

ROBERT CHAMBLEE

Born 1793, North Carolina, Wake County, Little River District.

Died between February and July 1849, Gum Springs, Blount County, Alabama

Married (1) Mary "Polly" Warren, 31 January 1821, Orange County, North Carolina.

Mary Warren was born ca. 1790-1800 N.C. and died ca. 1845-1847, Blount County, Alabama

Married (2) Lucy taletha Sandlin ca. 1847-1849, Blount County, Alabama.

Lucy Sandlin was born ca. 1815, Georgia, and died after 1855

Robert Chamblee was one of eleven children of James B. Chamblee of Wake County, North Carolina and named after his grandfather, Robert Chamblee also of Wake County.

Robert Chamblee is probably buried in the cemetery on Wolf Pen Ridge (Old Mt. Hope Primitive Baptist Church cemetery) on Highway 26 near the village of Gum Springs which was located on his plantation, or possibly in the Mount Tabor Cemetery in Fowler's Cove, both in Blount County. His first wife, Mary Warren, was also probably buried there.

Robert Chamblee married his first wife and mother of all his children, Mary Warren, on 31 January 1821 in Orange County, North Carolina. She was born ca. 1790 - 1800 in North Carolina. Her nickname was "polly". William Chamblee, his uncle signed the Marriage Bond of 500 pounds with Robert Chamblee. A Taylor was the Justice of the Peace noted on the Bond.

The bond reads as follows:

State of N. Carolina,
We acknowledge ourselves indebted to Jesse Franklin esq. in the sum of five hundred pounds. But to be void on condition there is no lawful cause to obstruct a marriage between Robert Shamley and Polly Warren - Witness our hands & seals 31 Jany 1821

Robert Chamblee seal
William Chamblee seal

Taylor JD

Robert probably traveled back to North Carolina from Blount County to marry and return with his bride once he and Isham got the Blount County lands cleared and established with sustaining crops.

Folly Warren's parents are not known, but she was probably related to William Warren who settled the lands next to Robert Chamblee in Gum Springs, Blount County. He may have been her Brother.

Of note, Robert Chamblee's grandfather, Robert Chamblee of Wake Co., North Carolina is shown as proving a deed between Benjamin Warrin and Jonathon Thomas in Bertie Co., N.C. in 1756. It remains to be proven if this Warren is kin to Mary Warren.

Robert's second wife was Lucy Taletha Sandlin, probable daughter of Jonathon Sandlin Sr.. Robert and Lucy did not have any surviving children.

Robert Chamblee, and his brother Isham Chamblee came into what is today known as Bount County, Alabama in early 1817 with a group of pioneers lead by the methodist preacher and fellow pioneer Charles Guinn.

The Blount County land had just been cleared of the local Indian tribes two years before by General Andrew Jackson and his army. It is said that Rev. Charles Guinn set up the first formal church in Blount County, located in Guinn's Cove.

With this group, came the families - Chamblee, Fowler, Sharp, and others. These settlers homesteaded the areas on Blount County today known as Gum Springs, Fowlers's Cove, Guinn's Cove, Chamblee Cove, and in the general vicinity around Wornock's Peak.

Robert and Mary Chamblee initially settled in Guinn's Cove on 80.3 acres. He applied for the Land Patent in 1819 and paid it off in April 1825. This land was the west half of the south west quarter of Section 13 in Township 12 of Range 2 West.

Robert Chamblee was a very prosperous planter and miller. At the time of his death, he owned over 700 acres of land, had ten children, seven slaves orchards, and a grist and saw mill. In 1850 Mortality Schedule of the State of Alabama, it lists the cause of Robert Chamblee's death as suicide. The cause of his unfortunate demise will never be known, however a family belief in this family line is that certain members of the family back many generations have suffered from intense depression.

After his death, Robert's Estate was sold at auction as required by the Blount County Court back in the 1800's with a third of the lands appropriated for the Widow as her Dower. The slaves were sold to - James H. Chamblee son of Robert, 1 boy and 1 girl; Alexander Baker Father-in-law of William Marion Chamblee, nephew of Robert, 1 girl; Austin Murphree 1 boy; M. Randolph, 1 boy; and Alva Jones, 1 woman and child. This woman may have been the slave Robert purchased from the Estate of James Scott on 4 October 1830. Her name was Maria (Mariah).

Robert Chamblee's grist, cotton gin, and saw mill, originally built by Samuel McKee in 1838 and located on Chamblee Mill Creek, was purchased by Robert in 1842 from John and Minverva Henderson. The Henderson's had only owned it themselves for four days. The Hendersons made \$350.00 profit on their speculation which was a large sum of money in those days.

At Robert's Estate Sale after his death, the mill was sold outside of the Chamblee Family. However, Robert's widow, Lucy, received clear title to it again almost two years later in December 1851. She sold it in 1854 to her stepson, James H. Chamblee. The Mill stood until the early 1940's. The area around the old mill site is still known today as Chamblee's Mill and Max Edward Chamblee ran a general store on the hill across the creek and up the hill from the old mill site.

The 1850 Agricultural Census for Blount County, Alabama shows the remaining estate which Lucy T. Chamblee, widow of Robert, kept after his death the year before. A portion of the land she held was the homestead in Gum Springs which is today owned by the Moore Family, cousins by way of Isham Chamblee's line. This land was adjacent to her stepson's lands, James H. and Calvin Chamblee, which were originally Robert Chamblee's.

1850 BLOUNT COUNTY, ALABAMA AGRICULTURAL CENSUS

Page 529, Subdivision no. 17, 26 October 1850

LUCY T. CHAMBLEE

40 Acres of improved land
480 acres of unimproved land
\$600.00 cash value of farm
\$110.00 value of farm implements and machinery
1 horse
2 milch cows
2 working oxen
2 other cattle
15 swine
600 bushels of indian corn
40 pounds of tobacco

Lucy T. Chamblee did not own any slaves after Robert's death. As noted before, they were all sold in the Estate Sale. After 1855 Alabama State Census for Blount County was taken, Lucy T. Chamblee evidently moved or passed away. No record of her is found after this time period.

The homestead in Gum Springs was purchased by James H. and Calvin Chamblee and included a farm and an orchard. This orchard produced much of the fruit used by James H. and Calvin in their business endeavor for the production of fruit brandy. The business was shown being taxed in the 1866 Internal Revenue Assessment Listings. The fruit press stone is owned today by Mr. Zadie Moore who also owns much of the original Robert Chamblee homestead.

Later in the late 1800's most of the farm was sold to their first cousin, Newton Jasper Chamblee, son of Isham Chamblee.

Robert and Mary Warren Chamblee had ten children all born in Blount County, Alabama. Their names are as follows:

Sarah A. E. born 13 December 1821 died 18 February 1862

James H. born 30 January 1822 died 17 January 1895

Eliza born 1823-25 died after 1849

Calvin born 1825 died 8 July 1891

Mary Ann born 1826 died between december 1881 and Jan 1882

* William Jasper born 9 October 1829 died 14 April 1864

Riley Fletcher born 1832 died 27 January 1864

Elizabeth born 1837 died after 1849

Robert Isham born 29 October 1838 died 14 January 1919

Clara born ? died after 1849

WILLIAM JASPER CHAMBLEE

Born 9 October 1829, Gum Springs, Blount County, Alabama.

Died 14 April 1877, Jefferson County, Alabama. Buried in Mt. Calvery Presbyterian Church Cemetery in Clay, Alabama.

Married 11 August 1852 Jefferson County, Alabama to Martha C. Ratliff.

William Jasper Chamblee was the sixth child of Robert and Mary Chamblee. William's wife martha C. Ratliff, was born ca 1832 in Alabama. Her parents are thought to be James and Mary Ratliff.

William Jasper Chamblee was shown living with his sister and brother-in-law, Abraham Berry and Sarah Ann Chamblee Ratliff, in the 1850 Alabama Census. Abraham and Martha C. Ratliff are probable brother and sister. Abraham was the bondsman and gave the security at Martha's wedding to William Jasper Chamblee.

William Jasper and Martha Chamblee are shown in the 1870 Alabama Census as living in the Village Springs area of Jefferson County, Alabama.

On October 21 1875, the Jefferson County, Alabama County Court declared William Jasper Chamblee insane and his wife, Martha as the legal head of the household.

After William Jasper Chamblee's death in 1877, Martha C. Ratliff Chamblee is shown in the 1880 Federal Census as being the head of the household with one granddaughter living with her, by the name of Pheny, born ca. 1879 and her six children.

William J. and Martha C. Chamblee had eight children.

Clinton Chamblee born 1 November 1853 died 23 November 1853

Berry Chamblee born 1 December 1854 died 29 September 1855

Lugany W. (G.) Chamblee born ca. 1856-1857

Marcus L. Chamblee born 27 August 1856-59 died 6 January 1885

* James Earl Chamblee born 6 May 1862 died 2 January 1924

Susan A. Chamblee born ca 1865 died ?

Lafayette H. Chamblee born 14 September 1867 died 21 January 1892

Mary Elizabeth Chamblee born ca. 1869 died ca. 1932

CLINTON CHAMBLEE

First child of William Jasper and Martha Chamblee was born 1 November 1853 in Jefferson County, Alabama and died 23 November 1853. He was buried in Mt. Calvery Presbyterian Church Cemetery.

BERRY CHAMBLEE

Second child of William J. and Martha C. Chamblee, was born 1 December 1854 in Jefferson County, Alabama and died 29 September 1855, He is buried at the Mt. Calvary Presbyterian Cemetery. He was probably named after his uncle, Abraham Berry Ratliff.

LUGANY W. (G.) CHAMBLEE

Third child of William J. and Martha C. Chamblee, was born ca. 1856-57 in Jefferson County, Alabama. She married William F. Calvert on 8 July 1876 in Jefferson County at the residence of the Brides father by T. B. Taylor, M.G. (Minister of the Gospel).

MARCUS L. CHAMBLEE

Fourth child of William Jasper and Martha C. Chamblee, was born 27 August 1856-59 in Jefferson County and died 6 January 1885 by murder. He's is buried in Mt. Calvary Presbyterian Cemetery.

In the 15 July 1885 edition of the ALABAMA BAPTIST NEWSPAPER, page 3 it states:

"In the northern part of Jefferson County, Marcus Chamblee, a Young man who has been insane for some time, while working in the woods, was killed by a shot from an unknown quarter."

JAMES EARL CHAMBLEE

Fifth child of William J. and Martha C. Chamblee

born 6 May 1862 in Jefferson County

died 2 January 1924. He is buried in Mt. Calvary Presbyterian Cemetery in Clay Alabama.

Married Samantha Taylor 17 September 1884.

James Earl, and Samantha Chamblee owned a large farm in the Clay area of Jefferson County, Alabama.

James Earl Chamblee was appointed as a Justice of the Peace and a Notary Public for the 14th Precinct - Ayres, Alabama on the 18th of February 1896.

James Earl, and Samantha Chamblee had seven children:

Eula B. Chamblee born 5 November 1885 died 22 December 1968

Arthur L. Chamblee born April 1888 died _____

Nancy Ella Chamblee born 1 September 1890 died 29 June 1959

Bessie Chamblee born August 1892 died ?

Joshua Anderson Chamblee born 8 April 1895 died 13 October 1895

Bertha J. Chamblee born June 1897 died ? _____

Tilford Leeroy Chamblee b 17 May 1901 died 28 February 1985

EULA B. CHAMBLEE

First child of James Earl and Samantha Chamblee married Doc Simmons on 3 March 1906. Doc Simmons was born 5 June 1885 and died 9 April 1936.

ARTHUR L. CHAMBLEE

Second child of James Earl and Samantha Chamblee married Hattie Epps Chandler on 18 November 1908 in Jefferson County. She was born ca. 1888 in Clay, Al. and died 1 October 1975 in Birmingham. She was a member of the 67th Street United Methodist Church in Birmingham.

Arthur L. and Hattie had four children.

Mildred Vivian Chamblee born 1909 Married Ruben E. Cates on 17 December 1927.

Ella Chamblee Married D. W. Flarity. They were noted living in Birmingham, Al. in 1975

Daughter - Married O. H. Tillman. They were noted living in Muscule Shoals, Al. in 1975.

Arthur L. Chamblee Jr. was noted as being a minister in Pilot Mountain, North Carolina in 1975. He married Sara Alspaugh on 29 May 1944 at Taccoa Falls Bible College, Georgia.

NANCY ELLA CHAMBLEE

Third child of James Earl and Samantha Chamblee married William T. Crawford on 31 December 1912 in Jefferson County. He was born 27 March 1888. They are buried in Mt. Calvery Presbyterian Cemetery.

BESSIE CHAMBLEE

Fourth child of James Earl and Samantha Chamblee married H. Grady Williams on 8 November 1913 in Jefferson County. They are buried in Elmwood Cemetery, Birmingham, Al.

JOSHUA ANDERSON CHAMBLEE

Fifth child of James Earl and Samantha Chamblee, is buried in Mt. Calvary cemetery, Clay, Alabama.

BERTHA J. CHAMBLEE

Sixth child of James Earl and Samantha Chamblee, married Luther Dumas on 4 February 1917 in Jefferson County. They are buried in Mt. Calvary Cemetery.

TILFORD LEEROY CHAMBLEE

Seventh child of James Earl and Samantha Chamblee, He was a farmer, and worked at U. S. Pipe during World War II.

Tilford Leeroy Chamblee married Edith Buckner. She was born 23 August 1901 to William and Joanna Buckner. She died 25 March 1977. Tilford Leeroy and Edith Chamblee are buried together in Mt. Calvary Cemetery.

Tilford Leeroy and Edith Chamblee had twelve children:

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Frances May *5-5-1930*

Hubert Allen *7-11-1931*

Frank Olen *12-25-1932*

Lawrence *5-31-1934*

Robert Howard *5-3-1936*

Charles Douglas *12-14-1938*

Mamie Joe *7-10-1940*