippi, and with Curtis, 6/12, born Jan. 1870, Texas.^[167]

In 1880 T. C. Baker, 37, a general trader born in New York of a father born in Vermont and a mother in New York, resided in Macon, Noxubee Co., Miss., with his wife, F. C., 23, born in Mississippi of a father born in North Carolina and a mother in South Carolina, and with his son, T. C. Jr., 10, born in Texas [but crossed out], daughter, D. A., 8, born in Michigan, and daughters, Ida, 3, Ada, 3, and son, O. K., 1, all three born in Mississippi.^[168] The three youngest children were probably children of Thurman’s second wife.

Children:

- 73 i **THURMAN CURTIS⁴ BAKER JR.**, born 2 Feb. 1870, Mississippi (death certificate), or Jan. 1870, Texas (1870 census), died 16 Sept. 1956, San Antonio, Bexar Co., Tex., buried 20 Sept. 1956, Mission Burial Park, San Antonio.^[169]
- 74 ii **DOLLY/DONNA A.⁴ BAKER**, born 12 Feb. 1872, Van Buren Co., Mich.,^[170] married 17 Feb. 1900, Falls Co., Tex.,^[171] **GEORGE W. ROTAN**, born 29 June 1873, Falls Co., Texas, son of George and Mary (Curtis) Rotan, died 12 Dec. 1959, San Antonio, Bexar Co.,

166. Noxubee Co., Miss., Marriages, 1860-1874, B:273, image 466 of 489 (↗), FHL 900888, IGN 7726174, T. C. Baker to Miss Mary M. Allen, 30 Mar. 1869.

167. U.S. census, 1870, Maysfield PO, Milam Co., Tex., r. 660, p. 196D, dw. 507, fam. 511.

168. U.S. census, 1880, Macon, Noxubee Co., Miss., ED 31, r. 660, p. 196D, dw. 356, fam. 286.

169. Death certificate, Tex. Dept. of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics, no. 45932, Thurman Curtis Baker, died 16 Sept. 1956, San Antonio, Bexar Co., Tex., male, white, aged 86 yrs. 7 mos. 14 dys., born 2 Feb. 1870, Mississippi, male, white, widowed, father T. C. Baker Sr., born N.Y., mother Mary Allen, born Miss., occupation salesman of general insurance, resident of San Antonio, buried 20 Sept. 1956, Mission Burial Park, San Antonio, informant Mrs. Donna Alexander, image online at *Tex. Deaths, 1890-1976* [FHL 2114933].

170. *Mich. Births and Christenings, 1775-1995*, “Dolly” Baker, born 12 Feb. 1872, Van Buren Co., Mich., father Thurman C. Baker, mother Mary, baptism Van Buren Co. [FHL 1019201].

171. *Tex. Marriages, 1837-1973*, G. W. Rotan to Donna Baker, 17 Feb. 1900, Falls Co., Tex. [FHL 985643].

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Tex.,^[172] and had two children:^[173] (1) Thurman C.⁵ Rotan, born 7 Oct. 1903, Texas, died 4 Jan. 1991;^[174] and (2) Donna B.⁵ Rotan, born about 1907, Texas.

172. Death certificate, State of Tex., no. 66068, George W. Rotan, died 12 Dec. 1959, San Antonio, Bexar Co., Tex., male, white, married, aged 86 yrs., born 29 June 1873, Falls Co., Tex., father George Rotan, mother Mary Curtis, occupation construction contractor, resident of San Antonio, buried 14 Dec. 1959, San Jose Cem., San Antonio, informant Rev. Jack Rotan, image online at *Tex. Deaths, 1890–1976* [FHL 2116045].

173. U.S. census, 1920, Texline, Dallam Co., Tex., ED 42, r. 1790, p. 7, sh. 7A, dw. 141, fam. 141, lists George W. Rotan, 46, drayman born Tex., wife, Maud M., 36, born Tenn., son, Thurmon C., 16, and daughter, Donna B., 13, both born Tex., and two other sons, 6 and 5, presumably Maud's children.

174. SSDI, Thurman Rotan, SSN 102-28-7839, born 7 Oct. 1903, died 4 Jan. 1991, issued N.Y. (1952–1954).

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67. ANNA⁴ GORMAN (₃₁*Felix*³, *Felix*², *Elijah*¹) was born 17 Apr. 1887, Texas, died Feb. 1925,^[175] and was buried in White Rose Cem., Bartlesville, Washington Co., Okla.^[176] She married about 1910 **SIDNEY ELIAS SMITH**,^[177] who was born 10 Oct. 1885,^[178] Missouri or Nebraska, died 8 June 1968, last residence Tulsa, Tulsa Co., Okla.,^[179] and was buried in Sperry Rest Haven Cem., Sperry, Osage Co., Okla.^[180] He married, second, Armenta Louise —, who was born 4 Nov. 1914, died 9 Aug. 1991, and was buried with him.

In 1910 Sidney Smith, 24, a railroad boilermaker born in Missouri, resided in Salt Lake City, Salt Lake Co., Utah, with his wife of zero years, Anna, 23, born in Texas, and with his brother, Charles Smith, 20, a railroad machinist, born in Missouri. Anna had had no children, with none surviving.^[181]

In 1920 Sidney E. Smith, 34, a taxi line manager born in Nebraska of U.S. natives, resided in Sapulpa, Creek Co., Okla., with his wife, Anna, 32, born in Texas of Texas natives, and with his sons, Sidney E. Jr., 7, and Felix E., 6, and daughters, “Lucile,” 2 1/12, and “Emagene,” 8/12, all four born in Oklahoma.^[182]

175. Full dates from family group record for Felix and Fannie J. (Rankin) Gorman, by descendant (in-law) Sue (McLeod) Gorman; and U.S. census, 1900, Waco, Texas.

176. *Find a Grave*, no. 30141279, gravestone photograph, by Joe Todd, White Rose Cem., Bartlesville, Washington Co., Okla., plot: 2-21-1 “Anna | Smith | 1887-1925.”

177. His middle name comes from his son Sidney E. Smith Jr.’s gravestone.

178. *WWI Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918*, Sidney “Ellies” Smith, 33, of Sapulpa, Creek Co., Okla., boilermaker on the “Frisco R. R. Co.,” nearest relative Anna Smith at the same address, registered 12 Sept. 1918, Sapulpa.

179. SSDI, Sidney Smith, SSN 443-01-0351, born 10 Oct. 1885, died June 1968, last residence 74126 Tulsa, Tulsa Co., Okla., issued Okla. (before 1951).

180. *Find a Grave*, no. 15929105, gravestone photograph, Sperry Rest Haven Cem., Sperry, Osage Co., Okla., “Armenta Louise | Nov. 4, 1914 | Aug. 9, 1991 || Sidney Elias | Oct. 10, 1885 | June 8, 1968 || Together forever | Smith | in God’s name.”

181. U.S. census, 1910, Salt Lake City, Salt Lake Co., Utah, ED 121, r. 1606, p. 234, sh. 7B, dw. 138, fam. 143.

182. U.S. census, 1920, Sapulpa, Creek Co., Okla., ED 38, r. 1460, p. 11, sh. 11B, dw. 146, fam. 279.

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In 1930 Sidney Smith, 18, Felix, 16, and Emogene, 10, all resided in Bartlesville, Washington Co., Okla., with their grandmother, Fannie J. Gorman, 68, in the household of their uncle “Arther J.” Gorman, 48. See Fannie’s sketch for details.^[183]

In 1940 Sidney Elias Smith, 54, a night watchman born in Nebraska, resided in Tulsa, Tulsa Co., Okla., with his wife, Armenta Louise, 27, born in Kansas, and with his son, Jackie Edward, 9, daughter, Barbara May, 7, and son, Dan O’Shea, 1, all three born in Oklahoma, and with one housekeeper. In 1935 all of them but the baby resided in Tulsa.^[184]

Children:^[185]

+ 75 i **SIDNEY ELIAS⁵ SMITH JR.**, born 23 Jan. 1912, Oklahoma, married **NADINE MARIE HARDMAN**, and had at least one child.

76 ii **FELIX E.⁵ SMITH**, born 17 Mar. 1914, Oklahoma, died 25 Mar. 1997,^[186] last residence Katy, Harris Co., Tex., buried in Houston National Cem., Houston, Harris Co., Tex.^[187]

In 1940 Felix Smith, 26, a petroleum accountant born in Oklahoma, resided in Bartlesville, Washington Co., Okla., as a lodger. He had resided in the same place in 1935.^[188]

In 1992 Felix E. Smith, born 17 Mar. 1914, resided in Katy, Harris Co., Tex.^[189]

183. U.S. census, 1930, Bartlesville, Washington Co., Okla., ED 9, r. 1938, p. 117, sh. 12A, dw. 270, fam. 294.

184. U.S. census, 1940, Tulsa, Tulsa Co., Okla., ED 79-20A, r. 3348, p. 345, sh. 61A, dw. 201.

185. Email from descendent Jean Ford, 24 Jan. 1015, “they had 4 children. Sydney Smith Jr. lives in Poway, Ca. and or was at the time she [her mother] gave me this information still alive. Felix Smith - lives in Katy, Texas and or was alive. Lucille Smith Taylor- lives in Spring ,Texas married to Karl Taylor, one daughter,Karlene who lives in Baton Rouge Louisiana.”

186. SSDI, Felix E. Smith, SSN 442-07-0579, born 17 Mar. 1914, died 25 Mar. 1997, last residence 77449 Katy, Harris Co., Tex., issued Okla. (before 1951).

187. *Find a Grave*, no. 1191199, no gravestone photograph, Houston National Cem., Houston, Harris Co., Tex., plot: G3, 0, 231, “SK1, US Navy”; *U.S. Veterans Gravesites, ca.1775-2006*, Felix E. Smith, service SK1 US NAVY WORLD WAR II, born 17 Mar 1914, died 25 Mar. 1997, service start date 1 Apr. 1943, interment date 28 Mar. 1997, Houston National Cem., 10410 Veterans Memorial Dr., Houston, Tex., buried at Section G3 Site 231.

188. U.S. census, 1940, Bartlesville, Washington Co., Okla., ED 74-2, r. 3339, p. 23, sh. 4A, dw. 82.

189. *U.S. Public Records Index, Vol.1*, Felix E. Smith, born 17 Mar. 1914, address “22319 Vobe CT, Katy, TX, 77449-2803 (1992).”

- + 77 iii **LUCILLE⁵ SMITH**, born 24 Nov. 1917, Sapulpa, Creek Co., Okla., married **KARL JACKSON TAYLOR**, and had at least three children.
- 78 iv **EMOGENE⁵ SMITH**, born about 1919, Oklahoma.

71. CHARLES RANKIN⁴ GORMAN (₃₁*Felix*³, *Felix*², *Elijah*¹) was born 4 Dec. 1896, Waco, McLennan Co., Tex., and died 10 Apr. 1993, Bartlesville, Washington Co., Okla.. He married 29 Aug. 1926, Tulsa, Tulsa Co., Oklahoma, **ETTA SUE SIMPSON**, who was born 17 Sept. 1907, Cooper, Kentucky, died 30 Jan. 1985, Bartlesville.

Charle Rankin Gorman was a sailor in World War I.^[190]
Children:^[191]

- 79 i **CHARLES IRWIN⁵ GORMAN**, born 27 Nov. 1937, Bartlesville, married 2 Sept. 1961, Bartlesville, **SUE KINNEY MCLEOD**.
- 80 ii **ARTHUR PAUL⁵ GORMAN**, born 23 Feb. 1930, Bartlesville, married 4 Aug. 1967, Tulsa, Tulsa Co., Oklahoma, **CAROLYN KRISOR**.

190. *Oklahomans in WWI* – “Oklahoma Spirit of ‘17” – G surnames, “Gorman, Charles Rankin Sailor Bartlesville Washington 251,y.” The last item is probably a page number in *The Oklahoma Spirt of '17, Biographical Volume*, compiled by W. E. Welch, J. S. Aldridge, L. V. Aldridge (Oklahoma City: Historical Publ. Co., 1920).

191. Family group record for Charley Rankin and Etta Sue (Simpson) Gorman, by daughter-in-law Sue (McLeod) Gorman, my correspondent.

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FIFTH GENERATION

75. SIDNEY ELIAS⁵ SMITH JR. (⁶⁷Anna⁴, Felix³, Felix², Elijah¹) was born 23 Jan. 1912, Oklahoma, died 20 Oct. 1999,^[192] last residence Poway, San Diego Co., Calif., and was buried in Greenwood Memorial Park, San Diego, San Diego Co., Calif.^[193] He married **NADINE MARIE HARDMAN**, who was born 1916, Missouri, daughter of William J. Hardman, and died 1995, and was buried in Greenwood Memorial Park.^[194]

In 1940 Sidney E. Smith, 28, a public dance hall musician born in Oklahoma, resided in Kansas City, Wyandotte Co., Kans., with his wife, Nadine, 23, born in Missouri, and his daughter, Virginia Lee, 1, born in Kansas, and his father-in-law, William J. Hardman, 56, a widower born in Missouri. Nadine and her father resided in the same house in 1935; Sidney resided then in Kansas City, Jackson Co., Mo.^[195]

Known child:¹

81 i **VIRGINIA LEE⁶ SMITH**, born about 1939, Kansas.

77. LUCILLE⁵ SMITH (⁶⁷Anna⁴, Felix³, Felix², Elijah¹) was born 24 Nov. 1917, Sapulpa, Creek Co., Okla., died 2 Nov. 2011, Houston, Harris Co., Tex., and was buried in Houston National Cem., Houston.^[196] She married **KARL JACKSON TAYLOR**, who was born 4 Mar. 1916, Bartlesville,

192. SSDI, Sidney E. Smith, SSN 487-01-2281, born 23 Jan. 1912, died 20 Oct. 1999, last residence 92064 Poway, San Diego Co., Calif., issued Mo. (before 1961).

193. *Find a Grave*, no. 76365058, gravestone photograph, Greenwood Memorial Park, San Diego, San Diego Co., Calif., plot: Bible Mausoleum, "Sidney Elias Smith | 1912 1999."

194. *Find a Grave*, no. 76365248, gravestone photograph, Greenwood Memorial Park, San Diego, San Diego Co., Calif., plot: Bible Mausoleum, "Nadine Marie Smith | 1916 1995."

195. U.S. census, 1940, Kansas City, Wyandotte Co., Kans., ED 106-78, r. 1269, p. 1133, sh. 3A, dw. 52.

196. *Find a Grave*, no. 80414633, gravestone photograph, Houston National Cem., Houston, Harris Co., Tex., plot: Sect U2, Site 0131, "U2 131 | Lucille | Taylor | Nov 24 1917 | Nov 2 2011 | together | forever."

Washington Co., Okla., died 22 Feb. 2011,^[197] Houston, last residence, Spring, Harris Co., Tex., and was buried in Houston National Cem.^[198]

In 1993 Karl J. Taylor, born Mar. 1916, resided in Spring, Harris Co., Tex.^[199]

An obituary circular gives this information:

Karl Jackson Taylor
Born: March 4, 1916 in Bartlesville, OK
Passed away: February 22, 2011 in Houston, TX
At 94 years of age
Survived by
Wife
Lucille Taylor
Daughter
Anna Murphy and husband Michael
Grandson
Wayne Taylor and wife Lisa^[200]

A similar obituary circular gives this information:

Lucille Taylor
Born: November 24, 1917 in Sapulpa, OK
Passed away: November 2, 2011 in Houston, TX
93 years
The Family
Daughter
Anna Murphey and husband, Michael
Grandson
Wayne Taylor and wife, Lisa
Great-Grandchildren
Austin Taylor
Alex Taylor
...

197. SSDI, Karl Jackson Taylor, born 4 Mar. 1916, died 22 Feb. 2011, last residence 77388 Spring, Harris Co., Tex., issued Okla. (before 1951).

198. *Find a Grave*, no. 69351982, gravestone photograph, Houston National Cem., Houston, Harris Co., Tex., plot: Sect U2, Site 0131, "Karl J | Taylor | US Navy | World War II | Mar 4 1916 | Feb 22 2011 | in loving | memory."

199. *U.S. Public Records Index, Vol. I*, Karl J. Taylor, born Mar. 1916, address "4314 Shalom Creek Ln, Spring, TX, 77388-4031 (1993)."

200. *Find a Grave*, no. 69351982, digital image online of the obit. circular.

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Preceded in death by

Husband

Karl Jackson Taylor

Parents

Sidney and Anna Smith^[201]

Known children:¹

82 i KARLENE⁶ TAYLOR.

83 ii ANNA⁶ TAYLOR, married MICHAEL MURPHY [MURPHEY].

84 iii [SON]⁶ TAYLOR, had at least one child: (1) Wayne⁷ Taylor, who
married Lisa —, and had at least two children: (i) Austin⁸ Taylor; and
(ii) Alex⁸ Taylor.

201. *Find a Grave*, no. 80414633, digital image online of the obit. circular.

APPENDIXES

A. THE PROBATE FILE FOR ELIJAH GORMAN'S ESTATE

This is a transcription of the major parts of the 106-page probate file for Elijah¹ Gorman's estate. The original pages are images 254–359 of 2353 (↗), FHL 2412255, IGN 5842068, at FamilySearch.org. They are arranged in date order, which does not match page order in the probate file. Therefore, following each subtitle is a notation such as 352–355 of 2353 (used in the following item), which gives the pages actually used for the transcription.

I supply paragraphing for ease of reading.

A1. ELIJAH GORMAN'S WILL, 3 DEC. 1840, PROVED 2 JAN. 1849

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Also Will Book A:125^[202]

Noxubee Co., Miss.

3 Dec. 1840, proved 2 Jan. 1849

In the name of God Amen. Be it remembered that I Elijah Gorman of the County of Noxabee [Noxubee in the other copy of the will] and State of Mississippi being at this time weak and in feeble health and far Advanced in life tho of Sound and rational Mind And Memory And being fully Sensible of the great Uncertainty of human life And of the Certainty of death, do Make ordain And declare this to be My last Will And Testament revoking all Wills or Testaments heretofore Made And declared by Me Whatever Verbal or in Writing What Estate I Now possess I give And divide in the following Manner

To Wit,—in the first place I give And bequeath unto My Wife Mary Gorman the following Negro Slaves viz Harry And his Wife Charity And

202. My transcription is from: Noxubee Co., Miss., Chancery Cases, case #579 (note 29), the estate file of Elijah Gorman, 106 pages. Elijah's will is images 352–355, but out of order, with image 353 being the first page of the will (↗), but otherwise the page images are in order. The will is also available at Noxubee, Co., Miss., Wills, 1834–1861, A:124–127, images 97–99 of 456, FHL 900856, IGN 5842147 (↗), proved 2 Jan. 1849.

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Children Amanda A girl And Billy A Boy—Billy And his Wife Ritta And Children Lotty Emily And Charles Joseph And his Wife Harriet Jerry Jefferson And Harriet Also Aaron William And Linda to have And to hold the Aforesaid Negro Slaves during her lifetime or Widowhood.

My summary in blue type:

Slaves (17) to wife Mary Gorman:

Harry, wife Charity, children Amanda and Billy
Billy, wife Ritta, children Lotty, Emily, and Charles
Joseph, wife Harriet, [presumed children but perhaps not] Jerry, Jefferson,
and Harriet
Aaron
William
Linda

I Also give And bequeath unto My Said Wife All My Stock of every description Horses Mules Waggons Steers & Also My Carriage And Harness All Moneys remaining On hand Also all Notes Accounts And every Other document relating to Matters of Accounts or due Me at the time of My death to receive Occupy And Control the Same As She May think proper during her Widowhood Also All My household furniture in like manner.

I give And bequeath Unto the Children of My Son Terrel [Terrell] Gorman dec^d the following Negroes together with their increase viz Samuel And his Wife Louisa And her Child Cristiana—

Slaves (3) to children of son Terrel Gorman, deceased:

Samuel, wife Louisa, child Cristiana

I give And bequeath Unto My Daughter Artemecy Wife of Ewell Harrison the following Negroes viz Celia And her Two Children And Emma^[203] George together With their increase—

Slaves (3, perhaps 4) to daughter Artemecy Gorman, wife of Ewell Harrison:
Celia, children Emma and (ambiguous) George

I give And bequeath Unto My Son Oliver Gorman the following Negroes viz Aaron And Caroline.

203. Probably an error for “Emma And George,” but possibly “[empty] And Emma” | George.

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Slaves (2) to son Oliver Gorman:

Aaron

Caroline

I give And bequeath Unto My widowed daughter Mary M. Clemment Three Negroes viz Moses And his Wife Nancy And Child Robert.

Slaves (3) to daughter Mary M. Gorman, wife of Mr. Clemment:

Moses, wife Nancy, child Robert

I give And bequeath Unto My daughter Elizabeth Harper Wife of Daniel E. Harper of the Republic of Texas Two Negroes viz Susy And Linda to have And to hold the Same to her And her Heirs Not Subject to the Control debts or liabilities of her Said Husband Daniel E. Harper

Slaves (2) to daughter Elizabeth Gorman, wife of Daniel E. Harper (and independent of him):

Susy

Linda

And it is further My Will And desire that in Case of the death of My Said daughter Elizabeth Harper And her Children that the Said Negroes, Susy And Linda be returned to My Estate and divided to And Among My Surviving Heirs.

I give And bequeath unto my son Felix Gorman three negroes viz Joseph Jerry and Jefferson.

Slaves (3) to son Felix Gorman:

Joseph

Jerry

Jefferson

I give And bequeath unto my daughter Sarah Gorman four negroes viz Billy and his wife Ritta and their two children Emila and Charles.

Slaves (4, but this could be a double count) to daughter Sarah Gorman:

Billy, wife Ritta, children Emila and Charles

(this appears to be a clash with wife Mary's list of slaves but I will assume not)

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I will and devise unto the children of my deceased daughter Nancy Payne an equal share with the rest of my children when a general division of my Estate takes place

Slaves (0) to children of daughter Nancy Gorman, deceased, wife of Mr. Payne:

none

Total slaves bequeathed: 37.

and it is further my will and desire that upon the decease of my wife that a division of all the property shall take place putting a fair and equitable valuation on the same and that all my children shall receive share and share alike

in conclusion I constitute and appoint my son Felix Gorman as my Executor to execute this my last Will and testament this the third day of December AD 1840.

Elijah Gorman [Seal]

Done in presence of Us Who Were present At the time of Signing This
And Were Called Upon to become Witnesses by the testator himself

W^m J. Craig
James Randals

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A2. JESSE & ELIZABETH BLYTHE PETITION, 5 OCT. 1852

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Deposition of Jesse Blythe and Elizabeth G. Blythe
Probate Court, Noxubee Co., Miss.^[204]
5 Oct. 1852

The following petition is excerpted in the sketch of Felix² Gorman:^[205]

The State of Mississippi
Noxubee County

To the Hon^l Reuben Ruff Judge of Probate in and for said County:

The Petition of Jesse Blythe and Elizabeth G Blythe his wife, showeth unto your honour, that Elijah Gorman formerly of said County, died some time in the year 1841, leaving a last will and testament, which was on the 2^d day of January AD 1849, duly probated, and was recorded on the 11th day of the same month -

that deceased as his death was seized & possessed of a large & valuable personal property - consisting chiefly of slaves and of notes , accounts, monies &c -

That said will gives legacies in slaves to all of the children of the dec^d then living & the grand children whose parents were then deceased -

and also bequeath to Mary Gorman his wife the following negro slaves "viz Henry and his wife Charity and children Amanda a girl and Billy a boy - Billy and his wife Ritta and children Lotty , Emily and Charles. Joseph and his wife Harriet Jerry, Jefferson and Harriet - also Aaron William and Linda to have and to hold the aforesaid Negro slaves during her life time and widow hood" also all the "stock of every description, horses, mules, waggons, steers, the carriage & harness, all monies remaining on hand, all notes, accounts and every other document relating to matters of accounts and all the house hold & Kitchen furnature to control and occupy during her widowhood.

204. Noxubee Co., Miss., Chancery Cases, case #579 (note 29), images 350-351 (↗).

205. Noxubee Co., Miss., Chancery Cases, case #579 (note 29), images 261-264 (↗), petition by Jesse Blythe and Elizabeth G. his wife, to judge Reuben Ruff of the Probate Court , 5 Oct. 1852, "For appointment of the Sheriff as adm^{or} with the will annexed of Elijah Gorman dec^d."

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said Will further provides that upon the decease of the said Mary Gorman, a division of all the property shall take place, putting a fair and equitable valuation on the same and that all the children shall receive share and share alike –

Said will also appoints Felix Gorman as sole Executor – the original Will & the Record thereof give petitioners pray may be made a part of this petition with leave to refer to the same as often as may become necessary –

Your Petitioner^s would further show that said Felix Gorman though he resided in said county until AD 1851 or 1852 never presented said will for Probate nor did he ever take out letters of Executorship under the same, but on the contrary , up to the January AD 1849 the said will remained as it stood at the death of the deceased , and never was presented for Probate [page] until your petitioner Elizabeth in 1849 had the same probated and recorded for the purpose all of the now here of protecting the heirs and legatees under the same and for the preservation of said Estate for life in tact, so that the same might be divided according to the terms of said Will at the death of the said Mary Gorman your petition

Your Petitioners further shows that the said Felix Gorman not regarding the provisions of said will nor the statute in such case made and provided, arbitrarily under took & did divide out upon his personal responsibility all of the property of said deceased amongst the heirs & legatees and said widow –

Your petioner [sic] further shows that your petitioner Elizabeth was then a resident citizen of Texas and was not present at the division aforesaid – but under said division the afterwards received a portion of the property in negroes of which deceased died possessed – but your petitioners do not know of their own knowledge whether the said heirs & legatees & widow did receive all the property, he [gathered?] to them under said Will – nor do they know of their own knowledge whether or not all the debts of the deceased were or have been, discharged by the said Felix Gorman or any one else,

Your petitioners would further show that the said Mary Gorman went into possession of a portion of the property ([@@@] is her for life under said will & other property allotted to her upon said [@@@] division in lieu of the property bequeathed under said will shortly after the death of said decedent, that she continued in the possession of the same up to the time of her death which, took place on the 14th Ap [sic] day of 1852 April AD 1852

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except such of the Negroes, notes & accounts, belonging to said life estate, which the said Felix Gorman improperly possessed himself of & fraudulently squandered & disposed of, for his own benefit -

Your Petitioners would further show that at the death of the said Mary Gorman, she had in her possion [sic] the following property in slaves belonging to said life estate, to wit - Joe Harriet & Jerry, Jefferson, Joe & Harriet, their children owen, alicia & an infant, Louisa, Sam, James, Benjamin, Mary, & John [page] all of which said slaves were at his death & are now hired out in this county - the balance of said life estate having been improvidently squandered by the said Felix or through his instrumentality—fraudulently—disposed of.

Your petitioner^s further aver that the heirs & legatees of said Elijah Gorman are as follows, to wit,

the heirs of Nancy Payne to wit Elphada Lewis dec^d whose heirs are Virginia Lewis aged 9 years, Wyatt aged 7 years, also George Payne aged 27 residing in Sumter Co Ala - the children of Nancy Brummett dec^d (who was daughter of Nancy Payne) to wit John Brummett & an infant whose name is unknown residing in Marshall Co Mississippi - & Malissa aged 24 years old Tyrrell aged 18 years old. Irving 16 years old. Residing in Sumpter Co Ala -

also artimecy Harrison (wife of Ewell Harrison) 45 yrs old residing in Washington Co Texas - Also Lorina Gorman wife of Terrill Gorman deced [sic] and then children Cassanda E Hines of Noxubee Co Miss of age, Calista Mobley wife of Marion Mobley) aged 16 yrs old, Mary Jane Gorman aged 15 years - Felix Gorman aged 13 yrs Lamar aged 11 yrs all residing in Marshall Co Miss - also the children of Mary Clement dec^d to wit - Oliver aged 20 years, Martha aged 18. George W. aged 12 yrs. residing in Hinds Co Miss. & the children of Sarah Allen dec^d Mary M aged 8 years, Cynthia aged 6, Charles T, aged 4 residing in Noxubee Co Miss.

and Felix Gorman, the Executor under under [sic] said will, residing in Anderson Co Texas.

Said Mary departed this life in said County & State [blank] day of Apl AD 1852 That it is important that letters of administration should be taken out for the purpose of distributing the life Estate of said Mary Gorman, which according to the directions of said will as for the purpose of a general administration of the Estate of said Elijah Gorman deceased, should the same become necessary.

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That said Felix has up to this time neglected and disregarded the provisions of said Will & has refused to probate the same or take out letters – that all of the heirs & legatees have neglected & refused to apply for letters of administration in the same – and that your petitioners prefer that some other person or persons, than themselves shall administer [page] in said Estate – They therefore pray your honour to appoint John B Maston (Sheriff of said County) administrator with the will annexed of said estate, according to the statute in such case made and provided and to grant such other & further orders or decrees in the premises which to your honour may seem necessary & proper –

Jesse Blythe
Elizabeth G. Blythe

Sworn to & subscribed by Elizabeth Blythe before me this 5th day of Oct
AD 1852

E. Dismukes [seal]
Justice of the Peace

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A3. ELIZABETH BLYTHE'S DEPOSITION, 6 OCT. 1852

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Deposition of Elizabeth G. Blythe
Probate Court, Noxubee Co., Miss.^[206]
6 Oct. 1852

Personally appeared this day before me Elisha Dismukes justice of the Peace in and for said county Elizabeth G Blythe who b[e]ing by me first duly sworn deposeth and saith that the following named persons constitute all of the heirs and legatees of Elijah Gorman dec^d

to wit—this affiant who resides in the said county.

The heirs of Nancy Payne to wit—Elphida Lewis deceased whose heirs are Virginia Lewis aged 9 years, Wyatt aged 7 years also George Payne 27 years all residing in Sumpter [sic] County Ala.

The children of Nancy Brummett dec^d (who was daughter of Nancy Payne) to wit—John Brummett and an infant whose name is unknown residing in Marshall Co. Missⁱ aged 24 years.

Mallissa Uldrick wife of John Uldrick dec^d (who was also daughter of said Nancy) aged 22 years residing in Mobile Co.

Also Martha Harrison wife of Elijah Harrison aged 20 years (who was likewise a daughter of said Nancy) residing in [illegible, the Republic?] of Texas.

Also Terrel aged 18 years Irving aged 16 years residing in Sumpter [sic] Co. Ala.

Also Artemese Harrison (wife of Ewell Harrison) aged 45 years residing in Washington Co., Texas.

Also Lorena Gorman Wife of Terril Gorman dec^d and their children Cassanda E Hinen [sic] of Noxubee County Missⁱ aged 21 years Calista Mobly wife of Marian Mobly aged 16 years Mary Jane aged 15 years, Felix Gorman aged 13 years Lamar aged 11 years all residing in Marshall Co. Missⁱ.

also the children of Mary Clement dec^d to wit Oliver aged 20 years Martha A Underwood wife of John Underwood aged 18 years George W aged 12 years residing in Hinds Co. Missⁱ.

206. Noxubee Co., Miss., Chancery Cases, case #579 (note 29), images 350–351 (↗).

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And the children of Sarah Allen dec^d to wit Mary M. aged 8 years Cynthia aged 6 years Charles T aged 4 years residing in Noxubee County Missⁱ, and Felix Gorman (the Executor named in said will) residing in Anderson Co. Texas aged [blank] years.

Elizabeth G. Blythe

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 6th day of October AD 185[2?]

Elisha Dismukes [seal]

Justice of the Peace

Filed 6 Oct. 1853^[207]

207. Noxubee Co., Miss., Chancery Cases, case #579 (note 206), image 351.

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A4. JESSE BLYTHE PETITION RE ADMINISTRATION, 11 DEC. 1852

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Deposition of Jesse Blythe
Probate Court, Noxubee Co., Miss.
11 Dec. 1852^[208]

To the Honourable Reuben Ruff Judge of Probates in & for said County:

Your Petitioner Jesse Blythe would show unto your Honour that at the October term of your court himself & Elizabeth Blythe his wife filed a petition [appendix A2] before your Honour citing the heirs of Elijah Gorman dec^d, to be and appear at the present term of the court & show cause if any, they have why John B Maston Sheriff of said county should not be appointed administrator with the will annexed of said deceased –

Said petition so filed is prayed to be made a part of this petition & is herewith presented marked exhibit=A

Petitioner further shows that he is informed & believes that legal notice has been given to all of said heirs, legatees & distributors to appear at this term of the court for the purpose aforesaid

He further shows that Elizabeth Blythe his wife is the oldest heir & legatee of said estate residing in this State – the other his living children now residing in Texas – that the said Elizabeth is entitled to letters as aforesaid & petitioner is also entitled in right of his said wife – that petitioner & his said wife own the largest interest in said Estate, having purchased the entire interest of Felix Gorman in the same –

Petitioner further shows that John B Maston, as Sheriff aforesaid declines taking out letters as aforesaid on said estate –

That it is important to take out letters at this time, to enable some person legally, to take possession of the slaves of said dec^d (now hired out) by or before the 1st January next – property of said dec^d consists of slaves about fourteen in number as he is informed said Negro slaves are supposed to be worth from six to eight thousand dollars –

208. Noxubee Co., Miss., Chancery Cases, case #579 (note 29), image 259 (↗), petition by Jesse Blythe, to judge Reuben Ruff of the Probate Court, 12 Dec. 1852, to have him and his wife Elizabeth appointed administrators of the Elijah Gorman estate.

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Petitioner prays that letters of administration with the will annex^d be granted him on said estate, upon his giving bond & security as required by law & as in duty bound he will ever pray be

Jesse Blythe

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 11th day of December AD 1852

R Ruff [*seal*]

Probate Judge

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A5. JESSE BLYTHE PETITION RE SLAVES, 11 DEC. 1852

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Deposition of Jesse Blythe
Probate Court, Noxubee Co., Miss.
11 Dec. 1852^[209]

To the Hon^l R. Ruff Judge of Probates in and for Noxubee County State of Mississippi

The undersigned administrator of the Estate of Gorman, late of said County, now deceased, desire to represent to your Honor, that there are Several negro Slaves belonging to said Estate, all of whom are hired under previous contract until 1 January 1851, that your petitioner deems it necessary to hire them after that time for the interest of the Estate, as well as all the heirs and legatees thereof, and preferring to hire them privately, so as to Secure houses for them where they will be treated with Humanity, and not Knowing when this Court may order a Sale for devision, pray your Honor to grant an order authorizing your petitioner to Hire them privately, by the month or otherwise until such time as this Court may be pleased to order a sale for division of said Estate, and that your Honor grant such other orders and decrees as may be necessary for the carrying out the views of this petitioner, and as in duty bound, will ever pray &c.

Jesse Blythe

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 11th day of Dec^r A D 1852.

A. M. Dowling [seal]
Justice of the Peace

209. Noxubee Co., Miss., Chancery Cases, case #579 (note 29), image 267 (↗), petition by Jesse Blythe, to judge Reuben Ruff of the Probate Court , 11 Dec. 1852, to hire slaves.

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A6. JESSE BLYTHE PETITION FOR SALE OF SLAVES, 4 JAN. 1853

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Petition by Jesse Blythe
Probate Court, Noxubee Co., Miss.
4 Jan. 1853^[210]

To the Honl Riuben Ruff Judge of Probates in & for said County—

Your Petitioner Jesse Blythe administrator with the will annexed of Eight Gorman dec^d, shows unto your honour that by the return made on yesterday a day in the term of this Court — by the commissioners appointed to appraise the personal property of said dec^d, it appears that there are 14 slaves belonging to said Estate, the names of which are mentioned in said appraisement & the same is prayed to [be] made a part of this petition with leave to refer to the same as often as may be necessary —

Your Petitioner would show that following are the heirs legatees & distributees of said deceased, to wit the children of Nancy Payne — viz Eliphia Lewis dec^d, whose children Virginia Lewis aged 9 yrs old, Wyatt aged 7 yrs old — also George Payne aged 27 yrs all residing in Sumpter County Ala — also the children of Nancy Brumett dec^d (who was daughter of Nancy Payne) to wit John Brummett & an infant child (whose name is not now known) — residing in Marshall Co Mississippi & Malissa Uldrick wife of John Uldrick dec^d (who is also daughter of the said Nancy Payne) about 22 yrs old residing in Mobile Co Ala — ~~Martha Harris ... Elijah Harrison~~ & Tyrill aged 18 yrs old & Irvin aged 16 yrs residing in Sumpter Co Ala. Artimecy Harrison (wife of Ewel Harrison) 45 yrs old residing in Washington County Texas — Also Lorina Gorman Wife of Terrill Gorman dec^d residing in Marshall Co Miss and their children Cassandra E Hines residing in Macon Noxubee Co Miss & wife of David Hines of said place Calista Mably (wife of Marion Mably) aged 16 yrs old, Mary Jane Gorman aged 15 yrs, Felix Gorman Jr aged 13 yrs, Lamar aged 11 yrs all residing in Marshall Co Miss — The children of Mary Clement dec^d, to wit, Oliver aged 20 yrs, Martha aged 18, George W aged 12 yrs all residing in Hinds Co Miss — and the children of Sarah Allen dec^d (late wife of Charles W Allen) to wit Mary M aged 8 yrs,

210. Noxubee Co., Miss., Chancery Cases, case #579 (note 29), images 270-272 (↗), petition by Jesse Blythe, to judge Reuben Ruff of the Probate Court, 4 Jan. 1853, to sell slaves.

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Cynthia aged 6 yrs, Charles T aged 4 yrs old residing in Noxubee Co Miss

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Petitioner would further show that Felix Gorman of Anderson Co Texas is also a legatee of said Elijah German dec^d, under said Will, but that the said Felix has sold out his entire interest in said property of said dec^d to your petitioner

Your Petitioner would further show that he intermarried some time since with Elizabeth G Reed who is now residing with your Petitioner in this County & state — & that in right of the said Elizabeth G (his wife who is administrator of the said Elizabeth [I don't understand this ???]) your petitioner is also entitled to her share in said property of said dec^d.

Your Petitioner would further show that said slaves cannot be equally distributed amongst said heirs & legatees — that to effect an equal distribution it will be necessary to sell all of said slaves at public outcry — so that the monies arising therefrom (after paying the expenses arising from the administration of said Estate) may be equally distributed amongst the heirs of said dec^d or distributed according to the provisions of said last will and testament

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Petitioner therefore in his own right & in right of his said wife legatees as aforesaid, prays that Guardians ad litem be appointed for all the minor heirs & legatees herein named — that citation be issued to said Guardians ad litem & all the heirs of said dec^d residing within the jurisdiction of your Honourable Court — and that publication be made according to law to all of such heirs & legatees residing without the jurisdiction of said Court — notifying Guardians ad litem & said heirs & legatees to be & appear at a term of your Honourable Court to be named by your [sic] to show cause, if any they have, why said slaves, should not be sold under an order of Court, for the purpose of as a distribution & — &

your Petitioner prays your Honour to grant him an order as administrator as aforesaid to sell said slaves at public outcry, before the court house door in the town of Macon (at such time as your honour may appoint) on a credit of Twelve months, taking [page] bonds with approved security for the purchase Money & — & as in duty bound your Petition will ever pray & —

Jesse Blythe

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 4th day of January AD 1853

C. G. Bowen [seal]

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Clk

The State of Mississippi
Noxubee County SS

I Charles G. Bowen Clerk of the Probate Court of said County do hereby certify that the foregoing and inclosed Petition, Citation &c was duly Record in Book D of the Probate Court of said County & , on Pages 269, 270, 271, & 272.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Macon Mississippi this the 25th day of January AD 1854

C. G. Bowen Clk
By C. Dowling D.C.

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AX. BRUMMETT BROTHERS PETITION, 11 DEC. 1883

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Petition by D. W. and R. C. Brummett
Noxubee Co., Miss.
11 Dec. 1883:^[211]

The Estate of Elijah Gorman Dec^d

In Chancery, Noxubee County, Miss.

To the Hon. F. Worth Chancellor of the 6th Chancery District, sitting at Macon in the county of Noxubee, and sole presiding therein.

Your petitioners D. W. Brummett, a citizen of the state of Arkansas, whose P.O. address is Richland in said state of Arkansas, and R. C. Brummett, a citizen of the state of Texas whose P.O. address is Terrill in said state of Texas – in this their sworn amended petition filed by leave of the court, would respect fully show to your Honor, that they are the sons of Nancy A Brummett, now deceased and that said Nancy A Brummett was a grand daughter of Elijah Gorman Late of said county deceased, who died testate.

Petitioners further show to your Honor, that said Testator Elijah Gorman in the year 1846 [sic], departed this life, and left surviving him as his heirs at law the following.

- 1st Mary Gorman wife of decedent
- 2nd The heirs of Terrill Gorman dec^d who was a son [page] who was a son of decedent.
- 3rd Oliver Gorman, a son of decedent.
- 4th Mary M. Clements, a daughter of decedent.
- 5th Elisabeth Harper, a daughter of decedent,
- 6th Felix Gorman, son of decedent
- 7th Sarah Gorman, a daughter of decedent.
- 8th Nancy Payne, a daughter of decedent, and the grand mother of Petitioners.

211. Noxubee Co., Miss., Chancery Cases, case #579 (note 29), images 327-335 (↗). N.B., images 334 and 335 are partially redundant.

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The place of residence, and post office address of none of said heirs and legatees is Known to petitioners, except as hereinafter stated, nor are they known, after diligent enquiry, Where their place of residence is, and they pray the court, that said parties, other than those whose P.O. address & place of residue is hereinafter shown, be summoned by publication as provided by statute, if the court should deem the same means.

Petitioners further show, that said testator after making certain special bequests to each of his children, and to his wife, decided, that his remaining estate, should be Kept together during the lifetime, or widowhood of his said wife Mary, and at her death, that it should be equally divided among his said children, as will more fully appear by reference to said will.

Petitioners further show to your Honor [page] that as is shown by the papers in this case, said Mary Gorman, wife of said deceased testator departed this life in April 1852, leaving a large real and personal estate of the said testator, then subject to division under the will of said Elijah Gorman dec^d.

Petitioners further show, that on the 11th day of Dec. 1852, letters of administration with the will annexed, was granted to Jesse Blythe, by the probate court of said county as will appear by the records of said court, to which reference is prayed and said Blythe as administrator, took charge of both the real and personal estate, under said will.

Petitioners further show, that at the time of the grant of said letters of administration, there were seven heirs or legatees of said estate as herebefore shown, and that each of them was entitled to one seventh of said estate, under said will, and petitioners now charge as true, that on the 6th day of Feb^y 1857, said administrator filed his final report as administrator of said estate, showing in balance [page] in his hands in form of said estate of Ten Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty four & 82/100 Dollars. 10734⁸².

Petitioners further show, that as appears in Minute Book C. Page 646 of the words of the then probate court of said County , said final report was duly and regularly considered and acted upon by said probate court, and said final report of said Administration was ratified and confirmed, and ordered to be recorded as the final report of said administrator, and in the decree of said court confirming said report, said administration was ordered to pay over to the heirs of said estate the distributive share of said ballance in the hands of said administrator, the distributive share of the heirs of Nancy Payne is shown by said final report, the sum of \$1533⁵⁴, which sum

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petitioners allege is then in the hands of said administrator & due & unpaid.

Petitioners now show to your Honor that said Nancy Payne departed this life intestate sometime before the death of her mother [page] the said Mary Gorman, and before the grant of letters of administration to said Blythe, having surviving her the following heirs to wit:

- 1st Elphida Lewis, daughter of decedent
- 2nd Melissa Uldrick, daughter of decedent
- 3rd Nancy A Brummett, daughter of decedent & mother of Petitioners
- 4th Martha Runnals, daughter of decedent
- 5th George Payne, son of decedent
- 6th Terrell Payne, son of decedent
- 7th Irving Payne, son of decedent

Petitioners further show to your Honor, that the said Nancy A Brummett decd departed this life (intestate) before the death of the said Mary Gorman dec^d, and before letters of administration were granted to said Blythe as aforesaid, leaving as her heirs, the following:

- 1st R. B. Brummett, a son of decedent.
- 2nd Your petitioners, sons of decedent.

Petitioners would respectfully show to your Honor, that the said Terrell Payne and Irving Payne, both died intestate before the filing of said final account of said Administrator and at their death were unmarried, and left no heirs except their brothers & sisters above mentioned five in number.

Petitioners would now show to your Honor [page] that the place of residence and post office address of the said R B Brummett is Terrell Texas, and they [?] state to your Honor , that the place of residence and post office address of the remaining heirs of Nancy Payne towit: Elphida Louis, Melissa Uldrick, Martha Runnals and George Payne is unknown to these petitioners and cannot be ascertained after diligent inquiry.

Petitioners and show to your Honor that the above named heirs of Nancy Payne including petitioners and their brother R B Brommett, are justly entitled to one seventh of the ballance reported by said administrator in his said final report, to wit: The som of \$1533^{/54}, together with interest thereon since the date of filinig said final account and of said sum these petitioners and their said brother R. B. Brummett is entitled to one fifth

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viz: \$306^{\70} & of this amt. petitioners are entitled to \$204^{\46} or two thirds thereof with interest from the date of filing said final account by said administrator.

Petitioners further show to your Honor [page] that they have frequently requested the payment of their distributive share of said estate but that said administrator has put them off from time to time by his pretext, that there was still something further to be done by the court in the matter before he could settle, which representation, petitioners [soon?] had to believe was true, and they now state to your Honor, that since the close of the war, and up to within the past two years, they have been writing to and receiving letters from said administrator in reference to their interests in said estate, and at no time within the knowledge of these petitioners, has said administrator, ever denied having in his hands the interest of petitioners in the monies of said estate reported by him in his final account, or set up any claim to said monies adverse to petitioners or in any manner repudiated his fiduciary relations to these petitioners.

Petitioners now show to your Honor, that more than 12 months have elapsed since the grant of letters of administration with the will annexed to said administrator, and they state, that all the [page] debts due said estate have been long since paid; but if any debts were still due from said estate, they would now be bor[?] by the statute of limitations; but if in the judgment of the court it be necessary or proper petitioners are ready & willing to execute a refunding for the said administrator as provided by statute in this state

Petitioners now pray for a rule upon said administrator, requiring him to make the distribution of said estate according to law, and they further pray for the appointment of commissioners to ascertain the shares of said estate due petitioners, they further pray that summons issue to said administrator as is required by law, and they further pray that all the other heirs of said estate of Nancy Payne, Nancy Brommett as herein before shown, be made parties hereto by publication is provided by law.

Petitioner further [pray?] for such other relief as they may be entitled to under the laws of this state and the principle of Equity.

D. W. & R C Brummett,
By Thomas J. O'Neill
[Solicitor] &c

State of Miss.

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Noxubee Co

This day personally came before me the undersigned clerk of the chancery court in & for said county Thomas J. O'Neill agent & attorney for D.W. & R. C. Brummett, who upon oath says that he has information [concerning?] the matters & things stated in the foregoing bill of complaint, & upon such information he states the same to be true.

Thos J. O'Neill
Agent & atty,

Sworn to & subscribed before me this the 11th day of Dec 1883.

Robert C. Pathe
Clerk

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B. STARLING GORMAN'S WILL, 1 AUG. 1839

I Starling Gorman of Pendleton District South Carolina, Since Eighteen hundred & twelve of Perry County, Alabama, Son [of] Elijah and Mary Gorman, and born citizen of the United States, being of sound mind but dangerously ill, now at the House of Donn'a Josefa Carbonaifelaz Vieja in the City of Havana do hereby declare before witnesses, J W Brown W^m Chandler Doctor D E Osgood & W^m Johnson this to be my last will and Testament.—Firstly that I possess in the expedition of the “Harriet[”]—Capⁿ Andrew Moore which sailed hence for Texas about the 2nd or 3rd of June last—property of the value of about Thirty five hundred or four thousand dollars for which and the profits Capⁿ Moore will have to account to Mess^{rs} Forcade & Co—Secondly is that I have in the hand of Mess^{rs} Forcade & Co funds amounting to about Thirty five hundred dollars cash—Thirdly—that in hands of Mess^{rs} Reeves & Battle of Mobile papers are deposited relative to moneys due me amounting to about Twenty four thousand dollars—Fourthly—that I have two tracts of Land one in Perry & the other in Marengo County Alabama of 800 & 720 acres—I will and bequeath the above property & such not named herein after my Just debts & funeral Expenses are paid to be Equally divided amongst my brothers & Sisters Share & Share [alike] and Sufficient laid aside over & above their share for the Education of the two youngest Felix & Sarah—Besides the above property I possess three hundred & twenty acres of land on deer Creek Mississippi and three hundred and twenty more or less in another lot besides two or more other lots, all in the Same Creek. To carry fully into effect all my above bequests, I appoint Leonard E Weisinger of Perry County Alabama as my Administrator, in witness whereof I set my hand this first day of Aug. One thousand Eight hundred and thirty nine.

Starling Gorman —
Consulate

(Witnesses) Daniel Osgood—

W. Johnson, Joseph W. Brown, W^m Chandler

[Proved 2 Aug. 1839 at the Consulate of the United States of America, Havana, by John A. Smith, Consul of the U S of America.]^[212]

212. Perry Co., Ala., Wills, 1821-1855, A:103-104, image 85 of 371 (↗), FHL 1290344 item 3, IGN 4704297, “Mr. Starling Gorman’s Will.”

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C. WILLIAM B. REED VS MARY GORMAN, 3 DEC. 1840

The following is excerpted from a 36-page probate file in Mississippi between Elizabeth² Gorman's second husband, William B. Reed, and Elijah¹ Gorman's widow, Mary:^[213]

Your orator & oratrix would further shew unto your honor, that your oratrix is mentioned in the said last will and testament of the said Elijah Gorman deceased by the name of Elizabeth Harper wife of Daniel E. Harper of the Republic of Texas, and that since the death of the said Elijah Gorman your oratrix has been legally divorced from the bonds of matrimony with the said Daniel E. Harper and has since said divorce intermarried with your said orator the said William B. Reed, that the said William B. Reed is now absent in the State of California and is at this time more than two thousand miles from the county of Noxubee aforesaid and is only a nominal party to this Suit. Your oratrix would therefore pray your honor that on account of such absence of said Reed that she may be permitted to prosecute this suit in her [?] said Reed name as aforesaid & execute bond or bonds in her own name as the names of herself & said Reed that may be necessary for the legal prosecution of the same.

Your orator & oratrix would further show unto your honor that your oratrix has children by her first husband the said Daniel E. Harper who are now living and has no children by said Reed, and that your oratrix will be as a legatee & heir of the said Elijah Gorman deceased entitled to one seventh part of said Slaves & their increase now in the possession of the said Mary Gorman defendant as aforesaid upon her death or marriage, in or by virtue of the said last will and testament by her father the said Elijah Gorman deceased.^[214]

213. Noxubee Co., Miss., Chancery Cases, #1458-#1488, case #1477, images 772-807 of 1303 (↗), FHL 2416214, IGN 5832219, William B. Reed vs. Mary Gorman, 36 pages.

214. Noxubee Co., Miss., Chancery Cases, case #1477 (note 213), 7-8, images 781-782 (↗).

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D. PRELIMINARY AI STUDIES—JERRY & CAREY

On 3 Aug. 2026, I received the following fascinating letter from a Seattle friend **Jerry Large and his wife Carey Gelernter**. Jerry and I were (or are) both called Jerry (I was called that for my first 17 years). We both came from Clovis, N.M. We both played in the Clovis High School Band and loved the band director, Norvil Howell, who influenced both our lives. We both attended New Mexico State University in Las Cruces, N.M. We both attended Stanford University. And we both lived in Seattle, Wash., where we first met each other and marveled at our parallel lives. But there is one distinction that I haven't listed: Jerry Large is Black, and I am White. Hence my surprise at receiving the following letter, in which Jerry and Carey, using modern genealogical tools (such as, AI), have found a connection between our two genealogies. They believe that his ancestors were enslaved by mine—the Gorman family of this book being the enslavers. My inspection of Jerry and Carey's work leads me to believe that this is probably true. So, I am revisiting this Gorman book to modernize it (since I wrote it over a decade ago) and to see if I can validate the AI claims (which I expect to do):

Hi Jerry,

Glad to hear you got the latest version of your Rutan paper sent off. And we'd love to talk while you're spending time on Bainbridge Island.

What we know of the Gormans is mostly what was on your site and what Carey found in her AI searches. The probate records according to AI went through different iterations, and changed over time. We haven't seen the later probate records, if they exist. (We know AI isn't always accurate.) We tried to look at the new information you sent but couldn't decipher the handwritten documents.

To clarify: The genealogists we hired did not at all explore who enslaved Jerry and Mary — they ran out of contracted time. The Gorman name came up solely from AI.

That said, AI research seems to be pretty solid in pinpointing Daniel Harper & Elizabeth Gorman as the enslavers of Jerry Gorman and Mary. We looked through the earlier probate and will info on your website, and as mentioned,

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saw references to Jerry but not Mary. We couldn't see where Elizabeth's mother had given her Jerry or Mary. But AI had an answer for that (below).

What the Ancestry genealogist documented was the few facts of Jerry Gorman's life, as mentioned in our last email. We asked AI if, from those facts Ancestry established, it could suggest likely enslavers of Jerry and his wife Mary (maiden name unknown). It provided the following (when AI says "you" it means Jerry (Large)):

In Leon County, Texas, the prominent white Gorman family matches your timeline:

A well-documented white family headed by William Churchill Gorman (often recorded as W. C. Gorman) settled right in the northeastern pocket of Leon County (primarily around Oakwood). [1, 2]

- **The Timeline Alignment:** Members of this Gorman family migrated from the Deep South directly into the east-central Texas region during the antebellum period. [2, 3]
- **The Proximity:** Oakwood sits directly on the border of Leon County. Crucially, it is positioned right next to the Navasota River and Trinity River basins, which naturally connect Leon County to Robertson County. This geographic placement explains how Jerry could easily move between the two counties by 1874. [4]

The primary antebellum Gorman slaveholder in Leon County was Daniel E. Harper, whose wife was Elizabeth G. Gorman. Elizabeth was the daughter of Elijah P.^[215] Gorman of Noxubee County, Mississippi. Elizabeth's mother, Mary Gorman, gifted or sold several enslaved people to Elizabeth right before she migrated to the Republic of Texas in the 1840s. [1, 2]

This directly explains why your ancestor Jerry stated he arrived in Texas around 1841, and why his wife Mary was born in Mississippi (matching the Gorman family's Mississippi origins). [1, 2]

1860 Slave Schedule Context

While the local plantation was often colloquially known by the family name

215. I dropped the "P." from Elijah's name, for lack of evidence, only recently, on 10 Aug. 2026.

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“Gorman soil,” the actual property in the 1850 and 1860 censuses was largely registered under Daniel E. Harper and his extended estate due to the legal ownership of the inherited Gorman property. [1, 2, 3]

In the 1860 Slave Schedule for Leon County, (under Daniel Harper’s name), the Harper/Gorman holdings show specific profiles that match your family’s exact structure just two years before Alexander (Jerry and Mary’s son) was born in 1862:

- The Mother (Mary): Listed as a 35-year-old Black Female (putting her birth year exactly at 1825).
- The Father (Jerry): Listed nearby as an adult Black Male matching Jerry’s general age profile.

Because the Harper and Gorman properties sat right on the northern edge of Leon County near Oakwood, their land was situated immediately adjacent to the railroad switches and river bottoms leading straight into Robertson County, providing the exact geographic pipeline Jerry used when he moved in 1874. [4, 5, 6]

The Noxubee County, Mississippi probate/deed records of Elijah and Mary Gorman (1840–1857) would detail specific slaves distributed to Elizabeth Gorman Harper in Texas, brother Felix, and others. [1, 2]

[1] <https://alvyray.com>

[2] <https://alvyray.com>

[3] <https://tile.loc.gov>

[4] <https://www.texasalmanac.com>

[5] <https://www.findagrave.com>

[6] <https://www.tshaonline.org>

Elijah’s first will speaks in one place of giving his wife Mary “Jerry Jefferson” but also of giving “Joseph Jefferson and Jerry” to Elijah’s son/Elizabeth’s brother Felix. But AI argues the following:

Because Elizabeth and Daniel Harper moved to Texas in the 1840s—well before

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Elijah Gorman's estate was finally settled in 1857—the allocation of Jerry and Mary makes perfect logical sense through the laws of estate advances.

The pieces lock together through the following historical mechanics:

1. The Legal Concept of an “Advance”

When children of planters moved to new territories like Texas, it was standard practice for parents to give them an advance on their inheritance (often enslaved people, livestock, or cash) to clear land and establish a homestead.

- Although Elijah died in 1840, his probate records show that his children were receiving “advances” from the estate long before the final 1857 distribution.
- If Elizabeth's brother Felix was assigned Jerry in a temporary 1840 arrangement or inventory, it is highly probable that Jerry was later traded, hired out, or officially transferred to Elizabeth to accompany her and Daniel Harper to Texas, or to balance out the values of what each child took out of Mississippi.

2. Proof in the 1867 Registration and 1870 Census

The ultimate proof that these specific unnamed individuals in the Harpers' 1860 Leon County household were indeed your ancestors comes from what happened immediately after emancipation:

- In 1867, when the Reconstruction laws allowed Black men to register to vote, Jerry registered in Leon County—the exact same county where the Harpers were established. He chose the surname Gorman, pointing directly back to his original enslaver in Mississippi, rather than Harper.
- By 1870, Jerry and Mary moved one county over to Robertson County, where they finally appear on a regular population census with their actual names, correct ages, and birthplaces (Jerry in TN, Mary in MS).

The chaotic shuffling of names in Elijah's 1840 paperwork was simply the starting point of a 17-year legal process, during which Jerry and Mary were ultimately sent west to Texas with Elizabeth and Daniel Harper.

Have a great evening,

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Jerry and Carey

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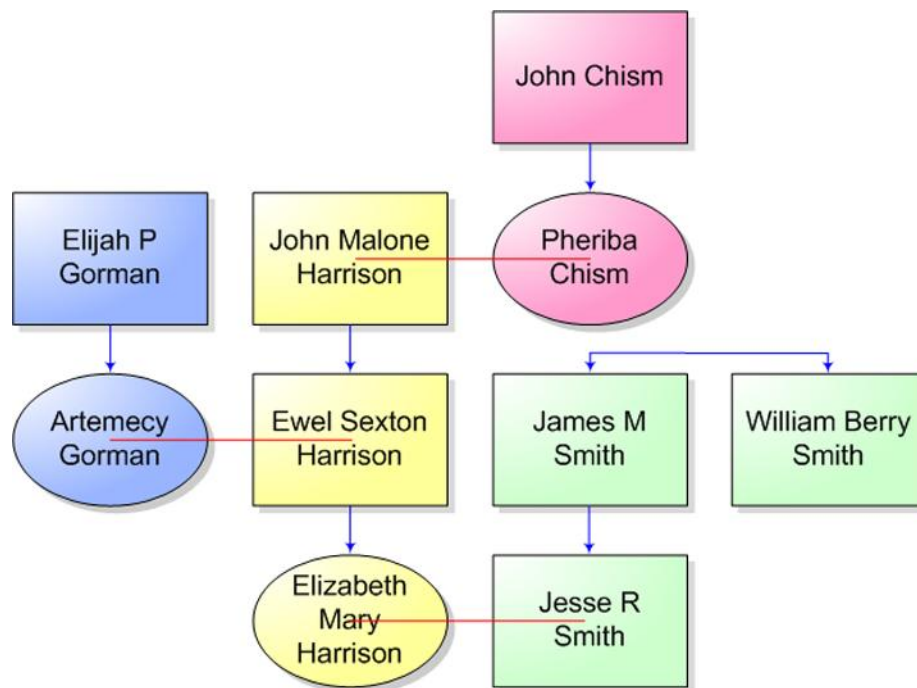


Figure 1. Relationships of the major families*

*To bring this chart uptodate: (1) delete the P from Elijah Gorman's name; (2) add a father of James M. and William Berry Smith, namely Alexander Smith, at the same level as Elijah; (3) change the R in Jesse Smith's name to Richard.

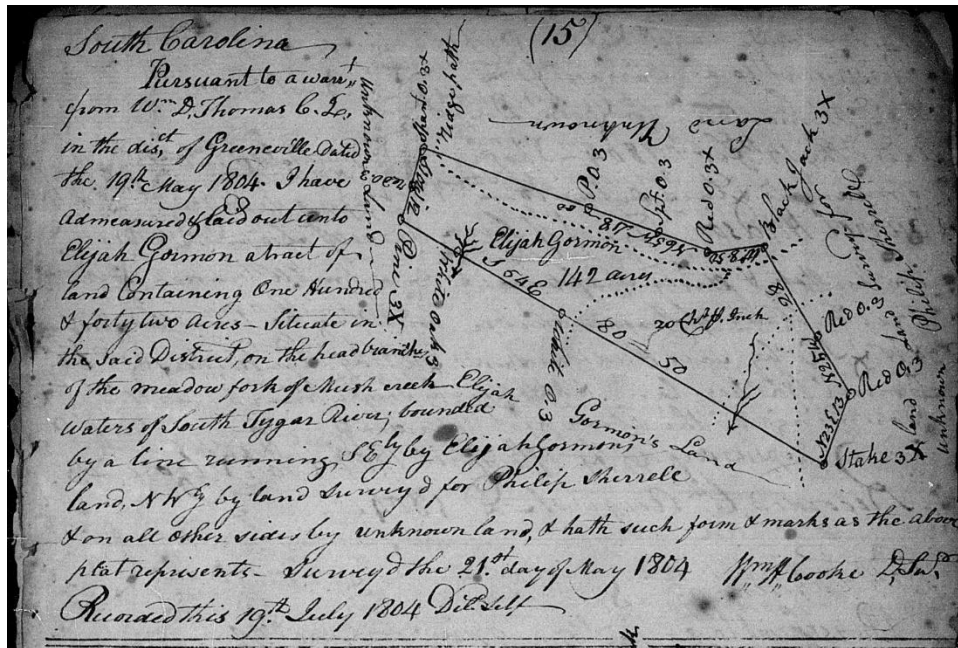


Figure 2. Elijah¹ Gorman land survey, Greenville Co., S.C., 1804