

Family of Miles Nix of Decatur County, Georgia

Subject: Miles NIX; John Grainger Nix of South Carolina is a candidate for the parent of Miles Nix

Note: __ __ 1807 South Carolina; According to the 1880 Census of Decatur County, Georgia, both of Miles' parents were born in South Carolina.¹

Birth: circa __ __ 1808 South Carolina.^{2,3}

Name-Var: __ __ 1832 Miles "Nicks"

Occupation: __ __ ____ From the 1850 and 1860 agricultural census schedules, we learn that Miles was a yeoman farmer with a large herd of animals.⁴

Deed-New: 3 Nov 1855 Jacob JOHNSON; Lot #88, 5th District, Randolph County, originally Lee; 202 1/2 acres, Lot #88, in 5th District of Randolph County, originally Lee, for a sum of \$800.00. Witnesses were Sidney C. Dubose, and D. M. ____, J.P.⁵

Deed-New: 8 Oct 1856 Patrick H. Ferguson (--?--); Lot 131, 5th District, Randolph County, originally Lee; 202 1/2 acres of land, Lot #131 in the 5th District of originally Lee, now Randolph County, for a sum of \$1,050.00. Witiensses were Eli Nicks and J. B. Shropshire, J.P.⁶

Deed-New: 28 Oct 1858 William C. BASS; Lot #88 in the 5th District, Randolph County, Georgia; Witnesses were Richmond N. Saxon and J. C. Martin. The deed was recorded 17 February 1859.⁷

CivilWar: __ __ ____ Between September 14 and December 10, 1862, Miles and Frances lost four sons in the War Between the States. Clayton was killed at the Battle of South Mountain, at Crampton's Gap, Maryland, on 14 September 1862 (one day before the Battle of Antietam). During this same skirmish, John T. was wounded and captured. He was taken to Frederick, Maryland, where he died in a Union hospital on 4 October 1862. Newton Nix died of wounds suffered in the Crampton's Gap battle (probably in an Atlanta hospital) on 23 October 1862 and is buried in Oakland Cemetery in Atlanta. A fourth son, Monroe, died of disease in camp at Fredericksburg, Virginia, on 10 December 1862. Frances and Miles' oldest son, William S., served in the Confederacy but was mustered out, reenlisted, then was released due to a disability. Their sixth son, Larkin Jasper, also served in the Confederacy but was at home with typhoid fever when the end of the war ocured.⁸

Cen-JBrown- __ __ 1864 Ga Joe Brown 1864; Decatur County; At this time Miles was No: probably past the age of men to be considered for military service. Actually there were no Nix men on the lists for this county.⁹

CourtOrdin: 13 Dec 1866 Court of Ordinary, Minute Book C, Bainbridge, Decatur County, Georgia; On 13 December 1866 Miles Nix filed a petition for guardianship of his three grandchildren, Frances, Mary, and William Clayton Nix. The following appeared in Minute Book C of the Court of Ordinary of Decatur County, Georgia:

Georgia)

"Decatur County) To the Ordy of said County The petition

of Miles Nix shows that he is desirous of obtaining letters of guardianship of the persons & property of Frances Mary & Wm C. Nix orphans of Clayton Nix who are now unrepresented & he further shows that their estate is of the supposed value of Two hundred fifty dollars. Your Peti therefore prays that letters may be granted him he being of lawful age a resident of the State of Georgia & a Citizen of the United States & he further prays that an order may be granted him allowing him to qualify & give bond in vacatim he presenting Irel (Joel?) W. Wells as his security.

Miles Nix

It appearing to the Court that due legal notice of the application of Miles Nix for letters of guardianship of the persons & property of Frances Mary & W. C. Nix orphans of Clayton Nix decd has been given & it further appearing that the said Miles Nix has presented as his security upon his said guardians bond Irel (Joel?) W Wells who is accepted It is ordered that he be & is hereby appointed Guardian as aforesaid & that he be allowed to give bond & qualify in vacatim."¹⁰

Death: 16 Jan 1889 Decatur County, Georgia.¹¹
Probate: 19 Jun 1889 Bainbridge, Decatur County, Georgia; A petition for the division of the estate of Miles Nix, deceased, was entered into the minutes of the Court of Ordinary of Decatur County on 19 January 1889. Heirs were to be his widow Frances who would receive the dower, or one third of the estate; the remainder of his estate was to be divided by seven portions between his children, William Nix, Larkin Nix, Mary Amanda Blackman, C. N. Nix, Sarah E. Dean; the children of his deceased son John Nix, viz: Miles Fayett, known as Robert Nix, and Eliza Dean; as well as the children of his deceased son Clayton, viz: Frances, Mary Martha, and Clayton Nix. The men appointed to appraise and divide the estate were: Drew Roberts; Reuben Donalson; Jefferson Holder, Sr.; Jefferson Holder, Jr.; and John Humphrey.¹²

Father-Can: John Granger NIX (b. circa 1769, d. 1867)

Mother-Can: Sarah (SPEED?)

MARRIAGE: circa ____ 1833 (Pulaski County?), Georgia.¹³
1860 Fed Cens- 16 Jul 1860 Bainbridge P.O., Decatur County, Georgia; He was listed as "Miles Nix," age 51, born in South Carolina. He was a farmer with \$1800 value of real estate and \$1050 of personal property. His wife was listed as "Francis Nix," age 44, born in Georgia. Also in the home were their children, Newton, age 21, Monroe, age 19, and Jasper, age 17 - all listed as farm laborers. In addition, there were Mary, age 17; Columbus, age 7; Sarah, age 4; and "Susan Spears," age 75, born in South Carolina. Susan could be Frances' mother or perhaps Miles' mother, presuming she had married for a second time. In the same dwelling, but enumerated as a separate family, were John and Amanda Nix with their children, Miles and Martha.¹⁴

Spouse: Frances "Fannie" **SPEARS?**; Thomas Spears is a candidate for the parent of Fannie Nix.

Name-Marr: _____ NIX
Birth: circa ____ 1811 Georgia.¹⁵
Death: _____
Burial: _____

Father-Can: Thomas **SPEARS**

Mother: Susan (--?--) (b. between 1785 and 1788, d. between 1870 and 1880)

Ten Known Children

1/M | William S. **NIX**

Birth: ____ Nov 1833 Georgia.^{16,17}
MARRIAGE: between 1853 and 1855 Susan (**NIX?**) (b. May 1831, d. after 1915), daughter of Littleberry NIX and Mary (--?--); Miller or Randolph County, Georgia; William S. and Susan were probably first cousins. Susan's Civil War widow's pension application states that she and William were married in Miller County, Georgia, in 1853 but that when the courthouse burned, their marriage record was destroyed. However, Miller County was not established until 1857 -- so where (or when) were they married? There is a possibility that the marriage actually took place in Randolph County where Miles Nix lived at the time but no record has been discovered in those marriage records.^{18,19}
Daughter: 17 Aug 1856 Frances Demarius NIX; Eldorado, Decatur County, Georgia.^{20,21,22}
Son: ____ Mar 1859 Green NIX; Georgia.²³
Daughter: ____ Aug 1864 Axey Ann 'Yak' NIX; Georgia.
Son: ____ Aug 1868 Phaton Berry NIX; Georgia.
Daughter: ____ Oct 1876 Sabra Ann NIX; Georgia.²⁴
Death: ____ Nov 1910 Decatur County, Georgia.
Burial: _____

2/M | John T. **NIX**

Birth: circa ____ 1835 Georgia.^{25,26}
Son: ____ Jul 1856 Miles Fayette (Robert) NIX; Georgia.^{27,28}
MARRIAGE: 10 Aug 1856 Amanda M. (**YEORTA OR NIX?**) (b. circa 1833, _____); Randolph County, Georgia; Samuel C. Saxon, "ordained minister." The license was issued on 8 August 1856 by I. S. Leonard, Ordinary. Both the license and the duly recorded marriage gave the bride's name as "Amanda M. Nix."²⁹
Daughter: circa ____ 1859 Martha Eliza NIX; Georgia.³⁰
Death: 4 Oct 1862 Federal Hospital, Frederick, Maryland; He died of his wounds in the Federal Hospital in Frederick, Maryland, on 4 October 1862.³¹
Burial: _____ Mount Olivet Cemetery, Frederick, Montgomery County, Maryland; He was buried in Grave #88, in the Confederate Section of Mount Olivet Cemetery in Frederick.³²

3/M | Clayton **NIX**

Birth: circa ____ 1838 Georgia.³³
MARRIAGE: 17 Dec 1855 Anna Savannah **NAYLOR** (b. 17 Sep 1836, d. Feb 1866?), daughter of Joseph **NAYLOR** and Apsibeth (--?--); Randolph County, Georgia; Samuel C. Saxon, "Ordained Minister." The

license was issued on 17 December by O. T. Beall, Ordinary.
The bride's name is listed in the courthouse marriage book
license as "Savannah A. Nailer" but is recorded as "Savannah A.
Nix" on the marriage certification.^{34,35,36}

Daughter: __ Jan 1856 Frances (Frankie) NIX; Decatur County, Georgia.^{37,38}
Daughter: 14 Sep 1859 Mary Martha NIX; Decatur County, Georgia.³⁹
Son: 28 Jan 1862 William Clayton NIX; Eldorado, Decatur County,
Georgia.^{40,41}
Death: 14 Sep 1862 Crampton's Gap, Maryland; perhaps Clayton is buried at
Boonsboro or on the mountain in an unmarked grave.⁴²

Burial: __ __ __

4/M | **Newton NIX**

Birth: circa __ __ 1841 Georgia.⁴³
Death: 23 Oct 1862 Atlanta, Georgia; after wounds suffered in the Battle of South
Mountain near Boonesboro, Maryland.
Burial: __ __ 1862 Oakland Cemetery, Atlanta, Georgia.^{44,45}

MARRIAGE?
__ __ __

5/M | **Monroe NIX**

Birth: circa __ __ 1843 Georgia.⁴⁶
Death: 10 Dec 1862 Fredericksburg, Virginia; of disease in camp.

MARRIAGE?
__ __ __

Burial: __ __ __

6/F | **Dinah Spears NIX**

Birth: circa __ __ 1844 Georgia.⁴⁷

MARRIAGE?
__ __ __

Death: __ __ __

Burial: __ __ __

7/M | **Larkin Jasper NIX**

Name-Var: __ __ __ Jasper Larkin NIX

Birth: circa __ __ 1841 Georgia.^{48,49}

MARRIAGE: 18 Dec 1865 Axie/Axey **NIX** (b. circa 1834, d. before 5 Aug 1919), daughter
of Littleberry NIX and Mary (--?--); Decatur County, Georgia;
Jasper and Axey were very probably first cousins, children of
brothers, Miles and Littleberry.^{50,51,52}

Death: 5 Aug 1919 Bainbridge, Decatur County, Georgia; His death certificate
states that he died of a "strangulated hernia and that he was
widowed." W. R. Nix (William Riley?) provided the personal
information about Jasper for the certificate.⁵³

Burial: __ __ __

8/F | **Mary Amanda NIX**

Birth: circa __ __ 1850 Randolph County?⁵⁴

MARRIAGE: before __ __ 1889 (--?--) **BLACKMAN**; Decatur County?, Georgia.⁵⁵

Death: __ __ __

Burial: __ __ __

9/M | **Columbus G. W. NIX**

Birth: circa __ __ 1853 Randolph County?, Georgia.⁵⁶

MARRIAGE: circa __ __ 1869 Mary **REYNOLDS** (b. circa 1850, d. after 7 May 1910)^{57,58}

Son: circa __ __ 1870 John T. NIX; Georgia.⁵⁹

Son: 1 May 1876 William Riley NIX; Georgia; William Riley's tombstone gives a

birthdate of April 1, 1878, but a more likely date of May 1, 1876 was provided by William himself on his World War I draft registration card in 1918.^{60,61}

Daughter: circa ____ 1878 Lizzie B. NIX; Georgia.⁶²
Daughter: circa ____ 1886 Mary NIX; Georgia.⁶³
Daughter: circa ____ 1890 Emma NIX; Georgia.⁶⁴
Death: after 7 May 1910 Georgia.^{65,66}
Burial: ____

10/F Sarah E. (Sallie) NIX

Birth: circa ____ 1856 Georgia.
Daughter: circa ____ 1880 Martha Z (--?--); Georgia.⁶⁷
MARRIAGE: circa ____ 1880 John DEAN (b. circa 1855,); Georgia.^{68,69}
Name-Marr: ____ DEAN
Son: circa ____ 1899 Jimmie DEAN; Georgia.⁷⁰
Son: circa ____ 1901 John T. DEAN; Georgia.⁷¹
Daughter: circa ____ 1903 Florence DEAN; Georgia.⁷²
Death: ____
Burial: ____

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