

THE ELIJAH P. GORMAN FAMILY

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 P. 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 P. 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 claimed to have chased his ancestry back to Elijah P. Gorman! 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. **ELIJAH P.¹ GORMAN** was born about 1774, Greenville District, Greenville Co., S.C., and died 23 Aug. 1841 (obit.), age about 67. He signed his will (appendix A) 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 C), Macon, Noxubee Co., Miss. 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. 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 [born] 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
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 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 A), 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 C).

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.^[29]

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."^[30] 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.^[31]

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, ¼, born in Mississippi.^[32]

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 male and three female). Four slaves were designated B (black) and nine m (mulatto).^[33]

Jesse Blythe, the administrator of Mary Gorman's estate, published a notice dated 10 Jan. 1853 in the *Union Beacon* (newspaper), Macon,

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

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

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

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

33. 1850 U.S. Federal Census-Slave Schedules, Noxubee Co., Miss., image 7 of 135 at <Ancestry.com> (↗).

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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 item] of all of said minor heirs, and all other heirs, legatees, or distributees of Elijah Gorman, deceased^[34]

See also the legal deposition 6 Oct. 1852 of Elizabeth G. Blythe (appendix B) 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:

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; Justenia Tomlinson and her

34. 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.

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^[35]

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.^[36] See appendix D.
 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.^[37] The will mentions his brothers and sisters as his heirs, and names the two youngest, Felix and Sarah, for special consideration.
 There is a Mississippi land record for Starling Gorman, issued 1 Feb. 1832 for 79.8 acres.^[38]
- + 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.,^[39] **EWEL SEXTON**

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

36. 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.

37. 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.

38. 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.

39. *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.”

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HARRISON, son of John Malone and Pheriba (Chism) Harrison. See my companion book to this one on the Harrison family, for details.^[40]

- + 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 **DANIEL E. HARPER**, and resided with him in the Republic of Texas at the time of Elijah's will of 5 Dec. 1840.
- + 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 A):^[41]

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:

40. Smith, *John Malone Harrison Family*.

41. See appendix A for a more careful analysis.

- 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,^[42] before Elijah's 3 Dec. 1840 will. He married **LORINDA [LORENA]** —.^[43]

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.^[44]

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.^[45]

Children, from heirs as listed in an 1852 document transcribed in appendix B:

- + 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.

42. 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.

43. 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.

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

45. 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.

- 13 iii **MARY JANE³ GORMAN**, born about 1837, married 15 Jan. 1852, Marshall Co., Mississippi,^[46] **WILLIAM T. MARR**.
- 14 iv **FELIX³ GORMAN**, born about 1839.
- 15 v **LAMAR³ GORMAN**, born about 1841.^[47]

5. **NANCY² GORMAN** (₁*Elijah*¹) was born about 1803, probably Alabama, and died before Elijah's 5 Dec. 1840 will. She married **RANSOM THOMAS PAYNE**.^[48] Ransom married second, 4 Jan. 1844, Sumter Co., Ala.,^[49] **MARY ELLETT**.

Children:^[50]

- 16 i **GEORGE S.³ PAYNE**, born about 1825 in Alabama, married 26 Dec. 1844, Sumter Co., Ala.,^[51] **ELIZABETH WILLIAMS**, born about 1828 in Alabama. George resided in Sumter Co., Ala., in 1857.

In 1850 Sumter Co., Ala., George S. Payne, 29, born, resided next door to Milton Lewis and his family, that of George's sister Elphida, with Elizabeth, 21, Adeline C.⁴, 5, and Nancy W.⁴, 2, all four born in Alabama.^[52]

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

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

48. 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.

49. *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.

50. Elizabeth Blythe's 1852 deposition, [Appendix E](#); also the Brummett brothers 1883 petition, [Appendix F](#), for a different ordering of children. The age estimates in [Appendix E](#) seem to be quite rough, by comparison to the implied census ages.

51. 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.”

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

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In 1860 George S. Payne, 35, a farmer, resided in Intercourse, Sumter Co., Ala., with Emily, 32, Adaline, 13, Nancy, 11, son, Winter⁴, 9, and son, Abija⁴, 2, all six born in Alabama.^[53]

- + 17 ii **ELPHIDA A.³ PAYNE**, born in Alabama, married **MILTON LEWIS**, and had @@@ children.
- 18 iii **NANCY A.³ PAYNE**, born about 1828, died before the Apr. 1852 death of Mary Gorman, according to the 1883 petition, married 9 May 1842, Sumter Co., Ala.,^[54] **JAMES BRUMMETT**. They had at least one child John⁴ Brummett, born about 1828, who lived in Marshall Co. Mississippi, with one infant at the time of the 1852 deposition. The 1883 petition claims that there were three sons A.B., D.W. and R. C. Brummett, which does not appear to match the 1857 accounting of Elijah Gorman's estate in any particular other than the surname Brummett. D. W. Brummett resided in Richland, Arkansas, in 1883, and R. C. Brummett in Terrill, Texas.
- 19 iv **MELISSA³ PAYNE**, born about 1830, married 6 Apr. 1842, Sumter Co., Ala.,^[55] **JOHN R. ULDRICK**, who had died before the 185[4] Elizabeth Blythe deposition. There was a John G. Uldrick, 20-30, living alone, in the 1840 Sumter Co. census.^[56]
- 20 v **MARTHA³ PAYNE**, born about 1832 (or about 1827 in Alabama, according to Texas census data). Martha married (1) 18 Jan. 1844, Sumter Co., Ala.,^[57] **JEFFERSON G. REYNOLDS [RUNNALS]**, married (2) **ELIJAH BENTON³ HARRISON** (*Ewel Sexton², John Malone¹*), and resided in Texas at the 1852 deposition. See my companion book to this one on the Harrison family for continuation of this line.^[58] She is listed as Martha Runnals in the Brummett petition of 1883.

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

54. *Alabama, 1800-1900 Marriage Index*, Genealogy.com, cites County Court Records, Film no. 1293884-9.

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

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

57. 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.

58. Smith, *John Malone Harrison Family*.

- 21 vi **TERRILL³ PAYNE**, born about 1834, residing in Sumter Co., Ala. in 1852. 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, residing in Sumter Co., Ala. in 1852. He was probably the Ervin Payne 18 living with Milton and Elphida (Payne) Lewis, his brother-in-law and sister, in the 1850 census.^[59]

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,^[60] **JANE ANN PINCKARD**, who was born about 1809, North Carolina, and died 8 Nov. 1873, Brenham, Washington Co., Tex.^[61] She married second to **THORNTON PINCKARD**, and married third 25 Mar. 1858, Washington Co., Republic of Texas,^[62] **JOHN STAMPS**.^[63] 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.^[64]

Oliver Gorman was on the Washington Co., Tex., tax rolls of 1838 and 1840.^[65] A probate court proceeding of 5 May 1857, Brenham, Washington Co., voided the sale of the Headright Certificate of Oliver Gorman, deceased.^[66] All of this suggests he was in Texas early.

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

60. 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.”

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

62. 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.

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

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

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

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

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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 "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."^[67]

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.^[68] 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.^[69]

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

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

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

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

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.^[70]

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

Children:

- 23 i **OLIVER D.³ CLEMENTS**, born about 1832.
- 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.

8. **ELIZABETH² GORMAN** (¹*Elijah*¹) was born about 1816. She married 13 July 1836, Sumter Co., Ala.,^[71] **DANIEL E. HARPER**, and resided with him in the Republic of Texas at the time of Elijah P. Gorman's will of 5 Dec. 1840.

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.^[72]

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

70. Photocopy of original record, contributed by Sue Gorman. The final disbursement of this estate is not known by me.

71. 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."

72. Alabama Land Records, Ancestry.com.

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public generally, as Commission Merchant ... to sell Cotton at one dollar per bale.”^[73]

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.^[74]

Daniel E. Harper is recorded in the 1840 Montgomery Co., Tex., tax list and the 1846 Grimes Co., Tex., tax list.^[75]

In Spring Term 1845, 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.^[76]

On 7 Oct. 1845, Daniel E. Harper lost a suit by Malekiah Nettles for \$1,721.59 plus costs.^[77]

9. FELIX² GORMAN (¹*Elijah*¹) was born 30 Sept. 1819, Tennessee, and died 19 Jan. 1898, Greenville, Hunt Co., Tex.^[78] He married 22 Nov. 1849, Talladega Co., Ala.,^[79] **MARY ANN WOODWARD**, who was born about 1828, South Carolina, and died 29 Aug. 1887, Greenville, Hunt Co., Tex.^[80]

Felix was a physician and “his son also became a physician;” he was executor of his father’s will, and received a Texas land grant in Nov. 1838,

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

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

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

76. *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.

77. *Montgomery County, Texas, Various Court Records 1840–1896* (note 76), 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.”

78. Death notice, Friday, 21 Jan. 1898, *Greenville Mel!* (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.”

79. *Alabama, 1800–1900 Marriage Index*, Genealogy.com, cites County Court Records, Film no. 1639298–301; Jordan R. Dodd, *Early American Marriages: Alabama, 1800 to 1920* (Orem, Utah: Ancestry, Inc., 1999), 109.

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

implying that he had been there before that time.^[81] The following captures his relatives' impression of his abilities as executor:

Felix Gorman though he resided in said county until AD 1851 or 1852 never presented said will for Probate nor did he ever later [issue?] out letters of Executorship under the same, but on the contrary, up to 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 life estate having been improvidently squandered by the said Felix or through his instrumentality—fraudulently—disposed of.^[82]

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.^[83] 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.

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.^[84]

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, son, Arthur, 13, and Edith, 7, all born in Texas.^[85]

81. "Some Texas Land Grants," *The National Genealogical Society Quarterly*, 47:183; 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.

82. Petition by Jesse and Elizabeth G. Blythe, Probate Court, Noxubee Co., Mississippi, 5 Oct. 1852, photocopy of original record courtesy of Sue Gorman.

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

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

85. 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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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 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.^[86]

Children:^[87]

- 26 i **THOMAS**³ **GORMAN**, born about 1850, Mississippi.
- 27 ii **JULIA**³ **GORMAN**, born 25 July 1853, Palestine, Texas, died May 1933, Seattle, King Co., Washington, married 29 Jan. 1880, **DAVID HINES**.^[88] It is not known if there is any relation between this David Hines and the one who married Cassandina E.³ Gorman (*Terrell*², *Elijah P.*¹).
- + 28 iii **FELIX**³ **GORMAN**, born Oct. 1853 in Texas, married **FANNIE JULIA RANKIN**, and had nine children.
- 29 iv **ARTHUR**³ **GORMAN**, born about 1857, in Louisiana or Texas.
- 30 v **EDITH**³ **GORMAN**, born 22 Feb. 1864, Texas, died 1935, married 26 Aug. 1888, Greenville, Hunt Co., Tex., **GEORGE V. PAYNE**.^[89] It is not known if there is any relation between this George V. Payne and Ransom Thomas Payne who married Nancy² Gorman (*Elijah*¹).

10. SARAH ANN² **GORMAN** (*Elijah*¹) was born about 1821, Alabama, and died Jan. 1850, aged 29, Noxubee Co., Miss.,^[90] of fever, before the 1852 deposition (appendix B). She married 18 July 1841, Noxubee Co.,^[91] after her father’s 1840 will, **CHARLES W. ALLEN**, who was born about

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

87. 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.

88. 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.

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

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

91. *Miss. Marriages, 1800–1911*, Charles W. Allen to Sarah Ann Gorman, 18 July 1841, Noxubee Co., Miss. [FHL 900888].

1811, South Carolina. Sarah was his second wife of three.^[92] The children all resided in Noxubee Co., Mississippi, at the time of the 1852 deposition.

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, “Cinthia,” 4, and Charles T., 2, all four born in Mississippi, and F. D. Allen, 44, a male clerk born in South Carolina.^[93] Child Sarah was a daughter of his first marriage, and F. D. was probably his brother. By the 1850 slave schedule, Charles had 30 slaves.

Children:

- + 31 i **MARY M.³ ALLEN**, born about 1844, Mississippi, married **THURMAN CURTIS BAKER**, and had two children.
- 32 ii **CYNTHIA W.³ ALLEN**, born about 1846, Mississippi.
- 33 iii **CHARLES T.³ ALLEN**, born about 1848, Mississippi.

92. *Miss. Marriages, 1776–1935*, Charles W. Allen to Sarah F. Harrison, 12 Nov. 1835, Noxubee Co., also Charles W. Allen to Elizabeth Lewis, 10 Feb. 1852, Noxubee Co.

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

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THIRD GENERATION

11. CASSANDINA [CASSANDANNA] E.³ GORMAN (₃Terrell², Elijah¹)^[94] 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.^[95] She married 6 June 1850, Macon,^[96] **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.^[97]

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."^[98]

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,

94. And several other variations of her name.

95. *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.

96. *Mississippi and Florida, 1800–1900 Marriage Index*, Genealogy.com, cites County Court Records, Film no. 0900888–92 and 0854239–46, "Cassindanah Gorman" to "David Hines;" Terrell and Lorida Gorman family group sheet by Sue Gorman; *Miss. Marriages, 1800–1911*, Cassindanah Gorman to David Hines, 6 June 1850, Noxubee Co., Miss.

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

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

and David, 7, males born in Mississippi, Effa, 6, “Sallie,” 4, and [unnamed], 2, all three females born in Mississippi.^[99]

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.^[100]

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.^[101]

Children:

- 34 i **SHERROD⁴ HINES**, born about 1851, Mississippi, died **perhaps** 1878, and buried **apparently** in Odd Fellows Cem., Macon, Noxubee Co., Miss.^[102]
- 35 ii **DAVID⁴ HINES**, born about 1853, Mississippi.
- 36 iii **EFFA⁴ HINES**, born Feb. 1857 (gravestone), Mississippi, died 31 July 1912, and buried near her husband,^[103] 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.^[104] See him for further details.
- 37 iv **SARAH⁴ HINES**, born about 1856, Mississippi.
- 38 v **MARTHA⁴ HINES**, born about 1858, Mississippi. A daughter, “Mattie,” who was born 2 Jan. 1867 (gravestone), died 5 Feb. 1910, buried in Soule Chapel Cem., Macon, Noxubee Co., Miss.,^[105]

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

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

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

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

103. *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].”

104. *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.”

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

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married 8 July 1891, Noxubee Co., Miss.,^[106] **JAMES F. BARNHILL**, born 16 May 1860 (gravestone), died 3 July 1944, and buried near his wife.^[107] This would work if the gravestone were off by 10 years. They had children.

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

12. CALISTA F.³ GORMAN (₃Terrell², 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.^[108] She married 12 Sept. 1850, Marshall Co., Miss.,^[109] **PLEASANT MARION MOBLEY**, who was born 2 Feb. 1832 (gravestone), Alabama, died 25 June 1918, and was buried near his wife.^[110]

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]."

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

107. *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."

108. *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]."

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

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

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.^[111]

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.^[112]

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.^[113]

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.^[114]

Known children of six:

- 45 i **LORENA J.⁴ MOBLEY**, born about 1856, Mississippi.
- 46 ii **SAMUEL C.⁴ MOBLEY**, born 14 Oct. 1857 (gravestone), Mississippi, died 28 Aug. 1929, buried in Mullins Chapel Cem., Memphis, Shelby Co., Tenn.,^[115] married (his cousin) **EFFA HINES**, born Feb. 1857 (gravestone), Mississippi, died 31 July 1912, and buried near her husband.^[116] They had at least one child, Percy H. Mobley, born

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

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

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

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

115. *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."

116. *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 |

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25 Oct. 1882, died 6 Jan. 1960, and buried in Memorial Park Cem.,
Memphis, Shelby Co., Tenn.^[117]

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

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

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

17. ELPHIDA A.³ PAYNE (sNancy², Elijah¹) was born in Alabama, and died before Elizabeth Blythe's 6 Oct. 1852 deposition (appendix B) and before the 1850 census when her husband had remarried. She married 30 Nov. 1838, Sumter Co., Ala.,^[118] **MILTON LEWIS**, who was born about 1818 in Alabama, and "died in a yankee prison in Alton, Ill."^[119]

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.^[120]

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

[inscription]."

117. *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."

118. *Alabama, 1800-1900 Marriage Index*, Genealogy.com, cites County Court Records, Film no. 1293884-9.

119. 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.

120. 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."

farmer born in Alabama.^[121] They lived next to George S. Payne, 29, born in Alabama. These were surely her brothers Irving and George Payne.

Children (some based on hearsay from relatives):

- 50 i **VIRGINIA E.⁴ LEWIS**, born about 1844, Alabama, married —**GREENE**.
- 51 ii **AMBROSE WYATT⁴ LEWIS**, born about 1846, Alabama.
- 52 iii **MARY A. ELVIRA⁴ LEWIS**, born about 1848, Alabama, married —**BEMON**.

28. FELIX³ GORMAN (9Felix², Elijah¹) was born Oct. 1853 (1900 census), Texas, died 1912, and was buried in White Rose Cem., Bartlesville, Washington Co., Okla.^[122] He married 6 Oct. 1880, Brenham, Washington Co., Tex.,^[123] **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. 1953, White Rose Cem., Bartlesville.^[124] 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.^[125]

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

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

122. *Find a Grave*, no. 88312626, gravestone photograph, by Joe Todd, White Rose Cem., Bartlesville, Washington Co., Okla., "Felix | Gorman | 1853-1912."

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

124. 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."

125. 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.

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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.^[126]

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.^[127]

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.^[128]

Children:^[129]

- 53 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.,^[130] married 1961, Bartlesville, **MAUDE CAYWOOD**.

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

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

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

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

130. *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.”

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.

- 54 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,^[131] 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 family of brothers and sisters, and mother of little infant Anthony, whom she named just before her death. . . .^[132]

- 55 iii **FELIX⁴ GORMAN**, born about 1885, died before the 1900 census.
+ 56 iv **ANNA⁴ GORMAN**, born 17 Apr. 1887, Texas, married **SIDNEY ELIAS SMITH**, and had four children.
57 v **EMOGENE⁴ GORMAN**, born Dec. 1889 (1900 census) or 1933 (gravestone), Texas, died 1913, buried in White Rose Cem., Bartlesville, Washington Co., Okla.^[133]
58 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**.^[134]

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.

131. *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.”

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

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

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

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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.

- 59 vii **RUBY⁴ GORMAN**, born 9 Nov. 1893, Waco, McLennan Co., Tex., married **JAMES PUMPHREY**.
- + 60 viii **CHARLES RANKIN⁴ GORMAN**, born 4 Dec. 1896, Waco, McLennan Co., Tex., married **ETTA SUE SIMPSON**, and had two children.
- 61 ix **EDITH⁴ GORMAN**, born Mar. 1898, Texas.^[135]

31. 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 1877. She married 30 Mar. 1869 Noxubee Co., Miss.,^[136] **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.^[137]

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.^[138] The three youngest children were probably children of Thurman's second wife.

Children:

- 62 i **THURMAN CURTIS⁴ BAKER JR.**, born 2 Feb. 1870, Mississippi (death certificate), or Jan. 1870, Texas (1870 census), died 16 Sept. 1956,

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

136. *Miss. Marriages, 1800-1911*, T. C. Baker to Mary M. Allen, 30 Mar. 1869, Noxubee Co., Miss. [FHL 900888].

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

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

San Antonio, Bexar Co., Tex., buried 20 Sept. 1956, Mission Burial Park, San Antonio.^[139]

- 63 ii **DOLLY/DONNA A.⁴ BAKER**, born 12 Feb. 1872, Van Buren Co., Mich.,^[140] married 17 Feb. 1900, Falls Co., Tex.,^[141] **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., Tex.,^[142] and had two children:^[143] (1) Thurman C.⁵ Rotan, born 7 Oct. 1903, Texas, died 4 Jan. 1991;^[144] and (2) Donna B.⁵ Rotan, born about 1907, Texas.

139. 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].

140. *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].

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

142. 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].

143. 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.

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

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56. ANNA⁴ GORMAN (₂₈Felix³, Felix², Elijah¹) was born 17 Apr. 1887, Texas, died Feb. 1925,^[145] and was buried in White Rose Cem., Bartlesville, Washington Co., Okla.^[146] She married about 1910 SIDNEY ELIAS SMITH,^[147] who was born 10 Oct. 1885,^[148] Missouri or Nebraska, died 8 June 1968, last residence Tulsa, Tulsa Co., Okla.,^[149] and was buried in Sperry Rest Haven Cem., Sperry, Osage Co., Okla.^[150] 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.^[151]

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.^[152]

145. 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.

146. *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.”

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

148. *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.

149. 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).

150. *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.”

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

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

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.^[153]

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.^[154]

Children:^[155]

+ 64 i **SIDNEY ELIAS⁵ SMITH JR.**, born 23 Jan. 1912, Oklahoma, married **NADINE MARIE HARDMAN**, and had at least one child.

65 ii **FELIX E.⁵ SMITH**, born 17 Mar. 1914, Oklahoma, died 25 Mar. 1997,^[156] last residence Katy, Harris Co., Tex., buried in Houston National Cem., Houston, Harris Co., Tex.^[157]

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.^[158]

In 1992 Felix E. Smith, born 17 Mar. 1914, resided in Katy, Harris Co., Tex.^[159]

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

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

155. 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.”

156. 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).

157. *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.

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

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- + 66 iii LUCILLE⁵ SMITH, born 24 Nov. 1917, Sapulpa, Creek Co., Okla., married KARL JACKSON TAYLOR, and had at least three children.
- 67 iv EMOGENE⁵ SMITH, born about 1919, Oklahoma.

60. CHARLES RANKIN⁴ GORMAN (₂₈Felix³, Felix², Elijah¹) 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.^[160]
Children:^[161]

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

160. *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).

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

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64. SIDNEY ELIAS⁵ SMITH JR. (₅₆Anna⁴, Felix³, Felix², Elijah¹) was born 23 Jan. 1912, Oklahoma, died 20 Oct. 1999,^[162] last residence Poway, San Diego Co., Calif., and was buried in Greenwood Memorial Park, San Diego, San Diego Co., Calif.^[163] 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.^[164]

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.^[165]

Known child:¹

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

66. LUCILLE⁵ SMITH (₅₆Anna⁴, 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.^[166] She married **KARL JACKSON TAYLOR**, who was born 4 Mar. 1916, Bartlesville,

162. 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).

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

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

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

166. *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."

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Washington Co., Okla., died 22 Feb. 2011,^[167] Houston, last residence, Spring, Harris Co., Tex., and was buried in Houston National Cem.^[168]

In 1993 Karl J. Taylor, born Mar. 1916, resided in Spring, Harris Co., Tex.^[169]

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^[170]

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

. . .

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

168. *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."

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

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

Preceded in death by
Husband
Karl Jackson Taylor
Parents
Sidney and Anna Smith^[171]

Known children:¹

- 71 i KARLENE⁶ TAYLOR.
- 72 ii ANNA⁶ TAYLOR, married MICHAEL MURPHY [MURPHEY].
- 73 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.

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

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A. ELIJAH GORMAN'S WILL, 3 DEC. 1840

Will Book A, Page 125^[172]

Noxubee County, Mississippi

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 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 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.

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

172. My transcription is from: 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.

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I Also give And bequeath unto My Said Wife All My Stock of every description Horses Mules Waggon 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^[173] 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.

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):

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

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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)

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]

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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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B. ELIJAH GORMAN'S HEIRS

Deposition of Elizabeth G. Blythe
Probate Court, Noxubee County, Mississippi¹⁷⁴
6 Oct. 1852

The State of Mississippi
Noxubee County

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 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.

174. Noxubee Co., Miss., Chancery Cases, case #579 (note 172), images 350–351 (7).

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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.

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^[175]

175. Noxubee Co., Miss., Chancery Cases, case #579 (note 172), image 351.

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C. MORE ELIJAH GORMAN HEIRS

Petition [Fragments] by D.W. and R.C. Brummett
Noxubee County, Mississippi

11 Dec. 1883

The Estate of Elijah Gorman dec^d
In [Chancy], Noxubee County, Miss.

To the Hon. F. Worth [Chancellor] of the 6th [Chency] 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 [suspisite] fully show to your Honor, that they are the sons of Nancy A Brummett, [now] deceased and that said Nancy A Brummett was a granddaughter 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 [least] the following.

1st Mary Gorman wife of decedent

2nd The heirs of Terrill Gorman dec^d who was a son
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Petitioners further show to your Honor that as is shown by the papers in this case, said Mary Gorman wife of said deceased testator departed this life in Apr. 1852, leaving a large real and personal estate of the said testator, [this] 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 [here] before shown, and that each of them was entitled to one seventh of said

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estate, under said will, and petitioners now charge as true, that on the 6th day of Feby 1857, said administrator filed his final report as administrator of said estate, showing in ballance
[page break here—missing page?]

Petitioners now show to your Honor that said Nancy Payne departed intestate this life sometime before the death of her mother 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 Terrill Payne, son of decedent
- 7th Irving Payne, son of decedent

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

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

Petitioners would respectfully show to your Honor, that the said Terrill Payne and [?] Payne, both died intestate before the filing of [said] final account of said Administrat[or] and at their death were unmarried, and [had] no heirs except their brothers & sisters [as] mentioned five in number.

Petitioners would now show to your Ho[nor]

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State of Miss. Noxubee Co

This day personally came before me the undersigned clerk of the [chancy] 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 [mallges?] & [thiry?] stated in the [foregoing?] bill of complaint & upon such information he states the same to be true.

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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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D. STARLING GORMAN'S WILL

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

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E. PRELIMINARY AI STUDIES

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 about 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 (that is, 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 their work leads me to believe that this is 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. 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 "Gorman soil," the actual property in the 1850 and 1860 censuses was largely

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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>

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[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 Elijah Gorman's estate was finally settled in 1857—the allocation of Jerry and

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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,

Jerry and Carey

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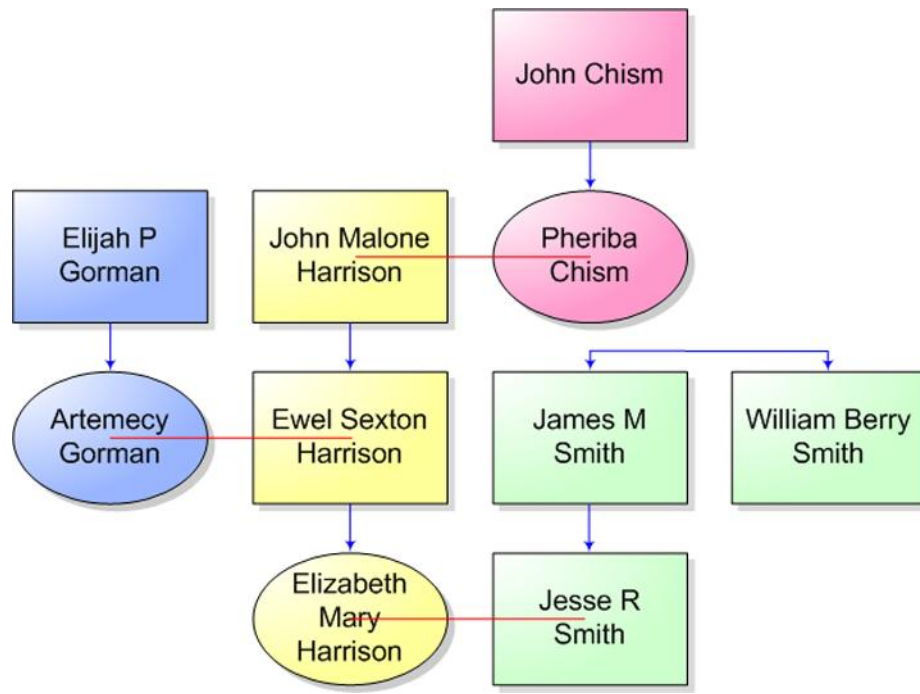


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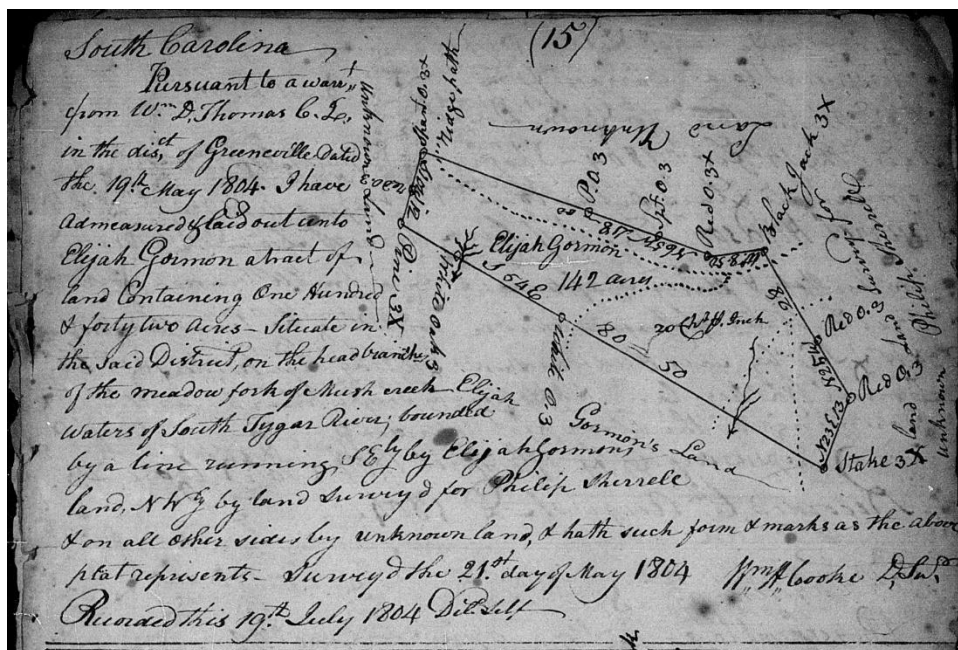


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